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THE 29TH ANNUAL CATALYST REHAB TELETHON fundraiser was held at Richland Mall in Ontario on Saturday, Feb. 1. Pledges came in for nine hours and when the last call was posted the total was \$118,817. Miss Ohio 2019 Caroline Grace Williams, Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging CEO Duana Patton, WMFD's Jay Fox and Gorman Rupp Vice-President of Information Technology Patrick Wischmeier helped to make the day possible.

MindSprouts workshops available

The Renaissance Education Department will continue its annual MindSprouts Creative Writing program, part of the Mechanics Bank Education Series and with support by Altrusa International, for students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. K-12 teachers are invited to schedule a free in-class, "jump start" workshop with Renaissance Teaching Artist Dauphne Maloney, trained by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Workshops can be scheduled for dates through March 15 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 "Magical Mysteries!" Top submissions from each grade group in the MindSprouts contest are sent to a celebrity panel for judging, then adapted for the stage and showcased at the Renaissance in May. Past judges for the contest have included SNL writers Tina Fey, Rachel Dratch, Jeff Richmond, and the Ren's own Artistic Director, Michael Thomas.

All submissions to the MindSprouts contest must correspond to the theme: "Magical Mysteries!"

Interested students may submit individually, or students may submit one collabor-
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Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia is program focus

The Richland County Dementia Capable Coalition, under the leadership of the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter, will hold an educational program on Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia for all interested residents of Richland County.

The hour-long event will be on Monday, Feb. 24 at 2:30 pm at Primrose Retirement Community, 1301 Millsboro Rd.

"A dementia capable Richland County" says Pam Myers, Program Director for the Chapter, "will be an educated community with the following results:

- Increased sensitivity to issues faced by families impacted by memory loss
- Mobilized citizens to support the needs of families and individuals
- Increased referrals to healthcare and support services, and
- The engagement of thousands of residents in initiatives aimed to prevent dementia, research treatments, and find a

cure."

The Alzheimer's Association® has created an education program covering the basics of Alzheimer's and dementia to provide a general overview for people who are facing a diagnosis as well as those who wish to be informed.

The free one-hour Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia program:

- Explores the relationship between Alzheimer's disease and dementia.
- Examines what happens in a brain affected by Alzheimer's.
- Details the risk factors for and three general stages of the disease.
- Identifies FDA-approved treatments available to treat some symptoms.
- Looks ahead to what's on the horizon for Alzheimer's research.
- Offers helpful Alzheimer's Association resources.

Register online at alz.org/CRF or call 1-800-272-3900.

RPH hosting Project DAWN class

Richland Public Health is hosting a Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided With Naloxone) training and distribution class.

Through the Project DAWN program, RPH is able to educate, train and distribute Project DAWN kits to concerned individuals at no cost, made possible through an allocation from the Ohio Department of Health.

RPH will offer in-person training for individuals who would like a Project DAWN kit Thursday, March 12, at 2 pm. The class will be held in the Corley Room (lower level, rear parking lot). Pre-registration is required by calling Amanda at 419-774-4550 or Emily at 419-774-4773. Training will be roughly 45 minutes and registered persons will receive a free Narcan Kit after completion of the training.

Project DAWN kits include two doses of naloxone (Narcan), one face shield for rescue breathing, a pair of gloves, a quick reference tool, a Project DAWN brochure and training DVD and a Richland Public Health resource guide that includes treat-

ment options throughout Richland County.

Project DAWN is named in memory of Leslie Dawn Cooper, who struggled with addiction for years before dying of a witnessed opioid overdose in 2009. Project DAWN is a public health community-based drug overdose education and naloxone distribution program.

Participants will be trained in recognizing the signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose, performing rescue breathing, calling emergency medical services and administering Narcan nasal spray.

In Richland County, there were 45 drug overdose deaths in 2018. There have been 40 drug overdose deaths through November in 2019 (with 10 deaths pending autopsy). The increased illicit use of a powerful opioid called fentanyl was a significant contributor to this rise in drug overdose deaths.

In a 2016 response to the growing issue, Richland Public Health became a distributor of naloxone for our law enforcement and emergency medical responders.



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THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

By Ian Stumbo

This week I will be doing a brief movie review and then telling you my personal picks for the upcoming 92nd Academy Awards taking place on Feb. 9.

The last Best Picture nominee I needed to see was the Korean film *Parasite* which pits two families, the Kims and the Parks, in a game of class warfare as the destitute Kims (father, mother, son, daughter) are all out of work. When their son gets a job as a tutor for a wealthy family, the Kims try to insert themselves into the Parks life to make their situation better but things turn out even more complicated.

Parasite is a terrific movie. The performances are so genuine and unique. Writer/director Bong Joon Ho makes a film that is not just great to look at but keeps the audience guessing as it's easy to become attached to the Kims because of their situation, even though they are conning and scheming the whole time. Absolutely check out *Parasite* as it is now on DVD and Blu-ray. ★★★★★

For the lead actor and lead actress performances nominated for the Oscar, I believe that Joaquin Phoenix will triumph for Joker and Renee Zellweger will win for

her uncanny performance as Judy Garland in *Judy*. Phoenix does some incredible things in his interpretation of this classic character, especially the laugh and it's a wonderful comeback for Zellweger who really sings in the film and has been a front runner for months now.

For the director and picture race, it seems to be coming down to Sam Mendes brilliant war film *1917* and the aforementioned *Parasite*. Since *Parasite* is a foreign language film it has its own category it can win. The directors and producer's guilds are pretty reliable and went with *1917* so I will go with *1917* but if *Parasite* does win it will be the first foreign film to take the best picture prize. Mendes won the director's guild prize and it's tricky to go against them as he is so deserving for his war film in a one take method. The Academy liked a variety of films this year so a surprise would be nice in a pretty predictable awards season.

Check out the 92nd Annual Academy Awards on ABC airing Feb. 9 to see who wins and certainly check out *Parasite*, a film that is as intriguing as it is insightful.

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

Monster Jam returns to Cleveland

Monster Jam will return to Cleveland Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 15 and 16. Coming to Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse, 1 Center Ct., Cleveland, the event will feature high-flying action and four-wheel excitement as the Monster Jam Triple Threat Series features six different racing, freestyle and skill competitions.

Featuring eight skilled Monster Jam athletes, Cleveland fans will witness a fierce battle for the championship with each Triple Threat Series competitor tearing up the dirt in customized high-powered vehicles: Monster Jam Speedsters, Monster Jam ATVs and of course, the iconic Monster Jam trucks. These Monster Jam athletes will go head-to-head for points in Freestyle, 2 Wheel Skills Challenge and several Racing competitions, testing their agility, speed and versatility. Newly added as a special fan bonus during Freestyle, a

Monster Jam driver will attempt Cleveland's first ever indoor arena-based Monster Jam truck back flip!

Competitions will be at 1 and 7 pm on Saturday and 1 and 6:30 pm on Sunday. A special Pit Party is open from 10:30 am to noon but requires a special \$15 pass. Those with the pass will be able to see the trucks up close, meet drivers, get autographs, take pictures and enjoy other family-friendly activities.

Tickets are on sale now at rocketmortgagefieldhouse.com, just in time for Valentine's Day gifts. Tickets start at \$15.

Happy Birthday!

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12 — Kinsey Kriner, Madison



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DIAMOND HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH held a fundraiser for the son of Pastor Chris and Laurie Thomas on Feb. 1. Their son, Nathanael, was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident on May, 19. He was in the hospital for three months, including two weeks in ICU, with internal injuries and many broken bones. A silent auction, themed baskets, bake sale and soup, salad, bread and dessert dinner was available for a donation. Speaking with Nathanael are Janie and Denny Walter.

•MindSprouts workshops available

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-ative work from a group of up to three students. All submissions must be received by the Renaissance no later than March 31, 2020 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.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The local Korean War Era Veterans Association will meet 2 pm on Thursday, Feb. 6, at The Ohio State Patrol building, 2221 S. Main St., Mansfield. Monthly meetings are held at 2 pm on the first Thursday of the month and all those who were stationed in Korea are welcome to attend. For details, call Doug Theaker at 419-565-3818.

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

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Madison Township Lions Club meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm and the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm at the Sons of Herman, Orange St. New members are welcome. A dinner is held on the third Thursday.

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

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

★

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

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

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

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

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

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The Ontario Lions Club meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Ontario Senior Citizen Center.

Only one meeting is scheduled for Jan. 21. Beginning in February, meetings will return to the regular schedule.

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

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

Nikki Harless named RCCS executive director

The Board of Richland County Children Services (RCCS) has named Nikki Harless as the agency's new executive director.

At the regular board meeting on Monday, Jan. 13, board members voted unanimously in favor of Harless, 50, who has been serving as the interim executive director since July 1, 2019, following the resignation of former executive director Patricia Harrelson.

Harless began her new position effective Jan. 14. Her three-year contract calls for an annual salary of \$110,000. Harless will oversee about 96 employees and a budget of more than \$11 million. As the executive director, Harless will serve as a collaborative leader and champion for families across Richland County.

Harless was selected following an extensive and successful three-month statewide search from a pool of 14 candidates. She has been with the agency for 27 years, during which time she held various management, supervisory and casework positions at Richland County Children Services.

Harless started her career with the Agency as an intern from The Ohio State University in 1992, where she earned a Bachelor of Social Work degree. Following her internship, she was hired by RCCS as a full-time ongoing caseworker working after hours. Harless then worked in the screening department from 2000-2002 and was promoted to a supervisor in October of 2003, serving as first the School-Based team supervisor and then the Placement supervisor.

In 2006, she became the program manager over intake and ongoing. In 2007, she earned a Master of Social Work degree and received the LISW-S designation. Her experience and knowledge promoted her to director of operations of the agency. Harless served as the interim director from May 2012 to Feb. 2013, and she took over as interim director again on July 1, 2019.

Her passion to help children and families led her to a career in child welfare.

"I knew from my work as an intern that this was the job for me, having the opportunity to help impact the lives of others," Harless said.

"Compassion is a core value in social work. Social workers must realize that no matter what people have done, they are still people and they need help. You must be able to put yourself in their shoes and understand their issues. You can't be judgmental. You must be able to offer hope, understanding and care," Harless said.

For 27 years Harless has worked to contribute to the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect in Richland County and the State of Ohio.

The RCCS Board first developed a search committee during its regular meeting on July 8. The committee created a job posting for the executive director position that ran through various outlets from Aug. 1-31, 2019. The committee anticipated a state-wide search to target professionals with child protective services management or other relevant management experience.

The RCCS Board was committed to finding a talented leader who would successfully navigate the agency in its mission to "lead the community in assuring the safety, well-being and permanency of children at risk of abuse and neglect."

The committee developed a strategy to involve community stakeholders in its task of identifying those qualifications and leadership characteristics best suited to achieve the mission.

As the new executive director, Harless will develop and oversee agency policy, procedures, goals and objectives in all areas including communications, legal, finance, personnel, program and service. She will also ensure agency compliance with statutory and administrative rule requirements.

Health screenings available this month

Community Health Screenings are free health assessments offered from Richland Public Health nurses. Free services offered include blood pressure reading, blood sugar check (3-hour fast recommended), anemia check (hemoglobin and hematocrit) and education and referrals

Cholesterol checks (9-12 hour fast required) are available for \$12. Cash or check only. Monday, Feb. 10, Madison Branch Library, 1395 Grace St., Madison area, 9-10 am

Tuesday, Feb. 11, Masonic Temple, 1250 Middle-Bellville Rd., Mansfield, 10-11 am

Thursday, Feb. 13, Crossroads City Center, 29 N. Main St., Mansfield, 9-10:30 am

Tuesday, Feb. 18, Richland Public Health, 555 Lexington Ave., Mansfield, 9-10:30 am

Thursday, Feb. 20, Yes We Can Senior Center, 271 Hedges St., Mansfield, 12-1:30 pm

Thursday, Feb. 27, Lucas Community Center, 252 W. Main St., Lucas, 9-11 am

For additional information call 419-774-4540.

Community Health Screenings are partly funded by local tax dollars.

NECIC invites community to annual meeting Feb. 12

The Board of Directors of the North End Community Improvement Collaborative, Inc. (NECIC) would like to invite the public to attend its Annual Meeting on Feb. 12, at the 134 N. Main St., office in Mansfield at 4 pm. The public and media are encouraged to attend.

NECIC's founder and executive director, Deanna West-Torrence and staff will highlight the work of another exciting year. With mission to improve the quality of life for North End residents, NECIC's asset-based philosophy is a unique approach to engaging residents and community partners in collaborative action to improve economic and social conditions in the North End Community. "This meeting is also our opportunity to say a public thank you to the many people who have supported NECIC throughout the year," West-Torrence said.

New initiatives launched in 2019, include, but not limited to the Urban Farm and Mansfield Microfarm Project, the African American Leadership Initiative (AALI), and the Microbusiness Development program. These will be highlighted as well as more longstanding programs.

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News Briefs

Richland Carrousel Park will host a free special needs party Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 5:30-7:30 pm. Reservations are required by calling 419-522-4223.

★
Christian Women's Connection of Mansfield will hold its monthly luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 11:45 am at Der Dutchman 730, Rt. 97, Bellville.

The event will feature speaker Annette Campbell from Warren and include Carianne Baltzell with Pink Zebra home fragrances and also a medley of love songs by Kathy Grogg. For reservations call 419-528-3286 by Feb. 16. There is an introductory cost of \$10 for first time guests.

★
A benefit for Madison Township resident Michael Holzworth will be held Saturday, Feb. 22, from 5-10 pm at the Ram Booster Bingo Hall, 720 E. 5th St., Madison area.

Holzworth was diagnosed with Burkitt's Lymphoma, a rare and aggressive form of cancer. At the event, there will be a silent auction, raffle and live music by Acoustic Edge.

★
Little Buckeye Children's Museum announced the debut of a new traveling exhibit thanks to the generosity and support of The Shelby Foundation.

This new traveling exhibit is a pizza parlor exhibit, which is now available to the public in the children's department of the Marvin Memorial Library in Shelby.

The exhibit consists of a kitchen workspace, the front counter where "customers" can place their order and a brick pizza

oven. This exhibit is custom built to height specifications for a child and completely ADA accessible. The display will also include chef coats, pretend kitchen tools and an array of pretend ingredients and toppings to make a pizza. This exhibit will also feature a selection of pizza-themed children's books chosen by the Marvin Memorial Library.

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

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Meals include March 4, beef stew, salad; April 1, ham loaves, cheesy potatoes, salad; and May 6, taco bar.

★
City of Ontario Zoning Inspector Adam Gongwer released the January zoning report. Permits were issued to Harold and Rebecca Wayman, Rock Rd., 160 square foot shed; West Excavating Inc., Lewis Rd., 5,000 square foot pole barn; and Beth Seymour, Lex-Ontario, new 2,7000 square foot single family home.

★
Ontario Recreation Department Open Swim will be held from 6:30-8 pm at the Ontario Middle School pool on Feb. 13 and 27; and March 12 and 26.

Open Swim is free to all families attending Ontario schools and any Ontario residents. Parents must accompany children under the age of 12.

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The Malabar Farm Foundation, with the cooperation of the Malabar Farm State Park, will host a special event on Friday, Feb. 14, at 6 pm; Saturday, Feb. 15, at 4 pm and 7 pm; and Sunday Feb. 16, at 2 pm.

Cosponsored with the Mansfield Art Center and held in the Big House of Malabar Farm, attendees will step back in time experiencing the artistic stylings in the tradition of the Great American Songbook presented by Just Jazz Live.

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Guests will also enjoy an optional tour of the house, a five course meal, and table-side entertainment with characters from the '40s. Tickets are \$50 each.

Pre-registration is required by calling Victoria Cochran at 419-892-2929 for more information or reservations.

★
A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Feb. 29 and March 1.

Acceptable items include aluminum and metal cans, milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom (please remove lids and rinse), cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper.

★
Those who enjoy listening to hammered dulcimer music are invited to a free concert at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Ontario, on Sunday, Feb. 16 at 1:30 pm. The event is presented by the 2010 National Champion Hammered Dulcimer player, Ted Yoder.

Yoder comes from Goshen, IN, along with Rhythmwood Drive (Doug and Sarah Haag) from Indianapolis. There will be

hammered dulcimer, marimba and percussion. Yoder's repertoire includes a wide variety of music from many genres. The event is free to the public, but donations are appreciated.

★
Ridgeway Church of God, 1380 Park Avenue East, Madison Township, will host a spaghetti dinner on Friday, Feb. 7, from 4:30-6 pm in the fellowship hall. The menu will include spaghetti, bread, salad, dessert and beverage. Cost of the dinner is a freewill donation. All proceeds will benefit the church. For information call the church at 419-589-5385.

Donations now being collected for Ott Family

Donations are currently being accepted for the Chris Ott Family.

Ashley Ott, mother of three and wife to Springfield Township Firefighter Chris Ott, passed away unexpectedly on Jan. 30, after a brief illness.

Ashley was a preschool teacher at Lexington Child Development Center.

A campaign was created to help ease the financial burden as Chris takes time off for emotional support of his children.

International Association of Fire Fighters Local 3849 will be handling donations for the family.

Donations can be given at any Mechanics Bank location. Checks can be made payable to Springfield Twp. Proffirefighters with a memo of "Chris Ott Family Support Fund." Donations can also be given at www.gofundme.com (search Chris Orr Family Support Fund).

Church Directory

Risen Savior Lutheran Church

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

Southside Christian Church Disciples of Christ

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

Lexington Presbyterian Church

35 West Church St., Lexington • 419-884-1330
Reverend James Randas
10:30 am Sunday Worship
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Ontario United Methodist Church

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

Hillside First Church of God

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

Ridgeway Church of God

1380 Park Avenue East, Mansfield
419-589-5385 • RidgewayCOG@aol.com
Pastor John Dodds • Associate Pastor Billy Saunders
9:30 am Sunday School • 10:40 am Sunday Worship
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Mayflower Congregational Church

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

Cornerstone Grace Brethren Church

1905 N. Lexington-Springmill Rd., Mansfield
Les Vnasdale, Philip Moeller • 419-747-5012
Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Tuesday Young Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm
Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 6:30 pm
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Spears hits for 28 but Generals escape in overtime with huge OCC win

By Jim Warne

LEXINGTON — The Minutemen pushed OCC leading Wooster to the limit in the league's premier second round showdown, but the Generals escaped the LHS hardwood with a 70-67 victory in overtime despite a sizzling shooting night for Dylan Spears and a last second regulation drive by Kaydan Berry that forced the extra session, sending the home stands into pandemonium.

Spears had a torrid first half, scoring a little over half of his squad's points over that time. Twice he handed Lexington the greatest advantage by either side in the contest after nailing treys from the corner. The first came shortly before the end of the first quarter at 15-6. The next was at 22-13 in the middle of the second stanza. The hosts enjoyed a 13-2 run early in the fray. Unfortunately the guests nearly matched it with a 13-3 splurge after Lex's last big lead.

The third period was a dogfight and much of the game's seven lead changes and four ties occurred then. The Minutemen last gained the advantage at 39-38 with about a minute left in the segment. Wooster would lead the remainder of regulation until the final buzzer. Part of that was due to miserable second half foul shooting during which the hosts made only one of six. On the final possession of the fourth frame the Minutemen worked the perimeter and Danny Shaffer thought about launching a three with four seconds to go. Instead he fed Berry who wormed his way through a narrow seam down the lane and tossed a soft touch shot off the backboard at the horn which twirled onto the iron and dropped in to tie it at 57.

Wooster quickly eliminated the momentum from that great play by nailing its first three casts in the overtime, one a trey. The 7-0 run staked the visitors to a lead they never surrendered though LHS got

off 10 shots in the overtime and cashed four to cut it to a one possession spread. None of their four long shots hit the mark.

Spears had a career evening on the court honing in on 8 of his 11 two point attempts and 3 of his 6 triples, a 65 percent efficiency for his 28 counters. Both Berry and Max Waldruff fired in 13 points. Waldruff also had a hot hand meshing 6 of 8 shots. He made it a double double grabbing 10 rebounds. Berry hauled down six caroms while Isaiah Pack snapped up five. Shaffer was a fourth Lex cager in double figures with 10 and he led his club with three steals. He and Berry each handed out four assists. Pack swatted a couple General hoop tries.

Wooster was paced by Ezra McKee's 22 markers. He was 8 for 8 from the line. Reece Mitchell notched most of his 14 points on a 4 for 5 stint from beyond the arc. Free throws were the difference where the guests prevailed 22-5. They out pointed Lex 21-10 on scoring off turnovers. The Minutemen were better at points in the paint 20-12 and held almost the same edge on second chance scoring. Lexington captured the JV battle 49-44.

Lexington Boys Basketball January 17 at Lexington

Scoring By Quarters:

Wooster 8 22 13 14 13-70
Lexington 15 16 8 18 10-67

Lexington - Dylan Spears 11-3-28, Max Waldruff 6-0-13, Kaydan Berry 5-2-13, Danny Shaffer 4-0-10, Jack Depperschmidt 1-0-3.

Wooster - Ezra McKee 7-8-22, Reece Mitchell 4-2-14, Owen Roach 3-3-10, Brayden Hamilton 3-0-8, Micah McKee 1-6-8, Drew Dossi 1-3-5, Tyler Pettorini 1-0-3.

Field Goals - Lexington 27 of 55 (49%),
Wooster 20 of 47 (43%).

Free Throws - Lexington 5 of 12 (42%),
Wooster 22 of 31 (71%).

Three Point Goals - Lexington 8 of 19 (42%),
Wooster 8 of 21 (38%).

Rebounds - Lexington 35, Wooster 28.
Turnovers - Lexington 16, Wooster 11.

A Warrior Softball Clinic will be held Saturday, March 14. OYS is excited to be partnering with the high school softball team and head Coach Sean Snow to bring you this camp. Please consider sending you athlete to this local camp. Follow OYS on Facebook for more information.

Aug. 8 is the scheduled OYS Movie Night in the Park. We are asking for the community's help in choosing the 2020 movie. Please email us at info@oysports.com with your family's choices for 2020 Movie Night. Special thank you to all of our community sponsors for making this a free event.

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

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

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



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THE 18TH ANNUAL PHIL DIRT AND THE DOZERS BEACH PARTY was held Saturday, Feb. 1 at the Richland County Fairgrounds. A crowd of 500 came to hear three hours of great music at "Ohio's Largest Indoor Tailgate Party." The night included a 50/50 and door prizes. Members of the band are Mark Frye, Hadden Sayers, Tony Alfano, Steve Cabot and Max Marsillo. The dance was sponsored by the Madison Township Lions Club.

4-H News Report

The first meeting of the Blue-Gold 4-H club was held Jan. 19, at the Ontario Senior Center. The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken and there were three new visitors. Officers were elected and were reminded to attend the super clinic at the extension office. Family guides were given out to choose projects and members were reminded to bring fees to the next meeting.

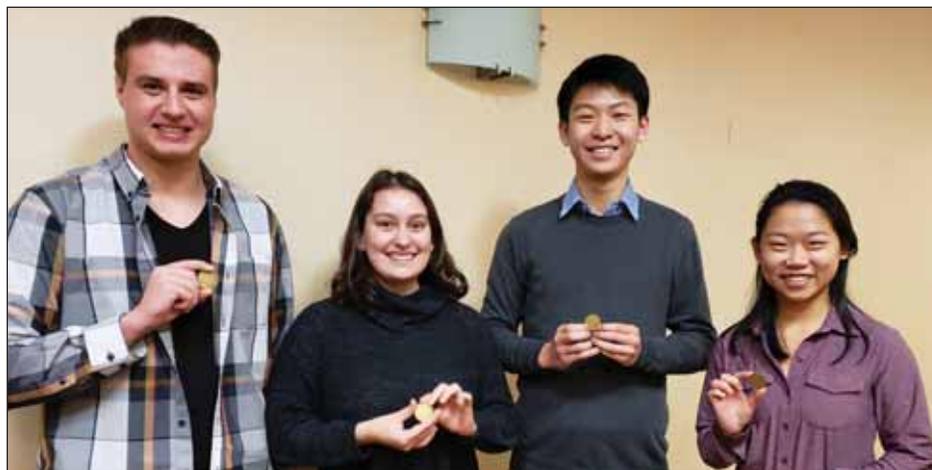
Blue-Gold 4-H club is accepting new members. Meetings are held on the third

Sunday of every month. 4-H not only has animal projects but has other types of still projects as well. There are cooking, sewing, fishing, rockets, scrap booking, wood-working, and cat projects, just to name a few. It is a great way to learn life lessons, responsibility and meet new people.

The club also does community service projects for the area. They take an educational tour or have an interesting speaker.

Those interested can attend the next meeting which is Feb. 16, at 2 pm at the Ontario Senior Center.

Kaley Bowman
Blue-Gold 4-H Club News Reporter



THE LOCAL ROTARY CLUB recognized several outstanding students from Ontario High School's Class of 2020. Chase Mullins, Caitlin Fanello, Jason Lin and Meiyen Timberlake received a Rotary coin.



By Kenn Spencer

OYS is very happy to announce a record number of athletes will be playing soccer this spring. Thank you to the many parents and volunteers that continue to support our recreation programs. Spring soccer will start April 4.

Recreation baseball and softball registration is going on now. OYS is looking for boys and girls between 4-14 years old. All home games are played at Marshall Park and/or Stowell Park in Ontario. Please take time to register your athlete for this great summer sport.

Warrior Baseball Spring Training Camp is set for Sunday, March 8. OYS is excited to be partnering with the high school baseball team and head Coach Fisher to bring you this camp. Please consider sending you athlete to this local camp. Follow OYS on Facebook for more information.

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Warriors steadily build lead on Bellevue

By Jim Warne

ONTARIO — The Warriors outscored the visiting Redmen by three to six points in every quarter in posting their 70-51 triumph over Bellevue in the second of a week long stretch of three nonconference games versus opponents from the previous leagues of which OHS has been a member during the Joe Balogh era. This reenacted the days of being in the NOL, with the contest even played on a Friday night as both teams had the week off in their present loops.

The Warriors had two hot streaks the last half of the first period and much of the third one. Shaquan Coburn was scorching behind the perimeter arc zeroing in on 5 of his 6 long shots. He topped all scorers with 19, but Griffin Shaver was right on his tail with 18. Those two both tossed in 12 points each by halftime. Shaver got the remainder of his in the third stanza while Coburn did likewise in the fourth.

Three locals were sizzling in the paint, with Jayden Price, Nolan Payne and Amil Upchurch combining for 8 of 10 from the lane. The Warriors were without the services of Kolten Kurtz due to illness so they needed the hot hand to make up for that.

The visitors led 6-5 when Shaver nailed a trey to put the hosts up for good. He fed Price for a triple in the last second of the opening segment, then Quan and Griffin poured in three counters on three straight trips down the court to push the margin out to its first half peak at 25-10. The Redmen rallied back on offensive rebounds and cut the gap to 31-25 at one juncture.

The guests stayed about that close until Ontario exploded again in the midst of the third frame. The lead went from 41-34 to 51-36 in a hurry, helped a lot by Jon Nagel and Ty Namenyi stickbacks. Nagel got one on a four shot possession. As the spread approached 20 the student section began chanting for Chance Mott to enter the fray. He suffered a season ending knee injury early in the campaign, but with a brace on it he has gotten to where he could play a short time. With 45 seconds left Coburn got loose on a breakaway and tried to dunk it but hit the rim too hard and the ball came back out right to Price.

OHS took timeout to have Mott check in. A play was run to get Chance a shot close to the hoop but he was fouled trying to flip it up there. He brought the crowd to life when he swished both free throws.

Both clubs connected for eight three pointers but the Warriors did it taking just 14 attempts. Price nabbed his coach's defensive player citation, pilfering the Redmen thrice. Coburn and Shaver also filched the ball from them a like number of times. Shaver doled out 10 assists while Price handed out four. Upchurch hauled in seven rebounds, Nagel six and Shaver five. Jon was accorded off the bench laurels.

The Ontario JVs stayed unbeaten with a 46-38 victory. They had a field day driving the lane and getting fouled on the way up. Seven Warriors toed the line and combined for 22 of 30 free throw shooting. Gage Weaver and Zach McCristall both tossed in eight points while Darian Delbrugge chipped in seven. McCristall yanked down seven rebounds. Alex Rathburn gathered five boards. Weaver authored three steals and recorded the lone blocked shot for OHS. Brock Hill issued four assists.

Ontario Boys Basketball January 17 at Ontario

Scoring By Quarters:
Bellevue 10 15 11 15-51
Ontario 16 18 17 19-70

Ontario - Shaquan Coburn 6-2-19, Griffin Shaver 6-4-18, Amil Upchurch 3-3-9, Jayden Price 3-0-7, Jon Nagel 3-0-6, Nolan Payne 3-0-6, Ty Namenyi 1-1-3, Chance Mott 0-2-2.

Bellevue - Deegan Horn 4-3-13, Grant Nichols 3-1-8, Tyler Ray 3-1-8, Evan King 3-0-8, Parker Smith 2-0-5, Joseph Powers II 1-0-3, Hunter Martin 1-0-2, Ethan Prenatt 1-0-2, Keegan Ray 1-0-2.

Field Goals - Ontario 25 of 47 (53%), Bellevue 19 of 44 (43%).
Free Throws - Ontario 12 of 18 (67%), Bellevue 5 of 9 (56%).
Three Point Goals - Ontario 8 of 14 (57%), Bellevue 8 of 20 (40%).

Rebounds - Ontario 28, Bellevue 24.
Turnovers - Ontario 11, Bellevue 16.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

LADY WARRIORS SENIOR Ashten Vavra (30) puts up a shot as Clear Fork junior Avery Wend (21) defends. The Warriors put away the Colts 54-34 in the O-Rena.

Olentangy treys swamp Lady Lex 47-33

By Jim Warne

LEXINGTON — The visiting Lady Braves found long range shooting to their liking on the LHS court, zinging seven of them in their 47-33 Saturday night triumph. The home team didn't make any shots from downtown although they only attempted four.

The first half was quite competitive with many lead changes, but following six unanswered points the hosts got stuck on the score 27 in the latter part of the third quarter while Olentangy suddenly got hot from outside blasting four 20 footers which ignited a 13-2 rampage by the guests. The Braves kept the edge in double digits thereafter, reaching the final margin of 14 first at 45-31.

Avery Coleman had a big outing for Lady Lex canning half of her 10 field goal tries and 3 of 4 free throws for 13 points. She yanked down 10 rebounds, pilfered the ball from the visitors four times and bashed two of their casts at the hoop into oblivion. Gabby Stover endured a cold

shooting night as did most of her team, but she still was the second highest scorer for LHS with five. The Braves totally dominated the reserve game 31-11.

Lexington Girls Basketball • January 18 at Lexington

Scoring By Quarters:
Olentangy 7 9 18 13-47
Lexington 6 9 12 6-33

Lexington - Avery Coleman 5-3-13, Gabby Stover 1-3-5, Josie Dahlinghaus 2-0-4, Kaleigh Leadbetter 1-2-4, Madi Basilone 1-1-3, Lexi Blasberg 1-0-2, Lizzie Hamler 1-0-2.

Olentangy - Bridget Stafford 4-5-17, Meg Spohn 6-0-14, Kennedie Doup 2-0-5, Jonna Spohn 2-0-4, Dani Beidelman 1-0-2, Bailey Cummings 1-0-2, Paige Pawlikowski 1-0-2, Reagan Richeson 0-1-1.

Field Goals - Lexington 12 of 36 (33%), Olentangy 17 of 41 (41%).
Free Throws - Lexington 9 of 16 (56%), Olentangy 6 of 13 (46%).
Three Point Goals - Lexington 0 of 4 (0%), Olentangy 7 of 20 (35%).

Rebounds - Lexington 26, Olentangy 30.
Turnovers - Lexington 20, Olentangy 18.

Madison Sports Spotlight



Jenna Wigton is a senior at Madison Comprehensive High School. She plays basketball and softball and is a member of the yearbook staff. Jenna attends church, babysits and works at Countryside Pizza and Drive-Thru. Jenna plans to pursue a career in the medical field to become an ultrasound technician. She is the daughter of Missy Wigton and Andy Wigton.

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Hannah Schmidt is a senior at Madison Comprehensive High School and a member of the varsity soccer and basketball teams. She is a member of National Honor Society and the Diversified Health Occupations vocational program. She enjoys spending time with friends and family, working, babysitting and working out. She plans to attend basic and A.I.T. Training for the Army National Guard and then attend The Ohio State University to study nursing and become a neonatal nurse. She is the daughter of Andrea and Charles Payne.



John Losch

LEXINGTON JUNIOR HIGH and West Holmes Middle School athletes and coaches met in the Lexington gym on Jan. 27, to have a moment of silence in memory of 13 year old Gianna Marie Bryant, who perished in a helicopter crash near Calabasas, CA, along with her father, retired NBA player Kobe Bryant, and seven other people. "GiGi" had worn the jersey with the number "2" which was indicated by some of the young men and coaches holding up two fingers during the pause in the game. Vanessa Bryant, GiGi's mother, has thanked the millions of people who've shown support and love, and who have prayed for all the families involved.

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LEGAL ADVERTISING

LEGAL NOTICE FARMLAND PUBLIC AUCTION CANCELLED CITY OF ONTARIO

The City of Ontario has cancelled the public auction for the lease of farmland that was scheduled on February 25, 2020.

Cathy Van Auker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
2-6, 13 '20 (12 L)

INVITATION TO BID

SEALED BIDS for the furnishing of the necessary materials and construction of the

2020 STREET 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

11:30 A.M. (Local Time)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020

and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The scope of work consists of milling and resurfacing approximately 4,600 feet of roadways throughout the Village of Lexington.

The contract documents, including plans and specifications, are on file at the office of the Village of Lexington and the Engineer - Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc. (PDG). Documents may be viewed and ordered online or obtained by Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615, Telephone 419-385-5303, www.pdgplanroom.com. The cost of printing is to be paid to the printing company at the time the drawings are picked up. Shipping and tax charges are the bidder's responsibility and payable directly to Becker Impressions.

The Engineer for the Project is Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc., 1168 North Main Street, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402.

All bids must be signed and submitted on the blanks which are bound in this booklet. Bids must state the unit prices in the blanks provided and be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked — **2020 STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM** — and addressed to Andy Smallstey, Administrative Director at the Village of Lexington, 44 West Main Street, Lexington, Ohio 44904.

The bid guaranty may be of two forms:

1. A Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond using the form in the Contract Documents. (The amount of the bid does NOT have to appear on this form.)

2. A certified check, cashier's check or letter of credit in favor of the Village of Lexington, Ohio, in the amount of 10% of

the bid. If the contract is awarded, a Contract Bond will be required, which is a 100% payment and performance bond.

AFTER THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT LET BY COMPETITIVE BID AND PRIOR TO THE TIME THE CONTRACT IS ENTERED INTO, BIDDERS SHALL SUBMIT THE AFFIDAVIT REQUIRED UNDER THE OHIO REVISED CODE, SECTION 5719.042 THAT THE BIDDER WAS NOT CHARGED WITH ANY DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES IN RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY NOT LESS THAN THE MINIMUM WAGE RATES ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS OF THE STATE OF OHIO.

THE VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON, OHIO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND TO WAIVE ANY IRREGULARITY IN ANY BID AND TO DETERMINE THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER.

NO BIDDER MAY WITHDRAW HIS BID FOR A PERIOD OF 60 DAYS AFTER THE SCHEDULED CLOSING TIME FOR THE RECEIPT OF BIDS.

THE ESTIMATE FOR THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION IS \$290,000.

By Order Of
Mr. Andy Smallstey
Administrative Director
Village of Lexington, OH
(2-6, 13 '20) (116 L)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids for the 2020 Resurfacing Program, City of Ontario, Ohio will be received by Jeff Wilson, Service-Safety Director, at 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio 44906 until 11:00am, local time Thursday February 20, 2020, and then, at said office, publicly opened and read aloud.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and other contract documents may be examined at the following:

KE McCartney & Associates, 52 North Diamond Street, Mansfield, Ohio 44902

Copies may be obtained at the office of KE McCartney & Associates, 52 North Diamond Street, Mansfield, Ohio 44902 upon payment of \$50.00 for each set. Checks shall be made payable to KE McCartney & Associates and all documents become the property of the prospective bidder, with no portion of the payment being refunded.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities. Contract will be awarded based on the lowest and best bid. The City of Ontario may reject any or all bids on any basis and without disclosure of reason. The failure to make such dis-

closure shall not result in accrual of any right, claim or cause of action by any unsuccessful bidder against the City of Ontario.

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 August 15, 2020.

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

Jeff Wilson
Service-Safety Director
City of Ontario, Ohio
1-30, 2-6, 13 '20 (73 L)

PROBATE COURT OF RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF Baljinder Singh to Baljinder Singh Brar CASE NO. 20209009.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE OF NAME

Applicant hereby gives notice to all interested persons that the applicant has filed an Application For Change of Name in the Probate Court of Richland County, Ohio, requesting the change of name of Baljinder Singh to Baljinder Singh Brar.

The hearing on the application will be held on the 20th day of

March, 2020, at 10:30 o'clock am in the Probate Court of Richland County, located at 50 Park Avenue East, Second Floor, Mansfield, Ohio.

Baljinder Singh
52 Tamiami Terrace
Lexington, OH 44904

PROBATE COURT OF RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF Berneice Minor to Patricia Berneice Minor CASE NO. 20209007.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE OF NAME

Applicant hereby gives notice to all interested persons that the applicant has filed an Application For Change of Name in the Probate Court of Richland County, Ohio, requesting the change of name of Berneice Minor to Patricia Berneice Minor.

The hearing on the application will be held on the 20th day of March, 2020, at 10 o'clock am in the Probate Court of Richland County, located at 50 Park Avenue East, Second Floor, Mansfield, Ohio.

Berneice Minor
1590 Lucas Rd.
Mansfield, OH 44903

Students on list at Heidelberg

Heidelberg University has announced the names of students who have earned academic recognition on the fall semester dean's list. Included on the list are local students Caleb Hess, senior, English; Madison Alfrey, senior, athletic training; Lauren Nichols, senior, education; Jalen Trammell, freshman, business administration; and Allison Wiggins, sophomore, music.

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