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PEARL BLACK and her daughter, **Darlene Angerville** of Mansfield, display floral arrangements they made at The Ohio District 5 Area on Aging Caregiver Appreciation Event at Richland Academy.

Ohio District 5 Area Agency hosts caregiver appreciation event

Photos and Article By **Traci Little**

The Ohio District 5 Area on Aging in collaboration with the Richland Academy of the Arts held a caregiver appreciation event on Friday, Nov. 18. The day was dedicated to those caring for someone 60 and older, and those being cared for were also invited to attend.

The event was held at the Richland Academy of The Arts, 75 N Walnut St., Mansfield.

The morning began with a coffee bar and a warm welcome to the guests that braved the cold on the frigid Ohio morning. Between 10 am and 2 pm, the guests rotated to different stations offering entertainment and various activities. All the programs were repeated with a new time slot to give guests the opportunity to try everything that they wished to. Lunch was provided as well.

Some of the stations included Health and Wellness, Landscape Portraits, Art Therapy, Drumming, Yoga, Stretch, Salsa Dancing, Theatre, Floral Arranging and Relaxation and Siesta.

Those in the art therapy session had different things they could choose from. Some were working on an energy and affirmation tree, writing down personal affirmations starting at the roots of the tree and working their way up through the tree trunk and branches. Others, ripped pieces of paper up that represented their emotions and glued those pieces together creating something beautiful. Art therapy is used to improve cognitive and sensorimotor functions and to foster self-esteem and self-awareness. The goal is to cultivate emotional resilience, give insight, enhance social skills and to reduce and resolve conflict and distress.

Caregivers and seniors certainly looked like they were enjoying their time at this event.

The collaboration was in honor of National Family Caregivers Month. Family caregivers are the foundation of our nation's long-term care system, doing necessary work with devotion. Recognizing these silent heroes in the community is an honor and a privilege for

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Red Cross urges donors to give during holidays

As many gather for Thanksgiving celebrations with family and friends, the American Red Cross urges donors to plan a time to give blood or platelets in the coming weeks. Blood and platelet donations tend to drop more than 20 percent during holiday weeks, including the days around Thanksgiving. Seasonal illness and the threat of winter weather can add more concern during a time of year that is traditionally hard on the nation's blood supply.

Book a time to give blood or platelets at RedCrossBlood.org. As a thank-you, all who come to donate Nov. 23–27 will get an exclusive Red Cross beanie, while supplies last. Thanks to Red Cross partners at Amazon, all donors who come to give blood Nov. 28 through Dec. 15 will receive a \$10 Gift card by email.

Wednesday, Nov. 23, 9 am to 3 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Friday, Nov. 25, 2–7 pm, Community Building, 21555 Pealer Mill Rd., Butler

Saturday, Nov. 26, 11 am to 4 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2–6 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Thursday, Dec. 1, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, St. Peter's High School, 111 West First St., Mansfield

Wednesday, Dec. 7, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Thursday, Dec. 8, 11 am to 5 pm, Heartland Church, 2505 S. Lexington-Springmill Rd S., Lexington; 8 am to 1 pm, Shelby High School, 1 Whippet Way, Shelby

Friday, Dec. 9, 8 am to 2 pm, Pioneer Career & Tech Center, 27 Ryan Rd., Shelby

Saturday, Dec. 10, 8 am to 1 pm, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1951 Middle-Bellville Rd., Mansfield

Wednesday, Dec. 14, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario; 7 am to 1 pm, K of C Hall, 208 Vernon Rd., Shelby; and 1–6 pm, Planktown Country Market, 1921 Free Rd., Shelby

Serving as a family at Thanksgiving

By **Traci Little**

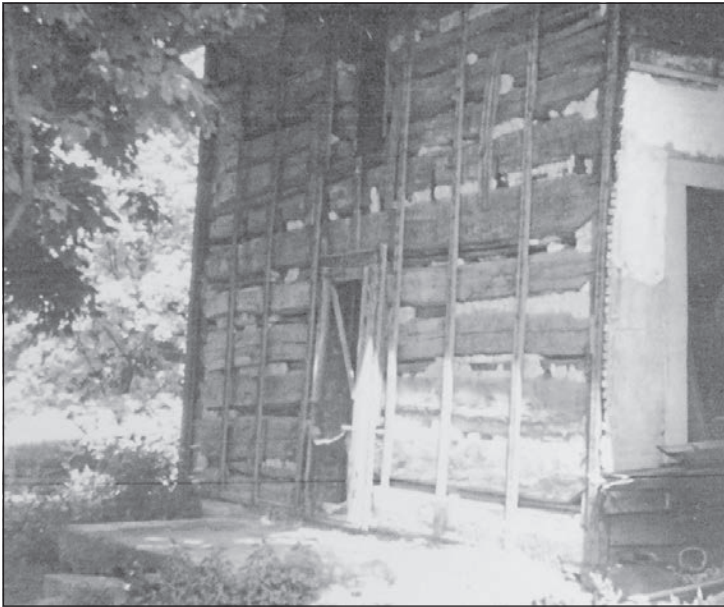
It's a wonderful thing to be able to serve God and others as a family. Some simple ways to help others during the Thanksgiving season can include hosting a missionary family and have your children welcome them into your home and serve them dinner, pack up old things around the house that you no longer need and take them to a needy family together, deliver turkey baskets together, sponsor a child and keep in touch by sending letters and care packages, take a meal to a new neighbor in your area, visit a local nursing home together, serve in a homeless shelter and clean up trash in your area.

Parents can talk and teach kids to be mission-minded and teach them to serve together in a ministry within a local church.

Praise and thank your children when they serve another member of the family. Service should start at home.

Mansfield Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1040 W. Cook Rd., Mansfield, will serve a free Thanksgiving meal from noon to 2 pm on Thursday, Nov. 24. Call 419-756-6333 to learn how you can help.





WHEN THE WAR OF 1812 BROKE OUT, logs prepared for a larger 1 1/2 story home were used for a blockhouse-style on the original 14x14 cabin. Harry Smith took this photo in 1947 when the 1813-'14 cabin was torn down.



THE BEAUTIFUL STONE HOUSE north of Lexington was built by James R. Gass in 1843. Dr. Ritchie from Mansfield restored the home in the 1950s and added the porches.

The Story of James R. Cass

By Bob Carter

Firsthand accounts of the first settlers in Richland County are very rare. James R. Gass wrote an excellent account of being with his father when he examined the newly opened land for purchase which became Richland County.

The William Gass family lived near Mt. Vernon. The new purchase was in Troy Township.

“We were all anxious to see our land in the new purchase, so on the last day of October, 1811, brother Benjamin and I were each mounted on a two-year-old colt, father riding an older mare, all furnished with a few days rations, blankets, axe and guns, we posted off to Mohican. Night overtook soon after crossing the creek near where Bowers gristmill stands. So we struck fire, tied up our horses, and camped out for the night in an old Indian wigwam.”

“Early in the morning Nov. 1, 1811, we pursued our journey through the woods along an Indian trail and halted to warm, as it was a cold cloudy morning, at an Indian village of some six or seven families. An Indian trail from there to Upper Sandusky passed through our land so we followed it until we arrived at our new premises, then halted and built up a large fire some two or three rods of where A. O. Eastons saw mill now stands.” (Note this was just north of the present day junction of Hanley Rd. and Lexington-Springmill roads).

“Father was desirous of seeing the north east quarter of section eleven, on which O. C. Gass now lives (Note, now Gass Rd.) so he tied the fore feet of the old mare closely together and turned our ponies out to pasture along the run bottom, left me to keep camp while he and Benjamin steered off west to view the land, calculated to buy if suited. The day seemed long and dreary to me as it was cloudy and snowy.”

“They returned in the afternoon much pleased with the land, so we brought up our horses and camped there for the night. Saturday morning Nov. 2, 1811, a clear and frosty morning, after feeding our horses a few ears of corn we brought with us, we took an early start for home, quite well pleased with our wild premises. We steered east into what is now Washington Township until we reached the State Road from Mt. Vernon to Mansfield which was then opened so that wagons could barely pass, then south to where Bellville now is.”

Mother Gass liked their Knox County neighbors and wanted to stay but the family decision was to move to the “new purchase” land.

James Gass’s account continues: “After several disappointments and delays we got two Pennsylvania wagons, belonging to two neighbors, loaded full of household goods, five horse teams hitched to each, and on Tuesday April 21, 1812, bade adieu to our Knox County home and took our departure for our wild Mohican habitation, stayed at Mr. Casper Fittings the first night, about ten miles from Mt. Vernon.”

“The second night we camped in the woods on the banks of the Mohican, one mile above where Bellville now is. Next afternoon we reached Daniel McMichael’s and had to cut our road much wider from there for our long teams. We traveled slowly as the roads were soft and deep, arrived at our solitary little cabin about noon on Thursday, the 23d of April, 1812.”

This proved to be the last move for the Gass family. In that pioneer period the father William Gass was elected to the state legislature in 1813 for Knox and Richland County. He and his children prospered in what became known as “the Gass Settlement.”

It was James R. Gass, born August 8, 1796, who built the beautiful sandstone house on Lexington-Springmill Rd. His account of the family was printed in the “Biographical History of Richland County 1983” which is available at the local library. The Gass journal is several pages long and interesting reading.

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News Briefs

Richland County Solid Waste's compost facility located at 441 Cairns Rd., and the collection facility located at 1125 National Parkway, will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24 through Saturday, Nov. 26 for Thanksgiving.

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Michael Morton City of Ontario Zoning Inspector released the October 2022 zoning report. Permits were issued to Howard Eisenhardt, Camelot Ln., detached garage; William Shafer, Scarlett Way, new home; Oxyrase, Park Avenue West, addition; and Everbowl, Walker Lake Rd., wall sign.

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The Area Agency on Aging will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, Dec. 1, at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center in Mansfield beginning at noon. Nearly 300 seniors, dignitaries, service providers, Board and Advisory Council members, and staff will be in attendance. The program and meeting will highlight accomplishments of the Area Agency on Aging for 2022. Awards will be given for Project Collaboration, Community Partnership, The Advocate of the Year, Award of Excellence and the Area Agency on Aging Hall of Fame Award.

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The recycling trailer will not be at Ontario United Methodist Church in the month of November, due to the holiday.

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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. The meal on Dec. 21, will be a Christmas luncheon with special musical entertainment. Cost is \$13 for the meal. The Christmas meal will be at the Ontario Event Center.

The group will also meet Dec. 7, at Applebees, 145 Stander Rd., at I-71 and Rt. 13. Guests are welcome at both meals. For information visit www.lexasc.org. Dues are \$10 per year.

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By Brandon Chambers

The Mansfield Symphony Orchestra and Chorus will present its "Holiday Pops" concert at the beautiful Renaissance Theatre in Mansfield, Saturday, Dec. 17 at 8 pm.

Under the direction of Octavio Más-Arocas, the concert features a variety of holiday music and beloved Christmas carols.

Tickets are on sale now for this concert at the Renaissance Box Office, via phone at 419-522-2726, and online at RenTickets.org. The Box Office is open by appointment only.

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The final Hymnsing of the year will be held Friday, Dec. 2, at 7 pm. This hymnsing will feature Christmas Carols with the last song of the evening "Oh Holy Night" sung as the final song for the year.

The Hymnsing will be held at New Liberty Baptist Church, Lexington Ave, Lexington (half mile south of Hanley Rd.)

Everyone is welcome. There will be no Hymnsing in January and February.

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Rotary Club selling poinsettias

The Mansfield Rotary Club is hosting its 2022 Christmas Poinsettias sale. Six and a half inch plants in red, white and marbe are \$14 and red 8 1/2" plants are \$28.

Delivery date will be Thursday, Dec. 1.

Checks can be made payable to Mansfield Rotary and mailed to PO Box 3918, Mansfield, OH 44907.

For an official order form visit <https://files.constantcontact.com/5fc06ec5201/26ba51b0-e9d3-4e38-a01f-fcefb9995e3f.pdf?rdr=true>

For information call Andy Chalk at 419-529-9712.

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Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship
Sunday Evening 6 pm Home Groups
Monday Men's Group 7:30 pm
Wednesday evenings: 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting
6:30-8 pm TeamKID and Youth Group
Wednesday Ladies Bible Study 6:30-8 pm

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>

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53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield
419-522-0662 • www.felc-mansfield.org
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Tuesday Bible Study 1 pm (East entrance)

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419-884-1330
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419-529-5684 • ontariochristian.org
Minister Steve Broughton
9 am Sunday School
10 am Sunday Worship

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Richland County small businesses join together to offer prizes

Richland County area businesses will once again be participating in the Small Business Saturday Prize Program organized by the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development and their partners. The event highlights locally-owned small businesses and will feature two simple ways for shoppers to win prizes.

On Nov. 26, shoppers are invited to visit participating local small businesses in the Richland County area and enter their prize drawing. Participating stores are offering prizes that vary from \$25 to \$200. No purchase is required to enter.

While there, shoppers can also enter a countywide grand prize contest for \$100 worth of prizes. To enter this prize drawing, shoppers simply complete an online prize form by scanning a QR code with their cell phone. The QR code can be found on the flyer posted in each participating store. Five winners will be selected for a total of \$500 in prizes. One prize entry per store will be permitted, with a maximum of six total entries from the participating store list.

Participating stores can be found via the event calendar on the Chamber website at richlandareachamber.com.

This event is supported by Medical Mutual and is being held in conjunction with the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development, Shelby Area Business Group, Be Focal Buy Local, Downtown Mansfield and The Clear Fork Valley Chamber of Commerce.

For more information on Small Business Saturday, contact Jennifer Wagner at 419-522-3211.

To add to the event festivities, the Richland Community Development Group Holiday Lights Committee is introducing Victorian Christmas Caroling in Downtown Mansfield on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 26.

Caroling will take place from 3:30-5:15 pm in Downtown Mansfield. The event will feature a quartet of popular Mansfield vocalists including Patrick Clinage, Lori Turner, Heidi Vega and Joel Vega.

Visitors can delight in hearing timeless Christmas melodies sung by Victorian carolers while they stroll the streets of Downtown Mansfield. The traveling quartet of carolers will begin their journey at the Buckeye Imagination Museum at 3:30 pm. They will make their way next to the Mansfield Public Library, onto Hudson and Essex and end their journey at the Central Park Gazebo at 5 pm.

The caroling is free and the public is welcome to join the quartet anywhere along their route.

In addition, children are welcome to deliver their letters to Santa at the Imagination District that day. The North Pole Post Box is located in the plaza between The Renaissance Theatre and Theatre 166 on Park Avenue West.



SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT is a collection site for this year's toy drive. Donations of new and unused and unwrapped toys can be dropped off at Station 22, 400 Lexington-Springmill Rd., Ontario, and Station 21, 3700 Park Avenue West, Ontario.

Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

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- Lloyd Eugene Mullet, Nov. 14
- Irene Anderkin, Nov. 15
- Carol Jean Heston, Nov. 16
- Eileen Messer, Nov. 16
- Beulah Bernice Strong, Nov. 17
- Bryan D. Winters, Nov. 17
- Gail Noblet Nov. 18
- Roger Lee Eddleblute, Nov. 19

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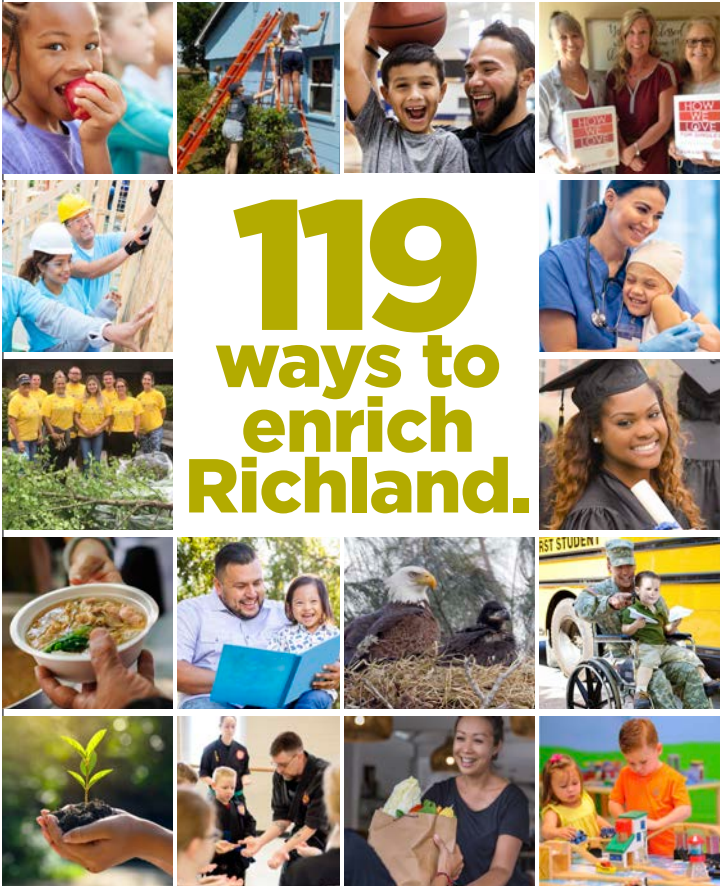
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A Thanksgiving Prayer

It's Thanksgiving Day,
Can you believe It's true?
Wasn't it just January,
Wow this year just flew.

It's Thanksgiving Day,
The turkey is basting
The trimmings are being prepared,
But what of our hearts?

Are they stuffed with goodness?
Are they bubbling to the brim with joy?
For our hearts are what matter,
It is what God smiles down upon.
Not the cranberry sauce,
The stuffing and pumpkin pie,
Nor even the sweet potato casserole,
For it will all just settle.

Are we speaking words of grace?
Do our tongues dance with the Father's love?

It's Thanksgiving Day,
But it's more than just the day,
For God wants a thankful heart,
All throughout the year.

May we be overwhelmed by God's goodness,
Not just because it's the day,
But simply because He deserves our praise.

May your Spirit revive us, Lord,
This broken mess of humanity,
Only by your grace and mercy,
And all for your glory!

By Traci Little

Santa coming to RRLC breakfast Dec. 10

The Richland Rural Life Center, 969 E. Crall Rd., Mansfield, will host a Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, Dec. 10.

The event will be held at the main lodge surrounded by woods and wildlife preserve. Children can bring a letter for Santa and meet him beside the 12-foot Christmas tree.

Time slots available are 9 am, 10 am and 11 am. The breakfast includes all-you-can-eat pancakes as well as scrambled eggs, pork sausage and fruit and choice of beverage. Children age 2 and under are free, 3-5 are \$3, 6-9 are \$5 and age 10 and up \$10. To reserve tickets visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EAEA62EA2F-CC70-2022>

Payment will be taken at the event. Reservations are required.



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Area Agency on Aging.

Find out more by visiting www.aaa5ohio.org or by calling 800-522-5680. The Ohio District 5 branch serves North Central Ohio and is located in Ontario at 2131 Park Avenue West.

A free, eight-week workshop is being offered, teaching how to prevent falls by making simple changes to home, health and habits. This workshop will help build confidence in a loved one's ability to manage falls. Call Michelle Bailey at 567-247-6476 for more information and to reserve a spot.



Photos By Traci Little



4-H celebrates achievement with annual recognition lunch

The Richland County 4-H program held its annual 4-H Honor Program and luncheon on Sunday, Nov. 13. Recognition was given to 4-H members, adult volunteers and “friends” of the Richland County 4-H program.

The top 4-H member honors were given to Member-of-the-Year recipients Carson Abbott, Hailey Eldridge, Cadence Fairchild and Micah Miller (Shelby).

The Outstanding Service to 4-H Awards, given to 4-H advisors on the basis of excellence in 4-H volunteer leadership on the club and/or county level, were presented to Mindy Rowlands, Heather Reynolds and Joe Arnold (all of Mansfield).

Meritorious Service to 4-H awards, given to special friends (non-member and non-advisor) of the 4-H program were presented to Brenda Dininger and Kim Moore, both of Mansfield.

Four teen leaders were recognized with the Outstanding Junior Leader Award for outstanding leadership and service to the county 4-H program. Honorees were Carson Abbott, Hailey Eldridge, Cadence Fairchild and Sarah Smith (all of Shelby). Two of these teen leaders were recognized with the Junior Leader Merit Award as the top teen leaders in the county for exceptional leadership and service. The honorees were Carson Abbott and Hailey Eldridge.

The Camp Counselor Recreational Leadership Award is presented to a select group of 4-H camp counselors who have demonstrated outstanding recreational leadership during the county 4-H camping programs. These counselors have motivated campers and gone the extra mile to get campers involved in various forms of recreation and social development. Six honorees were recognized for this achievement in 2022 Liam Kuhn, Marissa Circosta, Alexa Fulk, Connor Ladd and Gabby Smith.

4-H members receiving recognition for outstanding officer books/scrapbooks included:

President: Gold, Kaley Bowman, Wild-n-Free 4-H; Honorable Mention, Carson Abbott, Ring Raiders 4-H

Vice-President: Gold, Vanna Burns, Ring Raiders 4-H; Honorable Mention, Julia Auck, Wild-n-Free 4-H

Treasurer: Gold, Hailey Eldridge, Ring Raiders 4-H; Honorable Mention, Kassie Kleman, New Edition 4-H

Secretary: Gold, Nataleigh Welch, Ring Raiders 4-H; Honorable Mention, Megan Lindenberger, New Edition 4-H

Health and Safety: Gold, Katie Crider, Ring Raiders 4-H

Recreation Leader: Gold, Lydia Hawkins & McKinnley King, Freedom Wranglers 4-H; Honorable Mention, Shelby Bays and Finlay Rowlands, Next Generation 4-H; Honorable Mention, Jaxon Curren and Sam Fairchild, Bibs & Boots 4-H; and Honorable Mention, Leah Adkins and Ava Harrison, Ring Raiders 4-H

News Reporter: Gold, Audrey Wolford, Country Champions 4-H
Historian: Gold, Selah Ogle, Country Clovers 4-H

All 4-H clubs have the opportunity to attain the gold, silver banner or bronze award distinction based on officer reports, project completion, member attendance, public speaking participation, health and community service activities, parent/family involvement, member/advisor training and community awareness/promotion.

The Gold Banner Club Award was given to the Ring Raiders (Shelby) 4-H Club. The Bronze Banner Club Award was presented to the New Edition (Shelby/Plymouth) 4-H Club. Honorable Mention recognition went to Next Generation (Crestview area) and the Richland Round-Up and Bibs & Boots 4-H Clubs (Shelby).

In addition, the Ring Raiders 4-H Club received a Kisling Award for Officer and Advisor Leadership and Achievement.

Thirty-five youth were honored as recipients of the county’s 43 county medal awards. These awards are given for outstanding project and/or activity achievement. The 2022 recipients and the category(ies) won are Carson Abbott, Achievement, Leadership, Safety & Safety Education; Marissa Barciz, Clothing & Textiles; Bryson Bays, Citizenship; Shelby Bays, Sheep; Katrina Beer, Rabbits; Leah Blay, Horse; Kaley Bowman, Achievement, Alpaca; Asher Clark, Agriculture; Lily Clark, Natural Resources; Morgan Cook, Beef, Swine; Nicole Cook, Beef; Reece Cook, Sheep; Tynley Cook, Goats; Katie Crider, Citizenship; Deborah Crouch, Dog Care & Training; Safety & Safety Education; Hailey Eldridge, Leadership, Safety & Safety Education; Sawyer Eshelman, Public Speaking; Cailey Fairchild, Poultry; Logan Hoffman, Shooting Sports; Sadie Howarth, Rabbits; Ryder Frech, Beef; Megan Lindenberger, Family Life; Izabel McDermott,

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Photo By Jenna Wolford

Judy Villard Overocker, Ph.D., of The Ohio State University Extension — Richland County, presents a plaque to Glen McLaughlin in recognition of his 45 years of service to 4-H.

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4-H members in attendance were given recognition for completion of their 4-H project year. The Richland County 4-H Committee presented membership pins to youth with ten or more years of membership:

10 year 4-H members: Katrina Beer, Ryleigh Chase, Mariah Cook, Hailey Eldridge, Courtney Kissinger, Bergan Leonhardt, Paige Mullins, Macey Parks, Madison Parks, Jack Stover, Madelyn Strouth, Hayden Williams

11 year 4-H members: Leah Blay, Karsyn Blust, Jace Craner, Cadence Fairchild, Sofia Johnson, Kathryn Lindenberger, Ashley Markley, Crystal Murphy, Kelsey Snyder, Arica Uplinger, Geordan Wheitner, Shelby Zimmerman

12 year 4-H members: Allyson Cook, Deborah Crouch, Aubrey Hoffman, Caroline Tilton

13 year 4-H members: Carson Abbott, Ryan Culler, Brandon Lewis, Alyssa Markley

14 year 4-H members: Ambur Arnold, Brooklyn Blust, Nicole Cook, Kayla Evans

Adult volunteers were recognized for their years of service to the 4-H program. Special awards were given to advisors with 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 or more years of service:

Five years of volunteer service: Kelcie Chance, Beth Dixon, Mike Dixon, Janiene Heiser, Brooke Korbas, Carrie Kurtzman, Missy McConkie, Jessica Pace-Calhoun, Mindy Rowlands, Janice Secriskey, Jeff Secriskey, Donna Spoerr, Jessica Steele, Hope Stephens, Brenda Weyhmeller

Ten years of volunteer service: Belinda Boyer, Jim Bricker
Fifteen years of volunteer service: Carrie Harriman, Matt Harriman, Jayme Kilgore

Twenty years of volunteer service: Alicia Fulk
More than thirty years of service: Lynn Caudell (30), Cathy Gardner (38 years), Diana Kelley (39 years) and Glen McLaughlin (45 years). McLaughlin was presented with a special 4-H wood flag to commemorate his historic years of service.

Hailey Eldridge, retiring 4-H member, served as Mistress of Ceremonies.

Sponsors for the 2022 Honor Day Program included: BlueScope, OSU Extension - Richland County, Mansfield Noon Optimist Club, Villard Educational Grant Fund and the Richland County 4-H Committee.

This Week's Pet Looking for A Forever Home



Ethan

Hi, I'm Ethan! I am potty trained and love playing. When I am in the play yard, I quickly do my business, then wait for someone to come hang out with me.

The minute I see them, I pick up a toy and run! It's so much fun to have them chase after me trying to get the ball I have. They

never catch me, because I am too fast.

When I see a treat, I will happily put down my toy, sit and patiently wait. I am clearly a very good boy.

I really like other dogs and the shelter thinks I am good with cats. Sometimes I get really excited to play and am a little much, so the shelter thinks I shouldn't go home to a family with small children. Finally, I am very clean in my kennel and around six years old. I would really like if you came and met me and played with me. I am a ton of fun! Come meet me, Ethan!

Those interested in meeting any dogs housed at the shelter, the kennels are open 11-4:15 Monday-Friday and 10-2 on Saturday. The shelter is located at 810 N. Home Rd., Mansfield.

The shelter's current needs are volunteers to walk and play with the dogs. The shelter currently has over 80 dogs available for adoption and 15 more in quarantine (where all dogs stay for the first seven days). The shelter uses a lot of bleach, laundry detergent, and dog treats and welcomes donations.

Currently, adoptions are \$150, which includes spay/neuter, microchip, dog license and some vaccines.





ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL had an assembly featuring Brad Hurtig. Within months of losing both of his hands, Brad rejoined his high school football team. Within a year-and-a-half, Brad regained his starting linebacker position, led his team in tackles and earned First-Team All-Ohio honors. Hurtig's message is centered around an influential story that took place between himself and his football coach. He would often rely on others to pick up a water bottle when he was thirsty. At the end of practice, Brad asked his coach for a drink. Instead of picking up the bottle, his coach said something that would ultimately change his life. He said, "If you're thirsty enough, you'll Find A Way." That challenge became the catalyst in learning what it takes to overcome. For more information about his story and special appearances visit <https://bradhurtig.com/findaway>.



The United Way of Richland held a press conference Thursday, Nov. 17 at the United Way of Richland County Office to introduce its new program initiative with Mansfield City Schools in addressing the chronic absenteeism happening in the schools. United Way of Richland County is a local organization led by local people. Members of the Board of Directors and Allocation members are volunteers.

Richland Area Chamber will host awards ceremony December 9

The Board of Directors and Small Business of the Year Committee of the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development will honor and celebrate all small businesses and naming the 2022 Small Business of the Year Recipients. The event will be held on Dec. 9 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at Kingwood Center Gardens. Each Finalist will be featured in a short video highlighting their business, sponsored by Mechanics Bank.

Presented by Medical Mutual, the awards will be given to the Small Business of the Year with 15 and more employees and 14 and fewer employees, along with large and small non-profit organizations.

Attendees are asked to register by Dec. 2 by calling the Richland Area Chamber at 419-522-3211 or online registration is available at richlandareachamber.com.

Finalists in the 14 and fewer employee category are Beer's Automotive Service and Repair, Purdy Construction, and Vitality Natural Wellness and MedSpa.

Finalists in the 15+ employee category are Culligan Quality Water of North Central Ohio, JPB Professional Marketing, and Mansfield Dairy Queen.

The large non-profit winner, Renaissance Performing Arts and the

small non-profit winner, Altrusa of Mansfield, have already been announced and will receive their awards during the presentation.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit Award winner, Kids Korner, has also already been announced, and will receive their award at the event.

Semi-finalists include 419 Barbershop, Beer's Automotive Service and Repair, Bo Lacey Construction, Bob & Bob Door Company, Brown Family Eye Care, Culligan Quality Water of North Central Ohio, Freedom Caregivers, Fun Center Pools and Spas, JPB Professional Marketing, Jones Potato Chip Company, Kids Korner, Local Project Pro, Mansfield Dairy Queen, Nickel & Bean, Pivot Creative, Purdy Construction, Skelton's Foodservice Equipment & Supplies, Superior Cleaning & Recovery, The King of Bar-B-Que Ribs, and Vitality Natural Wellness and MedSpa.

Non-profit semi-finalists include Altrusa of Mansfield, Lucas Community Center, Mansfield City Schools Adult Education Aspire Program, Renaissance Performing Arts, Richland Academy of the Arts, Richland County Land Bank, and Richland Pregnancy Services.

Premier sponsors include Alumni Roofing Co, DRM Productions Inc, OhioHealth Mansfield and Shelby Hospitals, Richland Source, and Spire Advertising & Web Design.



MR. STAFFORD'S SIXTH GRADE Integrated Technology class at Ontario Middle School has been learning about visual communication and how icons impact the world around them. The students enjoyed retelling classic stories by integrating language arts and technology in their latest project: The Iconic Story. Each student presented their classic story one sentence at a time, but they could only use icons. This was a challenging but fun project to see come together over the past few weeks.

PUCO approves rail crossing upgrades

Ashland Railway will install flashing lights and gates at the Ashland Railway Grade Crossing at County Road 1356 and County Road 1475 in Ashland County. Federal funds will provide up to \$381,088 to complete the upgrades.

Ashland Railway will install flashing lights and gates at State Route 61 in Richland County. Federal funds will pay \$229,510 to complete the upgrades.

Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad will install flashing lights and gates at Middle Road in Ashtabula County, Ohio. Federal funds will pay \$428,825 to complete the upgrades.

All safety upgrades will be completed by Aug. 16, 2023.

To increase public safety during the construction of the projects, local governments may seek funding from the PUCO for the cost of safety improvements such as rumble strips, illumination, improved signage or other enhancements at project locations. Funding for such improvements comes from the State Grade Crossing Safety fund and may not exceed \$5,000 per project.

The PUCO is responsible for evaluating Ohio's public grade crossings to determine the need for installing active warning devices. Since the PUCO began implementing these evaluations, the annual number of train-motor vehicle crashes in Ohio has decreased significantly, from 356 in 1990 to 53 in 2021.

Funding committed to Richland County Fair Arena Project

The Richland County Agricultural Society, also known as the Richland County Senior Fair Board, is heading into the last phase of the \$1.1 million Arena Project.

The Ag Society is asking the community to give the campaign an extra push to meet the goal in the first capital campaign ever initiated by the group.

"Farming and farm-related businesses are a major contributor to the economy in Richland County," said Susan Gentile, co-campaign chairwoman. "More than 700 students, ages 5-19 are involved in 4-H and FFA with a realization that the new arena will expand education, entertainment, conferences, and other activities to enrich youth in the entire community."

The Arena Project, a campaign to build a new livestock and multi-use arena, is now over three fourths of the way to the campaign goal of \$1.1 million thanks to so many generous individuals, businesses, family foundations, farms, the State of Ohio the Shelby Foundation and Richland County Foundation.

A \$100,000 grant incentive has been offered by the Richland County Foundation to the Senior Fair Board to bring its fundraising campaign to completion. The campaign that was initiated in 2020 and, due to the pandemic, had to postpone until 2022 to complete the campaign to build a new 9,200-square-foot livestock arena.

The new arena will be twice as large as the current arena and fully accessible with new restrooms as well as heating and air conditioning to create a year-round venue for concerts, conferences, special events, weddings and educational activities for the entire Richland County community.

The mission of the Richland County Agricultural Society, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, is to responsibly provide youth development, education, cultural activities and entertainment. Donations can be sent to the Richland County Fairgrounds, 750 N. Home Rd., Mansfield, OH 44906.

DAR offers scholarships

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

The Jared Mansfield Chapter local scholarship is open to all students, both genders, who will be attending OSU-Mansfield, NCSC, or the Dwight Schar College of Nursing, Mansfield and pursuing any field of study. Our local Jared Mansfield Chapter Scholarship is open to any student currently enrolled at any of the above schools as well as high school graduating seniors.

Call scholarship chair Joedy Studer at 419-631-1015 for information. The completed application must be postmarked by April 15.

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

All applicants must be citizens of the United States and legal residents of the state of Ohio and must attend an accredited college or university in the United States. Please visit OSDAR at ohiodar.org to obtain a scholarship application. All applicants must be sponsored by the local DAR chapter and applications must be submitted to the local chapter by Jan. 31.

The National Daughters of the American Revolution, NSDAR, also offers scholarships in many different majors. This year, DAR is pleased to announce that all students will submit their applications using an online process.

The online portal can be found on the DAR public website's Scholarship page. The direct link to the online application submission portal is <http://dar.academicworks.com>. Emailed or mailed applications will no longer be accepted. The deadline for these is Jan. 31.

DAR scholarships can open doors of opportunity to many students. Call Scholarship Chair Joedy Studer at 419-631-1015 for more information.

Honor and Merit Rolls

Pioneer Career & Technology Center

First Nine Weeks

ALL A's (4.0 GPA)

Seniors: Morgan Adkins, Brenden Ady, Maxwell Aichholz, Ciara Appleman, Nathan Barber, Katelyn Bauerdick, Leah Blay, Elisha Burson, Thomas Clark, Michael Cline, Kali Darling, Alaina Davis, Lilianna Drago, Kadence Fairchild, Emma Fields, Mackenzie Flick, Leah Francis, Alexandra Galeano, Cole Gremling, Zachary Hamman, Ava Heimlich, Kailey Horsley, Daniel Icceman, Jazmine Jaeckin, Xena Janeczek, Olivia Justice, Faith Kalb, Matthew Kaylor, Makenzie Klimkewicz, Kaylan Lamb, Kaleigh Leadbetter, Wesley Madison, Avery Mateo, Grace Miller, Selene Miller, Harley Mosley, Riley Neer, Alexis Parr, Jansen Potts, Kaleen Pratt, Silus Rettig, Rodney Rike, Kourtney Rinehart, Ella Ritter, Belicia Salas, Andrew Smollen, Klynn Snider, Audrey Spearman, Emily Stewart, Alexandria Stollings, Harley Thomas, McKenna VanDyke, Eden Wheatcraft, Abigail Williams, Jacob Williams, Autumn Wilson, Jordynn Alfrey, Camden Broadhead, Jason Dills, JNetta Mitchem, Makayla Register and Mason Simmons

Juniors: Leah Anderson, Hugo Andrade, Dyonna Ball, Madelyn Barker, Michael Barnhill, Ivy Bistline, Hunter Bloomfield, Brice Browning, Amari Caddell, Diondre Cante, Emily Cantrell, Wesley Cleveland, Raven Cline, Maya Collene, Keaton Cooper, Eleanor Cotter, Hattie Crabtree, Oakley Davies, Brooke Dawson, Makayla Dickson, Tyler Duckworth, Mia Felder, James Fetzer, Kate Fetzer, Mia Fidler, Ryleigh Fulton, Nevaeh Gallagher, Alivia Galloway, Helesha Haycook, Teahana Holland, Braylon Hollister, Autumn Holmes, Hagen Kelso, Natalie Kline, Zachary Krupa, Conner Lamb, Lydia Mcchirsty, Julianna McCoy, Mackenzie Melvin, Willa Morris, Michael Mosley, Hanna Orta, Azrielle Page, Chelsea Phillips, Andrea Reed, Lorelei Reed, Molly Reiderman, Hannah Reiman, Alana Reitler, Bane Rhea, Ellie Rinehart, Calista Robbins, Carter Roth, Olivia Rush, Manuel Sparks, James Spitzer, Bradon Stidam, Dylan Sweitzer, Chloe Vesterman, Elleciyana Webb, Ava Williams, Allison Wright and Richard Ye

Honor Roll (3.5 GPA or Higher)

Seniors: Cari Adkins, Isabel Alt, Kennedy Ankney, Evan Bachelder, Quinn Backensto, Bryce Baker, Nathaniel Barre, Joshua Bauer, Kadence Beach, Zachary Berry, Kenadee Bivens, Kylee Bloomfield, Shellie Bourne, Owen Bowman, Aidan Boyce, Brenna Brickley, Brennan Briggs, Miles Brown, Kole Bryan, Mason Buchanan, Joshua Burtscher, Tracy Carroll, Kayli Combs, Paige Cottrell, Marysol Cuevas, Nicole Cyrus, Bryson Davis, Weston Delaney, Libby Diaz, Collin Dingus, Emma-Rose Dollisch, Roy Vincent Domalaon, Savannah Dye, Marley Earhart, Kennedy Ernst, Blake Felty, Bladen Fetzer, Huck Finnegan, Ian Finnegan, Autumn Fox, Kevin Franklin, Trenton Frazier, Dakota Frisch, Kegan Fry, Madisyn Fry, Bryant Gamble, William Gates, Samuel Gerster, Kamryn Gill, Kaden Gilland, Quenten Grace, Arizona Gramley, Trenton Gregory, Joseph Griefenstine, Jarrett Griffith, Grace Gustafson, Nathanael Hadberg, Mariah Hamm, Wesley Hammond, Rylan Hefner, Mikayla Heimberger, David Hendrickson, Bayge Horner, Brailey Horner, Katlyn Hotz, Ashley Huber, Halee Hunt, Anna Jones, Brady Keaton, Logan Kegley, Emaleigh Keller, Aleeah Kelley, Hunter Kincade, Arron Knapp, Shelby Knipp, Jackson Kurtzman, Derekah Lawrence, Ella Lehman, Christian Linn, Jessica Lopez-Mazariegos, Luke Martin, Damon Mauk, Shelton Miller, Colin Milligan, Camryn Montgomery, Steven Moore, Melanie Morales, Brianna Morgan, Emily Morgan, Miranda Mounts, Reagan Mundy, Gage Musselman, Kennedy Mutchler, Tobias Nasipak, Kobie Naufzinger, Brooklyn O'Brien, Briana Osborn, Jayden Oswald, Donovan Owens, Dylan Page, Robert Penrod, Emily Perez, Riley Peterman, Owen Philpot, Madelyn Piper, Sebastien Prince, Austin Raby, Ellexia Ratcliff, Hyden Rittenberry, Keila Roblero, Ellayna Rothhaar, Preston Rumery, Taylor Sampsel, Brenna Schartiger, Maelyn Shaarda, Kaitlynn Siders, Dillon Smith, Naomi Smith, Olivia Smith, Jayden Spurlock, Mason Stacy, Makayla Stephens, Alivia Stevens, James Stewart, Donald Stone, Maleigha Strickler, Katalina Symsick, Corbin Toms, Caiden Treadway, Chloe Trine, Aiden Turner, Destiny Tuttle, Dante Van Fleet, Cooper VanArsdalen, Yuliana Velasquez, Emily Wallace, Benjamin Webb, Olivia Whetstone, Dakota Wicker, Dylan Wiese, Connor Wiggins, Alexis Wilson, Taylor Winkle, Rodney Zellner, Josiah Dotson and Summer Mulvane

Juniors: Lacey Almendinger, Morgan Amert, Madison Ames, Faith Amesquita, Kyerstin Ammons, Jaidyn Amore, Bryer Arms, Annalee Barrows, Connor Baxter, Savannah Bechtler, Alexander Benartha,

Aden Biederman, Monroe Bolen, Kam'ron Bond, Liveah Brady, Nolan Branham, Carson Bricker, Isaac Brinley, Dylan Britt, Kdee Brooks, Reid Bryan, Grayson Burgess, Shayla Burton, Kira Bush, Gavin Cains, Riley Campo, Emily Carney, Malachi Carpenter, Lusey Cass, Taniya Chism, Isabella Christman, Rayna Clayton, Ashtin Clevenger, Russell Cole, David Cooperrider, Marcus Corwin, Katherine Cowgill, Jerzie Cox, Elijah Cress, Jaylen Curry, Haley Damron, Malachai Dawdy, Derex Dean, Lincoln DeGray, Mason Diaz, Liberty Dick, Tyler Dickerson, Sophia Durbin, Kortney Eaton, Lillian Ebner, Chandler Elchert, Kerrigen Ellenberger, Trinity Eshelman, Cole Fairchild, Bryonna Fannin, Hunter Farrell, Timothy Faulkner, Xander Fauser, Dylan Floyd, Coy Fredritz, Emily Frey, Angelena Gerrell, Levi Graham, Arizona Graszl, Aiden Green, Ava Griesbach, Aleah Griffith, Cody Griffin, Alexander Griffith, Isaac Gruber, Rachel Grunkemeyer, Saige Guegold, Jerome Hall, Natalie Hamons, Hayden Handshoe, Jaden Hedrick, Grant Heinle, Landon Henry, Garrett Hensel, Maddox Hickman, Lucas Hieber, Victoria Hiler, Bronson Hill,, Sara Hoffer, Daniel Hout, Hannah Howell, Mason Hunt, Samantha Hunt, Chloe Hursh, Devada Huvler, Graysen Jackson, Isabella Jeffrey, Erica Jones, Matthew Jones, Gabriel Kamann, Amelia Karcher, Malachi Keefe, Malory Keefe, Zachary Keever, Brayden Kehl, Raina Kelly, Kiley Kershner, Mya Kirst, Matthew Kline, Cohen Krupa, River Kurtz, Brendan Kurzen, Jonathan Lamb, Maggie Lantz, Lillian Lehman, Christopher Leone, Kameron Lewis, Erin Lindsey, Nathan Loll, Tyler Magers, Anthony Mallory, Tyler Mason, Jared Massie, Davryn Matthews, Charles May, Samantha McCumbers, Alexis McCune, Landen McDaniel, Meagan Meadows, Christopher Miller, Izaiyah Miller, Robert Miller, Amaris Mills, Megan Mills, Noah Montgomery, Cayden Moore, Emma Moore, Jacob Mullins, Adalyn Muncy, Ava Myers, Bethany Olvera, Lily Patrick, Dylan Pittenger, Nicholas Pohlbel, Audrey Pontikos, Joshua Porter, Masyn Rager, Kristia Ramsey, Connor Rice, Raymond Riddlebaugh, Destiny Robinson, Anderson Roll, Karla Romero-Alvarez, Hunter Sager, Shawn Schmidt, Addison Sexton, Ashlin Shade, Keaton Sharp, Landon Sherwood, Niyah Shipman, Zachary Shultz, Garet Sipe, Kennedi Sipes, Kalen Skidmore, Brode Smith, Rachael Sparks, Malachi Spoerr, Trenton Steinhilber, Trinity Stickney, Chase Stoffer, Zoey Strom, Jasmine Stutzman, Brooklyn Swain, Kylee Swank, Emma Swanson, Jillian Symsick, Tianna Tackett, Wilson Tallman, Alyssa Tammer, Haley Tanner, Autumn Taylor, Cynthia Thomas, Heavenleigh Thomas, Kamron Thompson, Gavin Tolar, Marisa Traxler, Bailey Tridico, Trinity Tuttle, Gavin Tyrrell, Adrian Volk, Yumalaya Ward, Xander Warner, Ashton Warren, Nathaniel Weaver, Kamon Webb, Kyleigh Weiser, Christopher West, Addyson Whitesel, Donald Williams, Sheyenne Williamson, Jamie Wilson, Kayden Wilson, Van Winchester, Samuel Wise, Gavin Woodard, Emerson Young, Keynen Zachman and Skyler Zeger

Ontario Middle School

First Nine Weeks

ALL A's

Sixth Grade: Sriram Akkina, Leah Bonen, Haylee Breitingner, Trevor Breitingner, Jackson Buttil, Savannah Byler, Aleiya Cante, Noah Coley, Nicholas Crawford, Bryce DeWees, Callie Fagan, Emryn Fanello, Avi Featheringill, Alayna Foltz, Evan Gorrell, Jace Hale, Parker Hale, Liam Holden, Ava Julian, Noah King, Zachary LaCroix, Parker Laymon, Tianyi Liu, Taelix Lucanegro, Kileigh McLaren, Reese Miller, Grace Mills, Alexander Morabito, Nicholas Morabito, Frank Nemeth, Sadie Neumann, Natalie Peace, Kasen Pittman, Keith Pollock, Emma Preuninger, Olivia Sandwall, Jaxon Schroder, Alayna Secrist, Zoey Shaffer, Alexander Simmering, Jacob Simms, Trevor Studer, Graham Thurber, Corbin Walter, Levi Walter, Emerson Weiler, Penelope Wilging, Samantha Wilging, Gordon Wilkerson and Zahrana Woods

Seventh Grade: Alayna Arter, Myles Born, Alexee Conkle, Ellie Dawson, Jackson Dean, Grant Domyan, Anna Faith, Ava Farinacci, Luke Genders, Maxwell Gfrer, Jilyinn Grayson, Briella Hall, Adelina Hines, Elise LeHew, Braxton Michalovich, Yuka Mori, Carson Moritz, Ian Morrison, Kamryn Pelphrey, Camila Perez-Archuleta, Conner Perry, Atlee Price, Roxy Purvis, Kolbe Ramion, Kennedy Sapp, Daycee Schlotterer, Vaydie Schroeder, Kaelin Scott, Alexis Them, Ella Them, Rylee Vandenberg, Mason Wilkerson, Tanner Winningham, Molly Wirick, Henry Yugovich, Ava Zehe and Leeah Ziegler

Eighth Grade: Ryleigh Ames, Emma Bell, Bryant Born, Kaylee Chandler, Lillian Chitwood, Braedayn Currier, Connor Dawson, Robert Faith, Alexandria Fender, Brennan Fields, Eliana Fittante, Maia Fox, Logan Goldbach, Lilly Gorrell, Nolan Grider, Eva Hadsell, Jazlyn Johnson, Daniel Lee, Yuchen Lin, Sydney McManes, Caden Meyers, Tatum Mottayaw, Hem Patel, Het Patel, Skyliie Salmons, Maja Seibel,

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Honor and Merit Rolls

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Kadynce Smithberger, Ava Spearman, Lin Tan, Elton Toska, Lauren Uhde, Owen Walter, William Wang, Braedon Watson, Timo Winningham, Mitchell Ye, Jordyn Yeager and Madelyn Yoha

HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade: Elliot Bechstein, Vincent Caudill, Logan Chase, Alexa Conrad, Jalynn Craze, Jaxon Craze, Madelyn Egner, Gianna Gfrer, Leah Gorrell, Sophia Hamilton, Aiden Harley, Wyatt Herold, Madelynn Hocker, Paxton Jeffery, Kairi Kearney, Alexander Kern, Mason Kiser, Christy Kline, Aven Knapp, Ella Manns, Dana Messer, Parker Metzger, Hunter Miller, Braylee Morehead, Daniel Moritz, Jaria Motion, Kendyll Mullins, Connor Myers, Clayton Petty, Zane Reynolds, Otto Rietschlin, Oliver Shaw, Isabella Sterner, Nguyen Tran, Harlingen, Van Bella Viola, Carter Viola and Nathan Xiao

Seventh Grade: Ayden Adams-Thompson, Elias Baumgard, Ally Bell, Ramos, Carrizal Max Cirolti, Kihanna Clark, Grace Click, Miles Doehla, Stella Durbin, Noah Durfee, Nadia Eberst, Aria Edgell, Lillian Gray, Alexander Hohman, Owen Hunt, Tra'von Jackson, Addysen Jacobsen, Colton Joseph, Lincoln Jovani, Caleb Kelly, Aadilynne Kightlinger, Kooper Kilgore, Lillian Ladner, Talan Mathison, Amelia McCoy, Ryann Messer, Marisa Moffo, Jamarr Norris, Norah Potter, Jack Rietschlin, Morgan Rose, Sofia Shields, Garrett Smith, Maddix Smith, Kendall Thomas, Tyler Turnbaugh, Haiden Ulery, Zane VanTilburg, Gavin Wagner, Parker Willis, Antony Zhu and Kevin Zickefoose

Eighth Grade: Jaxson Anderson, Natalia Bise, Christopher Bradford, Aaliyah Caldwell, Camryn Hanning, Abigail Hart, Andrea Hart, Haleigh Hefner, Vincent Hocker, Jaren Holden, Grace Horning, Kiera

Hughes, Brylie Ireland, Kennedy Johnson, Emerson Jovani, Molly Julian, Rylee Kegley, Riley Krzeminski, Taylor Lambert, Braelyn Llewellyn, Myah Lynch, Madison Mabry, Ava Minnich, Kyle Morris, Grace North, Isla Peachee, Gavin Reiver-crew, Anna Saltzgiver, Cooper Schroeder, Kaitlin Seymour, Carson Smith, Saylor Smith, Paxton So, Isabella Sorrenti, Khloe Studer, Piper Studer, Alandria Thomas, Hayden Valdry, Paige Weiler and Brayden Woods

MERIT ROLL

Sixth Grade: Aiden Armstrong, Landon Breitingner, De'Aadreon Chatman, Sophia Corwin, Jermetreis Cotton, Raelynn Foster, Cory Garn, Makenna Greene, Robert Griefenstine, Ava Guevara, Remington Hefner, Rylan Heston, Kyleigh Kanouse, Chassity Keaton, Madeline Kennedy, Cayden North, Gatlin O'Brian, Taitum Owens, Autumn Porter, Mark Porter, Gracie Roberts, Briar Samuels, Logan SESCO, Oliver Shaw, Conner Warfel, Natalie Wonorski and Carson Workman

Seventh Grade: Isobel Boorum, Raegan Boughton, Timothy Cole, Jaxon Cross, Zane Curry, Ieyanna David, Daulton Dials, Owen Drexel, Bryce Hall, Izayah Hatcher, Desmond Hefner, Liam Hershberger, Matthew Jenkins, Zachary Jones, Violet Lucas, Alexandra McAleer, Kylee Mcdaniel, Ahleeyah Miller, Cole O'Blisk, Tulsı Patel, Mason Richardson, Carlie Schnittke, Emily Simms, Natalie Sipes, Addison Smith, Lillian Smith, Liam UK, Peyton Vance, Molly Weaver and Jonathan Winans

Eighth Grade: Riley Bonen, Courtney Brafford, Olivia Brinker, Kamden Chaffin, Brody Cheek, Kenzey Conkle, Havana Cooper, Morgan Crubaugh, Lily Garn, Shaun Gilbert, Patrick Hart, Savannah Jones, Dane Kearns, Zyairrah Lindsay, Mia Micheli, Gavin Miller, Trenton Mitchell, KayVion Norris, Demetri Parsons, Shlok Patel, Ashton Pfeifer, Le Phan, Scarlet Rehberg, Weston Robertson, Sophia Sandwall, Natalie Smith, Dominick Tilton-Cantrell, Kane Tilton-Cantrell, Abraham Trammel, Ashlynn Viers and Dakota Yunker



THE SEPTEMBER R.A.M.S. Students of the Month at Madison Middle School are fifth grade, Samara Gillespie; Aly Szasz-Benedek, Daevon Endicott and Nola Bishop; sixth grade, McKenna Haynes, Trace Schafer, Sofia Thompson and AJ Lowe; seventh grade, Carter Foley, Makenzie Wynn, Journee Jaranowski and JJ Cyrus; and eighth grade, TJ Workman, Bella Smith, Samantha Crist and Gavin Baker.

Richland Academy dancers will present The Nutcracker Ballet

Richland Academy of the Arts', *The Nutcracker Ballet* presented by The Village Network, will be performed on Dec. 2 and 3. T

The RAA dancers will perform this seventh annual production at Shelby High School.

The Nutcracker is the perfect way to introduce young children to the power and beauty of classical dance. Tchaikovsky's magical score, with fairytale scenery and vibrantly theatrical staging is a great production for any age.

This year's production will feature principal dancers who are students from Ontario High School, Laila Ramos (sophomore); Lexington High School, Lily Feasel (sophomore); Lucas High School, Carmella Desterhaft (senior) and Kaylyn Kent (senior); Madison Comprehensive High School, Ella Walker (junior) and Justice Gardner (senior); Ashland High School, Delaney O'Brien (senior); Shelby High School, Joy Parker-Sweeting (junior); Genesis Christian Acade-

my, Ava Irwin (freshman); and Classical Conversations Homeschool Program, Piper Hilterman seventh grade).

Richland Academy dancers will perform three shows: Friday, Dec. 2, at 7 pm; and Saturday, Dec. 3, at 2:30 pm and 7 pm. Tickets can be purchased at richlandacademy.com.

The Nutcracker tells the story of a little girl named Clara who is given a magical nutcracker doll on Christmas Eve. She encounters the frightful Mouse King before embarking on a magical journey through the Land of Snow and the Kingdom of Sweets where she is entertained with many kinds of dances.

For more information about events or to purchase tickets, call Richland Academy at 419-522-8224 or visit www.richlandacademy.com. Richland Academy is located at the corner of 4th and Walnut St. and was founded in 1991. The academy is supported by the Ohio Arts Council.

Ontario High School All A Breakfast



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR First Quarter Highest Honors students are Omar Abdelaziz, Jillian Ambrose, Isabel Baker, Katelyn Bauerdick, Leah Blay, Elisha Burson, Elizabeth Corn, Wyatt Dean, Jayden Dechert, Hugo Estrada Gomez, Joslyne Frazier, Easton Frost, Destini Gottfried, Cole Gremling, Jayla Hall, Madaline Henderson, Marisa Horton, Andrew Howard, Kayen Huvler, Jagger Lula, Olivia Justice, Adrienne Kearns, Colin Kmetz, Arron Knapp, Keely Kurtz, Jayden Leach, Joseph Litao, Brandon Litteral, Robert Mangan, Noah Marsh, Grace Mcclenathan, Duncan McLean, Miles Meisse, Colin Milligan, Abigail Mink, Thomas Montgomery, Kylee Mullins, Taylor Mullins, Elizabeth Nagel, Hunter Petit, Brody Phillips, Colten Ramion, Jordan Reed, Natalie Reid, Adam Renchen, Logan Rhodebeck, Reese Ritchie, Ella Ritter, John Rose, Belicia Salas, Will Saltzgiver, Hadley Schultz, Elijah Selser, Lauren Sexton, Alexis Shaver, Kylie Snow, Audrey Spearman, Chandler Spognardi, Andrew Stephens, James Stewart, Alexandria Switaj, Brienne Trumpower, Grace Voelp, Brooklyn Ward, Elanor Wilging, Erica Ye and Laprina Young.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR First Quarter Highest Honors students are Ida Asmussen, Caleb Barabani, Carson Barnes, Michael Barnhill, Grason Bias, Ivy Bistline, Carson Bricker, Amari Caddell, Diondre Cantey, Eleanor Cotter, Charles Danuloff, Gabrielle Davis, Makayla Dickson, Peyton Dzugan, Autumn Ervin, James Fetzer, Kate Fetzer, Rachel Foss, Quinton Frankhouse, Isaac Gruber, Savannah Jackson, Trista Jewell, Natalie Kline, Olivia Kreger, Maggie Love, Jena Ly, Lydia Mcchristy, Ariana Morales Mora, Willa Morris, Kavya Patel, Ezra Pearce, Brayden Robinson, Carter Roth, Grady Schroeder, Ella Shaffer, Jonah So, Chase Stoffer, Chase Studer, Brooklyn Swain, Noah Tuttle, Xander Warner, Carter Weaver, Canaan Wentz, Ava Williams, Richard Ye and Brady Zehe.



Ontario High School All A Breakfast



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORE First Quarter Highest Honors students are Jack Belding, Arialyn Bischak, Madison Carpenter, Taylor Dille, Brooke Eyerly, Blake Gregory, Natalie Hall, Zoe Hampton, Parker Henderson, Alivia Knapp, Vanessa Liu, Zachary Mcchristy, Rowan McManes, Emma Mies, Bodpegn Miller, Claire Morrison, Preston Orewiler, Ethan Radojsics, Laila Ramos, Evan Ruhe, Isabella Schoonover, Claire Shaw, Landon Sowards, Grady Taylor, Mason Turnbaugh, Anna Ward and Kennedy Weiler.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN First Quarter Highest Honors students are Brady Baumgard, Darbie Broom, Sasha Bulakovski, Marcus Crabtree, Blake DeWees, Shaun Gould, Kailey Hale, Emma Henderson, Nicholas Huml, Paradise Jeru, Brinlee Kreger, Gracy Miller, Delaney Moritz, Madeline Mullins, Remington Schroeder, Payne Schwartz, Lily Secrist, Alexia SESCO, Hayden Sexton, Jacob Seymour, Joie Simmering, Alexis Swank, Nora Swanson, Justin Switaj, Grace Them, Addison Thurber, Jaxson Tinkham, Michael Ward, Reese Wilkerson and Jace Young.



Making adoption an option for Ohio families

By State Rep. Marilyn John

During this General Assembly, we, at the Statehouse, have focused on making adoption a viable option for Ohio families across our state. Whatever the circumstance might be, if parents are considering adoption there is no better time to consider than during November's National Adoption Awareness Month.

Regarding adoption, it is personal to me. I have several members of my family that have come to us through foster care and then adoption, and we feel grateful and blessed every day that adoption was readily available.

As I mentioned, the Ohio House has passed several pieces of legislation that seek to bring adoption to the forefront in our state. For example, in our state operating budget we supported more than \$500 million for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 investing in adoption, foster care and kinship care initiatives. Millions of those dollars will specifically go towards the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, which launches the Wendy's Wonderful Kids Program of recruiters to find permanent homes for children in foster care.

I also happily supported House Bill 442 that passed in the House late last year. This legislation addresses workforce shortages that foster care agencies face throughout the state by adding to the list of qualified individuals to perform home assessor duties and creates parity between private and public agencies' professional treatment staff. Other surrounding states have implemented these rules, and if we do so this will address both issues surrounding this workforce while also ensuring the necessary treatment of our children in foster homes.

I understand this is such an important issue to many families throughout our state, myself included. As we recognize National Adoption Awareness Month, I hope to bring more attention to it for the betterment of the children in foster care and families thinking about adoption. For those interested in adoption or want more information on it here in our state, please visit <https://fosterandadopt.jfs.ohio.gov/>.



PIONEER PRESCHOOLERS are learning about pumpkins by having group learning time, making a pumpkin craft and practicing number recognition with pumpkin seeds.



AN ONTARIO ALUM, Maureen Garrett from the Class of 1969, is now a geologist in Arizona. She sent the earth science department at Ontario High School samples of rocks, minerals and fossils from Arizona and surrounding western states. The science club took the afternoon sampling and identifying.

Ontario High School National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

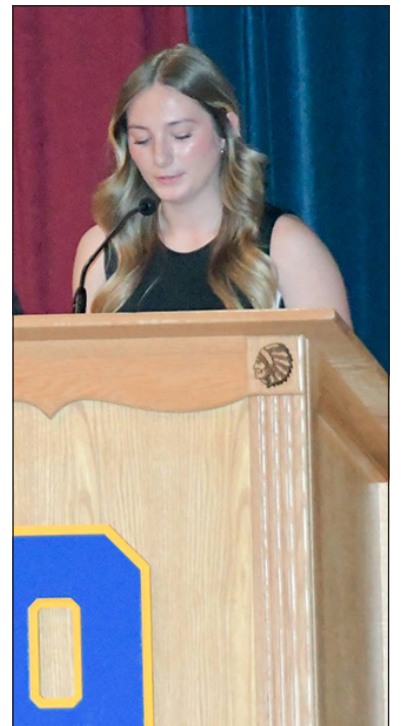


The Kona Chapter of National Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held Nov. 2, at Ontario High School.

The ceremony included The Purpose of NHS by Mr. Smith; The Candle of Knowledge by Mr. Henige; The Candle of Character by Brienne Trumpower, NHS vice-president; The Candle of Service by Elizabeth Corn, NHS treasurer; The Candle of Scholarship by Alexandria Switaj, NHS secretary; The Candle of Leadership by Chandler Spognardi, NHS president and The National Honor Society Pledge by Chandler Spognardi, NHS president.

2022-'23 Candidates are Omar Abdelaziz, Jillian Ambrose, Carson Barnes, Mckenzie Barnhart, Abigail Bechstein, Grason Bias, Elisha Burson, Charles Danuloff, Alexander Ellis, Quinton Frankhouse, Kayen Huvler, Savannah Jackson, Trista Jewell, Olivia Justice, Olivia Kreger, Brandon Litteral, Jaslyn Lopez, Jena Ly, Robert Mangan, Noah Marsh, Duncan McLean, Najee Morris, Kavya Patel, David Reedy, Logan Rhodebeck, Reese Ritchie, Brayden Robinson, Belicia Salas, William Saltzgiver, Grady Schroeder, Ella Shaffer, Kylie Snow, Jonah So, Audrey Spearman, Chase Studer, Gracie Thurber, Carter Weaver, Canaan Wentz, Erica Ye and Brady Zehe.

Current members are Isabel Baker, Leah Blay, Elizabeth Corn, Jayden Dechert, Colin Kmetz, Joseph Litao, Miles Meisse, Thomas Montgomery, Kylee Mullins, Elizabeth Nagel, Natalie Reid, Hadley Schultz, Eli Selser, Lauren Sexton, Alexis Shaver, Chandler Spognardi, Alexandria Switaj, Brienne Trumpower, Mercedes Vandenberg, Elanor Wilging and Laprina Young.



Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL'S Kayla Carter signed to play volleyball with Tiffin University and Trynity Wolfe signed to play golf at Tiffin University during a signing ceremony on Nov. 16. Kayla's parents are William and Terry Carter and Trynity's parents are Chip and Traci Wolfe.



Ontario High School Senior Athletes



Ontario High School Wrestling Team

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Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



Ontario High School's Joslyne Frazier signed to play softball at the University of Findlay

Ontario High School Basketball Seniors



Braxton Hall



Ontario High School's Kylie Snow signed to play softball at Heidelberg University



Jayden Leach



Ontario High School's Adison Turnbaugh signed to play soccer at Ashland University



Gage Weaver



Ontario High School's Gage Weaver signed to play baseball at Ashland University



Kingwood hosting toy drive

The 4th annual Stuff the Sleigh toy drive at Kingwood Center Gardens is Nov. 26 through Dec. 4. Community members are invited to bring new, unwrapped toys to donate to area children. Toys will be distributed to the Domestic Violence Shelter, Wayfinders Ohio (formerly Harmony House), New Mercy Outreach, Richland County Children Services, and The Salvation Army to help them serve families in our community this holiday season.

Toys can be dropped off in the Garden Gateway visitor center during Christmas at Kingwood 4–9 pm or during daytime shop and dine hours, 10 am to 3 pm, Tuesday through Sunday. During Christmas at Kingwood, the Gardens will be closed to the public on Mondays.

Guests wanting to enjoy the holiday lights display should plan to pre-purchase tickets on the Kingwood website. Tickets are \$8 for 13 years and older; 12 and under and Kingwood members are free. Members and children must also reserve tickets on-line.

Christmas at Kingwood is one of Kingwood’s longest standing traditions. To learn more about Christmas at Kingwood, holiday workshops and activities, visit kingwoodcenter.org.

The presenting sponsor is Mechanics Bank; also sponsoring are Directions Credit Union, RFME Insurance, Smile Doctors, Schmidt Security Pro, Staffing Partners, and Startek.



THE ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC CHALLENGE team competes at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center and are fifth place in the bracket.

Richland SWCD participates in Richland Gives

Richland Gives is designed to encourage everyone to contribute to local nonprofit organizations through a single giving website. The Richland County Foundation is hosting the day to build capacity, grow philanthropy and make the community stronger now through Nov. 29 at 7 pm.

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) is participating in this year’s Richland Gives. Richland SWCD provides resources and educational programs for a wide range of conservation and education programs and is responsible for soil and water integrity in the County. The district works with landowners, government agencies and partners on a wide range of natural resource conservation programs.

“Last year through Richland Gives I received a conservation cost-share grant from Richland Soil and Water Conservation District to help with the cost of native plants for my rain garden. I have a low spot in my yard and the garden will help absorb water plus be a beautiful space. Not only am I installing a rain garden, but I bought a rain barrel and native plant seeds from Richland Soil and Water Conservation District, too.” Bruce, Ontario.

Visit <https://richlandgives.mightycause.com/organization/Richland-Soil-And-Water-Conservation-District> to give.



ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL students, families and staff members participated in a fundraising campaign which brought in over \$6,000 for the United Way of Richland County. Their contributions will pay-it-forward to those in need. For their efforts, students received a virtual day, Tuesday, Nov. 22.

Domestic Violence Shelter Wish List

The Richland County Domestic Violence Shelter is always looking for donations of food, clothing and gift cards, but currently have a great need for monetary donations of any amount, monthly donors, any item on the Amazon Wishlist (be sure to select for your items to be delivered to Kathy Eza-wa), diapers of all sizes, feminine products, culturally specific hair products, cleaning supplies, paper towels, bath towels, face and hand towels, wash cloths, facial tissue, toilet tissue, hand sanitizer, freezer meat, canned meats, ravioli, Spaghetti o’s, cereal, gas cards and department store gift cards.

To make donation arrangements email TheDomesticViolenceShelter@mailman.bloomerang-mail.com

Soil and water conservation celebrated



Guest speaker Aaron Wilson meets board supervisors and Richland SWCD Director Erica Thomas

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) celebrated its 74th anniversary at the Annual Celebration Thursday, Nov. 3 at the Lexington Senior Civic Center. Guests enjoyed a wonderful dinner, guest speaker, re-connecting with old friends and connecting with new and learning the contributions award recipients have made to soil and water stewardship.

Roger Baird has been farming on his family's 135-acre farm in the Shelby area for 40 years. He is the fourth generation to farm the land, following most recently in the footsteps of his father. He uses conservation practices like cover crops, crop rotation, conservation tillage and small grains to keep the soil covered, reduce runoff, and keep soil erosion to a minimum. To better manage manure and fertilizer he soil tests every three years and applies phosphorous at a variable rate. For his exemplary stewardship of the land, he was named the Richland SWCD Cooperator of the Year.

In the public election held for one board supervisor position, Fred Cooke was re-elected to serve another three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2023. He is a retired agriculture teacher and farmer and as a board supervisor wants to help improve the soil and water conditions in Richland County for both agricultural and residential landowners. He earned his BA/MA in Agricultural Education from Ohio State University and resides in Shelby.

Marilyn Roe was named the Volunteer of the Year and began volunteering with Richland SWCD in 2017. She originally worked on scanning and archiving historical photos and documents dating back to 1949. As time went on Marilyn began helping with other office projects like re-packaging milkweed seeds and getting ready for workshops and events. She volunteers at various community events including the Richland County Fair, Pollinator Festival, and Family Fun on the Farm Festival. Marilyn also volunteers for Catholic Charities Richland County and the Richland County Probate Court and attends St. John United Church of Christ.

The guest speaker was Dr. Aaron Wilson, Assistant Professor, Agricultural Weather and Climate Field Specialist with the Department of Extension in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences at The Ohio State University. He is also the State Climatologist, a collaborating member of the Byrd Polar & Climate Research Center, and Midwest Chapter Lead Author of the upcoming Fifth National Climate Assessment.

As a nearly life-long Ohioan, Dr. Wilson was inspired from a young age by the power of weather and has followed his passion with a deep commitment to the Midwest. He provided an interesting program on weather and feels weather is such a vital force in our lives and experience daily.

He highlighted the key challenges facing farmers and natural resource managers across the state.



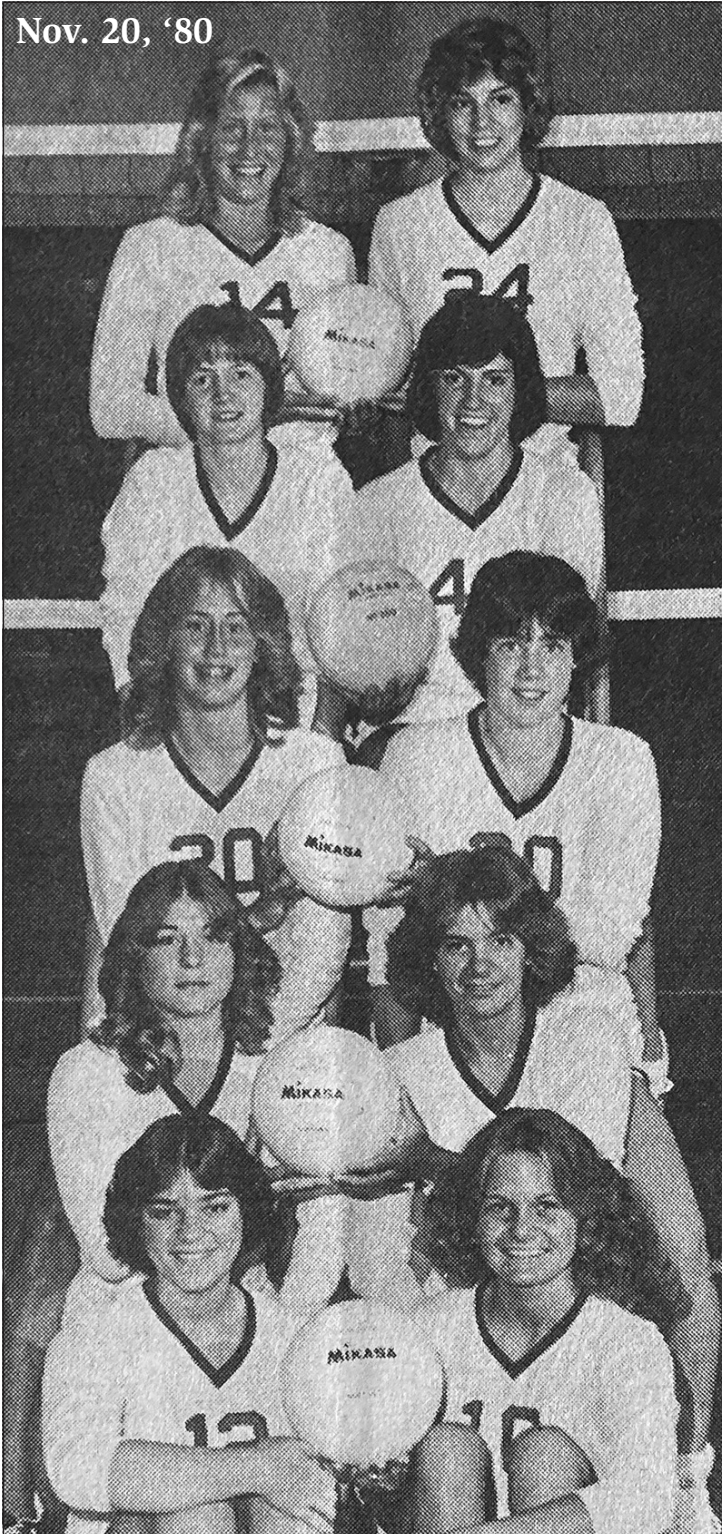
Marilyn Roe, Volunteer of the Year, is presented a proclamation from Richland County Commissioner Cliff Mears



Roger Baird was named Cooperator of Year. He is pictured with Board members and Richland SWCD Director Erica Thomas

LOOKING BACK • THIS WEEK IN TRIBUNE-COURIER HISTORY

Nov. 20, '80



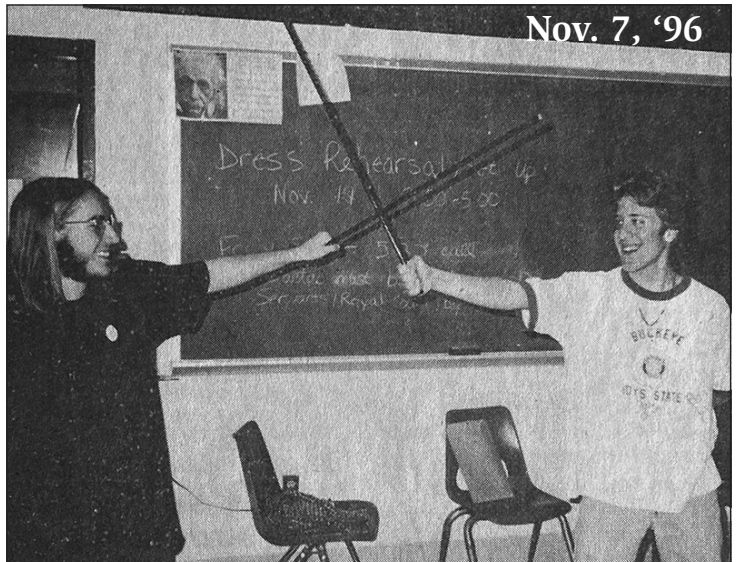
THIS YEARS LEXINGTON VOLLEYBALL TEAM had another fine year under the leadership of Coach Ann Azer. Overall the team finished with a 15-5 record which included the "AAA" Sectional Championship and a berth in the Findlay District against Lima Senior. The team includes: (front) Lorie Dolce and Barb Mertler, (second row) Terri Hampel and Pam Sears, (third row) Cathy Restille and Kathy Weidig, (fourth row) T.J. Wolfe and Beth Ward and (fifth row) Beth Restille and Cathy Betz.

Nov. 20, '80



MARIANNE MOSEY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mosey, RD 7, Lexington, poses with her trophies for winning the 3½ hp go-kart class. Marianne races her go-kart at Hasselbach Kart Track in Fremont, Ohio on a ¼ mile asphalt sprint track. She is a seventh grader at Lexington Junior High School. Her brother, Greg, a Junior at Pioneer, placed 2nd in his 2 cycle class for the season. They race every weekend from April until Nov. with their dad as their pit crew. Ed Crowl and Dave Dickson from Mansfield are the track operators and welcome any newcomers to sprint kart racing.

Nov. 7, '96



MARK ALLEN, left, performing in the role of a court jester in Madison Comprehensive High School's production of "Olde English Madrigal Feaste," and Joel Vega, as a troubaour, were "jesting" around for the camera during rehearsal this week. The production will take place Nov. 15 and 16.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their regular meeting held on November 16, 2022.

The complete text of this Ordinance may be viewed and copies obtained at the Office of the Clerk of Council, Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, during regular business hours.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-54 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 22-17 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2022.

Cathy VanAuer
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 11-24, 12-1, '22) 19L

- Street Infrastructure Improvements
- Water Treatment Improvements
- Construction Admin. and Inspection
- Field Survey Services
- GIS Services

If interested in submitting a Qualification Statement, please email Service Safety Director Kris Knapp at kknapp@ontarioohio.org for guidelines for submittal.

Statement of Qualifications can be emailed to kknapp@ontarioohio.org or by mailing a hard copy by December 2, 2022, at 3:00 PM to:

Kris Knapp,
Service Safety Director
City of Ontario
555 Stumbo Road
Ontario, Ohio 44906

Kris Knapp
Service-Safety Director
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 11-24, 12-1, 22) 46L

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Sealed bids for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel for January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2022, by Kris Knapp, Service-Safety Director of the City of Ontario.

Specifications may be obtained electronically from the Service-Safety Director. Email a request to kknapp@ontarioohio.org, or a paper copy is available at the City of Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio 44906.

All bids should be sealed in an envelope, clearly marked: 2023 GASOLINE & DIESEL FUEL BID, the name of the Bidder, and include a CERTIFIED CHECK OR BOND on a solvent bank, in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

The City of Ontario reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Check or Bond on rejected bids will be returned promptly, and on accepted bids, the same will be retained until the contracts are consummated.

Kris Knapp
Service-Safety Director
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 11-17, 24, 22) 30L

QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENT FROM INTERESTED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING FIRMS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The City of Ontario, Ohio requests qualification statements from interested professional engineering and surveying firms to provide professional design, construction administration or field survey services. The purpose is to pre-qualify firms for a period of 5 years starting in 2023 in the following areas for possible City contracts:

- City Engineering Consultant
- Storm Water Improvements
- Sanitary Sewer Improvements
- Waterline Improvements

New library passes are available

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library (MRCPL) is now offering the Adventure Pass.

The Adventure Pass program enables MRCPL customers to borrow passes using their library card, just as they would with any other item in the library collection.

The Adventure Pass is a one-time pass, which must be checked out in person at the main library, granting customers limited free access to institutions that would otherwise charge admission fees. Adventure Passes cannot be reserved like traditional library items, however, library card holders can check their availability at mrpl.org by typing "Adventure Pass" into the catalog search bar.

Each participating community partner sets its own rules for how many individuals are covered under their passes and all guidelines for use.

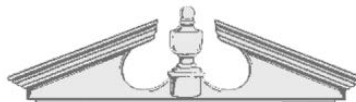
Participating partners include Buckeye Imagination Museum, Kingwood Center Gardens, Ohio Bird Sanctuary, Ohio State Reformatory, Richland Carrousel Park and The Renaissance Theatre

The Main Library, located at 43 W. Third St., Mansfield, is open Monday through Thursday 9 am to 8 pm, Friday and Saturday 9 am to 5 pm, and Sunday 1 pm to 5 pm.



STUDENTS IN STEM CLASSES at Ontario Middle School worked their way through a "design-to-build" process during the first 12-weeks of class in an effort to design and build a boat. The culmination of the process is a floating boat made of cardboard which will be tested in the pool as a part of a regatta competition. Mr. Basham's annual boat regatta "best in class" participants are pictured.

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