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MADISON SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL assistant principal Kyle Gordon carries a box of meals which were loaded onto school buses and delivered to stops for students to pick up. The meal bags include one lunch and one breakfast. Gordon said buses deliver in the Madison South area in the morning and afternoon buses deliver to Mifflin and Eastview Schools. An evening pick-up is also available at Trinity Church on Grace Street. "District wide we have served over 800 students," said Gordon. "Every one who volunteers to help, must have their temperature taken before entering the building." (Bottom photo) A pallet of food was delivered from the Cleveland Food Bank to Madison South Elementary School.



Red Cross facing severe shortage

The American Red Cross now faces a severe blood shortage due to an unprecedented number of blood drive cancellations in response to the coronavirus outbreak. Healthy individuals are needed now to donate to help patients counting on lifesaving blood.

Individuals can schedule an appointment to give blood with the Red Cross by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

As the coronavirus pandemic has grown here in the U.S., blood drive cancellations have grown at an alarming rate.

The Red Cross is adding appointment slots at donation centers and expanding capacity at many community blood drives across the country over the next few weeks to ensure ample opportunities for donors to give.

Volunteer donors are the only source of blood for those in need.

The Red Cross expects the number of cancellations to continue to increase, which is causing heightened concern for blood collection organizations and hospitals across the country. This blood shortage could impact patients who need surgery, victims of car accidents and other emergencies, or patients suffering from cancer.

"In our experience, the American public comes together to support those in need during times of shortage and that support is needed now more than ever during this unprecedented public health crisis," said Chris Hrouda, president, Red Cross Biomedical Services. "Unfortunately, when people stop donating blood, it forces doctors to make hard choices about patient care, which is why we need those who are healthy and well to roll up a sleeve and give the gift of life."

The Red Cross is committed to blood drive safety

"We know that people want to help, but they may be

hesitant to visit a blood drive during this time. We want to assure the public that blood donation is a safe process, and we have put additional precautions in place at our blood drives and donation centers to protect all who come out," said Hrouda.

The Red Cross has implemented new measures to ensure blood drives and donation centers are even safer for our donors and staff, including:

- Checking the temperature of staff and donors before entering a drive to make sure they are healthy.
- Providing hand sanitizer for use before the drive, as well as throughout the donation process.
- Spacing beds, where possible, to follow social distancing practices between blood donors.
- Increasing enhanced disinfecting of surfaces and equipment.

At each blood drive and donation center, Red Cross employees already follow thorough safety protocols to help prevent the spread of any type of infection, including:

- Wearing gloves and changing gloves with each donor.
- Routinely wiping down donor-touched areas.
- Using sterile collection sets for every donation.
- Preparing the arm for donation with an aseptic scrub.

There is no data or evidence that this coronavirus can be transmitted by blood transfusion, and there have been no reported cases of transfusion transmission for any respiratory virus including this coronavirus worldwide.

"Volunteer donors are the unsung heroes for patients in need of lifesaving blood transfusions. If you are healthy, feeling well and eligible to give, please schedule an appointment to give now," added Hrouda.

To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification that are required at check-in. Individuals who are

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Library branches will remain closed

Following the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Richland Public Health, all nine locations of the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library will remain closed until further notice.

In addition, the First Call 211 lobby walk-in services remain closed. First Call 211 phone services will remain open as scheduled for emergency assistance.

Accommodations have been made for all due dates for currently checked-out library materials to be extended past the re-opening. We ask that patrons not return any items to local branches until the library re-opens and the final due date extension announcement has been made.

Mansfield/Richland County Public Library is committed to providing online resources and services throughout these branch closures. Resources can be accessed through a MRCPL library card. Patrons can also sign up for eCards at www.mrcpl.org/services/front-desk/get-a-digital-services-ecard to begin utilizing these resources at any time. In addition, all branches have enabled 24/7 wifi services.

Check the library's social media pages and www.mrcpl.org/covid-19 for updates.

Through the interactive website, www.mrcpl.org, the library is now able to provide access to resources for library card holders 24/7 in addition to the nine traditional locations.



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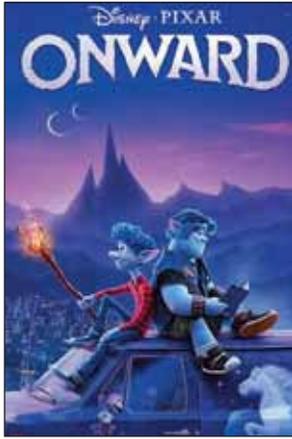
The Entertainment Examiner

By Ian Stumbo

Disney and Pixar's *Onward* is a great entry in the long running series of the animated films that started with *Toy Story*. This movie was released in theaters earlier this year and is now streaming on the Disney+ service.

This movie is set in a modern medieval time and tells the story of two elf brothers named Ian (voiced by Tom Holland) and Barley (voiced by Chris Pratt). Ian is turning 16 and wishes he had known his now deceased father. Their mother (voiced by Julia Louis-Dreyfus) shows them a gift their dad had for them when they were both 16. It is a magical staff that will bring their dad back for 24 hours. Unfortunately, only the bottom half of their dad returns so they set out to find a magical stone to bring back the rest of him and do a make shift "Weekend at Bernie's" of their dad so he is along for the ride.

Onward is a really sweet movie and Holland and Pratt are perfect voicing these two different brothers, Ian the more awkward and studious, and Barley the more



rebellious. They come along some very comedic stops in their journey including meeting a dragon running a restaurant very well voiced by Octavia Spencer.

This movie not only has a lot of heart but there is a great attention to detail. There are elements in this film that may seem insignificant at first but pay off big later on. There is a fun sequence in a cave with booby traps and the end sequence with a make shift dragon is exciting.

There is a great message about brotherhood and this is really a movie for the whole family. All of the voice actors do a great job, also the wonderful Tracey Ullman is funny in her brief work as a pawn shop owner.

Onward is a good movie for any family who has yet to see it so pop some popcorn and enjoy an evening (since we are all at home now) and enjoy *Onward*.

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



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KAREN VONSTEIN, a teacher at Madison Middle School, helps deliver free meals to students during a distribution day at the middle school on April 1.

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READERS' FORUM

The Ohio School Boards Association, Buckeye Association of School Administrators and Ohio Association of School Business Officials appreciate the changes approved by the Ohio General Assembly aimed at easing the challenges for public school districts and their students during the coronavirus outbreak. This is an unprecedented situation, and the legislature acted swiftly to provide relief for educators and students.

We applaud their work and their willingness to work with our associations to address the needs of our members and Ohio's children.

While districts have been fervent in their efforts to continue to provide educational opportunities for students in creative ways, educators have been worried about meeting student testing and other state requirements. The passage of House Bill (HB) 197 provides relief for school leaders, staff and students.

Other favorable changes include providing local flexibility to grant high school diplomas, waiving retention requirements for the third-grade reading guarantee and permitting boards of education to hold public meetings electronically. HB 197 also would resolve questions around the primary election for school levies, with absentee voting set to end on April 28.

Meanwhile, changes in HB 197 related to the Educational Choice Scholarship Program (EdChoice) will prevent the scheduled list of 1,227 voucher-eligible school buildings from taking effect for the 2020-'21 school year. While we are pleased to see that the implementation of the list will be halted, we will continue to work for long-term changes to the program.

The bill still will allow approximately 500 buildings to remain on the EdChoice eligibility list, and new vouchers will be granted in those districts. Many of the 500 buildings were placed on the eligibility list as a result of a flawed state report card system. These districts will continue to see increases in voucher costs at a time when budgets will be stretched thin as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awards funds from stimulus bill

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded a total of \$137,446,209 to Ohio state and community governments as the first allocations of Coronavirus stimulus bill. The funding will be allocated across the state in the following programs:

- \$90,919,075 for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG),
- \$45,617,005 for Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG), and
- \$910,129 for support for the Housing Assistance for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA).

"This funding is a good first step for Ohioans already hurting from the affordable housing crisis," said Senator Sherrod Brown. "But we need to do more and move quicker to get resources to the people who need help while we fight the

coronavirus pandemic."

A recent Coalition on Housing and Homelessness in Ohio (COHHIO) study reported on by Columbus Business First suggests that most Ohio communities lack the resources to protect the homeless population from the coronavirus. According to the COHHIO study, only 46 percent of Ohio communities surveyed reported a joint response plan in place to help the homeless population amid the pandemic – only 22 percent surveyed said they had the resources they need to support homeless communities.

These funds will be allocated as part of the Coronavirus stimulus, which was signed into law.

\$514,410 in Community Development Block Grants has been allocated for Mansfield.



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MADISON TOWNSHIP FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC Jamie Kash celebrated his retirement last week after 21 years of service. Among those with him were Chief Ron Luttrell, Trent Fronz, John Grimes Captain Mike Shears and Kevin Spain.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

If you attend a regularly scheduled meeting each month, please contact the organization to clarify if meetings are currently cancelled. The Community Calendar listing will return to the *Tribune* when COVID-19 ceases to cause scheduling conflicts.

The Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education will hold a meeting on Monday, April 20, at 7 pm, remotely. In an effort to provide an opportunity for attendance by the public, access will be made available to the extent reasonably possible and feasible. The means of technology and information on how to access the meeting will be made available via the District's website.

Road work begins around county

The US 30 westbound exit ramp to SR 39 northbound will be closed at night from 7 pm to 7 am beginning Monday, April 13, to complete relocation work.

The detour route for motorists headed to SR 39 northbound will continue on US 30 westbound to the Trimble Rd. exit, turn left onto Trimble Rd. and re-enter US 30 eastbound, then take the US 30 eastbound exit ramp to SR 39. The ramp is scheduled to reopen Friday, May 1.

SR 545, just south of Pittenger Rd., will close Monday, April 13, for a culvert replacement.

The detour route for southbound motorists is SR 545 to SR 96, west on SR 96 to SR 13, south on SR 13 to US 30, east on US 30 to SR 545, and reverse for northbound motorists. The road is expected to reopen Monday, April 20.

SR 603, between Pleasant Valley Road and SR 95, will close Monday, April 13 for a maintenance repair project on a retaining wall.

The detour route for motorists headed northbound on SR 603 will travel east on SR 95 to SR 39, northwest on SR 39 to SR 603, and reverse for southbound motorists.

The road is expected to reopen Thursday, May 28.

News Briefs

The Richland County Democratic Party has cancelled the regularly scheduled April 9 executive committee meeting. The officers of the party urge members and all to comply with the Director of Health's "Stay at Home" order. In addition, the party has suspended the rental of the headquarters facility until further notice. For information visit www.Richlandcountymocrats.com.

The North End Elder program will be cancelled until further notice. All other large group meetings will be cancelled as well. All staff remains available during regular working hours via phone, email, video conference and scheduled in person meetings.

NECIC and Temp2Higher are open by scheduled appointments only. Walk-ins are not being accepted at this time.

Jobseekers are encouraged to apply at www.temp2higher.org or call 419-522-1611. NECIC will continue to find work for jobseekers.

The best way to stay informed is www.necic-ohio.org, on Facebook and by calling 419-522-1611.

The Ontario Lions Club has cancelled the annual spring Pancake Day due to the school closure. All spring pancake day tickets will be honored at the fall pancake day.

Richland Public Health is cancelling all previously scheduled Community Health Screenings. For information call 419-774-4540.

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, April 25 and 26.

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.

The Ontario Lions Club's "Big Yard and Craft Sale" which was scheduled for Saturday, May 9 at Ontario Lions Clever Park, 3708 Snodgrass Rd., Ontario, has been postponed until a future date.

Due to the current outbreak and health risk of contact, the Richland County Veteran Service Commission will not be conducting face to face interviews, allowing walk-in clients or transporting to the VA Medical Centers until further notice per the State of Emergency declared by Governor Mike DeWine.

Those seeking financial assistance can call the office to speak with executive director Ken Estep. Answers to benefit questions and issues will be available by phone.

Those who have symptoms of fever, coughing, sneezing and trouble breathing should not leave their home. Veterans whose family physician is the VA should call 800-368-8262.

Anyone who cannot contact their physician should contact Richland Public Health at 419-774-4500 or the State of Ohio Health Department at 614-722-7221.

The Olivesburg United Methodist Church, 4748 Rt. 545, men's prayer breakfast that is usually held the second Saturday of each month is cancelled until further notice.

All Madison Local School District playgrounds are closed as ordered by Governor Mike Dewine.

It is with great sadness that we announce the cancellation of the 2020 Miss Ontario Pageant and Ontario 4th of July Festival. With the growing concerns of the Covid 19 Pandemic and the uncertainty of when it may be safe, we decided that this was the best course of action for this year. The current Miss Ontario,

Maria Caporini, will reign for the next year also. We will be returning in 2021 stronger than ever. During this time, please remain safe and practice social distancing and remain at home. We want to see you all next year!

—Randy Hutchinson,
Mayor of Ontario

•Red Cross facing severe blood shortage

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

Donors can also save up to 15 minutes at the blood drive by completing a RapidPass®. With RapidPass®, donors complete the pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of donation, from a mobile device or computer.

To complete a RapidPass®, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Local donation sites include:
Tuesday, April 14, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church St., Bellville, noon to 6 pm
Wednesday, April 15, Belmont Community Church, 119 Belmont Ave., Mansfield, 1-7 pm; Richland Mall, Ontario, 1-7 pm; and Lexington High School, 159 Frederick St., Lexington, 2-7 pm
Sunday, April 19, Richland Mall, Ontario, 11 am to 4 pm
Wednesday, April 22, St. Peter's High School, 111 W. First St., Mansfield, 8 am to

8 pm; and Richland Mall, Ontario, 1-7 pm
Friday, April 24, 750 Scholl Rd., Mansfield, 10 am to 3 pm.

Wednesday, April 29, Richland Mall, Ontario, 1-7 pm

Friday, May 1, Pioneer Career and Technology Center, 27 Ryan Rd., Shelby, 8 am to 2 pm

Wednesday, May 6, Richland Mall, Ontario, 1-7 pm

Thursday, May 7, Baker's Collision Repair Specialists, 595 Fifth Ave., Madison area, 11 am to 5 pm

Lowe's 940 N. Lexington Springmill Rd., Ontario, 8 am to 2 pm

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Alzheimer's Association offers caregiver resources virtually to serve families during COVID-19 pandemic

Family members caring for their loved ones with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias can continue to gain the support and education they need through digital resources the Alzheimer's Association now offers.

The Alzheimer's Association, Northwest Chapter is offering free virtual education programs and online support groups, in the coming weeks to help caregivers and their families. Clinical experts are also available to create personalized care plans for families seeking help via phone or email through the Care Consultation program.



IN HONOR of the National Vietnam War Veterans Day March 29, Regent Joyce Vanatter (not pictured) presented a Deceased Vietnam Veteran's Surviving Spouse certificate and pin to Joyce Long and Sunda Peters. (This photo ran last week but with wrong names)

The association offers a number of education programs that can help those living with Alzheimer's and their families understand what to expect so they can be prepared to meet the changes ahead.

Virtual support groups provide emotional, educational and social support for caregivers and allow participants the opportunity to exchange practical information on care giving challenges and possible solutions, talk through issues, and share feelings, needs and concerns.

"During this challenging time, it's critical that all Ohio caregivers have access to Alzheimer's Association resources even if they cannot venture out," said program director, Pam Myers. "The COVID-19 crisis is altering Americans' daily lives, but the needs of Alzheimer's caregivers cannot be put on hold. These online programs allow us to connect with caregivers and provide necessary information even amid the current crisis."

Each virtual education program is approximately one hour and allows the audience to ask questions and engage with others going through the journey online.

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The Richland County Dementia Capable Coalition, under the leadership of the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter, will hold "10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's" on April 15 at 10 am and "Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia" on April 14 at noon — this will be a 30 min program.

For a complete list of upcoming education programs, or to register, visit alz.org/crf or call 800-272-3900. In addition to the virtual classes, the association offers online community resources at alz.org including ALZConnected®, a free online community where people living with Alzheimer's, caregivers, family and friends can ask questions, get advice and find support.

A 24/7 Helpline and resources are available at alz.org.

RCT increases sanitary measures on buses

RCT has responded to the Covid-19 epidemic by providing masks and sanitizer to their drivers. They are performing extra cleaning measures of the buses and the garage and have not discontinued any services on their fixed routes or DAR. They have provided masks for their drivers to put the public at ease and have asked passengers on their vehicles to leave safe distances while riding.

RCTB has been in touch with Richland Public Health Officials as well as Emergency Management, in order to cooperate and provide any assistance they may need.

They are committed to getting people to important destinations and are ready to serve the community.

FTA has announced relief measures for Transit systems and are working with RCTB to provide any assistance it may need.

RCTB has recently been awarded funds from ODOT to purchase two new much needed buses. RCTB plans to look for additional opportunities to fund additional buses to add to their fleet.

RCTB participated in Ohio Loves Transit Day, by offering a ride on its brand-new bus #24. Several RNI administrators and clients, Commissioners Daryl Banks and Marilyn John, RCRPC Executive Director Jotika Shetty, Mobility Manager Lyndsie Martin and RCTB board members enjoyed a ride through Mansfield.

RCTB recently partnered with Gobus to provide transportation to Columbus and Cleveland. GoBus will stop at Stanton Center Station twice daily to provide these trips. For more information and to purchase tickets go to gobuses.com.

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
Bible Study 2 pm Wednesdays

Ontario United Methodist Church

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

Hillside First Church of God

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

Ridgeway Church of God

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

Mayflower Congregational Church

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

Cornerstone Grace Brethren Church

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

St. Peter's Catholic Church

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

Promise Land Fellowship

506 Park Avenue East
Pastor Rick and Shirley Wiseman • 419-512-2435
Sunday 9:30 am School of the Bible
Sunday 10:45 am
Sunday 4:30 pm End Time Studies
Bible Study Tues. 6 pm
Advanced Bible Study Sat. 10 am

Crossroads Church

1188 Park Avenue W., Mansfield
Pastor Dave Vance • 419-529-0750
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1689 West Fourth St., Ontario
419-529-2747

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Lexington • Bellville • Mansfield
419-884-1711



“Pinwheels for Prevention” event kicks off Child Abuse Prevention Month

Richland County Children Services kicked off April’s National Child Abuse Prevention Month with Pinwheels for Prevention at the Richland County Courthouse on Wednesday, April 1. RCCS staff placed 1,260 Blue Pinwheels on the front lawn of the Richland County Courthouse, 50 Park Ave. East.

The 1,260 blue pinwheels represent every report of abuse or neglect received

by the Agency in 2019.

The blue pinwheels are a reminder that every child deserves a safe, happy and permanent home. The blue pinwheel has become a national symbol for child abuse prevention. According to the Ohio Children’s Trust Fund, every 30 minutes a child is abused or neglected in Ohio.

RCCS will receive proclamations from the Richland County Commissioners and

mayors from surrounding cities in Richland County recognizing National Abuse Prevention Month.

RCCS also participated in the annual statewide “Wear Blue Day” on Wednesday, April 8. Wear Blue Day is an annual statewide event to spread awareness on the important issues of child abuse, neglect and dependency. Anyone who wore blue to show support of child abuse

prevention, can take a photo and e-mail to Brigitte.Coles@jfs.ohio.gov. Photos will be featured on the agency’s website and Facebook pages.

For more information about child abuse prevention visit richlandcountychildrenservices.org. Please call the Richland County Children Services 24-hour child abuse hotline at 419-774-4100 to report child abuse and neglect.

Extension granted for veterans’ benefits filing

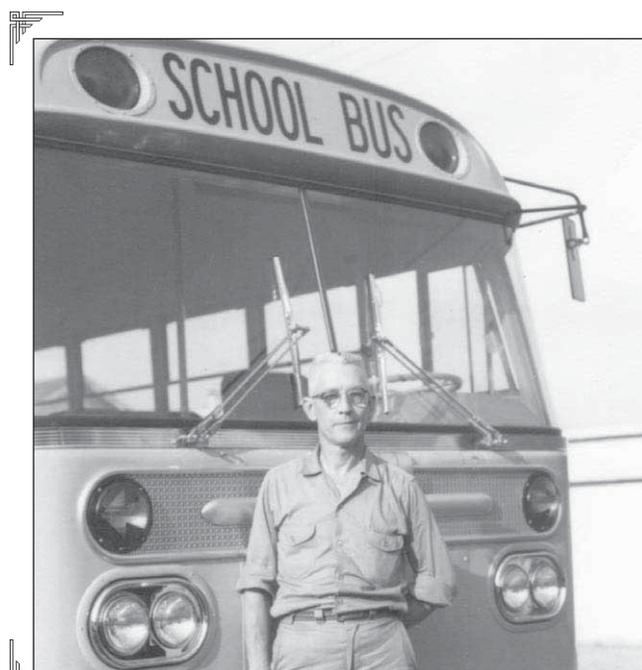
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary, Robert Wilkie, approved an extension for filing of claims and appeals for veterans’ compensation benefits.

Due to the Department of Veterans Affairs closing regional offices, Board of Veterans’ Appeals hearings have been postponed until at least May 1. Under current law, an extension to the 60-day period for filing a Substantive Appeal or to the 30-day period for responding to the Supplemental Statement of the Case may be granted for good cause.

Veterans can submit their late benefits claims paperwork along with a request for an extension. Veterans do not have to request an extension ahead of time.

This applies to perfecting claims, challenging adverse decisions, submitting Notices of Disagreement, submitting Substantive Appeals and responding to Supplemental Statements of the Case

VA is also accepting typed and digital signatures. Additionally, if a veteran with a pending appeal is diagnosed with COVID-19, the board will advance the case. For information call 800-827-1000.



Shortage leads to comedic response by Lexington men

By Bob Carter

John Newcomer ran the Lexington School bus system from 1930 until he retired and sold the business to George Swigart, who owned Swigart’s Café. Newcomer and wife Ruth moved to Florida and later he called Swigart and explained the dilemma he was in.

Someone in Florida started the rumor that there was a toilet paper shortage. He couldn’t find any in stores as all the old people who didn’t have anything to do went to stores when a shipment arrived and they gobbled it up and left the shelves bare.

John asked George if he would ship a case of the necessary paper to Florida and he would pay for it.

The story went down the bar stools and several men went to a local farm, filled a cardboard box with corn cobs and shipped it to Florida. This is a true story as my father was one of those men involved. Most of the town characters hung out at Swigarts.

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15 — Dave Metzger, Ontario

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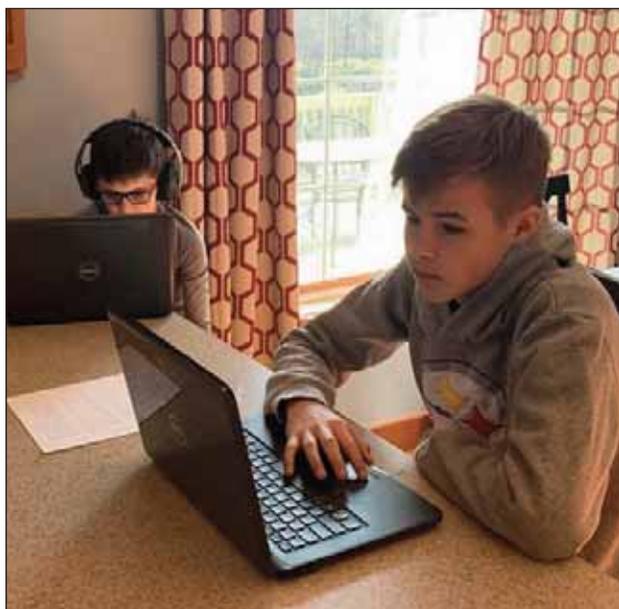
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www.wappner.com



TREY NICKOLI, a seventh grade student at Lexington Junior High, works at his computer on his first day of Distance Learning. He is sitting opposite his mother Libby, a principal at Butler Elementary in Clear Fork. The dining room table is now their learning center.



JACKSON PIGG, (top photo) a seventh grade student at Lexington, helps to prepare dinner for his family by cooking chicken tenders, green beans, applesauce and a few Doritos. (Bottom photo) Jackson and his brother, Carson, a fourth grade student at Lexington, work on their music and science school work during the school closures due to COVID-19. Their parents are Brandon and Dawn Pigg.



TAYLOR WITTMER, a freshman at the University of Akron, came home to Lexington during the COVID-19 closure. He helped to peel potatoes as his mom, Kim Wittmer, taught him how to make homemade beef stew for the family dinner. He is a 2019 Lexington High School graduate.



MAKENZIE AND SPENCER WYNN of the Madison area work together to bake a cake for their dad's birthday on April 2. They are the children of Todd and Krystal Wynn and attend Mifflin Elementary School. The family typically plays putt-putt golf or goes bowling and out to eat in Columbus to celebrate, but this year they made Todd's favorite yellow cake with chocolate frosting. The children made cards and gifts, did a skit for him and played a game. They plan do something fun once the "Stay at Home" order has been lifted.



KAYLA CARTER, a freshman at Lexington High School, has been staying active in hopes of playing some high school softball and traveling with her volleyball and softball teams this summer. Along with maintaining her studies at home due to COVID-19, she has been practicing volleyball, softball and exercising by running the bleachers.



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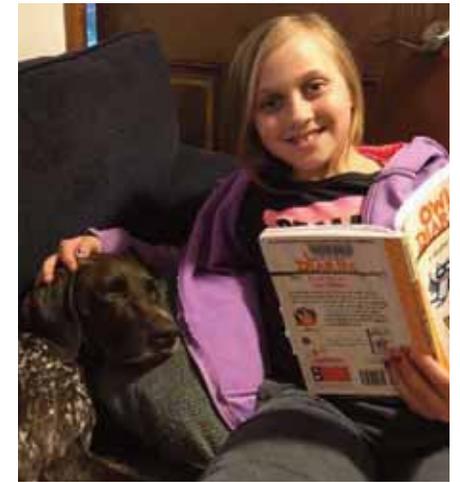
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REGHAN PASHEILICH, a seventh grade student at Lexington and daughter of Rob and Carla Pasheilich, makes homemade macaroni and cheese for the family dinner while obeying the "Stay at Home" order.



SYDNEY WILSON, a fifth grade student at Mansfield Christian School, displays her flower pot bench project she completed for school. MCS held an at-home Spirit Week and for her Tuesday Art Project she made the bench for her front porch. She is the daughter of Mike and Sarah Wilson.



NATALIE RICKER, a student at Mansfield Christian School, reads to her dog, Molly, as she does school work from home. She is the daughter of Ben and Erin Ricker.

Send your homeschool, spring break and Easter photos to news@tribune-courier.com



A FRIENDLY neighborhood squirrel stops by for some corn. He frequently visits the Wolford home and hangs upside down as he eats.



KENNEDY BAAB, a pre-k student at Mansfield Christian School and a Lexington resident, created stained glass window artwork with the help of her family. She is a student in Ellen Lilly's class.

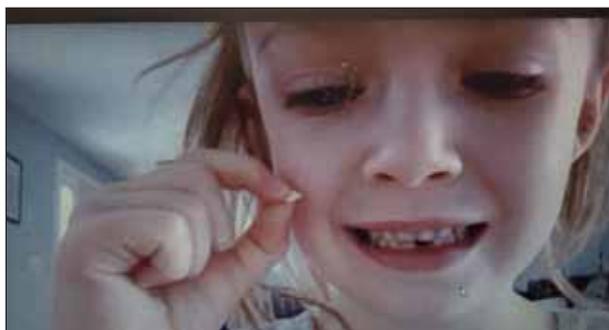


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A PILEATED WOODPECKER came for lunch at the Madison area home of photographer Bud Motter. Although life seems to stand still for many of us, life goes on as usual in the great outdoors.



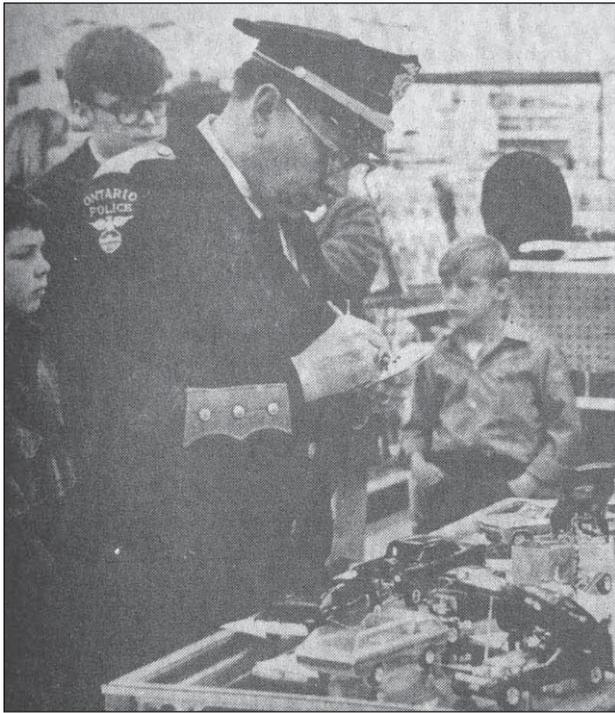
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MAREN THOMAS was excited to show her teacher and classmates at Mansfield Christian School's Pre-K that she lost her first tooth. The class has been meeting daily on Google Meet on the computer.

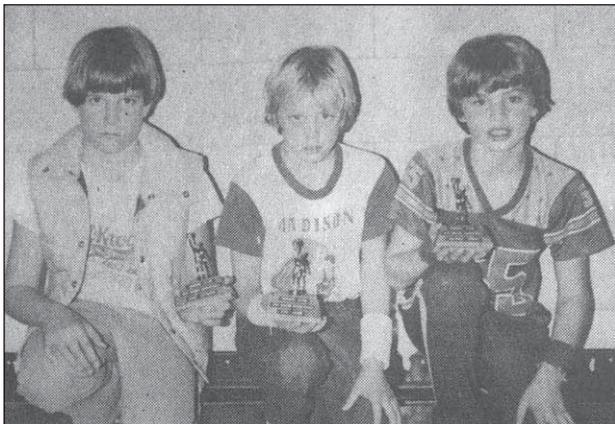


ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL RHAPSODY IN BLUE members came together via the internet to sing "Love Runs Out." View it at www.ontarioschools.org/ontariohighschool_home.aspx.

LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History



April 10, 1970 — Ontario Police Chief F.F. Felger, a judge of the Show-N-Go model car contest conducted by Woolworth's of the Richland Mall, writes his choice of winners.



April 10, 1981 (Madison) — Special Award Winners in the Burger King Fourth Grade Fundamental basketball Program are Tim Spayde, Most Improved Player; Jim Long, 110% Award; and Todd Russell, Coaches Trophy.



April 10, 1981 (Madison) — Mrs. Mary Ann Kurek competed her 25th year as a teacher at St. Mary's School. A mass reception was held in her honor with former principals with whom she worked being able to join in the celebration. They are Sr. Ann, Sr. Timothy, Sr. Henrietta, Mrs. Kurek, Sr. Ann Louise and Sr. M Carlene.



April 10, 1970 — Ontario Mayor Orval L. Bemiller approves legislation passed by village council to install sanitary sewers in District 3-W. Councilmen Frank A. Stumbo and Don R. Dunlap are shown on the left. Clerk-Treasurer Harry Zeigler is on the mayor's right. Councilman Dunlap presided as president pro-tem during the mayor's absence earlier in the evening. Photo by Chuck Rickard

Dawniel Kempton is runner-up
Kooken named Miss Lex

Angela Marie Kooken, 16, a junior at Lexington High School, is the new Miss Lexington. She received her crown at the 18th annual Miss Lexington Pageant Saturday during competition at Lexington High school.

Dawniel Kempton, 15, a sophomore at Lexington High School, is the first runner-up and second runner-up is Kelly Lynn Johns, 17, a junior at Lexington High School.

Drena McCurdy, associate director, and executive producers Kelli Basilone and Stephanie Wagner-Jedra said contestant Dawniel Kempton also won the Theresa Ann Wagner interview award.

Double honors went to Jennifer Streib who was a winner of the Kiwanis Award and the Miss Congeniality Award. She is a 17-year-old junior at Lexington High School.

Other contestants giving outstanding performances in the pageant sponsored by Lexington Women's Club, are Elizabeth Lynch, 16, a junior; Melinda Wilkinson, 15, a sophomore; and Stephanie Webster, 17, a junior.

Please see next week's *Tribune-Courier* for pageant photos and an interview with Miss Lexington and the outgoing Miss Lexington.

April 13, 1995



On April 9, 1959, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) introduced America's first astronauts to the press: Scott Carpenter, L. Gordon Cooper Jr., John H. Glenn Jr., Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Walter Schirra Jr., Alan Shepard Jr., and Donald Slayton.



TOP WINNER — First place pentathlon winner Chuck Leicy receives his trophy from Ontario Junior High Track Coach Phil Giffin. Photo by Terry Bonham

Chuck Leicy is OJH pentathlon champ

By DWIGHT CAIN

In this year's Pentathlon, there were some great efforts and some very fine scores. First place this year, was taken by Chuck Leicy with 2,900 points. Each participant could run in as many as five events, and points were awarded according to what he achieved in that event. 1,000 points were awarded for breaking any school record, and on down to 100 points. Chuck was entered in the 100 yard dash, in which he received 700 points for his 11.5. He won the Hurdles in 16.8 and received another 700 points. He won the High Jump with a 5'4" bound and got 700 more points. In the 220 yard dash, he had 25.9 which earned 600 points for his score. His last event was the Broad Jump, with 13'5" for another 200 points.

Second place finisher with 2800 points, was Richard Ashley. He won the 100 yard dash, with 11.4, for 700 points. He also received 700 points for his 17.0 in the Hurdles. Another 200 points were awarded for his 5'0" effort in the High Jump. He took 800 points by winning the 220 yard dash in 24.9. For his win in the Broad Jump, with 14'8½" he was awarded 300 points.

These two boys, along with all of the other members of the track, worked very hard in achieving their points, and would all like to thank Mr. Giffin and Mr. Smith for having this annual event that gives all of the boys a chance to give their best efforts, to improve the team.

April 10, 1970



ASHLEY

LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History



April 10, 1970 — Winners of the Richland Mall Woolworth's Show-N-Go model car contest held April 2, were first, Jeff Robinson; second Alan Morelli; and third, Don Ridenbaugh. With the boys are judges Chief F.F. Felger, store manager William McCrumb and Ontario Mayor Orval L. Bemiller Jr. The month-long contest was open to boys age 9 through 14. A total of 31 model cars were entered and judging was based on customizing, painting, neatness and workmanship. Photo by Chuck Rickard



April 10, 1981 — Madison Township Lions Club members Emmett Robertson and Gene Oxender display trophies that the Madison Township Lions Club picked up at a recent District 13B Convention in Cleveland. The Madison Township Lions took the Governor's Contest Award for clubs with 40 or fewer members, based on the club's activities. The club was also awarded the Bulletin Editor Contest for the monthly Madison Township Lions Club letter "Madison Lions Tale." The Madison Township Lions Club, now 11 years old, is one of 63 clubs in District 13B. Photo by Marc Stumbo



April 13, 1995 — Madison Mifflin Elementary School chose its March Good Citizens of the Month. They are selected by individual classroom teachers based on citizenship and leadership. Chosen were front, James Carpenter, Jennifer Korbas and Katie Phillips; middle, Autumn Prosser, Brett Bartlett, Cory Rupert, Cody Prosser, Tiffany Parlett and Keely Shaw; and back, Amanda Lyles, Felicia Aukerman, Kristi Remy, Jillian Firestone, Dusty Day, Nathan VanTilburg, Mike Wolff and Bryan Brenner. Missing from the photo is Braden Griffiths.



April 13, 1995 — Steve Hupp of Lexington went over the high bar at 5' 10" to take second place in the Invitational Track and Field Meet. The event was held at Ontario's all-weather facility due to the soggy weather. The Lexington boys won the event for the sixth straight time, beating 11 other teams. Photo by George Billman

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LEGAL NOTICE

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUC-
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AUSTIN COOK graduated from Ontario High School in 2015. He cheered for a local gym in high school and is graduating from OSU with a sports industry degree and pursuing a masters in organizational leadership. Cook is a three-year member of the team from Mansfield. "AC" was a member of the 2019 and 2020 National Teams which placed second and fourth, respectively. He will be a Graduate Assistant for Columbus State University (Georgia) this fall as he pursues his masters degree.



By Kenn Spencer

On March 31, the State of Ohio announced a further delay on returning to play through April 30. In addition to this announcement, OYS is suspending all soccer and baseball activities through May 1, to align with Governor DeWine's current orders.

OYS affiliated activities include scheduled games, team practice/training sessions, or sponsored activities that are under direct supervision of a team official; or sanctioned local or national tournaments as a member of a contestant team (any activity that OYS sanctions and insures).

OYS will reevaluate the return-to-play date based on decisions and/or recommendations anticipated from the State of Ohio, the Ohio Department of Health, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and our governing bodies.

We recognize that many are anxious to get back onto our soccer and baseball fields; however, our main priority is the safety and well-being of everyone. When we can resume play, even if it's for a modified season or during the summer months, we hope that our members will pull together and support one another.

Knowing the best laid plan is a moving target — we ask for your understanding and patience in this most difficult time.

Below is the plan we have as of today.

1. Soccer: will begin on May 2 and play until June 1. We are still planning on a tournament and the majority of OYS teams will still play a full schedule. We are working with the City of Ontario to make sure our fields are ready to play. Please practice at home and keep working on your skills.

2. Baseball/Softball: will begin on June 1 and play until July 19. We will not play MOC games on July 4 weekend. We are still planning on an end of the season tournament — OYS teams will play a full schedule. We are working with the City of Ontario to make sure our fields are ready to play. Please practice at home and keep working on your skill set. We have extended baseball and softball registration until April 25.

3. High School Skills Camp: We are waiting to hear from the high school coach as to when he wants to reschedule this clinic.

4. Middle School Softball/Baseball: Coaches have been notified and we are looking at playing summer ball with these teams. Please contact your coach for more information.

Anyone with questions should call, email or text Kenn or kenn@mypictureday.com.

Thank you to our community sponsor OhioHealth.

While physical distancing has been mandated due to COVID-19, the term "social distancing" may be misleading,

as a true lack of social connectedness has been found to lead to psychological distress, including anxiety and depression, insomnia, emotional exhaustion, and even substance abuse. Unfortunately, our desire to connect to people peaks in our teen years.

To stay connected, a few social resources for your family to enjoy include Google Hangouts, Google Meet, Houseparty, Marco Polo, FaceTime, Skype, and Google Duo. View the OhioHealth Blog below to find more suggestions of how to help you and your family maintain social-emotional health during these difficult times: <https://blog.ohiohealth.com>.

Monday started our "2020 Bear Hunt." People from all over Ontario have left bears in their window for the kids to look for. A map can be found on OYS Facebook to most of the bears that have been reported. Please follow the directions below to be entered into a drawing for \$100 gift card from Meijer.

1. Print out a copy of the map.
2. Please use the spaces to write a street number where you see the bear.

3. Use the extra spaces at the bottom to report unreported bears.

4. Once you have filled out your map – take a picture and text to 419-566-8072 include the hunters name and age.

5. No hunter should be out of their car when hunting for bears.

6. Please follow all road and neighborhood safety guidelines when hunting.

Follow OYS on Facebook for more information.

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

- Follow us on Facebook. Sign-ups are posted regularly.
- 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.

OhioHealth issues statement about hospital donations

Residents wishing to drop off supplies or cards to OhioHealth Mansfield should email Supplydonation@Ohiohealth.com.

To ensure the safety of staff and to support the community with social distancing, the hospital can no longer accept food donations. Those wishing to help can consider supporting the staff in other ways such as financial support through the OhioHealth Associate Emergency Assistance Fund, supporting the PPE and medical supply donation centers (sites listed at OhioHealth.com/Covid-19) and continuing to offer restaurant and other discounts which the hospital will promote to staff.

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