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Photo by Katie Getz

LIGHT UP LEXINGTON was held Monday, Nov. 30 in the Village of Lexington. Santa (Dan Werner) made his way through the streets to visit with area residents. Among those he visited with were Addison and Brody Schroeder. (See more photos on page 4).

Libraries switch to curbside service

Mansfield/Richland County Public Library (MRCPL) has shut down facilities to the public and reverted to curbside service due to the rising number of COVID-19 cases.

Until further notice, MRCPL will no longer be open to the public and will revert to curbside service only at all nine locations. This went into effect Monday, Dec. 7.

Curbside service will be available Monday through Thursday, 10 am to 6 pm, Friday, 10 am to 5 pm, and Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm.

Additionally, lobby services at First Call 211 will move to curbside service only Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm. The 24/7 2-1-1 hotline is always available to assist residents of Richland County.

“Out of an abundance of caution, we are closing our locations for walk-in service. After continuous conversation with Richland Public Health, we feel this is the best way to move forward as we prioritize the health and safety of our staff and community,” said Chris May, library director.

“Any customers with materials already on hold can pick them up via convenient curbside pick-up at any of our locations. Customers may continue to request materials online or over the phone directly from their preferred branch. Wifi service remains accessible in all branch parking lots.”

MRCPL encourages patrons to visit their website to take advantage of virtual programs, take-home craft kits for all ages and to utilize digital services.

Toy collection continues through Dec. 14

Springfield Township Fire/EMS, Ontario City Police and Crestline Police and fire have announced a partnership for a toy drive this holiday season.

Residents can drop off items at fire stations in Springfield Township/Ontario, 3700 Park Avenue or 400 Lexington-Springmill; the Ontario Police Department

on Stumbo Rd. or at the Crestline safety buildings.

Items will be collected at the Ontario locations until Dec. 14.

The Ontario Menards store is also serving as a dropoff site. A box is located at the exit door. The new, unwrapped toys will be donated locally.

Generous donors make Richland Gives a success

Richland Gives, an online giving event hosted by the Richland County Foundation, raised \$356,820 for 83 Richland County nonprofit organizations. Since its inception in 2015, Richland Gives has raised \$1,435,869.

Richland Gives is designed to encourage contributions to local nonprofits through a single giving website. The foundation hosted the day to build capacity, grow philanthropy and make the community stronger. It allows local organizations to raise funds and awareness as well as cultivate new donors and reinvigorate lapsed donors.

The foundation awarded \$34,000 in grants as incentives during the giving event. The nonprofit organizations that raised the most in the small and large nonprofit category were awarded \$3,000, for first place, \$1,500 for second place and \$500 for third place.

Winners in the small nonprofit category with annual budgets under \$250,000 were first Lucas Community Center; second Little Buckeye Children’s Museum; third North Central State College Foundation.

Winners of the large nonprofit category with annual budgets over \$250,000 were first Discovery School; second Renaissance Performing Arts; third Ohio Bird Sanctuary.

These following 15 organizations were the first to raise \$1,000 online and were awarded a \$1,000 matching grant: Altrusa,

Ohio Genealogical Society, Plymouth Area Historical Society, North Central State College Foundation, Clear Fork Valley Foundation, Richland Pregnancy Services, Discovery School, Mid-Ohio Guardianship Services Inc., Ohio Bird Sanctuary, Friends of the Gorman Nature Center, Richland Academy of the Arts, Visual Bucket List Foundation, Lucas Community Center, Little Buckeye Children’s Museum and North Central Ohio Industrial Museum.

The organizations awarded \$500 grants for raising the most money or having the most donors during Golden Ticket hours were: Lucas Community Center, Kingwood, TWO tickets to Richland Academy of the Arts, Boy Scouts of America, Buckeye Council, Salvation Army, Altrusa, Discovery School, Visual Bucket List Foundation and Renaissance Performing Arts.

Sixteen grant prizes worth \$250 each were awarded by a random drawing during the Leader Board Watch Party: Richland Academy of the Arts, Freedom Ridge, Humane Society of Richland County, Community Health Access Project (CHAP), Richland Pregnancy Services, Catholic Charities, Love our Hero’s, NAMI, Mansfield Art Center, St. Mary of the Snows Catholic School, Idea Works Entrepreneurs Kitchen, Community Action Commission, Clear Fork Valley Foundation, Camp Nuhop, Love Inc. and Salvation Army.

Red Cross schedules bloodmobiles

December may be the season of giving — but it’s typically a challenging time to collect enough blood donations. Add in a pandemic, and this year could be even tougher than usual. That’s why the American Red Cross is urging those who are feeling well to give the gift of life by donating blood this holiday season.

The need for blood doesn’t stop for holidays. Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, more than 1 million blood transfusions will be given in the United States. Donations of all blood types are needed to ensure hospital shelves remain stocked to meet patient blood needs.

Make an appointment to give blood, platelets or plasma with the Red Cross by downloading the 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.

To encourage donations this holiday season, those who come to donate blood, platelets or plasma with the Red Cross Dec. 18–Jan. 4 will receive a long-sleeved Red Cross t-shirt, while supplies last.

Bloodmobiles will be held:

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1–7 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario; and 2–7 pm, Planktown Country Market,

1921 Free Rd., Shiloh

Friday, Dec. 18, 10 am to 3 pm, YMCA, 750 Scholl Rd., Mansfield

Sunday, Dec. 20, 11 am to 5 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Thursday, Dec. 24, 9 am to 3 pm, Richland Mall, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Tuesday, Dec. 29, 8 am to 1 pm, Shelby YMCA, 111 W. Smiley Rd., Shelby

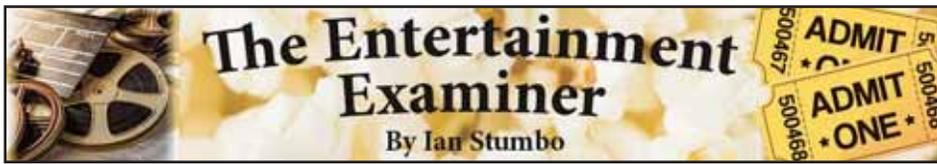
Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1–7 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall

Monday, Jan. 4, 1–6 pm, Belmont Community Church, 1119 Belmont Ave., Mansfield

As COVID-19 hospitalizations increase, hospital demand for convalescent plasma has also grown. COVID-19 convalescent plasma is a type of blood donation given by those who’ve recovered from this coronavirus. Their plasma contains antibodies that may help patients actively fighting the virus. Learn more about convalescent plasma and sign up to give at RedCrossBlood.org/Plasma4COVID.

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 an individual developed COVID-

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Mank, directed by David Fincher who also made such great films as *The Social Network*, *Seven* and *Fight Club*, tells the story of the classic film *Citizen Kane* told through its writer Herman J. Mankiewicz. He is played in another great performance by Gary Oldman, as the writer and is asked in the last years of his career and with his alcoholism at its height, to write what has become to many, the greatest film ever made.



Filmed in beautiful black and white, Fincher tells the main part of the story at a ranch in California after Mank, as he is known, suffers and injury and is mainly bed ridden writing this script with the help of a secretary (Lily Collins). Much of this story is told through flashbacks of Mank's life at different points in Hollywood, his association with MGM head Louis B. Mayer (Arlliss Howard) and becoming close friends with William Randolph Hearst's mistress (Charles Dance) Marion (Amanda Seyfried). Hearst was the main inspiration for *Citizen Kane*.

Oldman is one of our greatest actors, winning an Oscar a couple years ago for brilliantly playing Winston Churchill in *Darkest Hour*. He gives *Mank* such charm,

wit and humor and shows a man who realizes he has the written the best thing in his career yet facing his own personal demons. Oldman and Seyfried are great in their scenes together and much of this movie, from the opening to end credits, feels like something out of Old Hollywood.

Mank ended up being a movie that was more appreciated than loved. The movie was beautiful to look at and gave a lot of good history about the time in which it was set, including many elements that ended up inspiring *Citizen Kane*. The flashbacks took away at times from the forward movement of the story and were difficult to keep track of.

Despite this, the movie was more engaging than not, had assured direction and great performances. This movie is more for people who are interested in this period in Hollywood and in the making of *Citizen Kane* itself but more casual viewers may get something out of it too.

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



Renaissance cancels December lineup

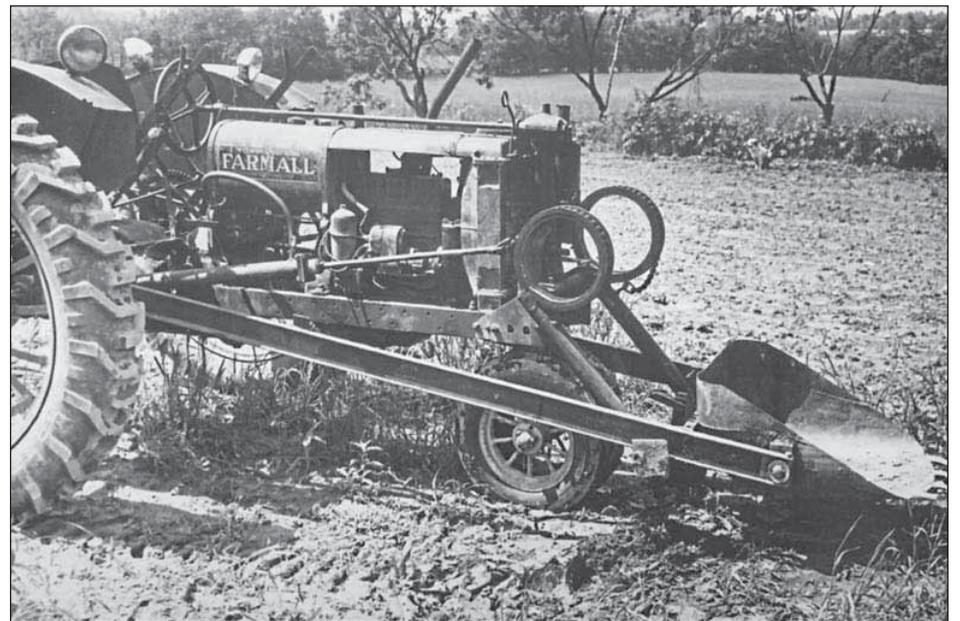
Renaissance Performing Arts has canceled all December events amidst the rising numbers of Covid-19 throughout the community. Although the Renaissance has a thorough safety plan in place for its patrons, performers, volunteers, and staff, it believes these cancellations are in the best interest of the community.

The remaining events affected by the cancellation are Winter Wonderland Showcase on Dec. 12, and the Mansfield Symphony Orchestra's Holiday Pops concert on Dec. 19 and 20. Ticketholders for canceled shows will be contacted directly by the box office to arrange alternative options for their purchase.

Renaissance President, Chelsie Thompson, stated, "As heartbreaking as it

is to forgo these events that are deep holiday traditions for so many, our community comes first and this is the best way that we can do our part in this once-in-a-lifetime year." When asked about future programming, Thompson commented, "We still want to bring joy to our community even if we can't do it in person, so we have a little holiday magic up our sleeves still. Stay tuned!"

The Renaissance is in planning for upcoming virtual events, which will be announced on the Renaissance website at www.RenTickets.org and social media platforms. For questions, or updates, please visit the Renaissance Facebook page, @RenTheatre, or contact the box office at 419-522-2726.



DAN FURHER'S father bought the first experimental Templeton manure loader after his borrowed tractor was returned. He used it for years.



THE LATE DAN FURHER was still using his Templeton Loader for more than 50 years after the company went out of business.

The "Super Duper Pooper Scooper"

By Bob Carter

Farm work is always labor-intensive. Cleaning manure out of a livestock barn was a most unpleasant chore for a man of the soil.

Bill Templeton came from a large farm in Pennsylvania and bought an old factory building on Plymouth St., in Lexington.

Although not an engineer, he was smart enough to design a hydraulic loader for farm tractors. It was just what farmers would need to clean out barns and perform other lifting chores around the farm.

Templeton didn't have much when he started. He didn't even have a tractor, so he borrowed one from the Furher Farm south of town.

Templeton was partnered with Jim Gorman when they were in the potato

farming business near Bellville. That's where he met Furher.

His self-designed loader caught on and soon he was selling them all over Ohio and neighboring states.

Nineteen year-old Gene Wirick became the first salesman for Bill and traveled the country demonstrating and selling the loaders.

Bill's next design was a heavy-duty manure spreader. A few are still in service today, after more than 60 years.

The Allis Chalmers company offered a contact to build loaders which were painted Allis Chalmers orange. Bill refused the change (his were yellow) and they were sent elsewhere. That, and with a divorce from his wife who had owned the Pennsylvania farm money, ended the company sometime around 1954.

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Yvettes Simpson turns 100

Yvettes Simpson (Hill) will celebrate her 100th birthday on Dec. 11, 2020.

She was born Dec. 11, 1920, in Dixonville, PA, to Norman and Mertle Hill.

She married Alex Simpson in 1940 and belonged to Berean Baptist Church on Middle-Bellville Rd.

She had no children and lives with her sister LaRue Ditch, 95. Both husbands of the sisters passed away 20 years ago.

Yvettes helped to found the Volunteers of America in the Mansfield area.

Her secret to growing old, "you have no choice."

Chamber Small Business of the Year committee narrows candidates

The Board of Directors and Small Business of the Year Committee of the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development will soon be honoring and celebrating all small businesses and naming their 2020 Small Business of the Year Recipients.

The event will be held live from the DRM Productions studio on the Chamber's Facebook page on Dec. 16 from noon to 1 pm as the winners of the Small Business of the Year are announced. Each Finalist will be featured in a short video highlighting their business, sponsored by Mechanics Bank.

Presented by Medical Mutual, the awards will be given to the Small Business of the Year with 15 and more employees and 14 and fewer employees.

There is no fee and no need to register. The livestream event can be found on the Chamber's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/richlandareachamber.

Finalists in the 14 and fewer employee category are DRM Productions, Elzy Milling and Trade and Studio 19 Salon & Spa. Finalists in the 15+ employee category are Dearman Moving & Storage, Debt Recovery Solutions of Ohio and Schmidt Security Pro.

The non-profit winner, Richland County Foundation, will receive its award during the presentation.

A new award for 2020, the Community Spirit Award, has also already been announced. The recipients are Studio 19 Salon & Spa and Y-Not Cycling & Fitness.

Semi-finalists include Amerascrew Inc, Bankz Salon, Boyd Eichinger Brafford

Group at Merrill Lynch, Carothers Pest Control LLC, Dearman Moving & Storage, Debt Recovery Solutions of Ohio, Doc's, Dr. Jonathan Wilson DDS, DRM Productions Inc, Elzy Milling and Trade, Heartland Design Concepts, Henry's Key & Lock Shop Div of Billheimer Security LLC, New Directions EAP & Counseling Center, Richland Sealcoating Company Inc, Schmidt Security Pro, Skyline Chili, Sluss Realty Company, Snow Trails, Studio 19 Salon & Spa, Superior Cleaning & Recovery, The Gated Dock, TresDen's Jewelers, Truck Sales & Service, Inc., Whitaker's Natural Market and Y-Not Cycling & Fitness.

Non-profit semi-finalists include Altrusa of Mansfield, Inc., Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center, Humane Society of Richland County, Independent Living Center of North Central Ohio, Lucas Community Center, Mid-Ohio Guardianship Services, Inc., Mid-Ohio Youth Mentoring, NAMI Richland County, Ohio Genealogical Society, Richland Academy of the Arts, and Richland Pregnancy Services.

Sponsors include: presenting sponsor, Medical Mutual, finalist video sponsor, Mechanics Bank; premier sponsors, Alumni Roofing Co, DRM Productions Inc, OhioHealth Mansfield and Shelby Hospitals; regional leader sponsor Carothers Pest Control LLC; innovator sponsors, Directions Credit Union, Milliron Industries, Richland Source, Schmidt Security Pro and Sutton Bank; and entrepreneur sponsors, Ambrose Asphalt Inc, Commercial Cutting & Graphics LLC, MHS Industrial Supply and RBC Inc.

News Briefs

Ridgeway Church of God, 1380 Park Avenue East, Madison Township, will host a ham dinner on Friday, Dec. 11, from 4:30-6 pm. The menu will include ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans and bread. Those participating will drive through and give their order, and it will be brought to the car. Cost is a freewill donation. All proceeds will benefit the church. For more information call 419-589-5385.

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First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, will host a Christmas Eve Worship Service. Music will start at 7 pm, and the worship service will follow at 7:30 pm. All CDC COVID-19 guidelines will be followed and the church is cleaned and disinfected before all services. The service will also be broadcast on Facebook Live, First English Lutheran Church's page.

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Community Bible Church, 1043 Springmill St., will host a Christmas Eve service at 4 pm on Thursday, Dec. 24.

COVID-19 guidelines will be followed and those attending are asked to wear a mask.

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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.

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Due to the holidays, the recycling trailer will not be at the Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West in December. The normal schedule will resume in January 2021.

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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.

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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.

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.

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Special Olympics Ohio athletes have created unique, personal artwork expressing "what Special Olympics Ohio means to them."

The artwork has been professionally photographed and is being sold at an online auction that opened Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 8 am. Anyone can view and bid on artwork. Sales will close at 8 pm on Thursday, Dec. 10.

Visit <https://soohart.givesmart.com> to see the artwork.

Special Olympics Ohio athletes from all over the state have worked hard over the last month to get their artwork showcased in this auction. Nearly 500 canvases were distributed throughout Ohio and 31 of them have made it to this state auction. The goal of this auction is to not only raise funds for Special Olympics Ohio, its athletes, and its programming, but also to raise awareness and showcase the abilities of people with intellectual disabilities.

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Savannah Lions Club will host a take-out only breakfast on 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.

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Light Up Lexington



Photos by Katie Getz

LIGHT UP LEXINGTON brought out community members for a walk in the snow Nov. 30. (Top left photo) Santa (Dan Werner) and Lexington Mayor Brian White survey the village. During the celebration Santa met with kids including Quinn (8), Cooper (6) and Xavier Getz (3). Some strolling the village stopped at Nickel and Bean for a cup of hot chocolate including Xavier Getz (above).



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
 Sunday Worship 10 am • Wednesdays 6 pm
 hillsidefcg@hotmail.com

St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church

1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield • 419-589-2114
 Father Matthew Frisbee
 Saturday Worship, 4 pm and Sunday Worship 11 am
 Tuesday Worship 5:30 pm and Friday Worship 9 am
 Faith Instruction & Bible Study on Sunday Mornings
 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

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Memorial Arrangements



Avalon R. (Shumaker) Evans

Avalon R. (Shumaker) Evans of Ontario, passed away Tuesday, December 1, 2020, at Avita Health System-Ontario Hospital at the age of 89. She was born Nov. 10, 1931, in Galion, OH, to the late Lewis Leroy and Audrey Edna (Cole) Shumaker.

She grew up in a large family and she married Thomas Evans on December 29, 1952, making a wonderful home for them and their four children.

Avalon valued education and was a member of the PTA when her children were young. She was very involved in her children's activities and served as both a Boy Scout and Girl Scout leader. Avalon was incredibly athletic and active, playing competitive volleyball and tennis well into her 60s. Her competitive nature flowed over to two of her favorite activities, playing Euchre and Bridge.

Avalon was a member of Ontario United Methodist Church and was very proud to be the resident piano accompanist for the Men's Group and Children's Group. She was formerly both President and treasurer of the United Methodist Women (UMW) and a Sunday school teacher for over 50 years. Avalon also served on the Board of the Ontario Senior Center.

She is survived by four children, Richard (Caryl) Evans of Salem, OH, Jill Sharwark of Euclid, OH, Robert (Emily) Evans of Richmond, VA, and Kristen Evans of Wooster, OH; five grandchildren, Amanda Sharwark, Rebecca (Timmy) Shade, Benjamin Evans, Caralyn Evans and Joshua Evans; one great-grandson, Cooper Shade; and a sister, Joyce Layman of Coshocton, OH.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Edwin Evans on March 28, 2018; two sisters, Viola Reed and Wanda Butler; and three brothers, Carl Shumaker, Lawrence Shumaker and Lowell Shumaker.

A memorial service will be held at a future date. The Ontario Home of Wappner Funeral Directors is honored to serve the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Ontario, OH 44906.

Words of comfort may be expressed to the family at www.wappner.com.



PEYTON AND ELLIE from Ontario enjoyed the first snow by building a snowman. As the winter continues, remember to send the *Tribune* your snow photos: news@tribune-courier.com

•Red Cross schedules bloodmobiles

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19 symptoms.

Red Cross antibody tests will be helpful to identify individuals who have COVID-19 antibodies and may now help current coronavirus patients in need of convalescent plasma transfusions.

Convalescent plasma is a type of blood donation collected from COVID-19 survivors that have antibodies that may help patients who are actively fighting the virus.

COVID-19 antibody test results will be available within one to two weeks in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

A positive antibody test result does not confirm infection or immunity. 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 Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows standards of safety and infection control, and uses additional precautions including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff.

Donors are asked to schedule an appointment 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.

Lexington senior center closed

The Lexington Senior Center will be closed until further notice due to concerns for the health and welfare of seniors.

"We apologize for any inconvenience and regret closing at a time of year when many seniors rely on us for companionship and good conversation over meals," said Brenda Wilson.

Call Brenda with any questions or concerns at Lexington Village Hall, 419-884-7283 Monday through Friday 7:30 am to 4 pm.

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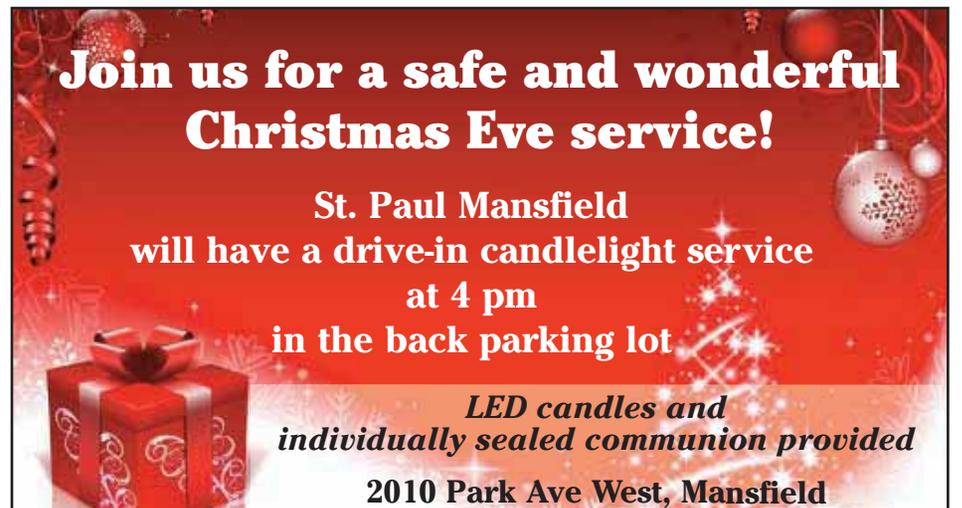
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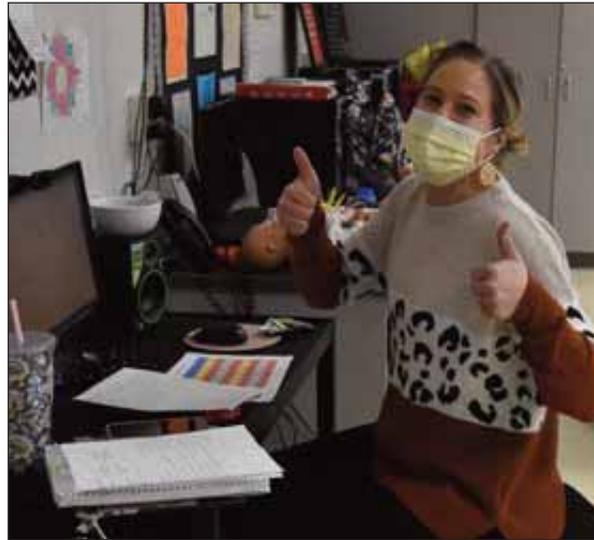
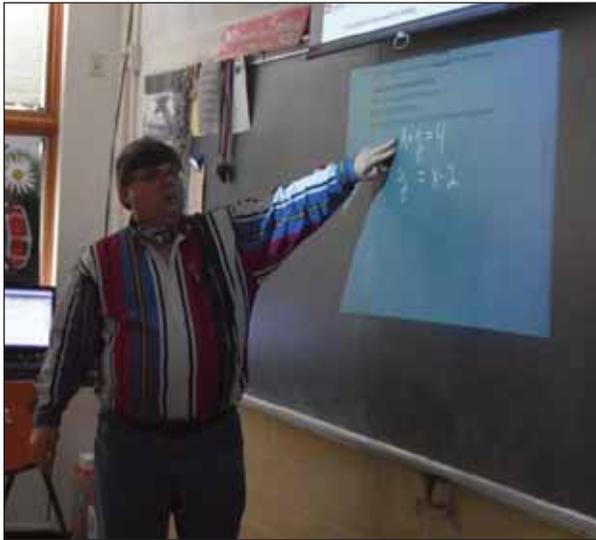
St. Paul Mansfield will have a drive-in candlelight service at 4 pm in the back parking lot

LED candles and individually sealed communion provided

2010 Park Ave West, Mansfield



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL LEARNING



As a response to the COVID-19 cases in the area, Ontario High School students are learning virtually. While the hallways are quiet, the classrooms are full and busy. Teachers are meeting live with students using Google Meet to present lessons and interact with one another. Shown instructing are Mike Lyons, Algebra 1; Brittany Rhodes, Family & Consumer Sciences; and Regina Theisen, English Language Arts 3.

National Wreaths Across America Day is Saturday, Dec. 19

Wreaths Across America (WAA), is a national non-profit whose Mission to remember, honor and teach, is in part carried out with the placement of sponsored veterans' wreaths at 2,500 participating locations across America, most notably, at Arlington National Cemetery, each December. Another highly anticipated piece of this annual event is the weeklong, miles-long parade of tractor trailers, wrapped vehicles carrying veterans and Gold Star Families, law enforcement and motorcycle riders, leading the escort of wreaths to Arlington for placement.

This year's annual escort of wreaths will have a different look and feel due to the necessary changes being made throughout the country for health and safety. The physical journey – which will include one tractor trailer load of wreaths hauled by Gully Transportation professional driver JD Walker, who is also a Gold Star Father and NAVY Veteran, 11 wrapped CHEVY vehicles carrying Gold Star Families, and nine police cruisers – will take place from Tuesday, Dec. 15, through National Wreaths Across America Day, Saturday, Dec. 19.

"For those who have had the opportunity

to participate in the escort of wreaths over the years, it is truly an experience of a lifetime," said Karen Worcester, executive director, WAA. "The way we have been welcomed into communities, over the years, with flags waving and streets lined with children and veterans, is something we always wished every American could witness. And now, thanks to PenFed's support, we'll be able to offer this incredible journey to all those who wish to participate. We are both grateful and excited to safely share the mission with all who want to participate."

This year's escort will also be shared virtually for the nation to join along from the safety of their own homes. During the escort and leading up to its departure, viewers can follow along, learning about the mission and hearing stories from the people it impacts on Wreaths Across America's Facebook and PenFed's Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and LinkedIn pages. The WAA escort will travel the route below – the nonprofit is asking Americans to plan to come out and wave your flags, share your signs and cheers of encouragement, as it travels

through the communities.

The virtual event will be held Friday, Dec. 18, 6:30–8:30 pm.

PenFed Digital is the only group following Wreaths Across America's escort from Maine, where the wreaths are assembled, to the laying of the wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery and around the entire country.

Anyone can sponsor a wreath for \$15 at

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>.

Each sponsorship goes toward a fresh balsam veteran's wreath that will be placed on the headstone of an American hero as we endeavor to honor all veterans laid to rest on Saturday, Dec. 19, as part of National Wreaths Across America Day. Text WREATH to 20222 to sponsor a wreath for Arlington National Cemetery right from your phone.



Photos by Jeff Hoffer

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This Week's Christmas Decor Inspiration



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Fox Glen Park First Snow

Clear Fork FFA chapter well represented at national level

By Ethan Staley, Clear Fork FFA

This fall, the Clear Fork FFA Chapter from Bellville has been very well represented in the show ring at a national level.

In October, four of our members made their way out to the American Royal in Kansas City. Savannah Harriman and her brothers Hayden and Logan represented us very well competing with their market lambs and placing very well.

Also, they have competed at many jackpots with their lambs even winning their breeds.

Colton Boyer has built a small herd of Herefords over the past few years for his SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience). This year he raised a few heifers of his own and wanted to see where they would rank in the country so he took them to the American Royal to compete.

Then in November several more of our members made their way to the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY. Caroline Tilton has been exhibiting cattle at the North American for a few years now. With her shorthorn heifer she was able to be prized with her Bred and Owned Division Champion.

On the sheep end of the North American facilities, Luke Raudebaugh had his Shropshires. He has been raising sheep for six years. His sheep placed at the top end of their classes. Ethan and Dawson Staley exhibited their spring born ram "X-Factor". They were crowned with Grand Champion overall Katahdin Ram of the North American.

Scholarships available through DAR chapter

Various local, state and national scholarships are available through the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Each has separate requirements.

The Jared Mansfield Chapter local scholarship is open to all students, both genders, who will be attending OSU-Mansfield, NCSC, or the Dwight Schar College of Nursing, Mansfield and pursuing any field of study. The local Jared Mansfield Chapter Scholarship is open to any student currently enrolled at any of the above schools, as well as, high school graduating seniors. Call scholarship chair Margie Warner at 419-756-8937 for more information. The completed application must be postmarked by April 15.

The "Wings of Eagles" scholarship is awarded to graduating high school seniors, including those completing a

certified home school program, in the amount of \$1,000 each. Awards are based on academic excellence and financial need. All applicants must be citizens of the United States and legal residents of the State of Ohio and must attend an accredited college or university in the United States. All applicants must be sponsored by the local DAR chapter and applications must be submitted to the local chapter by Feb. 1.

The National Daughters of the American Revolution, also offers scholarships in many different majors. This year students will submit applications using an online process. The online portal can be found on the DAR public website's scholarship page. The direct link to the online application submission portal is <http://dar.academicworks.com>. Emailed or mailed applications will no longer be accepted. The deadline for these is Jan. 31.

Call Warner at 419-756-8937 for more information.



CLEAR FORK FFA members Luke Raudebaugh, Ben Blubaugh, Colton Boyer, Grant Hayden, Brayden Boyer, Kaylin Moody, Grace Mellott and Ethan Staley

FFA makes 2020 changes

By Ethan Staley

This year, doing the vegetable table for the Bellville Street Fair was a little different due to the given circumstances. Luckily we were still able to put up a very nice table. This year the theme was to educate people about what FFA really is. The junior and senior members of the FFA worked very hard to get everything prepared for the table. We were very fortunate to still have the opportunity to set up the table for the community and to advocate what FFA is all about. We got first in the judging contest and are looking forward to next year's street fair!



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Prizes were awarded to Light Up Lexington Poster contest winners. Receiving prizes were:

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Second Place: Abby Sheets, Mrs. Sauers, Western
Third Place: Elliot, Mrs. Gaither, Western.

Second Grade:

First place: Olyve Isch, Mrs. North, Western
Second place: Gracie Crawford, Mrs. Walters, Western
Third place: Lillian Oney, Mrs. North, Western

Third Grade:

First place: Mandalynn Miller, Mrs. Coffman, Western
Second place: Lucy Thomas, Mrs. Rutschilling, Western
Third place: Britton Liersemann, Mrs. Hughes, Western

Fourth Grade:

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Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



ONTARIO WRESTLING seniors Nate Hayes-Poole, Ethan Snyder and Carter Kroll



THE VARSITY ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL WARRIOR WRESTLERS traveled to Northmor Dec. 3 going 2-0 as a team defeating Worthington Kilborne 58-12 and Northmor 55-10. Varsity matmen going 2-0 included: J.Ohl, R. Kleshinski, C. Dille, E. Snyder, E. Turnbaugh, N. Slater, and C.Kroll. Additionally, C. Barnes, E. Owens, P. Floyd, B. Stoots, B. Robinson went 1-0 and B. Wentz went 1-1. Undefeated JV included T. Flenoury, C. Studer, B. Graaf and B. Stoots.



By Kenn Spencer

Registration for spring sports: As a reminder, OYS spring soccer and summer baseball and softball registration is now live. Please take time to register your athlete today.

Concerts in the Park: If you would like to suggest a band, drop us a note at info@oysports.com. We have eight concerts planned on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning in June. We will also host an open Mic night on July 2. Concerts start at 6 pm and are held at the Ontario Band Shelter in Marshall Park.

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 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.

- When registering, do not create a new account unless you have not registered in the past – please use your password and login from previous seasons.
- Follow us on Facebook. Sign-ups are posted regularly.
- Sign up on WMFD OYS text to your cell where we text sign up information on a regular basis.
- Create an account on www.oysports.com. Once you are registered, log-in 24/7 and see what sports are available for your athlete.
- Call the sports director at 419-566-8072.



MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN senior Elle Schmitz finds an opening as she makes her way to the basket. Pictured for Central Christian were Emma Mast (11) and Sophie Pertyee (12). The Mansfield Christian Lady Flames posted another win as they defeated Central Christian 46-38. The Flames were led by senior Elle Schmitz with 20 points. The only other Flames player to score in double figures was sophomore Alexis Ripple with 10 points. Other players to get into the scoring column were Aubrynn Maiyer (5), Anna Sparks (2), Lillie Berryman (2), and Kyleah Jones (7).



THE MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BOYS varsity basketball game played in the Furnace against the Horizon Science Academy ended with very few coals left in the fire. The Flames fell to the Academy 59-50. The Flames had just two players scoring in double figures, sophomore Isaac Vance with 15 points and senior Logan Cyphers with 11 points (pictured). Other Flames players who scored were senior Zach Yoho (5), Bryce Courser (3), Billy Killian (7), Colin Comstock (6) and Hudson Slater (3). It didn't help the Flames who committed 21 turnovers.



Photos by Jeff Hoffer

THE "FROZEN HOUSE" IN BELLVILLE has brought joy to many families as children of all ages have come to see their favorite characters from the Disney movie *Frozen*. Among those greeting onlookers are Sven, Olaf, Kristoff, Anna and Elsa. The home belongs to the Roberts Family on Huron St.

Resumes accepted

Letters of interest and/or resumes are being accepted for the opening in January 2021 for a Republican Richland County Commissioner for the term ending Dec. 31, 2022. Those interested should send replies by Dec. 18, 2020 to megan.whatman@gmail.com.

A screening committee will review the responses and refer qualified candidates to the full Republican Party Central Committee for consideration at a future special meeting.

FCC allocates over \$170 million to expand broadband access

U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown applauded an announcement by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that it will invest \$170,038,205 to expand broadband access to more than 400,000 rural Ohioans. The FCC today announced the results of its auction of investments to companies that will expand access to broadband in Ohio, including rural and underserved communities that have long been pushing for greater broadband infrastructure.

Brown introduced legislation with Sen.

Rob Portman (R-OH) earlier this year, the Rural Broadband Acceleration Act, that would speed up the process of getting these types of investments from the FCC to Ohio communities faster.

"By expanding access to broadband internet, we can make it easier for Ohioans to make a living, learn online and keep in touch with loved ones," said Brown. "Especially now, amid the COVID-19 pandemic, connectivity is more important than ever. Today's announcement is good news for our state and our ability to

remain connected."

In July, Brown introduced legislation to make sure Ohio students have reliable broadband internet during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ohioans who live in low-income areas are too often at an economic and educational disadvantage due to little or no access to reliable broadband internet service. Addressing this disparity is critically important now when so many Ohio schools are announcing they will begin the school year with e-learning in place.

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LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History



Dec. 13, '84

Marc Stumbo

THESE YOUNG MEN were recent competitors and alternates in the Johnny Appleseed Council's Cub Scout Olympics held in Conard Field House on the Ashland College Campus. In front are Ryan Heichel, Scott Burns and Eddie DeLong. In back are Michael Heichel, John Etzel and Scott Butner.

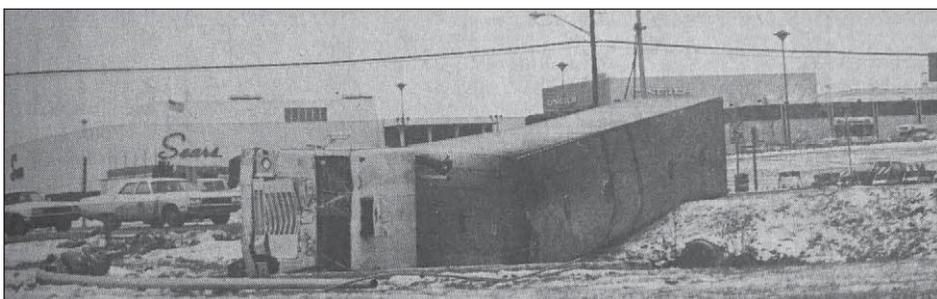


December 6, 1984 — Stingel Elementary School Christmas program participants are front, Mindee McKinley and Tiffany Myers; and back, Jamie Kochheiser as Tiny Tim, Ralph Bowling as Scrooge and Danny Carmen as Mr. Crachit. All are second graders.

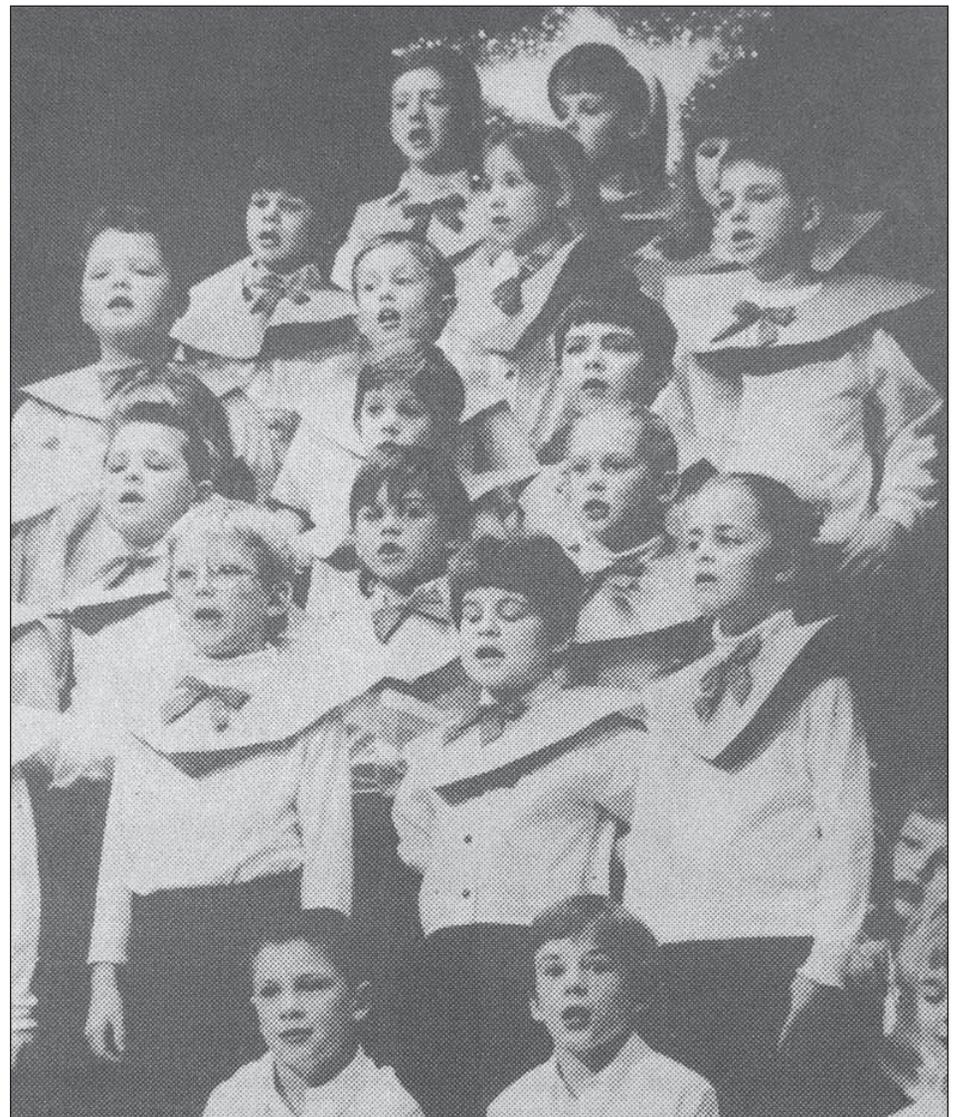


Dec. 10, '92

RANDY HUTCHINSON (left), Ontario Police Department, and **Stan Hoptry**, (right), Lexington Police Department, were among police officers and deputy sheriffs from throughout the state recently completing the 17th DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) training program held in Ohio. The intensive two-week course, taught at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy in London, is part of the statewide DARE program sponsored by Attorney General Lee Fisher, the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police and the Department of Education. The officers are shown with **Charles Smith** (center), Attorney General Fisher's law enforcement director.



December 9, 1976 — A semi truck driven by Lima truck driver George Anthony, 43, ripped down all 12 traffic signals last Friday morning at the intersection of the expressway and Lexington-Springmill Rd. According to the Ontario Police reports, Anthony lost control of his rig while following an auto driven by Ronald E. Henry, 61, of Galion, who was slowing down for the light. No serious injuries were sustained. Repairs of the lights began Monday morning and is expected to take the better part of the week.



December 10, 1992 — These Ontario Stingel Elementary School second graders form a human Christmas tree as they sing during the annual Christmas musical staged last Thursday evening at Ontario High School. The entire second grade class participated in "Everywhere, Everywhere, Christmas Tonight" and following their performance, the fourth grade class performed "Surfin' Santa."

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LEGAL ADVERTISING

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 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.

Jeffrey P. Wilson
Service-Safety Director
City of Ontario, Ohio
12-3, 10 '20 (39L)

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 December 2, 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-28 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR OFFICE PERSONNEL, DISSOLVING THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR SECRETARY, REVISING THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE ADMINISTRATION, AMENDING ORDINANCE 17-11, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-29 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-15 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE 2021 CITY OF ONTARIO PAVING PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD CONTRACTS FOR VARIOUS

MATERIALS AND SERVICES NEEDED DURING THE YEAR 2021 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-17 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM BRIDGE REHABILITATION ON U.S. ROUTE 30 UNDER HOME ROAD, IN THE CITY OF ONTARIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-18 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND LIGHTING REPLACEMENT ON STATE ROUTE 314 AT WEST 4TH STREET, IN THE CITY OF ONTARIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-33 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE (THE CHIEF OF POLICE), TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM MEIJER FOR A \$700 IN-STORE GIFT CARD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-34 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF ONTARIO NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.26, OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-35 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1145, GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 1145.10-FAMILY SWIMMING POOLS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-36 – AN ORDINANCE REZONING 897 TANGLEWOOD DRIVE, PARCEL #038-60-265-11-000 AND 903 TANGLEWOOD DRIVE, PARCEL #038-60-265-14-000, FROM R-2-MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-3-HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, UPON THE APPLICATION OF SEIG-

NEUR FOX CONSTRUCTION, LLC.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-37 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUBMITTING QUESTION "SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A CHARTER?"

ORDINANCE NO. 20-38 – ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 20-08 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2020 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND, THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, THE ENTERPRISE FUND, AND THE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
12-10, 17 '20 (145L)

PROBATE COURT OF RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF Manjit Kaur to Manjit Kaur Brar CASE NO. 20209107.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE OF NAME

Applicant hereby gives notice to all interested persons that the applicant has filed an Application For Change of Name in the Probate Court of Richland County, Ohio, requesting the change of name of Manjit Kaur to Manjit Kaur Brar.

The hearing on the application will be held on the 22nd day of January, 2021, at 10:00 o'clock am in the Probate Court of Richland County, located at 50 Park Avenue East, Second Floor, Mansfield, Ohio.

Manjit Kaur
52 Tamiami Terrace
Lexington, OH 44904

PROBATE COURT OF RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO PHILIP ALAN B. MAYER, JUDGE

ESTATE OF RAYMOND DOUGLAS TILLMAN

CASE NUMBER: 20201439

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To Jon-Paul Albery Conley, whose present addresses are unknown.

Your are hereby notified that:

1. Raymond Douglas Tillman

died on January 24, 2019, whose residence was 327 Newman St., Mansfield, OH 44902.

2. Decedent's purported Last Will and Testament was offered and admitted to record in the Richland County Probate Court, 50 Park Avenue East, Mansfield, Ohio 44902, on October 12, 2020.

3. Billy Fred Rose, Jr. was appointed as Fiduciary.

4. An application has been filed in this Court asking the decedent's estate be relieved from administration, saying that the assets in the state do not exceed the statutory limits.

5. The Court sets January 15, 2021, at 10:30 o'clock am as the date and time for hearing the application to relieve decedent's estate from administration. Court located at 50 Park

Avenue East, Mansfield, Ohio, 44902.

Any action to contest the validity of the Will must be filed no more than three months after the filing of the Certificate for estates of decedents who die on or after January 1, 2002 and no more than four months after filing of the Certificate for estates of decedents who die before January 1, 2002. If you know of any reason why the application should not be granted, you should appear and inform the Court.

Joseph L. Jerger
Attorney for Fiduciary
362 Lexington Avenue
Mansfield, Ohio 44907
Phone: 419-756-7711
Fax: 419-756-9566
Reg. No. 0046640
Billy Fred Rose, Jr.
Fiduciary
327 Newman St.
Mansfield, Ohio 44902

KCCC Preschool receives Step Up To Quality Five-Star rating

The Knox County Career Center Preschool has been awarded the Step Up to Quality (SUTQ) five-star rating for the sixth straight year from the Ohio Department of Education.

SUTQ is a five-star quality rating and improvement system administered by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. SUTQ recognizes and promotes learning and development programs that meet quality program standards that exceed preschool licensing and school-age child care licensing health and safety regulations. SUTQ program standards are based on national research identifying standards which lead to improved outcomes for children.

All Early Childhood (ECE) and Preschool Special Education (PSE) programs funded by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) are mandated to participate in SUTQ and are required to achieve a rating of 3, 4, or 5 to maintain state funding, as well as administer and report on the Early Learning Assessment for all ECE and PSE funded children.

Jeremi Jarosz, KCCC Preschool Director, said, "I am very grateful to an administration team who has supported the preschool and my staff in maintaining our five-star rating. There are many requirements that go into maintaining the highest level. We need to fulfill many requirements, including education of staff, smaller teacher to student ratios, ongoing education, utilizing specific curriculum, and completing the Early Learning Assessment." Jarosz added, "Every year we have to submit the required documentation. This year, we also had an onsite visit to make sure we are doing everything we say we do."

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CACY gives tips for preventing and dealing with cyberbullying

Many schools are virtual and youth are spending more time online for academics and interacting with their peers. This unprecedented time has the potential to increase cyberbullying behavior. Cyberbullying is using a form of technology to intentionally hurt or harm someone else.

Community Action for Capale Youth (CACY) has released some tips and information if faced with a cyberbullying problem.

What can parents do?

Start talking with your child about what cyberbullying is and how to handle it if it happens to them or if they witness it. Keep the use of the computer in an open room where visible.

If your child is cyberbullied through online schooling, contact your child's school. If they are cyberbullied on a social networking site, check the site for ways to report/ block. Remind your child that they

are not alone and together you will find a solution.

What can teachers do?

Always promote a respectful environment. Know the signs of cyberbullying and be on the lookout for them during virtual learning. Is the student withdrawing?

Are their grades suddenly dropping? Are they not joining live classes? Let students know it's okay to report this kind of behavior to you. Implement the school's anti-bullying policies even in a virtual environment.

What should students do?

If a student is being cyberbullied or witnesses it, encourage them to tell a trusted adult. If happening during school, reach out to the teacher. Take a screenshot or picture of the incident or save the messages to show an adult.

For more information visit www.pacer.org/bullying/.



Holiday Fair continues at Mansfield Art Center

The Mansfield Art Center is currently presenting the 51st Holiday Fair showcasing the area's local artists and artisans and their unique gifts. The theme this year is "Making Spirits Bright" to bring a fresh joyous spirit to the community in these trying times.

Traditionally, the kickoff for Holiday Fair is the Preview Party. Having to buck that tradition this year to keep everyone safe, the art center is offering a "Let's Wine About a No Preview Party" Swag Bag for a \$50 donation sponsored by Park National Bank. The bag will include a handmade limited edition glass ornament from the art center glass studio.

From the stunning art in the Upper Gallery and Gallery Shop to the "Art to Go" craft kits for kids in the Foundation Gallery, attendees will find fine art, fine crafts, jewelry and unique gifts for their holiday shopping.

A new feature this year will be hand blown glass ornaments and items from the ceramic and glass studio. Many local Ohio artists will be featured as well as merchandise selected by the art center's buyers.

"This is an opportunity to shop for unique and one-of-a-kind gifts at the local level," according to George Whitten, executive director.

utive director.

"Womens Day Into Evening Event" will be held during the Holiday Fair open to all women in the community on Thursday, Dec. 10, from 2-8 pm. This is a free event sponsored by the Richland County Foundation Women's Fund with a percentage of sales proceeds going to the Richland County Foundation Women's Fund. The Holiday Fair is sponsored by Michelle and Jeremy Swank of Strategic Wealth Management and runs until Dec. 30.

With the new art education wing completed as well as the new Pavilion, the Mansfield Art Center is running a variety of classes and workshops for all age groups and skill levels in our existing art education wing and ceramic and glass studio.

"We are working diligently to follow our mission to enrich the lives of all children, families, and adults, through the arts," said Susan Gentile, marketing/development director.

The Mansfield Art Center is at 700 Marion Ave., Mansfield, Ohio. Holiday hours are Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday 11 am to 5 pm; Thursday, Friday and Saturday 11 am to 6 pm; closed on Mondays.

Visit mansfieldartcenter.org for more information on classes and the holiday fair.



As many schools turn to and continue remote learning, we ask that parents and caregivers send photos of online schooling. This can include art projects, desk decorating and anything students are enjoying during home learning.
Send to: news@tribune-courier.com

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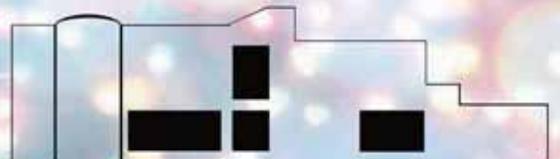
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THE NEWLY REMODELED Charley's Subs location reopened in Ontario and held a ribbon cutting on Tuesday, Dec. 8. Attending the ceremony were Jodie Perry, Paresh Patel, Tess Partin, Rick Patel, Danny Patel and Ontario Mayor Randy Hutchinson.

EQUIP deadline is January 15

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced Friday, January 15, 2021, as the deadline to submit applications for Ohio's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program which helps producers make conservation work for them. NRCS provides agricultural producers with financial resources and one-on-one help to plan and implement improvements, or what NRCS calls conservation practices. Using these practices can lead to cleaner water and air, healthier soil and better wildlife habitat, all while improving agricultural operations. Through EQIP, you can voluntarily implement conservation practices, and NRCS co-invests in these practices with you. Together, NRCS and producers invest in solutions that conserve natural resources for the future while also improving agricultural operations.

Financial assistance is now available in a variety of agricultural categories such as cropland, pasture operations, and organic. Several special projects are also available

which address water quality, forestry management, improving pollinator populations and wildlife habitat, pasture improvements and many more.

Applicants should be farmers, or farm or forest landowners and meet eligibility criteria. To participate in USDA conservation programs, contact your local NRCS conservationist as soon as possible. Be sure to check the status of your Service Center when you reach out to us. For offices with restrictions on in-person appointments, we are still available by phone, email, and through other digital tools. Your Service Center's status is available at <https://www.farmers.gov/coronavirus/service-center-status>.

Applications signed and submitted to NRCS by the January 15 deadline will be evaluated for fiscal year 2021 funding. Visit Ohio NRCS website under "EQIP Funding Categories" for more details. To learn more about EQIP or other technical and financial assistance available through NRCS conservation programs, visit Get Started with NRCS or contact your local USDA Service Center.

Kingwood Center transformed into winter wonderland

Kingwood Center Gardens has been decorated for the Christmas season and is open for guests to enjoy.

Guests will arrive at the new entrance to the festivities in the new visitor center, the Garden Gateway and will be able to enjoy treats served by Buehler's in

Ontario city building closed to public

The Ontario City Municipal Building is now closed to the public due to the spread of COVID-19.

The building will be closed until further notice and residents are asked to use the drop box located in front of city hall to make payments.

Ontario City Council final regular meeting which was scheduled for mid-December.

Kingwood's Gateway Café, buy unique gifts in the Garden & Gift Shop and explore the Exhibit Gallery before heading to the outdoor displays.

The Community Tree Walk will continue to host trees decorated by community partners and Kingwood Hall will be themed as "Christmas Through The Years."

Christmas at Kingwood will be held through Jan. 3, Tuesday through Sunday, from 4-8 pm and Friday-Sunday hours from 4-9 pm.

Guests are asked to register or pre-purchase tickets in advance to reserve the date and time of their visit. This applies to member and children tickets as well.

Capacity limits will be set for each hour and headcount will be closely monitored. The welcome desk will offer limited walk-up tickets only when pre-sale capacity allows. General admission is \$5/person. Members and children 12 and under are

AU, NCSC sign agreements to form new transfer opportunities

Representatives from Ashland University and North Central State College met virtually Monday morning to sign two new articulation agreements that formalize two new transfer opportunities for NC State Graduates to complete their Bachelor's Degrees at Ashland University.

AU Provost Dr. Amiel Jarstfer and North Central Vice President of Academic Services and Chief Academic Officer Dr. Karen Reed formalized agreements that will allow for a seamless transition for NCSC students who have an Associate of Arts with a Psychology focus to complete either AU's Bachelor of Science, or Bachelor of Arts, degree in Psychology.

In addition, NC State graduates with their Associate of Business, majoring in Visual Communication Media and Technology-Graphic Design can now transfer to Ashland University to complete a Bachelor of Arts

with a major in Fine Arts with a Graphic Design Studio concentration.

"NCSC students enjoy going to Ashland University," Reed said, "and this makes their trip so much easier... I'm just grateful. Truly, we have so much to be thankful for."

AU Art and Design Department Chair Dr. Dan McDonald said his department recently welcomed an NCSC student and looks forward to being able to use the articulation agreement to make the transition smoother and more streamlined. "I am excited to see what these students will bring to the program, and this agreement makes their transition seamless," he said.

"Ashland University is one of our closest, strongest partners," said NC State Dean of Liberal Arts Deb Hysell. "I am looking forward to sending many more students to AU to continue their studies."

RPH issues toy buying guidelines

Christmas is a time especially for children, and for children this means toys. Each year, more than 3 billion toys and games are sold in the United States with 65 percent of these sales occurring between Thanksgiving and the day before Christmas.

Although toys are fun and educational, they can be dangerous. Poorly designed and constructed toys, or toys that are inappropriate for your child's level of development can cause serious injury, and in some cases, death.

Richland Public Health and Safe Kids USA offer the following tips and suggestions:

If there is an age warning, stick to the recommendation. Do not buy "older" toys for young children.

Remember that young children may be especially vulnerable to choking on small parts and toys containing these should be avoided when buying for this group.

There are various things you can check on the toy:

- sharp edges or hidden spikes
- loose facial features, wheels, tires and other small parts: These should be securely fixed to the toy
- secure seams: if the stuffing is accessible, a child could choke on it
- any cord on a pull along toy should be at least 1.5 mm thick
- any holes or gaps into which children could put their fingers and suffer harm from the mechanical parts inside
- brittle plastic which could shatter into small sharp pieces
- folding mechanisms: How much damage would they do if a child's finger were caught in them?

Richland Public Health cautions that items with painted surfaces may contain lead paint. Consumers should sign up to receive products recalls with the Consumer Product Safety Commission at www.cpsc.gov.

For questions or concerns about lead paint in toys, call Environmental Health at Richland Public Health, 419-774-4520.



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A PILEATED WOODPECKER gets his daily lunch at a Madison area residence.

News Briefs in Sports and Education

The Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education will hold its regular December Board of Education Meeting at 7 pm, Monday, Dec. 21, in the Pioneer Community Room at the Pioneer Career and Technology Center, Shelby.

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Make-up dates for the Ontario High School Girls JV and Varsity Basketball home games will be Wednesday, Jan. 6, vs. Shelby and Monday, Feb. 1, vs. Tiffin Columbian. The JV tipoff is at 6 pm and varsity is at 7:30 pm.