



Ontario Police Department's K9 to get body armor donation

Ontario Police Department's K9, Fender, will receive a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9 Fender's vest is sponsored by Christopher Clark of Larchmont, NY, and will be embroidered with the sentiment "Honoring those who served and sacrificed". Delivery is expected within eight to ten weeks.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., established in 2009, is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. This potentially lifesaving body armor for four-legged K9 is U.S. made, custom fitted, and NIJ certified. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 3,917 vests to K9s in all 50 states at a value of \$6.9 million, made possible by both private and corporate donations.

The program is open to U.S. dogs that are at least 20 months old, actively employed and certified with law enforcement or related agencies. K9s with expired vests are also eligible to participate. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. accepts tax-deductible contributions in any amount, while a single donation of \$960 will sponsor one vest. Each vest has a value of \$1,744-\$2,283, weighs an average of 4-5 lb., and comes with a five-year warranty.

For more information, or to learn about volunteer opportunities call 508-824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events and accepts donations at www.vik9s.org, or by mail at P.O. Box 9, East Taunton, MA 02718.

HEAP Summer Crisis Program begins providing assistance to eligible households

The Ohio Development Services Agency and Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging has begun helping income-eligible Ohioans maintain their utility service through the Home Energy Assistance Summer Crisis Program. The program helps eligible Ohioans pay an electric bill, purchase an air conditioning unit or fan, or pay for central air conditioning repairs. This year, the program will run from July 1 until Sept. 30, 2020.

"This year, we've extended the length of the program and expanded eligibility requirements so we can help more Ohioans during this health crisis," Lydia Mihalik, director of the Ohio Development Services Agency said. "We're working with the Area Agency on Aging every day to help Ohioans in need."

The Summer Crisis Program assists low-income households with an older household member (60 years or older), or households that can provide physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for a household member's health. Examples of conditions can include lung disease, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, asthma, etc. This year, households that were diagnosed with COVID-19 in 2020, have a disconnect notice, have been shut off, or are trying to establish new service on their electric bill are also eligible for assistance.

To find out more about the 2020 Summer Crisis Program call, 419-524-4144.

Eligible households can receive up to \$500 if they are a customer of a regulated utility, or \$800 if they are a customer of unregulated utilities such as electric cooperatives and municipal utilities.

The assistance is applied to their utility bill, or to purchase an air conditioning unit or fan, or pay for central air conditioning repairs. Ohioans must have a gross income at or below 175% of the federal poverty guidelines to qualify for assistance. For a family of four the annual income must be at or below \$45,850.00.

Also new this year, Ohioans enrolled in the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus Program (PIPP) who meet the above criteria may be eligible for assistance towards their default PIPP payment, first PIPP payment, central air conditioning repairs, or may receive an air conditioning unit and/or fan.

For more information about the features of the Summer Crisis Program locally and what is needed to apply, contact Area Agency on Aging at 419-524-4144. Additional information can also be found at www.energy-help.ohio.gov or by calling (800) 282-0880.

Ohio Department of Health warning residents about the dangers of methanol-based hand sanitizers

The Ohio Department of Health is warning consumers about the presence of hand sanitizers that contain unlisted methanol as an ingredient. Methanol is a toxic alcohol that can cause poisoning when absorbed through the skin and blindness or death when swallowed.

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), there has been a sharp increase in hand sanitizer products that are labeled to contain the commonly used ethanol (also known as ethyl alcohol) but have tested positive for methanol contamination.

Most commercially available alcohol-based hand sanitizers or rubs contain either ethanol or isopropanol as active ingredients. Methanol (or wood alcohol) is not an acceptable active ingredient.

Repeated use of methanol-containing hand sanitizer on the skin may result in methanol poisoning. However, the highest risk is to people who swallow the products. This could include young children who accidentally swallow the sanitizer and adolescents or adults who intentionally swallow it as an alcohol substitute.

The effects of methanol and ethanol poisoning are similar — headache, blurred vision or blindness, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, loss of coordination, decreased alertness — but methanol poisoning may result in severe

buildup of acid in the body or death.

The FDA has found the ingredient or suspects it may be present in 17 products manufactured by Mexican-based companies Eskbiochem SA de CV; AAA Cosmetica; Grupo Insoma, S.A.P.I de CV; Soluciones Cosméticas SA de CV; Transliquid Technologies; and Tropicocosméticos SA de CV. A full list of product names, can be found at <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-updates-hand-sanitizers-methanol>. The agency is working with manufacturers and distributors on a voluntary recall of these products.

Consumers should:

- Check their hand sanitizer against products on the list. If a product is on the list, stop using it and dispose of it in appropriate hazardous waste containers. Do not flush it or pour it down the drain.

- Seek immediate medical attention and call the National Poison Control Center Hotline (1-800-222-1222) if they have swallowed hand sanitizer or are experiencing symptoms from repeated use of one of the listed products. Symptoms include headache, blurred vision or blindness, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, loss of coordination, and decreased alertness.

- NEVER swallow ANY hand sanitizer and use it only for its intended purpose — to clean hands.

- Keep alcohol-based hand sanitizers out of the reach of children and supervise use.

Ice cream social is Saturday

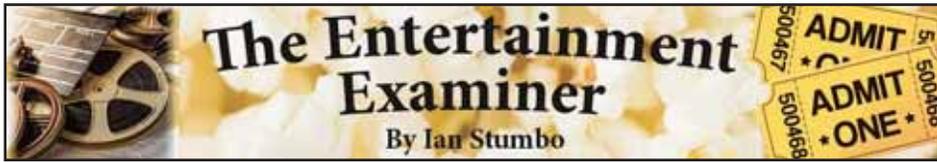
The Richland Rural Life Center, 969 E. Crall Rd., Madison area, will host its annual ice cream social on Saturday, July 18, from 4-6 pm.

All items are A la Carte priced and the menu includes shredded chicken, sloppy joe, hot dogs, coneys, sides, drinks and homemade vanilla ice cream.

The Mid-Ohio Band will play a free concert from 4:30-5:30 pm.

The facility, located between Stewart Rd. and Rt. 545, offers grounds for use by Boy Scouts, 4-H and other service groups. Building rentals are also available. Proceeds from the dinner help to maintain the facility. For information call 567-307-4220.

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The Entertainment Examiner

By Ian Stumbo

Palm Springs is a new movie exclusive to the Hulu streaming service and is one of the better romantic films out in recent years. *Brooklyn Nine-Nine* and *SNL* alum Andy Samberg stars as Nyles, who is attending a wedding at a resort. He is not getting along with his current girlfriend and after catching the eye of another guest at the wedding named Sarah (Cristin Milioti), he is led into a mysterious cave that causes him to live the same day over and over, unfortunately Sarah follows him into that cave.



have different motivations in life and it's great to see two people written this way as they interact around this almost predictable plot line.

Palm Springs doesn't bring anything new to the romantic comedy genre but the way it's written and the fact you see the day both from Nyles and Sarah's perspective, makes the movie unique to that formula. J.K. Simmons is always worth mentioning as he plays someone who has a connection to Nyles.

If you enjoy thought provoking comedy-dramas or engaging romantic movies with a different take on a familiar twist, definitely check out *Palm Springs*. In this year of sporadic movie releases, this is definitely one to remember. Look for The Entertainment Examiner's video posts on YouTube.



It would be easy to dismiss this right away as just another Groundhog Day ripoff, but the movie takes that formula and turns it into something more interesting and introspective. It's nice to see Samberg play at part with some depth instead of the other silly but funny roles he usually takes.

Milioti, who most people would know from CBS's *How I Met Your Mother*, is just as good if not better than Samberg. Both of these characters fall for each other but

Mansfield Symphony Chorus will hold virtual auditions for new members

The Mansfield Symphony Chorus (MSC) is welcoming virtual auditions for its 2020-'21 season. Any member of the community is invited to audition.

Under the direction of chorus master Lori Turner, MSC will perform three concerts this season: SingOut! A Choral Celebration, Holiday Pops, and Carmina Burana (the latter two in collaboration with the Mansfield Symphony Orchestra).

Turner's award-winning career as both a chorale member and soloist spans nearly 30 years. She has performed at world-renowned venues such as Carnegie Hall and the Paris Opera. She also sang for 10 years with the Royal Flemish Opera in Belgium.

Now back in the U.S., Turner's passion and experience allow her to expose local performers and community youth to the world of choral music.

The MSC is currently celebrating its 43rd year of bringing choral performances to the Mansfield area. Historically, it has presented masterpieces such as Handel's *Messiah* and Stravinsky's *Symphony of Psalms*, among many others. Rehearsals are held weekly on Sunday evenings at Theatre 166, 166 Park Avenue West, Mansfield.

Those interested in auditioning should contact Lori Turner by email at lori@mansfieldtickets.com to schedule and learn about the health and safety protocols being followed for rehearsals and performances.

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SWIGART'S CAFE pictured as it appeared sometime around 1956-'57.



BUCKS was destroyed in a 1996 fire.

Lexington "watering hole" was the beginning of many years of history

By Bob Carter

Roy Swigart was a well liked local character in Lexington. During prohibition, he ran a pool room in the store room, now occupied by Vidonish Stained Glass Studios.

Old-timers remember that he sometimes bottled some "stuff" in the back room. He wasn't the only one in town "speaking easy."

After prohibition, he opened Swigarts Cafe two doors down in his own home, next to the Minnear Hotel.

Swigarts was a favorite watering hole and had one of the first television sets in town. A fun place, customers, mostly men, found the excuse to go to the bar after work just to watch ball games — on the ten inch screen.

Roy and wife Leola ran the place for decades and later, son George, took over Swigarts. His brother, Jack, ran another tavern Roy had in Butler for 37 years.

After Roy died, George ran the place for years until he sold it to Buck and Betty Burkepile. They changed the name to Bucks and expanded the restaurant. It was always busy, especially on race weekends when it was jam packed.

The next owner was Larry Proto and more expansion and great food kept the place booming.

A great collection of celebrity photographs were hung on the walls along with other memorabilia.

Sadly, all were lost in a 1996 fire that destroyed the building. Some in Lexington must have been devastated fearing they might not meet their friends again, share a meal or hoist a glass with them.

If a church or store burned down, that was understandable, but not Bucks!

But alas, another Bucks was built, much bigger and now seems to be the heart of Lexington.

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Ontario Schools gearing up for a new school year

By Superintendent
Lisa A. Carmichael

The start of a new school year is always an event full of excitement and anticipation. Amidst the current global health crisis, the energy certainly feels different.

That said, our goals for the start of the year are the same. Here at Ontario Schools, we look forward to providing excellent education to every student in a safe environment.

We learned a lot about the strength of our Warrior community in the Spring of 2020 when emergency online education was put into action. We are confident that the resilience of our community will shine once again as we embark on another school year that will come with challenged we have not experienced in years past.

We cannot say with certainty what the school year will look like. What we do know is that the health and safety of our students and staff remains our top priority. We are working diligently on plans to reopen and restart our schools in the fall of 2020. It will not be possible to meet every expectation, but our primary goal has to be to find a balance that will allow us to effectively provide a learning environment that maximizes academic potential, while keeping the students and staff of our schools safe and healthy.

Relationships will remain the central focus of all our back to school scenarios. There is no replacement for an Ontario Schools teacher who works directly with an Ontario student. Regardless of the final option(s) approved by the Department of Health, all students will work with our excellent and caring teachers. Building connections with students every day is an integral part of the Ontario teaching model.

The Ontario School District is part of a strong and connected community. We will

CACY continues to offer resources

Community Action for Capable Youth (CACY) continues to offer a variety of free resources for both students and caregivers during this stay-at-home time.

Lesson and activity topics for grades K-12 include staying focused, regulating and managing emotions, decision making, healthy relationships, substance use prevention Jeopardy and medication safety.

CACY Parent Educator Miranda Garrett is available to answer questions at garretm@cacyohio.com.

CACY also suggests some coping strategies for being at home. These include listening to music, drawing or painting, exercising, gardening, journaling or doodling, sending a message to someone, taking a bath, squeezing a stress ball, going for a walk, spending time outdoors, playing with a pet, yoga, reading a book, watching the clouds or tidying the house — small areas such as a closet or pantry.

Parents can also join the Facebook group at CACY Parenting Support for daily tips, advice, live videos and resources.

For information call 41-774-5683 or email marquett@b@cacyohio.com.

continue to partner with city leaders, business leaders, parents, staff and the community to develop plans to reopen and restart school.

We are preparing for a variety of scenarios and will follow the guidance of Governor DeWine, the Ohio Department of Education and Richland Public Health in finalizing our ultimate plans for the 2020-'21 school year.

As plans take shape, Ontario Schools will maintain open communication with parents, students, staff and the community. We are eager to provide staff and students with a definitive plan. As soon as we have the necessary information, we will provide the Warrior community with updates.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education will hold its regular July Board of Education Meeting at 7 pm, Monday, July 20, in the Pioneer Community Room at the Pioneer Career and Technology Center, Shelby.

The Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Richland County will hold its monthly board meeting on June 21, at 5:30 pm. This is a call-in meeting and to call, dial 408-650-3123 and use access code 513-517-309#. For information call 419-774-5811.



4-H News Report

The fifth meeting of the Blue-Gold 4-H Club was an informational meeting held June 28, 2020. Due to not enough members in attendance, there was no new or old business. This was a question and answer session only. Members were reminded to give their demonstration at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be July 19, 2020 at 2 pm.

Kaley Bowman
Blue-Gold 4-H Club News Reporter

Annual Ice Cream Social
Saturday, July 18
4-6 pm
Mid-Ohio Community Band will perform a FREE concert at 4:30 pm
Ala-Carté sandwiches, sides, drinks, dessert
HOMEMADE VANILLA ICE CREAM
Richland Rural Life Center
969 E. Crall Rd., Madison area

News Briefs

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

Those with a heart for older adults in the community can make a difference by becoming an Ombudsman Associate and volunteer just four hours a month with Ohio's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program.

Volunteers are the first contact most older adults and families will have with the program. Volunteers typically visit nursing and assisted living home residents but are unable to do so at this time. Currently, volunteers call several residents and their family members or friends to check on individuals.

Volunteers receive at least 12 hours of training and are certified to perform certain duties, including providing residents with information about the program and resident rights, assisting with handling uncomplicated complaints, being a voice for those who are unable to make their voice heard and enhancing the quality of life of nursing home residents.

For information or an application call Melissa Wilson at 1-800-860-5799 ext. 1107.

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. has announced the expansion of the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) into Richland County. This program helps provide low-income seniors with access to locally grown fruits and vegetables.

Participants will receive \$50 worth of coupons though the growing season to use at participating farmers' markets and stands. Applications may be submitted or downloaded at aaa5ohio.org/sfmnp or call 567-247-7101 M-F, from 9 am to 5 pm to request an application by mail.

The Sunshine Band will perform at the gazebo in Bellville at 7 pm on Thursday, July 30. The concert is free and open to the public.

The band will perform some new material, including gospel, country and fun songs as well as some of its old favorites.

Band members are Gary Baumberger,

Wayne Magee, Thom Richards, Ryan Boyer and Brian Payne.

Ontario Lions Club's BIG Yard & Craft Sale has been rescheduled for Saturday, Aug. 15. The sale will be held rain or shine at Ontario Lions Clever Park, 3708 Snodgrass Rd., Ontario, from 10 am to 4 pm.

Tables and spaces are available including a 16' table (pavilion) for \$30; and 8' table (pavilion) for \$20. Electric is available under pavilions if needed. A 10'x10' space behind the parking area posts is \$10. There is no cover and no electricity available around the parking area. Set-up begins at 8 am on the day of the sale. Vendors are responsible for trash clean-up.

To rent a space or table contact Leslie at 419-565-6389 or Renee at 419-631-4151. A check or money order payable to Ontario Lions Club can be sent by Aug. 8 to 3777 Park Avenue West, Ontario, OH 44906.

The park features restrooms and running water and plenty of parking. Food is available for purchase during the event including hot dogs, sloppy joes, bratwurst, chips, pop and bottled water.

All monies raised go to support Ontario Lions Club Community Projects.

Vacation Bible School at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, will go on as scheduled this year, but with some additional safety measures because of the coronavirus.

Dates are July 19, 21 and 23 with rain dates July 20, 22 and 24.

This year's VBS will be held in the back parking lot from 7-7:45 pm each night.

Space is limited, so pre-registration is required either by email (trinity-mansvbs@gmail.com) or by calling the church office at 419-589-5890 Mondays through Thursdays from 8 am to noon. Include name and phone number, the best time to be reached by phone and the number of adults and children who will be attending VBS.

VBS changes this year include: adults must stay with their children, each family will be assigned a parking space and a space to interact as a family that is at least six feet from others and all members of each family must stay in their assigned spaces for the entire time of VBS.

Family will need to bring their own camp chairs or blankets on which to sit each night.

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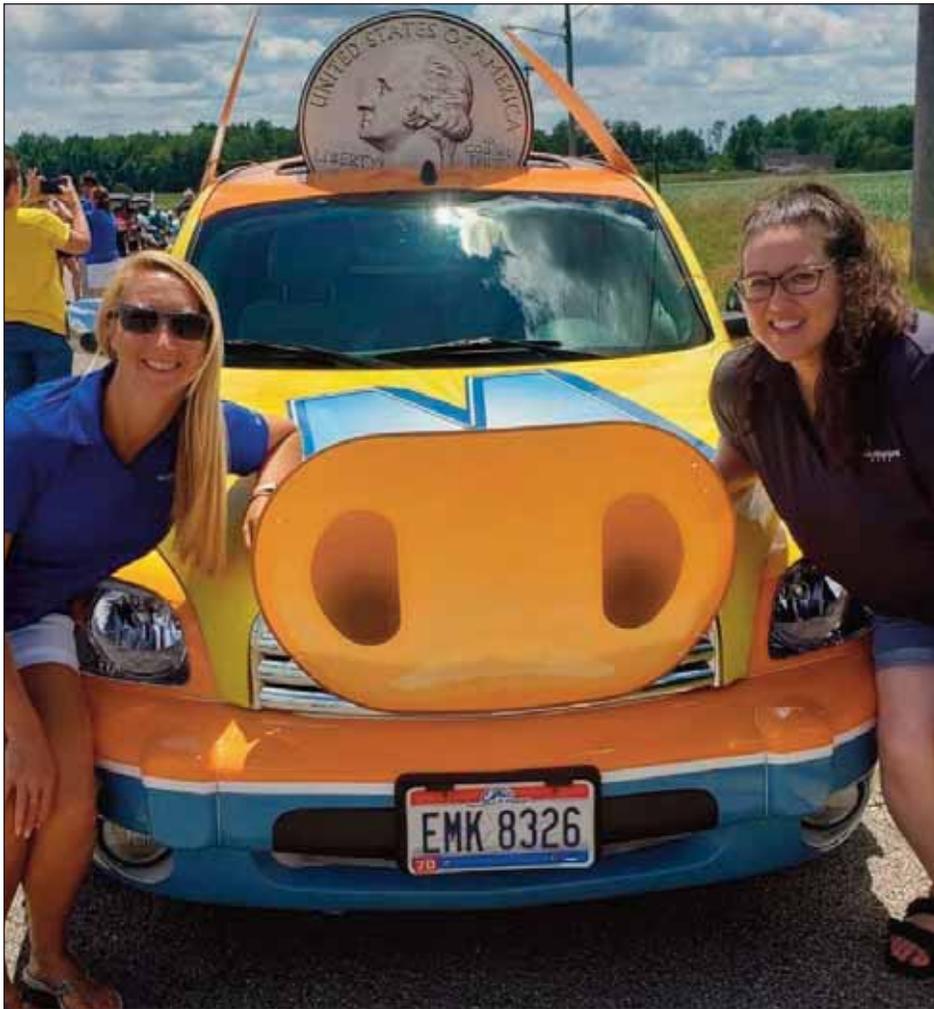


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MECHANICS BANK'S "PIGGY BANK" was a part of the Shelby Bicycle Days Parade on Saturday, July 11. Among those attending were Kristi Lord, Mechanics Marketing Director, and Caroline Worner, Mechanics Digital Marketing Manager.

Flag will be raised in honor of veteran

Richland County Joint Veterans Council announced the Honored Flag will be raised on Thursday, July 23 at 6 pm, in front of the Richland County Courthouse to honor deceased Richland County U.S. Air Force Veteran Harold V. "Hap" Myers.

He was born April 10, 1942 in Mansfield, to Coyle Vinton and Carrie Cole Myers and passed away Feb. 12, 2018 at the age of 75.

Myers graduated from Mansfield Senior High School in 1961 then joined the U.S. Air Force on July 5, 1961 and retired from Ohio Air Guard after 36 years on April 30, 1997. He served three tours of duty in Vietnam performing many rescue missions, Hap also served in the countries of Laos, Saudi Arabia and the continent of Africa. He received multiple awards and was a valued member of his flight crew.

He was a life member of AMVETS Post 26, V.F.W. Post 3494, the Sons of Herman, Bellville American Legion and 40 et 8.

He is survived by two children, Eric (Joanna) Myers and Chantal (Adam) Sellers, a grandson Michael, two sisters Peggy Jean Nash and Virginia Reichert, two nieces and a nephew. He is preceded in death by his parents and three siblings.

The Honored Veteran's Flag will be flown for 21 days at the Richland County Administration Building after which the Veteran's name will be engraved on a brass name plate and added to a plaque listing those veteran's honored in the same manner already displayed on the wall in the foyer of the Richland County Administration Building.

The Richland County Joint Veterans Council operates the flag program.



RICHLAND COUNTY Joint Veterans Council raises an honor flag in memory of a veteran.

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
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Creation Museum's Biblical look at history also includes incredible fossils and beautiful gardens

Photos and Article By Jenna Wolford

Last week I wrote about our visit to Ohio Caverns in West Liberty, OH. We continue our trip in this issue as we travel two hours south to Petersburg, KY — home of the Creation Museum.

The Creation Museum has 75,000 square feet dedicated to over 150 exhibits ranging from stationary figures and fossils to moving animatronics.

A walk from the parking lot starts the visit with views of waterfalls and gardens on a beautifully paved path.

As visitors enter the building, they are greeted in the main hall by a mastodon skeleton replica molded from a real fossil. The original skeleton was found in Newark, OH, in 1989, and is one of the largest and most complete mastodon skeletons ever found.

After passing this spectacular piece, visitors can then continue through the museum's Walk Through History by viewing a "Starting Points" film and areas dedicated to Biblical Authority and the Relevance of Genesis, or choose to view the 4-D movie or see a planetarium show.

We had an early planetarium show scheduled shortly after our arrival, so we started our day there. When the museum re-opened in June, a new totally refurbished state-of-the-art Stargazer Planetarium Awaited guests. It includes two high-tech laser projectors, a tilted dome and expanded seating, as well as a new surround system.

The planetarium show "Created Cosmos" travels through the Milky Way and beyond and really shows how small our planet is in comparison to the stars and galaxy. I don't know much about space, but I feel I have a better understanding after seeing this show. Planetarium admission can be purchased at the ticket counter upon arrival and an additional show, "Aliens: Fact or Fiction," is also available.

After visiting the planetarium, we took our seats in the 4-D Special Effects Theater located just across the main hall. The show, *In Six Days*, is included

with admission. It has booming thunder, whisps of air, flashes of light and other effects to make guests feel they are inside the movie as it relives the six days of creation. As we exited the theater, we started the Walk Through History.

At the heart, the Creation Museum is a retelling of biblical history in seven parts, known as the 7 Cs, which takes a journey from creation to Christ's return.

These 7 Cs pick up after The Relevance of Genesis section and wind their way on a path through the building leading to a lower level. The transition is so gradual and I was so interested in all there was to see, that I never realized we were descending until we reached the bottom.

The museum takes the same scientific facts that evolutionists and other scientists use, but presents them to show how the Bible corresponds completely with the findings. It presents the facts so that those with an extensive amount of Bible knowledge and those with little or none, can both understand.

It was very interesting to see how the Biblical world flood points to so many natural formations and it explains the results of what we see today so much better than "traditional science."

I was amazed at the great extent the evidence points directly to Noah's flood. I never realized there was so much I didn't

know. As I walked through the museum, it gave me a greater understanding of how things fit together in earth's timeline

In the Biblical Authority section, I was excited to learn new facts on well known Bible events and people. I knew about the plagues on Egypt, but never realized how each one had an underlying meaning to God's declaration to "execute judgement on all the gods of Egypt."

As we journeyed through, we stopped in The Garden of Eden and then viewed scenes from the first family. As the timeline advanced, it gave a clear picture on how the earth and its inhabitants were changed as sin entered the world.

An interactive Noah allowed guests to ask questions by choosing them on a computer screen. Questions included "Why did you build the ark?!" and "Did you bring dinosaurs?"

A highlight for my son, age 8, was Ebenezer the Allosaurus skeleton fossil. He was recovered in 2001-'02 in Masadona, CO. The skeleton was assembled using the real fossil bones and castings made from other Allosaurus fossils. It is 56 percent complete — a rare find. His skull, which is 97 percent complete, is displayed separately because it is so heavy. It is one of the most complete Allosaurus skulls ever found.

Over 4 million visitors have graced the

halls of the museum since opening in May 2007, each ending their tour with the redemptive life of Jesus Christ, his death and his resurrection.

Continuing to discover, we stopped to investigate the walk-through insectarium, highlighting many types of butterflies and bugs. I am not usually a fan of bugs, but the fluorescent colors and intricate designs were beautiful.

We stopped for lunch at Noah's Cafe (I recommend the chicken salad wrap) before heading outside. We explored more of the museum's one mile of paved nature trails that we had walked past on our way to the building. The path winds its way around a three-acre lake and through themed gardens.

We visited Eden Animal Experience and were able to see a Zonkey and Zorse as well as traditional animals like chickens, alpacas and sheep. An enclosed kangaroo area let us get up-close to these fascinating marsupials.

A playground catches the eye of the young and young at heart and includes a mini zip line, climbing tower with slides and musical enhancements.

Zip Line & Canopy Tours are also offered on the property at an additional charge. These include five different zip line levels, aerial adventure park and free fall experience

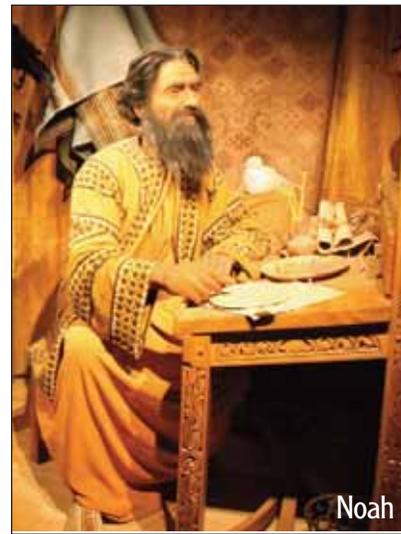
There were so many things to see, they can not all be listed. When visiting, I would highly suggest reserving a full day to explore. The museum continues to upgrade and add new exhibits, making this a must-visit attraction on a continuing basis

The Creation Museum is located at 2800 Bullittsburg Church Rd, Petersburg, KY 41080. For more information visit www.creationmuseum.org.

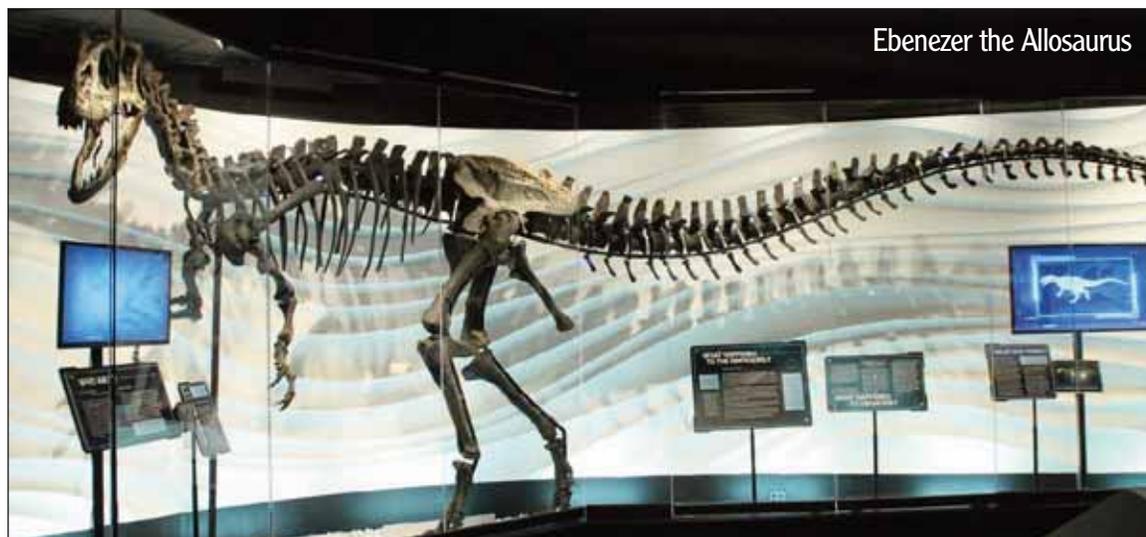
Our final stop on our mini-vacation was just 40 minutes south of the Creation Museum in Williamstown, KY, at the sister attraction — The Ark Experience. Watch next week's *Tribune* as the adventure wraps-up with a true-to-size Noah's Ark.



A Zorse (front) and Zonkey



Noah



Ebenezer the Allosaurus





T-C Staff/Jenna Wolford

BEFORE THE SKY was lit up with fireworks, the clouds above the Springfield Township Fire Department were lit with natural beauty on Independence Day, July 4.



By Kenn Spencer

OYS is excited to offer our athletes the opportunity to play baseball this fall. Anyone interested in trying out for a spot on the fall ball team, is invited to a workout on Friday July 17, (details can be found on OYS Facebook) Contact Sherman Henke for more details: 419-610-1091

After discussing our concert series with the Richland County Health Department, OYS decided to cancel our concert scheduled for this past Tuesday. We are optimistic that we will be able to have something later this month and possibly schedule some concerts later this fall.

Our committee continues to look for opportunities to hold events that bring us together.

At this point we still have some amazing concerts planned for July – please make plans to join us.

July 28, The Return, Progressive Rock

Aug. 11, Red Ball Jets

Aug. 25, Departure, Journey tribute band

July 18 and 19, OYS will be hosting the MOC softball tournament at Marshall Park. Teams will be coming from Madison, Mansfield, Clear Fork and several other areas, to enjoy our end of the season 8U, 10U and 12U Softball tournament.

July 20–24: OYS Soccer Boot Camp — If you are looking for an opportunity for your child to expand his/her love of soccer, have fun, form friendships and improve soccer skills, they should attend. It's five full days of soccer at Marshall Park. This is the eighth year and we are excited to meet new players and welcome back returning players! Last year, soccer boot camp sold out so register now to ensure your camper's spot.

•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.

Ferguson earns Master of Library and Information Science

Alexis Ferguson of Mansfield has earned the Master of Library and Information Science from Valdosta State University.

Ferguson was among more than 1,100 students recognized during VSU's 229th Commencement.

Due to the ongoing global health crisis, VSU's Spring 2020 graduation festivities, including a Graduate School Ceremony and an Undergraduate Ceremony, were held on a virtual stage and featured high-powered student speakers. The entire university community was invited to gather around their televisions, computers, laptops, tablets, or smartphones to honor the exceptional achievements of all the graduates, who were home celebrating with family and friends as their names were called.

As activities begin to resume, remember to send your event information to news@tribune-courier.com

Barnhill up against hundreds for 2020 Author Academy Award

Beth Barnhill of Delaware, OH and formerly of Ontario, author of *The Havalots*, has been nominated for a 2020 Author Academy Award, an honor bestowed for literary merit and publishing excellence in the writing and publishing industry.

Barnhill's book is up for an award in the Children's and Middle School Book category, which tells the story of extremely ambitious and successful business owners who lose everything due to careless spending.

When their world falls apart, and in their moment of greatest despair, people come quietly and graciously to help them. Many lessons are woven throughout the story from the Havalot's adventure with the most important one being showing kindness to others. An expanded vocabulary section, a unique feature of the book, is included for additional learning.

The book was illustrated by Barnhill's daughter, Hannah Kezia Joy (Barnhill) Henry, The Artistry of Kezia.

"Hundreds of books from authors throughout the world are up for an Author Academy Award," said Kary Oberbrunner, founder of Author Academy Elite and the Author Academy Awards.

"Our goal is to help further connect this global community of authors, maintain excellence and integrity of the book publishing industry, and raise awareness that the stories being told and the authors who write them are worth our attention."

Authors of all kinds — indie (self-published), traditional, or collaborative published — are being considered for the

award in one of sixteen categories. Entries are being reviewed and evaluated on popular vote, social contribution, and overall presentation (cover, content, flow and originality) by the Academy's voting membership comprised of best-selling authors,

literary agents and industry leaders.

The top ten finalists in each category will be invited to present their book synopsis at an Author Academy Awards Red Carpet Session on Oct. 23–25 in Columbus. Winners will be announced later that evening at the Author Academy Awards Ceremony where they will be invited to give an acceptance speech. Winners will also receive:

•The Academy Boon of Merit Award

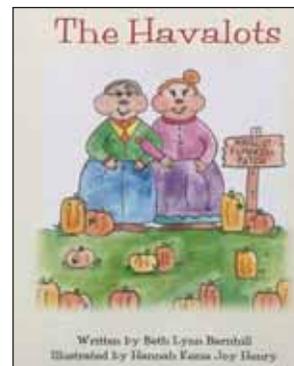
•Press release and media story presented to their hometown press by a professional PR firm.

•Traditional media and social media press including features on select podcasts, shows, vlogs, blogs and articles.

•Lifetime "Your Pace" level access to 30 Days to a Bigger Stage Experience®, an online program helping authors get publicity for their book.

•The opportunity of presenting their book synopsis on the Igniting Souls Conference main stage in front of a global audience.

The Author Academy Awards is presented annually by Author Academy Elite, a premium service provider for authors, at the Author Academy Awards Ceremony. For more information on the awards, visit authoracademyawards.com.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

MANSFIELD MENS GARDEN CLUB planted the flower beds in front of Richland Carrousel Park. The carrousel is now open Tuesday through Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm. Masks and distancing are required. Among those helping with the planting and weeding were Bill Collins, Jim Kulig, Jim Huffman, Larry Lantz, Jim Saltzgeber, Dalton and Janeen Derr, Doug Versaw and David Claypool.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

JOHN SCHEURER, a Class of 1958 Madison graduate, built a one-of-a-kind outboard motor. Starting with a photo of a model, Scheurer said, "I was inspired to put together this concept West Bend by reading a clip by former outboard motor builder Karl Reliant. From that photo I made a full-size running Phantom. The Phantom used the stock 4 cylinder 80 hp West Bend Tiger Shark engine which matched a Mercury outboard big horsepower motor of the early 1960 era."

Trustees award contracts for paving projects

By Bud Motter

The Madison Township Trustees held a meeting on July 6 at township hall.

Contracts were given to Shelly & Sands for paving for a total of \$162,555. Paving projects include Annadale, Burger, Fairfax, Expressview, Warner and Dresden. Other bids received were Kokosing, \$178,951; Helms, \$195,638; and Iberia (Earthworm), \$205,562.00. The chip and seal top bid was Shelly Co. out of Thornville with a bid of \$91,281.50 Other bids were Bergman, \$92,837.40; and Iberia (Earthworm), \$86,607.80.

The trustees authorized to put a 4-mill renewal fire levy on the fall ballot. It is necessary that a tax be levied in excess of the tax-mill limitation for the benefit of the township for the purpose of maintaining fire fighter staffing. This includes the payment of permanent, part-time or volunteer fire fighters, including the payment of the firemen's employers contribution required under section 742.34 of the Ohio Revised Code. This can also be used to provide fire suppression and rescue services, or ambulance paramedic or other emergency medical services operated by the fire department. The rate is not to exceed 4.0 mills, which amounts to 40 cents for each \$100 of property valuation for the duration of five years.

If voters approve, the renewal will go into effect Jan. 1, 2021. The 4-mill, five-year levy was first passed in 2006 and has been renewed twice.

The Madison Fire Department reported 230 calls in the month of June with 137 EMS Calls and 93 patient transported. Calls in 2020 total 1,199.

Seven zoning permits were issued in June and 21 inspections were completed because of citizens complaints. Twenty-nine follow-up or random inspections were also completed. Nine written warnings were given.

During a special meeting of the Madison Township Trustees that was held on July 10, the trustees spent most of the 40-minute meeting discussing what to do with old records from the township that have to be moved.

The asbestos abatement has been done and officials are waiting for state approval to demolish the former business building next to the main fire station that housed the records previously.

After much discussion, Trustee Catherine Swank made a motion that Trustee Dan Fletcher build a 10x16 building to store the records. The material will cost close to \$2,500 with supplies being purchased from Richland Lumber. Fletcher will donate his services and time.

By Heather Hendrix

ONTARIO RECREATION DEPARTMENT

We had a great turn out for our virtual classes! We offered American Sign Language, Reading Comprehension, Context Clues in Reading, Phonics, Arts and Crafts, STEM, Google Classroom and a writing class. Thank you to our wonderful Ontario teachers for teaching the classes for us- Mrs. Wynn, Mrs. Patterson and Ms. Horvath!

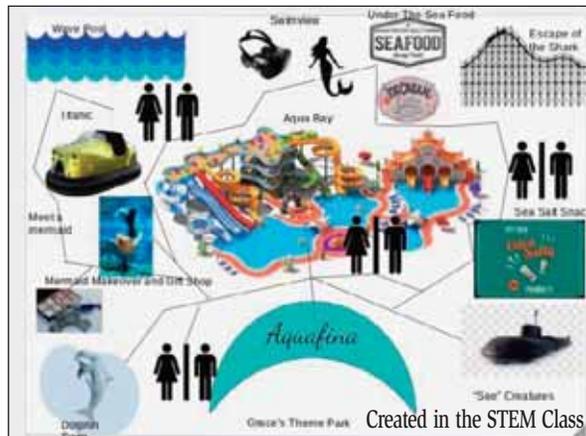
Also, if you need to find some things to keep you busy, there are several links to classes, games and online activities on our Virtual Rec. Dept. list. Go to <https://ontarioohio.org/recreation-department>.

It's time for a Treasure Hunt! The Ontario Recreation Dept. is offering a free treasure hunt in Marshall Park located off Milligan Rd. and Rock Rd. in Ontario. Please make sure you are in small groups and social distancing. Explore the park and look for five QR codes. Use your camera on your phone to scan the QR code. Each code will give you a clue or riddle to find the area where the next QR code will be. At the end you will find some treasure. Look for a box with prizes in them. Please limit one prize per person participating.

To get your first QR code clue/riddle, go to <https://ontarioohio.org/recreation-department>. This is fun for everyone and is open to all, any time during park hours July 7-17. Email recreationdept@ontarioohio.org for information.



Virtual Art Class Projects (Above and Below)



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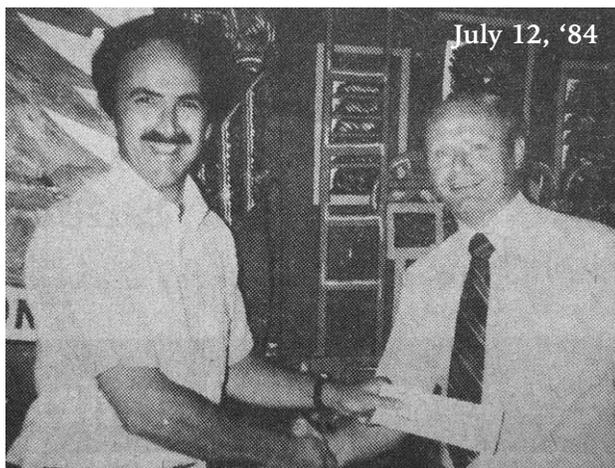
LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History



JB'S Little League baseball team won the league championship last Thursday evening. The team beat Lex Lanes 10-8 for the division crown. JB's record for the season was 14 wins as against just one loss.



MC SPORTS, coached by Dreama and Mike Thomas, went thru an undefeated season in Ontario Minor League girls softball with only two ties on an otherwise perfect record. The team ended up with an 8-0-2 mark. Members of the team are, front, Emily Wilson and Katie Burwell; middle, Heather Ball, Brooke May, Braydon Thomas and Kristin Danals; back, coaches Mike and Dreama Thomas. Not in the photo are team members Aubrey Kreisler and Sam Arnold.

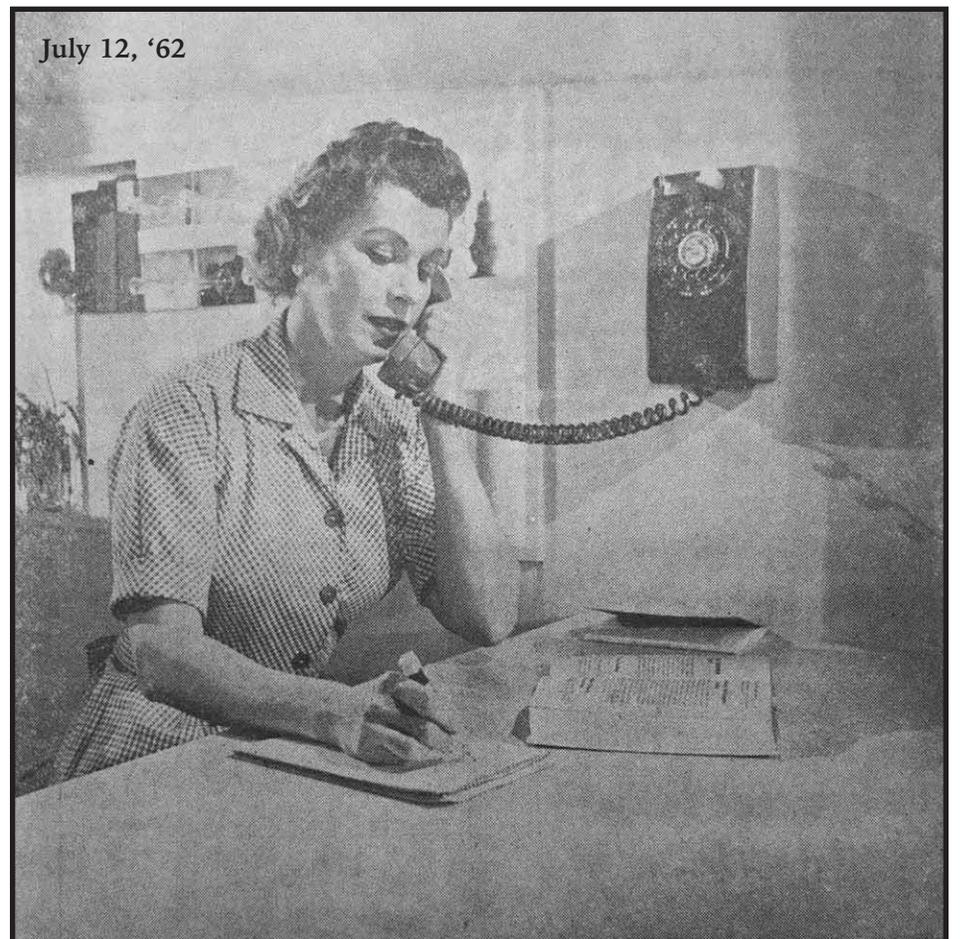


LEXINGTON KIWANIS REPRESENTATIVES Jerry Gundrum (left) presented Lexington City Service Director Chuck Pscholka with a check at a recent meeting for the new village water fountain and the Kiwanian's share of the village fireworks display.

July 16, 1945 — On this day at 5:29:45 am, the Manhattan Project comes to an explosive end as the first atom bomb is successfully tested in Alamogordo, New Mexico. Plans for the creation of a uranium bomb by the Allies were established as early as 1939, when Italian emigre physicist Enrico Fermi met with U.S. Navy department officials at Columbia University to discuss the use of fissionable materials for military purposes. That same year, Albert Einstein wrote to President Franklin Roosevelt supporting the theory that an uncontrolled nuclear chain reaction had great potential as a basis for a weapon of mass destruction. In February 1940, the federal government granted a total of \$6,000 for research. But in early 1942, with the United States now at war with the Axis powers, and fear mounting that Germany was working on its own uranium bomb, the War Department took a more active interest, and limits on resources for the project were removed. Those attending moved 10,000 yards away to observe as the first mushroom cloud of searing light stretched 40,000 feet into the air and generated the destructive power of 15,000 to 20,000 tons of TNT.



MISS SHARON GROW, the new Miss Ontario, attended her first official junction on July 9 when she handed the Key to the Village of Ontario to Don Owens, district supervisor of McDonald's at their new Ontario store opening. Attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony with Sharon are from the left: Luis Mendez of the Mansfield Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Club; Mansfield Mayor Richard Porter; Sharon; Owens; Ontario Mayor Orval L. Bemiller; Larry Moore and Fred Shells of McDonald's. Those standing in the rear are members of the Ambassador's Club. The Key to the Village is sponsored by and paid for by the Ontario Exchange Club. Exchange Club President Paul Weaver attended the opening. T-C Staff Photo



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SALE OF FIREWOOD CITY OF ONTARIO

A public auction for the sale of firewood will take place Thursday July 23, 2020 at Ontario City Hall located at 555 Stumbo Road Ontario, Ohio 44906 at 4:00 PM. If interested in viewing the pile of firewood prior to the auction, please email Mayor Randy Hutchinson at mayor@ontarioohio.org. The City of Ontario has the right to waive any and all bids.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
6-25, 7-9, 7-16 '20 (17 L)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Council of the City of Ontario, Ohio, at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 North Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, for the proposed 2021 Tax Budget of the City of Ontario. All persons interested in this issue are invited to attend and express their views.

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INVITATION TO BID

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

PATRIOT PARK IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 3 – MULTI-USE PATH 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

11:00 A.M. (Local Time)
THURSDAY, July 30, 2020

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

The scope of work consists of construction of approximately 1,800 feet of asphalt or concrete multi-use path. The con-

tract 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— **PATRIOT PARK IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 3 – MULTI-USE PATH** — 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 Village of Lexington, Ohio reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any ir-

regularity 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.

This project is being funded by the State of Ohio NatureWorks program and all relevant state requirements apply.

The estimate for the cost of construction is \$80,000.

Mr. Andy Smallstey
Administrative Director
Village of Lexington, OH
7-16, 23 '20 (104 L)

PROBATE COURT OF RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF Devin Jack Marsh to Devin Jack Cundiiff CASE NO. 20209055.

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 Devin Jack Marsh to Devin Jack Cundiiff.

The hearing on the application will be held on the 7th day of August, 2020, at 10 o'clock am in the Probate Court of Richland County, located at 50 Park Avenue East, Second Floor, Mansfield, Ohio.

Devin Jack Marsh
1242 Burger Ave.
Mansfield, OH 44906

PROBATE COURT OF RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF Curtis James Duncan Jr. to Cory Laquay Rook CASE NO. 20209064.

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 Curtis James Duncan Jr. to Cory Laquay Rook.

The hearing on the application will be held on the 4th day of September, 2020, at 2 o'clock pm in the Probate Court of Richland County, located at 50 Park Avenue East, Second Floor, Mansfield, Ohio.

Curtis James Duncan Jr.
2112 Rosewood Dr.
Mansfield, OH 44906



CARLA UHDE, assistant vice president and branch manager of the Mechanics Bank South Side Office, 971 Lexington Ave., retired after 28 years of dedicated service. The branch celebrated with cupcakes and refreshments.

Cruise-in coming to Little Washington

Little Washington Congregational Church will host its 16th annual "Cruise-In" on Saturday, Aug. 1, from 4-7 pm.

Cruise-In participants enjoy sharing information about their restored cars, motorcycles and farm equipment. To register a vehicle to display, call Tom McGinty at 419-589-3864. Those showing a vehicle are asked to arrive by 3 pm on Aug. 1.

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

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