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**MIKE ZIEGELHOFER**, Lexington Schools Superintendent for the past 22 years, was surprised with a retirement celebration in the school parking lot held after the board of education meeting on Wednesday, July 15. Ziegelhofer, 67, was greeted with signs and cheering as staff, family and friends congratulated him on his retirement, officially effective Aug. 1. He has been in education for 45 years and has spent 32 at Lexington.

## Lexington BOE preparing for unique year ahead

The Lexington Board of Education met Wednesday, July 15.

The resignations of Sarah Conkling, intervention specialist at the junior high; Theresa Duffey, Title I Reading at Central; and Summer Lamp, 4th grade at Central, were accepted effective at the end of the 2019-'20 school year.

Kaitlyn Swartzmiller Tridico was hired on a one-year contract as the junior high intervention specialist, effective Aug. 21.

Four-hour bus drivers were given one-year contracts effective Aug. 25. Granted employment were Larry Brighbill, Rick Vestal and James Akers.

Tuition students for the 2020-'21 school year were approved. Reece Miller, high school grade 12; Kenley Miller, high school

grade 10; Rayma Miller, junior high grade 7; and Emory Miller, Western grade 3, had their tuition waived per board policy because of a teaching parent. Joey Caudill, continuing seventh grade, was also approved.

A three-year contract for Jeremy Secrist to serve as superintendent was approved through July 31, 2023.

In the final order of business, the board approved the building and athletic handbooks for the 2020-'21 school year.

At the close of the meeting, Superintendent Mike Ziegelhofer was honored with a surprise outdoor gathering of friends and co-workers wishing him a happy retirement. He has been Lexington's superintendent for 22 of his 32 years with the district.

## OHS schedule changes can be made Aug. 4-5

Ontario High School necessary schedule changes can be made Aug. 4 and 5. Call the guidance office at 419-529-7010 starting Monday, Aug. 3 for an appointment with a counselor. Students with last names A-K will see Mrs. Cain. Students with last names L-Z will see Mrs. Conn.

Schedules can be picked up Aug. 11-13 from 7 am to noon and 1-3 pm.

Parents intending to enroll their children at Ontario High School should register as soon as possible at [www.ontarioschools.org](http://www.ontarioschools.org), click on Final Forms and fill out the enrollment forms. All supporting documents must be brought to the high school before the enrollment process is considered complete. The high school office will be open starting Aug. 3.

## Madison Board awards contracts as start of 2020-'21 school year nears

The Madison Local Board of Education met at Madison Middle School on Wednesday, July 15. Board president Tom Wigton called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Committee reports given were legislative, Athletic Board of Controls, Student Representative's Comments, Facilities Report, Board Policy, Student Achievement and Superintendent's Update. Mike Yost, transportation supervisor, and Robin Klenk, treasurer, gave their reports.

A resignation was accepted from Cory Branham, CT Cybersecurity, effective June 29.

Pending proper/applicable certification, paperwork and BCI/FBI checks, employment was granted to Bruce Gibson, MS Physical Education/Health and Jared Phillips, CT Cybersecurity. These positions will begin for the upcoming school year. Don Maxey has been awarded the Career Tech welding instructor position at the high school, replacing Richard Morehouse, who retired.

Don Maxey was approved for an extra 1/8 day for the 2020-'21 school year.

The board approved extended for the following for the 2020-'21 school year for Tom Brandt, 8 days, C.T. Automotive Technology; Laura Coey, 1 day, C.T. Family & Cons. Science; Jenifer Culler, 8 days, Speech & Hearing; Laurie Dean, 4 days, C.T. Cosmetology; Monique Eberst, 12 days, middle school counselor; William Fowles, 20 days, high school band; Michelle Frederick, 16 days, high school media center; Adolph Hathaway, 7 days, high school C.B.I.; Victoria Kasberg, 8 days, high school Work & Family; Mike Leeper, 16 days, high school C.B.I. 12; Jessica McGrew, 12 days, high school counselor; Timothy Ritchey, 12 days, high

school counselor; Patricia Thomas, 16 days, middle school media center; Jim Thompson, 4 days, C.T. Precision Machining; Stacey Wampler, 16 days, C.T. Health Occupations; Andrew Wigton, 8 days, C.T. Carpentry; and Mikaela Ziegler, 4 days; middle school Healthy Lifestyles.

The resignation of Robin Klenk was submitted and accepted for purposes of initiating earned retirement benefits, effective at the end of the work day on July 31. She was then reemployed as treasurer, beginning Aug. 1, 2020, for one year.

Bonnie Wilson has been awarded the secretary position at the high school, replacing Lisa Moore, who took another position.

Justin Klupp, seventh grade assistant football coach, resigned, effective July 10.

Pending proper/applicable certification, paperwork, and BCI/FBI checks, Theresa Hill was employed for girls' tennis.

Substitute employees were approved for the upcoming school year pending proper/applicable certification, paperwork, and BCI/FBI checks. Granted employment were Stacy Foote, custodial; Cathy Frank, cafeteria; Vicki Maxey, cafeteria; Lorri Smollen, cafeteria; Carrell Gandy, secretary/aides; Dean Maul, cafeteria; Don Tenney, custodial; Sam Thomas, custodial; Bobby Neal, custodial; Diana Roub, custodial; Stacy Moore, secretary/aides; Dorothy Pugh, secretary/aides; Daniel Brammer, bus driver; Hollie Brenner, bus driver; Carol Brown, bus driver; Jill Durbridge, bus driver; Lillian Galco, bus driver; Tera Herr, bus driver; Jenny Nester, bus driver; Jeff Pate, bus driver; Partena Tesca, bus driver; Teresa Wood, bus driver; Garrett Blevins, bus mechanic; Beth Amos, cafeteria; Kathy Ryan, cafeteria; and John Craft, custodian.

Employed, pending proper/applicable certification, paperwork, and BCI/FBI checks, are Laura Parsons, preschool teacher, effective July 21; Deborah Smith, childcare, effective July 21; and Valerie Schlereth, childcare, effective July 22.

The Madison Local School Board of Education adopted a Resolution Denouncing Racism and Confirming the Commitment to Support All Students.

New tuition rates for the Madison Early Childhood Learning Center, were approved effective Aug. 10, 2020. The board also approved the purchase of 1600 Lenovo 100e Chromebooks from Staples in the amount of \$318,224 using wellness funds. A purchase was approved for the elementary guided reading series from Heinemann in the amount of \$131,592.50. Alternative school from Edmentum will be purchased from Plato Software in the amount of 16,215.92.

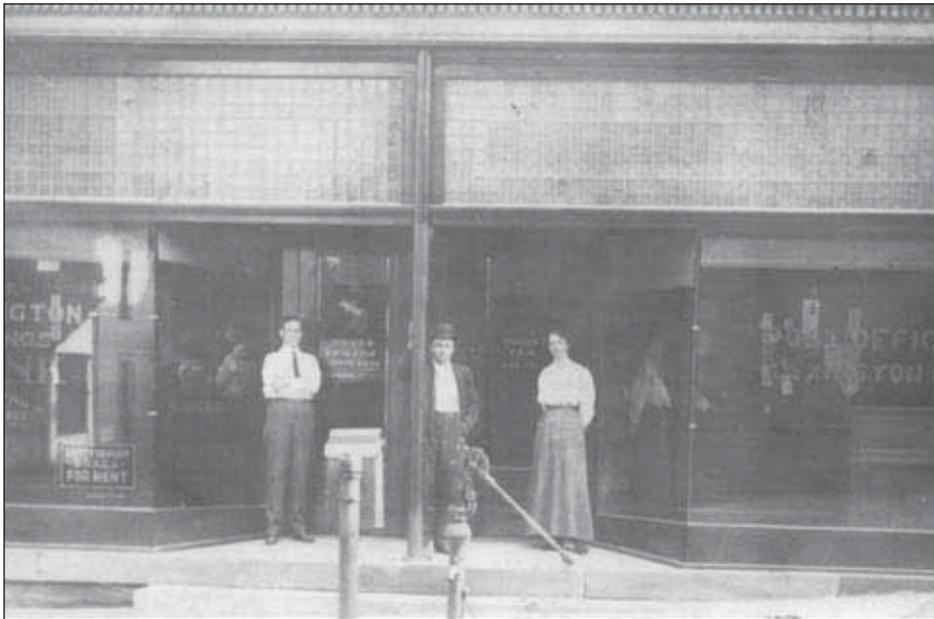
A contract for educational/special services and employment services between Tri-County Educational Service Center and Madison Local Schools was approved for the 2020-'21 school year.

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T-C Staff/Bud Motter

**ROB PETERSON**, newly elected Madison Local Schools Superintendent, presents a blanket to secretary Joyce Feltner in recognition of her retirement. Feltner has been employed as a secretary in the Madison Local School District for 34 years, most recently as the secretary to the principal. Peterson said, Joyce has been a great asset to the district and her expertise and efforts will surely be missed."



## Cockley Family established first Lexington bank

By Bob Carter

The Cockley Family was successful and prominent in early Lexington business ventures. A general store led to a flour mill and also a bank.

Rollin Cockley opened the Peoples Bank in Bellville in the late 1800s. The new bank was what the town needed and the growing venture prompted him to open one in his hometown of Lexington. He tore down the old post office building and erected a new two-story brick building on East Main St.

With an eye for business, the building housed his new bank on one side and a post office on the other. It was the first new building in town for decades.

The post office in his new edifice was a welcome improvement over the old, and to better serve the public there was an after hours outside mailbox and a hand pump for folks to water their horse.

Rollin ran the bank until he died in 1914. In the 1920s, the bank failed when a cashier embezzled funds which resulted in the bank becoming one of the first branch banks in Ohio, part of First National Bank of Mansfield.

In the 1940s, Dr. Riley Frush, the town's only medical doctor, had a huge model electric train set up on the empty second floor which was a pure delight to any kid lucky enough to see it.

Today, Vidonish Studios occupies the whole building. Their art glass creations and custom designs bring customers from a wide area. Its business has grown from a rented room to an entire building. Among the fascinating interior, there is one noticeable feature. The old walk-in bank vault is now used as a closet guarding their buckets, brooms, mops and other cleaning supplies. It's the safest closet in Richland County.

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## KIMMY'S CUCINA

### Peach Bourbon Barbeque Sauce

By Kim Sterry

Kimmiscucina came up with our Peach Bourbon Barbeque Sauce during tomato season a few years ago. It was nearing the end of our tomato processing and we had so much that we needed some other ideas. That is how this recipe was born. It is sure to be a winner.

#### Ingredients

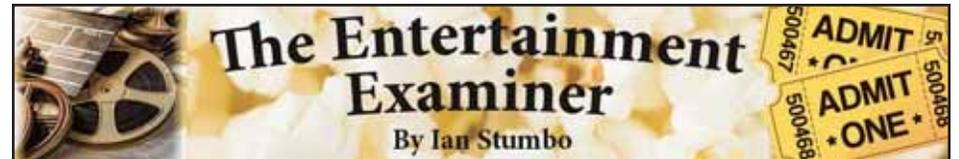
- 3 cups tomato puree'
- 4 cups Peach Puree'
- 1 cup Pure Molasses
- 1/2 cup honey
- 3/4 cup bourbon
- 1/2 cup apple cider vinegar
- 3 tsp. Kosher salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoon Roasted garlic Powder pure powder  
not garlic salt- we love Penseys Powder
- 1 tsp. red cayenne pepper (add more if you want)



#### Instructions

1. After you have washed the tomatoes and peaches, you can cut tomatoes in half and also cut and pit peaches as well.
2. Put peaches in a bowl and drizzle with olive oil, salt and pepper, mix and then lay out on a cookie sheet, roasting pan or cast iron skillet. Repeat with tomatoes...
3. Roast the tomatoes and peaches in a 350 degree oven for about 1 hour or so and 45 minutes for the peaches. The peaches should be dark golden brown and the tomatoes almost black. Run both through the mill or blender separately.
4. Add the tomato puree to a large saucepan on medium heat,
5. Add all the ingredients starting with the liquids (except peaches) and then the sugars and spices.
6. Bring to a light boil then add the peach puree.
7. This will be a very dark sauce thanks to the molasses. Cook this down for 20- 40 minutes or until extremely thick. The volume should go down 10-15% or so. You need to be paying pretty close attention to this and stirring it frequently.
8. And then... ENJOY!

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Tom Hanks stars in and wrote the WWII drama *Greyhound*. This movie was supposed to premiere in theaters but now can be viewed on the Apple+ streaming service.

Hanks plays Captain Krause, a captain going on his first mission on the war ship *Greyhound* while, in the few hours not under air patrol, must contend with incoming German U-boats and torpedoes. The captain and his crew must have a steady hand and measure while doing their best to help win the war.

*Greyhound* is a quick 90 minute almost snap shot in time of this ship and this captain's story during very harrowing times. The battle sequences look great and Hank's dialogue is almost exclusively naval terms used in combat. This movie would have been engaging on the big screen as it was made to be seen in theaters.

As engaging as these battle scenes were, there was not much in terms of performance or getting to know who this

captain or his men were. Hanks is fine in the film but there are loose ends such as him meeting a young woman played by Elisabeth Shue at the beginning that is never resolved and seems to be there for some character development but is just not enough. This brings the movie down in terms of what could be a more well-rounded story but with only a 90 minute runtime there just isn't enough time to delve deep into anything other than the battle.

*Greyhound* is good to watch if only for the battle scenes, which are thrilling and the movie is full of action but if you are looking for something more in depth, there is not much there in terms of performances or story.

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



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**July 29 — Ben Steele, Madison**

# •Madison Board awards contracts for 2020-'21

*(Continued from Front Page)*

One unit of service was approved from Mid-Ohio's Teaching and Learning team for the 2020-'21 school year at a cost of \$25,000.

A public hearing and discussion was held on the school calendar for the 2020-'21 school year and the board rescinded the Blended Learning Declaration previously approved in order to enable the district to submit a Remote Education Plan to the Ohio Department of Education.

Speech Language Pathologist Services will be given by Mid-Ohio ESC at Mansfield Christian for FY21 in the amount of \$27,669.96 to be paid by IDEA and auxiliary service funds. Student online learning licenses (all subject areas) will be purchased from IXL Learning in the amount of \$18,607. Grades K-5 math stu-

dent workbooks, student online accounts and teacher online accounts will be purchased from McGraw Hill in the amount of \$31,057.85.

Grades 5-10 ELA digital licenses, as well as high school chemistry books and digital licenses will be purchased from Savvas Learning Company LLC in the amount of \$38,428.13.

In a letter sent out by superintendent Rob Peterson, he explained the preliminary plans for the upcoming school year.

He stated that it is planned for students

to return to face-to-face instruction as long as Richland County is in Risk Levels 1 or 2, and may be required to wear a mask. Face-to-face instruction may take place in Level 3, but all students will be required to wear a mask. In Level 4 all instruction will be done remotely.

All students will be required to wear a mask at all times when being transported by a Madison Local School District bus.

Madison's Online Academy will be an option for students whose parent do not want them to return in a face-to-face manner. Students will complete an online curriculum with the support of a Madison teacher. If selecting the Online Academy, the commitment will be for a minimum of one semester.

The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, Aug. 26, at 6 pm, in the Madison Middle School Auditoria.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

**THE MADISON BOARD** of Education approved the retirement and re-employment of Robin Klenk as treasurer for the district. She was granted a one-year contract.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

**DURING THE** Madison Local Schools Board of Education meeting July 15, new superintendent Rob Peterson explained plans for the first day of school to be Aug. 26 for grades 1-10, Aug. 27 for grades 11-12 and Sept. 8 for preschool and kindergarten. Teachers are planned to return Aug. 17 for professional development. Teachers will be required to wear masks but it is still undecided if students will also be required. Peterson said parents will soon get a letter in the mail with the final decision on if students will report to school or continue classes online. A goal of the district is to provide every student with a Chromebook.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

**MADISON SCHOOLS** Transportation Director Mike Yost gave a report at the board meeting July 15. He said, "We are working hard to prepare for our greatest challenge yet. We will be sending out a text message asking parents requesting transportation to fill out a form on the transportation page on the website. This allows us to get those students scheduled and on a bus. Unlike in years past, this is a google form so it can be submitted online, making no need for a print copy. This year more than ever, we will need an accurate count of students requiring transportation. If a student will not ride daily, parents are asked not fill out a request. Rather, they should call the bus garage a few days before needing a ride. Currently all our drivers plan to return and we are training three more as subs. Like years past, we ask any parent of an open enrollment student to plan to transport their child for the first three weeks, and then we can decide if it will be possible to transport based on our district student counts."

## Thomas passes baton to Peterson

By Bud Motter

As a new school year is set to begin, Rob Peterson will lay down his role as high school principal and pick up the superintendent's baton from John Thomas.

John Thomas joined the Madison Local School District as acting superintendent in August of 2019. An experienced superintendent, Thomas has over 48 years of experience in the field of education.

He had a busy end of the year dealing with all the changes that COVID-19 brought.

Last March, the district Leadership Team, along with a member of the Board of Education, met with leaders from the teachers' association (MLEA) and the support staff association (OAPSE) to develop plans for how the district would operate under COVID-19 guidelines.

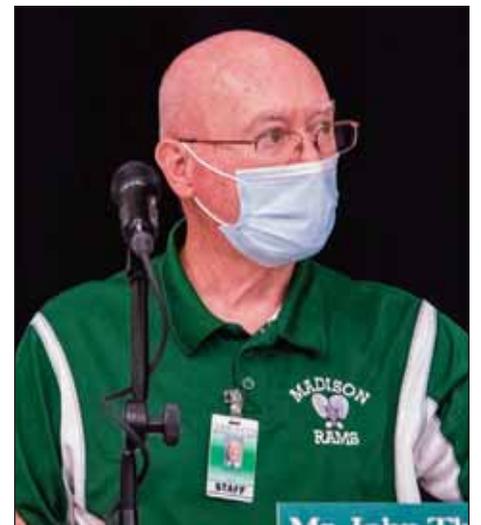
"Everyone worked together to develop solutions on how to provide remote learning, meals to hundreds of students daily and how to communicate with students, parents and other staff members while working from home," said Thomas.

The district came together and when school ended, a video graduation ceremony was held.

"The district is in good hands. Madison Local School District is filled with wonderful, talented and caring support staff, teachers, administrators and board members. Rob has assembled a team comprised

of the Leadership Team, board members, the leaders of the teacher's association and the support staff's association to create a plan to reset and restart school."

"As to what the future holds for me, I am open to opportunities that will allow me to continue to serve in the field of education, to contribute to finding solutions to problems, and to learn," said Thomas. "And I will be watching with interest to see what exciting things happen in Madison Local Schools under Rob's leadership."



John Thomas

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# News Briefs

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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The Richland County Joint Veterans Council is composed of representatives from veterans groups or patriot organizations of Richland County. All veterans are welcome and encouraged to attend meetings and keep updated on vital information concerning veterans affairs.

The council coordinates and supervises all matters of common concern to organizations and veterans in general. The council meets the fourth Tuesday of each month Jan.-Nov. at 7 pm at different posts.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 28, at 7 pm at AMVETS Post 26, 1100 W. Fourth St., Mansfield. Those attending should wear a mask.

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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.

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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.

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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 through the growing season to use at participating farmers' markets and stands.

Applications may be submitted or downloaded at [aaa5ohio.org/sfmnp](http://aaa5ohio.org/sfmnp) or call 567-247-7101 M-F, from 9 am to 5 pm to request an application by mail.

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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.

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Due to the ongoing need for tight protocols and monitoring, North Central State and the James W. Kehoe Center have decided not to renew Stellar Robotics' space use agreement for the 2020-'21 school year. The teams are extremely grateful to NCSC and Kehoe for their support over the past six years.

At this time FIRST still intends to operate its seasons at all program levels (with modifications) for the coming year.

There is a two-fold need: a new, (possibly permanent) location (or locations) for the Stellar family of programs; and a temporary place (or places) to store materials in the short term. Leaders and participants stand fully ready to implement and comply with all required safety protocols.

For information contact Chantal DeYoe, volunteer program administrator at 567-275-1207. Visit [www.firstroboticsmansfield.com](http://www.firstroboticsmansfield.com) or [www.facebook.com/stellarrobotics](http://www.facebook.com/stellarrobotics) to learn more about the program.

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The Sonshine 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.

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## Church Directory

### Risen Savior Lutheran Church

1685 Lexington Ave., Mansfield • 419-775-1175  
Pastor Brad Wright • [risensaviormansfield.com](mailto: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](mailto:hillsidefcg@hotmail.com)

### Ridgeway Church of God

1380 Park Avenue East, Mansfield  
419-589-5385 • [RidgewayCOG@aol.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://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  
Saturday Worship 7 pm  
Sunday Worship 9 am and 11 am  
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[www.crossroadswired.com](http://www.crossroadswired.com)

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[www.stpaulmansfield.org](http://www.stpaulmansfield.org)

### St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church

1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield • 419-589-2114  
Father Matthew Frisbee  
Saturday Worship, 4 pm and Sunday 11 am  
Faith Instruction & Bible Study on Sunday Mornings  
[www.mansfieldstmarys.org](http://www.mansfieldstmarys.org)

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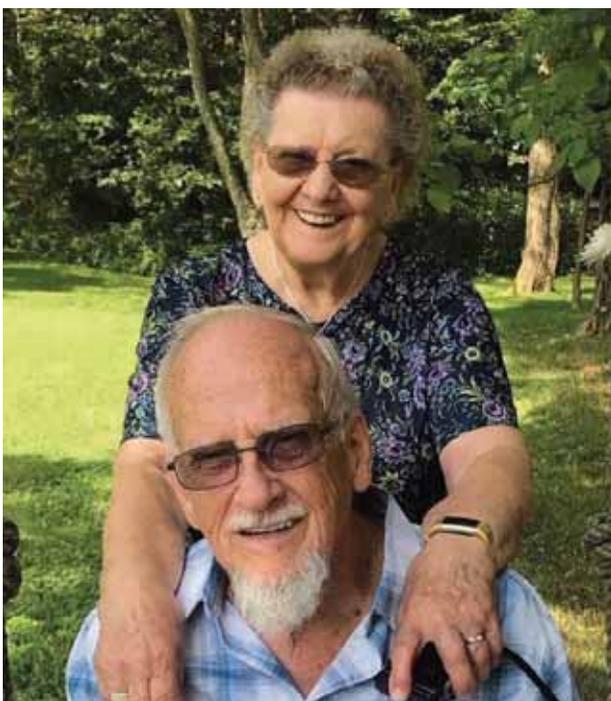
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419-522-5211

**G & M Body & Paint Shop**  
1689 West Fourth St., Ontario  
419-529-2747

**Snyder Funeral Home**  
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419-884-1711



Ed and Carolyn (Strubhar) Maglott



## Couple celebrates 70 years of marriage

When Carolyn Strubhar broke her ankle working at Wm Wing Laundry in Mansfield in 1948, Ed Maglott, with the help of a friend that introduced them, was finally able to catch the woman of his dreams.

In 1949, although they don't remember much about the movie, at the Midway Drive In, Ed proposed and Carolyn said yes. They were married on July 23, 1950. Although they were 19 and 18 years old, their parents still needed to give their consent to the marriage.

They were married at Main Street Evangelical United Brethren Church (Main Street United Methodist Church) by Rev. Willard J. Shawk. Their attendants were Betty Fox and James Engblom.

Ed worked at Palmers Bakery, Schneider Bakery, Nickles Bakery and retired from General Motors in

Ontario.

Carolyn worked at Wm Wing Laundry, Steven's Mfg. and retired to stay home and raise her children when Ed began his job at General Motors in 1957.

They raised seven children Ed (Bertha) Galion, Mike (Dee) Mansfield, Deb (Jack) Nutter Ontario, Linda (Bill) Rachel Mt. Gilead, Diana (Paul) Hochstetler Lexington, John who teaches English at Hess School in Taiwan and Jim (Kim) Dallas, GA. They are also the proud grandparents of 23 grandchildren and great grandparents of 41 great grandchildren with two more great grandchildren due this fall. Communication and accepting each other for who they are, are keys to a long and loving relationship. The couple celebrates 70 years of marriage this week.

## Ohioans asked to watch for invasive lanternfly

The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) needs help in keeping an eye out for the late nymphspotted lanternfly (SLF), an invasive insect that can cause significant damage to some plants and crops. The insect has not yet been confirmed in Ohio but has been spotted in Pennsylvania.

SLF is a great concern to the grape and wine industry. The insect is fond of grape and fruit trees, hops, blueberry, oak, pine, poplar and walnut. Adult SLF

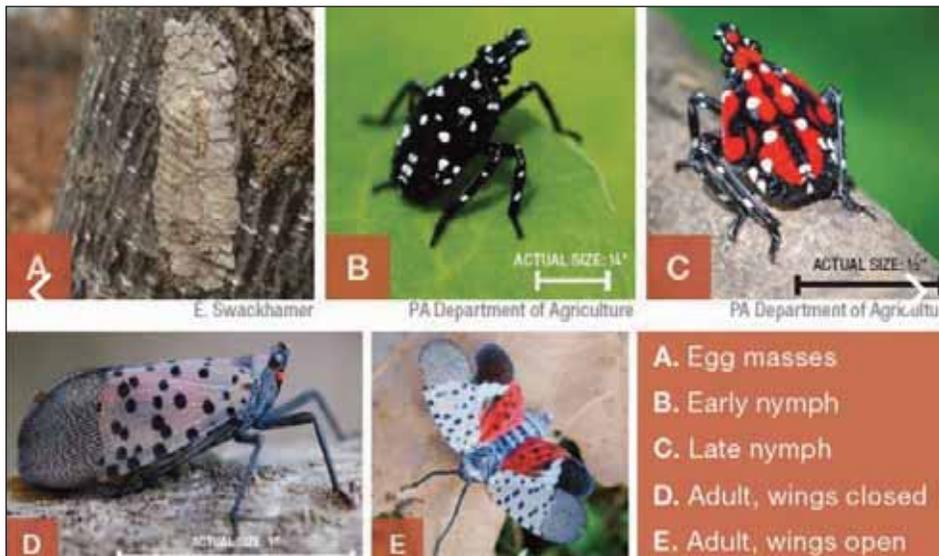
mainly feed on grapevines and tree of heaven, while nymphs feed on a wide range of hosts. Both adults and nymphs feed on stems and leaves, causing sap bleeding and reduced photosynthesis, which can kill the plant.

Now through November is the best time to spot the SLF because it is in its most recognizable stages as adult slf a nymph and a moth. After hatching in the late spring, the SLF goes through four nymph stages.

By midsummer, the nymph SLF can be identified by its red body, roughly a half-inch in size, with black stripes and white dots.

During the late summer until roughly November, the SLF is in the adult moth stage. These adults are larger, roughly one inch in size, with black bodies and brightly colored wings.

Anyone who sees an SLF can report it on ODA's Spotted Lanternfly information page on the website at <https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/oda/divisions/plant-health/invasive-pests/slf> and fill out a suspected infestation report or call the Plant Pest Control Division at 614-728-6400.



## Mary Anne's Meats issues voluntary recall

Mary Anne's Meats, LLC of Lexington, announced a voluntary recall of approximately 72 pounds of Weidle's Smoked Garlic Sausage due to misbranding and undeclared allergens. Specifically, the product contains milk, a known allergen, which is not declared on the product label.

The Weidle's Smoked Garlic sausage is paper wrapped in various weights and contains pack on dates of 07/10/20, 07/11/20 or 07/16/20. The product was offered for sale through the retail case at Mary Anne's Meats, 38 Church St. W., Lexington.

This problem was discovered by the establishment owner, Mary Anne Ketering, when providing a label to Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) Division of Meat Inspection (DMI) personnel for a routine Big 8 Formulation Verification task.

There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of this product. Anyone concerned about a reaction should contact a healthcare provider.

ODA routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify recalling firms notify their customers of the recall and that steps are taken to make certain that product is no longer available to consumers.

For questions regarding the recall call 419-884-0003.

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**THE RICHLAND RURAL LIFE CENTER**, Madison area, held its annual ice cream social on Saturday, July 18. The dinner's menu featured shredded chicken, sloppy joes, cones, sides and homemade vanilla ice cream. The Mid-Ohio Band came to play for those dining at the center. April Bruzda, Audrey Wolford, Pam Hulit and Pat Eldridge helped to serve at the event. The next event, the annual chicken BBQ, is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 3.

## Pioneer approves agreements in preparation for new school year

Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education held a meeting in the Pioneer CTC Community Room on Monday, July 20.

Board president Douglas Theaker led the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence as the meeting opened.

The board approved the Agreement for Career Coaches with Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center for the 2020-'21.

Contracted services for adjunct instructors for the Performing Arts program for the 2020-'21 school year were approved for David Crane, Dauphne Maloney, Aaron Nicolas, Cody Nicolas, Kayla Rounsevell and Lori Turner.

The board set the cost of cafeteria breakfast, lunch and milk prices for the upcoming school year at breakfast, \$1.25; reduced breakfast, 30 cents; lunch, \$3; reduced lunch, 40 cents; and milk purchased outside of lunch, 50 cents.

Revisions were also made to the high school calendar.

A Service Level Agreement and Contract for FY21 and an agreement with Avita Health Systems as a medical facility site for physicals for bus and van drivers were approved.

The board voted to approve Clinical Affiliation Agreements between adult education and Avita Health Systems, Fisher Titus Hospital, Mercy Health Willard Hospital, Heartland of Bucyrus, Crestwood Care Center and Willows at Willard. Agreements state that Avita Health Systems will cover the Certified Clinical Medical Assisting Program; Fisher Titus Hospital, Certified Clinical Medical Assisting Program and Phlebotomy Program; Mercy Health - Willard Hospital, Certified Clinical Medical Assisting Program; Heartland of Bucyrus, Nurse Aide Testing Program; Willows at Willard, Nurse Aide Testing Program; and Crestwood Care Center, Nurse Aide Testing Program.

A donation was accepted from Jim Hawley, ArcelorMittal, Shelby, of two Fluke 77IV Multimeters with an approximate value of \$772. These multimeters will be used in the classrooms for training purposes.

The board voted to approve the supplemental contracts for certificated personnel, request for dock days for certificated personnel and employment of a career coach, substitute instructors, part-time classified personnel and substitute classified person-

nel.

Daniel Burtshcer, EMIS Coordinator/Master Schedule Assistance, was granted up to 80 additional hours; and Grant Brocwell, Masonry Instructor, and Mike Smith, Construction Level 1 Instructor, were given 11 hours for bus driver re-certification.

Katie Getz, Project Search Instructor, was given five dock days, Oct. 5-9. Judy Cortelletti was employed as a career coach.

The board approved substitute instructors Pauline Anderson, Cindy Bodkin, Sandra Bricker, Patty Dornon, Angella Foster, Lisa Francis, Cherie Gill, Mary Griffith, Julie Harless, Barbara Koschnick, Amy Lacivita, David Layton, Dolores Marquart, William Marquart, Anthony Miller, Kenneth Paypay, Kayla Rounsevell, Lori Schneider, Nancy Schneider, Allison Schuster, John Skulski, Christine Smith, Robert Staley, Art Varga, Carlos Villa Gomes and Marilyn Wheaton.

Sarah Frazier was hired as part-time summer help as needed.

Superintendent Gregory D. Nickoli announced that Welcome Week is set for Aug. 10-13. Teachers will return on Aug. 17 with professional development days on Aug. 18 and 19. Juniors will begin school on Aug. 20 and seniors return on Aug. 21.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Pioneer CTC Board of Education and the Education Association of Pioneer regarding the evaluation of teachers for the 2020-'21 school year was agreed upon.

At the recommendation of Superintendent Gregory D. Nickoli, the next meeting will be moved to the community room on Monday, Aug. 3, at 7 pm.

## Farmer's market open every Thursday

North End Community Improvement Collaborative, Inc. (NECIC) announced The North End Farmer's Market will be held every Thursday this summer from 4-7 pm at the NECIC Urban Farm, 311 Bowman St., Mansfield.

Local vendors sell fresh produce, plants and baked goods. Food stamps cards are accepted. The market will match funds up to \$20, meaning if someone swipes their card for \$20, they will get \$40. This match is only good for fruits, vegetables and honey.

While attending the market, everyone is asked to wear a mask and stay 6 feet apart.

Vendors are still being accepted to join the market. There is a vendor's application that must be filled out prior to participating, <https://www.necic-ohio.org/food-access-work/north-end-farmers-market> and sent to Mona Kneussat [mona@necic-ohio.org](mailto:mona@necic-ohio.org).

"I'd like to strongly encourage everyone to come down and support the vendors from our neighborhood and surrounding communities who are helping us put healthy, local food on our tables. Especially during this pandemic, we are joining our state in wanting to emphasize the importance of eating well, and our market serves to increase the accessibility of fresh, locally grown produce". Mona Kneuss, teaching garden coordinator.

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# The Ark Encounter turns learning into a fun experience

Article and Photos By Jenna Wolford

As we continue to travel along with my family's mini-vacation journey, we end with a day at the Ark Encounter — a true-to-life size Noah's Ark.

Located in Williamstown, KY, the ark is the largest timber-frame structure in the world. It is 510 feet long, 85 feet wide and over 50 feet tall with the dimensions based on Biblical measurements given in Genesis 6.

As guests enter the Ark Encounter property, vehicles are parked and visitors embark on a scenic bus ride to the ark. Guests exit the bus at the Answers Center, a large building containing a gift shop, guest services and a 2,500 seat lecture hall auditorium in which videos, concerts and live shows are scheduled throughout the day.

This is where guests catch their first view of the spectacular structure. We were amazed at how large it really was. As we made our way towards the entrance of the ark, a small lake gives a picture-perfect atmosphere and bird aviaries along the paved path give information on the birds they contain.

Visitors enter the ark from below and ascend a ramp to the first deck. As guests board, cages line the walls and pathways. As they walk by, some make noise as though animals were really inside. Displays and exhibits show the possible ways Noah and his family might have taken care of the animals aboard the ark. Although there is no certain way to know, as no details are given in the Bible, it's interesting to consider all that had to be done and the many preparations that had to be considered.

The walls of deck one are lined with clay pots and storage basins, showing just how much would have been brought on the ark to care for the animals.

As guests approach the stern of the massive boat, they hear the sounds of rain storms. The floor vibrates with the crashing waves and it makes you feel as if there is really a storm brewing outside.

Continuing on deck one, larger cages contain replicas of animals that may have boarded the ark. Fossils have been used to determine what species may have looked like at that time. It is explained very well how not every

animal type would have been required aboard the ark, but every KIND. This explains how dinosaurs would have been on the ark without having to take a 75,000 pound Brachiosaurus. The Ark Encounter also explains the difference in animals adapting to environment as opposed to evolution's theory that animals have changed on a cellular level.

I found this to be extremely fascinating and was amazed at how everything was explained so completely and was so easy to understand, even for my elementary child. Things I never would have thought to consider were made clear. Easy to read panels clarified misconceptions with illustrated charts.

On deck two, we entered a Pre-Flood World exhibit. This floor also features some of the larger animal kinds. These displays look life-like and are beautifully created. There are also displays showing how animals might have been fed and kept hydrated. The "Noah Interview" theater is also on this level showing a 20-minute movie.

Also on this deck is the ark door. Families can have their photo taken at the door. A light shines upon it in the shape of the cross, symbolizing Jesus as the "door" and only way to salvation.

The third deck contains areas to display what the living quarters may have looked like for Noah and his family. The "As in the Days of Noah" theater is located here and exhibit sections include flood geology, Babel, ancient man, flood legends and the rainbow covenant. This level also includes a section in which The Bible Museum, Washington D.C., has lent some of its materials for display, giving a history of the Bible in many locations of the world.

The middle of the ark, where the ramps ascend, is open, showing the massive center beams and intricate woodwork design.

Outside the ark structure are restaurants and food kiosks. A playground includes a fun maze, climbing tower and a zip-line-type coaster swing — a favorite of my children.

We walked through the Ararat Ridge Zoo and saw an ostrich, zebra and emu, among other animals. We also enjoyed visiting the walk-through kangaroo encounter.

The Screaming Eagle Zip Lines and Aerial Adventure is

available with additional tickets and offers 22 different lines. The longest cable is 2,100 feet and is the longest zip line in the midwest.

The Ark Encounter does a marvelous job of immersing guests in the story of Noah while also being an amazing learning experience.

Opened July 7, 2016, The Ark Encounter is owned and operated by Answers in Genesis. The \$100 million it took to build was 100 percent privately funded. The ark structure and zoo is phase one of the project, with many exciting things to come. A \$3 million high-tech virtual reality experience, Truth Traveler, is planned to open at The Ark Encounter this month. Future plans also include a walled city, Tower of Babel, a first-century Middle Eastern village, a journey in history from Abraham to the parting of the Red Sea, a walk-through aviary and more.

The Ark Encounter and Creation Museum recently finished first and second in USA Today's "10 Best Readers' Choice Awards" as the best religious museums in the United States out of 20 nominees.

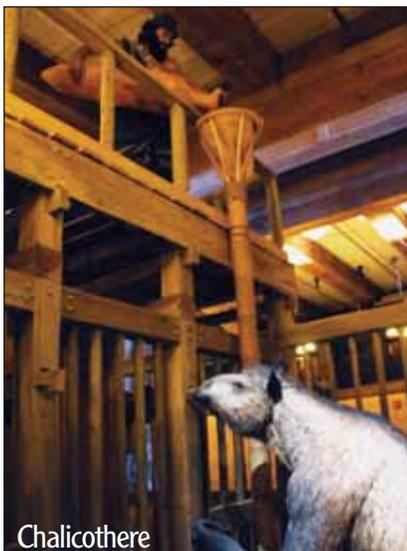
I consider this a must-see attraction. I highly recommend a visit for all ages. The structure alone is worth the trip, and the exhibits make the ark even more incredible. Bringing school-age children is a great idea and opens itself to many conversations after your visit.

If you are looking to visit, make sure you give yourself most or all of a day to explore.

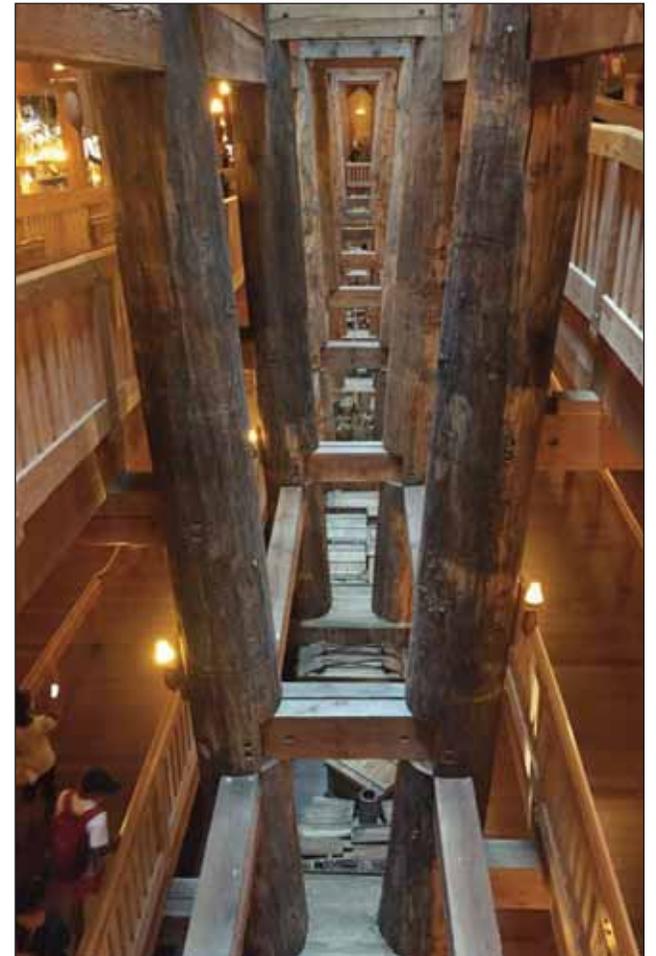
After leaving the Ark Encounter, I turned my Bible to Genesis 6-8 and read the story of Noah again. Being in such an immersive environment just brings the story to a whole new light.

The Ark Encounter is located right off exit 154 in Williamstown, KY, half way between Cincinnati and Lexington, KY. It is 40 miles from its popular sister attraction, the Creation Museum. Visit [www.arkencounter.com](http://www.arkencounter.com) for more information. The Ark Encounter and Creation Museum tickets, as well as combo tickets, are available on the website.

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library also has a DVD available, *The Building of the Ark Encounter*, which is a 30-minute video that highlights the construction process.



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## Alzheimer's Association expands 2020 Walk

Neighborhoods, trails and parks will be the site of this year's 2020 Walk to End Alzheimer's as the new Walk experience allows participants to walk everywhere to show support for those living with Alzheimer's disease.

Instead of hosting a large gathering, the Alzheimer's Association is encouraging participants to walk as individuals or in small groups in light of restrictions caused by COVID-19.

"This year's Walk to End Alzheimer's will be everywhere," said Wendy Vizek, vice president, constituent events at the Alzheimer's Association. "The pandemic is changing how we walk, but it doesn't change the need to walk. This year, more than ever, we need to come together to support all those affected by Alzheimer's and other dementia. With the dollars raised, the Alzheimer's Association can continue to provide care and support to families during these difficult times while also advancing critical research toward methods of treatment and prevention."

Julia Pechlivanos, executive director of the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter, said, "Many of our constituents are at higher risk when it comes to COVID-19, or are caregivers to at-risk individuals. Our volunteers and participants appreciate our commitment to keeping all involved healthy and safe, along with the flexibility to be able to participate where they are."

With the help of technology, participants in this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's can track their steps, follow a virtual path and experience the time-honored traditions of the poignant Promise Garden Ceremony. To enhance the participant experience leading up to the event and on Walk day, new features are being added to the Walk to End Alzheimer's mobile app. Participants can use the app and new "Walk Mainstage" to track their distance, manage their Facebook fundraisers, and access information and resources from the Association. A new audio track is available to encourage participants along the way and to congratulate them upon completion of their Walk.

On walk day, the opening ceremony will feature local speakers and a presentation of Promise Flowers to honor the personal reasons participants join the fight to end Alzheimer's, all delivered to participants' smartphones, tablets and computers.

The Northwest Ohio Chapter holds eight different community walks. The Mansfield area walk is set for Sept. 12 with additional walks in Black Swamp, Aug. 29; Erie Shores, Sept. 19; Grand Lake, Sept. 19; Hancock County, Sept. 19; Tiffin Regional, Sept. 26; Toledo, Oct. 10 and West Central Ohio, Sept. 12.

Last year nearly 4,000 Northwest Ohio residents participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's, which is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research programs. Alzheimer's is a progressive, fatal disease that kills nerve cells and tissues in the brain, affecting an individual's ability to remember, think and plan.

To register and receive the latest updates visit [alz.org/walk](http://alz.org/walk).

## Ontario makes moves towards reopening

The Ontario Local Schools Board of Education met Tuesday, July 14.

The board accepted the resignations of Shelbi Ohl, Stingel Intervention Specialist and Natalie Thomas, first grade-multi age, both effective at the end of the 2019-'20 contract. Thomas also resigned as district resident educator and resident educator facilitator.

Cheryl Washington resigned as a Title 1 Reading Teacher for the 2020-'21 school year. Doreen Givens was approved to replace her for the upcoming school year.

Brandy Horvath, speech/language pathologist, had her supplemental contract for extended school year services approved. It covers July 6 through the week of Aug. 3, 2020. Mike Ream, director of education, had 10 additional days added in July at his current rate.

A resolution was approved adopting a calamity day alternative make-up plan for the upcoming school year.

Approved for extracurricular/supplemental staff personnel for 2020-'21 were John Stewart, volunteer assistant boys soccer coach, \$0; Katherine Beech, assistant girls soccer coach, \$2,963; Hannah Beh, JV volleyball coach, \$2,963; and Kyle Ward, seventh grade foot-

ball coach, \$2,963.

The substitute daily teacher rate was increased from \$82.50 to \$100.

The board approved a Resolution condemning racism and affirming the board's commitment to an inclusive educational environment.

A draft of the 2020-'21 COVID-19 reopening plan was made (See Page 9) and the board discussed procedures regarding the future in-person meetings, audio record meetings and live stream meetings.

The board discussed funding of the school resource officer and the substance abuse program coordinator/social worker.

The board went into executive session to approve a two-year administrative retire/rehire contract for Lisa Carmichael as the Ontario Local Schools Superintendent, effective Aug. 4, 2020-July 21, 2022. In lieu of a salary increase, the board approved a three-month health insurance premium holiday in October, November and December 2020 and 2021 for the superintendent and treasurer.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 7 pm in the Ontario High School Library.

Lexington High School Seniors were honored with scholarships from the Lexington Minuteman Academic Scholarship (LMAS). Donations enabled LHS to give a combined scholarship total of \$15,000.



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# Ontario releases plan for return to schooling for 2020-'21

*This 2020-'21 COVID-19 Reopening Plan was released from Ontario Local Schools on July 16.*

We are extremely excited to be able to welcome our students and staff members back to school for the 2020-'21 school year. The end of last school year was extremely challenging and we are eternally grateful to our students, parents and staff members for making it through the COVID-19 closure. We are all excited for brighter days ahead and we cannot wait to reopen our doors to all of you.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we worked on a plan to open schools for the 2020-'21 school year. This plan takes into consideration the guidelines from the CDC, Ohio Department of Health, the Governor of Ohio and the Richland County Health Department. Our goal is to provide the best possible education for our students, while still taking necessary precautions to keep our students and staff safe and healthy.

As we begin to reopen, it is going to take every family working together to help ensure a safe return to school and also to ensure that we are able to remain open. We are asking every family to be vigilant in monitoring their own health and supportive of new procedures as we navigate the inconveniences that come along with the COVID pandemic.

This reopening guide is designed to give you an overview of the plans in place for the start of the 2020-2021 school year and was created in collaboration with the Richland County Health Department. We respect that this is a fluid situation and realize that guidance may change at any time. This plan will be updated regularly in accordance with state and local guidance and is subject to change at any time.

Reopening Plan Correlation to the Ohio Public Health Advisory System:

- Level 1, Yellow: We will follow our COVID Reopening Plan.
- Level 2, Orange: We will follow our COVID Reopening Plan.
- Level 3, Red: We will follow our COVID Reopening Plan, but all students will be required to wear a facial covering at all times.
- Level 4, Purple: We will close school and Virtual Learning will be implemented.

There are five identified categories of mitigation that schools should consider in each setting during the school day.

**Layers of Protection:** The goal is to provide as many layers as possible in each setting, so that if there is a "hole" in one layer, other layers will be in place to help reduce the risk levels.

**Student and Caregiver Expectations:** Daily wellness checks of students before sending to school. Students with temperatures of 100°F or higher should stay home until fever free for 24 hours (without use of any medication to control fever). Students will wash hands or use of hand sanitizer upon entering the building, before lunch and after lunch in addition to washing hands any time a student uses the restroom, coughs/sneezes into hands or blows his/her nose.

Students are expected to cover all coughs/sneezes with a tissue or inside of the elbow. Students will be asked to maintain six feet of physical distance from others whenever possible. Students should bring a water bottle daily for use throughout the day.

All contact information for all caregivers should be up to date and there needs to be multiple, pre-arranged methods of getting a student home from school should they become ill or exhibit symptoms.

Parents are asked to pay particularly close attention to the following symptoms and err on the side of caution when deciding to send your child to school: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting and diarrhea.

#### Sanitation and Deep Cleaning:

All classrooms and school buses will be fully disinfected with our new electrostatic backpack units on

a daily basis. Preschool classrooms will be disinfected between AM and PM classes. Drinking fountains will be shut off and students will be asked to bring a water bottle with them to school to avoid sharing a common fountain. Hand sanitizer stations will be available in all classrooms.

#### Training:

All Ontario Staff members will take a course via our Public School Works training platform dealing with safety issues related to COVID-19. All custodial and maintenance staff at Ontario Local Schools will take a training course on proper cleaning related to COVID-19

#### Vigilantly Assessing Symptoms:

Students, caregivers and staff are asked to monitor their health before departing for school. Those with temperatures over 100 degrees are asked to stay home. Students' temperatures will be taken when they report to their first class of the day using a touchless infrared thermometer. Any student who has a temperature of 99.4 or above will be sent to the office to be reevaluated with an oral thermometer. Students that have a temperature of 100 degrees or above will be sent home until they are fever free for 24 hours.

Facial coverings have been mandated by the governor for all staff members (mask/shield). In order to be able to allow all students to return to school five days a week, and avoid a situation where we could only service half of our students at one time, there will be a few times during the day when student face covering will be required due to an inability to maintain proper distancing.

Staff members may remove their facial coverings only when they are working in an isolated setting. If a facial covering is not medically appropriate for a staff member, or makes performing their contracted work impossible, a face shield may be substituted; examples of this would include staff in the primary grades, speech pathologist and foreign language instructors.

Due to the inability to provide distancing, students who ride the school bus, will be required to wear a face covering while on the bus and due to large amounts of people in the hallways during arrival, dismissal and class changes, students will be required to wear a face covering during transition times.

Students are not required to wear a face covering while they are at their desk in the classroom, although they are welcome and encouraged to do so. When working in close contact with the teacher or while participating in an activity where distancing is not possible, a mask will be required. During lunch, face coverings will be required until seated at the lunch table.

If a child has a medical issue that prohibits them from being able to comply with the face covering expectations, contact the building principal and accommodations will be made. Parents are responsible for providing their child with a face covering. If it is impossible for a parent to provide this, they need to contact their student's guidance counselor. Our face covering plan will be adjusted on an as needed basis to comply with mandates and guidelines issued at both the state and local level.

Adjustments will be made to allow as much distancing and avoidance of shared items within the classroom as possible. We recognize some of these changes are not ideal, but they are necessary "one year adjustments," and not permanent changes. Making these adjustments and sacrifices for one year will allow us to reopen our classrooms.

Teachers will use all available classroom area to space students out in their classroom to the greatest extent possible. Common meeting areas within the classroom such as "reading carpets" or "group gathering" locations will be removed until such a time that distancing is no longer needed. Ancillary items in the classrooms that are not necessary will be removed for the year. This would include items such as bean bag chairs, stuffed animals, or other similar items that may create a common shared surface. There will not be shared supplies for the 2020-'21 school year, unless there is an extenuating circumstance approved by the building principal.

We will not allow birthday treats, room parties involving parents, or shared snacks for the 2020-'21 school year.

Classroom doors will remain open to allow for as much air flow as possible. Classroom volunteers will not be allowed for the 2020-'21 school year unless there is an extenuating circumstance approved by the building principal.

Field trips will not take place during the first semester and will be reevaluated for the second semester based on health concerns at that time.

Accurate classroom seating charts need to be maintained in all class settings for potential contact tracing issues. All teachers need to be utilizing and familiarizing their students with Google Classroom throughout the school year to allow for a more seamless transition should virtual learning become necessary.

**Procedures for Positive Cases of COVID-19:** Parents are asked to notify the school immediately if their child tests positive for COVID-19. The Richland County Health Department will conduct all contact tracing. If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, a letter will be sent home to all students in direct contact with the infected student or staff member alerting them of the situation.

Ontario Local Schools will work in close contact with the Richland County Health Department on the appropriate steps to take should a staff member or student be confirmed as having COVID-19. Students or staff members who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to have a letter from a physician or the Richland County Health Department releasing them to return to school before being readmitted.

#### Procedures for School Bus Transportation:

Parents should take their child's temperature each morning prior to allowing their child to ride the school bus. Students that have a fever should not ride the bus. All bus riders will sit in an assigned seat. When applicable, siblings/family groups will be required to sit together on the bus.

Students are limited to one pick up and drop off location. Due to issues with potential contact tracing, we cannot allow students to have multiple pick up and drop off locations. No bus passes to ride with other students or to ride home to alternative locations will be issued this school year. Students will need to load the bus by filling the back seats first and moving forward.

Parents who have the ability to transport their child to and from school are encouraged to do so. School buses will be disinfected daily and face coverings will be required for all students while riding the bus due to an inability to distance students on the bus. Windows will be cracked for fresh air as much as the weather will allow.

To the extent possible, conferences and meetings with staff members will be held virtually. If a face to face meeting is necessary or requested, those meetings will be pre-scheduled and social distancing procedures will be implemented. Parents that need to visit the office or school building are asked to wear a facial covering.

Classes will resume on Aug. 19, for grades 1-12. Preschool will start on Aug. 20 and kindergarten will start on Aug. 21.

To avoid extremely large gatherings, we will not hold open house in a traditional fashion. There will be an open house for new students in grades 7-12. An open house will be held at Stingel for kindergarten students and new students in grades 1-5. If you are a returning student to Stingel, please do not attend. Facial coverings will be required for all in attendance at open house.

Open houses will be kindergarten, Aug. 17, last name A-L 5-5:30 pm, last name M-Z 6-6:30 pm; new students 1-5 grade, Aug. 17, last name A-L 6-6:30 pm, last name M-Z, 7-7:30 pm.

Open house for sixth grade students is Aug. 18, last name A-L 6-6:30 pm, last name M-Z 7-7:30 pm. Preschool open house will be determined by further guidance from the Ohio Department of Education. Parents will be contacted with further information.

Guidelines have also been released for each school.

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# LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History



July 24, '75

Photo by Marie Fish

## Wins Use of Car For Six Months

Mark Henderlong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cal Henderlong, 287 Otterbein Dr., will be driving a new fuchsia Ford Pinto MPG for the next six months.

Mark, 17, a senior at Lexington High School, attended a Cleveland Indians-Detroit Tigers baseball game in Cleveland July 1. The car was a promotional prize in a drawing held at the game.

Mark's ticket was drawn and the car is his for six months.



July 24, '75

LEXINGTON SCOUTS Greg Lemert and Jim Fickers prepare to depart for Copenhagen.

## 250 Area Scouts Attend Jamboree

By Jim Fickers

250 Scouts and leaders from northern Ohio left Detroit early Sunday for the 14th World Scout Jamboree at Lillehammer, Norway. In a scene reminiscent of Mansfield's Lahm Airport charter flights, the Scouts milled around as their TIA charter flight was some 2½ hours late. The flight was delayed inbound from Rome and then further delayed when failure of the ground support equipment left the Scouts trying to board an unlighted plane.

Two local Scouts, Jim Fickers and Greg Lemert of troop 152, are the only Richland County representatives. They are assigned to Jamboree troop 19, composed of boys from various troops from Mansfield and Marion north to Toledo and Sandusky. The troop is under the leadership of Gary McAfee of Marion.

This contingent is composed of six special troops of Scouts from central and western Ohio and southeastern Michigan. The total U.S. contingent of 2160 Scouts and 340 leaders will join 14,000 Scouts from around the world in Norway July 31 for a week long Jamboree as part of a 21-day Scandinavian tour.

First stop for the Scouts from Troop 19 will be Copenhagen where they will meet the Danish family who will be their host for four days of home life. After reassembling in Copenhagen they will tour Denmark for two more days, then take a hovercraft ferry to Sweden. Highlight of the several day Swedish tour has to be a Christmas party hosted by the Swedish Girl Scouts. From Sweden the tour moves on to Norway and Jamboree.

After the Jamboree the group will spend three days shopping and sightseeing in Norway before flying home Aug. 10 — if the flight isn't delayed.



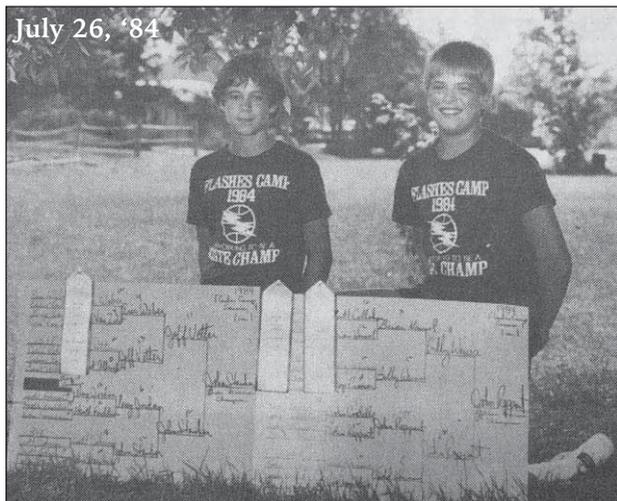
July 17, '70

KIDDIE RIDES AT RICHLAND MALL — Above is one of the kiddie rides which present a carnival atmosphere at Richland Mall. The attraction is sponsored by the Richland Mall Merchants' Association. The three little girls in the car are Vicki Moon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Moon of Shelby; and Jerri Lynn Bernat and her sister Raquel Lynn, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bernat of Ontario. The young race driver in front disappeared before the photographer could get his name. The rides are part of Jett's Petting Zoo. T-C Staff Photo



July 24, '70

Ten Mansfield Boy Scouts were among the 36 scouts from Johnny Appleseed Area Council who left from Cleveland via jet airliner Friday for Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimmaron, New Mexico. Shown at the front of the scout office before boarding the bus for Cleveland airport are Geoffrey Paul, David Moore, James Widders, John Polhemus and Robert Santmyer; back row, Steve Cope, Steve Clark, Timothy Wood, Fred Jones and Mike Bond.



July 26, '84

JOHN STARCHER (left) and John T. Reppart of Ontario display the ribbons they won at the recent Willard Flashes Basketball Camp which ended July 19. Both the Ontario youngsters were in the final four of the one-on-one contest. Reppart was runner-up in the event and also received a special coach's award. Both young men will be eighth graders at Ontario Middle School this fall.



July 22, '93

ONTARIO PREMIER PRINTING compiled a 10-4 record this year in Teener League Softball. Members of the team are, front, Tara Elkin, Jenn Shaum, Monica Broach, Krista Grove, Amber Johnson and Leslie Anderson; back, coach Dorothy Biedrzycki, Kendra Thomas, Marissa Daugherty, Heather Thornton, Trisha Clegg, Tammy Biedrzycki, Ashley Dugan, Amanda Nutter and assistant coach Deb Broach. Not present for the picture was Kasey Thomas.



July 29, '93

SWIMMERS GET AWARDS — At a banquet held last Wednesday evening at Marshall Park in Ontario, members of the Ontario Swim Team were honored for their performances this season in garnering the championship in the All Summer Aquatic Conference (ASAC). Pictured are the most improved trophy winners and the special award winners honored by coach Debbie Harris. In front are, from the left, Nathan Pullum, coach's award; Chris Sloey, most improved; Betsy Crossland, coach's award; Jamie Hauserman, most improved; Angie Teale, coach's award; Alan Miller, most improved; middle, Brandon Bechtler, coach's award; Sarah Oleen, most improved; Lindsay Sloey, coach's award; back, Rhonda Ross, most improved; Josh Beer, most improved; Brock Bechtler, coach's award; Kelly Carman, coach's award; Joia Gibson, most improved; Joy Olson, coach's award; Danny Simmering, coach's award; and Erik Brinley, most improved. Not pictured are Gus Dahlberg, coach's award; Byron Freund, most improved; and Erin Preston, most improved.

July 16, 1996 — At the Summer Olympics in Atlanta, GA, the U.S. women's gymnastics team wins its first-ever team gold. The team, nicknamed the "Mag 7" or "magnificent seven," was made up of Amanda Borden, Amy Chow, Dominique Dawes, Shannon Miller, Dominique Moceanu, Jaycie Phelps and Kerri Strug. The American women's best finish to that point had been a silver at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

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

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

All bids must be signed and submitted on the blanks which are bound in this booklet. Bids must state the unit prices in the blanks provided and be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked— **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 irregularity in any bid and to determine the lowest and best bidder.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of 60 days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids.

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)

### LEGAL NOTICE

The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their special meeting held on July 15, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-09 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX REVENUE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ONTARIO

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-17 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITION AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF ONTARIO, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-18 – AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.26, OHIO REVISED CODE AND DIRECTING THE RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
7-23,30 '20 (48 L)

## COLLEGE STUDENTS

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## News Briefs in Education

Youngstown State University students have been named to the dean's list for spring semester 2020.

Local students being recognized include Douglas D'Mello, Electrical Engineering Biomedical Track major, of Lexington; Makenzie Hendrickson, general studies major, Mansfield; Tara Baker, sociology major, Mansfield; and Wilson Cannon, STEM First Year Engineering major, Lexington.

Wilson Cannon has also been named to the president's list for achieving a perfect

4.0 grade point average in the spring semester 2020.

To be eligible for the president's list, honorees must be full-time undergraduate students with a 4.0 GPA for at least 12 semester hours.

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Miami University awarded degrees to students during virtual spring commencement on May 16 and 17.

Chloe Moncayo of Lexington and Brandon Sigars of Mansfield received degrees.



**THE ONTARIO YOUTH SPORTS** U10 Girls team won the MOC Championship Games 6-2 over the Lex/Ontario team. Carlie Schnittke had a hit to the wall for an inside the park home run to get things going. Pitching were Maleah Blevins and Sophie Schuster.

## Lewis and Clark Trail guide now available

Zanesville-Muskingum County Convention and Visitors Bureau has announced that the Lewis and Clark Trail Guide is now available.

Visitors can follow the scenic byways and highways along the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers from western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and eastern Missouri that are now on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. Parks, and recreation areas abound across the trail region.

This guide features many museums and attractions throughout Muskingum County such as John and Annie Glenn Museum, Alan Cottrill Sculpture Studio, Zanesville Museum of Art, Gallery G, National Road and Zane Grey Museum, Lorena Sternwheeler, the historical Y-Bridge, Weasel Boy Brewing Company, The Wilds and Dillon State Park. The guide provides over 50 stops along the trail.

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## Stingel Elementary School

We will unload school buses individually in the morning to avoid all students entering the building at one time. Parents that walk their child to school must separate from their child at the doors and not enter the building unless reporting to the office. In an effort to reduce all car riders dismissing at one time, we will stagger our dismissal times for car riders: last name A–L at 3:25 pm, last name M–Z 3:40 pm. Families with multiple last names would use the last name of the oldest sibling. Maintain proper distancing as much as possible. Parents are asked to wear facial covering when picking up their child from school. We will stagger the loading of buses to space students out in the hallway.

Adjustments will be made to allow for as much distancing as possible at lunch time and recess. No visitors will be allowed during the lunch period.

We will not hold a fall/winter musical this school year. We will make a decision about a spring musical later in the year based on health conditions at that time. We will not hold large student assemblies.

## Ontario Middle School

We will unload buses one at a time to avoid large crowds entering the building at one time. Facial coverings will need to be worn while in the hallway for arrival and dismissal.

Adjustments will be made to lunch to allow for as much distancing as possible. No visitors will be allowed during the lunch period.

We will not hold large student assemblies.

## Ontario High School

We will unload buses one at a time to avoid large crowds entering the building at one time. Facial coverings will need to be worn while in the hallway for arrival and

dismissal.

Adjustments will be made to allow for as much distancing as possible during lunch. No visitors will be allowed during the lunch period.

We will not hold large student assemblies.

## Temporary School Closure Procedures:

We realize that with COVID-19 still being present in our community there exists the possibility that we may face a temporary COVID-19 school closure at some point in the future. In the event that schools need to be closed due to COVID-19, we would implement the following procedures:

To account for transitioning to a virtual learning environment, virtual instruction would begin 3–5 school days after the closing of school. This would allow our teachers and technology department time to prepare to launch their live virtual lessons.

Teachers would teach live virtual lessons from their classroom that students would view remotely. Teachers would also have scheduled “office hours” where they would be available to conference with students and parents remotely on an as needed basis.

The lessons would be archived in the teacher’s Google classroom so that students could view the lessons at another time if they missed the live lesson. The schedule of the live lesson would be set by the building principal in each building and communicated to you at that time.

Ontario Local Schools would designate one parking lot as a “hotspot” where free wifi would be available for students to work from a car.

Students would be given access to a Chromebook if they do not have technology available at home.

## Ontario Preschool:

It is our intention to operate preschool on our traditional preschool schedule.

Please note that we are expecting additional guidance from the Ohio Department of Education about class sizes within the preschool setting. Should the preschool class size guidance require smaller numbers of students, we would be forced to look at moving to a two-day a week hybrid preschool schedule. This may also impact our preschool enrollment capacity. While our intent is to open with a traditional schedule, we want to be transparent with our stakeholders that an adjustment to this plan could impact preschool if necessitated by Ohio Department of Education requirements. Preschool classrooms will be disinfected between the AM and PM classes.

**Ontario Online Academy:** Ontario Local Schools partners with a company called Edmentum to offer the Ontario Online Academy. Students that enroll in this program remain eligible for all extra curricular activities in the same fashion as all other students. Students that complete the Ontario Online Academy are eligible for an Ontario High School diploma when applicable. All academic programming and instruction is provided by Edmentum.

This option is available to students K–12th grade. Those who enroll, you must remain in the Online Academy for one semester at a time. You are welcome to transition back into “in-person” learning at the start of the next semester. To enroll in the online academy, email Mike Ream, director of education, at [ream.mike@olsohio.org](mailto:ream.mike@olsohio.org). You must email your intent to enroll in the Online Academy by Monday, Aug. 3 and include the name and grade level of each child you wish to enroll. The guidance counselor from each school will contact you to complete the enrollment process. Contacts are Ontario High School, Veronica Cain, 419-529-3969; Ontario Middle School, John Boyd, 419-529-5507; and Stingel Elementary School, Tod Petit, 419-529-4955.

# St. Peter’s announces “Restart Smart Plan” for new school year

St. Peter’s School’s Restart Smart Plan, released to parents, provides a roadmap to a safe and responsible return to the classroom for the 2020–’21 school year. The plan calls for a multi-tiered approach to both ensure the health and safety of faculty, staff, and students and also provide an academically-engaging experience.

A crucial part of the school’s plan is the flexibility for parents to choose a learning environment that best fits a family’s needs or comfort level. The plan includes the option for parents to utilize full time in-person or remote learning and transition fluidly between both options at any point. The plan was developed by a committee that included input from administration, faculty and parents.

“Our top priority is to provide a high-quality education for our students and to follow the path that Christ set forth in his Gospel message to be selfless in caring for one’s neighbor,” said Rev. Gregory Hite, local superintendent. “I’m proud of the plan our team is developing to work towards our common goal of a safe and healthy school community.”

Currently, face coverings will be required for all staff and students for third grade through high school. Students will be given opportunities to remove their masks once safely socially distanced. For Pre-K to second grade classrooms, facial coverings will be encouraged for students, it is asked that parents practice with them and reinforce healthy hygiene before school resumes.

St. Peter’s has adopted a color-coded alert system similar to the alert levels for the State of Ohio with indicators specific to our campus community. This approach helps address the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19’s impact on the school community and gives parents the time to plan and prepare for any possible scenario.

“The risk levels indicate when we transition from face-to-face instruction to remote learning,” said elementary principal Ashley Rastorfer. “We are refining details as we continue to consider the dynamics of grade levels ranging from Pre-K to 12th grade.”

The plan will continue to be updated as the COVID-19 committee works with faculty and staff to finalize details

such as hallway traffic patterns, classroom layouts in accordance with CDC social distancing guidelines, drop-off and pick-up procedures and cafeteria protocols. The school will share the details of those plans in the coming weeks.

“We know our parents want their students to be in the classroom and learning this fall,” said Jon Cuttitta, high school and junior high principal. “Our plan allows flexibility for both in-person and virtual learning, and we believe it’s a plan that will make our faculty, staff, and students feel comfortable coming back to the classroom every day.”

Every student who attends St. Peter’s has access to a school-issued iPad. The school’s commitment to 1:1

device technology made the sudden transition to remote learning a smooth one. Faculty continue to build on the best practices for remote learning, learned after the State of Ohio issued stay-at-home orders in March, and develop ways to transition between traditional and virtual classrooms seamlessly.

St. Peter’s Restart Smart Plan is a fluid document, evolving in response to the impact of COVID-19 in Richland County. The school is still accepting applications for the 2020–’21 school year. However, due to the commitment to abiding by the safety recommendations in place, space is limited. For full details visit [www.restartsmart.org](http://www.restartsmart.org).

## CAMPUS REOPENING IN RESPONSE TO ALERT LEVELS

Because of the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19’s continued impact on our community and on individual students, St. Peter’s administration and faculty have prepared for multiple scenarios based on Governor DeWine’s color-coded alert system and our own campus indicators. Administrators will monitor the campus’ level of risk daily based upon Richland County’s alert level and campus-specific factors such as reported illnesses, absences, and results of daily health assessments. Based on these factors, a color will be assigned to campus and, should need be, schooling will shift in accordance with the current health situation. Every effort will be made to notify parents as soon as possible should such a shift be necessary. Any student, regardless of grade-level, can begin or continue remote learning at any time should that option best fit a family’s needs, comfort-level, or should a student need to be absent for an extended period.

LEVEL OF ALERT	COMMUNITY HEALTH CONDITIONS	TYPE OF SCHOOLING
 Low Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0-1 indicators; low spread risk</li> <li>No known COVID-19 cases on campus</li> <li>Close adherence to safety protocols by families, faculty, and students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face to face instruction on campus for all students (Pre-K-12) with remote learning options provided for all students.</li> <li>Adherence to all health and safety guidelines and recommendations.</li> </ul>
 Moderate Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 indicators; displays increased exposure and spread</li> <li>Possible COVID-19 case on campus</li> <li>Families, faculty, and students not adhering as closely to safety protocols</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face to face instruction on campus for all students (Pre-K-12) with remote learning options provided for all students.</li> <li>Heightened safety measures and use of additional PPE</li> </ul>
 Heightened Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4-5 indicators; displays very high exposure and spread</li> <li>Several possible COVID-19 cases on campus</li> <li>Families, faculty, and students struggling to adhere to safety protocols</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remote learning for all students.</li> <li>Campus closed except to essential staff.</li> </ul>
 High Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6-7 indicators; severe exposure and spread</li> <li>Known cases of COVID-19 on campus</li> <li>Stay at Home or School Closing Order by Governor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remote learning for all students</li> <li>Campus closed to all except essential staff</li> </ul>

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