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SMOKE DETECTOR DONATION — Greg Boyce of Modern Woodmen of America, Springfield Township Fire Inspector Josh Bradley and Lowe's store manager Kenneth Kaiser gathered outside of the Ontario Lowe's location for Bradley to receive a donation of nearly 100 smoke detectors and batteries for the Springfield Township Fire Department's annual smoke detector campaign. At the Sept. 21 event, Bradley said, "Every two years the batteries of a smoke detector need to be changed. This program provides a smoke detector for any citizen in Ontario who is 65 years or older, those who are disabled or anyone who can't afford to buy a smoke detector." Those in need should contact the Springfield Township Fire Department at 419-529-4416.

Lexington Board of Education agenda full of hiring approvals

The Lexington Board of Education met Wednesday, Sept. 16. Sydnee Detlef, student representative to the board, opened the meeting with her report.

The board accepted the retirement of Mary Long from the high school, effective Sept. 2, 2020 and authorized the treasurer to pay out related severance.

Reanna Sutherland was hired as a fifth grade long-term sub at Eastern Elementary, effective approximately Aug. 31–Nov. 30, at \$110 per day. Also hired were Mark Hoover, junior high yearbook advisor; Sandra DeLuca, academic mentor, five-hours per week, \$20 per hour; and Jennifer Bacquet, grades 3 and 6 mentor to help, monitor and provide the Lexington connection with the LDA students, \$20 per hour, up to 15 hours per week, per grade.

The board approved payment to the following teachers for mentoring teachers during the 2020–'21 school year: Year 1, Amy Gerhardt, Mentoring Jennifer Verspoor \$350; Year 2, Rachel Smith, mentoring Hayley Davis, \$250; Year 3, Stephen Domka mentoring Kay Heweston, \$250; and Stephanie Blackstone mentoring Tina Parr, \$250.

The resignation of Kathy Schwechheimer as assistant to the treasurer/insurance administrator, was accepted, effective Dec. 31, 2020.

Employment was approved for Brett Wirick as a substitute bus aide, effective Sept. 8, 2020 and to Shannon Nicol as a substitute educational aide.

Tuition students given approval were Adler Hatfield, new, grade 8; Crew Hatfield, new, grade 3; Maya Hatfield, new, grade 11; Katie Valle, grade 12, tuition waived per board policy regarding parent moving out of the district during student's senior year.

The board approved the Lexington Local School District Loan Agreement as a District Technology form and the grocery, bread and dairy bid through META Coop for the 2020–'21 school year.

A revised Lexington substitute list dated Aug. 19, 2020, presented by MOESC, was approved.

The board also approved a payment for "In Lieu of Transportation" for Lexington students attending Discovery School, Gilead Christian and Foundation Academy.

RPH recognizes September 20–26 as Child Passenger Safety Week

Every day in America, millions of parents and caregivers travel with children in their vehicles. While some children are buckled in properly in the correct car seats for their ages and sizes, many are not — if they are buckled up at all.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), nearly half of car seats are misused. To help combat this issue, NHTSA is sponsoring Child Passenger Safety Week from Sept. 20–26, a campaign dedicated to helping parents and caregivers make sure their children ride as safely as possible — every trip, every time.

"From 2013 to 2017, there were 3,318 children 12 and younger killed in motor vehicle crashes," said Reed Richmond, Health Educator at Richland Public Health and a Child Passenger Safety Technician. "Using car seats that are age- and size-appropriate is the best way to keep your child safe." According to NHTSA, motor vehicle crashes are a leading killer of children. Car seats, booster seats, and seat belts can make all the difference.

Richmond added that, too often, parents move their children to the front seat before they should, which increases the risk of injury and death, even if they are buckled up. The safest place for all kids under 13 is in the back seat. Also, according to NHTSA, 25.8 percent of children 4–7, who should have been riding in booster seats, were prematurely moved to seat belts, and 11.6 percent were unbuckled altogether.

"Parents and caregivers want to keep their children safe," Richmond said. "As Child Passenger Safety Technicians, it's our job to help make certain car seats are

installed correctly, and that kids are in the right seats and are buckled in correctly. ."

To have a car seat install checked at Richland Public Health, call 419-774-4726, or the WIC Office at 419-774-4560 and ask to speak with the car seat technician. Installation checks usually take less than 10 minutes and all checks are done with COVID-19 safety protocols in place.

"There's a common misconception that you should go to a fire station, a police station or the State Highway Patrol office if you need your child car seat install checked," Richmond said. "Actually, local law enforcement does not check car seat installs. The only certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians in Richland County are at Richland Public Health and also at Third Street Family Health Services."

NHTSA recommends keeping children rear-facing as long as possible, up to the top height or weight allowed for their particular seats. Once a child outgrows the rear-facing-only "infant" car seat, he/she should travel in a rear-facing "convertible," or all-in-one, car seat. Once a child outgrows the rear-facing size limits, the child is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness and a tether. After outgrowing the forward-facing car seat with harness, a child should be placed in a booster seat until he/she is the appropriate size to use a seat belt safely.

Caregivers should remember to register car seats or booster seats with the seat manufacturer for notifications in the event of a recall. Parents and caregivers can view more information on car seat safety at richlandhealth.org/our-community/child-car-seat-program/ or see the links at www.nhtsa.gov/carseat.

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Fairgrounds. Full details, including pricing and an order form may be obtained at <https://richlandswcd.net/> or by calling 419-747-8686.

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THE VILLAGE OF BELLVILLE held a food truck festival Sept. 16–19. Cahlah Swank and Mac Swank, 2 years old, from Mansfield, came to get dinner at the Mr. Fries food trailer which was parked on Main Street near Stoodt’s Market. Serving an order of fries to hungry customers was Randall Freeman of Bellville.

READERS’ FORUM

Last Tuesday on Sept. 15, I was in a funeral procession for my sister, traveling from Mansfield to the Ontario cemetery.

We passed through a construction project on the east side of Ontario. While passing through the construction zone, every man and woman construction worker stopped their work and stood beside their equipment, removed their helmets and held them across their heart.

This was an emotional event that we will never forget. We want to express our gratitude to all of the Kokosing Construction Company workers.

Rodger W. Craig
Lexington

Annual chicken dinner set for Oct. 3

The Richland Rural Life Center, 969 E. Crall Rd., Madison area, will host its annual chicken dinner on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 4–6: pm.

The dinner includes a chicken half, slow cooked over an open pit, buttered parsley potatoes or Au gratin potatoes, old fashioned slaw salad or applesauce, dinner roll, beverage and scoop of homemade vanilla ice cream.

Cost is \$11 for adults and \$6 for seniors and children 10 and under (quarter chicken meals).

Ice cream will also be sold by the quart. Carry-out meals will be available and dine-in capacity will be limited due to social distancing requirements.

The Rural Life Center is a nonprofit organization that supports 4-H and Boy/Cub Scout troops. Proceeds from dinners and events help maintain the Rural Life Center land and facilities which are used by Boy Scout Troops and 4-H camp.

For more information call 567-307-4220.

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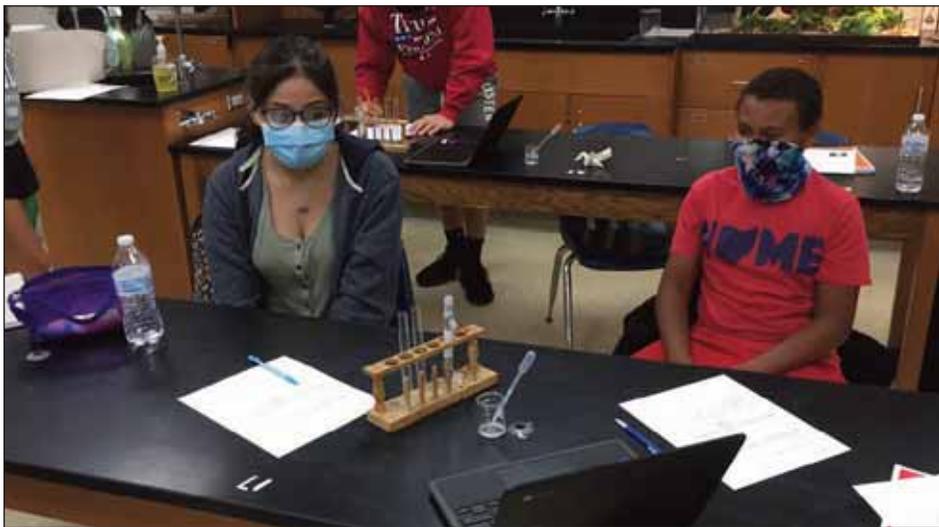


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ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL BIOLOGY students study enzyme function and reactions. Students placed cow liver in a test tube of hydrogen peroxide. The catalase enzyme in the liver breaks down the toxin into harmless water and oxygen bubbles. This lab demonstrates how our liver functions and how an enzyme can help lower the energy needed for important reactions like this happening in our body. Observing are Ariana Morales and Najee Morris.

Registration open for Richland Gives

Richland Gives registration for Richland County based nonprofit organizations is open through Oct. 31. It is free; however, nonprofit organizations must register each year.

Richland Gives is designed to encourage people to contribute to local nonprofits they care about through a single giving website. The Richland County Foundation hosts the day to build capacity, grow philanthropy and make the community stronger.

The COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected revenue streams for many local charities.

Each organization will have an individualized web page to promote their cause. The success of the event will depend on our collective enthusiasm and implementation.

Leading up to the event the Foundation provides an online toolkit, webinars, mass

media and social media coverage to make it easier for nonprofit organizations to participate.

Thanks to the generosity of donors at the Richland County Foundation, \$34,000 in incentives will be awarded as grants to participating organizations, beyond what they raise from online donations.

A \$1,000 grant to the first 15 nonprofit organizations that raise at least \$1,000 online via the Richland Gives website beginning Nov. 16 at 7 am. Additional prize grants will be awarded to the nonprofits during Richland Gives.

For more details or to donate visit richlandgives.org.

The Richland County Foundation, a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization, was established in 1945 as a way for individuals to pool and invest their gifts for the long-term good of Richland County and its residents.

October 5 is voter registration deadline

The deadline to register to vote or change an address and/or name in the voter registration database for the Nov. 3 General Election is Monday, Oct. 5. The Board of Elections office, 1495 W. Longview Ave. Suite 101, in the Longview Center, will be open that evening until 9 pm. After 4 pm, visitors must use the entrance at the lower level back parking area at the southwest corner of the building.

Qualifications for registering to vote include that the voter must be either a native U.S. citizen, or a naturalized citizen of the U.S., must be a resident of Richland County and Ohio 30 days prior to an election and must be a minimum of 18 years of age by the date of the General Election on or before Nov. 3, 2020.

Registered voters who have moved or changed their name must notify the board office in writing or in person. Voters who are currently registered in Ohio may change their address online at <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/>, but must do it by the Oct. 5 deadline.

In addition to the BOE office, citizens

may register or complete a change of address/name at Richland County locations including any library branch, all city and village hall offices, The Bureau of Motor Vehicles office, The Department of Human Services, The Richland County Courthouse (recorder or treasurer offices) and all area high school offices.

Registration forms may also be obtained at <https://www.richlandcountyoh.gov/BoardOfElection/Documents/Voter%20Registration%20Form.pdf> or requested by mail. Contact the board office at 419-774-5530 to have a form sent by mail. Completed voter registration forms must be post-marked 30 days prior to Election Day.

Additionally, voters can now view a sample ballot on the Voter View application on the website at <https://richland-voter-view.boe.ohio.gov/VoterView/RegistrantSearch.do>. Visit the link and enter first name, last name and date of birth. When voting information comes up, scroll down to the second section "Sample Ballots," click on precinct number and a sample ballot will display.

News Briefs

The 18th Century of American Heritage Event will be held Oct. 3 and 4, from 10 am to 4 pm at South Park in Mansfield.

On Oct. 2, there will be a Food Truck Festival at South Park from 11 am to 7 pm, during the time the reenactors are setting up their tents. The public can see the blockhouse and cabin during the event on Saturday and Sunday but they must obey the social distancing rules and wear a mask.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2010 Park Avenue West, Ontario, will host a free breakfast drive-thru on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 8:30-9:30 am.

Richland County Solid Waste is promoting local restaurants in Richland County the next four months by giving away \$50 gift certificates. Residents who drop off recyclables at the collection facility, 1125 National Parkway, can be entered into the monthly drawing by adding their name and phone number to a ticket and turning it in. Each visit throughout the month will earn an entry. September's business will be City Grille.

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.

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Sept. 26 and 27.

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.

"Parents, Stay Positive!" free parenting support small groups/zoom sessions are available for area parents from Community Action for Capable Youth (CACY).

The support group is for parents with children age infant to age eight and topics include help with homework, sleep patterns, crying, wandering, separation, lying, toilet training, hurting others, sharing and more.

There will be live, online free workshops with topics like dealing with disobedience, managing fighting and aggression and developing good bedtime routines.

For more information or to schedule, call 419-774-5683 or email dorseyd@cacy-ohio.com.

Trinity United Methodist Church, 1592 Grace St., Madison area, will hold its annual rummage sale, making adaptations to comply with mandates and recommendations because of the coronavirus. Masks will be required.

Dates and times are 3-7 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 30; 9 am to 6 pm on Oct. 1; 9 am to 5 pm on Oct. 2; and 9 and to noon on Oct. 3.

Rummage sale items will be categorized and spread out in more rooms this year to allow for social distancing. Rows of tables in Fellowship Hall will be six feet apart.

Lunch and dinner will be available for takeout only, with curb service provided. Picnic tables will be provided for those who prefer to eat on premises. Take-out can be ordered ahead by calling 419-589-5890.

Proceeds from the sale are distributed throughout the community and to other local ministries.

Ohio Development Services Agency and the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging will help income-eligible Ohioans maintain their utility service through the HEAP-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 runs until Sept. 30, 2020.

The City of Ontario will host Trick-or-Treat on Thursday, Oct. 29, from 5:30-7 pm. Those wishing to participate should turn on a porch light. COVID-19 safety measures should be followed.

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Return to Prayer events continue

September is a time to return to prayer, according to organizers of a 10-day series of prayer services in the Mansfield area.

Return to Pray, Sept. 18-28, features musical praise and worship, repentance and prayer, in conjunction with the lead-up to a national prayer march in Washington, D.C., Sept. 26, said Paul Lintern, local pastor.

"Franklin Graham, Jonathan Cahn and a host of other national Christian leaders are planning the event, not as protest, but submission to God as a nation. We have invited local congregations to host a night, in whatever way is authentic to their style, tradition and calling," Lintern said.

The event, which began on the day of the biblical Feast of Trumpets, and concludes on the Day of Atonement, is scheduled for 6:30-8 pm each evening at the following

remaining locations:

Wednesday, Sept. 23, First Church of the Open Bible, 1150 Rayfield, Madison area

Thursday, Sept. 24, Ontario Christian Fellowship, 636 S. Lex-Springmill, Ontario

Friday, Sept. 25, Bible Walk Museum, 500 Tingley Rd., Madison area

Saturday, Sept. 26, Fusion Church, 220 Industrial Pkwy, Lexington

Sunday, Sept. 27, Evening Prayer Walk, 6-7:30 pm at a location to be named.

Monday, Sept. 28, Sar Shalom Messianic Congregation, 2510 W. Fourth St., 6-7:15 pm

The times of the final two evenings is moved to 6 pm because of sunset soon after 7 pm. The Saturday event at Fusion will be preceded by additional two-hour prayer sessions at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm. All events will be streamed live on the Godsfield facebook page.

The model of various congregations hosting prayer services on successive nights is a September version of the March of Prayer, held in 2019 and 2020, involving more than 50 nights of prayer with hosts representing more than 25 denominations. This year's event, scheduled for 65 days, required an adjustment of the last 45 nights on the Godsfield page of Facebook live, plus a 28-hour prayerathon on that site, during the National Day of Prayer, May 7.

"All of the events are placed under the theme, 'Mansfield is Godsfield, Richland is God's Land,'" Rev. Akuchie said.

The final night, at Sar Shalom, coincides with its regular Day of Atonement service, which concludes at sunset, ending a 10-day fast.

"All events are free and open to all. This is a good opportunity to experience worship in arenas that may not be what is most familiar to many, but which will be very familiar in the topic of prayers and the focus on our Heavenly Father, and his son," according to Akuchie.



STUDENTS AT Ontario High School are practicing taking care of a baby in the Child Development Class. Taking care of one of the babies is Janiya Bays.

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

Southside Christian Church Disciples of Christ

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

Lexington Presbyterian Church

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

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

Hillside First Church of God

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

Ridgeway Church of God

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

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

Cornerstone Grace Brethren Church

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

St. Peter's Catholic Church

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

Promise Land Fellowship

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

Crossroads Church

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MANY GOLFERS took part in the morning golf outing at Forest Hill Golf Course in the Mifflin area on Saturday, Sept. 19 to support breast cancer reserach and treatment.



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A BREAST CANCER GOLF OUTING was held Sept. 19, at Forest Hills Golf Course. Among those attending was organizer Kelley Litzinger and her family members Jim, Kurt and Sue Rice, Jeff, Kaitlin and Ashley Litzinger and Judd, Cassie and Zander Mateo. Thirty-six teams participated in two tee times First prize was \$200 and second was \$100. Other prizes included a 2-person/4-personscramble, Blind Draw for a four-man team and 25 raffle baskets. Kelley has helped raise over \$160,000 with the outing over the past 21 years and with the Pink Ladies Dart League for the past six years. She is now battling cancer herself. She wanted to thank the sponsors and Madison Middle School for their contributions from their "dress down" fund and dinners.

Pop-up testing sites are available

No cost COVID-19 Pop-Up Testing will return to North Central Ohio which is provided by the State of Ohio, We ACT, Richland County Children Services, Richland Public Health, Ashland County Health Department and local community organizations. No appointments are needed for a free nasal swab test at any of the following locations on Saturday, Sept. 26:

Malabar Intermediate School, 205 W Cook Rd., Mansfield, 10 am to 2 pm. This is a drive-thru and walk-up clinic. (Those in the drive-thru must remain in their cars for testing).

Ashland County Fairgrounds, 2042 Claremont Ave., Ashland, 10 am to 2 pm. This is a drive-thru clinic and (no walk-ups; people must remain in their cars).

Albion Brethren Church, 246 County Rd. 620, West Salem, 10 am to 2 pm. This is a drive-thru clinic.

Loudonville Lions Clubs, 643 Wooster Rd., Loudonville, OH, 10 am to 2 pm. This is a drive-thru clinic.

For all testing sites, anyone age two and older can get a no-cost test. Minors will need signed consent of a parent/guardian.

Those being tested are asked to bring a form of identification.

No appointment is needed. No medical provider order is needed. Quantities may be limited. Testing will be done by the Ohio National Guard and/or Ashland County Health Department, depending on location.

Please wear a face covering when you drive-thru or walk-up to get tested. To get tested, you will not need symptoms, a doctor's order, an appointment, a medical or an insurance card. Entrances and testing stations will be clearly marked on-site.

All are welcome at the test sites. Testing can identify COVID-19 before a person feels unwell or before they spread it to another individual with potentially deadly consequences.

For more information visit [Facebook.com/loveyourcommunity419](https://www.facebook.com/loveyourcommunity419), <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/families-and-individuals/More-than-a-mask/More-than-a-mask>, <https://richlandhealth.org/coronavirus/> or <https://www.ashlandhealth.com>.

Bloodmobiles scheduled through September

The American Red Cross needs volunteers to give blood to help ensure a continued blood supply. All blood types are needed to ensure that the right blood product is available at the right time.

Make an appointment to donate by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. Blood drives are also essential in helping ensure blood is available for patients this winter.

To learn more and sign up to host a blood drive this fall or winter, visit RedCrossBlood.org/HostADrive.

The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms.

Donors can expect to receive the results of their antibody test within 7-10 days through the Red Cross Blood Donor App or the donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

Each donation center follows safety and infection control, and additional precautions — including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff — have been implemented.

Donors are asked to schedule an ap-

pointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 1-7 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

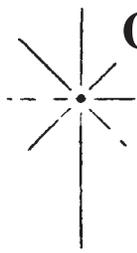
Thursday, Sept. 24, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, St. Peter's High School, 111 W. First St., Mansfield

Friday, Sept. 25, 1-6 pm, Blooming Grove Twp. Hall, 466 SR 603, Shiloh

Sunday, Sept. 27, 11 am to 5 pm, Richland Mall, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 3-9 pm, Community Building, 21555 Pealer Mill Rd., Butler

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 1-7 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario



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THE ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL girls and boys teams both took home the trophy at the Forrest Pruner Classic at Crestview on Sept. 15.



LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL'S Joanna Halfhill is a semifinalist in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program and has the opportunity to continue in the National Merit Scholarship competition. The names of approximately 16,000 semifinalists were released this month. These academically talented seniors have the opportunity to continue in the competition for 7,600 National Merit Scholarships offered next spring. Joanna will be competing to advance to the Finalist level of the competition.

**Send Your
Team Photos, Game Photos
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Sports Information to
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(Please include names when possible)



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ONTARIO'S Jenin Abdelaziz (5) returns a serve during the Ontario Lady Warriors vs. Sandusky Perkins match played in the Ontario O'Rena on Saturday, Sept. 19. The Warriors lost to Perkins 3-0.



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THE FORREST PRUNER CLASSIC was held Sept. 15 at Crestview Local Schools. Competing in the middle school boys race were Griffin Samuels and Jimmy Unger for Ontario Middle School and AJ Studer for Madison. Crestview won the meet with 33, followed by Mapleton with 68, Ashland 70, Monroeville 77, Madison 126 and Ontario 133.



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ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL'S Kenzie Goodlin and Leila Stevens competed in the Forrest Pruner Classic at Crestview Local Schools on Tuesday, Sept. 15. Crestview won the girls middle school race with 19, followed by Ontario with 36, Ashland 80 and Madison, 104.

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LOCAL CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS competed in the Forrest Pruner Classic at Crestview on Sept.15. Running for Ontario High School were Addy Muncy and Sarah Strickler. Competing for Madison Comprehensive High School were Jillian Conard and Olivia Lord.



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ONTARIO SENIOR Brennan Strickler (10) skirts the end for short yardage late in the first half of the Ontario Warriors vs. Clear Fork Colts in a contest played in Ontario on Friday, Sept. 18. Defending for Clear Fork was Jack Harris (5) . Ontario won the contest 41-14.



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CLEAR FORK SENIOR Brady Tedrow (8) looks for some running room during the Ontario Warriors vs. Clear Fork Colts game Friday, Sept. 18 at Ontario.



THE ONTARIO YOUTH SPORTS 8U Boys Fall Ball team picked up two wins last weekend to improve their overall record to 4-2.



By Kenn Spencer

Congratulations to our 8U Boys Fall Ball team — the team picked up two wins last-weekend to run their overall record to 4-2. Way to go Warriors!

OYS is excited to announce Marshall Park has been chosen to host the AYSA end of the season soccer tournament. Things will look a little different — we are working with the Richland County Health Department to make sure we are complying with the rules that keep our community safe. Good luck to all our amazing Warrior teams that will be competing for an AYSA championship.

Imagine a time and place when hundreds of people are walking around our town with a camera or cell phone taking pictures of “the good stuff.” We believe there are tons of talented people in our community and thousands of opportunities to showcase what makes Ontario great. Please make plans to join OYS in the 3rd annual “Can You Picture Ontario.” The contest will run from Oct. 1-8.

Get ready for the second annual OYS Amazing Chase. The family friendly competition is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 11. You need four people to make a team and there will be tons of fun and tons of prizes! Get your team together now! The basic idea of the event is a combination of the Amazing Race/Tough Mudder/5k. You take those and put in a bunch of games and add a really amazing park, then throw in tons of fun and you have the Amazing Chase. This is for anyone that would like to participate regardless of age. All proceeds go toward the Sadie Marie Turnbaugh Scholarship Fund.

OYS continues to be thankful for a community that loves our kids. From OYS to Mayor Hutchinson, Service Safety Director Jeff Wilson, City Council Members, Evan Hellinger and the guys that work on the parks – we are in your debt for taking time for our kids. Thank you!

On Sunday, Sept. 26, Ontario Youth Sports and RenTek are teaming up to offer an electronics recycling drive at Ontario

Marshall Park, 3375 Milligan Rd, Ontario. Anyone wishing to recycle computer equipment and other electronics can drop items off to Ontario Marshall Park from 10 am to 2 pm, just follow the signs marked “Recycling Event.”

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PIPER DONAHUE of Madison Middle School gives one last power run as she heads to the finish line during the Forrest Pruner Classic held at Crestview Sept. 15.

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MADISON'S TRENTON OSBORNE (12) scores on a kick-off return for 99 yards vs. Marion Harding on Sept. 18. In the endzone with Trenton is Issac Brooks (3) and Cayden Clapper (5). The final score was in favor of Marion Harding 14-7.

Robin Barrett Photography



MADISON FRESHMAN Travis Jamieson (4) controls the ball for the Rams during a varsity soccer game against Mansfield Christian on Thursday, Sept. 17 on Comstock Field. The contest ended in a tie 1-1.

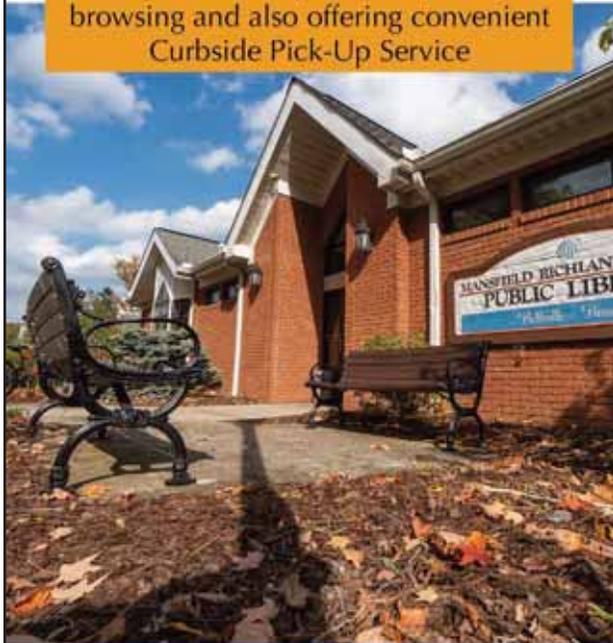
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MADISON HIGH SCHOOL offensive lineman Gavin Conn (72) is ready for the play during a game against Marion Harding on Friday, Sept. 18.

Robin Barrett Photography



THE MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN LADY FLAMES volleyball team entertained the St. Peters Spartans Sept. 15, on their home court and finished the night with a win 25-13, 25-19 and 25-19. Libby Banks (25) returns the ball. Stats for the Flames were Elle Schmitz with 12 kills, 6 dig, 2 aces and 6 point; Lillian Westfield, 7 digs, 6 points and 4 aces; Morgan Bartholomew, 13 points, 6 aces and 15 assists; Aly Noe, 13 points, 2 aces, 2 kills and 5 digs; Hadley Cramer, 4 points and 2 aces; and Libby Banks, 2 kills and 5 digs.

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MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S Logan Cyphers (18) heads the soccer ball during the MCS vs. Madison boys varsity game held at Comstock Field on Thursday, Sept. 17. The 80-minute contest ended in a 1-1 tie.

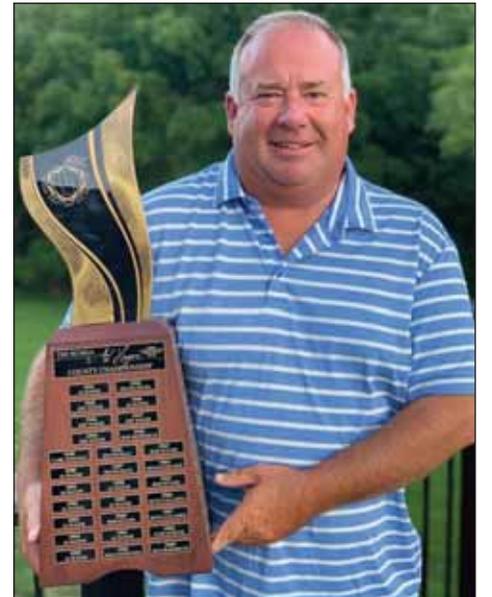
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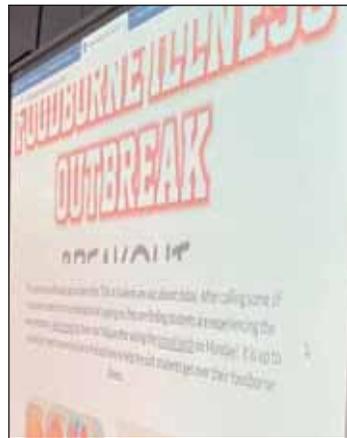


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MADISON HIGH SCHOOL'S Issac Brooks (3) carries the ball for the Rams with Jacob Johnson (68) and Hunter Hutcheson (16) paving the way. The Rams fell to Marion Harding 7-14.



RYAN DIALS OF LEXINGTON is the 2020 Richland County Men's Golf Champion. The golf tournament was played at The Woods Golf Course on Saturday, Sept. 19 and The Shelby Country Club on Sunday. He shot a 74 on both days. Dials' family was there to celebrate with him including his wife Joy, children Trevor and Megan, and father in law Joe Tomsic. Winning entitles his name to be engraved on the Al Hager trophy. Dials has finished as runner-up many times over the years.



STUDENTS IN MRS. RHODES'S CULINARY FUNDAMENTALS class at Ontario High School completed a digital escape room on foodborne illnesses. They were given a scenario on students getting sick from the school lunch and it was up to each group to figure out how the students could get get over the foodborne illnesses through a variety of digital puzzles.



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LEXINGTON'S BRAYDEN STOOTS (13) returns a punt for valuable yardage late in the first half of the Lexington vs. West Holmes in a contest played in Lexington Friday, Sept. 18. West Holmes handed the Minutemen their fourth loss by a 16-0 score.



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PRIOR TO THE START of the Ontario Warriors vs. Clear Fork Colts varsity football game on Friday, Sept. 18, a plaque was presented to Julie White, wife of the deceased John White, to honor John's work with Ontario's Weight Room. The plaque was accepted in front of his extended family and friends Connie Rowland (sister); Christine, Josh (son) and Henry (grandson) White; Mike Arnett (John's best friend); Claire Korbas (step daughter); Julie White (wife) and Ontario Athletic Director Jeff Fisher. From 2001-'07 Coach John White coordinated programming and scheduled weight training sessions at Ontario High School. He was the first coordinator of the new "War Room" and was a teacher and coach as well as a mentor for many athletes. John passed away unexpectedly on Oct. 27, 2019. Ontario head basketball coach Joe Balough said, " John White's leadership was the key in developing a consistent strength program for all athletes in the Ontario School System. He took great pride in developing strength programs that would fit the needs of individual athletes. His work ethic and demands on athletes not only had a positive influence during high school years, but for many years after. As the innovator of our basketball strength program, he played a significant role in the success of our program. He will always be remembers for his motto 'One More Rep'."



ONTARIO SOPHOMORE Brooklynn Adkins won the Clear Fork Golf Invitational at Little Apple on Sept. 14 with a 75.

LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History



Sept. 21, '89

STINGEL ELEMENTARY Principal Rick Wair is pictured talking with third grade student Angie Moore as she works on making "me mobiles" in Carol O'Hail's class recently.



Sept. 25, '70

LEXINGTON FRESHMAN FOOTBALL TEAM — (Front Row) Bruce Stevens, Mike Taylor, Joe Delianides, Calvin Wentz, Dave Taylor, Tim Baker, Steve Weitovich, Kelly Boylan, John Williams. (Second Row) Jim Flinn, Jeff Navratil, Steve Billman, Bill Jordan, Eben Cockley, Mike Knapp, Mark Kuhn, Brad Thomas, Gary Line. (Third Row) Pete Pigman, Boyd Chipman, Lou Namath, Jim Smith, Fred Sites, Rick Compton, Jeff Rhea. (Fourth Row) Fred McLaughlin, Gregg Ammons, Bruce Bowers, Butch Sutter, Dave Jennings, John Kundrat and Greg Schaefer.



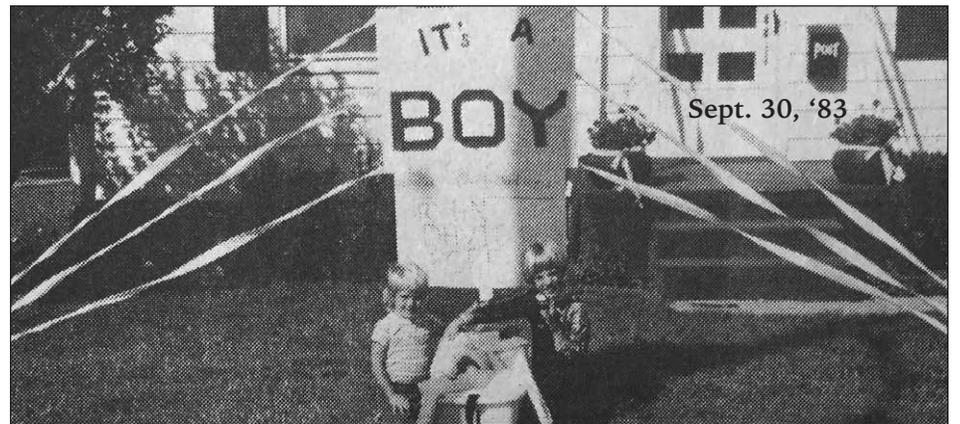
Sept. 23, '66

Ontario High School Cheerleaders — front row, left to right, Janis Emboden, Susie Massa, Sally Johnson, Direnda Hammett and Janet Kiernan. Back row, Becky Stoffer and Cindy Gage.



Sept. 24, '87

CELEBRATE CONSTITUTION — Sarah Dahlburg (left) and Kelly Moore parade the U.S. flag thru the halls of Ontario Middle School Thursday during the celebration of the 200th birthday celebration of America's Constitution. To coincide with festivities coordinated in schools all over the country, OMS had costume judging of students dressed in period dress; students watched a movie created by the eighth grade class about trial cases from the Bill of Rights; and an assembly was attended by the student body. Eighth grade history teacher Dan Porte led the assembly as narrator, relating interesting and relative information about the constitution's creators. OMS Principal Gene Hancock dressed up as John Hancock and read the Constitution's Preamble.



Sept. 30, '83

LITTLE REGAN AND RENEE PORE show the sign which neighbors erected on their front lawn to welcome home their new brother, Ryan David (between them), born Sept. 23. All three youngsters are the children of Ron and Rhonda Pore of Forest Dr. The decorating was done by neighbors Darlene and Jan Evans and Gayle and Randy Ink. Grandparents of the children are Norm and Fran Pore and David and Gloria Moysi, all of the Madison area.

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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. 20-12 – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-22 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CITY OF ONTARIO CARES ACTS FUND IN THE GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE RICHLAND AREA CHAMBER & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-23 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20-08 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2020 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AND THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FUND.

Cathy VanAuker
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ONTARIO STINGEL FIFTH grade student Roxy Purvis purchased food from the cafeteria during her lunch break.



ONTARIO SENIORS bid on their parking spot and a chance to decorate their space for the year. All proceeds benefit the Cam Strong Foundation. Among those painting parking spaces were Haley Guisinger (top left), Bree Mullet (bottom left) and Kelsey Carder (bottom right).



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LEVELING — John Long, Bill Hale and Denny Spangler donated their time to level the ground for the Blacksmith/Cooper building in South Park. They hope to have it ready for the Oct. 3 and 4 open house weekend.

Mansfield Chamber Music Players will present memorial concert October 4

The Mansfield Chamber Music Players will present the Twenty Fourth Annual Donald Bernhardt Memorial Chamber Music Concert on Sunday, Oct. 4 at 4 pm in the sanctuary at Trinity Lutheran Church, 508 Center St., Ashland.

This year's concert is a benefit concert for the Ashland Musical Club's Scholarship Fund, which each year awards a scholarship to an Ashland County high school senior

who will be taking music classes in college. A free-will offering will be received.

For this year's eclectic concert, First United Methodist Church organist, Susan Gregg, will join with members of the Mansfield Chamber Music Players to perform Alec Wilder's Suite for Flute, Oboe, Bass and Harpsichord. The concert will also include Five Diversions for woodwind quintet by Doreen Carwithen, Serenata in

RPS offering training opportunities

Richland Pregnancy Services is offering a special training opportunity for anyone interested in volunteering at RPS. Terry Williams, CareNet specialist, will be coming for three days of training, Thursday, Oct. 15–Saturday, Oct. 17. There will be a light dinner served on Thursday evening. Lunch will be provided on Friday and Saturday, as well as a light breakfast.

Volunteer opportunities include: nurses, physician, client advocate, boutique, special events, Mom-to-Mom Mentors and Dad-to-Dad Mentors.

Richland Pregnancy Services has served the community for more than 30 years, of-

fering free pregnancy testing, and limited ultrasounds, STD/STI testing, Mom-to-Mom and Dad-to-Dad Mentoring, Parenting Classes and material support through the RPS Boutique. RPS provides services at three locations including the main office at 1560 West Fourth St., a satellite office at the OSU/NC State campus and at Crossroads City Center.

Contact Lynn at lynn@Richland-pregnancy.com or 419-522-8863, ext. 202, to save a seat for the volunteer training.

Richland Pregnancy Services is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, relying solely on the donations of individuals, businesses and churches.

Dental health backpacks to be distributed

Richland Public Health will have a booth at the North End Farmers Market on Sept. 4, from 4–7 pm to hand out free dental health backpacks for children ages 0–18. These will have toothpaste, a toothbrush, floss and age appropriate materials.

All that is needed is to fill out a survey with one of the health educators from RPH. An e-mail address is required to participate in the survey. For more on the Smile BIG Richland program visit richlandhealth.org/dental.

vano by Carl Nielsen, String Trio in G minor by Alexander Borodin, and String Sonata #4 by Gioachino Rossini.

Performing this year will be Michael Sieberg and Steve Domka, violins; Melanie Bernhardt, cello; David Lenigan, string bass; Carla Colon, flute; Carol Bernhardt, oboe; Pam Ellis, clarinet; Keely Krumweide, French horn; Jane Price, bassoon; and Susan Gregg, harpsichord.

The church pandemic protocols include temperature checks, specific seating areas, and required face masks per the governor's directives.

The concert is provided by the Donald Bernhardt Memorial Chamber Music Fund at Chase Bank in cooperation with Trinity Lutheran Church and the Ashland Musical Club. For more information call 419-525-2688.



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Pioneer CTC Board of Education passes resolutions, approves hirings

Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education held a meeting in the community room on Monday, Sept. 21.

The board adopted a Resolution for Student Activity Fund Purposes and Budgets and an activity reimbursement schedule and travel allowance for club advisors for 2020-'21.

The board approved contracted services of Dr. Michael Patton, social worker, for the 2020-'21 school year and approved revisions to job descriptions for teacher aide/career tech program, custodial/security worker, distribution part-time parts pickup/bus driver, distribution sales associate/bus driver, p/t financial aid coordinator – adult ed, family & civic engagement coordinator, food service manager, food service employee, payroll and general office clerk, secretary – adult education, secretary – attendance office, support secretary and technology coordinator.

Course name revisions were made for Finite 1 to Math Applications and Finite 2 to Math Modeling.

A resolution was adopted for Red Ribbon Week and the appointment of Terri Crain to the LPDC Committee for Oct. 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 was approved.

Donations were accepted from America's Farmers Grow Communities, \$2,500 to the Pioneer/Wynford Satellite FFA Program, to be used for club activities for the Pioneer/Wynford FFA Club; and Greg Dodge, Shelby, donation of dust collector with an approximate value of \$240, to be used in the Construction Level One program.

Gorman Rupp, Mansfield donated \$350 to be deposited into the principal's fund and used for student activities and Michelle

Deskins, Dental Clinic Coordinator, Third St. Family Health Services, Mansfield, donated disposable dental supplies with an approximate value of \$400, to be used in the Dental Assisting program.

The board voted to approve the final appropriations for FY21, employment of certificated personnel and salary Adjustments for administrative and certificated staff Darin Beal, Molly Belcik, Kathleen Fiske, Adam Galley, Robin Hager, Chris Hicks, Phil Johnson, Dawn Roberts, Alan Sears and Ellen Shifley.

The board approved continuing contracts for certificated staff for Heather Fighter, Kathleen Fiske, Adam Galley, Dan George, Allison Schuster and Ellen Shifley.

The board employed career coaches and approved supplemental contracts for certificated personnel, stipend contracts for certificated staff and employment of substitute instructors.

The resignation of part-time classified employee Danielle Ash, parent coordinator, Early Childhood Education program, was accepted.

The board then approved employment of part-time classified employees for Tesla Gray, part-time parent coordinator, Early Childhood Education Program; Laura Rebel, part-time distribution parts pickup/bus driver; and Alice Ramsay, part-time Financial Aid coordinator, Adult Education.

Supplemental contracts for classified personnel, employment of substitute classified personnel and employment of Adult Education instructors were approved.

2020-'21 Board of Education Goals were adopted and an agreement with Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center (MOESC) for Title IX Services was approved.

Early voting will commence

Absentee/early voting will commence Tuesday Oct. 6, either by mail or in person at the Richland County Board of Elections, 1495 W. Longview Ave., Mansfield, in the lower level classroom. The closest entrance is in the back of the center by the "Vote Here" sign and flag. Those who enter through the front entrance must take the stairs or elevator down to the lower level. Those who have requested absentee ballots by mail will have their ballot mailed out starting on Oct. 6. Absentee applications to print to vote by mail are available at vote.richlandcountyoh.gov or by calling 419-774-5530.

Early in-person voting hours are Tuesday, Oct. 6 through Friday, Oct. 16, 8 am to 5 pm, (Monday, Oct. 12 is Columbus Day but the office will be open for early voting)

Monday, Oct. 19 through Friday, Oct. 23, 8 am to 6 pm

Saturday, Oct. 24, 8 am to 4 pm
Sunday, Oct. 25, 1-5 pm

Monday, Oct. 26 through Friday, Oct. 30, 8 am to 7 pm

Saturday, Oct. 31, 8 am to 4 pm
Sunday, Nov. 1, 1-5 pm

Monday, Nov. 2, 8 am to 2 pm (after 2 pm, voters must vote at their polling place on Election Day Nov. 3).

Due to social distancing requirements, the line may seem longer than it actually is, both at the early voting and at the polling places on Election Day. Precautions are being taken to ensure the safety and health of voters and staff. It is asked that voters wear a mask unless there is a medical reason why that is not possible.

Masks will be available for anyone who needs one. If a voter refuses to wear a mask, curbside voting from the voter's vehicle will be offered. If a voter refuses both options, they are still permitted to vote.

Sanitizer will be available for use upon entering and exiting the early voting room. An air purifier is installed in the early voting room, and the voting equipment will be sanitized after use. Disposable styluses will be given to voters to sign their name on the electronic poll books and for use on the touchscreen voting unit. Screen guard barriers will separate the workers from the voters. Voters will be directed to enter the room through one door and exit through another to help with the traffic flow.

To see a ballot online visit <https://richland.oh-vote.org/VoterView/RegistrantSearch.do> and enter first and last name and date of birth. Click on the precinct number and a sample ballot will display.

Public Art Initiative project to be funded by businesses, organizations and RCF

The Richland Community Development Group Art Sector is leading a public art initiative in downtown Mansfield. The project will be funded by various businesses and organizations with a 50 percent matching grant from the Richland County Foundation as part of its Mansfield Rising Project. During this public art initiative in downtown Mansfield, up to \$50,000 in matching funds will be made available to businesses, nonprofits, and sponsors to help in funding the creation of art in a variety of methods, including traditional painted murals, installed artistic wallscapes, window art, as well as temporary and permanent public art on visible walls and surfaces.

Organizations and artists in the area are encouraged to apply to take part in this transformative and revitalizing effort to beautify and create impact in downtown through art. The artists and organizations who apply for matching funding for public art projects will be vetted by a panel of local individuals. All local artists that have examples of visual art, photography, and graphic arts are encouraged to apply.

Organizations may participate outside the designated area of the Mansfield Rising Plan, and may still be matched with an artist for any project, although projects that can receive matching funding are designated within 1st - 5th and Adams to Bowman Street area in Mansfield. Public Art has many significant contributions to a community, in its many art forms, and public visual art is both a feasible outcome and already gaining a renewed momentum in downtown Mansfield, Ohio. In part due to local artist organizations and individual artists rising to the occasion, this Public Art Initiative through the Mansfield Rising Plan will help to stimulate the economic advantages of art, and hopes to drive forward the inspiration of the community.

A variety of methods and diversity are encouraged to achieve public art in this initiative. Matching funding is specified for artwork only, and not specific to branding or advertising.

Existing artwork in downtown Mansfield and revitalization mural work is encouraged. Recent revitalization efforts such as

the painted train mural on State Route 13, Main Street Mansfield were completed by volunteers of local nonprofit Mankind Murals Inc. The original mural was created by muralists in Mansfield, in 1977. There are a number of buildings in downtown that have mural restoration potential, as well as viable space for vibrant new mural concepts and public art ideas.

One local method for exterior art installations can be a game-changer for the community. Wallscapes by Lind SignSpring Group provides local engineering pioneered in Richland County by Lind with experience in billboards and wallscapes as both a product and an independent billboard operator. Vinyl banner artwork can be tensioned by patented SignSpring, spring and hook technology, can be scaled to any size, and makes an interchangeable option for artwork on a seasonal basis. Current examples of this method are located as public art installations at a Shawshank Redemption film location at KV Market designed by artist Robin Shoup, as well as the Story of the Library designed by artist Ruthie Akuchie located inside the Mansfield Richland County Public Library.

Both permanent and temporary art in downtown can receive matching funding and can include: paved areas for asphalt artwork, window painting, stenciled artwork both permanent and temporary methods, Rainworks, urban artwork, creative use of blighted walls as well as exterior pipes and fixtures, artwork integrated with blooming plants, with as well as artwork integrated within Mansfield parks such as Central Park. Artists are encouraged to take part in two additional seasons of artwork for the Art in the Park initiative which will move forward and be commissioned by artists themed and inspired by Our Performing Arts, and Wintertime in Mansfield.

Artists can apply at <https://forms.gle/rdXB2mEsSy25oeWZ9>.

Businesses, nonprofits and organizations can apply at <https://forms.gle/GLxYE9xrWWwhnfoz8>.

For more information contact Suzanna Hammond, President of the Mansfield Art Sector of RCDG, at MansfieldArtSector@gmail.com.

Seniors encouraged to help prevent falls

Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging is partnering with the Ohio Department of Aging's STEADY U Ohio falls prevention initiative to promote 10 BIG Steps to Prevent Falls, a special learning opportunity for Ohio seniors taking place during Falls Prevention Awareness Week, Sept. 21-25.

10 BIG Steps to Prevent Falls is a week-long campaign that pairs five free, daily, online learning opportunities with five personal action steps to promote different aspects of falls prevention. Topics covered will include risk assessment, physical activity, home safety, nutrition, and talking with health care providers.

You can learn more, see the schedule of learning opportunities, sign up, and download personal action steps at www.steady.ohio.gov.

One in four older Ohioans will fall this

year, and falls are the leading cause of fatal and non-fatal injuries for them. However, falls are not a normal part of aging and most falls can be prevented with simple changes to your home, health, and habits.

Since September 2013, the Ohio Department of Aging's STEADY U Ohio initiative has helped older adults, families, caregivers, professionals, and community leaders understand and recognize age-related factors that increase the risk of falling and fall-related complications. Individuals and organizations can find fall prevention information and resources at www.steady.ohio.gov.

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., is located at 2131 Park Avenue West in Ontario. Call 419-524-4144 for more information.