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CRESTVIEW SENIOR Evan Stuart established the Strong Choice Foundation, Inc. to help cancer patients after his grandma had cancer. Pictured are Sheila Roper (Evan's grandma), Evan Stuart, Stacey Stuart (Evan's mom).

Crestview senior establishes foundation to help cancer patients

By Traci Little

Crestview Senior, Evan Stuart, is an ambitious young man. As an 18-year-old, he recently started a foundation called Strong Choice Foundation, INC.

"I started this organization after attending the Washington Leadership Conference through Future Farmers of America (FFA). At the conference, we developed Living to Serve plans that we could take back home and use to improve our community."

"I chose to start this organization because after years of raising money for other organizations with my family, I always wondered where all of the money went. How much was used to pay employees instead of truly helping the people who need it?" said Evan.

Strong Choice Foundation, INC. is committed to using 100% of the funds received to help local individuals seeking or recovering from cancer treatments.

"When you donate, you can have total confidence in knowing your money is going to help those in our community," said Evan.

The name of the foundation comes from a quote that helped Evan's grandma, Sheila Roper, through her own battle with cancer: "We don't know how STRONG we are until being strong is the only CHOICE we have."

"My grandma faced a breast cancer diagnosis in 2015, and that is where our journey began doing all we could to help those facing their own battle with cancer. She is thankfully in remission now."

Evan is heavily involved in community service through several or-

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Voter registration deadline nearing for May Primary

The deadline to register to vote or change an address or name for the May 2, 2023 Primary Election is Monday, April 3. The Richland County Board of Elections office will be open that evening until 9 pm. This office is located at 1495 W. Longview Ave. Suite 101 in the Longview Center, Mansfield. 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:

- must be either a native U. S. citizen or a naturalized citizen of the U.S.
- must be a resident of Richland County and Ohio 30 days before an Election
- must be a minimum of 18 years of age on or before the date of the General Election on Nov. 7, 2023.

Registered voters who have moved or changed their name must notify the board office in writing or in person. Voters currently registered in Ohio may change their address online at VoteOhio.gov but must do so by the April 3 deadline. Online registration is also now available at VoteOhio.gov

In addition to the Board of Elections 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 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 before Election Day.

Ontario Board awards contracts

The Ontario Local Schools Board of Education met March 14.

Ontario Middle School Principal Chris Miller updated the board on activities in the middle school.

OMS student Lilly Chitwood introduced the new initiatives through a video produced by the AV Club.

Mike Ream, director of education, gave an update on Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment.

The board approved a five-year contract for Chris Smith, high school principal, effective Aug. 1, 2023–July 31, 2028.

Pat Duffner was awarded a five-year contract as director of transportation and maintenance, effective July 1, 2023–June 30, 2028.

Three-year contracts were awarded to Allison Morrison, school psychologist; and Condrea Cannada, food service director, both effective Aug. 1, 2023–July 31, 2026.

Tara Hall was awarded a five-year contract as the board office manager, effective July 1, 2023–June 30, 2028.

Robin Owen was hired as a middle school Family and Consumer Science teacher on a one-year limited contract for \$42,674 for the 2023–'24 school year.

The accepted the resignation of Connie Brinegar, preschool teacher, for retirement purposes, effective May 31, 2023.

Melissa Muzic resigned as middle school Family and Consumer Science teacher, effective at the end of the 2022–'23 school year.

The board approved the resignation of Jerrett Mullins, bus mechanic, effective March 4, 2023.

Teachers who will teach an eight-period per day schedule for the 2023–'24 school year are Julie Buker, \$10,204; and Jim Buker, \$8,159.

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CLARENCE "SPIKE" LUTZ with the Lexington Park Spanish American War Gatling gun.



A CANON was built by Boy Scout Troop 131 in 1975-'76. Several Scouts returned in 2010 for a photo. Pictured are Bob Mertler, owner of Blasting Co.; Jeff Carter, owner of Kell's Hardware; John Mertler, Worthington Industries manager; Scoutmaster Bob Carter; Canon Lehman, civil engineer partner with Mertler.

Lexington artillery recalled

By Bob Carter

Artillery guns and cannons can bring fearsome destruction during dreaded times of war. Lexington had two of those terrible weapons but neither ever brought destruction to the quiet village. There's a story there.

A local Veterans Post obtained a Spanish American War era Gatling Gun to stand in the Lexington town square to honor all veterans who had served in the military, from the Revolutionary War to World War I, who are buried in the Lexington Cemetery. Some larger communities had big cannons or tanks but Lex had to do with what surplus they could get from the government. No record has been found as to who the movers of the project were.


It was quite a pretend weapon for young boys. They could shoot up passing semi trucks, cars or innocent people walking by on the side walks. We (I was one of them). There's a pizza shop there now next to Kell's. The unmovable barrels were fixed that direction.

Over the years, the gun began to rust and the wood spoke wheels were weathering. Claude Gore, a former village councilman and school board member, came one day and gave the old relic a fresh coat of aluminum paint.

A few years later, a man who worked at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C. passed through town, saw the gun and asked if it would be donated to the museum. So away went the park gun and an inquiry a few years back found it in a museum warehouse, but not on display.

Standing in front of gun is Clarence "Spike" Lutz, a local character. His father started Lutz Lumber Company, thus the nickname, but he suffered scarlet fever when he was in elementary school and couldn't read beyond that level. He had a habit of looking in people's windows just to see what they were doing. Neighbors got used to it and knew he meant no harm.

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THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

One of the DC comic book movies that really stood out from the bunch was *Shazam* starring Zachary Levi, playing the adult version of a young boy who gained superpowers. This, combined with how he is managing these skills, was a nice fish-out-of-water story and a really engaging superhero movie.



The sequel, *Shazam: Fury of the Gods*, is a really by-the-number's effort. As the last couple Marvel entries have not been received as well, DC could have stepped up but they really drop the ball on this one.

Levi returns in his lead role as the superhero along with his friends who, at the end of the original, also became heroes with all sorts of different powers and abilities. They discover that the daughters of Atlas (Helen Mirren and Lucy Liu) have come into possession of a staff that could wreak havoc all over the world if they are able to harness its powers.

The first scene of the film introduces these two villains, and that scene is quite effective at being both scary and engaging. Then the movie turns to Levi and his friends and it gets very silly and goofy to the point where the script really suffers. Even the two villains that start

out as potentially being pretty terrifying, turn into jokes and the same baddies that have been seen in all of these types of movies.

The cast is good though and Levi does his best with what he is given. Jack Dylan Grazer's character really steps up as his hero is featured quite a bit and his relationship with a mysterious girl at school (Rachel Zegler) is nicely explored.

Mirren and Liu are fine actresses though featuring Liu as the prominent of the two is a mistake as she is not really convincing for most of her big scenes and the action scenes, while they look nice, really go back and forth from either suspenseful to family filled fun to basic superhero fluff and none of it works very well.


It's too bad that *Shazam: Fury of the Gods* is such a letdown as the first film really worked and this one, while not the worst superhero movie in the genre, does not work.

If they are going to continue making these movies, maybe space them out and firm up some of the writing so they are at least memorable.



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News Briefs

Construction projects are anticipated to affect highways in Richland County this week. All outlined work is weather permitting.

U.S. 30, from St. Rt. 309 to just east of the 5th Avenue ramps, will have lane closures for a major rehabilitation project. Traffic will always be maintained.

All mainline construction project work will resume the first week of April, weather permitting. Crews will begin placing the signal at Rt. 39. It will be in flash mode in preparation for full operation in a couple of weeks. The remaining lighting on the project should also be completed in the next week.

Crews will be working at the Rt. 13 and Longview Ave. intersection and will be installing temporary loop detection until paving is completed and permanent signal timing can be installed.

Estimated completion of entire project is May 2023.

U.S. 30, from the 5th Ave interchange ramps to just past the Ashland County Line, will have daily lane closures beginning Monday, March 27 for pavement repairs. Traffic will be maintained at all times. Estimated completion is October 2023.

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Trinity United Methodist Church, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, (Madison area) will hold its annual Madison Community Easter Egg Hunt at 3 pm on Saturday, April 1. The hunt is for all children through grade six.

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The 2nd Annual Senior Citizen Prom "A Night to Remember" is scheduled for Saturday, May 13, from 5:30-8 pm, in the Ontario Middle School Commons, 447 Sjelby-Ontario Rd., Ontario.

The free semi-formal dance is for senior citizens of the City of Ontario and surrounding area. There will be a live band, food, photo booth, raffle prizes and lots of dancing.

An RSVP is required By May 1 to the City of Ontario Recreation Director at recreationdept@ontarioohio.org or call 419-529-2588 ext. 3202. In RSVP, leave full name. number of people attending and their names along with a phone number.

The event is sponsored by the City of Ontario Recreation Department, Ontario Middle School, Ohio District Area Agency On Aging and VFW #7651.

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Ohioans who need help with winter heating bills can contact the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). HEAP benefits are applied to an individual's energy bill after Jan. 1. Applications for the HEAP program must be received by May 31, 2023.

HEAP helps Ohioans at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines pay their heating bills. 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, including electric, wood, coal, natural gas, propane and kerosene.

For a list of required documents, contact the Area Agency on Aging at 419-524-4144 or 800-860-5799 Monday-Friday, 9 am to 5 pm.

•Lexington artillery recalled

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The other cannon, a Revolutionary War era cannon shown was built by Boy Scout Troop 131 during the winter of 1975-'76 for the nation's Bicentennial. Charles Elbert, a retired engineer from Ohio Brass, was the guiding genius behind the Scout project. Elbert engineered the barrel built by Leppert Machine of Mansfield and an old wagon chassis from Scott Carpenter came the wheels.

Mothers made period uniforms for the boys and off went the troop and their magnificent cannon to a dozen parades in 1976.

More events followed over the years until some idiot kid in California put high powered powder in a cannon and blew it up. Scout Headquarters then prohibited all Boy Scout Troops from using black powder.

After setting for several years the cannon was loaned to a French and Indian War group with the understanding that if it is ever sold the money goes to Troop 131.

A half pound of 1F black powder makes an awful boom!

To be connected to a local energy assistance provider, call 800-82-0880 (hearing impaired dial 711) or visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov.

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First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Ave. West, Mansfield, will be offering senior boxes on the fourth Tuesday of each month, year 'round. The Greater Cleveland Food Bank has a program called "Senior Boxes" whereby anyone 60+ who falls in the "low income" guidelines can register and then pick up a 30 pound box of non-perishables including two pounds of cheese and a 15 pound box of pre-packaged produce. Age is a qualification, so those attending should bring a current identification card complete with date of birth and proof of income. Distribution is on the east side of the building between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm to get registered and pick up your a box. There is no cost. Call 419-522-0662 for more information.

The next distribution date is Tuesday, March 28.

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, March 25 and 26. Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, broken down cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.

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

The meal on April 19, will include turkey. Those attending are encouraged to bring non-perishable food to donate to the Salvation Army. Cost is \$15 for the meal. Guests are welcome. For information visit www.lexasc.org. Dues are \$10 per year.

The group will also meet for lunch at Chinatown, 238 Ashland Rd., Madison area on April 5 at 11 am.

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The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is now accepting public comments on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for 2024 to 2027. The program identifies the multi-modal transportation improvement projects that are scheduled for some phase of implementation throughout the state over the next four years.

The draft documents will be available for public review and comment online during the review period through April 10, 2023.

Any comments concerning the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program may be submitted by email to Natasha.Turner@dot.ohio.gov or postal mail Mr. Tim McDonald, Deputy Director, Division of Planning, Ohio Department of Transportation, Mail Stop # 3260, 1980 West Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43223.

Written comments must be received by the close of business on April 10, 2023.

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The Richland Democratic Party will be hosting candidate luncheons at the McCartney/Reid Building, 16 S. Park St., Mansfield. The schedule includes Rose Feagin for 2nd Ward Council, City of Ontario, March 29, 11:30 am; Chris Brown for Law Director, City of Mansfield April 5, 11:30 am; Rollie Harper for Law Director, City of Mansfield, April 12, 11:30 am; Antoinette Daley for 4th Ward Council, City of Mansfield, April 19 at 11:30 am; and Alomar Davenport for 4th Ward Council, City of Mansfield, April 26, 11:30 am.

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and playing. He also thinks that he can walk himself on a leash and will hold it in his mouth. He also thinks leashes are toys.

Bison knows how to sit, although sometimes he is too excited to do it. A volunteer said he is toy aggressive and doesn't like his toys taken away. Bison does need some training, but he is super loving and affectionate. He very much wants to be your best friend.

Bison is available at the Richland County Dog Shelter in Mansfield. Those interested in meeting him or any other dog, can contact or visit the Richland County Dog Warden's Office and Shelter. Hours are 11 am to 4:15 pm Monday-Friday and 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday.

Adoptions are \$175, which includes spay/neuter, microchip, dog license and some vaccines.

The shelter's current needs are volunteers to walk and play with the dogs. The shelter uses a lot of bleach, laundry detergent, and dog treats and welcomes donations.

Business expo is Thursday

The Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development invites the public to attend the 16th Annual Business Expo on Thursday, March 23, from 10 am to 4 pm at the Richland County Fairgrounds.

The expo, presented by Hamilton Insurance Group, will feature a racing theme. Booth space is sold out once again, with over 100 local businesses and non-profit organizations exhibiting. A special ribbon cutting with local officials will be held at 9:45 am to open the event.

Admission and parking is free, and the expo is open to the general public. Individual booths will be offering prizes, samples and giveaways along with prize drawings held by the Chamber.

A canned food drive is also being held and every attendee who brings a can will receive an entry into a special prize drawing.

"The expo is the perfect chance for the public to interact with local businesses. The racing theme has been creating excitement, and everyone loves prizes and giveaways", says Chamber Program & Events Manager, Lisa Duckworth. She adds "We encourage everyone to stop by, even if they just have a few minutes before work or during their lunch break. We are also excited to feature food trucks this year."

The expo is sponsored by nearly 30 local businesses including Huntington National Bank and University Hospitals Samaritan Medical Center. A complete list of sponsors, a prize entry ticket and other important information can be found on the Chambers website, www.RichlandAreaChamber.com.

The Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development is the largest regional business advocacy organization with over 1,000 members in the Mid-Ohio area.

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
Sunday Evening 6 pm Home Groups
Monday Men's Group 7:30 pm
Wednesday evenings: 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting
6:30-8 pm TeamKID and Youth Group
Wednesday Ladies Bible Study 6:30-8 pm

Community Bible Church

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

First English Lutheran Church

53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield
419-522-0662 • www.felc-mansfield.org
Pastor Miguel Acasta
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship
Tuesday Bible Study 1 pm (East entrance)

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>

Mansfield 1st EPC

399 Trimble Rd., Mansfield
419-756-7066 • www.mansfield1st.com
Rev. Joseph Yerger
9 am Adult & Youth Sunday School
10 am Sunday Worship

Oakland Lutheran Church

2045 Olivesburg Rd.
419-571-9920
Pastor Paul Lintern
9 am Sunday Worship

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 • ontarioumc.com
Pastor Christine Bell
10:15 am Sunday Worship
10:15 am Kingdom Kids

Southside Christian Church Disciples of Christ

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1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison) 419-589-2114 • www.mansfieldstmarys.org
Father John Miller
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5:30 pm Tuesday Worship
8 am Friday Worship • Faith Instruction & Bible Study on Sunday Mornings

St. John's United Church of Christ

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419-522-2813 • www.stjohnsmansfield.org
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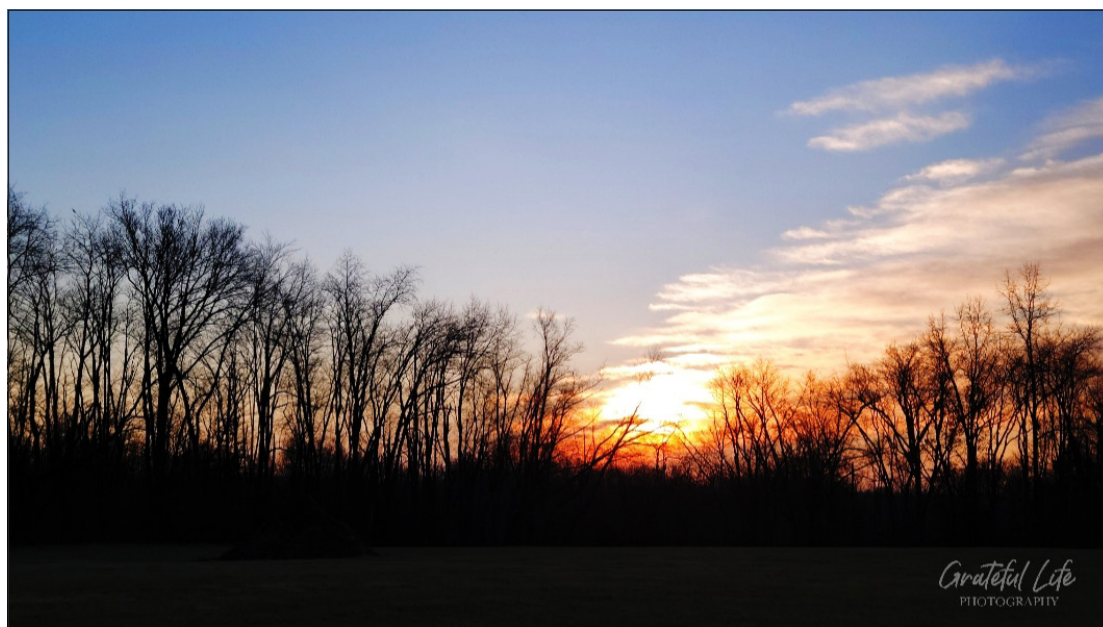


Photo By Brandon Chambers

Annual egg hunts planned in Ontario

The City of Ontario Recreation Department will host its annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 1 at noon.

The hunt will be held at Marshall Park near the splash pad and pavilion 2.

Participants are asked to arrive by 11:45 am and the hunt is for children up to fourth grade. Children hunting for eggs should bring a bag or basket for their eggs.

Those attending will be able to meet the Easter Bunny and Miss Ontario and have a photo taken with them.

The event will be held rain or shine. Special prizes will be available.

The Ontario Lions Club will host its Third Annual Egg Hunt For The Visually Impaired on Saturday, April 1, at 12:15 pm. The hunt will take place at the Marshall Park Basketball Court, Ontario.

RSVP for the Lions Club hunt by March 25 by calling or texting Renee at 419-631-4151.

Craft show added to Ontario 4th of July Festival

The Ontario 4th of July Festival will now include a craft show.

The festival will be held on Saturday, July 1, on the grounds of Marshall Park, Ontario.

The craft show will run from

11 am to 5 pm.

Craft show spaces will be 10' x 10' on the lawn for \$20.

Special vendor parking will be available.

Food vendors are not permitted and electricity will not be

available. A limited number of direct sales will be accepted.

Those interested in renting a booth space at the craft show can call or text Rick at 419-564-4886 or email rtimmer62@gmail.com.

Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Marjorie "Sue" Butler, March 11

Douglas Paul Moyer, March 13

Brenda Faye Walton, March 13

Debora Kay Banks, March 16

William Estep, March 18

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Richland SWCD pond fish sale orders being taken through April 13

Signs of spring are becoming evident — crocus blooming, daffodils popping up, and the smell of skunk spraying. Another sign is getting ponds ready for summer.

If part of your spring ritual involves stocking a pond, consider ordering pond fish through the Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) pond fish sale now through April 13.

Species for sale are Bluegill, Channel Catfish, Hybrid Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Redear Shellcracker, Yellow Perch,

White Amur, and Fathead Minnows. Pond conditioner, fish food, plastic bags and string may also be ordered through the sale.

This is the only pond fish sale Richland SWCD will sponsor this year. Orders will need to be picked up Friday, April 21 at 10 am at the Richland County Fairgrounds.

For recommendations on stocking rates and to place an order visit <https://richlandswcd.net/event/pond-fish-sale/> or call 419-747-8686.

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District develops, implements, and assists landowners, government agencies and partners with a wide range of natural resource conservation programs.

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•Ontario School Board awards contracts

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Employment for the 2023-'24 was awarded to Meghan Willeke, high school assistant track coach, \$4,196; Jerry Myers, middle school assistant track coach, \$2,751; and Michael J. Ellis, middle school assistant track coach \$2,000.

Jeromy Bolen, Alex Rathburn and Rachel Miller will split a high school assistant track coach position. Bob Esmont, Paige Vancura and David Whittaker are also splitting a high school assistant track coach position.

Ethan Pensante was approved as a high school volunteer assistant track coach and Karen Kaufman was approved as a middle school volunteer assistant track coach.

A new fund was created for the high school Academic Challenge team.

Contracts were awarded to Amy Miller, occupational therapist; and Rachel Knell, certified occupational therapy assistant.

Temporary substitute teachers and their assignments approved for the 2022-'23 school year are Alexa Hammer, Stingel; and Kyerstyn Paxton, Stingel.

Substitute classified staff personnel hired for the 2023-'24 school Rachel Kastran, was hired as a substitute bus driver and cafeteria worker for next school year.

An interest payment was approved to Richland County Foundation for \$9,552.64 out of the Technology Fund B.

The board voted to employ 2023 summer help for facility and transportation maintenance including Tim Henige, \$17 hourly; Darian Delbrugge, \$13 hourly; and Kolten Kurtz, \$13 hourly.

The board approved the Ontario Middle School Course Offering Guide and Scheduling Form for the 2023-'24 school year.

The tax rates were accepted as determined by the Richland County Budget Commission authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them with the Richland County Auditor for the tax year 2023 (collectible 2024).

A partnership with Mid Ohio Educational Service Center was approved for a Business Advisory Council for the 2023-'24 school year. A new middle school dean of students job description was created.

The board approved an out-of-state field trip to Orlando, FL for the Magic Kingdom Parade and choir performance and instrumental/vocal workshops April 1-6, 2024.

Donations were accepted from Milark Industries, \$500, OMS PBIS Fund; Park National Bank, \$500, OMS PBIS Fund; and Stingel PTO, laminator worth \$1,700.

Donations going to the Academic Challenge Fund were Cynthia Henige and Gary Lynch, \$100; Alice and David Willeke, \$50; Timothy and Sandra Mercer, \$50; Bud Vetter and Wendy Vetter, \$100; Jerod and Lee Them, \$100; Donald and Joan Hipsher, \$50; anonymous, \$100; Roy and Cynthia Pullum, \$50; Paul and Elinor Boes, \$25; Rita and Jon Rohlf, \$50; Nancy Johnson, \$150; Doris Kroeger, \$20; Lee Rowlinson, \$25; David and Amy Sheldon, \$25; Robert and Mary Jane Cunningham, \$25; Roger Nikiforow, \$50; Deborah Grove,

\$50; Kris Moloney, \$50; David and Angela Eyerly, \$100; Jeff Fisher, \$100 - Academic Challenge Fund; Tyler and Kelly Coley, \$100; Sandra Crum, \$30; David and Ellen Scarborough, \$25; anonymous, \$40.

The next board of education meeting will be April 11, 2023 at 7 pm in the Ontario High School Library.

Chordsmen to present Spring Show

The Fun Center Chordsmen will present the annual Spring Show "Falling In Love" at The Mansfield Playhouse, 95 E. 3rd St., Mansfield, on Saturday, March 25, at 3 pm.

The event will feature The Chordsmen and Quartets directed by Trevor Garrabrant

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students K-12. Tickets will be available the day of show at the box office or online at www.mansfieldplayhouse.com.

The Fun Center Chordsmen invite all area men who love to sing to join them. The group meets every Monday night from 7-9 pm at First Congregational Church, 640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield.

Hospice of North Central Ohio recipient of grants and gifts

The Firelands Electric Cooperative People's Fund has approved a grant in the \$1,737.50 to Hospice of North Central Ohio to fund the purchase of Deterra Drug Activation Kits.

These specially designed kits provide caregivers with a safe way to dispose of unused medication.

They safely deactivate and destroy medications making them unavailable for misuse and safe for disposal in normal trash.

Ralph Tomassi, HNCO Chief Development Officer/Senior Administrator stated, "HNCO has been and continues to provide the very best care for hospice and palliative patients due in large part through the generous grant support received through The Firelands Electric Cooperative People Fund program."

The mission of Firelands Electric People's Fund is the accumulation of funds for charitable purposes in the Firelands Rural Electric service area. The program receives its funding from members who allow their bills to be rounded up each month to the next dollar amount. These funds are placed in a charitable trust fund. All available funds are then distributed quarterly to qualified charitable organizations.

Hospice of North Central Ohio has received a gift in the amount of \$5,000.00 from VFW Post #8586 in Perrysville. The gift was facilitated through The VFW of Ohio Charities, Columbus, Ohio and will be used to support HNCO programs and services for Veterans as part of the "We Honor Veterans" initiative.

Specifically, this grant will help fund the annual Veterans Memorial Service scheduled for Sept. 18 at the Ashland County Fairgrounds.

The New London Rotary's Area United Fund committee has selected Hospice of North Central Ohio as one of the area's agencies to receive a 2023 grant. The grant in the amount of \$1,200.00 is designated for "Camp Hope" children's bereavement camp, which is scheduled for June 16, 17, 23 and 24 at Pleasant Hill campgrounds in southern Ashland County. The camp was established by HNCO in 1996 to provide a safe and caring environment for grieving children ages 6-17 who have lost a loved one through death, to tell their story. The camp is staffed by a team of qualified bereavement counselors and trained volunteers.

Ralph Tomassi, HNCO Chief Development Officer/Senior Administrator stated, "Addressing the needs of grieving children continues to be a high priority at HNCO. We receive a significant amount of support for this special camp because it resonates with just about everyone. Thanks to grants from benefactors like The New London Rotary's Area Fund, we can provide this camp without cost (excluding a small deposit)."

Hospice of North Central Ohio has served thousands of families with compassionate end-of-life and Palliative care, bereavement programs and services since 1988. HNCO is headquartered at 1021 Dauch Dr., Ashland, and serves more than 200 patients daily in Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Morrow and Richland counties.

Free continuous bereavement services are provided. Call 800-952-2207 for more information.



•Crestview senior establishes foundation to help cancer patients

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organizations outside of this foundation. Other organizations he is or has been a part of include:

- National Society of High School Scholars
- National Society of Leadership and Success
- 4-H Car teens
- Vice President of the Richland County Junior Fair Board
- Previous King of the Richland County Junior Fair
- President of Crestview FFA

Evan has also received an Ohio Senate Presidents' letter of achievement and Ohio Speaker of the House letter of achievement.

What drives Evan to have such a strong passion to help others?

"What motivates me is the feeling I get after helping someone. It's such a good feeling to have and makes me so much more determined to achieve success. Anytime I feel stuck and don't know what to do, I take a break and find a way to help others. It is truly rewarding."

"As a fundraiser our volunteers work the concession stand at Ashland University as much as we can. The university donates to us for our time. We are also currently selling tickets for our purse raffle. Tickets are \$10 each or 3/\$25. For individuals not interested in winning a purse we are holding a 50/50 for \$1 per ticket. Donations can be sent to our Venmo or PayPal. An exciting event we are planning for this summer will be announced soon as we are still in the planning stages. The Strong Choice Foundation, INC. proceeds help people going through cancer after evaluating each individual's need," says Evan.

Evan's goal for the foundation is to help as many people as possible. To do this, they need to reach far more people and gain even more support.

A way you can help support this cause is to follow their social media pages to stay up to date on fundraisers and important announcements. Follow them on Instagram @strongchoicefoundation_inc and on Facebook at Strong Choice Foundation, INC. For information email scfdn.inc@gmail.com.

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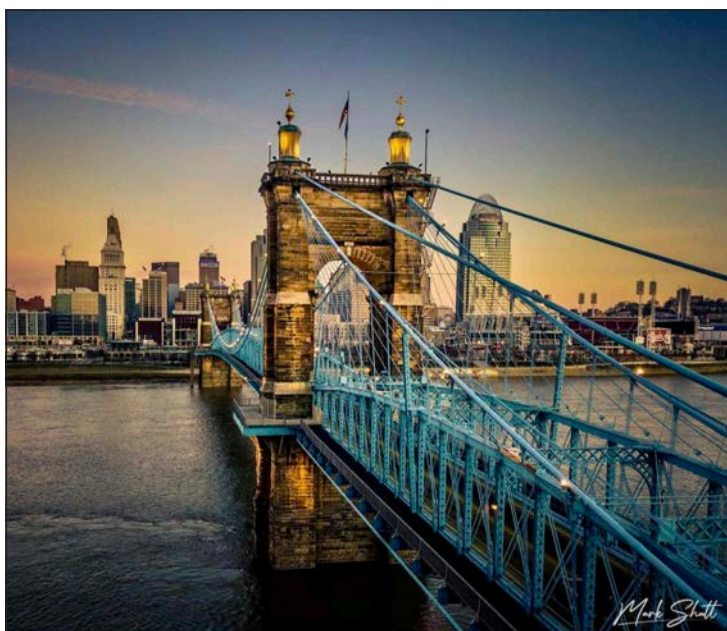


Photo By Mark Shutt
Roebling Suspension Bridge over the Ohio River
leading into downtown Cincinnati

KCCC students qualify for SkillsUSA State Championships

Knox County Career Center (KCCC) students competed in the SkillsUSA Southeast Regional competition over the weekend.

KCCC had seven students from Metal Fabrication and Welding, Automotive Technology, Cosmetology, Collision Repair, Precision Machining, and Sports Medicine & Exercise Science who qualified for the SkillsUSA Ohio State Championships.

The SkillsUSA Ohio State Championships brings over 5,000 competitors, business, and industry partners, instructors, and vendors together in over 100 contests in all 16 Career Pathways to showcase Career and Technical Education in Ohio. Students compete for the title of best in Ohio in their respective career fields.

"SkillsUSA is the largest career technical organization. We are excited for our students to compete in their skilled trade areas alongside the other top students from around the state," said Elaine Robinson, KCCC Principal and SkillsUSA Advisor.

The following students qualified to compete in the SkillsUSA Ohio State Championships on April 25 and 26 in Columbus:

Jack Fowler (Automotive Technology), Automotive Service Technology, (Gold/1st Place); Zackary Calbert (Precision Machining), CNC Milling (Bronze/3rd Place); Zoey Kennedy (Cosmetology), Cosmetology (Bronze/3rd Place); Brady Schwartz (Metal Fabrication & Welding), Welding (Bronze/3rd Place); Stephen Brazeal (Collision Repair), Automotive Refinishing Technology (Bronze/3rd Place); Tyra Warth (Cosmetology), Prepared Speech (Bronze/3rd Place); Carly Cammuse (Sports Medicine & Exercise Science), Job Skill Demonstration (Bronze/3rd place)

SkillsUSA Ohio's mission is to empower its members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens. For more information about SkillsUSA Ohio State Championships, visit www.ohioskillsusa.org/copy-of-state-championships

Ontario Lions pancake breakfast is April 1

The Ontario Lions will host its spring pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 1, from 6 am to noon at Ontario High School, 467 Shelby-Ontario Rd, Ontario.

The breakfast will include sausage, drink and all-you-can-eat pancakes for \$6. Children six and under are free.

Door prizes have been donated by local businesses. Everyone who buys a breakfast ticket can enter to win.

Proceeds go to support Lions Club projects.

Farmers Share Breakfast set for Saturday, March 25 in Shelby

Richland County Farm Bureau invites the community to attend the annual Richland County Farm Bureau Farmers Share Breakfast. Breakfast will be served in the Shelby High School Cafeteria from 7-10:30 am on Saturday, March 25.

The Richland County Farm Bureau is requesting a donation for the breakfast which includes pancakes, fresh whole hog sausage, eggs, orange juice, milk and coffee.

The public is invited to join for great food and fellowship. No reservations are needed.

The money donated at the breakfast is given to food pantries in Richland County in honor of the FFA chapters who help. Richland County Farm Bureau has donated nearly \$18,000 to area food banks and the Harmony House over the past 15 years.

"Farmers remain committed to producing safe and healthy food for our communities, and we share with consumers many of the same concerns about putting nutritious meals on the table on a tight budget," said Fred Cooke, Richland County Farm Bureau breakfast chair.

"By inviting our community to our Farmers Share Breakfast, we hope to connect with them and provide a better understanding of the origins of the food on their plates."

Follow Richland County Farm Bureau on Facebook and bookmark our webpage for details on events and programs throughout the year. Ohio Farm Bureau's mission is working together for Ohio farmers to advance agriculture and strengthen our communities. Learn more at ohiofarmbureau.org.



Voters urged to support parks

The Friends of Richland County Park District are excited about the opportunity for residents to improve and further develop their natural resources.

Richland County voters will see a 0.65 property tax levy request on the May 2 primary ballot. With the community's support, the levy would generate \$1,648,821 annually, for ten years. At this time, the parks are funded through the Richland County Commissioners general fund budget. (\$300,000 Annual Revenue)

Among other things, the new revenue would go toward improvements and safety on the B&O Trail, the ongoing operation of Gorman Nature Center, opening up the new Fleming Falls Preserve for daily visitation, and to develop safe access to Hemlock Falls.

In reality, this means new observation structures, hiking trails, bridges and free field trip opportunities for area schools. Passage would cost the owner of a home with an appraised taxable value of \$100,000 about \$23 per year.

It's important to note that park districts in neighboring Crawford, Ashland and Knox counties already have dedicated levies to generate park funding. Passage would cost the owner of a home with an appraised taxable value of \$100,000 about \$23 per year.

Submissions open for 2023 Mindsprouts Creative Writing program

Students from all over the region are invited to submit their works for the annual MindSprouts Creative Writing program, a part of the Mechanics Bank Education Series brought to you by the Renaissance Education Department.

Educators are also invited to participate in the MindSprouts Creative Writing program by scheduling in-class workshops for their students with Renaissance Teaching Artist Dauphne Maloney, trained by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Workshop dates are available to be scheduled through March 30 by calling 419-522-2726, ext. 212.

The annual MindSprouts Creative Writing contest invites students to submit one composition in one or more of the following categories: short story, play, or poem. This year's contest theme is "My Epic and Awesome Life!"

Top submissions from each grade band are adjudicated, then adapted for the stage and showcased at the Renaissance onstage at Theatre 166 at 7 pm on May 11, 2023.

All submissions to the MindSprouts contest must correspond to the theme: "My Epic and Awesome Life!" Interested students may submit individually, or students may submit one collaborative work from a group of up to three students.

All submissions must be received by the Renaissance no later than April 15, 2023, to be eligible for inclusion in the contest. Submissions will be accepted via mail and email. Submissions should be mailed to: Dauphne Maloney, Renaissance Education Department, 138 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, OH 44902. Email submissions can be sent to: dauphne@mansfieldtickets.com.

For more information on the program/submission guidelines or any Renaissance Education programs visit www.rentickets.org

Ontario Schools Menu

Breakfast

- Monday: Apple cinnamon muffin, fruit juice
- Tuesday: Whole grain mini pancakes, fruit juice
- Wednesday: Cream cheese filled bagel, fruit juice
- Thursday: Whole grain cinni mini roll, fruit juice
- Friday: Two whole grain pop tarts, fruit juice

Week of March 27

- Monday: Cheeseburger sandwich, sweet potato rounds, pickle chips, pears
- Tuesday: Chicken drumstick, mashed potatoes with gravy, roll with butter, applesauce cup
- Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, broccoli, apple/cinnamon loaf, mixed fruit
- Thursday: Sloppy joe sandwich, baked beans, potato chips, peaches
- Friday: Cheese pizza, green beans, fruit juice, cookie bar

Week of April 3

Spring Break April 3-7

Week of April 10

- Monday: Mini corn dogs, baked beans, selery and dip, peaches
- Tuesday: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, pickle spear, mixed fruit
- Wednesday: Orange chicken bowl, fried rice, green beans, pineapple
- Thursday: Hot dog or coney, potato wedges, apple slices, caramel cup
- Friday: Pepperoni pizza calzone, broccoli, orange slices, cookie bar

Week of April 17

- Monday: Cheeseburger, sweet potato tots, pickle chips, side kick
- Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, spinach salad, apple cinnamon loaf, peaches
- Wednesday: French toast sticks, sausage link, hash brown, orange juice
- Thursday: Sloppy joe, baked beans, pears, pudding cup
- Friday: Pepperoni pizza, green beans, peaches, ice cream cup

Week of April 24

- Monday: Ravioli, garlic bread sticks, romaine salad, pears
- Tuesday: Chicken patty sandwich, cucumber slices, applesauce cup, Goldfish Grahams
- Wednesday: Shredded chicken sandwich, sweet potato fries, strawberries, brownie
- Thursday: Shredded chicken sandwich, sweet potato fries, strawberries, brownie
- Friday: Warrior nachos, black beans, mixed fruit, Jello cup



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL students held a pancake breakfast recently to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

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JANUARY R.A.M.S. (Respectful, Accountable, Motivated, Successful) Students of the Month at Madison Middle School are fifth grade students Rylie Davidson, Savannah Hamilton, Thomas Kinnan and Bella Blanton; sixth grade students Makynli Young, Garrett Spiess, Abigail Anschutz and Andrew Kippenberger; seventh grade students Lilyana Brown, Isaiah Jones, Landon Parsons and Braelynn Loucks; and eighth grade students Anna Blanton, Sophie Lowe, Lena Sasis and Evan Larsen.



STUDENTS IN Brittany Rhodes' Global Foods class at Ontario High School has been learning about Irish culture and cuisine. Students made an Irish bread braid full of potatoes, corned beef, spinach and cheese. Students also made homemade shamrock milkshakes just like McDonald's.





THE ANATOMY CLASSES at Ontario High School are studying the nerves and special senses. As part of the eye unit, the class is dissecting an eye. Cow eyes were donated by Link's Country Meats in Crestline. The fresh eyes are very similar to human eyes and really help the students gain an appreciation for the construction of one of our most complex organs.

Annual tree seedling sale benefits Clear Fork FFA

Trees help improve water quality in streams, rivers and lakes by reducing flooding and minimizing chemical/sediment runoff. The tree's leaves act as a large umbrella capturing rainwater as it falls, which reduces the speed and amount of rain or snow that reaches the ground and becomes stormwater runoff.

Local residents can help Clear Fork FFA while helping manage stormwater and prevent soil erosion at the Clear Fork FFA Alumni Tree Seedling Sale held in partnership with Richland Soil and Water Conservation District. Purchase seedlings March 31 at multiple locations. The sale proceeds benefit Clear Fork FFA programs.

Sales will be held:

- Richland County Fairgrounds Nature Park, Friday, March 31, from 9 am to 7 pm or until all seedlings are sold
- Clear Fork High School back parking lot, Friday, March 31, from 8 am to 1 pm or until all seedlings are sold
- Planktown Market near Shiloh (at inside door), Friday, March 31, from 9 am to 1 pm or until all seedlings sold

If there are seedlings left at 1 pm at Clear Fork High School or Planktown Market, those seedlings will be moved to the Richland County Fairgrounds.

The tree seedlings cost \$10 per bundle of eight. Sales are available on a first come, first serve basis with cash or checks only being accepted.

For orders larger than 20 bundles, call Clear Fork High School at 419-886-2601 or Jim from 4-8 pm daily at 419-564-3881 by March 19. To purchase left-over seedlings call Jim at 419-564-3881.

Tree species include: Norway Spruce, White Pine, Douglas Fir, Balsam Fir, Fraser Fir, Red Mulberry, Ohio Buckeye, Common Pawpaw, Flowering Dogwood, Redbud, White Oak, Sugar Maple, Persimmon, Tulip Poplar, Red Oak, Scarlet Oak, Black Cherry and Black Walnut.

Bluebird, bat and butterfly houses will also be available for \$15 each.

An order form and information regarding the sale may be found at <https://richlandswcd.net/event/clear-fork-ffa-alumni-tree-seedling-sale-2/> or <https://www.facebook.com/FFAClearFork>.

Madison kindergarten registration opens in April

Kindergarten registration for Madison Local Schools will be held April 3-28, 2023. Children are eligible to attend kindergarten during the 2023-'24 school year if they are five years of age on or before Aug. 1, 2023.

The first step in the registration process is to complete the online registration through FinalForms. The registration link can be found at www.mlssd.net under Madison FinalForms or using the link under kindergarten registration. Those without internet access can schedule an appointment to complete the online forms with the child's assigned building.

Current Madison South Preschool students moving into kindergarten will need to log into their FinalForms account and complete the 2023-'24 forms and schedule an appointment for kindergarten registration.

Once all online forms are completed, parents or guardians can schedule an appointment with the elementary school in which they reside: Madison South Elementary, 419-522-4319; Mifflin Elementary, 419-589-6517; Eastview Elementary, 419-589-7335.

Documents that should be brought to the appointment include the student's birth certificate, parent/guardian driver license, custody papers (if applicable), parent/guardian proof of residency (see FinalForms for approved list) and immunization records.

Required immunizations for school attendance are: four doses of DPT (five doses if four were given before fourth birthday), three or more doses of Polio with final dose after fourth birthday, three doses of Hepatitis B, two MMR's and two Varivax (Chicken Pox) or history of having disease.



EBUBECHUKWU "EBUBE" EZIKE, a sixth grade student at Lexington's Eastern Elementary, won the annual Pi-Day Bee on March 14. He recited 322 digits of pi, smashing the old record of 232 by Jenna Halfhill in 2021. His brother, Chidalu, recited 224 digits last year during his sixth grade year, placing first.

Honor and Merit Rolls

Ontario Middle School Third Grading Period

ALL A

Sixth Grade: Sriram Akkina, Sabrina Bilyj, Leah Bonen, Haylee Breitinger, Trevor Breitinger, Jackson (Jack) Buttil, Savannah Byler, Aleiya Cantey, Vincent (Vince) Caudill, Noah Coley, Nicholas (Nick) Crawford, Jaxon (Jax) Craze, Bryce DeWees, Madelyn (Maddie) Egner, Callie Fagan, Avi Featheringill, Alayna Foltz, Leah Gorrell, Jace Hale, Parker Hale, Rylan Heston, Liam Holden, Ava Julian, Alexander (ALEX) Kern, Noah King, Christy Kline, Zachary LaCroix, Parker Laymon, Tianyi Liu, Taelix Lucanegro, Ella Manns, Kileigh McLaren, Parker Metzger, Reese Miller, Grace Mills, Alexander (Alex) Morabito, Nicholas (Nicky) Morabito, Braylee Morehead, Kendyll Mullins, Frank (Frankie) Nemeth, Sadie Neumann, Natalie Peace, Kasen Pittman, Keith Pollock, Emma Preuninger, Zane Reynolds, Olivia Sandwall, Alayna Secrist, Zoey Shaffer, Alexander (Alex) Simmering, Trevor Studer, Graham Thurber, Nguyen (Que) Tran, Bella Viola, Carter Viola, Corbin Walter, Emerson Weiler, Penelope (Penny) Wilging, Samantha (Sammy) Wilging, Gordon Wilkerson, Zahrana Woods, Nathan Xiao

Seventh Grade: Ally Bell, Myles Born, Yvette Carrizal Ramos, Ellie Dawson, Grant Domyan, Nadia Eberst, Ava Farinacci, Luke Genders, Briella Hall, Adelina Hines, Tra'von (Tra) Jackson, Addysen Jacobsen, Elise LeHew, Braxton Michalovich, Yuka Mori, Carson Moritz, Ian Morrison, Kamryn Pelphrey, Camila Perez-Archuleta, Conner Perry, Atlee Price, Roxy Purvis, Kennedy Sapp, Daycee Schlotterer, Vaydie Schroeder, Kaelin Scott, Maddix Smith, Alexis (Lexi) Them, Ella Them, Mason Wilkerson, Tanner Winningham, Leeah Ziegler

Eighth Grade: Emma Bell, Bryant Born, Kaylei Chandler, Braedayn Currier, Connor Dawson, Alexandria (Alex) Fender, Eliana Fittante, Logan Goldbach, Lilly Gorrell, Eva Hadsell, Camryn Hanning, Jazlyn Johnson, Emerson Jovani, Rylee Kegley, Yuchen Lin, Madison Mabry, Sydney McManes, Tatum Mottayaw, Skylic Salmons, Maja Seibel, Piper Studer, Lin Angel Tan, Elton Toska, Owen Walter, William Wang, Braedon Watson, Timo Winningham, Mitchell Ye, Jordyn Yeager, Madelyn (Mady) Yoha

HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade: De'Aadreon (De) Chatman, Alexa (Lexi) Conrad, Emryn Fanello, Cory Garn, Gianna (Gia) Gfrer, Evan Gorrell, Robert (Robbie) Griefenstine, Ava Guevara, Sophia Hamilton, Aiden Harley, Wyatt Herold, Madelynn (Maddy) Hocker, Paxton Jeffery, Kairi Kearney, Aven Knapp, Dana Messer, Connor Myers, Gatlin O'Brien, Clayton Petty, Otto Rietschlin, Oliver (Oliver Landon) Shaw, Jacob Simms, Layla Van Harlingen, Levi Walter

Seventh Grade: Ayden Adams-Thompson, Elias (Eli) Baumgard, Raegan Boughton, Alexee Conkle, Stella (Gray) Durbin, Anna Faith, Maxwell (Max) Gfrer, Lillian Gray, Jilyinn (Jily) Grayson, Alexander (Alex) Hohman, Owen Hunt, Lincoln Jovani, Aadilynne (Aadi) Kightlinger, Kooper Kilgore, Alexandra McAleer, Amelia McCoy, Ryann Messer, Marisa Moffo, Jamarr Norris, Norah Potter, Kolbe Ramion, Morgan Rose, Sofia (Sofi) Shields, Garrett Smith, Kendall Thomas, Tyler Turnbaugh, Rylee Vandenberg, Zane VanTilburg, Parker Willis, Molly Wirick, Henry Yugovich, Ava Zehe, Antony Zhu

Eighth Grade: Ryleigh Ames, Alexander (Alex) Bilyj, Christopher Bradford, Brody Cheek, Lillian (Lily) Chitwood, Robert (Rob) Faith, Maia Fox, Nolan Grider, Garrett Hagerman, Abigail (Abby) Hart, Patrick Hart, Grace Horning, Brylie Ireland, Kennedy Johnson, Braelyn Llewellyn, Caden Meyers, KayVion (KayVi) Norris, Grace North, Isla Peachee, Gavin Reiver-crew, Carson Smith, Kadynce Smithberger, Paxton (Pax) So, Ava Spearman, Lauren Uhde, Paige Weiler

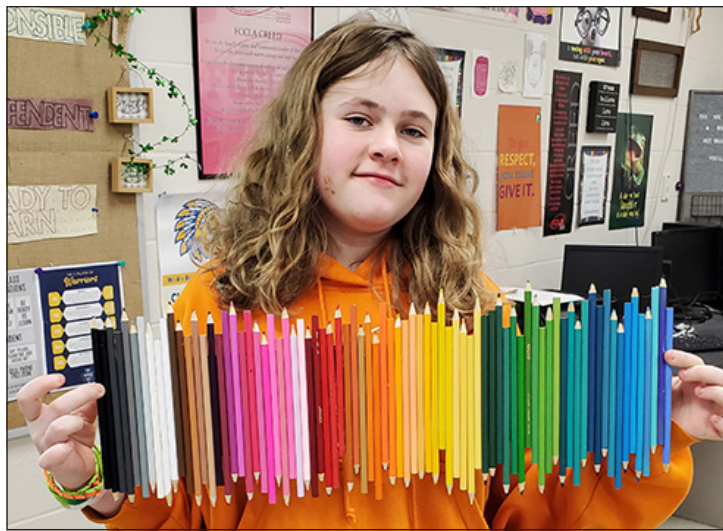
MERIT ROLL

Sixth Grade: Aiden Armstrong, Elliot (Elliot Or E.J.) Bechstein, Mason Boyd, Landon Breitinger, Logan Chase, Sophia (Sophie) Corwin, Jermetreis Cotton, Jalynn Craze, Abigail (Abby) Crouch, Luke Fletcher, Makenna Greene, Arabella Horning, Connor Hutchison, Kyleigh Kanouse, Madeline (Maddy) Kennedy, Mason Kiser, Joshua (Josh) Mabry, Hunter Miller, Daniel Moritz, Jaria (Mia) Moton, Cayden North, Taitum Owens, Konviction (Vic) Parsons, Autumn Porter, Mark (Markie) Porter, Gracie Roberts, Briar Samuels, Wade Schraedly, Logan SESCO, Oliver (Oliver Brown) Shaw, Kaleb Sipes, Peyton Smith, Mason Unger, Natalie Wonorski

Seventh Grade: Alayna Arter, Max Ciroli, Kihanna Clark, Grace Click, Ieyanna David, Jackson Dean, Noah Durfee, Aria Edgell, Iza-

yah Hatcher, Liam Hershberger, Colton Joseph, Lillian (Lilly) Ladner, Talan Mathison, Kylee Mcdaniel, Michael Muir, Tulsi Patel, Jack Rietschlin, Carlie Schnittke, Emily Simms, Addison Smith, Haiden Ulery, Peyton Vance, Gavin Wagner, Molly Weaver, Kevin Zickefoose

Eighth Grade: Jaxson Anderson, Faith Brahler, Olivia Brinker, Aaliyah Caldwell, Havana Cooper, Morgan Crubaugh, Shaun Gilbert, Andrea Hart, Haleigh Hefner, Vincent (Vinny) Hocker, Kiera Hughes, Dane Kearns, Riley Krzeminski, Taylor Lambert, Myah Lynch, Owen Meligan, Hem Patel, Ashton Pfeifer, Le (Phuong) Phan, Hazel Rau, Scarlet Rehberg, Anna Saltzger, Sophia Sandwall, Cooper Schroeder, Kaitlin (Katie) Seymour, Mariah Smith, Saylor Smith, Isabella (Bella) Sorrenti, Khloe Studer, Alandria Thomas, Ashlynn Viers, Dakota Yunker



"FROM TRASH TO TREASURE" has been the focus for F&D7 classes at Ontario High School. Students are taking items that normally would see the trash can converted into something fun or useful. They are making banks, pencil holders, snow globes and wall art. Before the end of the month, students will take a field trip to Lowe's, McCready's Interiors, Schumacher Homes and High Point Homes to wrap-up their house plan and interior design unit.

Roberts graduates from Emporia

Jessica Roberts of Lexington was one of nearly 500 students who graduated from Emporia State University in December 2022.

Roberts graduated with a Master of Science in Clinical Counseling with a concentration in Rehabilitation Counseling Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Emporia State University is located in Kansas.

St. Patrick's Day at Ontario High School



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LEXINGTON EASTERN ELEMENTARY'S fifth grade Academic Challenge Team took first place at the recent competition. Both teams placed in the top 7 of 22 teams. (Top photo) Taking first place was the team of Carter, David, Coulter and Aaron. (Bottom photo) Taking seventh was the team of Madi, Rahul, Silas and Tim. The fifth grade has taken first in all of their meets this year.



THE EIGHTH GRADERS in the FCS classes at Ontario Middle School have been busy learning about country culture, foods from around the world, childcare safety, kid-friendly games, and making homemade play dough. Recently, students made orange chicken in fifth period with brown rice and roasted vegetables.

Former boxer 'Prince William' Charles visits St. Peter's School

Students in Roy Shoulder's sophomore Sociology class had a simple assignment for Black History Month. Research an individual who made an impact in the African-American community. Students were tasked with creating a poster and then had to give a presentation to help make that person "come to life."

For St. Peter's student Rakayla Smith, her choice was easy – Mansfield boxing legend "Prince" Charles Williams. He also happens to be Rakayla's uncle. Prince Williams was born in Columbus, Miss., then moved to Mansfield at age 7, where his boxing career began. He went 34-2 in his amateur career, including runner-up in the 1977 Junior Olympics. He made his pro debut in 1978 and went on to have a very successful career, going 37-7-3 with 28 knockouts.

"When Miss Smith approached me about doing her project on Charles Williams, I thought it was a great idea. Most students pick someone that is a prominent figure in history. However, it is important for our students to recognize that individuals from the Black community here in Mansfield can go on to do great things." Shoulders said. "Prince Charles is undoubtedly one of the best athletes to come out of Mansfield, specifically the North End. To have him come and speak to the class was an opportunity I couldn't pass up."

"Uncle Charles has been a great role model for many. I think his story is very inspiring," Miss Smith said. "I thought it would be a good opportunity for my classmates to hear from him and how hard he worked to chase his dreams."

Williams told students about his boxing career, how he went pro at age 16, and how he fought to become the International Boxing Federation light heavyweight champion in 1987, a title he held until 1993. He told the class how much effort it took to focus on a career in boxing.

"The main thing, the focus, is that you know what you want to do in life. Do you know what your goal is? It doesn't have to be boxing, it doesn't have to be basketball, and it doesn't have to be sports," Williams said. "Whatever you set your goal to be, you have to do your best. "Don't look for it to come overnight. It took me 13 years before I got a break and could become champ. You have to work your way up... and it doesn't come easy."

Students asked several questions about his career, including his daily training regiment, his most challenging fights, what led him to decide to retire, and whether he encountered prejudice or discrimination during his career.

"Yes, I did, especially when I went overseas to fight," Williams said. "I went over to Germany to fight, and I couldn't even train. We were not allowed to leave the hotel. I was told before the match that I was not going to win. I was in a no-win situation... I do believe that today, we (African-Americans) get the same opportunities that everyone else got. We've come a long way."

He told students that success depends more on how a person carries themselves and how much their drive is to be successful. Williams also gave credit to having God in his life.

"I could not have done any of that without God in my life. He gave me all of the strength to do what I did," he said. "I can't take the glory, and I have to give everything to him. If it wasn't for him, I could not have done it."

Williams now lives in Columbus with his wife, and they have two children and several grandchildren.

He is a deacon in his church and still helps to train young boxers.

In 2021, the City of Mansfield dedicated a portion of Harker Avenue as the honorary Prince Charles Williams Street.



LOOKING BACK • THIS WEEK IN TRIBUNE-COURIER HISTORY



MADISON COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL Principal Rob Peterson escorted four students from the high school to attend a Rotary meeting Jan. 19 at the Holiday Inn. Representing Madison are Arianne Hill, Jacob Weston, Tiffany Baker, and Brad Robinson.

Bud Motter

This Day in History — On March 23, 1839, the initials “O.K.” are first published in *The Boston Morning Post*. Meant as an abbreviation for “oll korrekt,” a popular slang misspelling of “all correct” at the time, OK steadily made its way into the everyday speech of Americans. During the late 1830s, it was a favorite practice among younger, educated circles to misspell words intentionally, then abbreviate them and use them as slang when talking to one another. Just as teenagers today have their own slang based on distortions of common words, such as “kewl” for “cool” or “DZ” for “these,” the “in crowd” of the 1830s had a whole host of slang terms they abbreviated. Popular abbreviations included “KY” for “No use” (“know yuse”), “KG” for “No go” (“Know go”), and “OW” for all right (“oll wright”). Of all the abbreviations used during that time, OK was propelled into the limelight when it was printed in the *Post* as part of a joke. Its popularity exploded when it was picked up by contemporary politicians. When the incumbent president Martin Van Buren was up for reelection, his Democratic supporters organized a band of thugs to influence voters. This group was formally called the “O.K. Club,” which referred both to Van Buren’s nickname “Old Kinderhook” (based on his hometown of Kinderhook, New York), and to the term recently made popular in the papers. At the same time, the opposing Whig Party made use of “OK” to denigrate Van Buren’s political mentor Andrew Jackson. According to the Whigs, Jackson invented the abbreviation “OK” to cover up his own misspelling of “all correct.” The man responsible for unraveling the mystery behind “OK” was an American linguist named Allen Walker Read. An English professor at Columbia University, Read dispelled a host of erroneous theories on the origins of “OK,” ranging from the name of a popular Army biscuit (Orrin Kendall) to the name of a Haitian port famed for its rum (Aux Cayes) to the signature of a Choctaw chief named Old Keokuk.

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UNDEFEATED — The Madison third and fourth grade girls’ Friendly House team had a perfect season. The girls were undefeated in the regular season and won the Friendly House Christmas Tournament at the end of the season tournament. Team members are front, Jenna Wigton, Morgan Galco and Mackenzie Harvey; and back, Coach Bob Adkins, Becca Stoner, Cailey Adkins, Julia Litt and Coach Doug Harvey. Not pictured is Leah Boggs.

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LEGAL NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids for the 2023 Resurfacing Program, Village of Lexington, Ohio will be received by the Village of Lexington, Ohio at the office of the Administrative Director at 44 West Main Street, Lexington, Ohio 44904 until 10:00 am, local time Thursday April 13, 2023, and then, at said office, publicly opened and read aloud.

Contractors will be required to purchase and download an electronic set of plans and bid documents via the KEM Web Site 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 j burgho lder@kemccartney.com.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities. Contract will be awarded based on the lowest and best bid. The Village of Lexington may reject any or all bids on any basis and without disclosure of reason. The failure to make such disclosure shall not result in accrual of any right, claim or cause of action by any unsuccessful bidder against the Village of Lexington.

Each bid must be accompanied by either an Ohio Revised Code Section 153.571 Bid and Performance Payment Bond in an amount equal to 100% of the bid; or, a cashier's check, bid bond, letter of credit to be duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon, a surety company approved by the Owner in the amount of 10% of the bid.

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 October 13, 2023.

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

Brenda Wilson
Clerk of Council
Village of Lexington, Ohio
(T-C 3-23, 30 '23) 67L

LEGAL NOTICE

The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their regular meeting held on March 15, 2023.

The complete text of this Ordinance

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

ORDINANCE NO. 23-02 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AS AMENDED.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 3-23, 30 '23) 23L

LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL OF QUALIFICATIONS TO DRAFT A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The City of Ontario, Ohio is seeking a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) from qualified consultants to draft a Comprehensive Plan for the City of Ontario, Ohio. Request for Proposal specifications will be available at the City of Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road Ontario, Ohio 44906, or online at <https://www.ontarioohio.org>.

The City of Ontario will receive SOQs at the City of Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road Ontario, Ohio 44906, until 3 PM EST on April 14, 2023. SOQs received after that time will not be accepted.

A contract will be awarded on the basis of ORC Section 153.65 Qualification Based Selection procedure.

Randy E. Hutchinson
Mayor of Ontario
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 3-23, 30 '23) 26L

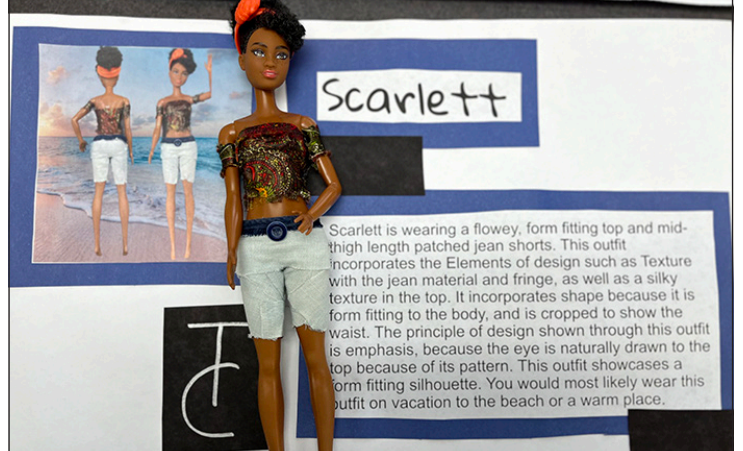
LEGAL NOTICE

The Troy Township, Richland County, Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on April 12th at 7:00 PM at the Township Hall, 247 South Mill Street, Lexington, OH. The purpose of this meeting will be to consider an application from for home occupation for Nicola Noel who wants to have an art studio at her property located at 3635 Orweiler Rd., Lexington, Ohio.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and address any concerns.

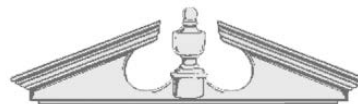
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Zoning Board of Appeals, Secretary
Troy Township, Lexington, OH
(T-C 3-23 '23) 16L

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BRITTANY RHODES' TEXTILE DESIGN students at Ontario High School completed a Barbie Design Project where they had to complete the roles as a fashion designer, photographer and writer. They designed a full outfit for a Barbie doll, photographed the doll in the outfit, described the outfit in terms of the elements and principles of design and created a logo that could represent his/her own clothing line.

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