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## Big changes coming to Ontario festival

The City of Ontario, Ontario Youth Sports, along with the 4th of July Committee, have announced a two-day festival this year. The festival is also moving locations to Marshall Park this year.

"Moving the festival across the street will allow us to better serve our guests and allow everyone some space to spread out," said Kenn Spencer OYS Director. "We have so many changes to the festival, I am really excited to be a part of this event."

The festival will kick off with the second annual OYS Land Regatta on July 1 at Marshall Park.

"We are really excited to bring something new and different to the area. This year we have added many activities to our Friday night event. With the addition of a cornhole tournament, beer garden and car show, we are really looking for Friday to be a huge event. Our hope is to see an event that grows every year and attracts people to the area," said OYS Board Member, Brett Baxter.

The 4th of July Committee has a full Saturday planned for the whole community to enjoy. Saturday will kick off with a 5k Liberty Run and, thanks to the Walter's Family, will offer great prizes to the winners. The midway opens at 1 pm with a variety of concession trailers.

At 3 pm, the 2022 4th of July Parade will start off with a doggy parade. The parade route has changed this year — the parade will start on Shelby-Ontario Rd. and end at the bottom of Dunlap Dr.

"We are excited to see the parade go through the park this year," said Spencer.

This year's event will include one of the largest raffles to ever take place in Richland County and will include over \$20,000 in prizes. Thanks to New Haven Auto, a car to giveaway is an exciting part of the raffle.

The festival will conclude with the areas largest fire works display sponsored by he Niss Foundation.

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## Abigail Kern crowned Miss Ontario

Article and Photos  
By Traci Little

The City of Ontario, the Ontario Fourth of July Festival Committee and Spherion Mid Ohio presented this year's Miss Ontario Pageant at Ontario Middle School on Saturday, June 25.

The event was free to the public, but donations were accepted, enhancing the Miss Ontario Pageant Scholarship Fund.

Ontario Mayor Randy Hutchinson and Ontario City Council President Eddie Gallo welcomed the guests to the pageant. The national anthem was sung by seven-year-old Breckelle Miller. She was crowned the Ohio State American Amateur Talent Competition winner, receiving the Talent of the Year title at the Cinderella State Pageant in Columbus on March 14, 2021.

The Mistress of Ceremonies, Jami Kinton-Sluss, is the marketing director at Sluss Realty Company and the content coordinator for a new local magazine, *Greater Mansfield Living*. She is the lead host for Fusion LIVE, previously Radio Disney, where she travels around the country hosting live shows for kids and families.

Maria Caporini (Miss Ontario 2019-'21) encouraged the six contestants back stage before the program began. Her

smile, contagious personality, and kind words helped ease the girl's jitters.

Anzaya Estep, Abigail Kern, Jocelyn LeHew, Jaslyn Lopez, Destanee Narvaez and Autumn Taylor were the contestants this year.

The evening was full of brilliant and impressive entertainment. Breckelle Miller not only sang the *National Anthem*, but she also put on a ventriloquist act. The Cole Duo performed on flute and guitar, and Studio 65 Elite Dance Team performed a moving dance routine.

Abigail Kern was crowned Miss Ontario 2022, receiving a \$1,000 scholarship amount from Spherion.

She also won Miss Congeniality, a \$250 scholarship amount from Ontario Lions. Destanee Narvaez won first runner up, and received a \$750 scholarship amount from Brian and Michelle Gates - State Farm Insurance.

Kern hopes to become a counselor one day. This was her very first pageant. She competed because she thought it would be a good way to get involved in her community.

She is very proud to be a part of the Ontario Community and is excited to use her new platform to help uplift others and be there as a support and encouragement. Friends would best de-

scribe Abigail as silly, fun, and kind.

"The most rewarding part of this experience was all of the girls coming up to me at the end and giving me a hug," said Kern. "It was definitely a surreal moment."

"Over the next year I'm most looking forward to helping out more in my community with a big smile on my face spreading love and kindness."

She volunteers with the S.A.F.E program at Mansfield Schools and Christmas Giving Tree. She feeds the homeless, and has assembled "period bags" for girls in third-world countries. She's launched a mental-check night for friends and is involved with 33 Forever. She is also a church camp leader and secretary of a 12-18 year old girl's group.

Miss Ohio's Outstanding Teen 2022, Cassandra Kurek, was in attendance. She is from Bucyrus and is a junior at Wynford High School. She seeks to spread her message of L.O.V.E (Loving Ourselves and Verifying We're Enough).

Guests were encouraged to send a note, or a flower to their special contestant via the Froggy Gram table. The Miss Ontario committee would like to thank

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THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER — By Ian Stumbo —

Scott Derrickson's The Black Phone is a well done suspense/horror film based on a short story.

Set in Denver in 1978, a young brother and sister living with their alcoholic and abusive father (Jeremy Davies) are haunted by the kidnapping of children in their area. The young girl named Gwen has a mysterious psychic ability and is able to help police with their investigation.

Soon, her brother is kidnapped by a man known as the Grabber.

The young boy is named Finney and is played by a very good young actor named Mason Thames. Madeleine McGraw is even better as his sister.

Soon, Finney is alone in an isolated basement with a mattress, a toilet and a disconnected phone on the wall. The phone then rings, as the previously kidnapped children start to speak to Finney.

The movie is very straightforward but also really intriguing. Derrickson gives us hints about how Finney can escape the room and then makes the audience forget about those moments

until the end. There are a few jumpy scenes as the suspense builds up. Ethan Hawke gives a terrific, haunting performance as the Grabber with a new mask that is pretty frightening.

Derrickson's direction is top notch as he definitely has horror credibility with The Exorcism of Emily Rose and the very scary Sinister.

Here he frames the story very well and uses different filmmaking techniques such as showing Gwen's psychic abilities through grainy-style looking footage. He has this cast do so much with these characters and all of them are effective in their roles, especially Hawke who never gets the recognition he deserves.

Check out The Black Phone for an engaging story, suspenseful setting and fun time at the movies. The short story really works well on the big screen and the mysterious parts involving the phone are even more intriguing. I really enjoyed this one.



Choir's Patriotic Muscial is July 3

The Madison Community Choir will present "I love This Land," a Patriotic Musical on Sunday, July 3 at 3 pm at Madison Middle School, Grace St. This powerful presentation takes the time to remember what a privilege it is to be part of this sweet land of liberty!

Come hear patriotic favorites such as "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" and "The Armed Forces Medley." The concert is free and open to the public. St. Timothy Lutheran Church sponsors the event as part of their on-going outreach ministry.

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The Debutante and the Cow Pasture

By Bob Carter

Paul Gages was a busy man. He farmed and had a milk route in what is now eastern Ontario.

Remembered is the special visitor in the late 1920s. Lo and behold an airplane landed in his cow pasture and one can only imagine his surprise when a woman pilot emerged from the craft. Women were not expected to do that sort of thing!

It was none other than Ruth Nichols who would later be dubbed "The Flying Debutante." She had made a forced landing on the Gages family farm.

The late Paul Gages Jr. recalled his dad drove her to Mansfield for assistance. That started the elder Gages interest in aviation. He soon turned his cow pasture into an airplane landing field which was just south of Park Avenue West. He later turned the land into a planned development called Maple Grove Development, located on the present day Ireland and Scotland Boulevards.

Gages farmed, had a milk route until 1924-'25, built houses and ran the air field, in addition to owning several airplanes over the years.

In 1928, he moved the airfield further west to the intersection of Beer Rd. and the Rt. 30 bypass.

Ruth Nichols was an amazing person. Born in New York, her father was a member of the New York Stock Exchange and at her graduation from high school in 1919, her father's graduation gift was her first airplane ride with pilot Eddie Stinson.

In college she secretly took flying lessons. She received public fame when she was co-pilot with Harry Rodgers on a flight from New York to Miami. Due to her socialite upbringing, the press dubbed her as the "Flying Debutant," a name she hated.

She would go on to set high altitude records reaching 28,743 ft. in an open aircraft at a 60 below temperature, speed records of 210 MPH and became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean.

She survived several crashes in which one left her unable to fly for over a year.

Fame followed her everywhere. She worked for the Civil Air Patrol during World War II. She never married.

During a period of depression, she died from an overdose on September 25, 1960, at age 57. Some of the records she set would hold until more modern planes were built.

The Gages Air Field was sold to General Motors in 1955.



RUTH NICHOLS needed permission to fly the Atlantic after Charles Lindbergh's trip. Her permission license was signed by chairman Orville Wright.

# News Briefs

Ridgeway Church of God, 1380 Park Avenue East, Madison Township, will host a picnic dinner on Friday, July 8, from 4:30-6 pm in the fellowship hall. Drive-thru ordering will be available. The menu will include hamburgers and hotdogs on the grill, macaroni salad, baked beans, dessert and beverage. Cost is a freewill donation. All proceeds will benefit the church. For information call 419-589-5385.

Little Washington Congregational Church is hosting its 17th annual "Cruise-In" on Saturday, Aug. 13, from 4-7 pm.

There will be plenty of home-cooked food served along with ice cream and pie.

Cruise-In participants enjoy sharing information about their restored cars, motorcycles and farm equipment. To register a vehicle to display call Gary Stone at 419-774-2714 or just stop in on the day of the event and register. Please arrive by 3 pm.

For information contact Ronda Stone at 419-774-2714 or Little Washington Congregational Church at 419-756-9292. The church is located at the corner of Washington South and East Hanley Roads.

The Mansfield Area Community Hymnsing will be held July 1. Participants will be emphasizing the patriotic hymns and songs of the faith. The hymnsing will be held at 7 pm at New Liberty Baptist Church, 1/2 mile south of Hanley Rd. on Lexington Ave., Lexington. This is a community hymnsing, free to all, where the congregation calls out the hymn number from a hymnal, and everyone joins in to sing. All are welcome.

Greater Cleveland Aquarium will be open from 10 am to 5 pm on Monday, July 4, and is offering free admission for active duty military, veterans and first responders.

The day includes free parking for everyone and a red-white-and-blue animal "I Spy on the Fourth of July."

In order to have free entry, presentation of appropriate ID is required. Regular admission rates apply for accompanying family members and guests: \$19.95 for ages 13 and older and \$13.95 for ages 2-12).

The aquarium is located at Flats West Bank, 2000 Sycamore St., Cleveland. For information visit [greaterclevelandaquarium.com](http://greaterclevelandaquarium.com)

Ontario Concerts in the Park will be held at the band shelter in Marshall Park from 6-8 pm on Tuesdays this summer.

Admission is free and those attending are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets. Snacks and picnic dinners are welcome.

Concerts are scheduled for June 28, Oolong Gurus, country/alternative; July 12, Kickin Grass, bluegrass; July 26, The Return, progressive classic rock; Aug. 9, Red Ball Jets, rock; Aug. 23, Sweet Beats, Beatles Tribute; Sept. 13, Sobos, classic rock; and Sept. 27, Departure, Journey Tribute.

In case of rain, concerts are generally rescheduled for a later date.

The 12th Annual Ashland Downtown Dream Cruise & Car Show will be held in downtown Ashland on Saturday, July 9.

All proceeds go to support "Shop With a Cop," enabling all children in Ashland to have a Christmas. The event is held in memory of Don Helms.

Registration by donation is from 8 am to noon and awards will be presented throughout the show. Participants must be registered to qualify for awards.

There will be 400 dash plaques, door prizes, a food quart, a 50/50 Raffle and a DJ. A Dream Cruise will be held at 3 pm

For more information call Sandra at 419-651-9881.

The Lexington Area Senior Citizens Inc., invites those 55 and older to attend meetings the third Wednesday of every month at Der Dutchman Restaurant. Lunch begins at 11:30 am, followed by the meeting at 12:30 pm. Cost is \$13 for the meal.

Each month there are speakers and entertainment and members take several trips throughout the year.

The meal on July 20 will be roast beef. Those attending are asked to wear red, white and blue for a National Patriotic program.

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

On July 6, the group will meet for lunch at O'Charley's in Ontario.

A recycling trailer will not be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church for the months of June and July due to construction work on the parking lot.

Avenue Church in Ontario will host Party in the Park events this summer. Events will be held from 10 am to noon on July 16 at Marshall Park, Ontario; July 23, North Lake Park, Mansfield; and July 30, Bicentennial Park, Lexington.

City of Ontario Zoning Inspector Michael Morton has released the May zoning report. Permits were issues to Jeff Riddle, Park Avenue West, 200 square foot shed; Area Agency On Aging, Park Avenue West, portico/parking lot; Cory Geyer, Shelby Ontario Rd., pool; Thanh Dang Zimmerman, new home; Todd Sloboda, Deer View Cr., new double; Timothy Aburdette, Lexington Ontario Rd., patio; Patty and Tracy Fleming, Lewis Rd., new home; Dan Kreisher, Rock Rd., shed; Jerry Holden, Ridgestone Cr., inground pool; and Aaron King, Red Maple Ln., deck.

Kingwood Center Gardens, 50 N. Trimble Rd., Mansfield, will host free Live on the Lawn Concerts on Thursdays in July.

Admission begins at 6:30 pm and concerts begin around 7 pm. Blankets and lawn chairs are encouraged.

Concerts will include July 7, Tom's Kitchen Table; July 14, Oolong Gurus; July 21, Jody Odum Jr.; and July 28, Paradigm.

For more information visit [kingwoodcenter.org](http://kingwoodcenter.org).

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## READERS' FORUM

Over the past nearly 50 years since the Supreme Court's infamous Roe vs. Wade decision there have been over 63 million abortions performed by abortion clinics across the U.S. Each of these lives represent a person with immense value and tremendous potential. Over these past 50 years, much work has been done by pregnancy center, pro-life organizations, and churches across the nation to limit abortions and offer a viable alternative to the cultural lie that abortion is the only way out. While this work has made huge strides, Roe v. Wade has continued to stand in the way of making abortion unthinkable in our country.

The news of the Supreme Court's decision concerning Mississippi's 15-week abortion ban in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization has offered a very important legal victory for the protection of the unborn and men and women. This decision will cause people on every side to rethink what abortion looks like in the future. But while this victory will echo throughout the pro-life world, the battle for life will continue. This is why at Richland Pregnancy Services, we believe this decision only provides the beginning of a new phase in the movement to protect all human life.

As this decision with massive implications will be discussed, debated, and applied over the next few months, we do not believe this is a moment to back down. God continues to call RPS to fulfill our mission of offering the message of life to men and women in unexpected pregnancies. We will remain steadfast in our work to protect the most vulnerable among us, care for families in need, and pray for the life-giving hope of Jesus Christ to overwhelm lives caught in the lie that death is the only option. Our work is just as important as ever and we look forward to many more years of serving as a champion of life in North Central Ohio.

Richland Pregnancy Services

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## 4-H News Report

On June 26, 2022 the Country Champions 4-H club of Richland County held their fifth meeting of the year. Ryleigh Chase called the meeting to order. Jase Endicott led the Pledge of Allegiance while Brooklyn Boyd led the 4-H pledge.

For roll call Mande Lantz asked for the members favorite snack. The club discussed ideas for the booth this year. The following health and safety speeches were given, "Bike Safety" by Cody Wolford, "Summer Safety" by Aiden Thompson, and "Diabetes" by Audrey Thompson.

The following demonstrations were given, "How I Clean My Rabbit Cage" by Jase Endicott, "How to Take Care of a Rabbit" by Carlee Endicott, "How Fresh Are Your Eggs" by Audrey Wolford, "How to Make Confetti Bean Dip" by Owen Keith, "How to Make Lemonade" by Brayden Amert, and "How Much I Feed my Rabbit" by Emma Amert. The next meeting will be held on July 10 at 4 pm.

Audrey Wolford  
News Reporter

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**ELIANA FITTANTE**, oboe student of Carol Bernhardt performed in the Winners' Recital of the Ohio Music Teachers Association at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio on Thursday, June 23. Eliana is the OMTA State Buckeye Auditions Elementary Winds Winner. She is the daughter of Melissa Fittante and is a student at Ontario Middle School. Eliana is also a member of the Mansfield Symphony Youth Orchestra and the Ashland Community Band. Pictured are Carol Bernhardt and Eliana Fittante.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville  
419-886-4333 • www.clearforkalliance.org  
Rev. Matt Merendino  
Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor  
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship  
Wednesday evenings: 6 pm Prayer Meeting  
6:30 pm TeamKID and Youth Group

### Community Bible Church

1043 Springmill St., Mansfield  
567-560-8011  
www.DiscoverCommunity.org  
Pastor Sam Belsterling  
10:30 am Sunday Worship  
Live stream at <https://www.facebook.com/CommunityBibleChurchMansfield>

### Lexington Presbyterian Church

35 Church St. West, Lexington  
419-884-1330  
Rev. James Randas  
10:30 am Sunday Worship  
<https://www.facebook.com/Lexington-Presbyterian-Church-117768414915815>

### McElroy Road Church of Christ

297 N. McElroy Rd., Mansfield (Madison area)  
419-589-2661 • mcelroyroad.org  
Minister Dean Jackson  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Sunday Worship  
6 pm Sunday Night • 7 pm Wednesday  
[www.facebook.com/mrccgrace](http://www.facebook.com/mrccgrace)

### Ontario Christian Church

1029 Lewis Rd., Ontario  
419-529-5684 • ontariochristian.org  
Minister Steve Broughton  
9 am Sunday School  
10 am Sunday Worship

### Ontario United Methodist Church

3540 Park Avenue West, Ontario  
419-529-4345 • www.ontarioumc.com  
Rev. Christine Bell  
10:15 am Sunday Worship  
Bible Study: Check website for schedule

### Ridgeway Church of God

1380 Park Avenue East, Mansfield  
419-589-5385 • www.ridgewaycog.cggc.org/  
Pastor John Dodds  
Associate Pastor Billy Saunders  
9:30 am Sunday School  
6 pm Sunday Family Events  
10:40 am Sunday Worship with live stream  
at [www.facebook.com/ridgewaycog](http://www.facebook.com/ridgewaycog)  
2 pm Wednesday Bible Study  
9 am Men's Breakfast 2nd & 4th Sunday



### G & M Body & Paint Shop

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

### Risen Savior Lutheran Church

1685 Lexington Ave., Mansfield  
419-775-1175 • risensaviormansfield.com  
Pastor Brad Wright  
9 am Sunday Family Bible Time  
10 am Sunday Worship

### St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church

1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison) 419-589-2114 • www.mansfieldstmarys.org  
Father Matthew Frisbee  
Worship: 4 pm Saturday & 11 am Sunday  
5:30 pm Tuesday Worship  
9 am Friday Worship • Faith Instruction & Bible Study on Sunday Mornings

### St. Paul Lutheran

2010 Park Avenue West • 419-529-4351  
www.stpaulmansfield.org  
Pastor Jonathan Stufft  
9 am Sunday Worship  
10:15 am Monday Weekly Bible Study

### St. Timothy Lutheran Church

1262 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison area)  
• 419-589-5252 • sttimmansfield.org  
Pastor Jonathan Stufft  
10:45 am Sunday Worship  
10:15 am Monday Bible Study  
Email: [secretary@sttimmansfield.org](mailto:secretary@sttimmansfield.org)

### Trinity United Methodist Church

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419-589-5890 • trinityumcmansfield.org  
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**ONTARIO LIONS CLUB** President Howard Harriman (right) held his last meeting leading the club on June 21. He has served the past two years in the leadership role. Harriman passed the gavel to new president Jim Henry (left) who will take over on July 1.

## Voter registration deadline for August primary is July 5

The deadline to register to vote or change an address and/or name for the Aug. 2, 2022 Primary Election is Tuesday, July 5. The Board of Elections office will be open that evening until 9 pm and is located at 1495 W. Longview Ave., Suite 101 in the Longview Center. After 4 pm visitors must use the entrance at the lower level back parking area at the southwest corner of the building.

Qualifications for registering to vote include that the voter must:

- be either a native U. S. citizen, or a naturalized citizen of the U.S.
- be a resident of Richland County and Ohio 30 days prior to an election

- be a minimum of 18 years of age on or before the date of the General Election on Nov. 8, 2022.

Registered voters who have moved or changed their name must notify the board office in writing or in person. Voters who are currently registered in Ohio may change their address online at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov) but must do it by the July 5 deadline. Online registration is also now available at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov)

In addition to the office, citizens may register or complete a change of address/name at the following locations in Richland County:

- Any library branch
- All city and village hall offices
- The Bureau of Motor Vehicles office
- The Department of Human Services
- The Richland County Courthouse (Recorder or Treasurer Offices)
- All area high school offices

Registration forms may also be obtained at [www.boe.ohio.gov/richland](http://www.boe.ohio.gov/richland) or requested by mail. Contact the board office at 419-774-5530 to have a form sent by mail. Completed voter registration forms must be postmarked 30 days prior to Election Day.

## Bellville welcomes back fireworks

The Clear Fork Valley will see its first local fireworks since the 1990s on Sunday, July 3. Numerous generous business and resident donors are sponsoring the "Light Up the Valley" Festival.

Ten food trucks will start serving at noon at the Bellville Ballfields, 128 Hines Ave., Bellville, and then live music will start on the stage at 5 pm. Fireworks will begin at dark.

For more information visit the Light Up the Valley Facebook page.

The Sons of American Legion Post 535 will host a Liberty Festival on Monday, July 4, in Bellville. A parade will begin at 11 am.

Organizations wishing to participate should contact Alec Kuhn at 419-989-7024 or Bellville Village Hall at 419-886-2245 ext. 1 or [utilityclerk@bellvilleohio.net](mailto:utilityclerk@bellvilleohio.net) by June 30.

## Senators working to make sure American flags are Made in America

By Senator Sherrod Brown

This month, we celebrated Flag Day. Next week, Ohioans and Americans across the country will celebrate Independence Day, often with parades and visits to monuments and memorials, where they'll proudly wave American flags.

But right now, the flags flying at military installations and other government offices often don't reflect the values that our veterans sacrificed so much for. Today, the flags the federal government purchases are only required to be made from just 50 percent American-made materials. That means that half of the materials that our women and men in uniform fight under can be made in China.

That's why I joined Senator Susan Collins, and our colleagues in the House, Tim Ryan and Shontel Brown, to once again introduce our bipartisan All-American Flag Act. This legislation would require the federal government to buy flags that are produced entirely with American-made materials and are manufactured in the U.S.

These efforts build on the work we did with Senator Portman when we passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill last year, which included the strongest ever Buy America rules. Those rules will require all infrastructure projects be done using American iron and steel, produced by American workers.

Whether you're talking about flags or construction materials – American tax dollars should go toward American-made products that support American jobs, period. We need to produce the symbol of our country in a way that supports American workers and American manufacturers.

We can ensure that American-made flags will be waved and flown in all corners of the country. From the flags in the hands of new Americans at citizenship and naturalization ceremonies, to the flag at your local post office, to the flag flying over the U.S. Capitol Building, we should commit to making them in America.

### Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Michael Criss, June 14  
 Joshua Charles Heber Rice, June 17  
 Roberta Ann Gerhart, June 18  
 Ronnie Arnett, June 19  
 Robert "Bob" Thomas Hempfield, June 21  
 Nancy Sue Dickman, June 22  
 Jacob Klein, June 23  
 Jennie Frances Petrella, June 23  
 Emmett "Mack" Sefus Osborne, June 23  
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# MISS ONTARIO PAGEANT 2022



Photos By Traci Little



## • Abigail Kern crowned

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the following businesses for their support: Spherion, Brian and Michelle Gates – State Farm Insurance, Ontario Lions Club, Beyond Esthetics, Studio 19, Sutton Bank and Cori Kregger – State Farm.

Be sure to check out this year's Fourth of July Festival in Marshall Park on Saturday, July 3. There will be a parade, food, games, races, contests, concerts and fireworks.



# MISS ONTARIO PAGEANT 2022



Photos By Traci Little





THE NEW DONATED FLAG flies over Bellville.

# New flag donated to replace “Old Glory” ripped during recent storms

Article and Photos By Traci Little

After the recent storms that swept through the Richland County and surrounding areas, the large American flag that flies over the Love’s Truck Stop at Interstate 71 and State Route 97 in Bellville began to rip. Once a flag begins to tear, it needs to be replaced.

On Tuesday, June 21, a dedication ceremony took place in Bellville in front of the gazebo. The ceremony was held by several Richland County Veterans groups including the Korean War Veterans Association and the Veterans Service Commission as they donated a massive flag to replace the current damaged one.

It’s a challenge to keep such a large flag flying at that spot. Mayor of Bellville Teri Brenkus explained that such a massive size flag can only be repaired up to a maximum of 10 feet before it must be retired. The flagpole is over 130 feet tall and weighs over 7,000 pounds. It can be expensive to keep a well-maintained flag flying in good condition, as each flag is over \$2,000.

After contacting the Richland County Veterans Service Commission, Brenkus found that there was another replacement flag kept for this very purpose. President of the Richland County Veterans Service Commission, Doug Theaker, decided this was a perfect opportunity to present this to the Mayor of Bellville.

This new flag is 30x60 feet and weighs about 80 pounds. The damaged flag is repaired free of charge by a local company called TLC Kanvas Designs in Mansfield. They have graciously offered to

donate the supplies and labor to restitch any flag that is damaged. They are happy to be helping in this way to honor the flag and the veterans.

Doug Theaker said that the flag that flies over the Love Station is probably the largest flag in Ohio. Ken Estep brought the flag to the ceremony in a large box. The flag was then put up early the next morning by the maintenance crew of Bellville. Due to its great size and weight, this is an awesome task.

Theaker said, “I’m a very patriotic person and I love America. Like many other proud Americans, I served in the United States Navy and love the symbolism of the stars and stripes! Old Glory, they call it. When I drive down Interstate 71 and see that huge, beautiful flag flying high over the Love’s Station, my heart beats a little bit faster.”

Dale Walker is the current president of the Korean War Veterans Association, Chapter 51, of Richland County. He was excited to be able to present this flag to the Mayor of Bellville. He said, “It’s really inspiring and I’m so thankful for the city of Bellville to receive this flag and for our group and the Richland County Veterans Service Commission to be able to present it to them. It touches my heart to see that American flag flying over the proud community of Bellville!”

Ken Estep, executive director at the Veterans Service Commission appreciates the fact that no matter where they are from, veterans can drive by this beautiful flag on I-71 and feel their service is appreciated.



THE LARGE FLAG in Bellville was torn during the recent storms.





A CAR SHOW was held June 23 at the Pizza Hut in Ontario. The event was sponsored by Brian and Michelle Gates Sate Farm Insurance. (Top photo) Brian and Michelle Gates. (Bottom photo) Ron Carmichael attended the car show with his wife Irene.

## Red Cross seeks donors as Fourth of July holiday nears

As summer officially begins and people gather for holiday celebrations, the American Red Cross reminds communities that patients are counting now on the generosity of blood and platelet donors, especially around the Fourth of July.

The Red Cross sees about a 21% decline in blood and platelet donations during holiday weeks, including Independence Day. When blood donations drop, so does the blood supply, making it extremely challenging to ensure blood is available when hospitals need it.

By scheduling and keeping appointments in July, donors can help provide for those in immediate need of lifesaving care. To schedule an appointment to donate, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

As a thank-you for helping, all those who come to give June 30–July 10 will receive an exclusive Red Cross recycled cotton tote bag, while supplies last.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities include:

Friday, July 1, 2–7 pm, St. Peter's High School, 111 W. First St., Mansfield

Saturday, July 2, 9 am to 2 pm, Shelby Police Department, 31 Mack Ave., Shelby

Sunday, July 3, 11 am to 5 pm Richland Mall, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Wednesday, July 6, 9 am to 3 pm, Area Agency on Aging, 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario; 1–7 pm, Richland Mall, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario; and 8 am to 1 pm, Shelby YMCA, 111 W. Smiley Rd., Shelby

Sunday, July 10, 11 am to 5 pm, Richland Mall, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Wednesday, July 13, 1–7 pm, Richland Mall, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Thursday, July 14, noon to 5 pm, St. Mary's Catholic Church, 40 E. 4th St., Shelby

Friday, July 15, noon to 5 pm, The Avenue Church, 1756 Park Avenue West, Ontario

The Red Cross is 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 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](http://RedCrossBlood.org).

The Red Cross follows a high standard of safety and infection control. The Red Cross will continue to socially distance wherever possible at blood drives, donation centers and facilities.

While donors are no longer required to wear a face mask, individuals may choose to continue to wear a mask for any reason. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at a drive.

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in.

Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive.

To get started, follow the instructions at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) or use the Blood Donor App.

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# Ontario 4th of July Festival Schedule

## Friday, July 1

6-9 pm	Ontario Car Show	Marshall Park
5:30-9 pm	Concessions	
6-9 pm	Corn hole tournament	
6-8 pm	Milliron Auto Parts Land Regatta	
6-10 pm	Friday Night Beer Garden	
6-10 pm	DJ services/Tony Mitchell	

## Saturday, July 2

8-10 am	Ontario 5K Liberty Run	High school
12 pm	Festival Opens	Marshall Park
1 pm	Midway opens	
1-10 pm	Concessions stands	
1-6 pm	Vendor displays	
3-4:30 pm	Parade Review and Introductions	
3 pm	Patriot Pooch Parade	
3:30-4:30 pm	Festival Parade Start	
	** Grand Marshals: Jim Henry & Dave Rehfeldt**	
4:30-8:30 pm	Magicians, Balloon & Tattoo artists	
4:30-5 pm	Raffle Announcements & Selections	
5-5:45 pm	Ontario Lions Frog Jumping Contest	
	** Bring your own Frog**	Raffle Stage
5:30-6:30 pm	Meet Miss Ontario & her court	Pavilion
5:45-6 pm	Raffle Announcements & Selections	
5:30-10 pm	Pour One Nine (Adults Only)	
5:30-7:30 pm	Soul Slater & Horns Band	Main Stage
6-6:45 pm	Frog Jumping Extravaganza	Raffle Stage
6:45-7 pm	Raffle Announcements & Selections	
7- 7:30 pm	Eating contest - School Division	Raffle Stage
7:30-7:45 pm	Raffle Announcements& Selections	
7:45-8:15 pm	Eating contest - Civic division	
8-10 pm	Fleetwood Macked (Band)	Main Stage
8:15-8:30pm	Raffle announcements & Selections	
8:30-9 pm	Eating contest - CEO division	
9:-9:45 pm	Raffle (Lucky Box) & Automobile	
10:05 pm	National Anthem by 7 yr. old Breckelle Miller	
10:10 pm	Fireworks sponsored by Just Look Up!! Brenda & Dan Niss	

Fireworks Music will be Simulcast by WVNO Mix 106.1

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## •Big changes for Ontario festival

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During the car show, being held from 6-8:30 pm, all years, makes and models are welcome.

Dash plaques will be given to the first 50 registrations and a gas card will be given away every 30 minutes.

Leading the parade as the Grand Marshals are Jim Henry and Dave Rehfeldt.

For information visit <https://ontario4thofjulyfestival.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/Ontario4thJuly>.

To be registered to participate in the Ontario 4th of July Parade, send an email to [ontario4thparade@gmail.com](mailto:ontario4thparade@gmail.com).



Photos by Traci Little

ASHLAND BALLOONFEST was held in Ashland on June 23-25. Skies were favorable for smooth sailing as balloons took off from Freer Field.

# Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board approves hirings for upcoming school year

Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education met June 20.

The board approved temporary appropriations for the 2022-'23 fiscal year and medical, dental, vision and life insurance rates.

The liability, fleet and property insurance coverage through SOR-SA consortium was approved.

The board approved the Local Professional Development Committee as: Molly Belcik finishing Robin Hager's term, Daniel Slaughter, Amanda Glessner and Lindsay Neumann, through June 30, 2025.

Administrators were approved as evaluators for Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES) and Clay Frye was approved as an evaluator for the Ohio School Counselor's Evaluation System.

Greg Nickoli and Clay Frye will be evaluators for the Ohio Principal's Evaluation System (OPES).

An agreement was reached with Life Steps Counseling Services for the upcoming school year and a resolution was adopted for a calamity day alternative make-up plan for next school year. An attendance services agreement was reached for the 2022-'23 school year.

Cindy Bodkin, Shelby, donated Ford Mustang hats, a Ford Mustang key ring, checked lanyard, stadium a Super Trucks sweatshirt, camo hat, black hat and Mike Shank t-shirt, with a value of \$136.97.

Darin Beal, Mansfield, donated a Mid-Ohio Pipeline hat and truck sales hat with a value of \$16. Paul Brown donated hats and sunglasses with a value of \$25. Josh Harvey, O'Reilly's Auto Parts, Mansfield, donated a wash kit (bucket/soap), microfiber and quick detailer kit and 25 piece tool kit with a value of \$88.98.

Corey Holloway, O'Reilly's Auto Parts, Shelby, donated a car detail kit and two-ton floor jack with a value of \$100. Drew Cobler, Mansfield, donated cookbooks with an approximate value of \$1,500. These cookbooks will be used in the Culinary Arts program.

Matt Ezell, JBT Food Tech, Sandusky, donated laser-cut stainless steel 2 1/2 x 5 x 16 gauge welding strips with an approximate value of \$615. This donation will be used in the welding high school and adult ed programs.

Dawn Wright-Smith, Blackbaud Giving Fund, Charleston, SC, gave \$75 which will be deposited into the Alumni Endowment fund and used for annual student scholarships.

Resignations, effective at the end of their contracts, were accepted from Darin Beal, Industrial Diesel instructor; Noelle Raphael, intervention specialist; and Alexandra Woods, Integrated Science instructor.

Employment was approved for Cassandra Lowery, language arts instructor; Brent Tyrrell, integrated science instructor; and Mark Seitz, intervention specialist; all on a one-year contract beginning with the next school year.

Maternity leave was approved for Christina Phelps and supplemental contracts for were approved for certificated personnel.

Extended service, prep day and Professional Development New Technology Extended Services were approved for certificated personnel.

The board approved stipend contracts for the Classroom Management Committee, Project Committee and; all for the 2022-'23 school year.

The HSTW Summer Conference was approved for July 19-22, and bus driver in-service stipends were approved for Terry Stuart and Justin Tuttle to attend in-service on Aug. 3.

The board approved David Ball, Jim Bauer, Rick Beans, Mike Dean, Dan Gorbett, Beth Hildreth, Jeff Long, Kayla Rank, Anita Ream, Pam Stimpert and Kathy Weidig as career coaches for the upcoming school year. Krystal Winters was hired as marketing coordinator effective Aug. 1.

The board approved employment for Kimberly High, PIT distribution center/bus driver; June 2-July 31, 2022; as needed in the distribution center.

The board approved employment of adult education instructors for next school year.

A Memorandum of Understanding was approved between Pioneer CTC Board of Education and the Education Association of Pioneer concerning the employment of Technology Coordinator and Field Technician; formerly employed by the NCOCC. This MOU is to establish the placement of these positions on the Pioneer Classified Salary Schedule.

A new job description was adopted for field technician and the board approved revisions to the technology coordinator job description.

A notice of Termination of Memorandum of Understanding between NCOCC and Pioneer CTC was reached for fiscal services, effective June 30, 2022.

The board entered into executive session for evaluation of the superintendent, treasurer and self-evaluation of the board of education; and to consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee or student.

## Pong Wu named Transportation Technical Director at commission

Pong Wu has been named Transportation Technical Director of the Richland County Regional Planning Commission (RCRPC). Wu takes over for Todd Blankenship who will continue at RCRPC as a senior planner as he transitions into retirement.

Wu has more than 20 years of experience in public agencies and private engineering consulting firms in transportation planning, modeling, traffic simulation and GIS analysis. His areas of specialty are: travel demand forecasting for long-range and short-range plans; traffic impact, corridor congestion simulation modeling and LOS analysis, roadway safety and crash data analysis, traffic data collection and traffic volume forecasting.

As the new technical director of the Richland County Regional Planning Commission, Wu will guide and direct the transportation planning program at RCRPC, insuring that it is continuing, comprehensive and cooperative. He will work closely with local, state, and federal agencies and officials in a cooperative fashion in order to ensure that available transportation planning and improvement resources are used to their maximum value and that the local transportation planning process is effectively identifying and addressing local needs.

Wu's wife, Lily Cao, works for Indian Tribe as a senior accountant. His daughter, Jean Wu, graduated is a resident doctor in UAMS. His son, Jason Wu is a college student at Baylor in Waco, TX.

Wu likes travel, music and talk to people for fun and local cultural learning. Wu looks forward to collaborating for community

growth and development in a sustainable and equitable manner.

The commission is made up of government, business and civic leaders from across the county. The organization serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Mansfield /Richland County Urbanized Area. RCRPC staff provides transportation and land use planning services for the county.



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## 17th Annual Ralph Phillips Memorial Golf Tournament held

The 17th Annual Ralph Phillips Memorial Golf Tournament was held on Thursday, June 16, at Shelby Crossing. The golf tournament provides support for North Central Ohio youth, including Boy Scouts of America Buckeye Council, Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland and Junior Achievement.

Event Sponsor Phillips Tube Group's CEO Angela Phillips kicked off the shotgun start with 28 teams competing in the exciting tournament. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts volunteer at the event, handing out goody bags and assisting with door prizes at the dinner.

The winning team was the Fraternal Order of Eagles team. Joe Javurek captured a hole in one on the 12th hole. Event sponsors included Kent Corporation, Innovative Logistics/ Javurek Express, Benham & Ream, West Walker Steel, Woodsage, Donley Ford of Shelby, Sportsman's Den, Target Steel and Kleshinski, Morrison & Morris.

This year, the event which honors the memory of Phillips Tube Group founder Ralph Phillips, raised more than \$25,000 in support of youth programs in North Central Ohio.

Phillips Tube Group CEO Angela Phillips said, "My father's passion for helping youth of North Central Ohio continues with this annual event. He understood the power of important programs like Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Junior Achievement, for their ability to teach life skills to area children. She added, "We honor his legacy by continuing this annual tradition, with phenomenal support from our community."

"Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland is incredibly grateful to be one of this year's beneficiaries of the golf outing sponsored by Phillips Tube Group. Their support through this event will help fund local programs for Girl Scouts and provide our girls the tools they need to become our leaders of tomorrow," said Philanthropy Manager Nancy Cruickshank.

Boy Scouts of America Buckeye Council CEO Jesse Roper said, "The annual gift from the Ralph Phillips Memorial Golf Tournament has been significant to our success in producing life-changing experiences and memories for children and youth in the Scouting program." He added, "Buckeye Council serves more than 400 Scouts within its three-county footprint (Ashland, Crawford, and Richland counties)."

Event proceeds will also benefit Junior Achievement of North Central Ohio which delivers financial literacy, entrepreneurship and workforce readiness programs to kindergarten through 12th grade students across North Central Ohio.



## Richland Academy dance and art camps set to begin soon

Richland Academy of the Arts will begin new summer camps for kids ages 4-12, running all summer long. The Academy is offering a special \$10 discount for those who sign-up for three or more camps. There is a \$10 per family discount limit.

Camps for ages 4-7: Princess Ballet Camp, July 12 and 13, 1:30-3 pm; Fancy Nancy Dancy Camp, July 19 and 20, 1:30-3 pm; Jungle Boogie Dance Camp, July 26 and 27, 1:30-3; and Yarn Art for Kids, begins July 18, four weeks, Mondays 10-11 am.

Camps for ages 5-8: Unicorn Dance Camp, July 13 and 14, 10-11:30 am; Sing! and Dance Camp, July 20 and 21 from 10-11:30 am;

and Found Object Sculpture, begins July 11, four weeks, Mondays, 11 am to noon.

Camps for ages 8-12: Disney Jazz Camp, July 27 and 28, 10-11:30 am; Introduction to Hand Building Ceramics, begins July 14, four weeks, Thursdays, 5:30-7 pm; and Coil Building Ceramics, begins July 13, four weeks, Wednesdays, 5:30-7 pm.

Camps for ages 10 + : Linoleum Printmaking for Beginners, begins July 11, four weeks, Mondays 2:30-4 pm; and MonoType Printmaking for Beginners, begins July 11, four weeks, Mondays 12:30-2 pm.

To register call 419-522-8224 or visit [www.richlandacademy.com](http://www.richlandacademy.com).

# Madison board busy with full agenda

Madison Local School District Board of Education met June 21, in the Madison Middle School Auditoria.

Tim Wigton, board president, opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Steve Barr gave a technology presentation.

A new all-purpose salon chair valued at \$299 was donated from Lora Wolfe to the Career Tech and Adult Career Center cosmetology programs.

Bradd Stevens, interim treasurer, gave his report and the board voted to approve the temporary appropriations for FY 2023 not to exceed 50% of the FY 2022 appropriations at fund level.

The use of blanket and super blanket purchase orders for amounts not to exceed \$500,000 per order for FY 2023 was approved.

The board authorized the treasurer to make the necessary appropriation modifications, transfers and advances, and to request from the County Auditor an amended certificate for the purpose of closing out FY 2022.

The board approved the revised permanent appropriations for FY 2022 and adopted.

Resignations were accepted from William Fowles, MS/HS instrumental music/band, effective May 26; Cara Lydy, MS intervention specialist, May 27; Andrea Gerich, head eighth grade volleyball coach, June 8; Cynthia Hursh, STEM teacher, Mifflin, June 8; and Susan Brafford, art teacher, Mifflin/Eastview, June 17.

Hired for the 2022-'23 school year were Maggie Thomas, English/language arts, HS; Carrie Jeffries, intervention specialist, MS; Brianna Barr, intervention specialist, MS; Karlie Baker, English/language arts, HS; David Hipp, electrical maintenance instructor, Career Tech; Alexis Carlson, 5-12 instrumental music, HS/MS; Abby Radabaugh, English/language arts, MS; and Charlotte Ray, intervention specialist, HS.

Aaron Akers has been awarded the third grade position at Madison South, replacing Emily Richter who took another position.

Shelbi Ohl has been awarded the intervention specialist position at the high school, replacing Katie Wade who took another position.

Janice Stupka has been awarded the first grade position at Madison South, replacing Aaron Akers who took another position.

Natalie Stevens has been awarded the first grade position at Madison South, replacing Connie Fitzpatrick who took another position.

Elizabeth Hicks has been awarded the 9-12 math position at the high school, replacing Chance Robinette who resigned.

Tieler Crouse has been awarded the English/language arts position at the middle school, replacing Elizabeth Hicks who took another position.

Judith Derr has been awarded the STEM position at Mifflin, replacing Cynthia Hursh who resigned.

Lisa Restelli has been awarded the technology position at the middle school, replacing Tieler Crouse who took another position.

Roland McKinney and Jesse Walker were approved as boys' soccer volunteers and Kaley Blaising will be a girls' soccer volunteer.

Hired for summer school (on an as needed basis) were Katrina Jordan-Donley, Shari McQuate and Jennifer Richards.

Supplemental positions for the 2022-'23 school year were awarded to Megan Studer, MS Key Club Advisor; Katie Wade, HS student council advisor; Naomi Adinkrah, 1/3 student council advisor, South; Jennifer Lawhorn, 1/3 student council advisor, South; Emily Richter, 1/3 student council advisor, South; Brian Lowe, head seventh grade girls' basketball coach; and Philip Atwell, assistant (JV) golf coach.

2022 supplemental contracts currently held by non-MLEA members that were not renewed are Wayne Camp, assistant 7/8 track coach; Andrea Gerich, 1/2 assistant varsity softball coach; Mico Castelveter, 1/2 assistant varsity softball coach; and Tommy Hill, boys' tennis coach.

An extra 1/8 day was approved for the 2022-'23 school year for Nikki Mosiychuk, Tom Brandt, Laurie Dean, David Hipp, Jim Thompson, Stacey Wampler, Andrew Wigton, Melissa Brandt, Don Maxey. All of these are at the high school.

The board approved extended time for the 2022-'23 school year for: Tom Brandt, 8 days, CT Automotive Technology; Laura Coey, 1 day, CT Family & Consumer Science; Jenifer Culler, 8 days, speech

& hearing; Laurie Dean, 4 days, CT Cosmetology; Monique Eberst, 12 days, MS counselor; Alexis Carlson, 20 days, HS band; Katherine Darnell, 16 days, HS/MS media center; Adolph Hathaway, 7 days, HS C.B.I.; Victoria Kasber, 8 days, HS Work & Family; Mike Leeper, 16 days, HS C.B.I. 12; Kelly Carpenter, 12 days, HS counselor; Timothy Ritchey, 12 days, HS counselor; Jim Thompson, 4 days, CT Precision Machining; Stacey Wampler, 16 days, CT Health Occupation; Andrew Wigton, 8 days, CT Carpentry; Kyna Wright, 4 days, MS Healthy Lifestyles; Nikki Mosiychuk, 10 days, CT Culinary Arts; Don Maxey, 4 days, CT Welding; Jessica Rush, 12 days, MS counselor; David Hipp, 10 days, CT Electrical Maintenance; and Jacob Grove, 10 days, CT Director.

Jim Thompson was hired for the position of safety training/Emergency.

Resignations were accepted from Kim Hines, special education 1-1 Aide - MS, effective May 26; and Melissa Cline, MECLC, effective June 3.

The board approved employment for Jamarius Jones, 2nd shift custodian, MS; Angelique Amstutz, special education aide, MS; Mercedes Ball, special education 1-1 aide, MS; Kenneth Mounts, 2nd shift custodian, Mifflin; Glenda Grant, 2nd shift custodian, MS; Andrea Gerich, secretary, Adult Career Center; Grace Stupka, safety town; Kilie Justice, safety town; Bonny Sechler, safety town; Aime Reber, safety town; Rebecca Schoonover, safety town; Riley Thomas, safety town; and Jenny Nestor, on-bus instructor (as needed).

Mike King has been awarded the maintenance II position in the District, replacing Mike Christy who retired. Pam Gerich has been awarded the special education aide position at the middle school, a new position created by student enrollment.

Hired on limited one-year contracts were Jamarius Jones, Kenneth Mounts, Glenda Grant and Andrea Gerich.

Partena Tesca was hired as a substitute bus mechanic on an "on call" basis, as needed.

The board approved the student fee structure for the upcoming school year and the VoIP Service Contract between the Heartland COG/North Central Ohio Computer Cooperative and Madison Local School for a period of two years beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2024.

A Service Agreement between Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center and Madison Local Schools for the 2022-'23 school year was given approval.

The board approved the purchase of two new CNC Lathes from Haas for the Precision Machining/CNC Technology program in the amount of \$60,000 (\$45,680 will be covered with Lozick Foundation Grant Funds, \$9,547 will be covered by CTE - Secondary, and \$4,773 will be covered by Adult Career Center).

An overnight eighth grade student trip to Washington, D.C. May 10-12, 2023, was approved at no cost to the board.

The board will seek competitive bids for the coffee bar/Ramble Inn project. Upon approval, the project will be paid for out of Career Tech weighted funds.

The next regular board of education meeting is scheduled for July 20 in the Madison Middle School Auditoria.

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## KCCC students earn Cisco certification

The Knox County Career Center (KCCC) had 20 students who earned Cisco Certified Technician certifications.

The students who earned the Cisco Certified Technician certifications are from the Computer Network Technology (CNT) program at KCCC.

Cisco Certified Technicians have the skills to diagnose, restore, repair, and replace critical Cisco networking and system devices at customer sites. The CCT certification is part of the Cisco Networking Academy curriculum that is taught in the Computer Network Technology lab.

Cisco Certified Technician Routing and Switching (CCT Routing and Switching) certification focus on the skills required for onsite support and maintenance of Cisco routers, switches, and oper-

ating environments. Technicians in this area must be able to identify Cisco router and switch models, accessories, cabling, and interfaces; understand the Cisco IOS Software operating modes and identify commonly found software, and be able to use the Cisco Command Line Interface (CLI) to connect and service products. Achieving CCT Routing and Switching certification is considered the best foundation for supporting other Cisco devices and systems.

In order to earn the certification, each student has to pass a proctored exam with no access to learning materials or the Internet. This certification is recognized by the Ohio Department of Education and the Information Technology (IT) industry as a recognized credential.

## RPH looking for table volunteers during festival

Richland Public Health will be at the Ontario 4th of July Festival this Saturday, July 2 from 12–7 pm to promote the Community Health Assessment (CHA). The CHA is a large needs assessment survey given every few years to gain a better understanding of RPH needs to do to improve the health, well-being, and quality of life of Richland County residents.

RPH is looking for volunteers to help man the RPH table and encourage community members to sign up to participate in the full CHA. The CHA registration form only consists of six quick questions and should only take a minute or less to fill out.

Those available to help anytime from 12–7 pm, can visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5PZ-PF9D> to sign up for a shift. As a thank you, those helping will receive a VIP pass to the Pour One Nine tent to enjoy free food, drinks and upgraded seating for the concerts and fireworks display.

For more information contact Shannon Nelson at [snelson@richlandhealth.org](mailto:snelson@richlandhealth.org) or 419-774-4761.

## Scavenger hunt returns to Mansfield July 1–August 5

Back by popular demand, the Downtown Mansfield Scavenger Hunt is returning this July. From July 1 through Aug. 5, families can search for this year's chosen carousel animal, Pete the Pirate Cat, hidden in downtown businesses. Prizes can be claimed after finding the hidden animal 10 times, 20 times, or more. Everyone who finds the animal 20 or more times will be invited to a party at the Richland Carrousel on Sunday, Aug. 14 with free carousel rides, cookies, juice and prizes.

The Downtown Mansfield Scavenger Hunt is co-sponsored by Buckeye Imagination Museum (formerly known as Little Buckeye Children's Museum), the Richland Carrousel Park, and Imagination Childcare with special thanks to Richland Source, Destination Mansfield-Richland County, and the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library. This event is free and open to all.

In July, check out the Richland Source interactive map of downtown Mansfield ([www.RichlandSource.com](http://www.RichlandSource.com)) showing all the downtown locations that are hiding a picture of Pirate Pete.

Pick up a paper map and checklist of businesses at Little Buckeye Children's Museum, Destination Mansfield-Richland County, Richland Carrousel Park, or the Mansfield Library.

Find Pirate Pete in the participating businesses and get your map stamped or signed.

When 10 signatures or stamps have been collected, visit Little Buckeye Children's Museum to make a sea-worthy craft.

When 20 signatures or stamps are collected visit the museum to sign up for an invite to a party at the Carrousel on Sunday, Aug. 14 at 2:30 pm. Those who collect all the signatures or stamps will be eligible for a special prize. Must be present to win prizes.

Explore downtown Mansfield and see what all it has to offer. No purchase is required to play. And it does not have to be completed all in one day, or even one weekend. There are 36 days to complete it. If a business is closed the one time you have to hunt, no big deal. Prizes will still be awarded. For more information, follow "Downtown Scavenger Hunt" on Facebook.

### RRLC plans ice cream social

The Richland Rural Life Center, 969 E. Crall Rd., Mansfield (Madison area), will host its ice cream social on Saturday, July 23, from 4-6 pm.

All items are À la Carte priced and the menu includes shredded chicken, sloppy joes, hot dogs, cones, potato salad, baked beans, applesauce, desserts, drinks and homemade vanilla ice cream.

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.

The Tribune-Courier will be closed during the week of July 4.



Photo By Brandon Chambers



THE ONTARIO RECREATION DEPARTMENT held Summer Rec for the past two weeks at Ontario Middle School. Although the lack of electricity from the recent storm effected the camp for a few days, kids came to have a fun-filled summer while participating in a large range of activities. This camp is for all Ontario students completing kindergarten to fifth grade. The camp hires Ontario High School students to work with students in over 12 classes. Students experience everything from swim to art to book building.

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### WATER DEPARTMENT HEAD

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Qualified candidates may contact Service-Safety Director Kris Knapp at 419-529-2495 or email [kknapp@ontarioohio.org](mailto:kknapp@ontarioohio.org).

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POSITION OPENING

### SEWER INFLOW AND INFILTRATION PROJECT MANAGER

The City of Ontario has an immediate opening for the full-time position of Sewer Inflow and Infiltration Project Manager. Applicants must maintain a Class II Wastewater Collection System Operators License. The job description can be viewed on the city's website at [www.ontarioohio.org](http://www.ontarioohio.org).

Qualified candidates may contact Service-Safety Director Kris Knapp at 419-529-2495 or email [kknapp@ontarioohio.org](mailto:kknapp@ontarioohio.org).

(T-C 6- 23, 30 '22) 16L

## LEGAL NOTICE

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The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their regular meeting held on June 15, 2022.

The complete text of these Ordinances 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. 22-11 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX REVENUE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ONTARIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-34 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FIELD AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ONTARIO AND ONTARIO YOUTH SPORTS, INC., DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE IT ON BEHALF OF THIS CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
(T-C 6-23,30 '22) 30L

### LEGAL NOTICE SHANGRI LA WATERLINE

Separate sealed bids for the Shangri La Waterline project, City of Ontario, Ohio will be accepted by the City of Ontario, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio 44906 until 1:00 PM, local time, on July 28th, 2022, and then publicly opened and read aloud at that office. The project is a waterline improvement for the Shangri-La Development. The water line improvement project will start at the intersection of Shangri-La Ave and Tranquil Way and extend north and east to the City of Ontario water tower at 3777 Park Ave West.

The Bid Documents, Plans, Specifications, and other contract documents may be examined at the following: K.E. McCartney & Associates (KEM), 52 N. Diamond St., Mansfield, OH 44902. Copies may be obtained at the offices of K.E. McCartney & Associates at 52 N. Diamond St., Mansfield, OH 44902, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, upon payment of \$50.00 for each half-size or electronic set. Electronic Sets may be obtained by visiting <https://kemccartney.com/project-bids/> to down-

load all bid documents. Checks shall be made payable to the K.E. McCartney & Associates and all documents become the property of the prospective bidder, with no portion of the payment being refunded.

If you would like to request a hard copy, please email your request to [aalt@kemccartney.com](mailto:aalt@kemccartney.com) along with your UPS or FedEx account number for shipping charges to be applied to your account.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
(T-C 6-30, 7-7 '22) 47L

## OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT

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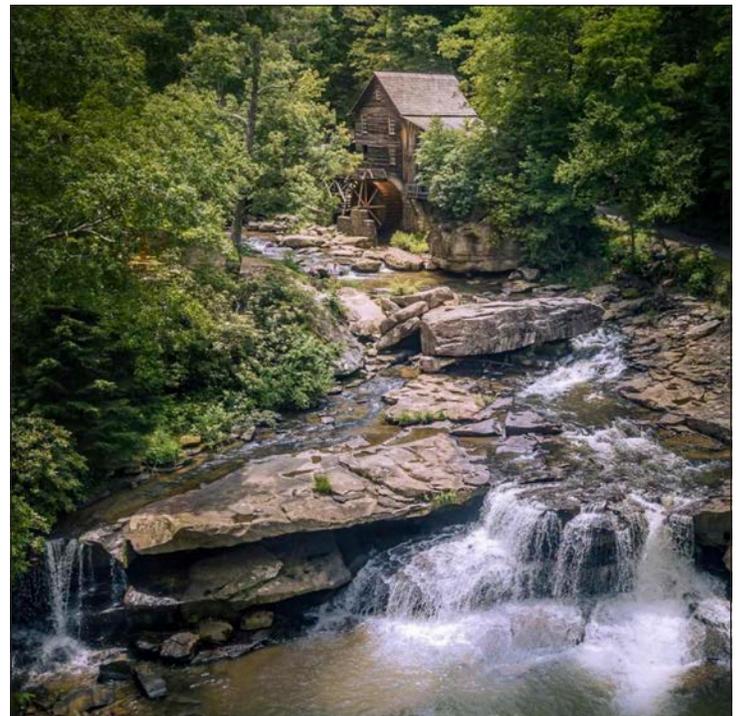


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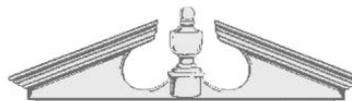
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