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**LIGHT UP LEXINGTON** — Josie Sharrock and her sister Joccelyn met Santa and Mrs. Claus during Light Up Lexington on Monday, Dec. 2. The girls attend Western Elementary and are the daughters of Josh and Jennifer Sharrock.

## RPH awarded Drug Free Communities grant

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) announced 150 new grants for its Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program. The DFC Program provides grants to community coalitions to strengthen the infrastructure among local partners to create and sustain a reduction in local youth substance use. Recognizing that local problems need local solutions, DFC-funded coalitions engage multiple sectors of the community and employ a variety of environmental strategies to address local substance use problems.

Richland Public Health was one of the grant recipients and will receive \$125,000 per year, up to 10 years in DFC grant funds

to involve and engage their local community to prevent substance use among youth.

"In order to create safe and healthy places for the next generation, we must break through to our children now and educate them about the dangers of substance use. The Drug-Free Communities, administered by our office across the United States, are proven prevention programs tailored to do just that by meeting the specific needs in each community. The Trump Administration will continue expanding the number of community-based coalitions dedicated to the critical mission of stopping substance use among our youth before it starts," ONDCP Director Jim Carroll said.

"Our goal is to make the City of Mansfield a safe and drug-free place for our youth," said Dr. Julie Chaya, Director of Community Health & Preventions Sciences at Richland Public Health. "Prevention is a powerful tool to counteract drug use in our community, and we will use this funding to help youth in the City of Mansfield make healthy choices about substance use."

## Lexington School Board hires new employees, substitutes and coaches

The Lexington Board of Education held a meeting Wednesday, Nov. 20.

Student representative to the board, Ben Hoffman, presented his report and Mrs. Petrie's junior high science students were recognized.

The high school girls' and boys' cross country teams were also recognized.

The board voted to approve a renewal with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for medical, prescription and dental insurance administrative services for the 2020 calendar. The rates reflect a 1.74% increase for medical, 6.24% increase for dental and no increase for vision.

The board approved a 5-year financial forecast for FY20-FY24.

Appropriations for the Ohio School Safety Grant had a \$10,607.48 increase, Title I had a \$293.71 decrease and Title II-A had a \$1,248.84 increase.

The board approved a stipend for morning bus driver Tom Brownell effective Aug. 21, while he was out sick.

Courtney Steele was hired as a long-term sub, effective Oct. 28, at \$110 per day.

Drew Jeffries was hired as a behavioral specialist, effective Oct. 24 through the end of the school year, three hours per day at \$25 per hour.

Also employed were Sandra LaLibertie as a substitute teacher, effective Oct. 28; and Stephanie Blackstone, mentoring Tina Parr, two-year resident educator for the school year. She is replacing Jane Goodall due to scheduling conflicts, \$250.

Lindsey Franzen was approved as a substitute in food service and as a substitute educational aide, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Resignations were accepted from seventh grade cheer co-advisors Cindy Ogle and Lora Hamilton.

Approved for employment as coaches for the 2019-'20 school year were Cindy Ogle, seventh grade cheer advisor; Nate Temple, varsity assistant wrestling; Ambrose Adams, junior high wrestling; Jeff Strickler, varsity assistant baseball; Vinny Sansalone, freshman baseball; Zach Sterry, volunteer assistant baseball; and Joe Swartzmiller, volunteer assistant baseball.

The board accepted Johnathyn Pagani, a high school senior, as a tuition student for the remainder of the school year. Tuition was waived per board policy regarding a parent moving out of the district during a student's senior year.

The board approved the revised Lexington substitute list as presented by MOESC.

## Sock collection underway for seniors

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, We ACT and Richland County Children Services are partnering along with many community organizations to collect socks for nursing home residents. Socks will be donated to local nursing facilities.

Public drop-off sites collecting socks include: Richland County Children's Services, Area Agency on Aging, First Christian Church of Ashland, Ashland County Council on Aging, Ontario Lions Club, Ohio Health Mansfield Hospital, Ashland Public Library, Shelby Community and Senior Center, Mansfield St. Peter's Parish, City of Mansfield Administrative Office (Safety Director Lori Cope) and Marion Technical College.

Also, participating, but not accepting

public sock drop-offs, are St. Peter's Jr. and High School, Lucas Elementary School, Lexington Western Elementary School, Lexington Eastern Elementary School, Lexington Central Elementary School, Lexington Jr. High School, Lexington Leo Club and Clear Fork Leo Club, (both are affiliated with Bellville Lions Club), Stingel Elementary School, Ontario Middle School and High School.

Socks will be collected from now through Dec. 31. This year the collaboration has grown. In 2018, a goal of 2,000 socks was set and this goal was far surpassed. The number of socks collected for 2018 was 3,085 pairs, with a grand total since 2015 of 7,315 pairs of socks. This year the goal is to collect 4,000 pairs of socks.



## Nearly half a million dollars in scholarships available for STEMM students.

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# THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

By Ian Stumbo

*Knives Out* is a new murder mystery from writer/director Rian Johnson and assembles a great cast of actors for a classic type of story that has not been done in a long time and ends being an effective and fun time at the movies.

A wealthy author named Harlan Thrombey (Christopher Plummer) dies under mysterious circumstances which leads investigators to question his entire family including his children and their spouses as well as his part time nurse (Ana de Armas).

The fantastic cast includes Jamie Lee Curtis, Don Johnson, Toni Collette, Michael Shannon, Chris Evans, Lakeith Stanfield and a fantastic Daniel Craig as lead detective Benoit Blanc who has quite a southern accent which sounds unusual at first on Craig (he is James Bond after all) but he really owns this character.

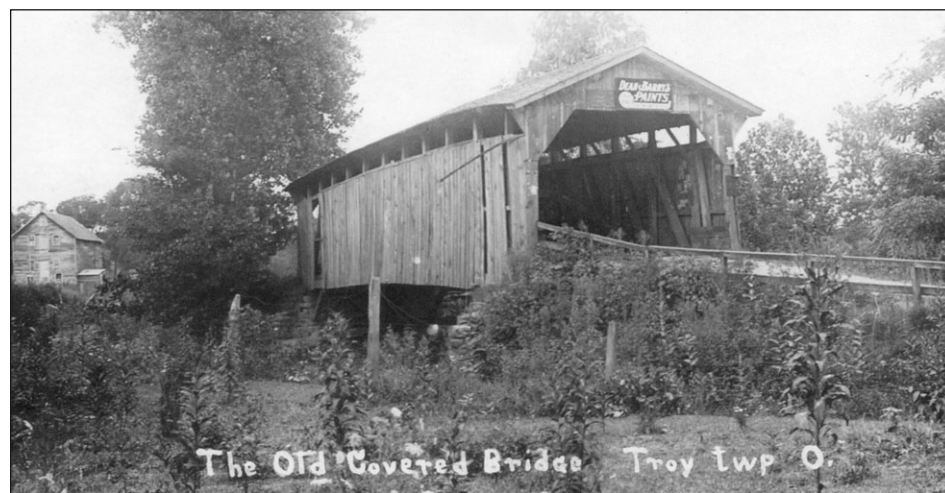
Johnson gives flashbacks and plenty of

laughs and intrigue as this family anticipates the upcoming will reading and the knowledge of who will get the estate and the money. Plummer is also terrific in those flashback scenes and the whole cast works so well together.

It has been a long time since a mystery movie like this has been made to this effect. Rian Johnson writes these characters with such engaging dialogue it's difficult not to get absorbed into this family and all of their drama. It's nice to see Chris Evans take on a different role as the more arrogant son Ransom and Shannon continues to be one of my personal favorite actors.

*Knives Out* is a movie that is entertaining and a truly good time. It's difficult to write about without giving away any spoilers but if you are looking for something different (or something older in terms of the genre) then check this one out. A strong ★★★★★

Look for The Entertainment Examiner's video posts on YouTube.



Submitted By Bob Carter

**THE OLD COVERED BRIDGE** which ran over the Clear Fork, was located north of town, on Plymouth St., Lexington, near the soccer fields. The bridge was built in 1858 by the Troy Township Trustees. According to their records, the timbers were cut at Samuel Carter's water powered grist and saw mill, which can be seen in the background of the far left of the photo. The mill was built by Amariah Watson, founder of Lexington, and later ownership was passed down to Samuel Carter. The photo is from the 1908 era and the fate of the bridge is unknown. The contract for the bridge was awarded to Mr. Marshall for \$599. A newspaper item said, "The workmen engaged in the construction of a new bridge across the Clear Fork are vigorously pushing the work to completion and intend to have the new structure finished in about four weeks. We understand the builders have experienced great difficulty in procuring a good foundation owing it to the sandy character of the soil." A poor foundation and perhaps the flood of 1913, may have led to its demise.



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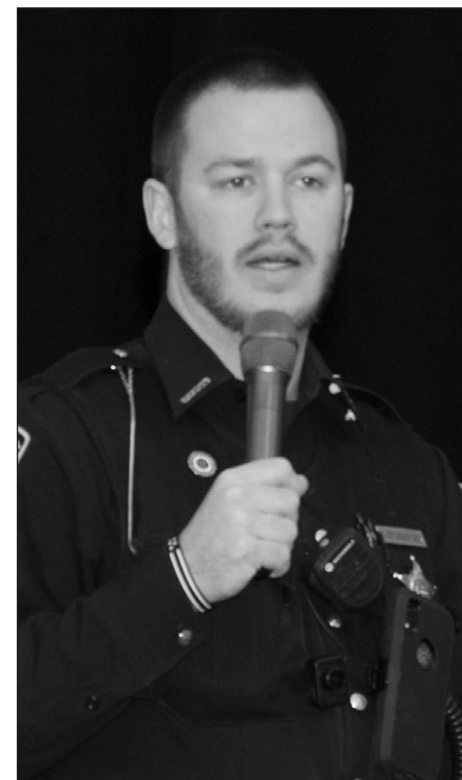
**THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** recently did a check of all equipment and trucks before winter officially hits. Last year Richland County crews drove 161,891 miles and used 13,541 tons of salt and 76,949 gallons of liquid de-icers. Drivers spent 15,509 hours on the road. This year, there will be 20 plow trucks, approximately 36 drivers and two mechanics. This year Richland County will spend \$83.52 per ton on salt.

## Tree planted in honor of Mark Meinzer

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD), with assistance from Gorman Nature Center and the Village of Lexington, planted a redbud tree on Friday, Nov. 15 at Gorman Nature Center in honor of Mark Meinzer, 2019 Volunteer of the Year.

The tree was planted in recognition of Meinzer's countless contributions to the district. He joined the volunteer team in 2015 as a precipitation monitor. He also volunteers as a stream monitor; and what started as monitoring only a few sites has increased to seven.

This is a huge commitment due to the time it takes to monitor so many sites. Meinzer helps staff the Richland SWCD booth at the Richland County Fair and readily volunteers whenever help is needed. He has even brought new volunteers to the district. Meinzer served in the United States Navy as an electronic technician from 1966-'73. He is a Vietnam veteran, having been aboard a ship that was deployed in a supporting role twice during his assignment. He is active in his church, St. Peter's, and has been a member of the Johnny Appleseed Square Dance Club for 13 years.



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**MADISON LOCAL SCHOOLS** Resource Officer Deputy Bryce Ernsberger spoke to eighth grade students at Madison Middle School on the effects of vaping on Nov. 21. There have been 33 U.S. deaths this year due to vaping with over 2,000 explosions and burns from 2015-'17. There have been 1,500 vaping-related lung injuries this year, according to the CDC, two of which have been in Richland County. Harmful chemicals that have been found in vaping include benzene which is found in gasoline and pesticides, diethylene-glycol (found in anti freeze) isoprene-one (used to make rubber), formaldehyde, toluene (poisonous industrial solvent), acetaldehyde (poisonous solvent and paint stripper), cadmium (toxic heavy metal used in car batteries) and lead.



**TREE** — Jordan Keller, Theresa Sutter, Mark Meinzer and Erica Thomas celebrate a redbud tree being planted in honor of volunteer Mark Meinzer.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education will hold their Regular December Board of Education Meeting at 7 pm, Monday, Dec. 16, in the Pioneer Library/Media Center at the Pioneer Career and Technology Center, Shelby.

The Ontario Planning Commission meeting has been moved to Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 4 pm at Council Chambers, City of Ontario, 555 Stumbo Rd.

The Richland County Joint Veterans meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov 26, at 7 pm at AMVETS Post # 43, 76 N. Main St., Bellville. There will be no meeting held in December.

Funcenter Chordsmen meets every Monday night at 7 pm at the First Congregational Church, 640 Marion Ave. Men of all ages who like to sing are invited.

Madison Township Lions Club meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm and the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm at the Sons of

Herman, Orange St. New members are welcome. A dinner is held on the third Thursday.

★ TOPS #425 meets every Wednesday at 9:15 am at Ontario Senior Center, 3777 Park Avenue West, Ontario.

★ Alzheimer's support group for caregivers meets the second Thursday of every month at 1 pm at Hawkins Corner, 2131 Park Avenue West in Ontario. Call 419-522-5050 for more information.

★ Bellville Lions Club meets the third Thursday at 6:30 pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 45 Church St., Bellville. For information call 419-571-4630.

★ Lexington Area Senior Citizens Inc. meets the third Wednesday of each month (except December) at 11:30 at Der Dutchman Restaurant, Rt. 97.

★ Richland County Tornado sirens are tested county-wide on the last Wednesday of each month at 4 pm.

★ The Bellville-Jefferson Township Historical Society is open Wednesdays from 1-5 pm at 167 Main St., Bellville. Call 419-886-2882 or visit on Facebook.

★ Lexington Kiwanis Club meets the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 6 pm at Paul Revere Restaurant, SR 97.

★ The Ontario Lions Club meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Ontario Senior Citizen Center. Only one meeting is scheduled for Dec. 17 and Jan. 2. The December meeting will be the annual Christmas party for Lions and their families. Beginning in February, meetings will return to the regular schedule.

★ VFW Auxiliary of Post #9943 meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at 806 Grace St.

★ TOPS #1535 meets every Thursday with weigh-in at 9 am, meeting at 9:30 am at Open Bible Church, 1150 Rayfield Dr., Madison area.



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**MISSIONARY VISIT** — During a recent Mansfield Christian High School Chapel, the student body was able to hear a first-hand report from missionary John Strawser. He has spent the past 20 years as a part of JAARS working in the Phillipines. The JAARS Center in Washaw, NC, welcomes teams from churches, colleges and schools to help in the support of worldwide Bible translation. Nearly 700 million places on earth have little-to-no scripture in the language they understand best. Strawser challenged the students to become a part of the program.

## TubaChristmas musicians will play Saturday

TubaChristmas, a local holiday favorite, returns to Ashland University's Hugo Young Theatre on Saturday, Dec. 7, at noon. The concert is free and open to the public and area tuba, euphonium and baritone players are invited to perform. Musician registration begins at 10 am, followed by rehearsal at 10:20 am.

In addition to the volunteer performers, the event also showcases a "Celebrity Tubist," which this year is going to be a surprise guest and will be revealed at the concert by event organizer Dr. Scott Garlock.

TubaChristmas is an idea conceived by Harvey Phillips, professor of tuba at

Indiana University. Phillips wanted to demonstrate to the public what a beautiful sound a mass ensemble of tubas and euphoniums could make and to provide an opportunity for fellow low brass players to celebrate the season with the community. TubaChristmas is dedicated to the memory of William J. Bell. It's a fun holiday tradition that the whole family can enjoy.

The registration fee for participating musicians is \$10 and includes a 2019 TubaChristmas button. The TubaChristmas carol book also is available for \$20.

For more information, contact Garlock at 419-289-5134 or sgarlock@ashland.edu or visit [www.ashland.edu/music](http://www.ashland.edu/music).

## Center releases schedule

The Ontario Senior Center's weekly schedule is:  
 Mondays, 1 pm euchre, all welcome, \$1  
 Tuesdays, 11 am computer class, call Ralph Wells at 937-269-5978; 7 pm Lions Club  
 Wednesdays, Richland Camera Club, 7 pm, third Wednesdays  
 Thursdays, 1-3 pm, country, first and third Thursdays, all welcome, donations accepted  
 Fridays, 1 to 3 pm, penny bingo, 15 games at a penny per card, last game five cents per card, all welcome  
 The center is located at 3777 Park Avenue West, Ontario and is closed for all federal and state holidays and whenever Ontario Schools are closed due to bad weather. Call 419-529-2954 for more information.



**VETERANS LUNCH** — Kathleen Mosier, Post 3494 Commander Mike Ison and Shannon Stanley of VFW Post 3494 sponsored and hosted a Thanksgiving lunch for veterans at the Mansfield VA Outpatient Clinic on Monday, Nov. 25. Veterans were served Turkey sandwiches, corn chips and pumpkin bread. Pat James-Hasser, (40 et 8 and Jared Mansfield Chapter DAR) served coffee and water.



## Holiday Craft Show & Basket Raffle

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# News Briefs

Ridgeway Church of God, 1380 Park Avenue East, Madison Township, will host a spaghetti dinner on Friday, Dec. 6, in the fellowship hall. The menu will include spaghetti, bread, salad, dessert and a beverage. Cost of the dinner is a freewill donation. There will also be candy and cookies available for purchase. All proceeds will benefit the church.

The 4th Annual December Christmas Carol sing is coming Friday, Dec. 6, at 7 pm at New Liberty Baptist Church, Lexington Ave., Lexington. This hymnsing will feature Christmas Carols suggested by the congregation, and sung by all.

The last song of the night will be "O Holy Night" as has been a tradition year

after year. This will be the last hymnsing of the year. Hymnsings will not be held in January and February due to weather concerns. Refreshments will be served afterwards. For information, follow on Facebook at Mansfield Area Community Hymnsing. Everyone is welcome to this free evening of singing carols of the Christ child's birth.

The Area Agency on Aging will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, Dec. 5, at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center in Mansfield beginning at noon. Nearly 350 seniors, dignitaries, service providers, board and advisory council members and staff will be in attendance.

The program and meeting will highlight accomplishments of the agency for 2019. Awards will be given for: Project Collaboration, Community Partnership, The Advocate of the Year, Elected Official of the Year, Award of Excellence and the Area Agency on Aging Hall of Fame Award.

For more information call Susan at 567-247-6458.

Children at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1592 Grace St., Madison area, will host its annual Christmas musical at 3:30 pm on Sunday, Dec. 15. "Star of Wonder" is a musical of hope directed by Nikki Rebman. It will be followed by a skit performed by Trinity's Youth Outlet under the direction of Ryan Boyer and Cathie Wertz. A light meal will follow.

The church will decorate for the Christmas season with the "hanging of the greens" Tuesday, Dec. 3 beginning at 4:30 pm.

A Christmas Cantata, "God Came Near," will be presented during the 9:30 am service Sunday, Dec. 22, under the direction of Thom Richards.

The Silver Meals at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, are held the first Wednesday of each month at noon. There is a five dollar donation requested. These meals are for anyone retired in the community. The meal includes dessert and coffee.

Meals include Jan. 8, soup and sandwiches; Feb. 5, creamed chicken and biscuits, veggie; March 4, beef stew, salad; April 1, ham loaves, cheesy potatoes, salad; and May 6, taco bar.

Risen Savior Lutheran Church, 1685 Lexington Ave., Mansfield, will host a Christmas for Kids event on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9:30 am to noon.

The free event is for children ages 4-10 and will include the Christmas story, music, snacks and crafts. This event allows for parents to have shopping time without children. Register at risensaviormansfield.com or call 920-251-0259.

The Mansfield Symphony Youth Orchestra will perform a Holiday Prelude concert at the Renaissance Theatre under the direction of Randy Heidlebaugh on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 3:30 pm.

The concert will feature familiar holiday music, such as "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "Greensleeves," and the "Polar Express Concert Suite," as well as a few classics of orchestral literature such as selections from Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake* and the first movement from Schubert's

*Unfinished Symphony.*

Tickets are available at the box office, by calling 419-522-2726, and at RenTickets.org. Adult tickets are \$10 and student tickets are \$5.

The Renaissance will show the second film in its Family Film Series, *Home Alone*, on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 3:00 pm. The movie is part of the Spherion Staffing Family Film Series.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the Renaissance Box Office, RenTickets.org, at 419-522-2726 or at the door.

The Mühfeld Quartet, an ensemble based out of Columbus, will perform at 3 pm in the Conard Performance Hall in Reidl Hall at The Ohio State University at Mansfield. The quartet will perform Walter Rabl's Opus 1 and a transcription of Mozart's Piano Quartet in g minor. The event is free and open to the public.

Residents who need help paying for winter heating bills may be able to receive assistance from HEAP. To apply, fill out an application available by calling the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., at 419-524-4144 or 800-860-5799 Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. Anyone age 18 and older may apply for this assistance.

Those 60 and over can get assistance with filling out the application. All heating types are eligible for energy assistance programs including electric, wood, coal, natural gas, propane and kerosene.

The agency is located at 2131 Park Avenue West in Ontario.



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Pastor Brad Wright • risensaviormansfield.com  
9 am Sunday Family Bible Time • 10 am Sunday Worship

### **Southside Christian Church Disciples of Christ**

2055 Middle-Bellville Rd., Mansfield • 419-756-3436  
Pastor Paul Lintern  
10:45 am Sunday Worship

### **Lexington Presbyterian Church**

35 West Church St., Lexington • 419-884-1330  
Reverend James Randas  
10:30 am Sunday Worship  
Bible Study 2 pm Wednesdays

### **Ontario United Methodist Church**

3540 Park Avenue West, Ontario • 419-529-4345  
Rev. Chris Bell  
Grace & Eggs (breakfast) every Sunday 8:30-9:30 am  
Kingdom Kids (Sunday School) 10:15 am  
Adult Sunday School 9:15 am  
Sunday Worship 10:15 am  
Bible Study Tuesdays 6 pm (A study for all: families, singles, seniors)

### **Hillside First Church of God**

2369 Bowman Rd., Mansfield • Pastor Glenn M. Phillips  
Sunday Worship 10 am • Wednesdays 6 pm  
hillsidefcg@hotmail.com

### **Ridgeway Church of God**

1380 Park Avenue East, Mansfield  
419-589-5385 • RidgewayCOG@aol.com  
Pastor John Dodds • Associate Pastor Billy Saunders  
9:30 am Sunday School • 10:40 am Sunday Worship  
6 pm Sunday Family Events  
2 pm Wed. Joyful Journey Bible Study • 6:30 pm Wed. Night Kids

### **Mayflower Congregational Church**

548 North McElroy Rd. • 419-589-6612  
Pastor Rev. Dr. Rich Rader  
9:15 am Sunday School • 10:30 am Sunday Worship  
Wednesday Bible Study 11 am  
www.mansfieldmayflower.com

### **Cornerstone Grace Brethren Church**

1905 N. Lexington-Springmill Rd., Mansfield  
Les Vnasdale, Philip Moeller • 419-747-5012  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship 10:30 am  
Tuesday Young Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 6:30 pm  
Wednesday Word of Life (children 4 years through 6th grade) 6:30 pm

### **St. Peter's Catholic Church**

60 S. Mulberry St., Mansfield  
Very Rev. Gregory R. Hite, V.F. • 419-524-2572  
Saturday Worship 5 pm  
Sunday Worship 7:30 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am  
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### **Promise Land Fellowship**

506 Park Avenue East  
Pastor Rick and Shirley Wiseman • 419-522-1914  
Sunday 9:30 am School of the Bible  
Sunday 10:45 am  
Sunday 4:30 pm End Time Studies  
Bible Study Tues. 6 pm  
Advanced Bible Study Sat. 10 am

### **Crossroads Church**

1188 Park Avenue W., Mansfield  
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### **St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church**

1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield • 419-589-2114  
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**FUSION CHURCH** in Lexington took part in the 2019 Light Up Lexington event held Dec. 2 in downtown Lexington. Portraying members of the manger scene were Angel Shaffer (Mary), Olivia Barnard (wiseman); Grace Garret (wiseman), Karson Ratelif (Joseph), Brooke Beer (angel); Gavin Garret (shepherd) and Jenny Beer (wiseman).

## Santa Claus coming to Dayspring breakfast

Santa Claus will stop by Dayspring, the Richland County Home, on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9–10:30 am.

A pancake breakfast, photos with Santa, face painting and craft projects with Santa's elves will be offered. The cost is \$5 per person.

"We host this community project each year to give back to the voters of Richland

County," said Michelle Swank, executive director of Dayspring. "The voters supported us with the passage of our tax levy, and we would like to enhance the holidays for their children."

Tickets may be purchased at the door on Saturday. Reservations are not required. For information call 419-774-5894 during business hours.

Dayspring is a non-profit, residential facility for economically disadvantaged citizens of Richland County. Owned and operated by Richland County for more than 170 years, it is located on 226 acres, six miles north of Mansfield, at 3220 Olivesburg Rd. (Rt. 545). Many of its residents have some type of disability that prevents them from living independently. Dayspring provides its residents an affordable, home-like environment where abilities and quality of life are enhanced in a secure and respectful manner.



**SEVENTY-ONE OHS STUDENTS** were honored as Scholar Athletes this Nov. 26, for earning a 3.5 or above GPA for the first quarter. The students were served donuts and juice. JV athletes received certificates and varsity athletes earned medals. Eryn Howard and Alex Jacobs display their achievements.

**Upcoming Deadlines**  
**The Tribune-Courier**  
**deadline for the issues of**  
**Dec. 19 and 26,**  
**is Monday, Dec. 16, noon.**  
**The Tribune office will be**  
**closed Dec. 19–Dec. 29.**

## Ending the Silence comes to Ontario High School with focus on mental health

According to nami.org, one in five youth between the age of 6 and 17 experience a mental health disorder each year, with only half of these children getting any treatment at all. And with suicide claiming the second leading cause of death in ages 10–34, mental health education and support is clearly becoming a necessity in the schools.

"Ending the Silence" is a research-based NAMI program that has reached thousands of children across the United States. This program consists of a 50-minute presentation and two presenters. One presenter shares about mental health, different resources and ways students can help friends who are struggling. The second presenter shares about their own mental health diagnosis, their story and their road to recovery.

NAMI Richland County was recently able to bring "Ending the Silence" to Ontario High School in mid-November.

"We are very grateful to NAMI Richland County for bringing Ending the Silence to Ontario", Amy Kurtz-Nagel, the school social worker and abuse prevention coordinator, shares.

"Students learned the signs and symptoms of mental health conditions and were given a variety of resources. This program encourages students to support one another and to seek help if needed. We want our students to know that it's ok to talk about mental health concerns and this program provided this opportunity as well as tools and resources to help them address any issues they might be experiencing."

Mary Kay Pierce and Annabelle Coffman from NAMI Richland County shares this was the first official Ending the Silence program they were able to bring to local schools.

"This program presents an incredible opportunity to the schools," said Coffman. "This program not only brings great information and resources; it brings a testimony of a young adult who have been through it and are on their road to recovery. It is so inspiring and hopeful to these students!"

Several Ontario High School students anonymously shared their thoughts:

"I liked how they made the topic comfortable to talk about."

"It was interesting and easy to understand."

"I liked the descriptions on how to help a family member or friend."

"I liked the lady that gave her story to show us not to give up and that sadness is not an emotion we should hide."

"I think it is so great to learn about it so you know what to do if it happens to a friend."

"It was so cool that someone who had some of these conditions told us about it."

"Ending the Silence" is primarily geared toward middle and high school students and is completely free to the schools. If any Richland County school is interested in having this program come to their campus, contact Annabelle Coffman at annabelle@namirc.org or call Mary Kay Pierce at 419-522-6264.



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**SENIOR LUNCHEON** — Seventh and eighth grade students at St. Mary's School, Madison area, helped to serve, keep coffee cups full and clean dishes during the senior citizen luncheon held at the school. Trinity Withrow, Lily Colorosa, Caelyn Brubsker, Owen Repp, Nate Hart, James Jerger and Rachel Penrose were among those helping. The lunch included a ham and cheese sandwich, apple sauce, green beans, chocolate cake and milk or coffee.

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## 4th Annual December Carol Sing

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 suggested by the congregation, and sung by all.  
 The tradition of "O Holy Night" as the final song, will continue.

Refreshments to follow



Everyone is welcome to this free evening  
 of singing carols of the Christ child's birth



This will be the final hymnsing of the year (none held in January and February).  
 Follow on Facebook at Mansfield Area Community Hymnsing



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**THREE LEXINGTON SENIORS** met in the auditorium Nov. 13, to sign Letters of Intent to play college sports. Signing were Lacey Bethea, Natalie Beer and Audra Kocher.

## Lex athletes commit to colleges

By Bud Motter

Lexington High School seniors met Nov. 13, to sign Letters of Intent to play college sports.

Lacey Bethea, daughter of Michelle Bethea and Chioke Bradley, committed to Bowling Green State University for women's soccer. Lacey is a member of the Early Childhood Education class and a four-year letter winner for soccer. In 2016, she was 1st Team OCC and 2nd Team NW District. In 2017 and 2018, she was 1st Team OCC and 1st Team NW District. This year she was named 1st Team OCC, 1st Team NW District and 1st Team All Ohio. She has had 60 career goals with 39 assists.

Lacey is a three-year varsity winner for track and in 2017 was third place OCC 4x100 Relay and a regional qualifier 4x100 Relay. In 2018, she was second place OCC 4x100 Relay, second place Districts 4x100 Relay and a regional qualifier 4x100 Relay

This year she was first place OCC 4x100

Relay, third place OCC 100M Dash, second place at Districts 4x100 and a regional qualifier 100M Dash and 4x100 Relay.

She played club soccer for Ohio Premier ECNL U18 and U19, Mansfield Crew U13-U17 and Mansfield Leiderkranz U8-U12.

Natalie Beer, daughter of Tiffany and Fred Beer, committed to West Virginia State University for volleyball. She is a three-year varsity letter winner, two-time 1st Team OCC, two-time 1st Team OCC, 2nd Team OCC, 2nd Team OCC, 1st Team NW District and 3rd Team NW District.

Audra Kocher, daughter of Jill and Eric Kocher, committed to Malone University for volleyball. She holds a 4.0 grade point average and is a member of National Honor Society, Leadership Council and student council. She is a three-year varsity letter winner for volleyball and served as captain. She was two-time 1st Team OCC, two-time 2nd Team NW District and played club volleyball for eight years.



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**THE MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN** Lady Flames soccer season came to an end when they played the Liberty Benton Eagles in Tiffin. Despite a strong season, the Lady Flames fell 2-0. Their record stood at 17-1-1 going into the District Finals. Junior Ellie Berryman (11) connects with the ball against Liberty Benton junior Alexis Rickenbacker (12). Seniors playing their last game were Julia Sparks, Olivia Bekeleski, Chloe Reel, Brianna Mc Fadden and Brianna Keib.



By Kenn Spencer

Registration for OYS recreation and travel soccer is going strong, and we are anticipating record numbers this spring season. OYS expects 450 returning athletes and many new players. This is a very exciting time for our soccer programs. Winter training will be run by Graham Ford, former head men's soccer coach of The College of Wooster. With so many athletes working indoors, we are expecting a very high level of play for our Warrior athletes in 2020.

Middle school baseball and softball registration is off and running, if you have a seventh or eighth grader that attends Ontario Schools, please consider signing them up for this program. The middle school season starts in March and will end toward the middle of May. The middle school program is a great way for athletes to have tons of fun with their classmates and gain valuable experience on the ball field. Cut off for this registration is Feb. 1.

On Thursday, Dec. 5, at 5:30 pm, the City of Ontario, Ontario Youth Sports, Ontario Growth Association and Ontario



**DANIEL SLAUGHTER'S** Intro to Law class at Ontario High School visited Richland County Common Pleas Court. They heard from Judge Brent Robinson, Prosecutor Gary Bishop, as well as probation officers, the clerk of courts and other officials in the judicial system. The students also got to witness sentencing and arraignments while at the court. The students were treated to a lunch downtown. Attending the outing were Tamaya Williams, Sydney Large, Grace Maurer, Mecca Sewell and Alexes Shade.



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**MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** National Honor Society held its induction of members in the multi-purpose room at the school. Attending the induction were front, Derric Taylor, Christian Shepherd, Kriostian Kaufman, Natalie Ewing and Lillian Westfield; and back; advisor Wes Courser, Chloe Reel, Clay Reynolds, Lance Banks, Leah Sites, Gavin Mattix, Grace Johnson, Brianna Keib and advisor Dr. Ardyth Stull. Officers are Matthew Golias, president; Melissa Hord, vice president; Monicka Ridgill, corresponding secretary; and Kaitlyn Kochheiser, recording secretary.

Lions Club will host the 2019 Ontario Christmas Tree Lighting. The Ontario Lions Club will host a coloring contest for three age categories: kindergarten-grade 2; grade 3-5, and grade 6-8. There will be a first and second place in each category.

The schedule of the night will include 5:30 pm, hot chocolate and cookies and coloring contest (pavilion #2); 6 pm, Royal Guard (band shelter) 6:05 pm, majorettes (band shelter); 6:15 pm, Golden Girls Kick/Dance (band shelter); 6:25 pm, welcome by Ontario Mayor Hutchinson and official lightning of the Christmas Tree, as well as introduction of Santa Claus (band shelter); 6:30 pm, pictures with Santa (pavilion #2); 6:35 pm, Jazz Band (band shelter); 6:55 pm, announcement of coloring contest winners (pavilion #2); and 7 pm, Rhapsody in Blue Show Choir (band shelter).

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•Call 419-566-8072.

## Madison will present Winterfest

Madison Local Schools will showcase students in grades 5-12 during its Winterfest program Saturday, Dec. 7.

The program will be hosted by the Madison Fine Arts Department. Every student involved in the music program, both band and choir, will be part of the performances held from from 10 am to 5 pm at the Madison Middle School. The Madison Art Department will also have an art show throughout the day highlighting students from the middle school and high school. Admission is \$2 per person or one canned good per person that will be donated to a local charity. There will also be 50/50 raffles, a concession stand and vendor booths.

The schedule will be fifth grade band and choir, 10 am; seventh grade band and choir, 10:45 am; sixth grade band and choir, 11:30 am; eighth grade band and choir, 12:15 am; Madison Select, Noteworthy, Jazz Band, 1 pm; grades 5-8 band and choir combined number, 1:45 pm; high school concert band and choir, 2:15 pm; high school symphonic band and chorale 3 pm; high school jazz band and choir and women's ensemble, 3:45 pm; and high school band and choir combined number with select middle school, 4:30 pm.

# Classifieds

## FOR SALE

**FOR SALE:** Two cemetery plots located at Oak Grove Memorial Park on St. Rt. 42, south of Lexington. With the plots come two vaults and opening and closing. Over \$6,500 value, asking \$5,000. Calls only, no texts please, 419-565-5128. If no answer leave a message.

## LEGAL ADVERTISING

### 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 20, 2019.

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. 19-36 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1145 GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 1145.28 SITE PLAN REVIEWS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-37 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING**

THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR, TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF AN EIGHT FOOT (8') CHRISTMAS TREE FROM WAL-MART, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-38 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 19-06 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2019 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE ENTERPRISE FUND.**

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
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### PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday December 17, 2019, at 10:00 AM the City of Ontario will be holding a reserve auction at the Ontario Commerce Park (GM Property) at 2525 West Fourth Street. The City will be auctioning off a Brechbuhler Scale, model #BS8011200FESA. The scale is rated at 200,000 pounds and is being sold as is. The successful bidder will be responsible for removal. For further information and exact location of auction contact Mayor@ontarioohio.org.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
11-28, 12-5 '19 (20 L)



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**COSI ON WHEELS** made a stop at Eastview Elementary School, Madison area, on Nov. 25. Students were able to experience hands-on displays. Volunteer Nichole Redman helps students Faith Barney, Klayton Hayes, Johnie Gorham, Alayna Prater and Miles Smith.

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# Shelby overwhelms Lady Lex in opener

By Jim Warne

**LEXINGTON** — The Lexington girls began their slate once again with perennial powerhouse Shelby and absorbed a 46-14 setback the Tuesday prior to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Avery Coleman gave the hosts a 2-0 lead which was erased at the other end by the first of five Whippet treys. That ignited a 40-2 run by Shelby which lasted well into the final quarter. LHS finished the tiff with a 7-2 run.

Lizzie Hamler led Lexington with seven points. She and Coleman were the only home team cagers who connected from the field. Neither squad fared well inside. Shelby outscored Lex in the paint 8-6. The Whippets barely cashed a third of their attempts, but they clamped down on the Lexington gals who only hit the mark on 11 percent of their 38 two point tries.

Coleman was the game's top rebounder with 11 caroms and she swatted a couple Shelby shots. Josie Dahlinghaus ripped down five boards. Lexi Blasberg,

Madi Basilone, Coleman and Hamler each pilfered the guests thrice. A couple of the Whippets recorded six thefts apiece, Haylee Baker and Sophie Niese, as both sides suffered a raft of turnovers. The visitors out pointed LHS 22-11 off the miscues, but the steals provided the home club with 79 percent of its scoring for the evening.

### Lexington Girls Basketball November 26 at Lexington

Shelby 12 8 16 10-46  
Lexington 2 0 2 10-14

Lexington - Lizzie Hamler 2-2-7, Avery Coleman 2-0-4, Madi Basilone 0-2-2, Kaleigh Leadbetter 0-1-1.

Shelby - Haylee Baker 4-2-10, Emma Randall 4-0-10, Lauren Perry 3-2-8, Olivia Baker 3-0-8, Sophie Niese 1-1-3, Mallory Bishop 1-0-3, Mary Mayer 1-0-2, Sydnie Seibert 1-0-2.

Field Goals - Lexington 4 of 34 (12%), Shelby 18 of 52 (35%).  
Free Throws - Lexington 5 of 9 (56%), Shelby 5 of 9 (56%).

Three Point Goals - Lexington 1 of 6 (17%), Shelby 5 of 14 (36%).

Rebounds - Lexington 29, Shelby 40.  
Turnovers - Lexington 39, Shelby 26.



**THE ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB** sponsored a trip for the show choir to visit the Columbus Zoo. The Show choir earned the trip as a reward for raising the most money in support of United Way. The school raised over \$3,000, and the show choir contributed \$25.56 per person. Students were served doughnuts for breakfast and had lunch at Raising Cane during the outing on Nov. 21.

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**RECOGNITION** — Four students from the Lexington High School Class of 2020 were honored at a joint Mansfield Rotary and Mansfield Kiwanis Club meeting Nov. 26 at the Holiday Inn, Mansfield. The students were recognized as top students. Attending were Lexington Superintendent Mike Ziegelhofer, Maskin Sidhu, Olivia Togliatti, Hayden Hoskins Troy Keller and assistant principal Jamie Masi.

## Nativity scenes on display at local church

More than 900 nativity scenes will be on display at a series of open houses called "Come to the Manger," at Southside Christian Church, 2055 Middle-Bellville Rd., Mansfield. The events will be the first three Sundays in December, from 2-4 pm.

"I didn't start out collecting nativities, but over the years, they just began gathering," said Paul Lintern, Southside's pastor. Several years ago, I realized I had nearly 150 sets of all sizes and types and began looking for places to display them."

For three years he displayed them at St. Luke's Point of Grace, on Marion Ave., his "Chome" (church home) until the number exceeded 300, I wanted a place to spread them out a bit.

"This is the third year that Southside has offered the display, which has grown considerably thanks to donations by local residents and many stops at thrift stores wherever I travel," Lintern added.

The 900 sets includes a sanctuary filled with complete sets, and Sunday School rooms featuring more than 250 of each figure in the sets, rooms that display only Mary or Joseph or angels.

"The nursery full of baby Jesus figures is my favorite," he said.

At the center of the open house is a fellowship hall containing nearly 300 sets from around the world, collected by John and Doris Wanamaker of Ashland. It includes more than 40 from Peru, where nativity crafting is a popular cottage industry.

During the open house, live music and spoken presentations will be provided in the sanctuary by Susan Hitchman Evans and Steve Wamsley. Lintern will offer Luther's Christmas story at 3:30 pm on Dec. 15.

"Nativity scenes are not common among Christmas decorations offered in stores and often seem overwhelmed by the Santas and tinsel and lights and gingerbread houses. But the one that sits in a family's home quietly offers the true focus of the holiday. Most of these sets have been that role in Christmas past. Our open house is not meant to overwhelm the visitor, but to impress with the diversity of ways to present this most holy moment."

The event is free and open to all. Parking is available for those who cannot maneuver steps.

## Turnovers costly for Minutemen

By Jim Warne

**BELLVILLE** — An early 10-0 run had the Minutemen in command nearly the entire first half, but the Colts steadily scored more points in every quarter, rallying past Lexington with a huge second half in which the hosts tallied 40 of their 57 counters. Turnovers played a giant role in the outcome, Clear Fork benefitting 19-2 on points off miscues, more than accounting for the margin of victory in the Colts' 57-44 triumph.

It was a battle for a time in the third period until the hosts executed a 17-3 rampage that shoved the lead out to its greatest spread at 56-40.

The Minutemen were hot from inside the arc before halftime, cashing 9 of 16 casts at the hoop, but their two point tries only matched their three point efficiency after the break at 3 of 11.

Lexington held one Colt starter without a point, but the other four all hit double figures. Brady Tedrow led all scorers with 19 markers. Ethan DeLaney put up 13 while both Brennan South and Jared Scott chipped in 11 apiece.

The visitors were paced by Max Waldruff's 17 point outing. Dylan Spears was the only other LHS cager in double

digits with 10. He and Waldruff canned all the Lex three pointers. Danny Shaffer's prowess at the foul line almost made him a third Minuteman to reach that mark as he finished with eight counters.

Isaiah Pack was the tiff's bear on the boards yanking down 11 errant shots. Waldruff was a close second raking the glass for nine rebounds.

Clear Fork's DeLaney took top spot for the hosts with seven caroms. Spears chalked up the contest's lone shot rejection. The Minutemen romped to an easy victory in the junior varsity battle 49-19.

### Lexington Boys Basketball November 29 at Bellville

Lexington	14	8	8	14-44
Clear Fork	5	12	17	23-57

Lexington - Max Waldruff 7-1-17, Dylan Spears 4-0-10, Danny Shaffer 2-4-8, Drew Kleinknecht 2-0-4, Isaiah Pack 1-2-4, Ethan Hunter 0-1-1.

Clear Fork - Brady Tedrow 6-5-19, Ethan DeLaney 5-2-13, Brennan South 3-5-11, Jared Scott 3-4-11, Kyle Glasener 1-1-3.

Field Goals - Lexington 16 of 46 (35%), Clear Fork 18 of 48 (38%).

Free Throws - Lexington 8 of 10 (80%), Clear Fork 17 of 24 (71%).

Three Point Goals - Lexington 4 of 19 (21%), Clear Fork 4 of 13 (31%).

Rebounds - Lexington 37, Clear Fork 29.

Turnovers - Lexington 19, Clear Fork 7.

## Starkey family celebrates first Thanksgiving as missionaries

The Starkey Family of Jim and April, and their sons, Isaac, Micaiah and Zeke, left the Mansfield area to serve as missionaries in Haiti. April recently sent an update and told about their first Thanksgiving away from the U.S.

"We have been here three months now. We just celebrated our first Thanksgiving here in Haiti. It was 91 degrees and very sunny. Instead of sweaters and snow, the boys wore shorts and I wore a sleeveless dress.

"Thanks to Agape Missionary Pilots, which donated a box of Thanksgiving comfort foods from home, we actually were able to have traditional Thanksgiving dishes like we had when we were in the states.

"We definitely missed being with family and everything that living in Ohio this time of year brings, however we started new traditions celebrating Thanksgiving with around 80 others who do ministry here in Haiti.

"This week we had a big scare as the boys were going to bed. Isaac noticed a 6-7-inch long tarantula hanging on top of their door frame. When Jim went to put it in a bowl, it jumped out and ran across the floor, which made the boys and I jump on the couch screaming as Jim caught it and released it outside into our garden.

"The country is slowly starting to see some improvement and so we have been able to get out a bit more. Jim is approved to drive now and we have been working more and more each week.

"Our Hope for Kidz team has been able to go out to more schools as well, which is great. Due to a big donation, we are getting solar panels put in soon so we will

be able to have 24/7 electricity. Our family is very thankful for that and excited to get them installed.

"We have been developing our relationships with the local Haitians and have been getting to know them more. The boys are doing well.

"This time of year makes us miss our family and all the Christmas fun we used to have back home, but we are going to do our best to m our own new traditions here in Haiti."

To learn more about their journey or to support the Starkeys financially, visit to-haitiwego.com.



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