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MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL eighth grade students Chloe First, Anthony Studer, Andrew Parish and Hunter McConehea visit the "chance" table run by Jim Robinson during the reality store. At this station the students could be given "anything that can happen in life."

Madison eighth grade students participate in Reality Store

Photos and Article By Traci Little

The eighth graders at Madison Middle School participated in a Reality Store on Tuesday, May 10, in the gymnasium.

Students receive their occupations, family size and income on a sheet of paper prior to the event. The paper had their check amount at the top, for example \$2,629.75. It told them what their occupation was, such as "congratulations, you are a Tool and Die Maker." It told them what degree they had, their yearly salary, their gross monthly salary, how much was taken out for taxes, and their take home pay. It also told them if they had any children: "You are the proud parent of two children: 18-month-old girl and 3-year-old girl."

Originally coordinated by Ohio College Tech Prep, the Reality Store gives students an important glimpse of the future in a fun and exciting way.

"The main goal of the Reality Store is to make students aware of the need to be financially savvy, to set goals and make decisions to better their lives, and to create a plan for their education and career attainment," said Jenni Paramore of Directions Credit Union. Jenni is the Community Outreach Education Manager.

The first stop for the students was to deposit their "paycheck" at one of the banking tables, paying their credit card debt and student loan payment (for those who have degrees). Representatives from Park National Bank, Mechanics Bank and Directions Credit Union ran the bank tables.

After that, it was time to begin their journey of shopping for groceries, paying for daycare, housing, transportation, utilities, insurance, entertainment and more. There are 11 career clusters from which the occupations were pulled: agriculture and food services; arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media; business management and financial services; construction; education; health sciences; human services; information technology; law and public safety; manufacturing and transportation; and random life happens jobs.

During the Reality Store, students must purchase the necessary items to support their family for a month based on the salary and family size they receive at the start of the activity. Students become

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Domestic Violence Shelter hosting fundraising events

The Domestic Violence Shelter is always open and the 24-hour Crisis Line (1-800-931-7233) remains available.

A food truck day will be held Thursday, June 9, from 4-8 pm at North Lake Park, 625 Hope Rd., Mansfield. The event will support the Domestic Violence Shelter of Richland County.

The shelter will host a Kalahari Raffle fundraiser. The winner will receive a Desert Room at Kalahari Resort and Waterpark in Sandusky for four and four waterpark admission passes. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 4 for \$20 and available at <https://www.thedvshelter.com> under the "events" tab.

For each online ticket purchase, the shelter will assign a ticket number(s) to the buyer's name. The winning ticket will be selected by a random number generator.

The winner will be contacted via email and/or text after the food truck event concludes on June 9. The winner does not need be present at the event. Tickets will be available to purchase online until 9 pm on Thursday, June 9.

By using Amazon Smile, the shelter can earn donations. Visit <https://smile.amazon.com/gp/charity/homepage.html> for more information and search for "The Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc." When using Amazon Smile, .5% of every purchase will go to The Shelter.

Items can be donated to the shelter. Items always needed include food, clothing, monetary and gift cards. Currently, specific needs include any item on the shelter's Amazon Wishlist (be sure to select for items to be delivered to Kathy Ezawa), all sizes of diapers, feminine products, culturally specific hair products, cleaning supplies, paper towels, facial tissue, toilet tissue, hand sanitizer, freezer meat, canned meats, ravioli, Spaghetti's, cereal, gas cards and department store gift cards.

The Amazon Wishlist can be found at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/lz/1PQX9PTOAZD0?ref_=wl_share&blm_aid=6215683

Monthly donors can also sponsor for \$5 a month. To donate items or for information email shastings@thedvshelter.com.

Watch for more information to come on the "Run for the One 5k" on Sunday, Oct. 30 at North Lake Park.

Ontario Schools operating levy passes during Primary Election

The Ontario Board of Education met May 10. This was the first meeting since the Primary Election in which the district's 10-year operating levy passed.

This renewal comes at zero tax increase to residents and will allow the district to maintain day-to-day operations, including staffing, utilities, technology and supplies.

Mr. Strickler announced that Ontario Middle School FCCLA was awarded \$500 for winning the Lead4Change Challenge.

Ontario High School Visual Arts projects were presented by Mrs. Julie Buker and her students, Jaslyn Ly, Tiffany Whittaker, Abby Mink and Duncan McLean.

Mike Ream, Director of Education, gave an update on Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment.

The board approved the naming of the football press box "The Eric J. Grove Press Box."

Employment on one-year limited contracts for the 2022-'23 school year were Stephanie Cole, fifth grade teacher, \$67,354; and Devin Osko, Stingel Elementary Intervention Specialist, \$43,981.

The five-year forecast was approved, as submitted by the treasurer.

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Shelby High School Graduation Special Beginning on Page 10

Mont Whitney's Lexington Mobile Station

By Bob Carter

When a great 1929 fire wiped out the north side of West Main Street from the town square to the present day Lexington Village Hall, a large vacant lot was left.

The Hart Bros. saw an opportunity to build a gas station on the busy U.S. Route 42, which passed through the town. It was the main road between Cleveland and Columbus, thus the heavy traffic.

Mont Whitney moved from Cardington to Lexington in 1933 to run the new station, he quickly became one of the best known men in town.

There was also a restaurant in one end of the building ran by Glades Logan. Whitney tried to get her out because her customers often parked and sometimes blocked the spaces for the garage and gas pumps.

A complete automobile service was offered from oil changes to tires and minor engine repairs.

Due to the bend in the road at the bottom of Delaware Street, there were some very memorable accidents. One was a semi truck which upset and nearly took out the gas pumps in 1951. A second was a near disaster in 1959 when a semi went through a guard rail, went between two trees, knocked the corner off a restaurant next door and crashed through the side of the station. No one was killed which was a wonder.

During World War II, the station pay phone had an attachment that provided for AT&T telegraph service so people could wire money, send messages and also receive messages to be delivered locally. It sometimes fell to Whitney's young sons to deliver these telegrams.

Lloyd, the oldest, had to deliver one of these to the William Caster Family from the government, telling them that their son Robert had been killed. That was a tough one to do. The Lexington Robert Caster Post of the VFW was named in his honor.

It fell to young Robert Whitney to deliver one to the Logan Family home at the bottom of Church Street. Whitney, now the well known attorney who has served more than 58 years on the Lexington Board



MONT WHITNEY in a pose photograph with son, Lloyd, in the car as he explains the value of his motor oil.

of Education, often as president, recalled that when Mrs. Logan saw what he had in his hand, she knew it contained what every mother feared. She broke down and cried tears of agony. She knew without reading it that her son Carson Logan had been killed. Bob said he delivered the telegram, got back on his bicycle and went straight home. There are events in everyone's life they never forget.

Bob's father ran the Mobile station from 1933 to 1956. Countless are the number of trips from the gas pumps to the cash register he made. How many windshields were cleaned? How many people did he thank for their business? Mont Whitney was a very well liked person and part of the fabric of Lexington.

The old Mobile station was torn down years ago and replaced by a new combination fuel and light grocery store.

READERS' FORUM

On behalf of the Madison Local School District, I would like to thank the Madison community for their support and renewal of the 5-year operating levy on the May 3 ballot. The community's ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

The renewal of the levy will assist us in our pursuit of providing our students with an excellent education and a wide range of educational options; in recruiting and retaining high-quality teachers, support staff, and administrators; in updating and upgrading our technology, curriculum, and resources; and in maintaining our buildings, grounds and facilities.

I would also like to say a special thank you to the levy committee and volunteers who gave of their time and energy to share information with the community. Thank you, Madison community, for saying YES on May 3!

In Ram Pride,
Rob Peterson

Superintendent, Madison Local Schools

The Ontario Lions Club would like to thank the following donating businesses who made our Pancake Day on April 2, 2022, another special day:

ABC Warehouse, Alta Florist and Greenhouse, Athens Greek Restaurant, Blue Butterfly Bracelets Kathy Williams, Bob Evans, Brian and Michelle Gates State Farm Insurance, Cleveland Cavaliers, G&M Body and Paint Shop, Goodyear, Lion Randy Hanlon, HRC Enterprise, Meraki Hair Salon, (Sharon Crose), Millie's Music Studio, O'Charley's, Reflections Salon, The Cap Place, TSC/ Tractor Supply, Tribune-Courier, Vineyard Printing LLC and Walmart.

Again thank you to all the businesses and to the customers. We hope to see all of you Saturday, Nov. 5, from 6:30 am to noon.

President Lion Howard Harriman

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 or by mail to Doug Heestand, 431 Edgewood Rd., Mansfield OH 44907. Questions may be sent to 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 visitor center opens at 7:45 am for check in. The race begins on Linden Rd. and follows sections of the B & O Bike Trail and Kingwood's grounds. The 5K is presented by OhioHealth and is supported by Ohio Race Day and the Mansfield Area YMCA Running Club.

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News Briefs

VFW Post 9943 & Auxiliary will be holding the 51st Annual Avenue of Flags Ceremony at Mansfield Memorial Park, Park Avenue West, Ontario, on Sunday, May 29, at 1 pm.

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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.

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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.

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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

The Ontario 4th of July Committee is looking for entrants for the parade, which will be held 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 ontario4thparade@gmail.com.

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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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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

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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 June 15 will be pork. Jeff Mandeville will give a historic dramatization.

The group will also meet for lunch Wednesday, June 1 at 11:30 am at Black Dog Tavern, 900 Comfort Dr., Rt. 97, Bellville.

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.

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.

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

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.

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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.

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A Dixieland Jazz Worship Service will be held at First Congregational Church of Mansfield on Sunday, May 22, at 10:30 am. Following the service, attendees are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the church's newly renovated Blymyer Hall. For more information contact Rev. Brad Bunn at 419-756-3046.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Diane Howard on Sunday, May 22. She is from Matthew 25 Outreach Center. She will speak on "Walking the Talk, Ways that we can follow through to help our neighbors, using scripture references from James 2:15-17 and Luke 10:29-37."

For more information visit www.allsoulsuohio.org.

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State Route 314, between Millsboro West Rd. and Wolf School Rd., will close Monday, May 23 for a culvert replacement.

The detour route for northbound motorists will be SR 314 to SR 97, west/northwest on SR 97 to SR 309, east on SR 309 to SR 314, and reverse for southbound motorists. Estimated completion is Friday, May 27.

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Submitted by Jack Cotter

ON APRIL 2, 2022, the Farmhand Friends 4-H club helped the Ontario Lions Club with their bi-annual pancake breakfast fundraiser held at Ontario High School. Members of the 4-H club help by clearing trash, wiping tables, refilling syrup and butter and making sure there is silverware on the tables for people who are there to support the Lions Club. The Farmhand Friends have been participating in the pancake breakfast for many years and are given a donation to the club as their fundraiser for the year for helping out. Thank to all the Lions Club volunteers and all those who come to support them and for the opportunity for our club to help out. Helping were front, Charlie Cotter, Ava Estep, Advisor Carrie Harriman and Adleigh Guegold; and back, Jack Cotter, Molly Jones, Anna Jones, Taylor Dille, Lena Creed, Mikaela Guegold and Saige Guegold. Not all club members are pictured.

Clear Fork BOE welcomes community input

The Clear Fork Valley Local School 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 in to the planning of the use of the funds are welcome to provide comment during the public comment section at the regular board meeting on Thursday, June 9, at 6:30 pm in the Butler Elementary Cafeteria, 125 College St., Butler.

This meeting was originally scheduled to be held Thursday, June 16, at 6:30.

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville
419-886-4333 • 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
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
Minister Dean Jackson
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Sunday Worship
6 pm Sunday Night • 7 pm Wednesday
www.facebook.com/mrccgrace

Ontario Christian Church

1029 Lewis Rd., Ontario
419-529-5684 • 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
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.cgcc.org/
Pastor John Dodds
Associate Pastor Billy Saunders
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6 pm Sunday Family Events
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1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison) 419-589-2114 • www.mansfieldstmarys.org
Father Matthew Frisbee
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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
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
Pastor Jonathan Stufft
10:45 am Sunday Worship
10:15 am Monday Bible Study
Email: secretary@sttimmansfield.org

Trinity United Methodist Church

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

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Ontario Schools operating levy passes during Primary Election

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The board approved the resignation of Wendy Williams, middle school lead cook, for retirement purposes, effective May 26, 2022.

Janine Mullins was employed as the high school lead cook for the 2022-'23 school year, \$21,092.

Eva Harmon was approved to perform consultation services as needed, to the new food service director, at \$35 per hour from July through December 30, 2022.

Extended school year services were approved for preschool, Haley Ingle, 20 hours at \$22.50 per hour and Nicole Boles, 14 hours at \$22.50 per hour; and school age, Kami Haubiel, 26 hours at \$22.50 per hour and Hannah Liska, 12 hours at \$22.50 per hour.

An agreement was reached with LLA Therapy for extended school year therapy services and the 2022-'23 North Central Ohio Educational Service Center substitute teacher and tutor list was approved, including updates.

A classified substitute list for next school year was approved as were the student handbooks for Ontario High School and Ontario Middle School. The 2022-'23 Ontario Athletic Handbook was also approved.

The Ontario High School Class of 2022 was approved, pending completion of all local and state requirements.

The Ontario Local Schools Off-School Grounds Solicitations Calendar for the 2022-'23 school year was approved.

Administrative job descriptions for assistant superintendent, secretary and food service director were given approval.

The board approved extending the contracts, through META Solutions, with Alfred Nickles Bakery, for supplying bakery products and Smith Dairy, for supplying dairy products, both are for the 2022-'23 school year.

Items approved for disposal include books and other miscellaneous obsolete items.

Facility requests were granted to Ontario Recreation Department (Heather Hendrix) for use of the middle school commons and gymnasium for a senior citizen game night and middle school auditorium, band room and choir room for Miss Ontario Pageant and rehearsals. United Way of Richland County (Alexis Danhoff) will use Niss Stadium for a Reading Under the Lights event.

The board entered into executive session to prepare for bargaining sessions with OAPSE employees and OFT employees concerning compensation and other terms and conditions for employment. No action followed.

The next regular board of Education meeting will be held Tuesday, June 14, at 7 pm, in the Ontario High School Library.

Richland Pregnancy Services receives grant from The Shelby Foundation

Richland Pregnancy Services has been awarded a grant by the Women's Fund of The Shelby Foundation.

Earlier this year, Richland Pregnancy Services submitted a grant request to The Shelby Foundation, requesting funds for a program providing free newborn layette bags to expecting mothers.

The Shelby Foundation awarded Richland Pregnancy Services a \$2,000 grant to provide for the newborn layette bags.

The bags will be filled with bottles, pacifiers, onesies, blankets, outfits, hat, booties, bibs, socks, burp cloths, diapers, wipes, a crib sheet, shampoo or body wash, and a Bible before being given out to clients. The layette bags will be given to clients as they approach their due date.

Clients of Richland Pregnancy Services receive free support from the time of a positive pregnancy test up until their child is two years of age. Support includes prenatal vitamins, Mom-to-Mom and Dad-to-Dad mentoring, parenting classes, Embrace Grace baby shower for single moms, Embrace Legacy for single dads, and a boutique to meet the material needs of each new mom and dad.

For more information about Richland Pregnancy Services, contact Amy Kahl at 419-522-8863 ext. 203 or amy@richlandpregnancy.com



THE MANSFIELD/RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY (MRCPL) will be the site of a large audiovisual sale on Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21 in the Community Room in the Main Library. This sale is sponsored by The Friends of the Mansfield Richland County Public Library and will feature entertainment DVDs, non-fiction DVDS, children's DVDs, CDs and audiobooks. Materials are library discards and donations that will be offered for sale at very low pricing. Shoppers are encouraged to bring their own bags/totes. Sale hours are Friday, noon to 4 pm and Saturday, May 21, 9 am to 3 pm.

Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Ethel Louise Downs, April 24

Jeffrey Tabor May 3

Kenneth Norris, May 4

Charles Reynolds, May 4

Thelma M. Ousley, May 8

Rose Marie Lawson, May 9

Mary Jane Hutcheson, May 10

Sheila Ann Leiter, May 10

Marie Hamrick, May 11

Robert Russell Taylor, May 11

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2022 MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES:



PLACING OF FLAGS IN MANSFIELD CEMETERY

Saturday, May 28, at 9:00 a.m.

Please come help honor our veterans by placing a flag on their grave.

Look for our van and trailer at the Veterans Honor Grounds to pick up flags.

Starting here avoids traffic congestion at the front gate.

AVENUE OF FLAGS CEREMONY AT MANSFIELD MEMORIAL PARK

Sunday, May 29, at 1:00 p.m.

ANNUAL PARADE

Monday, May 30, at 10:30 a.m.

The parade begins at the 5-way intersection of Park Avenue West and Marion Avenue, and continues down Park Avenue to the gazebo on the square.

There is a memorial service at the gazebo immediately following the parade.

DEDICATION CEREMONIES FOR THE OLD SOLDIERS GROUND RENOVATION PROJECT

Monday, May 30, at 2:00 p.m.

Mansfield Cemetery

PICKING UP FLAGS IN MANSFIELD CEMETERY

Saturday, June 4 at 10:00 a.m.

We will again be located at the Veterans Honor Grounds and by the Vashbinder Fountain near the Old Soldiers Ground

All volunteers are welcome!

Hidden Acres connects customers to local farmers

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Life is an adventure for Zach and Kristin Herzberger! They have a history of farming in their blood and have always known they wanted to own a farm one day. They are the type of down to earth people that could easily become your new best friend. The heart of community can easily be seen through their friendly smiles and comfortable demeanor.

After Zach finished his service in the U.S. Navy, they talked about where they would like to live. Ideas were thrown around about out west, or even going south, but they both decided to settle on the Ohio countryside.

In 2014, Zach found a job in Bucyrus, and they purchased a 33-acre farm in Mansfield. The Herzbergers decided to go the route of sustainable farming with pastured livestock. By using the God-given patterns of nature, it becomes a very minimalist form of farming. This holistic approach is much more personal, forming a connection between farmer and consumer. Learning as they go, Zach uses his 4-H knowledge from his early years working on a sheep farm in Indiana. Kristin grew up on a small acreage farm in Pennsylvania.

They raise beef cattle and broiler chickens, rotating livestock throughout the pastures.

This year, the Herzbergers added Belted Galloways cows, as this breed is known for doing well on grass-fed operations.

The Herzbergers work with other agencies and businesses and connect with their community through a local marketplace. Programs such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service helps fund infrastructure ventures. A grant was received for equipment through the Farmer Veteran Coalition.

The Herzbergers put in a lot of personal sweat and tears into making their vision a reality. Most of the fences and buildings on the property they did themselves. They got their children on board, and it has become a family affair.

With six growing children, and the seventh on the way in just a few weeks, life is never dull.

"If my children ever say they are bored, I have a whole list of things ready for them to help with," Kristin laughed. Zach and

Kristin homeschool and also run the Mansfield Classical Academy (<https://mansfieldclassicalacademy.square.site/>).

Zach and Kristin are part of many different things like their online marketplace that launched in 2020. After the pandemic shut down farmers markets. This allows customers to pick and choose local products to buy like meat, produce, soaps, flowers and more.

What especially intrigued me was they host farm to table dinners twice a year. They serve their own food, and also baked goods and drinks from other local farmers. This is the perfect way to bring the community together.

"We love to work together and support one another," Kristin said. Mark your calendar if you would like to attend this one-of-a-kind, farm-to-table meal. Drinks and appetizers begin at 6 pm on Sunday, May 22. From pastured poultry to grass fed beef dishes over several courses, including dessert, you will get a sampling of food and drink sure to please your palate.

They also host workshops such as their Spring Herb Wreath Workshop that was held last weekend. Guests were provided the materials to make their own dried herb and lavender wreath. Recipes and instructions were given on how to use these herbs to prepare some of The Hidden Acres grass fed meat products. All participants were given a fresh herb to take home from Sugar Baby Patch and Garden.

The Hidden Acres farm is located in Mansfield at 2080 Mansfield Lucas Rd. You can find them online at <https://www.thehiddenacres.com/> or on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/thehiddenacresmansfield>.



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Clear Fork Valley Foundation hosts annual awards

Photos and Article By Traci Little

The Clear Fork Valley Foundation 2022 annual awards dinner was held at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Bellville on Monday evening, May 16. Students, families, friends, educators, endowment families, donors, and members of the special community were warmly welcomed.

For 30 years, the Clear Fork Valley Foundation has been proud to provide scholarships to deserving students of the Valley. Thirty-one students received annual scholarship awards established by the organization's founders.

Generous donors, diligent volunteers and the Foundation's original trustees made this evening possible. The accomplishments of these deserving students were celebrated and honored! These scholarships allow these fine students to get a degree and go on to make this world a better place.

Andy Miller welcomed the guests and showed an introduction video by Mohican Media. In invocation was given by Bryan McClelland followed by a delicious dinner buffet provided by der Dutchman. Nancy Martin and several scholarship representatives presented the awards to these amazing seniors! Senior Scholarships are funded through generous endowments and contributions. Any endowed scholarship criterion was established by the families who created them.

Scholarships awarded were: The Andrew Smith Memorial Scholarship, Riley Brokaw; Butler Lions Club Arthur Hathaway Memorial Scholarship, Braden Ball; Carolyn B. Studenmund Memorial Scholarship, Caleb Dettmer; Clear Fork Valley FFA Alumni Scholarship, Ethan Staley; Clifford Clogg Memorial Scholarship in Math, Zane Shultz; D.D. Rummel Memorial Scholarship, Allison Ross; Doris E. Horn Memorial Scholarship in Music, Claire Stewart; G.F. Stoodt Family Scholarship in Math, Caiden Moody; Harold E. McCuen Arts and Humanities Scholarship, Addeline Haring; John and Elizabeth Bellan Humanitarian Scholarship, Jeffrey Moody; Kathie Joy Carr Memorial Scholarship, Ellie Hauger; K.E. McCartney & Assoc Scholarship in Engineering & Surveying, Luke Labaki; Lois An-

drea Memorial Scholarship, Hannah Pryor; Pentz Family Memorial Scholarship, Alexis Salkovick; Richland Bank Business Scholarship, Evan Moody; Ruth B. Niss Scholarship for the Arts, Hannah Blakley; Ruth B. Niss Associate's Degree & Certificate Program Scholarship, Grace Wolfgang; Steven Dean Smith Memorial Scholarship in History, Grace Mellott; Steven John Bryant Scholarship, Brooke Beer; Terry Gordon Memorial Scholarship in History, Kaleb Hollar; and Williams Family Scholarship for Altruism, Maddie Clark

Merit Scholarships went to Destiny Bittinger, Madison Caudill, Michayla Hoeflich, Zoe McCue, Emmalee Mellick, Alexander Pore, Ashlynn Roberts, Jacob Shoemaker, Alyssa Swank and Sydney Thorne

Consider making a difference in a student's education by participating in the Clear Fork Valley Foundation! The Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) community organization dedicated to helping provide educational opportunities to Clear Fork Valley students and teachers. To give, visit www.cfvf.org/contribute/



NANCY MARTIN stands with Brooke Beer as she accepts the Steven John Bryant Scholarship. Bryan McClelland is shown presenting the award. Brooke will attend Kent State's Human Services Program.





BRADEN BALL received the Butler Lions Club Arthur Hathaway Memorial Scholarship. He plays soccer, basketball and baseball. Some of his special memories are working in soup kitchens with his Grandpa. He will be attending Tiffin University.



JEFFREY MOODY accepts the John and Elizabeth Bellan Humanitarian Scholarship. He is a member of the soccer and tennis teams, 4-H and chess club. He will attend OSU for exercise science and business. His goal is to become a physical therapist and help people heal and recover from injuries. Dave Bellan presented the scholarship. He challenged the students to reach out beyond their comfort zone. "It doesn't have to be much! Start by sharing a coke with someone, that's what we did back in the 1930s. By doing this, you will enlarge humanity around us," said Bellan.



ZANE SCHULTZ receiving the Clifford Clogg Memorial Scholarship in Math. He plays golf and will be attending Mount Vernon.



Andy Miller welcomes guests to the dinner



CAIDEN MOODY received the G.F. Stoodt Family Scholarship in Math. Caiden is a member of the marching band, cross country team and participates in musicals. He will study neuroscience at OSU.



Alex Pore (right) received a Merit Scholarship



ALYSSA SWANK received a Merit Scholarship and will be attending Ashland University for nursing.

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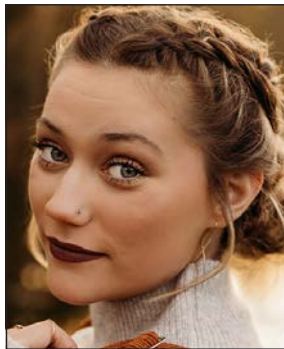
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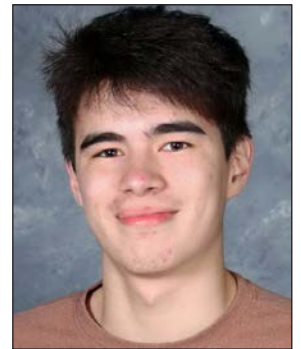
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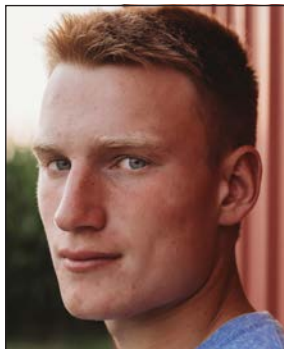
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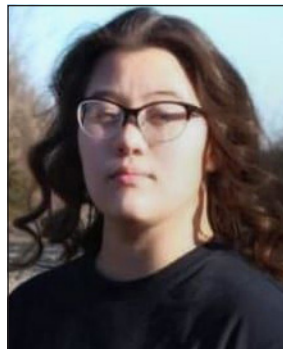
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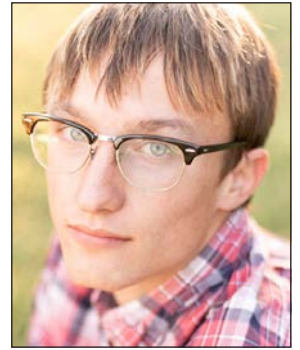
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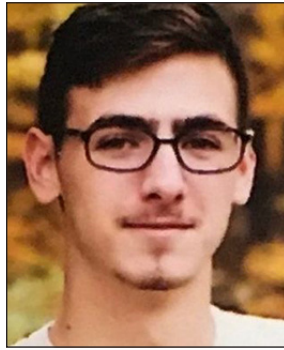


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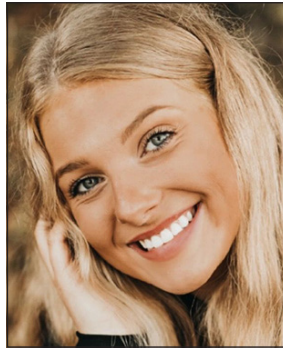
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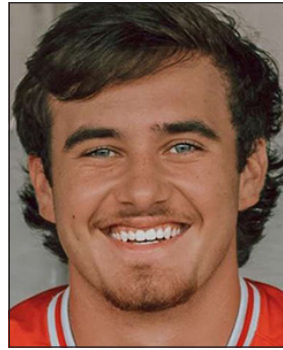
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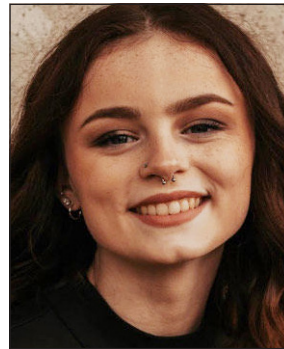
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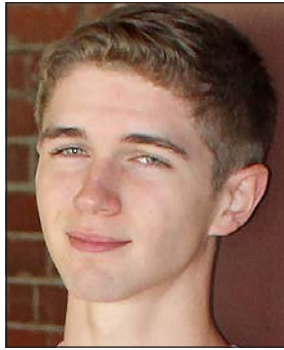


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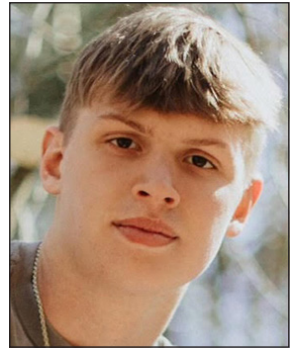
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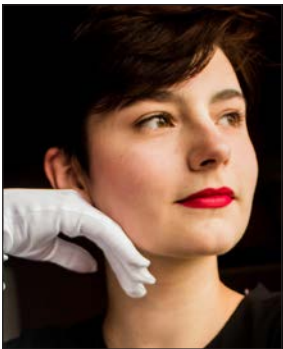
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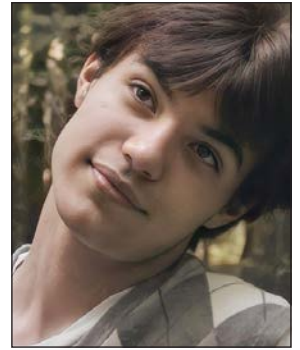
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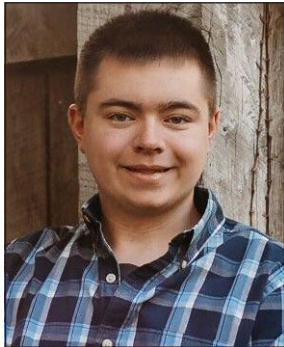
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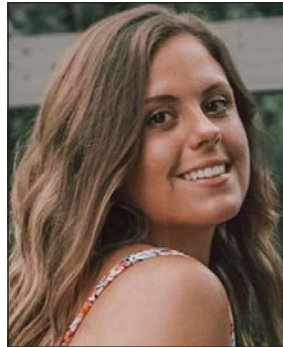
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Shelby seniors participate in signing ceremony

Shelby High School held 1st annual Shelby Whippet Signing Day for graduating seniors on April 28.

Parents, extended family, administrators, colleagues, teachers and SHS underclassmen attended the signing which was organized by Bobbi Weaver, Shelly Kurtzman and Pam Barker.

Decorating was done by the second block study hall and senior executive members.

The Class of 2022 signed to declare their commitment to their post-secondary pathway. Shelby High School's goal is that every student graduates with a high school diploma and a pathway: "E", Employment, Enlistment or Enrollment.

Signing were:

Enlistment

Abigail Vogt, United States Air Force - Air National Guard; John Long, United States Army; Thomas Clawson, United States Marine Corps; Jackson Moore, United States Marine Corps; Ayden Prosser, United States Marine Corps; Joshua Wallen, United States Marine Corps; Taylor Breedlove, United States Navy; and Graeme Harvey, United States Navy

Employment

Landon Bricker, BC&G Weithman Construction; Max Weaver, Carter Lumber; Marshal Smith, Lloyd Rebar; Nicholas Martincin, Martincin's Concessions; Olivia Osborne, McDonald's Corporation; Nathan Ganzhorn, MTD; Tyler Lykins, Sealy Mattress; Stephen Hollingsworth, Wenco

Enrollment

Logan Green, Alderson Broaddus University; Bryce Bishop, Ashland University; Connor Henkel, Ashland University; Sophia Niese, Ashland University; Oliver Wagner, Ashland University; Nicholas Taylor, ATP Flight School; Jessalyn Bailey, Baldwin Wallace University; Haylee Baker, Baldwin Wallace University; Grace Mahek, Cedarville University; Riley Lewis, Cleveland Institute of Art; Kirsten Kimbler, Cleveland State University; Warren Turner, Cleveland State University; Micah Martin, Columbus State Community College; Makenzi Fishman, Cuyahoga Community College; Landon Sensmeier, Defiance College; Reyna Hoffman, Indiana Wesleyan University; Trinity Civa, Kent State University; Trinity Fry, Kent State University; Grace Keiser, Kent State University; Caden Lesseuer, IBEW Union Electrician Apprenticeship; Xander Wilkins, Electrician Apprenticeship; Marissa Forwith, Marion

Technical College; Savannah Keener, Marion Technical College; Savannah Billingsley, Miami University; Mason Hendrickson, Mount Vernon Nazarene University; Suzie Huston, Mount Vernon Nazarene University; Sadie Smith, Muskingum University; Savanna Smith, New York Institute of Photography; Kadence Beatty, North Central State College; Dakota Blanton, North Central State College; Lelani Brooks, North Central State College; Xander Cantrell, North Central State College; Robert Davidson, North Central State College; Luke Donahue, North Central State College; Joel Elliott, North Central State College; Brenton Graska, North Central State College; Corena Hamilton, North Central State College; Morgan Hunt, North Central State College; Veronica Jones, North Central State College; Carson McLaughlin, North Central State College; Mason Mullen, North Central State College; Nathan Owens, North Central State College; Blake Pry, North Central State College; Lillian Ramey, North Central State College; Anthony Roub, North Central State College; Luke Shepherd, North Central State College; Cody Townsend, North Central State College; Alex Stover, Northern Michigan University; Nicc Swiger, Northern Michigan University; Ava Long, Ohio University; Matthew Bullock, College of the Ozarks; Mason Simmons, Pioneer Career and Technology Center; AJ Cornette, Purdue University; Andrew Smith, Shawnee State University; Anna Vogt, Shawnee State University; Ella Biettner, Southeastern University; Ryleigh Chase, The Ohio State University - ATI Wooster; Alyssa Deane, The Ohio State University - Columbus; Jake Gearheart, The Ohio State University - Columbus; Megan Grass, The Ohio State University - Columbus; Adam Niese, The Ohio State University - Columbus; Camden Armstrong, The Ohio State University - Mansfield; Garrett Baker, The Ohio State University - Mansfield; Angel Cline, The Ohio State University - Mansfield; Mollie Eith, The Ohio State University - Mansfield; Slade Magers, The Ohio State University - Mansfield; Joshua Sickmiller, The Ohio State University - Mansfield; Teylor Smith, The Ohio State University - Mansfield; Trae Smith, The Ohio State University - Mansfield; Joseph Williams, The Ohio State University - Mansfield; Dylan Clagg, University of Akron; Ty Cox, University of Akron; Jeremy Holloway, University of Akron; Clair Kershner, University of Akron; Joseph Pollock, University of Akron; Caleb Vogt, University of Akron; Ambreia Craig, University of Cincinnati; Adyson Kinnamon, University of Cincinnati; Brock Green-

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Seniors sign during ceremony

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-wood, University of Dayton; Tanner Herring, University of Dayton; Tyson Hicks, University of Findlay; Nicole Jones, University of Findlay; Leslie Thurman, University of Findlay; Grady Yeager, University of Michigan; Andre Hill, University of Mount Union; Alexis Thompson, University of Rio Grande; Jocelyn Shira, University of Tennessee; Ryan Dick, University of Toledo; Blaine Bowman, Walsh University; Marshall Shepherd, Walsh University; Olivia Baker, West Liberty University; Caleb Baker, College of Wooster; and Hailey Eldridge, Youngstown State University



SHELBY SENIOR Oliver Wagner, a member of the Senior Executive Council, gave a few remarks to his senior class during the signing ceremony. He spoke about the challenges they faced with school closing their sophomore year and quarantining for junior year. "Our senior year we brought it back around and our football team went to the playoffs," he noted.



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BOBBI WEAVER, Shelby School Counselor, created and organized the Class of 2022 signing event. She hopes to continue the special day for future classes. She was assisted by Shelly Kurtzman and Pam Barker.



Signing Ceremony Photos By Jenna Wolford

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RILEY PLACE, a 2018 graduate of Shelby High School, was invited to speak to the class of 2022. While at Shelby he was a multi-sport athlete, participating in football and wrestling. He attended North Central State College where he majored in cybersecurity. He purchased his first business in 2019 (19 years old), and became a licensed real estate agent in 2021. He has acquired multiple real estate portfolios and properties, brokers multiple agents with Frist Place Estates and Dream Huge Realty. He currently resides in Shelby.



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Village Roots unique shopping experiences continue this summer

By Traci Little

Village Roots is an event-style shopping experience and monthly marketplace filled with quality, curated products from over 75 Ohio Artisans. The shop is open the first two full weekends of each month (Thursday through Sunday). They had a wonderful turnout for Mother's Day weekend, May 5-8 and some more fun on May 12-15.

The store is located at 11 E. Main St., on the square in historic downtown Plymouth. Some of the local vendors participating in Sweet Saturday included The Plymouth Improvement Committee, hosting their annual flower sale, hanging baskets and trellis pots.

Scott with Bazinga Kettle Corn served up his signature sweet and salty recipe. Jen with Fine N'Dandy Farms had a gorgeous selection of indoor plants and potted greens. Who can forget about The Plymouth Cheesecake Lady tempting your tastebuds with her lemon blueberry, strawberry, peanut butter fudge, and more left you wanting one of each flavor.

Granny's Collection had hand painted planter boxes and outdoor wooden crafts, and The Plymouth Area Historical Society hosted a free program featuring Kyle Von Kamp as he spoke about Revolutionary War Education.

During the summer months, you can find them on the run at many outdoor markets and street festivals all across Ohio. Storefront hours in the summer are limited, are June 2-5, June 17-18 for the Father's Day Market, July 29-30 for Christmas in July and Aug. 4-7.

Find Village Roots on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/villagerootsmarket/> or Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/villagerootsmarket/>



CO-FOUNDER and producer of Village Roots, Katie Veleatan, is pictured with her Momma serving up some yummy "Mom-osa's" to celebrate those who attended Sweet Saturday.



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 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.

•Madison eighth grade students participate in Reality Store

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the sole provider for their family, with 0-5 kids, and quickly discover that life isn't always so easy.

I overheard many students commenting that “kids are expensive”, and “man, groceries cost a lot of money!” Students were pulled over and given tickets if they were found to be speeding, driving without insurance, and even for aggressive and distracted driving. They were given a ticket by Officer Garret Nedrow and had to then go to the Judge. Some students went into debt after they spent the day treating themselves and their five kids to a day at the spa. Can we say “reality check?”

The students automatically had 24% of their paycheck deducted for taxes, 10% to retirement, and are given student loan payments appropriate to their education level, along with credit card debt. They must then purchase housing, insurance, utilities, groceries, clothing, and entertainment (to name just a few) for their family. These were the different tables that they visited throughout the morning. The hope is that students will learn the importance of being financially responsible by making educated choices for themselves and their families.

The program was introduced to the Tech Prep team by Crystal Escalera, School Counselor at PioneerCTC. Working together, Tech Prep, NCSC and Directions Credit union broadened the program in local schools.

The stations at the event were manned by local community volunteers (banking, insurance, police, etc.) along with former teachers and staff and some of the Madison high school students in their respective career-technical programs. Many of these career-tech students end up graduating high school with an associate's degree!

Some of the feedback from the students after the event were, “I really like that we are learning about this in school, and I wish we would have done this before now.”

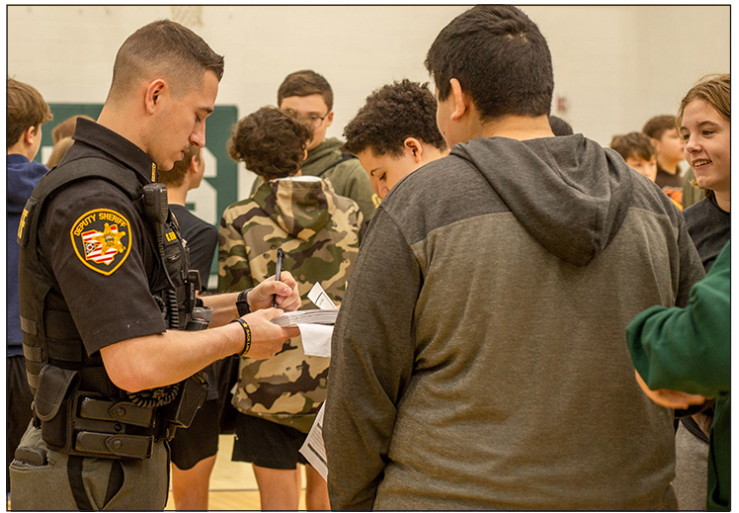
“I loved how much it actually taught me.”

“This gave me a realization on how many things you have to spend your money on.”

“I liked it because it's how life is in real life. It shows us how we can do things by ourselves and not having our parents with us.”

“I liked that you got to simulate what adults have to experience in their lives, so when I am an adult, I know what to expect.”

“I liked that the cop was there and would give someone a ticket if they were running (speeding).”



DEPUTY NEDROW speaks with Deondrae Holt and Estella Kopt-Smith at the Reality Store Event and issues a citation. Citations could include speeding (running in the gym), assault (rough play) or driving without insurance (bought a car but no insurance).



ARYANA ROGERS and Grace Speelman stop at a booth at the Reality Store at Madison Middle School.



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ELIAS WHITE makes a visit to the judge table to pay a fine for breaking the law.



EMMA REYNOLDS AND LILLIAN DELONG make a stop to deposit their paychecks at the bank table.

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179th Airlift Wing conducts “Flying Legacy” tribute

The 164th Airlift Squadron conducted a ceremonial final formation flight of two C-130H Hercules as part of their “Flying Legacy” tribute ceremony, April 23, held at the 179th Airlift Wing, Mansfield Lahm Air National Guard Base, in Ohio. The unit invited current members, their family and friends as well as prior service members to join them in a private ceremony in order to pay tribute to the historical flying unit’s aviation history as it enters a new era with a new non-aviation based mission.

Col. Darren Hamilton, 179th Airlift Wing commander, opened the ceremony thanking those in attendance and briefing an outline of the plan for embarking on the ceremonial final formation flight followed by remarks regarding the historical significance of the day for the crowd in front of a C-130H Hercules static display.

“It’s tradition to have a ‘Fini Flight’ for aviators flying their last time. In this case, it’s a symbolic final flight for our C-130 community, a mission that has been our identity in Mansfield since 1976. We will continue to fly this mission into early June when the last of the iron leaves the ramp, but this was our last chance to give it the ceremonial ending it deserves and share that with our past and present members, their families and friends.”

Hamilton has been a part of this C-130 community his entire life. He looked into the crowd and identified prior members who helped him along the way, detailing how he first visited the base as a child, later joined as an enlisted C-130 maintainer, took advantage of the Ohio Air National Guard’s state tuition assistance to obtain his de-



PAITYN BUTLER AND KENSINGTON SMITH were among eighth grade students participating in the Reality Store at Madison Middle School. Kensington reacts to the price required for childcare.



REECE COOK AND HAYLYNN CHERRY were among students stopping by the Realtor table to purchase a house during the Madison Middle School Reality Store.

gree and commission as an officer, eventually flying the C-130 and becoming the 179th Airlift Wing commander.

“The skull patch that you see on our 164th Airlift Squadron is world-renowned. The heritage goes back to 1942, when it was first flown with the 363rd Fighter Squadron in World War II with Aces like Bud Anderson and Chuck Yeager.”

Hamilton said, “Then in 1946, they transferred that unit to Mansfield and it was formally recognized by 1948. That’s 74 years, officially, of flying here and if you go back to the World War II lineage, that’s 80 years of flying.”

Ohio is home to a rich aviation history, known widely as the birthplace of aviation. The unit at Mansfield Lahm Air National Guard Base has a very rich history in military aviation.

The 363rd Fighter Squadron was established at Hamilton Field, California in December 1942. The skull was first painted on a P-39 Airacobra door and followed the unit to World War II, flying the P-51 Mustang. That wartime 363rd Fighter Squadron was re-designated as the 164th Fighter Squadron and was allotted to the Ohio Air National Guard, on May 24, 1946, bestowing the lineage, history, honors, and colors of the 363rd Fighter Squadron.

Organized at Mansfield Lahm Regional Airport, named in honor of Gen. Frank P. Lahm, a military aviation pioneer born in Mansfield Ohio. Lahm is credited for his contributions to bringing flight to the military after flying with the Wright Brothers, of Dayton Ohio.

Over the past 74 years of aviation at Mansfield Lahm ANGB, the squadron has been assigned the F-51D/H Mustang, B-26 Invader, F-80C Shooting Star, F-84E/F Thunderstreak, F-100D/F Super Saber, C-130B/H Hercules and C-27J Spartan.

During the F-84 fighter era, Fred Haise Jr., flew with the unit before going on to become an astronaut and flew as the lunar module pilot as part of the historic Apollo 13 mission in 1970.

The unit transitioned from a fighter squadron to an airlift squadron in 1976, and has remained an airlift squadron until now.

Hamilton acknowledged that the transitions from one aircraft to another have always been hard, but this may be their greatest challenge yet.

“This unit is historically resilient. Time tested and able to adapt to any mission and get the job done. There have been many mission changes in our past, different air frames and different skillsets needed but the culture has always remained its strength. It’s the people who have made this installation a success in whatever the mission has asked of them and it’s the reason they will continue to make history.”

The two aircraft flew in formation, each performing an air drop visible to the crowd and then performed a low altitude pass over the historic hangar 102, finally taxing in where they were greeted by the fire department’s water arches as they parked.

“This is a difficult and challenging time for many of our members, past and present.” Hamilton said, “Today we acknowledge the loss of an aviation based mission in Mansfield as a sad day for many, we honor the accomplishments of all those who have served this unit in its storied history.”

Although the loss of the aviation based mission is not easy, it is important to recognize that the unit will carry on its legacy as it transitions to this new era as the 179th Cyber Wing.

“We look to the future with optimism. We recognize the history this unit continues to make. Being selected to become the first Cyber wing in the Air National Guard is another historic milestone in a long tradition of adapting to the call of duty.”

Hamilton said, “In a world of increasing technological advancement, this new mission secures Mansfield’s future as a vital contributor to the defense of Ohio and this great nation for generations to come.”

Brig. Gen. Gary McCue, a prior commander of the 179th Airlift Wing, shared his thoughts.

“This Wing is going to be the first to do what it’s being tasked to do, it’s going to be the vanguard, a lot of other Wings will follow suit.” McCue added, “For a lot of years, they said they were going to close us. Now we’re going to be the lead in the explosion of how we do things in the future.”

We’re not done yet, Mansfield.



By Brandon Chambers

Free outdoor movies coming to Mansfield this summer

Local residents can enjoy free family-friendly activities and outdoor movies this summer in downtown Mansfield. This is a Richland County Foundation Mansfield Rising project. Partners in the project are the Renaissance Theatre, Little Buckeye Children's Museum, Mansfield Richland County Public Library, Nationwide Children's Hospital and Idea Works.

Movies playing this summer are *Hook* on June 8, *Wreck It Ralph* on July 13, and *Finding Nemo* on Aug. 10. The movies will be shown on the grassy area known as the plaza between the Renaissance Theatre and Theatre 166. Parking is located behind the theatre off Third Street.

Activities will begin at 7:30 pm and the movie at 8:30 pm, In the event of rain, the movie will be shown inside the Renaissance Theatre.

The Little Buckeye Children's Museum will set up its Imagination Stations, the library will bring its bookmobile and host a craft, Nationwide Children's Hospital will set up an obstacle course, and Idea Works will line up at least one food truck per movie.

Cooper announces retirement from Richland Academy of the Arts

Richland Academy is celebrating 30 years of arts education in Downtown Mansfield. Looking to the future, RAA is announcing the retirement of Marianne Cooper, Founder and Executive Director of the Academy.

Marianne Cooper has always been actively involved and passionate about the arts scene in Mansfield, having participated in numerous choirs, theatre productions, community events, and other arts-related endeavors. Having realized the enormous talent that existed in Mansfield, Marianne founded Richland Academy in 1991 with the purpose of creating a community center where individuals of all backgrounds could pursue their creativity and hone their skills in dance, music, visual arts, theatre, and later martial arts. Richland Academy's founding President was the late Dr. Tom Croghan, who also served as the founding President of the Renaissance Theatre.

Marianne Cooper graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science in Music Education and later from Bowling Green State University with a Master of Music while pursuing PhD work in Education Administration. She also studied at Tanglewood under Copland, Bernstein, Munch and Ross.

Marianne taught music in various public schools, then later became an Associate Professor of Music at The Ohio State University at Mansfield teaching music education classes, choral music, voice, and musical theatre. She toured nationally with the Norman Luboff Choir and also appeared in music theatre, opera, and oratorio in three surrounding states. She also conducted three European Choir Tours and one National Tour with The Ohio State University Singers at Mansfield. After retiring and becoming an Emeritus Associate Professor of Music, Marianne founded and has served as the Executive Director of Richland Academy of the Arts for over 30 years. In honor of that accomplishment, North Central State College inducted Marianne into their Entrepreneur Hall of Fame in 2012.

Looking to the next 30 years, Richland Academy has been actively involved in rebranding, building a new website, and implementing a new strategic plan, all of which Marianne knows will propel the Academy forward for another successful 30 years. For RAA's 30 Year Anniversary, a celebratory evening event will be held at Richland Academy on June 11.

For more information on things happening at Richland Academy, call Richland Academy at 419-522-8224 or visit www.richlandacademy.com. Richland Academy is located at the corner of 4th and Walnut St., Mansfield.



THE FIRST GRADERS AT ONTARIO were able to invite one special person to attend a "Spring Make and Take Craft Day." The students and their guest rotated from classroom to classroom to create six spring crafts.



ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL FCCLA students went to state competition. All girls placed with gold in their categories. The students received four trophies for their events. They also received a trophy for the chapter for the "Go for RED Award." Awards were presented to Kennedy Sapp, Sports Nutrition, second place; Cheyanne Barden and Kadynce Smithberger, Entrepreneurship, second place; Amelia McCoy and Roselynn Vanover, Food Innovations, third place; and Lilly Ladner, Career Investigation, third place. Those finishing in first or second place and obtaining a high enough score will go on to compete in San Diego at the Nationals.

Ohio Rail Development Commission approves grant to Ashland Railway

The Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) approved a grant award in the amount of \$613,898, matched by Ashland Railway (ASRY) at \$613,898, for a total project investment of \$1,227,796. The necessary rehabilitation work will take place in two distinct phases. The first phase will consist of replacement of five turnouts (four on the lead track and one on the adjacent main line.) During the second phase, ASRY will complete tie replacement, ballast installation, and surfacing work.

ASRY owns and operates 56 miles of track in Richland, Ashland, Wayne, and Huron counties. Traffic is interchanged with Norfolk Southern in Mansfield, Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway in Plymouth, and CSX in Willard. The Ashland Lead track serves three customers in the Ashland Business Park: Origo, Liquibox, and Packaging Corporation of America. Combined, these customers employ 435 people in Ashland County.

Matthew Dietrich, Executive Director of the ORDC, said, "this project is an excellent example of how investments in shortline railroads in the state have positive economic impacts on the region. By improving the rail infrastructure, ORDC is not only leveraging railroad investment but also improving the critical infrastructure needed to provide rail service to multiple companies in the area. ORDC is happy to continue to partner with ASRY in their rehabilitation efforts in Ohio."

Bob Thompson, Division Engineer, Ashland Railway, said "ORDC's contributions to Ashland Railway's projects have enabled our teams to restore and improve spans of track that would otherwise be difficult to address due to the expenditures involved. The ORDC staff is exceptionally knowledgeable and helpful throughout the application and project processes, ensuring professional project outcomes."

ORDC assists Ohio companies and communities in creating and retaining jobs by preserving rail service to existing shippers and providing rail service to new customers.

In addition, the ORDC funds projects to improve railroad-highway grade crossings to increase safety to the traveling public. Please remember, when around railroad tracks always expect a train. Rail lines in Ohio are private property and trespassing is both strictly prohibited and extremely dangerous.

For additional information regarding this project or for additional information on ORDC, contact Wende Jourdan at 614-728-9497.

Premier Financial Corp. among banks honored for growth

Premier Financial Corp., holding company for Premier Bank and First Insurance Group, has been named to the 2022 KBW Bank Honor Roll: Spotlight on Consistent Earnings Growth, which highlights banks that consistently deliver exceptional growth over the past 10 years. This is the ninth consecutive year Premier Financial Corp. has been named to this list of banking institutions.

To be eligible for the KBW Bank Honor Roll, banks with more than \$500 million in total assets must have reported consecutive increases in annual earnings per share over the past decade.

Premier Financial Corp. is one of 17 banking institutions, just 5% of all banks screened, that met KBW's criteria for inclusion in the 2022 Bank Honor Roll.

"We are honored to be recognized for our consistent strong performance by being named to the KBW Bank Honor Roll for the 9th consecutive year," said Gary Small, President and CEO, Premier Financial Corp. "Being named to this prestigious group of community banks by KBW is a reflection of our associates' dedication, passion and commitment to providing the best in community banking to all of our stakeholders."

News Briefs in Education

In recognition of National Military Appreciation Month this May, Western Governors University Ohio (WGU Ohio) is offering scholarships to service members and military veterans, as well as their spouses. WGU has long been named one of the "Top Military-Friendly Colleges and Universities" by *Military Advanced Education and Transition Magazine* and has demonstrated a strong commitment to helping servicemen and women apply their knowledge and life experiences toward a high-quality, accredited degree.

WGU Ohio's Military Appreciation Scholarship, valued up to \$2,500, is available to new students and can be applied to any of WGU's more than 60 career-focused degree programs.

WGU was established in 1997 by a partnership of 19 state governors to offer students, particularly adult learners, the chance to go to college while working and caring for their families.

To learn more about WGU's Military Appreciation Scholarship, or to apply, visit <https://www.wgu.edu/financial-aid-tuition/scholarships/military-veterans/military-appreciation.html>

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Ohio Wesleyan University has announced its dean's list for the 2022 spring semester. To qualify for list recognition, OWU students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale in all applicable classes. Brianna Carmack of Ontario and Zoe Swanson of Mansfield were named to the list. OWU is located in Delaware, OH.

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Bowling Green State University undergraduate students who achieved grade point averages of 3.5 or better have been named to the Spring 2022 Semester Dean's List.

Local students on the list are Joseph Black of Ontario; Mikinzi Pigman of Lexington, Cayla Schaad of Mansfield, Devin Darr of Ashland, Alexa Fulk of Bellville, Jared Lind of Bellville, Aaron Berg of Bellville, Daniel Desterhaft of Lucas, Alexis Uplinger of Shelby, Joshua Mohr of Shelby, Jessica Long of Shelby, Eric Lykins of Shelby Olivia Fordyce of Shelby, Kari Eckenwiler of Mansfield, Isabella Snyder of Mansfield, Anthony Sansalone of Ontario Hannah Skropits of Ontario, Ethan Duffner of Mansfield, Samuel Sharick of Lexington, Abigail Prendergast of Mansfield, Alexandra Stoyko of Lexington, Ronald Thompson of Mansfield, Vincent Zhang of Ontario and Luke Hodapp of Mansfield.

Summer registration open at Richland Academy

Registration is now open for summer classes at Richland Academy of the Arts. New and returning classes are being offered this summer in dance, music, visual art, theatre, and martial arts for students aged 3-60+. The summer semester begins Monday, June 6.

Art classes include Yarn Art for Kids, ages 4-7; Found Object Sculpture, ages 6-8; Intro. To Hand Building Ceramics, Collage for Kids and Coil Building Ceramics, ages 7-12; and Linoleum Printmaking for Beginners, Monotype Printmaking for Beginners, ages 10 and older.

Theatre classes include Storybook Theatre Camp, ages 8-10; Junior Theatre Camp, ages 10-13; Stage Makeup Workshop, ages 12-15; and Academy Children's Theatre (ACTS), ages 13-18.

Dance camps include Princess Ballet Camp, Fancy Nancy Dancy Camp, Jungle Boogie Camp, ages 4-7; Encanto Dance Camp, Unicorn Dance Camp, Sing! and Dance Camp, ages 5-8; and Encanto Dance Camp, Disney Jazz Camp, ages 8-12.

Music classes include, Music for Little Mozart's, ages 4-6 pm; private music lessons in voice, piano, guitar, ukulele, clarinet, saxophone, bagpipes and percussion, all ages.

Kenpo Karate classes include Kenpo for Beginners, ages 5 and older; Kenpo for Advanced Students, Modern Arnis, ages 8 and older; and Kenpo for Adults, ages 18 and older.

Senior 60+ classes include STRUT II: Senior Tap, Senior Guitar/Ukulele, Senior Keyboarding, and Expressive Art Studio. These classes are sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging.

For more information on registering for classes or lessons call 419-522-8224 or visit www.richlandacademy.com. All class dates and times can be found on the website.



THE ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL sixth graders were rewarded with a cookout by Mrs. Ellis for winning Scholastic's "All For Books" challenge at OMS.



KNOX COUNTY CAREER CENTER students competed at BPA Nationals (top photo) Ethan Temple (Computer Network Technology) and Dryden Hager (CollegeU-Business) and (bottom photo)

2022 Regional Economic Forum will be held Friday at Snow Trails

The 2022 Regional Economic Forum sponsored by The Boyd-Eichinger-Brafford Group at Merrill Lynch and co-hosted by the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development will include insights from successful Ohio leaders.

The first featured speaker, Lydia Mihalik, Director of the Ohio Department of Development and former Mayor of Findlay, will be speaking on "The Ohio Intel Story – How it Happened and How Do We (North Central Ohio) Participate".

The second featured speaker, Marc Reitter, President and Chief Operating Officer, AEP Ohio, will be speaking on "AEP and Partners Development of EV Charging Stations, the Infrastructure Need, Roll-out and Timeline".

The third featured speaker, Lara Loewenstein, Economist with the Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank specializing in Real Estate and Housing, will be speaking on "What Now for Real Estate, Housing and the Regional Economy".

The event will be held May 20, 2022 from 12-4 pm and will take place at Snow Trails. The cost to attend is \$20 per person with lunch included. To RSVP call the Chamber office at 419-522-3211 or register online at richlandareachamber.com.



Mark Shutt • Total Eclipse of a Supermoon

Three students From KCCC place in top 10 at BPA Nationals

Knox County Career Center (KCCC) had three students from CollegeU-Business and Computer Network Technology programs place in the Top 10 at the Business Professionals of America (BPA) National Competition and Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas.

The BPA National Competition and Leadership Conference took place May 4-8 at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas.

Dryden Hager, senior in CollegeU-Business, placed 3rd in the Business Law and Ethics competition. Ethan Temple, senior in Computer Network Technology, placed 3rd in the Network Administration Using Cisco competition. Logan O'Brien, junior in Computer Network Technology, placed seventh in the Server Administration Using Microsoft competition.

"We are very proud of our students and their instructors! Having three students place in the top ten in the nation in BPA is a great accomplishment," said Mrs. Greenwich, KCCC Superintendent.

In addition to the competition, KCCC students had the opportunity to visit the George W. Bush Presidential Library & Museum, Dallas World Aquarium, AT&T Stadium (Home of the Dallas Cowboys), Ross Perot Museum of Nature and Science, and the Reunion Tower Observation Deck.

The mission at BPA is to develop and empower student leaders to discover their passion and change the world by creating opportunities in learning, professional growth and service. As a co-curricular organization, BPA has the ability to enhance student participation in professional, civic, service, and social endeavors.



PAULETTE HUBER was named the May OMS MVP. She will also be retiring at the end of the school year.



St. Peter's School celebrates May Crowning Ceremony

St. Peter's High School Class of 2022 celebrated the start to the end of their high school experience on Thursday with the celebration of May Crowning at St. Peter Church. A longstanding tradition in the Catholic Church, the month of May is devoted to Mary, the mother of Jesus.

During the homily, St. Peter Church pastor Father John Miller explained to those in attendance Mary's important role in the church.

For the Class of 2022, May Crowning is the first time high school seniors wear their graduation gowns. The senior class elects ten of their classmates to serve on the May Court. They are selected based on their faith, kindness to others, and attentively to God's will.

This year's May Queen was Alana Mitchell, and her escort was Corey Schenkelberg. Members of the court include Madison Bays, escorted by Zachary Keffalas, Elizabeth Dauterman, escorted by Bryan Phillips, Kendall Nolen, escorted by James Williams, Jr., and Nakyrh Williams, escorted by Kellen Young.

This year's Crown Bearer is Tahlia Fulk, a St. Peter's School second-grader who made her First Holy Communion this past Sunday.

The May Crowning Mass also marked the first all-school liturgy since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Events like May Crowning are what help to set apart St. Peter's as a Catholic school. Students from kindergarten through high school worshipping together, as a school family, is a seminal part of the St. Peter's experience," said Laurie McKeon, St. Peter's Head of School.

"Not only is May Crowning a unique spiritual experience for our seniors at St. Peter's, but it is also an aspirational time for all our students."

Graduation ceremonies were held Sunday, May 15, in the high school auditorium.

Video and photos of Thursday's May Crowning ceremony can be found on the school's website at mansfieldstpeters.org.

Church will host ice cream social

The United Methodist Church of Savannah will host a Memorial Day ice cream social on Monday, May 30, at 11 am.

On the menu will be sloppy joes, shredded chicken sandwiches, hot dogs, macaroni salad, chips, ice cream, pie and cake.

The church is located at 10 W. Main St., Savannah.

For information visit www.umcs.info

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Memorial Day activities planned

The veterans buried in the Old Soldiers Grounds in Mansfield Cemetery are being honored with a special project dedicated to the memory of Stanton Grubb, who helped with the Veterans Honor Grounds project and was ready to help with this one.

The Richland County Veterans Service Commission, in conjunction with the Mansfield Cemetery and Purdy Construction, has been working on the project since October 2019.

At the beginning, there were 125 veterans without headstones (after research there were 148) and now each and every one of them has a headstone, flag holder and new foundation.

A dedication ceremony for the Old Soldiers Grounds Renovation Project will be Monday, May 30, at 2 pm.

2022 Memorial Day activities include the placing of flags in Mansfield Cemetery on Saturday, May 28, at 9 am. Volunteers can help place flags on veterans' graves. The group will meet by the van and trailer at the Veterans Honor Grounds.

The Avenue of Flags Ceremony will be held at Mansfield Memorial Park on Sunday, May 29, at 1 pm and the parade is scheduled for Monday, May 30, at 10:30 am. The parade begins at the 5-way intersection of Park Avenue West and Marion Ave. and continues down Park Avenue to the gazebo on the square. There is a memorial service at the gazebo immediately following the parade.

Flags will be picked back up on Saturday, June 4 at 10 am. The group will begin by Vasbinder Fountain near the Old Soldiers Ground. All volunteers are welcome.



TWENTY FIRST RESPONDERS graduated in the 28th graduation of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training class of law enforcement and first responders on Friday, May 6. These first responders were from Mansfield Police Department, Richland County Sheriff's Office, Richland County Corrections, Mansfield Municipal Court, Plymouth Police Department, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ohio Health Protective Services and Avita Health System. CIT stands for "Crisis Intervention Team" and refers to a collaborative effort between law enforcement and the mental health community to help law enforcement officers handle incidents involving persons suffering with mental illness.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL students went on a science field trip to the Ohio Bird Sanctuary, Apple Hill Orchard and Clear Fork Reservoir for fishing on May 12. Students attending were from the Environmental Science class and Science Club.



Two graduates are shown with Joe Trolan, Executive Director of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board (middle).



FIRST RESPONDERS role play at the Playhouse before a lunch and graduation ceremony.



After many year hiatus, Madison Olympics competition returns to Ram Field

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Madison Elementary Schools (Mifflin, Eastview and South) brought back a cherished Olympics-style competition event on Thursday evening, May 12, at Ram Field at Startek Stadium. Third to fifth grade students who qualified competed in different track and field events. Other activities were available for all the kids to take part in. They invited the community to come out and support the students and the entrance was by donation only.

Assistant Principal of Madison South, Kyle Gordon said, "I wanted to bring this event back because I remember how much it meant to me and many others when we had it. I've heard stories from others how they competed in it and still remember it many years before I participated in the 1990s as a South Elementary student. Many were happy this event was coming back and were excited to be able to come watch their grandchildren compete in it as well. Madison has such a strong community and we thought this was something a lot of people have missed and would enjoy seeing brought back. I think it's been at least 15-20 years since this event took place."

The third and fourth graders competed against each other for the trophy, while fifth graders on different home room teams competed against each other for another trophy. A first place finish earned three points for the school/homeroom, second place earned two points and third earned one point.

Madison South won first place overall with the most points for the third/fourth grade competition, while the homeroom team of Andress/Henry/Vermillion won the trophy for the fifth grade competition.

Third and fourth grade boys and girls from Madison South, Eastview and Mifflin competed against each other for an overall winning

school. While the fifth grade boys and girls' homeroom teams of Andress/Henry/Vermillion; Wyrick/Cechon; Harsh/Spencer/Stimpert; and Rowe/Tinney competed against each other for the overall homeroom team winner.

The third grade boys 50-yard dash winners went to, first place, Dane Moysi; second, Austin McClellan; and third, Garrett Spurlock. The third grade girls 50-yard dash winners went to, first place, Lily Eckenwiler; second, Delaney Conway; and third, Bailey Moore.

The fourth grade boys 50-yard dash winners went to, first place, Caleb Williams; second, Dillon Herder; and third, Shawn Sydnor. The fourth grade girls 50-yard dash winners went to, first, Elyse Emery; second, Nevaeh Woods; and third, Aaliyah Watson.

The fifth grade boys 50-yard dash winners went to, first place, Christian Roper; second, Drayden Tschantz; and third, Camden Conrad. The fifth grade girls 50-yard dash winners went to, first place, Bella Childs; second, Leanna Baer; and third, Hannah Evans.

There were many other races including the 100-meter and 400-meter dash races, 4x100 relay races, long jump competitions, med ball throws, and different sporting competitions (soccer, football and basketball).

Kyle Gordon went onto say, "Exposing the students to different competitions and seeing awesome examples of sportsmanship all night was amazing. Watching the kids cheer each other on and take pride in their accomplishments was great to see."

"The support for the community was overwhelming. We raised a good amount of money through donations for the PE department to update equipment and other things."

"I'm extremely thankful to the students and families that came out, as well as all of the help we had putting this together. It took months of planning and a lot of extra time on the part of the volunteers. Seeing the smiles and fun everyone was having made it completely worth it. I'm excited to hopefully continue it again next year!"



Mia Fisher and Paityn Erow



Shawn Sydnor, Vaughn Miller, Dillon Herder and Traevon Endicott

Madison Olympics 2022

Photos by Traci Little



Bryistol Salser



First, Dillon Herder; second, Carson McQuillen; third, Vaughn Miller



Alyse Emery, Nevaeh Woods and Nola Bishop



Gravin Moore






THE CITY OF ONTARIO Recreation Department and the Ontario Middle School hosted a Senior Citizen Game Night on May 14. A big thank you goes to The Cove, Alta Florist, TJ Maxx, Arnold's, Park National Bank and Area Agency on Aging for donating prizes. Helping at the event were Mr. Strickler, Kelley Caporini, Kara Franco and Amy Hiner and middle school students.



CHASITY MIES of Ontario High School broke the school record at the Mid Ohio Athletic Conference Traci Meet with a pole vault of 10' 6". The posted record before this spring season began was 10-0.



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By order of the Board of Education of the Clear Fork Valley Local Schools Board, proposals shall be received for the project electronically, via email, to Bradd Stevens, Treasurer, at StevensB@clearfork.k12.oh.us until 2:00 P.M. local time Friday, June 3, 2022 for furnishing all materials, equipment and labor necessary to perform all work in accordance with the drawings and as set forth in the specifications prepared by MSA Design, 14 East Gay Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. Bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud immediately after closing time for said bids. Bidders can attend the bid opening in person, at the District Central Office, 211 School Street, Bellville, Ohio 44813. The project is as follows:

Project Name
Clear Fork Middle/High School
HVAC Improvements

State of Ohio Prevailing Wage Laws apply to the entire scope of work associated with this project. The project shall be bid in complete compliance with Title 41 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Each proposal must contain the name of every person interested herein and be accompanied by a guaranty of some disinterested person or a bid guaranty bond in a sum equal to one hundred percent (100%), or alternative forms, as provided in Section 153.54 Ohio Revised Code, of the amount of the proposal, that if same is accepted a contract will be prompt-

ly entered into and the performance of same properly secured. Proposals are to be submitted electronically with the name of the project clearly identified in the email subject line. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any, or part of any, or all of said proposals. Successful bidder/s shall be required to furnish bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract/s for both performance and labor and materials.

Plans, specifications, and estimated costs for the projects may be obtained after May 16, 2022, from ARC Document Solutions (phone: 614-224-5149). Bidders may purchase copies of the Contract Documents at a non-refundable cost per set to be paid directly to ARC Document Solutions.

A pre-bid meeting for all bidders is scheduled for 3:30 PM on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at Bellville Middle School/High School located at 987 St. Route 97 East, Bellville, Ohio 44813.

By order of the Board of Education of the Clear Fork Valley Local Schools Board: Lori McKee, President; Bradd Stevens, Treasurer.

This notice is posted on the Clear Fork Valley Local Schools Board website at www.CFcolts.org.

Bradd Stevens, Treasurer
Clear Fork Valley Local Schools
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NOTICE

The City of Ontario Civil Service Commission will hold a public hearing for amending the Civil Service Rules and Regulations at their meeting on June 9, 2022, 1:00 p.m., at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road.

Jim Boyer, Chairman
Civil Service Commission
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Trustees of Troy Township, Richland County, Ohio, for the resurfacing of roads in Troy Township. Bids will be accepted at the Troy Township Office, 1851 Graham Road, Lexington, Ohio 44904 until 6:30 P.M., June 13, 2022.

On June 13, 2022 bids will be accepted at the Township Hall, 247 S. Mill St. Lexington, Ohio between 6:30 P.M. and 6:45 P.M., at which time the bids will be opened. This improvement is to consist of resurfacing the existing pavement according to specifications set by the Trustees. Call 419-884-2260 of 419-512-2859 for specifications.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bond or certified check in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid to guarantee that if the bid is accepted, a contract shall be entered into and the performance of it properly secured. Contractor must submit prevailing wage statement after work is completed.

The Board of Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Troy Township.

Dean Strohming, Fiscal Officer
Troy Township Trustees
Lexington, OH
(T-C 5-19 '22) 35L

Garage Sale Season Is Coming Soon!

List your garage sale, yard sale or block sale for only \$10!

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June 4 set as date for Walk for Life

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, 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.

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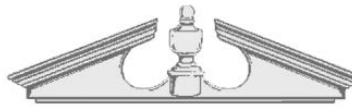
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