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**THE RICHLAND SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT** (Richland SWCD) Annual Celebration was held on Thursday, Nov. 5. Among those attending were Richland County Commissioner Tony Vero; Cass Gwartz, Lisa Gwartz, Brianna Gwartz and Richland County Commissioner Darrell Banks.

## Conservation celebrated by Richland Soil and Water Conservation District

Conservation was celebrated in Richland County at the Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) Annual Celebration held on Thursday, Nov. 5. The celebration may be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/richlandswcd>.

Results from the board supervisor election were announced. Brian Alt was re-elected to a three-year term and Robert McConkie, Jr. was elected to his first term. Both terms begin Jan. 1, 2021 they will join other board supervisors Fred Cooke, Lanny Hopkins and David Krichbaum.

District Administrator, Erica Thomas, shared 2020 accomplishments and some

plans for 2021.

Richland SWCD became a local sponsor for the Farmland Preservation Program in 2020. Two farms for a total of 310 acres were preserved in Richland County in 2020. Native plants and rain barrels were sold and an online rain barrel workshop was held.

The MS4 stormwater system mapping was completed with help from interns from a Richland Foundation grant.

The board recognized Volunteer of the Year, Denise Tenison; and Cooperator of the Year, Randy and Eileen Eisenhauer, Eisenhauer Family Farm.

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## Lexington BOE approves hirings and resignations

The Lexington Board of Education met Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Sydnee Detlef, student representative to the board, presented her report and then the board voted to approve renewal with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for medical, Rx, and dental insurance. Year 2021 will have the following rates: Medical/Rx/Stop Loss Administrative fees of \$44.15 per employee per month; Dental Administrative fees of \$4.89 per employee per month; and Specific Stop Loss carve out fee at a premium of \$6.79 per employee per month.

The board approved the Specific Stop Loss coverage through Symetra for Calendar Year 2021 at a premium of \$194.80 per employee per month.

Approval was also given for the 2021 medical, dental and vision insurance funding rates, representing a 7.84% increase for medical, a 4.39% decrease dental and a 0% change for vision.

The board moved to approve the 5-Year Financial Forecast for FY21 through FY25.

The resignation of Sara Thorburn as high school yearbook advisor, effective at the end of the 2020-'21 school year was accepted.

Mallory Westerheide was approved as a long-term sub, Western, from approximately Nov. 11, 2020 through Jan. 29, 2021.

The resignation of Adam Smith, mechanic, transportation, was accepted, effective Nov. 2. Resignations were also accepted from Herbert Harkness, bus aide, trans-

## New plan will be based upon what students need for success

Ontario Local Schools has announced it is joining hundreds of school districts statewide to support the Fair Trade Funding Plan, as introduced in the Ohio House as Sub. H.B. 305 and the Ohio Senate as S.B. 376, and is urging lawmakers to seize this moment to make history for Ohio's K-12 public schools.

The plan is an improved and comprehensive bipartisan remake of Ohio's current funding formula. It is also the product of three years of concentrated volunteer efforts by a group of active school superintendents and treasurers under the leadership of state representatives Bob Cupp (R-Lima), John Patterson (D-Jefferson) and Gary Scherer (R-Circleville). Senators Peggy Lehner (R-Kettering) and Vernon Sykes (D-Akron) introduced Senate Bill 376 as a companion bill to the House version. Ontario Local Schools says it is grateful for their leadership.

Ontario Local Schools Superintendent Lisa Carmichael says the plan focuses on what students need to ensure high-quality education. She added that it also gives weight to supporting classroom instruction, as well as making sure Ohio public school students can learn in a safe and secure environment while having access to state-of-the-art technology.

Superintendent Carmichael said, "This bipartisan plan would make a very positive difference in funding for Ontario Local Schools, especially since it begins the process of eliminating the gain caps

that have penalized our school district for years."

According to Ontario Local Schools Treasurer Randy Harvey, the current funding system is broken and unconstitutional. It's provisions have not objectively determined a relationship to cost or need.

Harvey stated "H.B. 305 is a predictable and reliable funding model that shifts the burden of funding schools away from local property tax owners to the state. This reliable funding stream means less need to go back to local taxpayers just to fund the basic operations. Although it will not eliminate the need for local levies, it will stabilize local property tax rates in Ontario Local Schools and slow the frequency with which districts like ours go to the voters."

Superintendent Carmichael and treasurer Harvey said they believe the plan is fair for students and taxpayers, eliminates arbitrary caps on funding increases, reduces artificial guarantees and respects local control.

In addition to the Ontario Local School district and hundreds of other districts across Ohio, four of Ohio's most influential and prestigious educational organizations also declared their support for the Fair School Funding Plan: Ohio Association of Schools Business Officials, Buckeye Association of Schools Administrators, Ohio School Board Association, Ohio Federation of Teachers Ohio Educational Association.

portation, effective Nov. 13 and Wendy Morris, bus driver, effective Nov. 22.

Adam Smith will be employed as head mechanic, contract for the remainder of the 2020-'21 school year, effective Nov. 2; Mallory Westerheide will be a substitute educational aide, effective Oct. 21; and Brett Wirick was employed as a 4-hour multi-handicapped bus aide and 2-hour pre-school aide, effective Nov. 17, contract for remainder of the 2020-'21 school year.

The board gave approval for the revised Lexington substitute list dated Oct. 21 as presented by MOESC.

The board also approved the Resolution Approving the Design Development (DD) Phase Submissions for the New 7-12 school.



T-C Staff/Teresa Vore

**A BLANKET OF SNOW** covered the area trees and ground when it fell Monday afternoon and night to make it Richland County's first accumulating snowfall of the season.

## Richland Public Health issues top winter driving tip — Slow Down!

Richland County residents received a couple inches of snow and cold temperatures as a reminder that winter has arrived early. Richland Public Health and the Ohio State Highway Patrol are reminding all county residents to get ready for winter driving season.

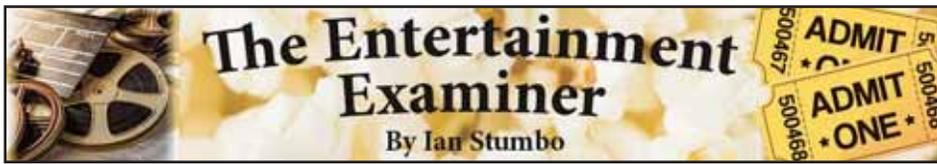
The leading cause of death during

winter storms is motor vehicle crashes. Richland Public Health has prepared a "Winter Safety Tips" page that includes information reminding motorists of winter driving vehicle preparations, and then how to drive on snow and ice if you have to. It's available by clicking on the link on the main page at [www.richlandhealth.org](http://www.richlandhealth.org)

or by calling 419-774-4726.

"The first snow of the year can often cause major problems on the road as people adjust to the poor driving conditions," says Reed Richmond, Health Educator at Richland Public Health and AARP Senior Driver Safety Program coordinator.

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# The Entertainment Examiner

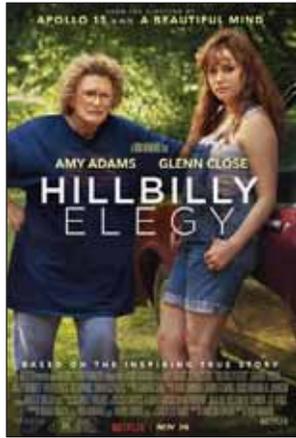
By Ian Stumbo

*Hillbilly Elegy* is based on the memoirs of J.D. Vance and his life growing up with an addicted mother as he eventually overcame the odds and got admitted to Yale Law School. Directed by Ron Howard, this movie is set in Middletown, Ohio.

Vance is played both in the past and present as we see him having to care for his drug addicted mother Bev played by Amy Adams. The movie also flashes back to his upbringing where Bev starts her addiction while working as a nurse in the hospital. Her mother, called Mamaw, is played by Glenn Close who steals every scene she is in. She really becomes this character through the glasses and makeup.

Vance's story is interesting and Howard's direction is good in terms of explaining where this movie is set and he gives the viewer a good sense of time and place as it flashes between the late 90s and 2011.

Both Adams and Close are the reasons to watch this movie. The fact that neither has won Oscars yet after being nominated



multiple times is a crime and both do very fine work here. The problem is that the movie is just not that memorable after it is over. It's one of those movies you may just watch one time and there are points it feels like there is not enough story for its two hour run-time.

*Hillbilly Elegy* really came into this season as a movie that was getting a great deal of Oscar buzz because of the people involved.

However, having so many mixed reviews it's not sure where the movie may end up. The performances are great and the story is certainly watchable, it just doesn't grab you and pull you in like it possibly could. Certainly not a bad film but not a top 10 one either. *Hillbilly Elegy* is now available to stream on Netflix.

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



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

**THE DEER** came to feast before the temperatures turned colder and the snow began to fall. These deer were spotted on Mayer Dr., Madison area.

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# READERS' FORUM

Dear Governor DeWine, President Obhof, and Speaker Cupp:

Our organizations represent superintendents, school board members, treasurers and other school business officials responsible for the leadership and management of Ohio's traditional public school districts, career centers and educational service centers (ESCs).

We write to express our profound disappointment by the actions of the General Assembly to overhaul the Educational Choice (EdChoice) voucher program without debate, public input or advanced notice.

The changes, contained in Senate Bill (SB) 89, were unveiled and passed by both a conference committee and the Senate on the same day and then by the House the following day. The topic of EdChoice has always been a matter of public interest and yet, the legislature failed to provide a single opportunity for the public to voice its support, opposition, or otherwise on the plan.

While we appreciate the reduction in the overall number of buildings on the eligibility list, SB 89's shortcomings cannot be ignored. For example, 110 of the 473 buildings designated EdChoice eligible under SB 89 received an A, B or C on their 2018-19 state report card, representing 23% of the total eligible buildings.

Forty-three of the 473 buildings, or 9%, were never on the eligibility list but suddenly will become EdChoice eligible under the bill. There can be no possible policy rationale for these decisions.

The plan also unjustifiably increases the performance index threshold from 10% to 20%. This arbitrary change does nothing other than add more school buildings to the eligibility list. These new school buildings will now have the impossible task of explaining to their community and the students they serve that their school building is "failing."

The outcome will also have a detrimental impact on school budgets amid state revenue cuts, declining local revenues, and mounting pandemic costs. Locally voted tax dollars will continue to be siphoned away from students in public schools and sent to private schools without regard for their educational quality.

This threatens districts' abilities to serve and provide opportunities for their remaining students - students who have chosen to attend their public schools - and jeopardizes the quality of their educational experiences. If the state continues to believe that Ohio should have such a policy, then we firmly believe that the state should bear the full cost of funding the program - not school districts.

We fear passage of this bill means the General Assembly will not meaningfully address the issues surrounding EdChoice, like adequately measuring the quality of participating nonpublic schools, instituting reasonable accountability measures, or ensuring students taking a voucher take the same state tests as their public school counterparts. Issues like these deserve to be debated in an open forum where all sides of the issue can be heard, and we can ensure that students are at the center of the discussion.

We hope you will take these issues into consideration in future legislation and in other actions taken by the State of Ohio.

Sincerely,  
R. Kirk Hamilton, BASA Executive Director  
Richard C. Lewis, OSBA Chief Executive Officer  
James Rowan, OASBO Executive Director

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**Join us for a safe and wonderful Christmas Eve service!**

**St. Paul Mansfield will have a drive-in candlelight service at 4 pm in the back parking lot**

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**Beef Ramen**

**Ingredients**

- 1 lb. sirloin roast, cut into small thin strips (or 1 lb shaved beef)
- 2 tbsp. oil (to cook beef in)
- 2 tbsp. minced garlic (or finely chopped)
- 2 tbsp. minced ginger
- 1 tbsp. chili pepper paste (use less/more depending on the amount of heat you want)
- 2 tsp. fish sauce
- Rice or ramen noodles, prepared and ready to add (boil these while cooking the meat)
- 2- 32 oz boxes beef broth

**Optional Marinade (prepared at least 2-4 hrs before)**

- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1 tbsp. minced ginger and garlic
- 1 tbsp. Mirin seasoning
- 2 Tbsp, sesame oil

**Toppings**

- Bok Choy, chopped
- Carrots (I used chopstick because of easy prep)
- Bean sprouts
- Mushrooms, sliced thin
- Scallions, sliced
- Hard boiled egg
- Cilantro
- Crushed red pepper flakes (for some extra heat)



Combine all these ingredients in a bag and add the cut meat (If using shaved meat only marinate 1-2 hrs)

**Instructions**

In a small stockpot pan, add the oil and heat for 1 minute. Add the beef and cook 5-10 minutes depending on how thick the meat is. It should be fairly thin to cook quickly. You don't want to overcook because it will become tough. Once the meat is almost cooked, remove from pot and set aside, leaving any liquid in the pot for the next step. If you have to add a bit more oil, do so. Add the garlic, ginger and chili paste to the pot and stir around a few times. You don't want to cook it very long. Add the broth and fish sauce and bring to a boil. You are ready to assemble. You can prep all of this the night before and leave it ready to go once you cook your meat and heat the broth, it will be a quick dinner to put together.

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**News Briefs**

The Ontario Community Craft Show scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Richland County Fairgrounds has been canceled.

3540 Park Avenue West. The normal schedule will resume in January 2021.

Savannah Lions Club will host take-out only breakfasts on Saturday, Dec. 5, and Saturday, Jan. 2, from 6:30- 11 am. The breakfast will be hosted at the Savannah Town Hall, 2 N. Main St., Savannah. On the menu will be a choice of pancakes and sausage, french toast and sausage or sausage gravy and biscuit. All come with a side of applesauce. Price is by donation and used eye glasses will be collected at the event.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2010 Park Avenue West, Ontario, has changed the time of its drive-thru breakfast. It will happen on the second Saturday of the month from 9-10:30 am.

U.S. 30, from Rt. 309 to just east of the 5th Ave. ramps, will have single lane closures for a major rehabilitation project. Traffic will always be maintained.

The Richland County Republican Party has announced the acceptance of City of Ontario President of Council Replacement Letters of Interest and/or resumes are now being accepted for the position of president of Ontario City Council for the term ending Dec. 31, 2021.

The U.S. 30 westbound ramps to/from Rt. 545 are tentatively scheduled to reopen at the end of the week.

Email replies to [rcoghgp@gmail.com](mailto:rcoghgp@gmail.com). Responses must be received by Dec. 4, 2020. A screening committee will review the responses and interview qualified candidates via phone. Candidates must be registered voters in the City of Ontario. Call 419-528-8223 with any questions.

Daytime single lane closures on U.S. 30 eastbound and westbound throughout the project to install embankment and grade adjustment to the temporary shoulder pavement.

Those who need help with winter heating bills can apply for HEAP. Applications are available by calling the Area Agency at 419-524-4144 or 800-860-5799 Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm. Anyone age 18 and older may apply for this assistance.

Estimated completion is May 2023.

The City of Ontario will enforce a parking ban on city streets this winter when snowfalls reach 2 inches in depth. Please move all motor vehicles off of city streets so that street crews can do their jobs safely and efficiently.

Those 60 and over can get assistance with filling out the application. All heating types are eligible for energy assistance programs - electric, wood, coal, natural gas, propane and kerosene.

Due to the holidays in November and December the recycling trailer will not be at the Ontario United Methodist Church,

To submit a news brief item, email information to [news@tribune-courier.com](mailto:news@tribune-courier.com). Deadlines are noon Monday for Thursday's issue.

**RPH issues reminder about positive tests**

Those who tested positive between Nov. 19-24, will receive a letter from Richland Public Health confirming the positive results. The letter may be needed for school or place of employment. It is asked that all the information in the letter be followed. There is no need to call the health department.

That information can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>

Richland Public Health is concentrating on calling individuals who tested positive for cases reported starting Nov. 25. Richland Public Health is following the updated quarantine guidance from the Ohio Department of Health and the CDC.

Richland Public Health is joining most local health departments in the United States and doing contact tracing by proxy. Those who tested positive are being asked to call their own list of close contacts. Those testing positive starting Nov. 25 will be contacted by phone and will be asked to do their own contact tracing. RPH asks that positive cases be sure their phone can receive voicemail in case the phone call is not picked up.

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**JIM BUKER'S FURNITURE 1** students at Ontario High School have been busy making boxes. From left to right are Collin Milligan, Kylie Snow, Andrew Barger and Carter Weaver.

## Ashland Eagle Riders in conjunction with The Fraternal Order of Eagles makes gift to support Hospice of NCO

Hospice of North Central Ohio's Tina Marie Heibert and Ralph Tomassi met with Steve Bates president of Ashland Eagle Riders to accept a check in the amount of \$4,800 from both the Ashland Eagle Riders and The Fraternal Order of Eagles #2178 in Ashland. This is the tenth consecutive year that the Eagles Club has held annual events to raise funds in support of HNCO. Typically, the Eagles make their gift at HNCO's annual Community Corn Roast which was cancelled this year due to COVID-19. The date is set for next year Aug. 21, 2021.

This year's gift will help support HNCO bereavement programs such as "Camp Hope" children's bereavement camp and a multitude of grief support programs and services provided free-of-charge to anyone in the Ashland area. Steve said on the behalf of the Eagles organization, "We are people helping people. We were able to raise \$2,800 through some of our groups usual fundraisers and the rest came through a grant from the Ohio State Eagles

Charity Fund."

Ralph Tomassi, HNCO Chief Development Officer/Senior Administrator stated: "It's a real source of encouragement to our caregivers, chaplains and social workers to know that local organizations like The Ashland Eagles Club continue to focus their efforts on raising funds in support of local non-profits like HNCO during these challenging times".

Headquartered at 1021 Dauch Dr., Ashland, Hospice of North Central Ohio serves more than 200 patients daily in Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Morrow and Richland counties who are living with chronic and terminal illnesses. Additionally, free continuous bereavement services are provided for hundreds of families of hospice patients and to anyone in the community experiencing grief. Call 800-952-2207 for more information. HNCO is a 501c3 non-profit organization with over 37 years of experience and a community partner of United Way of Ashland and Knox County.

## Holiday Pops concerts scheduled

The sounds of the season will come alive as The Mansfield Symphony Orchestra and Chorus present its "Holiday Pops" concert at the Renaissance Theatre.

Under the direction of Octavio Más-Arocas, the concert features a mix of contemporary and classic holiday repertoire with the ever-popular, carol sing! Performances will be Saturday, Dec. 19 at 8 pm and Sunday, Dec. 20 at 2:30 pm.

The program will feature songs from Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* ballet and many more Christmas songs. The evening will end with the Renaissance Theatre filled with the voices from the audience during the carol sing-along. Due to current restrictions, the MSO Chorus will be pre-recorded and presented by video with the live performance of the symphony.

Tickets are on sale now at the Renaissance Box Office, by phone at 419-522-2726 and at RenTickets.org. The box office is open by appointment only. Full-price tickets range from \$15 to \$40.

# Church Directory

### **Bunkerhill Baptist Church**

3340 St. Rt. 97, Butler • 567-430-9002  
Pastor Thomas Crank  
11 am Sunday Worship  
10 am Sunday School  
Bible Study 7 pm Wednesdays

### **Hillside First Church of God**

2369 Bowman Rd., Mansfield • Pastor Glenn M. Phillips  
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hillsidefcg@hotmail.com

### **St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church**

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Father Matthew Frisbee  
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Tuesday Worship 5:30 pm and Friday Worship 9 am  
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www.mansfieldstmarys.org

### **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

### **Lexington Presbyterian Church**

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

### **Risen Savior Lutheran Church**

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**EASTVIEW ELEMENTARY** November Citizens of the Month are, top row, Colton Kimes, Rylie Davidson, Ethan Hicks, Madisyn Tilton, Lillian Brooks and Faith Barney; and bottom row, Samara Gillespie, Layla Fliger, Phoenix Lewis, Gerald Mountz, James Ross, Lincoln Bays and Aubrey Spurlock.

## •Conservation celebration held

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This year, butterfly and bee kits and milkweed seed was handed out at the Pollinator Festival held at Gorman Nature Center. Richland SWCD also served as a collection site for the Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative Milkweed Seed Pod Collection.

Richland SWCD held pond fish sale, assisted with rain garden installation and started a local food producer list with partners from Destination Mansfield, NECIC, OSU Extension - Richland County, Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development and Richland County Farm Bureau.

The Longview Center plant bed clean up with volunteers was also coordinated and The Richland County Stormwater Program issued 150 Residential Fee Permits, 135 Residential Non-Fee Permits and 88

Commercial Permits so far in 2020.

For 2021, Richland Foundation awarded another grant for additional interns to work on MS4 outfall mapping and communications to develop more online resources.

The H2Ohio program (ODA) will kick off in Richland County and additional state money will be given to administer the program and provide incentives to farmers to participate. Farmers can look for incentives to do Nutrient Management Plans in 2021. The Ohio Farm Bureau grant will sponsor a tour bus to take residents to the Farm Science Review (Sept. 21-23).

The board meets at 5 pm the third Thursday of every month. Virtual attendance is available and the public is welcome. Call 419-747-8686 or visit <http://richlandswcd.net/> to learn about programs.

## •Richland Public Health says Slow Down!

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-dinator. "If you have to drive, the most important thing to remember is drive slower and show adequate caution."

Richmond added that allowing more distance to stop is also essential. "People need to remember that even if you have four-wheel or all-wheel drive that doesn't translate to quicker stopping. In fact, because of their added weight, pickup trucks and SUVs may need longer to stop on ice or snow than a passenger car. No matter what you drive, leave plenty of distance between you and other vehicles."

Richmond added a few quick tips from the AARP Driver Safety workbook:

- Make sure your tires have adequate tread
- Make sure your car is ready for winter

with proper level of anti-freeze

- Keep windows and headlights free of snow and ice
- Reduce speed and increase following distance
- Remember bridges and shaded areas ice first and retain ice longer than roadways
- Know that an icy road is more slippery at 32° than at lower temperatures

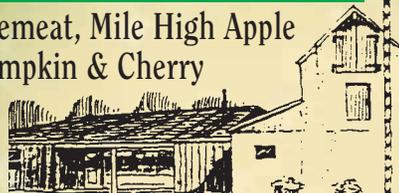
Richmond says the two most important safety measures apply to driving at any time of the year: always wear your seat belt and never drive after drinking alcohol.

For more complete winter driving information, including how to prepare your car and what to do if you get stuck, see <https://richlandhealth.org/personal/winter-safety-tips/>

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# Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

**MADISON JUNIOR AIDAN BALAS** (33) gets the rebound late in the second period of the Madison Rams and Shelby Whippets boys varsity game played at Madison Middle School. The Rams fell to the Whippets 70-49.



By Kenn Spencer

As a reminder, OYS Spring Soccer and Summer baseball and softball registration will begin the first part of December. Please check in daily to confirm the kickoff of registration.

Follow us on Facebook to WIN! For the next 20 days OYS will be giving away some really cool gear. OYS has 2,506 people following us on Facebook each day — and each person will have a chance each day to win. Each day of the contest our staff will pick a number between 1 — 2,506 - all you do to win is be the closest to the number without going over. The contest will start each day when we post our Tip of the Hat. To guess a number, you add it to the comments section - the first person to add a number will claim that number (one number per person per day)

Winter Soccer Training is being run by Graham Ford, former Head Men's Soccer coach of The College of Wooster. With so many athletes working indoors, we are expecting a very high level of play for our Warrior athletes in 2021.

OYS is running a Winter Hitting League as well as an open gym for our baseball / softball teams. Spaces are limited by gender and age. All registration will be on a first come basis. For dates / times of these events follow us on Facebook.

We have always been fortunate to live in a town that supports our community programs. Ontario Youth Sports is looking for 2021 Community Sponsors — anyone that owns a business or is employed by a company that is interested in becoming an OYS sponsor should call 419-566-8072.

•When registering, do not create a new account unless you have not registered in the past — please use your pass-

word and login from previous seasons.

- Follow us on Facebook. Sign-ups are posted regularly.
- Sign up on WMFD OYS text to your cell where we text sign up information on a regular basis.
- Create an account on [www.oysports.com](http://www.oysports.com). Once you are registered, log-in 24/7 and see what sports are available for your athlete.
- Call the sports director at 419-566-8072.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

**LEXINGTON SENIOR 6'1"** Avery Coleman (13) drives by senior 5'9" Katie Sprang of West Holmes during the West Holmes vs. Lexington girls basketball contest played in Lexington. West Holmes defeated Lady Lex 49-38.



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**THE CLEAR FORK** girls basketball game against Highland was held Nov. 28. (Left photo) Clear Fork junior Trinity Cook controls the ball against a Highland player. (Right photo) Lily Wortman takes a shot for the Lady Colts. The final score was 34-38 in favor of Highland.

**ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL WARRIOR WAY STUDENTS**



Scarlet Rheberg, 6th



Connor Dawson, 6th



Brinlee Kreger, 7th



Aiden Ohl, 7th



Lita Frost, 8th



Zack McChristy, 8th



**LEXINGTON SOPHOMORE 5'4"** Madi Basilone (11) drives to the basket early in the second period of the game against West Holmes. Lady Lex fell to West Holmes 49-38.



**MADISON SOPHOMORE 6'3"** Jayden Jeffries (11) puts up a shot against 6'3" senior Cody Lantz (11) of Shelby during the Madison vs. Shelby Whippets boys varsity game played at Madison Middle School. The Rams made a game of it in the first half but were unable to keep up with the Whippets the second half as they fell to Shelby 70-49.

**ONTARIO LOCAL SCHOOLS MENU**

**BREAKFAST**

- Monday: Apple cinnamon muffin, fruit juice
- Tuesday: Whole grain mini pancakes, fruit juice
- Wednesday: English muffin with egg/cheese, fruit juice
- Thursday: Whole grain cinni mini roll, fruit juice
- Friday: Two whole grain pop tarts, fruit juice

**LUNCH WEEK OF DEC. 7**

- Monday: Ravioli, green beans, bread sticks, pears
- Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, broccoli, apple cinnamon loaf, peaches
- Wednesday: Sloppy joe, sweet potato rounds, applesauce, pudding
- Thursday: Chicken/cheese quesadilla, black beans, cheese sauce cup, fruit juice
- Friday: Pepperoni pizza, buttered corn, mixed fruit, cookie bar

**LUNCH WEEK OF DEC. 14**

- Monday: Corn dog, baked beans, potato chips, peach & pear mix
- Tuesday: French toast sticks, sausage links, hash brown, orange juice
- Wednesday: BBQ Pork sandwich, romaine salad, orange sherbet, Goldfish Grahams
- Thursday: Ham sandwich, scalloped potatoes, carrot sticks, pineapple
- Friday: Cheeseburger, green beans, pickle chips, peaches

**LUNCH WEEK OF JAN. 11**

- Monday: Chicken patty sandwich, green beans, mandarin oranges, pudding
- Tuesday: Hot dog or coney, baked beans, potato chips, applesauce
- Wednesday: Shredded chicken, cooked carrots, macaroni salad, fruit cocktail
- Thursday: Taco salad, buttered corn, apple slices, Jello
- Friday: Bosco sticks with marinara, romaine salad, pineapple, fruit snack

**LUNCH WEEK OF JAN. 18**

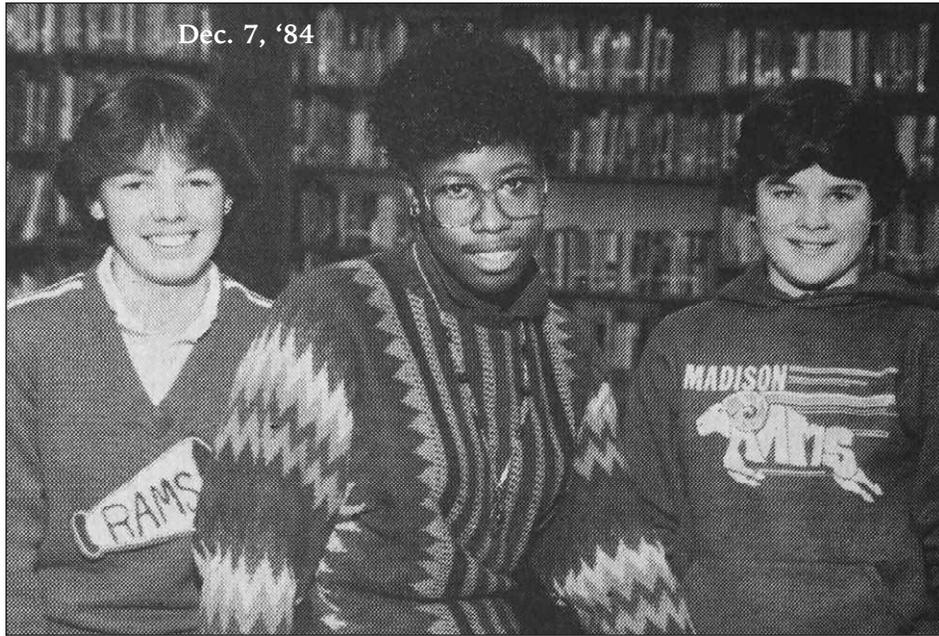
- Monday: No school
- Tuesday: Chicken fingers, broccoli, apple cinnamon loaf, pears
- Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza calzone, black beans, peaches, brownie
- Thursday: Chicken drumstick, mashed potatoes with gravy, roll with butter, fruit juice
- Friday: Pepperoni pizza, green beans, sliced apples, ice cream cup

**LUNCH WEEK OF JAN. 25**

- Monday: Ravioli, romaine salad, garlic toast, fruit cup
- Tuesday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, roll with butter, applesauce
- Wednesday: Fish sandwich, cole slaw, potato chips, pears
- Thursday: Tomato soup, toasted cheese sandwich, pickle spear, peaches
- Friday: Submarine sandwich, baked beans, corn chips, juice

*Breakfast & Lunch served with choice of milk.*

# LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History



Dec. 7, '84

Marc Stumbo

**OUTSTANDING CITIZENS** — These three Madison South Junior High School students were named recently as outstanding citizens for the first nine-week grading period. They are, from the left, Tammy Eichler, eighth grade; Veronica Williams, ninth grade; and Tom Balliett, seventh grade.



Dec. 3, '98

George Dillman

**THESE THREE BOYS** put toys in the school bus at the Light Up Lexington celebration Monday evening. The toys will be given to the Toys for Tots program. The lads are Dillon and Taylor Thomas, sons of Todd and Debbie Thomas, and Tanner Kearns, son of Wynn and Beth Kearns.



Dec. 4, '74

**FOURTH GRADERS** Kellie Norris, Kris Porch, Spencer Rapp and Alana Flannery place a packet of 50 Campbell soup labels in the drum located in the library at the Stingel Elementary School. The labels will be used to redeem audio-visual and athletic equipment for the school.

## Collect Labels for Equipment

Photo and Text By  
HELEN C. GRAHAM

Pupils at Stingel Elementary School in Ontario are re-cycling Campbell soup labels for audio-visual equipment and athletic equipment this fall. They hope to redeem the labels for cassette tape recorders, record players, tape cassettes and other items to benefit the entire

school.

All classes are involved and the grade level that brings in the largest number of labels will be rewarded with a free movie and other prizes. The individual pupil bringing in the largest number of labels will also receive a prize.

A tape recorder, for example, requires 4,900 labels. The collection of labels will continue until Christmas vacation.

Dec. 1, '67

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## LEGAL ADVERTISING

### 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 November 18, 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. 20-14 – A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 365 AND TO URGE GOVERNOR DEWINE AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE OF OHIO TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR OPERATING PUBLIC MEETINGS ELECTRONICALLY.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-30 – AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING THE RICHLAND COUNTY GROWTH CORPORATION TO SIGN A REAL ESTATE SALES AGREEMENT AS THE CITY'S AGENT WITH ONTARIO STUMBO I, LLC FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY THAT IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR CITY PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-31 – AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING THE RICHLAND COUNTY GROWTH CORPORATION TO SIGN AN OPTION AGREEMENT AS THE CITY'S AGENT WITH INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES LLC FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY THAT IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR CITY PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed bids for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel for January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 will be opened at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 14, 2020 by Jeffrey P. Wilson, the Service-Safety Director of the City of Ontario.

Specifications may be obtained electronically from the Service-Safety Director; email a request to [jwilson@ontario-ohio.org](mailto:jwilson@ontario-ohio.org) or a hard copy may be obtained at the City of Ontario City Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio 44906.

All Bids should be sealed in a plainly marked envelope, marked "2021 GASOLINE & DIESEL FUEL BID", bearing the name of the Bidder and accompanied by a CERTIFIED CHECK OR BOND on a solvent bank, in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

The City of Ontario reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Check or Bond on rejected bids will be returned promptly and on accepted bids, the same will be retained until the contracts are consummated.

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## Alzheimer's caregiver support groups can be a "lifeline" during the pandemic

It's the club no one wants to join.

Being an Alzheimer's caregiver can be difficult and most people do not understand unless you have been one. That's where support groups come in. As MaryJo Moorhead said, "You can sit with a group of people and there is nothing you can say or do that someone hasn't said before or done before."

That is the fabric of an Alzheimer's caregiver support group. No judgement. One day everyone is laughing because your loved one has done something incredibly funny. The next time, a box of tissues is being passed around the room.

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter offers close to 20 Alzheimer's caregiver support groups to help local caregivers cope with the emotions and skills of being a caregiver. The great thing about the support groups is that they are built around the needs of the caregiver. Family members can use the time to exercise emotional self-care.

"Caregiver support groups can be a lifeline during the pandemic," said Pamela Myers, Program Director for the Northwest Ohio Alzheimer's Association. "Caregivers may be receiving less outside assistance to help with the care of their loved one - and that adds to their stress. Sharing experiences can help decrease stress and isolation that caregivers are feeling."

Because of the pandemic, the Northwest Ohio Alzheimer's Chapter has been experimenting with different types of caregiver support. A new Adult Children's Caregiver Support Group, which meets the second and fourth Monday every month at 6:30 pm, was started. That is in addition to the chapter offering support groups to choose from five days a week and in the mornings and evenings.

All support groups are led by trained volunteers. Many are former caregivers. Because of the pandemic, some support groups meet over the telephone. Others use videoconferencing. The Northwest Ohio Chapter makes care and support available to 32,000 individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and 96,000 unpaid caregivers.

Myers said the Association is trying to be helpful to as many people as possible. "Caregiving for a loved one is at times a

burden; other times a gift. But in all times, as a caregiver, you need to carve out time to care for yourself."

Moorhead said when she first started attending a support group "I was angry. There tends to be one person in the family who does the caregiving and I was the one person." While she had two living siblings at the time, she said she did not understand how she became the primary caregiver for their mother. "Do you not understand you are sacrificing me? How is my life not as important as yours?" she said she often thought.

The support group helped her get over those feelings. She said she often finds that people still attend, even after their loved one has passed, because they hope to make the care journey smoother for others. The bond built in a support group is often hard to break.

Dennis P. Moriarty said, "I find the virtual meetings very easy to join, and I really appreciate the email reminders. I am always taking notes during the education programs. Sometimes caregiving becomes hard as outside stress increases. They remind me that in order for me to be helpful to my wife, I have to take care of myself and take breaks, even if it is only for five minutes at a time."

In addition to attending a support group, Moriarty said he has attended Alzheimer's educational programs and used the association's 24/7 Helpline, which is 800-272-3900.

"Trying to deal with a problem alone is a losing situation. Knowing that the Alzheimer's Association is just a phone call away is just like when you tell your loved one and children 'If you need me, I am only a call away.'" Anytime that you call the Alzheimer's Association, there is always a listening ear on the other end, and they may not always have an answer right away, but they always know where to find it."

To learn more about the chapter's support groups, visit [https://www.alz.org/nw-ohio/helping\\_you/caregiver\\_support\\_groups](https://www.alz.org/nw-ohio/helping_you/caregiver_support_groups) or call the helpline at 800-272-3900.

The association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Visit [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) for more information.

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**LAST WEEK** at Clearfork Reservoir, the scene was much different than this week's snow covered landscape.



T-C Staff/Jenna Wolford

## This Week's Christmas Decor Inspiration



## Renaissance offers new REN-spiration classroom holiday sessions

The Renaissance Theatre will offer a new series of REN-spiration Classroom sessions beginning the week of Dec. 13. The series will feature classes that are formatted as a two-week series of offerings, with participants meeting once a week for two weeks.

Class sessions are scheduled during times that allow families the opportunity to explore the arts while accommodating holiday activities. The REN-spiration Classroom provides a variety of educational theatre activities designed with creativity in mind. The series, coordinated by Renaissance Resident Teaching Artist Dauphne Maloney, expanded its offerings to the community in a series of live "classes," originally in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Based upon the popularity, the

Ren's Education Department has continued with new series of classes for the fall and into the winter.

Maloney hopes that the availability of online educational resources will offer opportunities to students, educators and parents. "We continue to receive such a positive response to our arts education offerings as our students, teachers and educators have moved forward into the school year. The arts-focused REN-Spiration Classroom Initiative has served young people from throughout the North Central Ohio region and beyond, as they meet for arts-focused activities through our 'virtual classroom'. By offering classes for students of a variety of ages, and accommodating school schedules, we've seen our online students return to attend additional class sessions.

Our latest edition, with its shorter timeframe and holiday-themed materials, is just the thing to help ring in this festive season."

Sessions offer free classes for a variety of students from three years of age through twelfth grade.

Parents and educators can visit [www.rentickets.org/ren-spiration](http://www.rentickets.org/ren-spiration) to register for a variety of sessions. Registration is free, and each session has a limited number of spots available. Information regarding any needed materials will be provided by Maloney prior to class sessions. All the material provided can be used by educators, as well as parents and students. Material for the website will be updated, and expanded upon, regularly to include new material and resources.

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