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GOLDIE SPENCER, a teacher at Madison Middle School, was awarded a \$200 grant from the Richland County Retired Teacher's Association. The money will be used to purchase materials to support students in understanding their unit on properties of light. The materials purchased will filter light into different colors to illustrate how the properties of light affect what we see each day. Presenting the award is Kathy Russell.

RichHistory Weekend set for May 1 and 2

Richland County's history sites offer special events and activities on the first weekend in May each year, coming up May 1 and 2.

This year's events include several outdoor walking tours, a kayaking tour, DMI's popular Hidden History Tour, gold panning, outdoor cooking and back door preview tours at the brand new North Central Ohio Industrial Museum. The emphasis is on outdoor and large space activities, with pre-registration to limit group sizes.

Registration for all group activities is required, and all events, open houses,

and registrations can be found at <https://richhistory.org/richhistoryweekend/> on the richhistory.org website or with the "RichHistory" mobile app on the "schedule" page.

RichHistory Alliance is the organization sponsoring RichHistory Weekend each year, formed as a partnership of museums and historical sites in Richland County in 2016. The mission is to collaborate, discover, preserve, and share history in Richland County, OH. Members use their combined efforts to increase tourism and promote the many history venues in the area.

Drive-thru vaccine clinics planned

Third Street Family Health Services will launch a mass drive-thru COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Saturday, April 17, at 600 W. Third St., Mansfield.

Anyone 18 and older and from any county are welcome to participate in this vaccine clinic. Appointed times for the vaccine will range from 9 am to 2 pm. Appointments can be made by calling 567-309-7188.

Third Street realizes this event is critical to ensure equity and access to Ohioans who might not otherwise be available during the weekdays. The clinic will provide a safe, distant environment for those who

do not wish to go inside a facility. Goodie bags will be handed out to all participants.

A drive-thru COVID-19 vaccination clinic will be held at the Richland County Fairgrounds Thursday, April 15, 10 am to 2 pm and Saturday, April 17, 10 am to 2 pm.

The Shelby Clinic at the Franklin Township Fire Station will now start on Tuesday, April 20.

To schedule a time, go to gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 1-833-427-5634.

Richland Public Health is also scheduling COVID-19 vaccinations using the Moderna vaccine for the week of April 12. Call 1-866-396-1588 for appointments.

Red Cross asking for donors during National Volunteer Month

With no substitute for blood and no way to manufacture it, volunteer donors are essential for hospital patients in need of transfusions. During National Volunteer Month this April, the American Red Cross is celebrating the blood, platelet and plasma donors who help fulfill its lifesaving mission and urging healthy individuals to join them in giving.

Nearly 2.6 million Red Cross volunteer donors step up every year to ensure blood is on the shelves when patients need it. The generosity of these heroes has been especially impactful over the past year as they helped the Red Cross continue to meet patient needs amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Red Cross continues to urge healthy individuals, especially those with type O blood, to give blood to ensure hospitals can meet patient needs. Schedule a donation appointment by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

As a special thank-you, those who come to give by April 30 will automatically be entered for a chance to win one of five \$1,000 e-gift cards to a merchant of choice. Additional details are available at rcblood.org/Gift.

The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms. Testing may also identify the presence of antibodies developed after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

Plasma from routine blood and platelet donations that test positive for high levels of antibodies may be used as convalescent plasma to meet potential future needs of COVID-19 patients. Convalescent plasma is a type of blood product collected from COVID-19 survivors who have antibodies that may help patients who are actively fighting the virus.

The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important

that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

At a time when health information has never been more important, the Red Cross is also screening all blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide Black donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly to help patients with sickle cell disease. Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease.

Donors can expect to receive antibody test and sickle cell trait screening results, if applicable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows high standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions — including temperature checks, social distancing and face masks for donors and staff — have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

Friday, April 16, 10 am to 3 pm, YMCA, 750 Scholl Rd., Mansfield

Sunday, April 18, 11 am to 5 pm, 5 p.m., Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Wednesday, April 21, 8 am to 8 pm, St. Peter's High School, 111 W. First St., Mansfield; and 1-7 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Sunday, April 25, 11 am to 5 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall

Tuesday, April 27, 2-7 pm, Lucas Community Center, 252 W. Main St., Lucas

Wednesday, April 28, 1-7 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall

U.S. 30 ramp closures begin Tuesday

As part of the U.S. 30 Major Rehabilitation Project, from Rt. 309 to just east of the 5th Ave. ramps, construction of the westbound lanes and associated ramp closures will impact traffic beginning Tuesday, April 20.

The following ramps are scheduled to close Tuesday, April 20:

•U.S. 30 westbound exit ramp to SR 545. The detour route will be 30 westbound to the SR 13 exit, south on 13 to Longview Ave., and east to SR 545.

•U.S. 30 westbound exit ramp to SR 39. The detour route will be 30 westbound to the Trimble Rd. exit, south to 30 eastbound, and 30 eastbound to the SR 39 exit.

•5th Ave. entrance ramp to U.S. 30 westbound. The detour route will be 5th Ave. to 30 eastbound to the Reed Rd. exit, and north on Reed to 30 westbound.

U.S. 30 reconstruction of the ramps is scheduled to be complete September 2021. Estimated completion of entire project is May 2023.

Was the First Lexington Book Needed?

By Bob Carter

The very, very rare copy of the first book printed for a Lexington group measured a mere 3.5" x 5.5", with 28 pages. The Methodist churches were among the first to push membership temperance, joined by the Presbyterians and other religious groups. They became the backbone of the 1840's temperance movement. That's what happened in Lexington.

Things here were getting out of hand. The town was embarrassed by too many reports of what was called rioting — the fights and drunks urinating in the park or men found horizontal on the sidewalks. Village records denote this. Adding to this was the proliferation of distilleries in Richland County.

In 1838, there were 34 taxed full-time operations. Troy Township had four as did Washington, with Springfield Township managing to get by with just one. Small family stills were not taxed so the amount of whiskey is unknown, as some folks just made their own in season.

The movement burst into the mayor's office and council chambers. A vote on the wet-dry issue, pushed mostly by the women, was put on the ballot and, by a narrow count, Lexington went dry. Women couldn't vote then, only men.

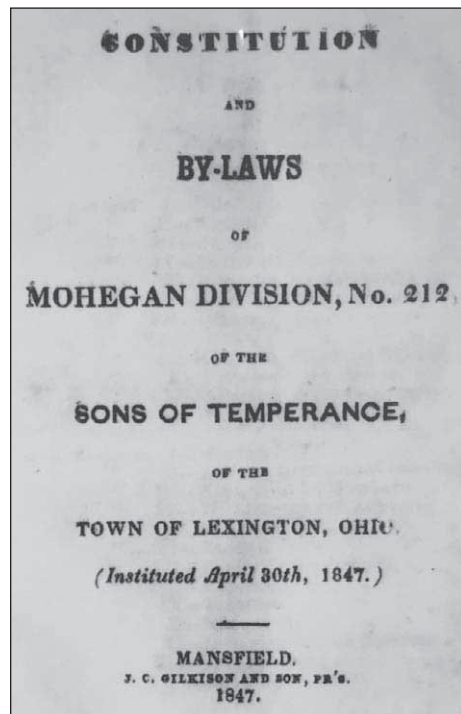
The bar room elbow benders must have been very upset by this, and after a few months, the mayor and his bunch would repeal the dry ordinance.

Then as one might expect, the dry group — again headed mostly by women — demanded another vote. Many of the men, under the piercing eyes of their wives, voted the town dry again. And so it went back and forth for several decades.

The last effort to "dry up" Lexington

was sometime around 1947. It failed. The bar room elbow benders had launched a vigorous defense from the bar stools and again the issue was defeated. The main contention reasoned that if Lexington went dry, everybody would just go to Bellville or Mansfield. By 1883, Mansfield recorded 43 saloons.

It's interesting to note the 1847 booklets pledge or oath the members took, "No brother shall make, buy, sell or use beverage, any spiritous or malt liquors, wine or ciders." The pledge was simple a one but still so true today. Excessive use of alcohol still ruins lives as it always has.



Wolford and "Drinking Water" by Jocelynn Fyffe. Members with livestock projects were reminded to attend one of the quality assurance meetings either April 15 or May 1. The club members decided to get new club t-shirts with some of the proceeds from the recent bake sale. The next meeting will be held on May 2 at 4 pm.

Audrey Wolford
News Reporter

4-H Leaders and News Reporters: Send your meeting articles and event photos to news@tribune-courier.com. If possible, please name those appearing in photos.



On April 11, 2021, the Country Champions 4-H Club of Richland County held its third meeting of the year. Vice president Jocelynn Fyffe called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jackson Fyffe and the 4-H Pledge by Brice Perkins.

The following health and safety speeches were given: "Kitchen Safety" by Audrey

READERS' FORUM

I am writing on behalf of our family to express our appreciation for the many kind thoughts, deeds and prayers that have been lifted for us during the time of Joe's last few days and his passing. The transition of caring for himself, being able to get around on his own seemed to change in a rapid time frame. It was difficult for our family to see the decline that took the man he had always been, to someone who was a shell of that wonderful, caring man.

As we listened during his service, those who shared were eloquent in knowing just who Joe had been, in the many ways each person had known him. We were honored to have all who attended his service and then stayed and shared during the luncheon following. I thought that Joe was looking down on us and wanting to walk around to each table and share laughs and conversation with all who were present. Words are inadequate to express how much we have felt your care during these days. The cards, the words of comfort and your prayers carry us through each day. May you feel the presence of God daily as you reach out and care for us and others needing that care.

Blessings from the family of Joe Stuckert



On May 4, Ontario City voters are being asked to vote for a commission that intends to frame a charter form of self-government for Ontario.

Currently Ontario operates as a statutory form of government under state regulations that are outlined in the Ohio Revised Code.

In 2009 Ontario voters were asked to elect a commission to frame a charter. A charter was framed but was defeated by the voters. Here is a link to the unsuccessful Ontario 2009 charter: <http://www.tribune-courier.com/Download/OntarioCharter.pdf>

Depending how a charter is constructed by a charter commission it could change a lot of things for city residents.

For example, the 2009 commission authored a "council-city manager" form of government. If it had passed it would have reduced the Mayors power to being just ceremonial with no veto powers. City council would then have authority to hire a city manager to be the chief administrative officer of the city. In addition, council would have had the authority to create new offices and departments for the city and the elected office positions of Law director, Auditor and Treasure were to be abolished. There were no residency requirements for any newly created positions.

Ontario voters would have lost their right to choose some of their elected city officials. Before you cast your vote in the May primary, please know the difference between a charter form and statutory form of city government.

Lanny Hawkins
Ontario, Ohio

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April 15 — Dave Metzger, Ontario

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ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL students in Cary Carcione's dance class have been busy learning new dances. Shown are students Mendy Ye, Delanie Cecil and Jasmyne Decimus.

Absentee, early voting underway

Absentee/Early voting is available now by mail and in person at the Richland County Board of Elections, 1495 W. Longview Ave., in the lower level classroom. The closest entrance is in the back of the Longview Center by the "Vote Here" sign and flag.

Those who enter through the front must take the stairs or elevator down to the lower level. Those who have requested absentee ballots by mail will have their ballot mailed out starting April 6. Absentee applications to vote by mail are available at https://www.richland-countyoh.gov/departments/public_administration/board_of_elections/absentee_voting.php or by calling 419-774-5530.

Early voting dates are: April 6-23, 8 am to 5 pm, each weekday; April 26-30, 8 am to 7 pm each weekday; Saturday, May 1, 8 am to 4 pm; Sunday, May 2, 1-5 pm; Monday, May 3, 8 am to 2 pm; and Election Day, May 4, polls open 6:30 am to 7:30 pm

Voters in the City of Mansfield may request a republican or an issues only ballot. No democratic ballot is available

since candidates were unopposed. Voters in the City of Ontario will only have the charter issue and charter candidates on their ballot. Their only choice is an issues only ballot. Voters in the Village of Cass and the Village of Plymouth and Washington Township will only have an issue on their ballots will be given an issues only ballot. No other precincts in Richland County will be open for voting on May 4.,

The only procedure available under Ohio Election Laws to change a party affiliation is to request the party's ballot in a primary. It does not matter which party a voter is currently affiliated with in their voter registration records. The voter simply states to the poll worker which ballot they want to cast for that election.

To view a ballot online visit <https://richland.oh-vote.org/VoterView/RegistrantSearch.do?jsessionid=hr9YjYpUmlC2vUa4GluoIsvembFy4EX5BhQL3kjM.richland-jboss1> and enter first and last name and date of birth. Click on the precinct number and party affiliation and a sample ballot will display.

News Briefs

Ridgeway Church of God, 1380 Park Avenue East, Madison Township, will host a drive-thru spaghetti dinner on Friday, April 16, from 4:30-6 pm. The menu will be limited to spaghetti, salad and bread. Those participating will drive thru and give their order, and it will be brought to the car. Cost is a freewill donation. All proceeds will benefit the church. For information call 419-589-5385.

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Volunteers are needed to get the Liberty Park Garden up and growing.

Last year, the garden produced more than 900 pounds of fresh vegetables for area residents.

The plan is to once again produce beans, peas, cucumbers, peppers, tomatoes, turnips, greens and squash.

This project will help to meet the needs for fresh produce through the East Side's own Catholic Charities food pantry.

April work times and dates are 4-6 pm, Thursdays and Saturdays: April 15 and 22. For more information contact Deacon Stanley Wertz at Trinity United Methodist Church at 419-378-2503, 419-892-3539 or 419-589-5890.

★
Those who need help with winter heating bills can apply for HEAP. Applications are available by calling the Area Agency at 419-524-4144 or 800-860-5799 Monday-Friday 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 - electric, wood, coal, natural gas, propane and kerosene.

★
St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2010 Park Avenue West, Ontario, serves a drive-thru breakfast on the second Saturday of the month from 9-10:30 am.

★
Pond owners are invited to order fingerling fish through Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD).

Buyers can choose from among a selection of Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Yellow Perch, Hybrid Bluegill, Redear Bluegill, Channel Catfish, White Amur and Fathead Minnows.

Orders and payment are due by Friday, April 16 and pick-up is Friday, April 23, at 10 am at the Richland County Fairgrounds.

This is the only pond fish sale Richland SWCD will sponsor this year. Full details, including pricing and an order form may be obtained at <https://richlandswcd.net/fish-descriptions> or by calling 419-747-8686.

For more information call 419-747-8685 or email sutter.theresa@richlandswcd.net.

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A Village of Lexington Planning Commission will be held Thursday, April 15, at 6 pm at the senior center to discuss a lot split for 15 E. Main St., in Lexington.

There will be plenty of space available for spectators and media at the center, 67 E. Main St.

Modern Woodmen members plan project

Members of the Mansfield/Lexington Modern Woodmen of America Youth Service Club 9787-2L and chapters 373, 3505, 4804, 9787, 18018, 7034 and 10277 are doing their part to help the community. The group will have a staff appreciation drive thru on May 5.

This volunteer project will benefit Lexington Local School staff members. The event is scheduled to take place from 3-5 pm at Bicentennial Park in Lexington.

"With events like this, our members get the chance to make a difference in their local community," said Theresa Clingan and Greg Boyce, local Modern Woodmen volunteer leaders.

Coordinated by local Modern Woodmen members, the fraternal financial services organization's Summit chapters, chapters

and youth service clubs provide opportunities for members to take part in social and educational activities and volunteer projects to meet local needs.

For more information or to get involved, contact Clingan at 419-565-0301 or Boyce at 419-571-2539

As a tax-exempt fraternal benefit society, Modern Woodmen sells life insurance, annuity and investment products not to benefit stockholders but to improve quality of life for its members, their families and their communities. This is accomplished through social, charitable and volunteer activities.

Annually, Modern Woodmen and its members provide nearly \$20 million and over 400,000 volunteer hours for community projects nationwide.

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Mansfield Art Sector leads three new projects

The Mansfield Art Sector of the Richland Community Development Group is working on two public art projects and pursuing a new logo.

The Mansfield Art Sector is leading a public art project as part of the Mansfield Rising Plan which was created in 2018 by a citizen-led group funded by the Richland County Foundation.

Area artists are encouraged to participate in this transformative and revitalizing effort to beautify downtown Mansfield through art. Artists can submit up to 10 pieces of a visual arts portfolio <https://forms.gle/diqipWHwrwBDG8Zs6>. New portfolios and projects will be reviewed by a committee at the beginning of each month.

Twenty-seven local artists have been approved thus far to submit designs for public art projects. Those artists are: Ashlea Schneider, Caleb Jeremiah Carpenter, Brandon Doup, Terry Fairchild, Brad Gray, Emma McLaughlin, Chloe Jackson, Luke Beekman, Samantha Schneider, Susan Duncan Gentile, Kirstie Wilson, Rachel Justice, Maureen Collins, Margaret P Freed, Crystal Stokes, Linda McKenna, Lee Mora, Erica Russell, Allison W Pence, Sam Neer, Diane Googins,

Nathan Gukich, Rafael Serrano, Ray Baughman, Demetrius Howell, Bird Foust and Robin Shoup.

Matching funds from the foundation are available to create murals, temporary artwork, wallscapes, window painting, rainworks, and more. Projects will be displayed within the area from First to Fifth streets and from Adams to Bowman streets. Businesses and organizations outside that area can contribute to and collaborate on downtown art projects.

The first public art project is a continuation of Art in the Park with two additional seasons sponsored by Mansfield Murals Inc. The project was initiated and maintained by volunteers.

The first call for artists is to create art that will celebrate the 'Performing Arts in Mansfield'. Artworks can include local venues, musicians, actors, singers, songwriters, poets, writers, and dancers. Artists are encouraged to research references and get connected with local performing artists and arts venues. The second season of Art in the Park will feature 'Wintertime in Mansfield'.

Located in Central Park, the project consists of eight double-sided frames containing artwork reproduced in vinyl and

mounted with sign springs. Selected artwork should be dropped off at the Richland Area Chamber of Commerce, 55 North Mulberry Street. It will be photographed for reproduction by Mankind Murals Inc. The deadline to submit artwork for consideration is May 24. The art will be displayed from June through late summer.

The Mansfield Art Sector also wants to create a new logo. Artists, graphic designers, and marketing professionals interested in the opportunity should apply at <https://forms.gle/B29hpRgEwezYwt8R9>.

The Mansfield Art Sector's mission is to support local artists and the arts by advocating for artistic and cultural endeavors in Mansfield and the surrounding community. Those who would like to make a gift through Richland Gives can visit <https://richlandgives.mighty-cause.com/story/Artinthefield>.



Art in the Park
(Downtown Mansfield)

Tell your friends and family to join the Tribune's FREE email list.
Request to be added by sending an email to news@tribune-courier.com

Medications will be collected April 24

Community Action for Capable Youth (CACy) has announced that National Medication Take Back Day is April 24.

On that day from 10 am to 2 pm, residents can stop by the Richland County Solid Waste Authority, 1125 National Pkwy., Mansfield, to dispose of unwanted or expired medication.

The location will be accepting prescription pills of any kind, over-the-counter medications, medication samples, pet medications and vitamins. Please remove all prescription labeling before arriving.

Items not collected include needles, syringes, lancets, thermometers, aerosol cans, IV bags, hydrogen peroxide, bloody or infections waste, empty containers and personal products such as non-medicated shampoo. No personal information will be collected.

Autism Awareness Walk-a-thon collecting donations

The Autism Awareness Walk-a-thon is holiday a Penny/Donation Drive throughout the month of April. Donation containers are available around Richland County/ Those wishing to have a container for a school, business, church, organization or sports team, can call Debbie at 419-589-8762 or email aawdeb@yahoo.com. Proceeds benefit local families who have a loved one with autism.

The Autism Awareness Walk-a-thon Garage Sale is now collecting items for the sale. Items can be donated by calling Debbie at 419-589-8762. Please no clothing.

The date of the sale will be announced at a later date.

Autism merchandise will be available as well as a 50/50. For more information visit Facebook: Autism Awareness Walk-a-thon.

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

St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church

1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield • 419-589-2114
Father Matthew Frisbee
Saturday Worship, 4 pm and Sunday Worship 11 am
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Faith Instruction & Bible Study on Sunday Mornings
www.mansfieldstmarys.org

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

Lexington Presbyterian Church

35 West Church St., Lexington • 419-884-1330
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Madison Local Schools begins kindergarten registration

Madison Local School District has partnered with FinalForms, an online forms and data management service. FinalForms allows parents and guardians to complete and sign academic and athletic forms for students electronically, saving time.

The district is beginning this process of transitioning to FinalForms with kindergarten registration for the 2021-'22 school year. All current parents with students in the

district should have already received an email from FinalForms to confirm an account created by FinalForms.

Contact your child's school if you need to add or update an email or if you have not received this important communication. Once the account is confirmed with FinalForms, the registering of a new kindergartener for the 2021-'22 school year may begin.

Parents will have one account that will service all of

their students in the district. Please do not create a duplicate account for your kindergarten student.

Parents who have current students in grades K-11, but are not registering a new kindergarten student should confirm their account with FinalForms in the e-mail. The forms for students will not be available/updated until May 2021. Please refrain from filling them out at this time.

Those who do not currently have a student attending Madison will need to create a new account with FinalForms. A link to create this account is posted at www.mlsd.net. Kindergarten registration will take place April 6-30. A child must be five years old on or before Aug. 1, 2021 to enroll for the 2021-'22 school year.

To register a child, complete online registration and schedule an appointment with the elementary school in which you reside (Madison South Elementary, 419-522-4319; Mifflin Elementary, 419-589-6517; Eastview Elementary, 419-589-7335).

Bring the following documents: child's birth certificate, record of immunization, custody papers (if applicable), parent/guardian driver's license or ID card and proof of residency. Proof of residency needs to be either a lease agreement/house payment or a major utility bill.

Required immunizations for school attendance are:

- Four doses of DPT (5 doses if 4 were given before fourth birthday)
- Three or more doses of Polio with final dose after 4th birthday
- Three doses of Hepatitis B
- 2 MMR's
- 2 Varivax (Chicken Pox) or history of having disease

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Foundation approves \$474,670 in grants

The Richland County Foundation Board of Trustees approved \$474,670 in grants during its April board meeting.

Working in collaboration with the City of Mansfield, the Foundation approved grants for splash pads in Johns Park and North Lake Park. The project is supported by three funds at the Foundation: the unrestricted/community fund, Robert and Esther Black Family Foundation Fund and the Fran and Warren Rupp Advised Fund.

The foundation continues to support summertime programs focused on children. The Summertime Kids Committee Chaired by Foundation Board of Trustee member Jotika Shetty along with members from the community awarded 20 Summertime Kid grants. The grants of up to \$2,500 were given to support creative, educational, and fun-filled activities for hundreds of local children.

A grant was made to Richland Community Development Group Art Sector to fund a new community project called the Tributary Reader. It is a journal of art, literature, and environment which will be printed twice a year.

Five career technical education scholarships were approved for students to earn certifications and credentials at technical institutions. The Scholarship Committee implemented a rolling deadline for CTE scholarships to meet various enrollment deadlines. In aligning with Ohio's Attainment Goal, the Foundation wants to help fill the gap between job openings and certified employees as

well as lead the way to support workforce development through CTE scholarships.

The Board of Trustees approved grants from donor advised funds which allows individuals and families the opportunity to make grant suggestions to favorite charities. These funds are a flexible and convenient alternative to a private foundation. It is also a way to keep charitable contributions anonymous, at the preference of the donor.

The following organizations received grants from donor-advised funds: Buckeye Council of Boy Scouts of America, Camp Nuhop, Catalyst Life Services, City of Mansfield, City of Ontario Police Department, Domestic Violence Shelter, Downtown Mansfield Inc., Emma Willard School, First Congregational Church, Friendly House, Friends of the Richland County Park District, Glimmerglass Festival, Grace Episcopal Church, Historic Saranac lake, Lucas Community Center, Madison Summer Baseball, Mansfield Art Center, Mansfield City Schools, Mansfield Community Playhouse, North Central Ohio Land Conservancy, North Central State College, Ohio Bird Sanctuary, Richland Community Development Group, Richland Public Health, Reinhardt University, Renaissance Performing Arts, Shelby YMCA, St. Peter's Church Music Series, The Trust for Public Land, Waleska United Methodist Church, Warren Rupp Observatory and Western Reserve Land Conservancy.

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Mansfield Christian announces leadership changes for next school year

Mansfield Christian School will introduce familiar faces to new leadership positions for the 2021-'22 school year.

Driven by a commitment to continuous improvement, the superintendent and school board have created a new position to effectively lead the school's vision for academic excellence.

Mandy Wushinske has been named the director of academic success and strategy and will transition into her new role over the summer.

Similar to the position of university

provost, the director of academic success and strategy ensures that the vision, mission, core values, expected student outcomes and strategic plan of the school are integrated into all academic and policy areas to provide consistency and cohesiveness to the operations across all levels K-12. The director will supervise the development of curriculum, student performance data analysis, professional development, intervention services, and lead or assist with any other aspect of instructional improvement as designated by the

superintendent.

Meeting the academic needs of all learners is a priority at MCS. This position will provide an important bridge between the elementary and secondary to ensure that we are meeting our academic objectives and enabling our students to reach

sition of independent studies program director. She was the MCS Independent Studies Science teacher for three years before moving to California where she taught biology. Hupp and her family returned to Ohio in the summer of 2020, and she rejoined the IS Program as a sci-



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Mandy Wushinske
Director of Academic Success & Strategy



Paige Them
Elementary (PreK-6th) Principal



Julie Hupp
Independent Studies Director

their full potential in the classroom.

The new elementary principal for the 2021-'22 school year will be Paige Them, current director of independent studies.

Them began teaching at MCS in 2017 and has directed the Independent Studies Program for the past three years. She has been directly involved in the direction of the school as a key member of the leadership team. She is married to MCS alumnus, Matt ('95), and they have five children attending the school.

Julie Hupp has been named to the po-

ence teacher and coordinator.

She also taught Science this year at the Richland Academy of Academic Arts. She is passionate about the MCS IS program and its potential to serve families as they endeavor to educate their children in the ways of God. She is pursuing her Master's Degree in elementary education and is married to Pastor Andy Hupp of Impact Church.

The Hupps have three children who have all been part of the Independent Studies Program.



EASTVIEW ELEMENTARY March Citizens of the Month are top row, Kenzi Shockley, Bella Guradiola, Natilley Fliger and Chloe Schmidt-Payne; middle, Frehley Gushard, Elijah Reeves, Hannah Evans and Aly Szasz-Benedek; and bottom, Cooper Lykins, Baylee Cushard, Amir Byrd and Miles Smith. Not pictured are Callie Shoffstall and Evan Johnson.

Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



ONTARIO SOPHOMORE Eli Stankovich delivers a pitch in the 10-0 win against the Lucas Cubs. T-C Staff/Bud Motter



CLEAR FORK baseball played River Valley on April 6. Photo by Jeff Hoffer



T-C Staff/Bud Motter
MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN SENIOR Joshua Kochheiser delivers a pitch during the rain-shortened baseball game played on the Flames own diamond against New London. Both teams will meet later in the season. The Flames were losing their third loss when game was called.

Ontario High School Track Meets (March 26 – April 9)



Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

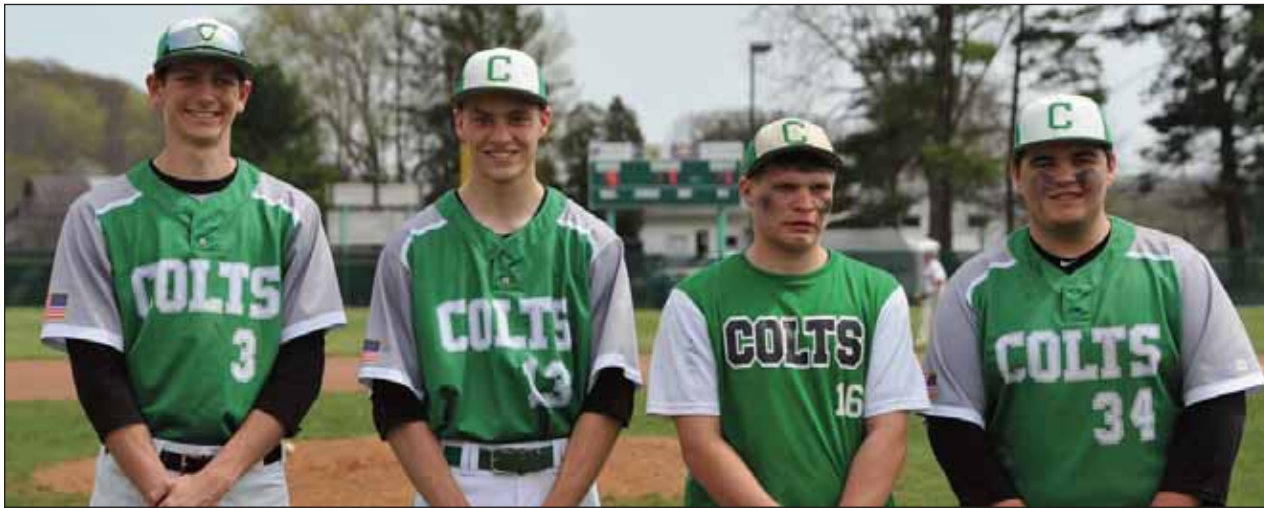


Photo by Jeff Hoffer

CLEAR FORK COLTS senior baseball players were recognized during a game April 10. Seniors are Ben Blubaugh (3), Drew Lind (13), Hunter Sensmeier (16) and Brock Talbott (34).



Photo by Jeff Hoffer

A CLEAR FORK PLAYER slides to the base during the game against Plymouth on April 10.



T-C Staff/Jenna Wolford

MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL traveled to Crestview Schools on April 8 to compete in a track and field meet. The dreary conditions didn't stop this Madison student from competing in the long jump event.



By Kenn Spencer

Tomahawk baseball registration is still going strong at www.oysports.com. OYS tomahawk programs are for individuals with physical and intellectual challenges. Any individual with a physical or intellectual challenge may participate. Please call 419-566-8072 for more information.

OYS will be partnering with OHS to offer an OYS game day experience. OYS baseball and softball players will be invited to a game day at the high school. Both varsity baseball and varsity softball are playing at home and OYS is planning on adding some energy to the games. We will have free refreshments, spirit wear and prizes and special game day events for every OYS athlete in attendance.

OYS is looking for umpires for league games. We are looking to cover 8U-12U baseball and softball games. Anyone interested can send an email to info@oysports.com.

The first ever OYS Land Regatta — a Soap Box Derby-style race — will take place the first part of July. The race location will be on the corner of Dunlap Dr. and Shelby-Ontario Rd. This will not be the fastest sport on four wheels, but as far as crazy fun goes, we are ready for a soapbox derby show that will entertain everyone. Get a team, Get a vehicle, Get a plan.

Time Trials are Friday July 2, from 5-7 pm. During time trials, teams will get to test their vehicle and make sure it will pass inspection on Race Day. During time trials, teams will compete for their place in the race.

The Land Regatta is Friday, July 2, 8-11 pm. Race day will mean one trip down the course and then its' time to get judged. Teams are judged on both the time taken to complete the course, as well as creativity of their design and the showmanship of a performance at the start of the race, meaning the team with the fastest time is not necessarily the winner.

- When registering, do not create an account unless you have not registered in the past – please use your password and login from previous seasons.

- Follow us on Facebook. Sign-ups are posted regularly.
- Watch the *Tribune-Courier* each week for updates.

- Sign up on WMFD OYS text to your cell where we text sign up information on a regular basis.

- Create an account on www.oysports.com. Once registered, log-in 24/7 and see what sports are available for your athlete.

- Call the sports director at 419-566-8072.



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CLEAR FORK SENIOR Drew Lind (13) takes his place at bat during a game against Plymouth April 10.

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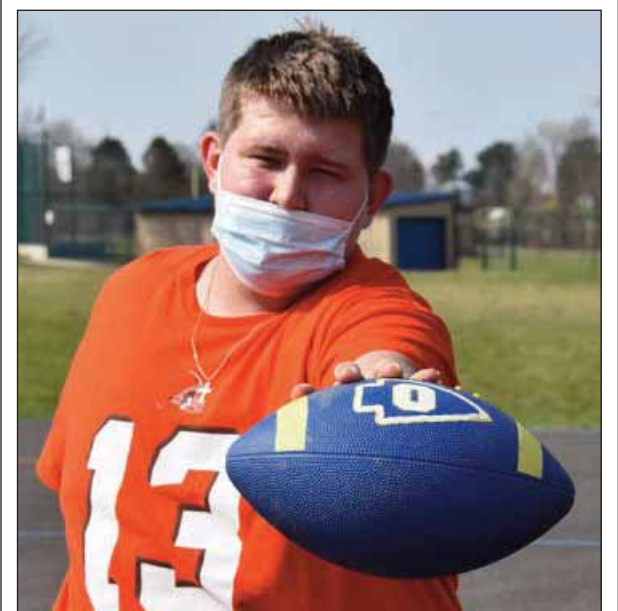
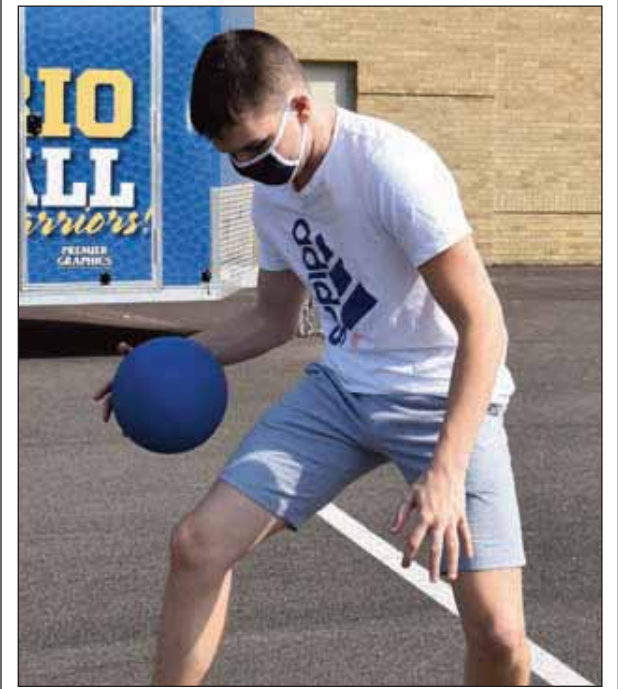
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MR. KNAPP'S gym class at Ontario High School enjoyed the warmer temperatures during their class time. Students are Justus Young, Jagger lula and Isaac Gruber.

LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History



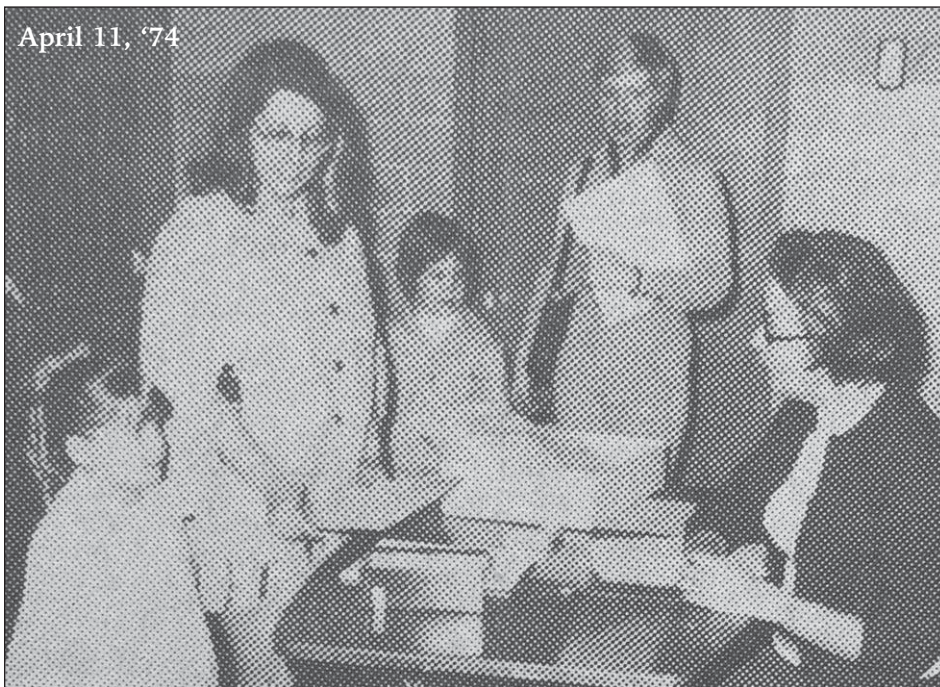
April 18, '91

STINGEL ELEMENTARY has announced its Wall of Fame winners for March. From the left are Jessica Smith, Nicole Hatcher, Eric Obrynba and Kenny McCord. Nicole is described as a hard worker and cooperative, Eric is a polite and courteous hard worker, Kenny has shown great improvement in behavior and attitudes and Jessica is dependable and works well with others.



April 18, '63

These youngsters were participants in the Walnut Hills Annual Easter Egg Hunt held last Saturday in the Walnut Hills park area. Displaying their prizes are (back row) Joann Miller, Diane Rebman and Jeff Rebman, (front row) Donnie Jerow and Johnny King.



April 11, '74

MRS. ROBERT PUGH, R.N., school health nurse, greets Missy Carroll, five, and her mother, Mrs. Richard Carroll; and Steve Glaze, five, and his mother, Mrs. Stephen Glaze, at the pre-school registration at Stingel Elementary School last Wednesday. Mrs. Pugh, assisted by the following School Health Aides, signed up 50 kindergarten and one first grader at Stingel and 49 kindergarten pupils at Bedford the day before: Mrs. Harold Ruckel, Mrs. Grace Wetzel, Mrs. Gilbert F. Heuberger, Mrs. Harold A. Ebbert, Mrs. Scott Swank, Mrs. Preston Eaton, Mrs. Thomas Wright and Mrs. Jack A. Pleininger.

April 15, 1912 — At 2:20 am the British ocean liner Titanic sinks into the North Atlantic Ocean about 400 miles south of Newfoundland, Canada. The massive ship, which carried 2,200 passengers and crew, had struck an iceberg two and half hours before. The RMS Titanic set sail April 10, from Southampton, England, on its maiden voyage across the Atlantic Ocean. The Titanic was designed by the Irish shipbuilder William Pirrie and built in Belfast, and was thought to be the world's fastest ship. It spanned 883 feet from stern to bow, and its hull was divided into 16 compartments that were presumed to be watertight. Because four of these compartments could be flooded without causing a critical loss of buoyancy, the Titanic was considered unsinkable.

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Pursuant to CDC Covid-19 guidelines, Contractors will be

required to purchase and download an electronic set of plans and bid documents via the KEM website by visiting <https://kemccartney.com/project-bids/>. If you would prefer a hard copy be mailed, we will do so upon receipt of payment in the amount of \$50.00 per set, along with your UPS or FedEx account number so that shipping charges can be applied to your account. Checks shall be made payable to K.E. McCartney & Associates and all documents become the property of the prospective bidder, with no portion of the payment being refunded. Should you have any questions during the bidding process please contact jburgholder@kemccartney.com.

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Each bid must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. The Owner intends and requires that this project be completed by August 1, 2021.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Richland County and City of Ontario, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Wage and Hour Division, 614-644-2239.

Jeffrey P. Wilson
 Service-Safety Director
 Ontario, Ohio
 4-8, 15, 22 '21 (80L)

LEGAL NOTICE

The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their special meeting held on April 7, 2021.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-06 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S ROAD SALT PROGRAM FOR THE AWARD OF ROAD SALT NEEDED DURING 2021 AND 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-07 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM A RESURFACING - URBAN PAVING PROJECT, IN THE CITY OF ONTARIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-10 – AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING CHARTER NEXT GENERATION, INC. TO RECEIVE THE CITY OF ONTARIO JOB CREATION TAX CREDIT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-13 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE (THE CHIEF OF POLICE), TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM TRENT AND SARA WALTER FOR THE CITY POLICE FORCE TO PURCHASE A MARCS RADIO SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-14 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE (THE CHIEF OF POLICE), TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM MERRIS AND JEAN WELGE FUND AT THE RICHLAND COUNTY FOUNDATION TO HELP PAY FOR THE TRAINING OF CITY OF ONTARIO POLICE OFFICERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-15 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 925 SEWERS, BY AMENDING SECTION 925.06, LICENSED SEWER TAPPERS AND CHAPTER 1343 LICENSING OF CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS, BY AMENDING SECTION 1343.05, QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS AND FEES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker
 Clerk of Council
 City of Ontario, Ohio
 4-15, 22 '21 (85L)

PROBATE COURT OF RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF Trace Dwain Thomas Reese to Sophia Marie Nova Reese CASE NO. 20199082.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE OF NAME

Applicant hereby gives notice to all interested persons that the applicant has filed an Application For Change of Name in the Probate Court of Richland County, Ohio, requesting the change of name of Trace Dwain Thomas Reese to Sophia Marie Nova Reese.

The hearing on the application will be held on the 18th day of May, 2021, at 3 o'clock pm in the Probate Court of Richland County, located at 50 Park Avenue East, Second Floor, Mansfield, Ohio.

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Count On Me seeking Richland County input

Count On Me Richland County is seeking the input from Richland County's black and brown community through a readily available survey. Survey results will be used to create tailored educational materials about COVID-19 so individuals can make the best decisions about their health. Results could also lead to additional services that make it easier to get a COVID-19 vaccine.

"We are on a mission to educate, advocate for, and serve our black and brown community members during this pandemic and our main goal is to reduce the incidence of disease and death from COVID-19 through prevention," said Dr. Julie Chaya, Director of Community Health & Prevention Sciences at Richland Public Health and leader of the Count On Me Richland County initiative. "But, in order for us and our community partners to allocate our resources effectively for upcoming initiatives, we need to hear directly from our black and brown community members to tell us what they know and how they feel about COVID-19 and the vaccine."

Paper surveys can be completed at the Friendly House, Mansfield UMADAOP, the North End Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC) office, Maddox Memorial Church of God in Christ, Mansfield/Richland County Public Library, the YMCA or by calling 419-774-4761. Flyers promoting the survey will feature a quick-access QR code for an electronic version, which can also be found at www.surveymonkey.com/r/RichlandBB. Individuals can also complete the survey by phone at 419-774-4761.

Responses to the survey are anonymous and participants are eligible to win one of 65 gift cards. This includes five \$50 gift cards to the YMCA, forty \$25 gift cards, ten \$75 gift cards and ten \$100 gift cards to a local establishment of the winner's choosing. Gift cards will be raffled off in a random drawing on May 3, 2021.

"Unfortunately, racial and ethnic minorities here and throughout the world have experienced higher rates of COVID infection, hospitalization and death, but we are trying to do something about that locally," explained Deanna West-Torrence, founder and executive director of NECIC. "Please, let us know what your needs are so we can help you and make a real difference in our communities."

The survey is called "Richland County Black & Brown Community COVID-19 Needs Assessment" and can be completed throughout the month of April. For more details, visit www.richlandhealth.org/RichlandBB. Winners of the gift cards will be contacted the first week of May.

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KCCC students qualify for BPA National Competition

Knox County Career Center students competed virtually in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) State competition and award winners were recently released.

KCCC had 15 students from the Computer Network Technology (CNT) and CollegeU-Business (CLGU) programs that qualified for nationals. Students will compete in the BPA Virtual National Leadership Conference, April 26–May 9.

BPA is a career technical student organization that allows students to compete in various competitions in the areas of finance, business administration, management information systems, digital communications and design, management, marketing and communications and health administration.

The mission at BPA is to develop and empower student leaders to discover their passion and change the world by creating unmatched opportunities in learning, professional growth and service. As a co-curricular organization, BPA has the ability to enhance student participation in professional, civic, service and social endeavors. BPA members participate in these activities to accomplish their goals of self-improvement, leadership development, professionalism, community service, career development, public relations, student cooperation, safety and health.

Tammy Klein, CollegeU-Business program instructor, commented, “Even during this ‘less than normal’ year, students worked diligently toward their BPA goals. I am so very proud of their hard work and dedication and impressed with the flexibility they demonstrated through all the twists and turns this year has brought their way. BPA continues to provide a path for students to shine.”

Nate Greene, Computer Network Technology program instructor, added, “I am very proud of the students who worked hard on BPA competitions during this difficult year. I wish them the best as they compete against students from across the country.”

Rachel and Emma, CollegeU-Business students, placed fifth at state in the Small Business Management Team division and Isabella, Digital Media & Software Development student, placed tenth at state in the Digital Media Production division but didn’t qualify for nationals.

The following students qualified for the BPA Virtual National Leadership Conference

CollegeU-Business

Hayden, payroll accounting, ninth place at state
 Erin, personal financial management, sixth place state
 Arianna, business law & ethics, eighth place at state
 Zachary, business law & ethics, tenth place at state
 Isabel, human resource management, fourth place state
 Hunter, Titus, Nadia and Jack, Admin Support Team, fourth place at state

Computer Network Technology

Logan, Caleb, Blake, Network Design Team, third place at state
 Joshua, network administration using Cisco, tenth state
 Ethan, PC servicing and troubleshooting, fourth state
 Kaden, PC servicing and troubleshooting, first at state



Josh, Logan, Caleb R., Blake, Kaden and Ethan



Arianna, Erin, Hayden and Zach



Isabel, Jack, Hunter and Nadia (Not pictured: Titus)



THE ONTARIO SCIENCE CLUB had its third beekeeping class. The young beekeepers learned about personal safety by wearing a bee suit and using a smoker and hive tools to enter the hive. The group learned about different hive components and different types of bees and hives. One bee, the solitary stingless bee, is a more popular option for young people to keep and utilizes holes in trees or rock cavities to build their nests. The students used drills and various pieces of natural wood to build their own bee hive to take home and enjoy keeping and watching these bees, which are important pollinators. (Left photo) Riley Mabry and Abby Mink. (Top Photo) Jocelyn Lehew, Najee Morris, Rachel, Abby Bechstein and Ethan Grider.



EIGHTH GRADE ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL science teacher Charlie Ridenour was selected to be the April MVP. March MVP Bryan McHenry, who chose Ridenour, wrote, "I nominate Charlie Ridenour for April MVP. Ridenour is a man of few words but has strong work ethic and a passion for education, coaching and motivating students to be their best. I've coached alongside him for years and have seen him push students to be their best and achieve their goals. He has also worked with my students in many capacities to promote academic independence and accountability. Ridenour is a perfect example of a well rounded educator. He's there to teach, encourage as well as correct and redirect students to the right direction... all while he cheers them on to be the best they can be."

Nominations being accepted for awards

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is currently accepting nominations for the Outstanding Senior Citizen and Community Service Award.

Nominations can be completed on-line at www.aaa5ohio.org or by requesting a form to be mailed to you. The deadline for nominations is May 28, 2021.

Award recipients from a nine-county area (one awardee from each county) will be honored by Area Agency on Aging.

Nominees must be at least 60 years of age, a legal resident of Ohio for at least five years and have made significant contributions to the community.

A husband and wife may receive the award jointly when both have been involved in community service.

One Outstanding Senior Citizen Award will be presented for each county in the service area (Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca, and Wyandot).

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

Printable nomination forms or an on-line fillable form are available at <https://www.aaa5ohio.org> or by contacting Susan at 567-247-6458 or smontgomery@aaa5ohio.org. Nominations can be mailed, faxed, or emailed.

LBCM donates 200 "Buckeye Bags"

The Little Buckeye Children's Museum, even amidst their COVID-19 closure, donated a second round of their award-winning "Buckeye Bags" last week to in-need families in Richland County. The bags, which won the "Spirit of Community" award from the Ohio Travel Association in 2020, contain toys and supplies for a variety of fun and educational activities that children can do at home, along with a helpful activity guide.

"The goal of our Buckeye Bag Program is to continue in our mission of 'providing children and families with the opportunity to learn and discover through the power of play' despite our closure," said Suzanna Hammond, museum manager.

The program, which provided 200 bags in its second round, also aims to help prevent or slow the "learning loss" that can occur over the summer.

"All of these activities are designed to be both fun and educational, and the included activity guide helps family members to understand how these activities are beneficial to their child's development," says Fred Boll, Executive Director.

The 200 Buckeye Bags were made possible thanks to funding from The Shelby Foundation Emergency Support Fund Grant. Park National Bank and Nationwide Children's Hospital also donated supplies for the bags. The bags are being distributed by Marvin Memorial Library in Shelby.



Keya Pandya and Alexia Sesco

Camden Platner

EIGHT STUDENTS from Ontario Middle School competed in the Regional Power of the Pen competition on Saturday, March 13. Those students were Taylor Dille, Sky Liu, Zach McChristy, Keya Pandya, Camden Platner, Deanna Givens, Alexia Sesco and Grace Them. Over spring break it was announced that three of those students will continue on to the state competition on May 15: Alexia Sesco, Keya Pandya and Camden Platner. Keya Pandya took fifth place overall in the eighth grade contest, and the eighth grade team also placed fourth overall at regionals.



Ohio Arts Council features Richland Academy in Resilient Ohio Series

The Ohio Arts Council has recently featured Richland Academy of the Arts in their Resilient Ohio series, a blog that highlights Ohio arts organizations who help fight the spread of COVID-19 by introducing cutting-edge solutions. The story tells of the Academy's recent installation of needlepoint bipolar ionization units throughout their facility to upgrade indoor air quality and destroy volatile organic compounds and pathogens in the air, including COVID-19, bacteria, mold and other viruses.

"We are honored that the Ohio Arts Council has highlighted some of the

amazing things happening in our organization," says Marianne Cooper, Executive Director at Richland Academy. "Richland Academy hopes to continue finding solutions that help us offer a safe environment for students to explore the arts."

To see the Ohio Arts Council's recent story on Richland Academy, visit oac.ohio.gov or richlandacademy.com.

For more information about Richland Academy, call 419-522-8224.

Recycling trailer will be at church

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, April 24 and 25.

Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper.

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THE TEMPLE CHRISTIAN FIRST GRADE class collected the most items to donate and earned themselves a pizza and ice cream party.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

LOVE WORKS is an elective class at Temple Christian School that meets one day a week. Its mission is to show Christ's love through works. The class is made up of 12 students (7-12 grades) Matthew Simpson, Micah Simpson, Matthew Henry, Jerry Webb, Faith Franceschi, Aaliyah Fox, Claire Groff, Hailey Hager, Destiny Kurtz, Maddie Taylor, Kallee Ward and Paidge Butler. The teacher is Kim Running.



THE EIGHTH GRADE FCS 8 CLASS at Ontario Middle School had a virtual speaker from Park National Bank. Brooke Miller, an employee with the bank, taught the students about the services the bank offers. They learned the differences between personal and business banking. Students also learned about what would be relevant to them now and as they get older.

TCS studnets collect items for donation to Harmony House

Temple Christian School collected items to donate to Harmony House after students were challenged to organize a "Random Acts of Kindness" event. Students made posters, decided on an incentive (winning class gets pizza and ice cream) and collected supplies for three weeks.

Collected were 21 bottles of Pine Sol, 48 bottles of laundry detergent, 52 bottles of dish soap, 53 containers of cleaning wipes, 17 bottles of window cleaner 25 multi purpose cleaner, 4 tub cleaners, 6 cans of disinfectant spray, 66 tubes of toothpaste, 90 toothbrushes, 20 boxes of tissues, 12 packs of sponges, 15 boxes of gloves, 2 hand soaps, 37 boxes of garbage bags, 100 bottles of hand sanitizer, 747 rolls of toilet paper and 130 rolls of paper towels.

Kelly Blankenship of Harmony House said, "Here at Harmony House we normally serve 600 clients per year; however, with COVID we have had to deconcentrate our population in order to better enforce social distancing."

"Last year we served 470 clients at the shelter. Residents have all their basic needs met while they work toward becoming self-sufficient. Case managers work with the clients to formulate an individual goal plan with the end result of having them prepared to sustain their own lives successfully."

"We help clients connect to local resources in the community to meet cash assistance or food supply needs. They are regularly referred for mental health treat-

ment or drug addiction treatment because we want to be able to help them access all the assistance required to become contributing members of our community. When funding is available, the housing coordinator assists clients in locating affordable and safe housing, inspects the units, and acts as a liaison between the client and the landlord to negotiate the lease terms. We will often provide funds for deposit and first month's rent for clients so they can save for the following month and onward."

"At Harmony House our mission is to empower the homeless with a clear path to housing and hope. We offer comprehensive case management, self-serve pantry with plenty of food, all the toiletries they need, laundry facilities, private rooms and bathrooms, and a playground for the children. When clients move out of shelter into their own apartment or house, we have a stock of household donations from which we offer them whatever they need to start their household to ensure long-term success."

"Since our budget is comprised of grants and donations, we don't have the funds to purchase all the supplies we need at the shelter. We rely heavily on the community to donate items like food, cleaning supplies, bedding, linens, kitchen items, etc. Mansfield Baptist Temple has been one of our most generous partners in our mission to help the homeless become housed."



ARIEL DIALS caught a rainbow from her house in Lucas.

KCCC announces spring plant sale dates

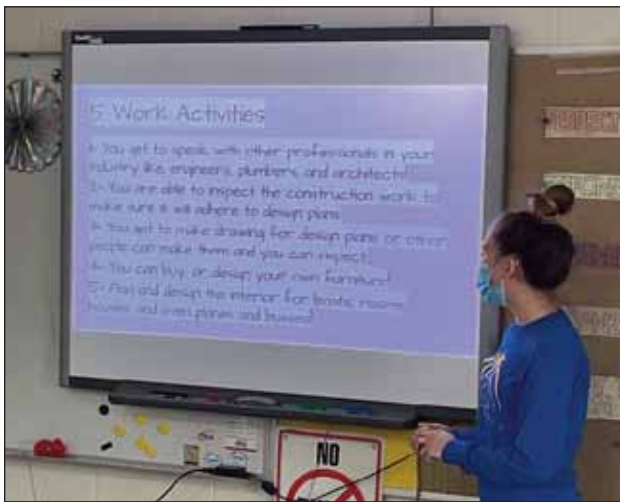
Knox County Career Center has announced the annual KCCC Spring Plant Sale, sponsored by the Landscape Design & Management, will be held Tuesday through Friday April 27-30 from 8-10:30 am and from 11:45 am to 2 pm, each day while supplies last. This will operate by appointment only.

Visit knoxcc.org under "What's

Happening" on the main page and find the link to copy and paste to register for your date and time.

Masks are required and social distancing will be observed.

For more information contact Mr. Campbell, Landscape Design & Management program instructor, at jcampbell@knoxcc.org.



SIXTH GRADE Careers and Life students at Ontario Middle School each researched an occupation. They took notes on many aspects of the jobs, created presentations based on their learnings, and a few shared their information with their peers. Pictured is Ava Cline.

Registration now open for Walk for Life to benefit RPS

Richland Pregnancy Services will host its annual Walk for Life on Saturday, June 12, at Mansfield's historic North Lake Park, and the start of the Richland B & O Bike Trail, at 270 Westbrook Ave., in Mansfield.

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

By registering at www.friendsof-richland-pregnancy.com/events/walkforlife, participants will receive access to their very own website that will allow them to raise funds for Richland Pregnancy Services by asking friends and family to sponsor them as they walk. Walkers will be eligible to win prizes from local businesses and state-wide attractions and entered into prize drawings the day of the event.

Walkers who register by May 28 and raise funds for RPS will receive a free Walk for Life t-shirt.

Last year's walk transitioned to a virtual event due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This year's event will be back to in-person. Richland Pregnancy Services aims to raise \$20,000 at this year's Walk for Life. For more information, call 419-522-8863, ext. 203 or email amy@richlandpregnancy.com.

NC State receives over \$1.8M scholarship funds

The Ohio Department of Higher Education has awarded North Central State College a total of \$1,818,339.50 in Choose Ohio First (COF) Scholarship Funds. These funds will provide scholarships for students enrolled in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Medicine) coursework beginning with the 2021 school year. This was the second-largest COF award in the state of Ohio. At NC State, students in seven areas of study are eligible to receive grant dollars: Bioscience, Integrated Engineering, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Visual Communications Multimedia Technology, IT Networking, and Cybersecurity, Nursing, Licensed Practical Nursing, and Respiratory Care.

"North Central graduates are entering the workforce bringing additional expertise in healthcare, manufacturing, and business," Dean of Academic Services Toni Johnson at NC State College explains. "Employers need this pool of talented graduates to recover from the realities brought on

by the pandemic — reduced revenues in many business areas, increased costs of doing business remotely, shortages of workers in healthcare, the growing threats of cyberattacks throughout business, industry, and society. The Choose Ohio First scholars are filling this void right now."

COF awards range from \$1,500 to \$2,250 per two-semester academic year and will help over 538 students over the next five years.

"Choose Ohio First provides an excellent opportunity for those students who stay in Ohio and continue their education to get the skills they need to succeed in promising career fields," Ohio Department of Higher Education Chancellor Randy Gardner said.

The Choose Ohio First scholarship program began in 2008 to increase the number of Ohio students enrolling in and completing STEM programs at Ohio's public and independent colleges and universities. NCSC has been awarding Choose Ohio First Scholarships since 2010.

Programs offered by Alzheimer's Association

Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter will be presenting a variety of virtual educational programs to help the community and families impacted by the disease. These presentations cover a variety of topics and occur at different times during the day and early evening via videoconferencing to allow individuals to participate in the convenience of their homes.

All programs are free and open to the public. Registration is required. To register call 800-272-3900

April 20, Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia/Taking Care of Yourself, 2 pm

April 21, 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, 11 am; and

April 21, Healthy Living for Brain and Body, 1 pm

April 22, Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, 5 pm

April 26, Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, 5:30 pm

April 27, Dementia Conversations, 5 pm

April 28, Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, 2:30 pm

April 29, 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, 5 pm

In Ohio, more than 600,000 Alzheimer's caregivers provide care for more than 220,000 loved ones impacted by Alzheimer's disease. Visit alz.org or call 800-272-3900 for more information.

Rib dinner fundraiser is May 1

The Richland Rural Life Center, 969 E. Crall Rd., Madison area, will host its annual country rib BBQ dinner on Saturday, May 1, from 4-6 pm.

The meal includes BBQ country ribs, potato salad, baked beans, roll, beverage and homemade vanilla ice cream. Cost is \$11 for adults and \$6 for children 10 and under. Carryout meals are available and dine-in will be limited.

Tickets will be sold at the door. For more information call 567-307-4220.

The facility, located between Stewart Rd. and Rt. 545, offers grounds for use by Boy Scouts, 4-H and other service groups.

Building rentals are also available. Proceeds from the dinner help to maintain the facility.

Food banks working to decrease hunger

According to Feeding America, the nation's largest hunger relief organization, "42 million people, including 13 million children, may experience food insecurity in 2021." This means that about 1 in 8 Americans and 1 in 6 children. Food insecurity is a global epidemic that will continue to affect people beyond the pandemic. COVID has affected many people in many different ways including job loss. Job loss is one of the main reasons food insecurity rates have been increasing. Without a steady income, families struggle to buy food.

Multiple studies have shown that food insecurity has a drastic effect on kids' education. Kids who are food insecure perform poorly in school and have trouble focusing. The pandemic has compounded the problem because online schooling is allowing kids to become more easily distracted compared to in-person learning.

The network of food banks across the nation have distributed an estimated 4.2 billion meals to families in need. More than 80 percent of food banks are serving more people than they did a year ago.

According to Feeding America, "two-thirds of Feeding America food banks across the country are accepting volunteers." One of the many ways to support a local food bank right now is by volunteering. Food banks across America are doing their best to decrease the amount of food insecure kids and adults. They can't do it on their own. Any donation helps. Visit <https://www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank> to donate now.

Appointments available

OhioHealth has several COVID-19 vaccine appointments still available in Richland County for eligible recipients, ages 16 and up. First-dose clinics are by appointment only Thursday, April 15, from 7 am to 4 pm at the OhioHealth Ontario Health and Fitness Center, 1750 W. Fourth St., Ontario Call 614-533.6999 or visit the OhioHealth MyChart app to schedule an appointment.

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