

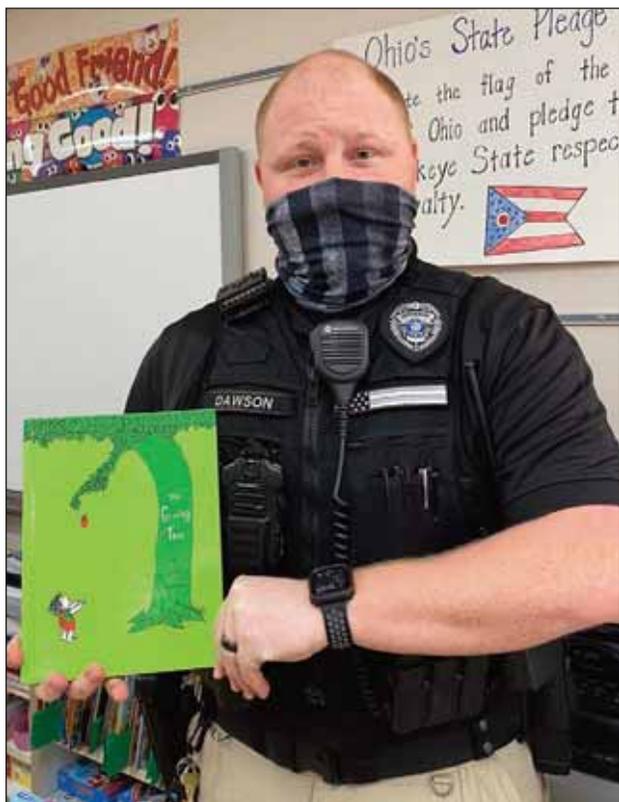


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SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER CHRIS DAWSON was the surprise guest reader for Tonya Winningham's fourth grade class at Ontario. He read one of his favorite books, *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein and also told the class a little bit about the drones he uses at the Ontario Police Department. The class earned 100 Ontario O's for showing the Warrior Way so far this year and earned the reading as their award.

Mechanics Bank celebrates America Saves Week

As part of America Saves Week, scheduled for Feb. 22-27, Mechanics Bank is spreading a message of saving. By featuring special savings products, Mechanics is encouraging members of the community to set a goal, make a plan, and save automatically.

Individuals with a saving plan are twice as likely to make progress towards their saving goals as those without a plan.

"When establishing a plan, start with a short-term goal in mind" commented Mark Masters, President & CEO of Mechanics Bank.

"Working toward a goal will make a habit of saving, helping you to become a regular saver and reach additional goals. Our people at Mechanics are here to help you get started."

To promote saving, Mechanics is offering a special America Saves Certificate of Deposit (CD), available from Feb. 22-27. Additionally, customers have a chance to win a \$100 Visa® gift card by depositing into an existing or new passbook account or opening an America Saves CD.

Visit MyMechanics.com/americasaves for more information. Mechanics Bank is Richland County's only local and independent bank with nine locations.

America Saves Week (ASW) is a great opportunity to help people in the community build up their savings. ASW is coordinated by America Saves and the America Savings Education Council. This is an annual opportunity for organizations to promote good savings behavior and a chance for individuals to assess their own saving status. Learn more at AmericaSavesWeek.org.

Kral and Davidson will retire from Ontario

The Ontario Board of Education met Feb. 9, with Mike Ream opening the meeting with an update on curriculum, instruction and assessment.

Resident Jeri Holman addressed the board concerning kindergarten class sizes.

The resignation of Colleen Kral, fourth grade teacher, was accepted. She will retire on Aug. 1, 2021. Terry Davidson, Stingel day custodian, will retire, effective April 1, 2021. Mike Buttil, Stingel webmaster, resigned effective Jan. 29, 2021.

Extracurricular/supplemental staff approved for the 2020-'21 school year were Charlie Ridenour, middle school head track coach, \$4,819; Janey Fulk, middle school assistant track coach, \$2,671; Cary Carcione, head varsity boys tennis coach (50%) \$2,036.50; Luke Webster, head varsity boys tennis coach (50%) \$1,481.50; Jeff Fisher, head varsity baseball coach, \$5,057; Doug Basham, varsity assistant baseball coach (50%) \$2,036.50; Mike Ellis, varsity assistant baseball coach (50%) \$2,036.50; Jay Dennison, junior varsity/freshman baseball coach (50%) \$2,036.50; Pete Brophy, volunteer baseball

coach, \$0; Sean Snow, head varsity softball coach, \$3,864; Meredith Remy, junior varsity softball coach, \$3,111; Mike Mullins, volunteer softball coach, \$0; Mike Lyons, head varsity track coach; \$6,572; Brock Rickert, high school assistant track coach, \$3,556; Meghan Willeke, high school assistant track coach, \$4,073; Steve Chelski, high school assistant track coach, \$44,073; and Hannah Liska, half Stingel webmaster, \$1,124.

The board approved the designation of treasurer Randy Harvey as the public records request officer for the district.

Approval was given for the Ontario High School Course Offering Guide for the 2021-'22 school year.

A \$25 donation to the Camstrong Fund was given by Marcia Larson.

A facility request was granted to Jeff Fisher for a carry-out spaghetti dinner on Friday, March 12.

Superintendent Lisa Carmichael shared plans for upcoming spring events.

The board also discussed future plans to conduct an upcoming community survey.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 9, at 7 pm.

Ontario Youth Sports hosting contest

Ontario Youth Sports is hosting its first ever "Build a Snowman" contest now through Friday, Feb. 19.

Ontario community members are asked to be creative and make a snowman or snow creature to be judged. Please send only one snowman per photo. There is no entry fee. All photographs must have been taken in Ontario or Springfield Township.

Each person can submit up to three entries and all entries become the property of OYS and may be used in future advertising.

Photo submissions can be emailed to info@oysports.com or sent by text to 419-566-8072. OYS takes no responsibility for lost entries. The top snowman photos will be posted

on Facebook to be voted on. Community voting will begin Saturday, Feb. 20, and end Monday, Feb. 22, at 11 am. The snowman submission with the most votes will be determined as the winner.

There is no entry fee. A photo of each snowman must be emailed to info@oysports.com or text to 419-566-8072.

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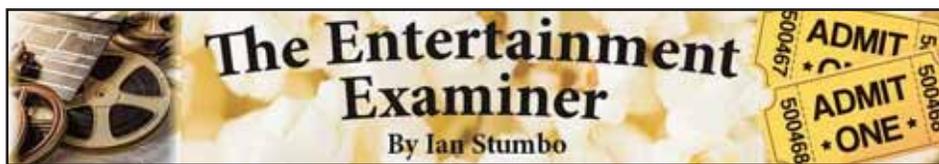
Prizes are made possible by community sponsors and will be a \$100 Visa Gift Card, \$25 to Rooster's, \$25 to McDonald's, \$25 to Panda Express and \$25 to IHop.

For more information call Kenn Spencer at 419- 566-8072.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

BAKER'S COLLISION REPAIR SPECIALISTS received a plaque and letter from Laurie A. Stevenson, Director, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, in recognition of achieving the E3 Achievement Level. E3 stands for, Encouraging Environmental Excellence. Baker's is being recognized as a 2021 Achievement Level recipient for completing pollution preventing activities that decreased emissions from painting operations, initiating activities in management commitment, employee involvement, energy efficiency, continuous improvement and recycling. Baker's Collision Repair Specialists, Inc. is a family owned and operated independent collision repair business, established in 1953, located at 595 Fifth Ave., in the Madison area. For more information visit www.bakerscollision.com. Picture with the certificate are quality control manager Steve Ackerman, president Delee Powell, comptroller Laura Boggs and general manager Chris Powell.



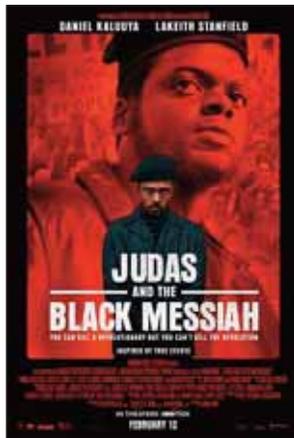
Judas and the Black Messiah is a terrific new film based on a true story now streaming until the middle of the month on HBO Max and also in theaters where it will continue.

Daniel Kaluuya, who gave an Oscar nominated turn in the thriller *Get Out*, gives his best performance as Black Panther chairman Fred Hampton.

In 1968, Hampton leads the party out of Chicago recruiting people to their thinking and their organization. The FBI has been tracking them for a long time and when a car thief poses as an agent, the thief, William O'Neal (LaKeith Stanfield) is told he will not have to serve his sentence if he infiltrates himself with Hampton and becomes an informant.

The most interesting history movies to me are history that I did not live through, though not all history makes great movies. Thankfully, this movie does as co-writer/director Shaka King moves this story along with ease.

The movie builds and builds to its conclusion and is also very relevant to many ideas and current events from today.



Stanfield is in more of the film, and is also great, but Kaluuya electrifies and demands attention.

From the first scene in a small location trying to recruit members and meeting his girlfriend Deborah (Dominique Fishback) to a big speech he makes to different groups of people who have joined them, Kaluuya really becomes this character and should be given Oscar consideration if not be the front runner.

This is a great movie to watch if the events of the movie are unknown to you or you are a fan of recent history. The performances from the two leads, Fishback, Jesse Plemons as the FBI agent and a very makeup heavy Martin Sheen as J. Edgar Hoover, are well done. King writes an engaging story and makes these characters interesting as well which is so important to this movies success. This movie is so well done and definitely a must see.

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



Richland Academy extends closure to Feb. 21

The Richland Academy of the Arts Board of Directors and Executive Committee have decided under the guidance of the Richland County Health Department to extend the closure of RAA through Sunday, Feb. 21 because of COVID-19.

Richland Academy will be extending the Spring Semester into June to ensure that all classes and lessons will be made up.

All classes and lessons are tentatively scheduled to resume Monday, Feb. 22. Some private music instructors may opt to resume lessons in an online format until the academy can safely re-open.

Because of the Ohio Arts Council Cares Funds and the generosity of MG Energy, Richland Academy has been fortunate to have installed needlepoint bipolar ionization units throughout the facility to up-

grade indoor air quality and to fight the spread of COVID-19.

In addition, the academy has invested in a new disinfectant sprayer where surfaces throughout the building are disinfected with the same disinfectant solution used in hospitals.

The academy will continue their deep cleaning procedures through the closure. Anyone with questions or comments can reach out by email to frontdesk@richlandacademy.com.

For more information on things happening at Richland Academy, or on financial assistance options, call Richland Academy at 419-522-8224 or visit www.richlandacademy.com.

The academy is located at the corner of 4th and Walnut St. It was founded in 1991 and is supported by the Ohio Arts Council.



kimmy's *Cucina*
By Kim Sterry

Tracy's Chicken & Roasted Butternut Squash Soup

Ingredients

- Butternut squash, cubed
- Chicken broth, 64 ounces
- 3 carrots
- 3 celery sticks
- 1 medium onion
- 2 cloves of garlic
- 1-2 cups heavy cream
- 1 cup white wine
- 2 chicken breasts
- Jalapeno pepper
- 2 tsp. chopped sage, fresh



Instructions

Peel butternut squash and cube. Cut carrots, celery and onion into approximately the same size as the squash cubes. Toss vegetables with olive oil and put on a baking sheet in a 350° oven and roast until cooked thoroughly. While the vegetables are roasting, cut up the chicken and cover with salt and pepper. Either fry in a pan or place on a baking sheet and put into the oven along with the vegetables. Roast the jalapeno and remove the skin and chop, set aside. When the vegetables are done, add them to a soup pot with broth, wine and chicken and bring to a boil. Lower the heat and slowly add cream to desired consistency. Add jalapeno and sage and serve.

**If preferred, this can be kept meatless. Use vegetable broth and omit the chicken.

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Local author's book now available

CrossRiver Media has announced its newest book, *An Unnatural Beauty: Rediscovering the Beauty of Holiness*, by M. Esther Lovejoy.

Lovejoy, a Mansfield resident and participant in the Asbury Revival at Asbury Theological Seminary, guides readers back to a scriptural understanding of holiness, revealing that holiness is not a what, but a glorious Who.

The Bible tells believers to be holy, but it seems an impossible task.

"Living a life of holiness is not optional or impossible. *An Unnatural Beauty* is a must read for every Christian who longs to reflect God's character through all they say and do," says Marlene Bagnall, author and conference director of Colorado Christian Writers Conference and Greater Philadelphia Writers Conference.

An Unnatural Beauty: Rediscovering the Beauty of Holiness (ISBN: 978-1-936501-55-7, \$9.99) released Feb. 11 and is available from CrossRiverMedia.com and on Amazon. Filled with relatable stories and foundational principles, readers will discover the path to a deeper, more intimate relationship with God.

"Holiness is not an endless list of 'thou shalt not's.' With simplicity and warmth, Esther Lovejoy presents her case for holiness in the life of all Christians," said Timothy C. Tennent, president of Asbury Theological Seminary.

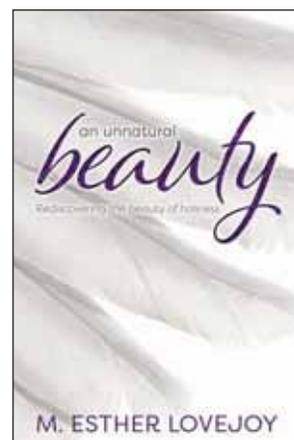
"This is not an impossible standard set by a demanding God, but rather the result of a response to God's own invitation to share in His divine nature."

Reverend John Kitchen, author and international pastor said, "You won't be bogged down in theory, rhetoric and debate. You will discover how to pursue the Holy One and to reflect the beauty of His holiness to those around you."

CrossRiver Media says it is pleased to publish a book that will lead readers back to a scriptural understanding of holiness and help them ignite and grow their faith. Readers will be saying, "This is the next book my Bible study class will be doing."

To learn more about CrossRiver Media and *An Unnatural Beauty*, visit CrossRiverMedia.com.

To learn more about M. Esther Lovejoy, visit her website at ViewFromTheSparrowsNest.com.



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MAXWELL'S GARAGE brick building is where the great 1929 fire started. Almost half of Lexington's businesses were lost.



LOOKING WEST, only the barns on Short St. were saved. The village had no real fire department until after WWII.

The Big Fire of 1929

By Bob Carter

Lexington at one time had a reputation of not doing things until it was too late. Fire protection was one subject that would haunt the village for many decades.

When a devastating fire in 1885 wiped out the south side of E. Main St., Lexington had no fire department, only a bucket brigade.

A call to Mansfield for help resulted in a steam-fired fire pumper being shipped by railcar after a delay finding an engine to pull it over. It arrived too late as every building was already lost.

In 1907, the three-story candy factory caught fire and again the town had little fire equipment. A large crowd eating salvaged Carmel watched as rats ran out of the flames.

A fire burned two houses on Delaware St., and finally resulted in the town

buying its first fire wagon buggy with a hand-powered pump. It cost a whopping \$98 and proved inadequate when the three-story Beverstock-Cockley Mill burned in 1917. The loss was estimated at \$200,000, which was big money in that era.

The last downtown fire was in 1929, when a major fire wiped out most of the north side of downtown, West Main St.

When two young boys noticed smoke coming from Maxwell's Garage on a Saturday evening, the church bells were rung — which at the time was the fire alarm.

A call to Mansfield for help was too little, too late and by 7 am Sunday morning, the north side of Main St. was gone.

Lexington had no public water system and the out-of-control fire burned down everything from the town square to the site of the present city building. Lexington would not have a water system until 1934 with WPA labor.

News Briefs

The City of Ontario will have a Special Planning Commission meeting on Feb. 23 at 9:30 am in the Council Chambers of the Ontario Municipal Building. It will be held to discuss a variance on Rosewood Dr.

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.

Larry Weirich, Richland County Democratic Party chair, announced that volunteers from the party are available to provide rides for individuals to receive COVID-19 immunization. Rides can be secured by calling 419-989-1874.

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.

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Feb. 27 and 28.

Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2

on the bottom, cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.

Catholic Charities, in collaboration with the Richland County Office of Reentry, is convening an organizational meeting on Feb. 23 of the Richland County Reentry Coalition.

The coalition is modeled after The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections Ex-Offender Reentry Coalition whose mission is to ensure successful offender reentry, reduce recidivism and enhance public safety.

The coalition will achieve these goals through collaborative partnerships with government entities, faith and community-based organizations and other stakeholders. The coalition will utilize a holistic evidence-based approach that starts at the point of contact with the criminal justice system and includes education, families, health services, alcohol and other drug treatment, job training, mentorship and housing.

For more information and to participate in the meeting, contact Brian Hunt at 419-524-0733 x223 or bhunt@toledodiocese.org.

The Ontario 4th of July Festival is scheduled for Saturday, July 3. The Miss Ontario Pageant will be held June 26.

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Virtual auditions planned for Renaissance summer musical

The Renaissance Theatre announced virtual auditions for its 2021 summer musical, *Hairspray*. Auditions are open to performers ages 15 or older, and all diversities are encouraged to submit as the Renaissance maintains a policy of ethnically appropriate casting.

Performances will take place live on the Renaissance stage, July 31-Aug. 8, with rehearsals beginning June 29. Some roles are paid and all safety, masking and social distancing policies are strictly enforced.

Auditionees are asked to prepare 16 bars of a musical theatre song in the style of the show, and learn a dance combination. Dance instruction videos will be made available at rentickets.org. Please submit a resume, headshot, and audition video including an introduction to production@mansfieldtickets.com

Those interested in submitting an audition should do so via an unlisted YouTube video link. Send an email with the subject heading "[Your Name] — Hairspray

Audition" Please do not include a video file as an attachment in an email. The deadline to submit is April 18, 2021.

This smash-hit musical tells the story of Tracy Turnblad is a big girl with big hair and big dreams. She dreams of making it on the local TV dance show, winning the heart of teen heartthrob, Link Larkin, and bringing everyone together – whatever their race, size or hairdo. If she wants change, she's really got to shake things up!

Featuring the infectiously feel-good songs Good Morning Baltimore, "You Can't Stop the Beat" and "Run and Tell That," the inspirational, fun-loving and uplifting musical sensation is back and bigger than ever.

The Renaissance Theatre is a performing arts theater located at 138 Park Avenue West, Mansfield. For more information visit rentickets.org or contact renaissance@mansfieldtickets.com. Follow the Ren on Facebook, Instagram, or YouTube.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL students in Heath Sager's robotics course are working on creating stop lights and hand dryers. Working on a project is Braylon Hess.

Hospice of NCO receives grant

The trustees of the Mohican Area Community Fund have approved a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for Hospice of North Central Ohio. The grant is made possible through the successful completion of MACF's annual fund-raising campaign which provides support to local charities and non-profit organizations which serve the Greater Mohican community.

The grant will be used to support HNCO's "Camp Hope" children's bereavement camp. The four-day camp is held annually in June for children ages 6-17 at Pleasant Hill campgrounds.

HNCO created "Camp Hope" in 1996 to address a growing need to provide grieving children in the area with a safe and supportive environment to express their feelings and share their story. Since its inception, "Camp Hope" has served the needs of over 1,000 grieving children who have experienced the loss of a loved one through death.

Ralph Tomassi, HNCO's Chief Development Officer stated in a prepared statement: "this grant will have an immediate impact on supporting the work of a dedicated team of professional staff and trained volunteers who help facilitate this special camp. HNCO could not provide "Camp Hope" free-of-charge without the generous support of charitable gifts and grants. We are certainly grateful for the continued support of the MACF."

Hospice of North Central Ohio has served thousands of families with compassionate end-of-life and Palliative care, bereavement programs and services since 1988. Headquartered at 1021 Dauch Dr., Ashland, Hospice of NCO serves more than 200 patients daily in Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Morrow and Richland counties who are living with chronic and terminal illnesses. 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.

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www.mansfieldstmarys.org

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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

1685 Lexington Ave., Mansfield • 419-775-1175
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9 am Sunday Family Bible Time • 10 am Sunday Worship

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Valentine's Day at Stingel Elementary

Students are from Miss Beh's kindergarten, Mrs. Ditty's kindergarten, Mrs. Barry's first grade, Mrs. McCauley's first grade, Mrs. Secrist's third grade, Mrs. VanCura's third grade, Mrs. Horst's third grade, Mrs. Winningham's fourth grade, Mr. Johnson's fourth grade and Mrs. Stierhoff's fifth grade classes.





JANUARY CITIZENS OF THE MONTH FROM EASTVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL are top row, Abel Hensley, Ky-Lyn Byrd, Abel Norris and Lilee Simon; middle row, Jalyonna Nelson, Zoie Auflick, Liam Cushard and Zoey Fulton; and bottom row, Alyse Emery, Peyton Meek, Clayton Shepherd and Kyrie Byrd.



MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL R.A.M.S. (Respectful, Accountable, Motivated, Successful) January students of the month are fifth grade students Mallie Hickey, Conner Perry and Jonathan Thompson; sixth grade students Gavin Baker, Avery O'Brien, Bryce Ocheltree and Emily Saunders; seventh grade students Timothy Ellis, Campbell Kiser, Olivia Penrod and Emma Reynolds; and eighth grade students, Emily Brandt, Ashley Herder, Sophia Parsons and Drake Ramey.

North Central State College Foundation will meet Feb. 25

The February 2021 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of North Central State College Foundation will be held on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 11:30 am in a hybrid format. Board members and other active participants will join via zoom. Others may join the meeting virtually. Anyone interested in attending the meeting via the Zoom application

(which includes teleconference) is asked to contact Chris Copper at ccopper2@ncstatecollege.edu or at 419-755-4753 (please leave a message with name and contact information). Those interested will be provided with information on space availability and Zoom access information to match technology capabilities.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL'S Ellie Maurer made a project for her English Language Arts 3 class. Students created art inspired by a novel they read. This work is inspired Markus Zusak's *The Book Thief*.



MRS. RITCHEY'S SEVENTH GRADE language arts students at Ontario Middle School have been studying the art of persuasion and are now deep in research as they prepare to write a persuasive research paper. Students picked a topic that they were passionate about and are currently working on finding research to support their viewpoint. Once they are finished with the research, they will apply what they have learned about persuasive techniques so that they can convince their readers that their viewpoint is valid.

St. Peter's School announces 2021-'22 tuition freeze and new AfterCare program

St. Peter's Catholic School announced that the school is freezing tuition rates for the 2021-'22 school year, the fourth consecutive year of no tuition increases, along with the launch of a new afterschool program for elementary students with working parents.

"Our goal is always to keep access to a high-quality Catholic education affordable for families in North Central Ohio," said Father Gregory Hite, local superintendent of St. Peter's School. "Not increasing tuition rates next fall will provide relief to many of our families impacted by COVID-19."

In addition to a tuition freeze, recent changes to the Ohio EdChoice Scholarship program will allow more families to receive a scholarship and financial aid to attend a school of their choice.

"That state legislature last year increased the income eligibility limit to 250% of the Federal Poverty Level for income-based scholarships," said Jason Crundwell, St. Peter's School Director of Marketing. "This means that a family of four making less than \$66,000/year will qualify for a \$4,600 scholarship for students in grades K-8 and a \$6,000 scholarship for students in grades 9-12."

Crundwell also said that families making more than 250% of the Federal Poverty

Level could apply for traditional financial aid and scholarships through the school.

"We will work with families to find a financial plan that is equitable if they desire a high-quality education for their family," Crundwell said.

The Little Spartans AfterCare program will provide afterschool childcare for students in grades K-6 attending St. Peter's School. The program will provide a successful and safe environment for children where they will be able to play, complete homework, and take part in other stimulating activities.

"An after school program was one of the most requested items from parents in our school's strategic plan for the future," said Father Hite. "I'm happy that our administration has created a model that will provide an on-campus option for working parents."

Little Spartans AfterCare program will run from 3-5:30 pm each day after school. Space will be limited.

Due to COVID-19, St. Peter's will not have a traditional Open House this year but is offering prospective families the chance to tour the school on an individual basis. For more information visit www.mansfieldstpeters.org/school or call 419-524-2572 x2125 to schedule a visit.



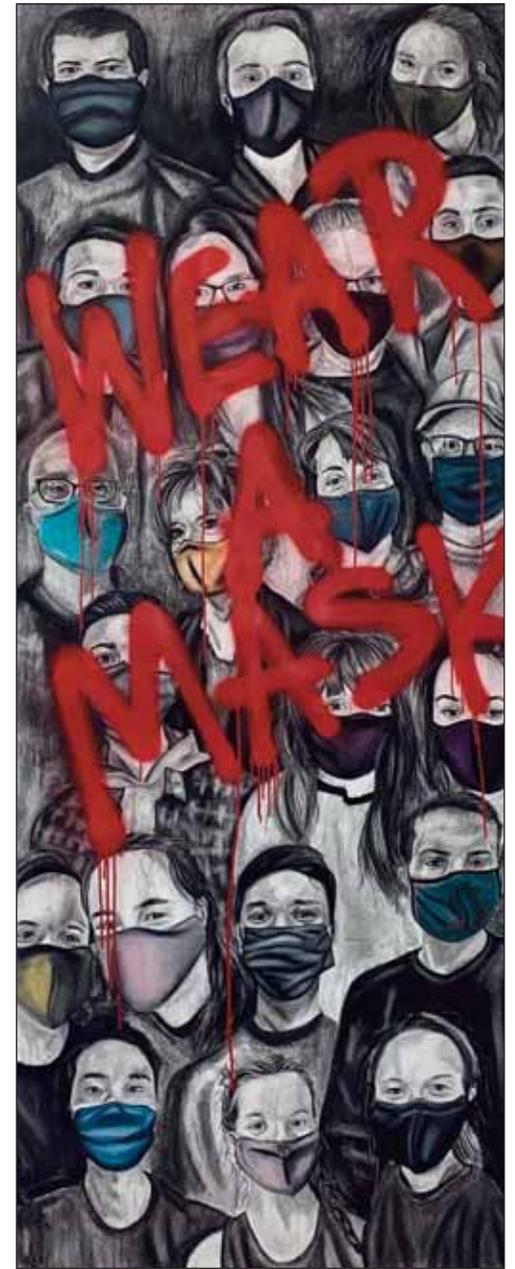
THE ACADEMIC CHALLENGE TEAM at Ontario Middle School is getting a late start this year due to COVID. Thirteen students tried out for one of the eight places on Ontario's Middle School team. They showed their knowledge on a variety of academic and popular culture topics. The top eight scores will be offered a place on the team.

Sansalone artwork featured in exhibit

Tony Sansalone, a junior at Bowling Green State University, is majoring in Studio Art with a minor in Print Making. He currently has several pieces (COVID related) that are being featured in the 70th Annual Undergraduate Art & Design Exhibition which opened on Feb. 14. He won first and second place in his category (drawing) and he was awarded the Medici Circle Best of Show Award.

The gallery can be viewed at <https://www.bgsu.edu/arts-and-sciences/school-of-art/galleries/past-exhibitions1/spring-2021/ugrad-show-2021/TonySansalone.html>

Tony is a 2018 graduate of Ontario High School and during high school, he had multiple pieces selected in both the 2016 and 2018 Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition, a program dedicated to educational and artistic advancement of talented young people in the state of Ohio and is chartered by the State of Ohio Department of Education.



News Briefs in Education

The dean's list for the fall 2020 semester at the University of Findlay has been announced. To earn this achievement, a student must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Local students include Robin Eyerly of Ontario, Dylan Hunter of Mansfield, Alexandra Jacobs of Ontario and Aurel Toska of Mansfield.

★ Douglas D'Mello of Mansfield has been named to dean's list at Youngstown State University for Fall Semester 2020. D'Mello is majoring in Electrical Engineering Biomedical Track at YSU.

Dean's list recognition is awarded to full-time undergraduate students who have earned at least a 3.4 grade point average for not less than 12 semester hours of credit in the fall semester.

★ The Lexington Board of Education will meet in regular session on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 7 pm in the Robert H. Whitney Board of Education Meeting Room.

Send email with name to news@tribune-courier.com to join the weekly email list



STUDENTS IN MRS. WENTZ'S public speaking course at Ontario High School practice inflection by reading children's books. Among those reading was Ryan Brophy.

Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



Photo by Jeff Hoffer

CLEAR FORK SENIOR Merritt Burgholder (42) and Madison sophomore Jayden Jeffries (11) battle at the net during a game held Feb. 13 at Clear Fork. The Colts pulled ahead before halftime 17-14 and went on to take the 52-34 win.



Photo by Jeff Hoffer

MADISON JUNIOR Isaac Brooks (3) looks for an open teammate as he is guarded by Clear Fork senior Luke Labaki (10) on Feb. 13.



Photo by Jeff Hoffer

CLEAR FORK senior Brady Tedrow (45) goes to the basket as Ontario senior John Nagel (33) defends for the Warriors on Feb. 9 at Clear Fork.



Photo by Jeff Hoffer

ONTARIO SENIOR Nolan Payne (22) works his way around Clear Fork senior Merritt Burgholder (42) during a varsity basketball game at Clear Fork on Feb. 9. The Ontario Warriors took the 60-41 win.



Photo by Jeff Hoffer

SENIOR BRUCE SWAINHART (50) gets ready to make a shot for Clear Fork as Madison senior John Stokes (1) attempts to block. Clear Fork pulled ahead Feb. 13 to win against the Rams 52-34.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

THE MARION HARDING Lady Presidents only brought seven varsity players to the Ontario O'Rena Feb. 7, but that was all they needed as they defeated the Lady Warriors 94-50. Five of the seven players scored in double figures with A. Douglas leading all scorers with 25 points followed by G. Ross with 24. Scoring for the Warriors was Carleigh Pearson with 21 points which included three 3-pointers, Izzy Graff with 8, Haley Guisinger with 6, Riley Vavra with one 3-pointer and Macy Mangan with 5 points including one 3-pointer. Pictured is Ontario's Carleigh Pearson (23).

Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



TEMPLE CHRISTIAN'S Conner Chapman (50) brings the ball down the court trailed by Mansfield Christian's Landon Cyphers (24). The middle school basketball game was played at Temple Christian. (Left photo) Landon Cyphers (24) puts up a shot early in the first period. Defending for Temple were Caleb Bowman (11) and Grady Baker (33). Photos by Bud Motter



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

ONTARIO SENIOR GRIFFIN SHAVER (23) puts up another 3-pointer on his way to finishing the night with 32 points. Defending for Mansfield Senior High is Shad Creamer (12). Shaver scored almost half of his team's 65 points and helped keep the Ontario Warriors Boys Varsity team in the game as they put away the Mansfield Senior Tygers 65-54 at Ontario. Ontario was busy beyond the three point line as Shaver connected for five while teammates Kolten Kurtz made two and senior Zach McCristall made one. Mansfield Senior was led by senior Shad Creamer with 19 points followed by Maurice Ware with 12. The Warriors won 65-54.



By Kenn Spencer

Recreation baseball and softball registration is going on now. OYS is looking for boys and girls between 4-14 years old. All home games are played at Marshall Park and Milligan Rd. in Ontario. Please take time to register your athlete for this great summer sport.

Closing in on 450 athletes, OYS is happy to announce an amazing number of athletes will be playing soccer this spring. Thank you to the many parents and volunteers that continue to support our recreation programs. Spring soccer will start April 5.

Tomahawk baseball registration is still going strong at www.oysports.com. OYS tomahawk programs are for individuals with physical and intellectual challenges. Any individual with a physical or intellectual challenge may participate. Call 419-566-8072 for more information.

OYS is looking for umpires for our league games. We are currently looking to cover 8U-112U baseball and softball games. Anyone interested can send an email to

info@oysports.com.

Ontario Youth Sports has been chosen to host the 2021 Scotts MLB Pitch Hit & Run Local Competition. This event is co-sponsored by Scotts Turf Builder and Major League Baseball. Make sure to follow us on Facebook for more details.

OYS will field a middle school softball and middle school baseball team this spring. Schedules are set and teams are starting indoor training this week.

Indoor functional soccer training will be available to athletes in grades 8-12 starting Tuesday, Feb. 23. Please follow OYS on Facebook for more information.

All OYS Training will follow guidelines set by the Health Department and the CDC. Call 419-566-8072 for more information.

- When registering, do not create an 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.

- Watch the *Tribune-Courier* each week for updates.

- 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 registered, log-in 24/7 and see what sports are available for your athlete.

- Call the sports director at 419-566-8072.



Photo by Jeff Hoffer

CLEAR FORK SENIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL players were honored on Feb. 6. This year's seniors are (not in photo order) Ben Blubaugh, Luke Labaki, Hunter Sensmeier, Merritt Burgholder, Brady Tedrow and Bruce Swainhart.



Photo by Jeff Hoffer

CLEAR FORK SENIOR Ben Blubaugh runs through his banner as he is recognized during the senior night festivities on Feb. 6.

Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



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THE MADISON LADY RAMS lost a heartbreaker to the Lexington Lady Minutemen by a 41-38 score on Feb. 10. (Left photo) Lexington's Avery Coleman (13) heads toward the basket as Madison's Faith Kuhn tries to stop her. (Right photo) Madison's Chesney Davis puts up a shot while Lexington's Lexi Blasberg (1) defends. Scoring for the Lady Rams were Chesney Davis with 15 points who also scored the team's only 3-pointer; Kari Eckenwiler with 9; Faith Kuhn and Natalee Back with 4 each; and Taylor Russell, Breannah Reece and Chole Eberling with two each. Scoring for Lexington were Avery Coleman with 17, Maddie Basilone with 11, Kaleigh Leadbetter with 8, Lizzie Hamler with 3 and Lexi Blasberg and Emma Sturts with 2 each.



Photo by Jeff Hoffer

CLEAR FORK junior Jared Scott (35) splits Marion Harding players as he goes to the basket during a home game on Feb. 6. Marion Harding squeezed by in the conference game 67-65.



Photo by Jeff Hoffer

THE CLEAR FORK girls hosted Cardington-Lincoln on Feb. 8. Freshman Annika Labaki takes control as she makes her way down the court. The Lady Colts fell to the Lady Pirates 54-42.



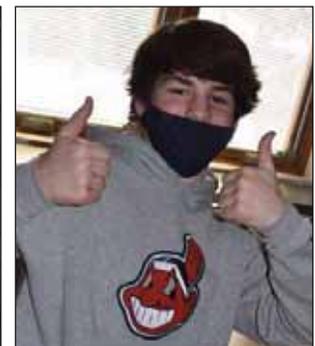
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MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN freshman Amaar Davis (5) (left photo) makes his way to the basket while St. Peter's Albree Grose defends. (Right photo) Senior Logan Cyphers puts up a shot late in the second period. The Mansfield Christian Flames boy basketball team traveled across town to play the St. Peter's Spartans in a conference game. When the final buzzer went off, the scoreboard read 56-38 with MCS taking the win. Leading all scorers was Flames freshman Amaar Davis with 20 points, 10 of which came from the foul line, making 10 of 13 attempts. Teammates in the scorebook were Logan Cyphers with 13, Branden Loose with 7, Jace Craner and Colin Comstock with 6 each, Hudson Slater with 3 and Jacob Shoemaker with 1. Flames connecting from the 3-point range were Loose (1), Jace Craner (2), Cyphers (1), Colin Comstock (2) and Hudson Slater (1). The leading scorer for the Spartans was Albree Grose with 9, all from outside of the arc.



Photo by Jeff Hoffer

CLEAR FORK VARSITY BASKETBALL SENIORS were recognized Feb. 8, during a Senior Honor Night celebration. Honored were Hallie Gottfried, Josie Schwaner and Morgan Galco.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL held a "Show Your Spirit" Day. Among the students who came dressed in their favorite team's apparel were Adi Turnbaugh, Trey Booker and Nick Moore.



STUDENTS IN MRS. DAVIS' THIRD GRADE CLASSROOM at Ontario Stingel have been learning about changes over time in social studies. Students conducted interviews and then created a timeline on that person's life. Students also gathered artifacts to present to their classmates for their artifact museum. Parents and guardians were able to enjoy the timelines and artifact presentations in a slideshow.

Snyder named 2020 Richland County Junior Fair Queen

Natalie Snyder, 2018-'19 Plymouth FFA President, was named 2020 Richland County Junior Fair Queen this past August.

Snyder started showing horses at the Richland County Fair through the Richland County Wranglers 4-H Club as a Clover Bud in open shows at the age of five.

"My first pony I ever took to the fair would listen to the announcer when they would say walk and trot, stop and back so all I had to do was sit there and hold on," recalled Snyder. "Then I started showing goats and it was a crazy adventure at first, but definitely one of my favorites. Taking animals taught me so much about responsibility and time management."

She has served as the Richland County Wranglers 4-H Club President for the past five years. Snyder explains how for the past two years she has been working closely with the younger members teaching them how parliamentary procedure works, studying questions for book judging and so much more. "My start in 4-H shaped me into the person I needed to be for my leadership role in FFA."

Snyder started FFA her freshman year of high school at Plymouth in 2015. She was a part of the forestry soils, and equine teams, participated in the Job Interview and Public Speaking CDE where she placed at the state level multiple times. Although she joined 4-H at a young age, she was a part of the 4-H atmosphere for even longer.

"I was born and raised in Richland County, attending

the fair for as long as I could remember and even before then," said Snyder.

"My 4-H advisor likes to tell me a story of how she was holding me at my first 4-H meeting just weeks old, and how I have never missed a meeting since."

"Joining FFA and 4-H and taking leadership roles brought me to where I am today. I am currently studying agricultural communications at The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute (ATI) in Wooster.

"I plan on graduating with my associates in Agricultural Communications in the summer of 2021, and then I'll be going onto graphic design school and also study web design. I am so excited to see what the future has in store for me, but I am also super excited to represent Richland County this coming year as the Junior Fair Queen and Horse ambassador, both things I have been working towards for such a long time."

"I can't thank my friends, family, fellow exhibitors, 4-H and FFA advisors, and so many more people I could name.

I am so excited for this new journey and hope fairs will be in full swing in 2021 as I proudly represent our county."

Snyder's 2020 Junior Fair projects were Pen of Market Broilers, Pen of Market Rabbits (first place in the meat class, first place in the showmanship class, fourth place in pro showmanship), 2020 horse project and Rm's Chips of Chocolate.



Madison Twp. Trustees meet

By Bud Motter

During a special meeting of the Madison Township Trustees at the township hall, the trustees discussed a number of items including the payment to H & T Demolition for the remaining amount due to them of \$2,000.

The motion to send payment was passed with a 2-1 vote with Trustee Dan Fletcher as the no vote.

Other business was the discussion of tar and chip and which roads would be on the list. Among the roads discussed were River, Wade Nester, Evertt and Leppo. Bids will be sent out soon.

The trustees said they will hold an executive meeting to interview four candidates for the position of fire chief.



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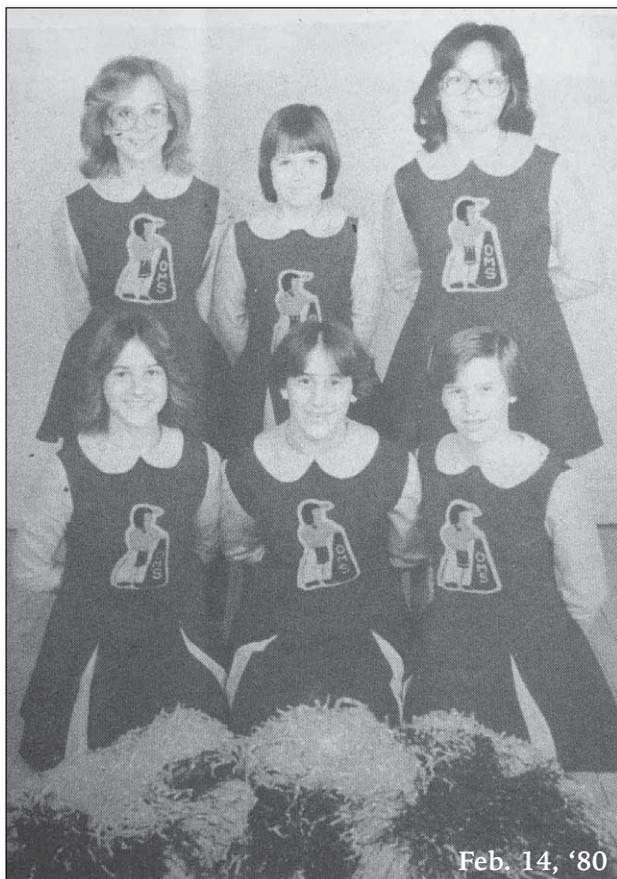
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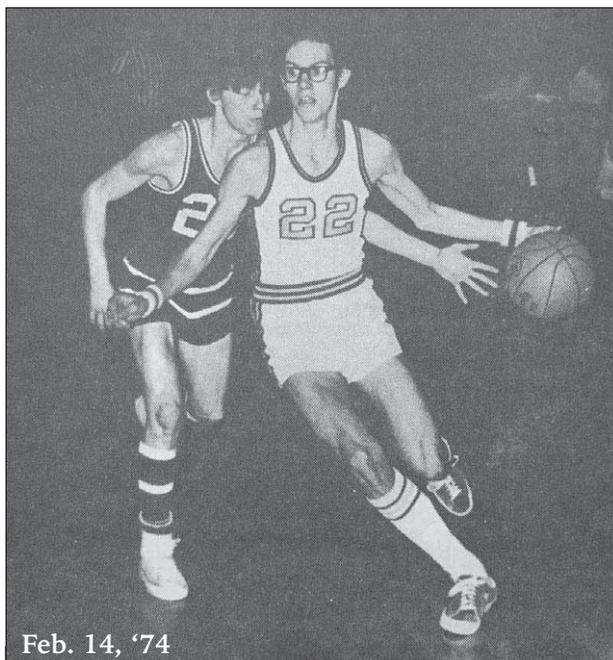
LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History



Feb. 14, '80

THESE SIX ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL seventh grade girls cheered for their years seventh grade boys basketball team. The 7th grade basketball team compiled a 9-4 winning record. In the front row are: Natalie Wolfinger, Stacy Leach and Cindi Beck. Standing are Carmen Schuster, Dana Bayton and Patty Schwall.

Photo By Marc Stumbo



Feb. 14, '74

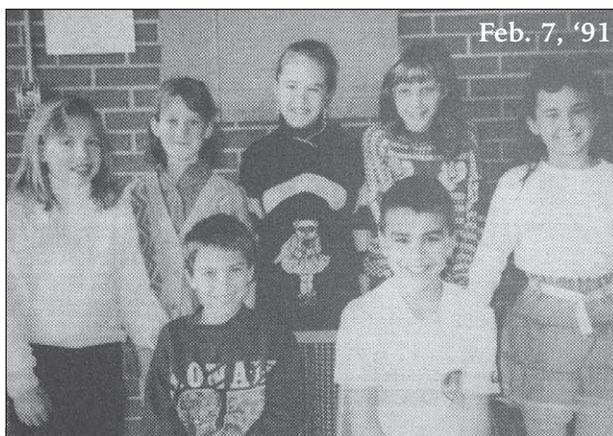
WARRIOR RICK CHILCOTE drives around Jim Beverly in cage action Saturday night in the Ontario-Plymouth game. Chilcote netted 24 points to lead all scorers, but Ontario still lost in overtime 71-68. Bob Kline and Craig Hunt joined Chilcote in double figures with 18 and 16 respectively.

Photo by Paul Benich



Feb. 21, '74

THE ROBERT BRANSON FAMILY built the Warrior Miniature nine-hole Golf Course in the library of Bedford Elementary School for the Fun Fair last Saturday. Gary Branson, 14, ninth grade; Mrs. Robert Branson, Robert Branson, and Judy Branson, 11, a fifth grade pupil, are shown with their project. Not pictured were Jackie, 16, who is in the tenth grade, and Craig, 13, who is in the eighth grade.



Feb. 7, '91

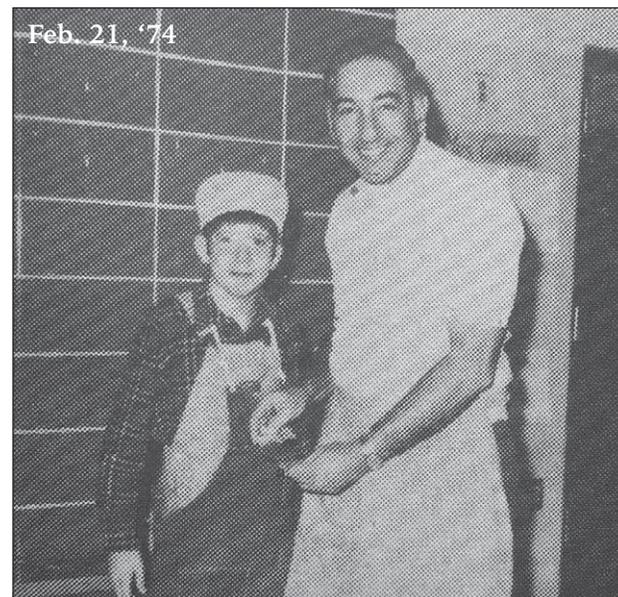
STINGEL ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TEAM — Front, Matt Crider and Matt Wilkinson. Back, Lauren Smith, Kristy Wilson, Angie Moore, Becky Collins and Nikki Ashmore.

Stingel students take first place

By Fourth Grader Becky Collins

The Odyssey of the Mind team from Ontario Stingel Elementary School won a first place trophy Saturday, Jan. 26, during the local competition at Ontario High School. Team members are third grader Matt Crider and fourth graders Lauren Smith, Becky Collins, Nikki Ashmore, Kristy Wilson, Angie Moore and Matt Wilkinson.

The team also won a creativity award named Rantra Fusca. The award is given only to the team that does an outstanding job of solving a long-term problem or has many spontaneous ideas. The team also won a set of encyclopedias for the school.



Feb. 21, '74

DEAN ZODY, 11, a fifth grade pupil at Bedford Elementary School, found a "victim" for his Pick-My-Pocket game. Principal Carmen Consolo, attired in apron, picked Dean's pocket before returning to his duties of serving food at the Fun Fair last Saturday. The game netted \$28.05 for playground and landscape projects at the school.



Feb. 16, '68

Teacher Miss Jane Emmons and several of her first grade students are up to their elbows in the "makin's" for homemade bread. Her hand covered with the sticky dough is Laurie Fasig and standing by with a cup of flour is Steve Elias.

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February 18, 1930— Pluto, once believed to be the ninth planet, is discovered at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona, by astronomer Clyde W. Tombaugh. The existence of an unknown ninth planet was first proposed by Percival Lowell, who theorized that wobbles in the orbits of Uranus and Neptune were caused by the gravitational pull of an unknown planetary body. Lowell calculated the approximate location and searched for more than a decade without success. In 1929, using the calculations of Lowell and W.H. Pickering as a guide, the search for Pluto was resumed at the Lowell Observatory. On Feb. 18, 1930, Tombaugh discovered the tiny, distant planet by use of a new astronomic technique of photographic plates combined with a blink microscope. His finding was confirmed by several other astronomers, and announced on March 13, 1930, the anniversary of Lowell's birth and of William Herschel's discovery of Uranus. The surface temperature is estimated at approximately -360 Fahrenheit and the average distance from the sun is nearly four billion miles. It takes approximately 248 years to complete one orbit. It also has the most elliptical and tilted orbit of any planet, and at its closest point to the sun it passes inside the orbit of Neptune. After its discovery, some astronomers questioned whether Pluto had sufficient mass to affect the orbits of Uranus and Neptune. In 1978, James Christy and Robert Harrington discovered Pluto's only known moon, Charon, which was determined to have a diameter of 737 miles to Pluto's 1,428 miles. Together, it was thought that Pluto and Charon formed a double-planet system, which was of ample enough mass to cause wobbles in Uranus' and Neptune's orbits. In August 2006, however, the International Astronomical Union announced that Pluto would no longer be considered a planet, due to new rules that said planets must "clear the neighborhood around its orbit." Since Pluto's oblong orbit overlaps that of Neptune, it was disqualified.

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Nicole Mills, Defendant, whose last known address was 806 Wedgewood Drive, Apt. 3, Columbus, Ohio, and whose present address cannot be ascertained, will take notice that William L. Mills, Plaintiff, has filed Case No. 2020-DIV-0641 against her in the Richland County Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Division for Divorce. Defendant is required to answer said Complaint within twenty-eight (28) days after the last publication. Answer date will be March 18, 2021.

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CITY OF ONTARIO TAX DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL POSITION

The City of Ontario, an Equal Opportunity Employer, currently has an opening for a Tax Department Assistant position in the Administrative Department.

Eligible applicants must have previous "tax-related" experience, including, but not limited to, preparing and analyzing tax records and reports and assist

in administering day-to-day operations of the tax department. Position will also require skills in general office duties, such as, data entry; customer service; phone calls; general clerical work. Starting hourly rate is based on experience. We offer an excellent benefit package. Successful applicant must be bondable.

Applications may be picked up at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio and must be returned by February 22, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in a sealed envelope addressed to "Tax Department Position." Qualified candidates will be contacted to schedule interviews.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids for the 2021 Resurfacing Program, City of Ontario, Ohio will be received by Jeff Wilson, Service-Safety Director, at 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio 44906 until 11:00 am, local time Thursday March 11, 2021, and then, at said office, publicly opened and read aloud.

Pursuant to CDC Covid-19 guidelines, Contractors will be required to purchase and download an electronic set of plans and bid documents via the KEM Web Site by visiting <https://kemccartney.com/project-bids/>. If you would prefer a hard copy be mailed, we will do so upon receipt of payment in the amount of \$50.00 per set, along with your UPS or FedEx account number so that shipping charges can be applied to your account. Checks shall be made payable to K.E. McCartney & Associates and all documents become the property of the prospective bidder, with no portion of the payment being refunded. Should you have any questions during the bidding process please contact jburcholder@kemccartney.com.

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ntract will be awarded based on the lowest and best bid. The City of Ontario may reject any or all bids on any basis and without disclosure of reason. The failure to make such disclosure shall not result in accrual of any right, claim or cause of action by any unsuccessful bidder against the City of Ontario.

Each bid must be accompanied by either an Ohio Revised Code Section 153.571 Bid and Performance Payment Bond in an amount equal to 100% of the bid; or, a cashier's check, bid bond, letter of credit to be duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon, a surety company approved by the Owner in the amount of 10% of the bid.

Each bid must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. The Owner intends and requires that this project be completed by September 3, 2021.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Richland County and City of Ontario, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Wage and Hour Division, 614-644-2239.

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Always... Patsy Cline will be filmed for home viewing in March

The Renaissance Theatre's popular production of *Always...Patsy Cline*, starring Kelly Knowlton, is set to be filmed by the new division of the Renaissance Theatre, Ren Studios, for at-home streaming. The musical will premiere Saturday, March 13, with additional performances on Saturday, March 20 and 27.

Since its premiere at the Renaissance, *Always...Patsy Cline* has proven to be a sold-out hit, time after time. It has been revived three times since the original production in 2010.

Starring Kelly Knowlton as Patsy, and Miss Ohio 2020, Caroline Grace Williams as her "biggest fan", Louise Sager, the show contains such Patsy Cline standards as "I Fall To Pieces," "Sweet Dreams," "Walkin' After Midnight," "You Belong to Me," "Back in Baby's Arms; and "Crazy."

The story takes place between 1961 and 1963 and follows the friendship between Cline and Seger, who maintained a correspondence until Cline's death in 1963. Notoriously guarded and with few close female friends, Cline chose to share her joys and woes with Seger, though the two had only briefly met one time.

"After the success of filming and streaming *Cinderella* and *Dreamgirls*, we wanted to continue to offer our patrons the opportunity to enjoy our productions from the

safety and comfort of their own homes," says Renaissance Artist Director, Michael Thomas. He adds that to capture the magic and intimacy of a live performance, the Ren would need to go beyond just setting up a video camera at the back of the theatre and hitting "record." "It's more than simply filming a stage performance. It is beautifully shot and edited just as a film would be - and the audio is engineered so that every word and lyric is crystal clear."

The creative team at Ren Studios include executive producer and second unit director Ryan Shealy, cinematographer and editor Ryan Shreve, sound/lighting design and sound editor Aaron Nicolas, production manager Abe Swanger, costume designer Linda Turske, technical supervisor Nik Demers, sound assistant Brien Carpenter and director/cinical director Michael Thomas.

For tickets visit rentickets.org. Tickets are \$10 and the stream is available to watch all day on March 13, 20 and 27.

The Renaissance Theatre is a performing arts theater located at 138 Park Avenue West, Mansfield. For more information about the Ren, visit rentickets.org or contact renaissance@mansfieldtickets.com. Follow the Ren on Facebook, Instagram, or YouTube.



THE STUDENT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE at Ontario High School delivered Candy Grams today. All the students at OHS received a message of love and appreciation. Pictured is Ryan Brophy.

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OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital and Shelby Hospital expand visitation policy

OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital and OhioHealth Shelby Hospital announced that one visitor is now allowed per patient at both hospitals, emergency departments, surgery and invasive procedure areas.

Each patient will select a designated visitor for the duration of their stay, who may visit daily. The visitor may come and go once per day.

Outpatient centers including laboratories, imaging and rehabilitation centers and OhioHealth Physician Group practices will continue to not allow visitors with limited exceptions.

All visitors will be required to wear a mask provided by OhioHealth over their nose and mouth while in an OhioHealth facility, except while eating, and be asymptomatic of COVID-19 symptoms.

The following exceptions will be made for patients in unique medical situations:

- Patients that have tested positive for COVID-19 — No visitors allowed with exceptions for end-of-life situations.

- Patients receiving behavioral health care — Adolescent patients will continue to have parent or guardian visitation. A visitor process for adult patients will be begun later this month and will be based on treatment plans.

- Patients receiving end-of-life care — Acute end-of-life patients may have up to three visitors at any given time, and no maximum number of visitors per day.

- Patients receiving neonatal, pediatric, adolescent care - Minor patients may have two parents or guardians visit.

- Visitors with disabilities who need assistance - Caretakers for visitors who are disoriented, disabled or in need of an interpreter are permitted.

- Maternity patients are limited to one support person, who may stay at the hospital for duration of the stay, but if they exit, they will need to re-enter next day. If the mother is a minor, she may have a parent or guardian visitor in addition to the father of the baby. Care sites with NICUs will follow Nationwide Children's Hospital visitor management policy.

OhioHealth Hardin Memorial Hospital, OhioHealth Marion General Hospital, OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital, OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital, OhioHealth Shelby Hospital and OhioHealth Berger Hospital began to allow one visitor on Feb. 10.

OhioHealth Riverside Methodist Hospital, OhioHealth Grant Medical Center, OhioHealth Doctors Hospital, OhioHealth Grady Memorial Hospital, OhioHealth Dublin Methodist Hospital and OhioHealth Grove City Methodist Hospital moved to the one visitor policy on Feb. 15.

Hours and entrances may continue to be limited while visitor restrictions are in place. For the latest visitor information, visit ohiohealth.com/covid-19/visitor-restrictions.

Ohio National Guard teams begin assisting with COVID-19 vaccinations

The Ohio National Guard has begun supporting the Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Department of Aging and several community partners to administer COVID-19 vaccines, as part of efforts to ensure eligible Ohioans have the opportunity to be vaccinated.

"Our joint task force supporting the state's COVID-19 response has assembled vaccination teams of medics and nurses. They will work with local and state partners to expand vaccination capabilities to reach more Ohioans with this important tool in our battle against the virus," said Major Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio adjutant general.

The focus will be on those most susceptible to COVID-19, including older Ohioans

and those who are immunocompromised.

"This is important to our general population and the start of us getting out to our communities to fight the COVID-19 pandemic," said Ohio Air National Guard Major Shelly Brackman, a clinical nurse and officer with the joint task force's medical team.

The program follows the state's phased approach to administering the vaccine. The Ohio National Guard has been assisting in the state's COVID-19 response since last March, and currently there are about 1,000 Soldiers and Airmen deployed to support missions such as sample test collection, personal protective equipment (PPE) and vaccine warehousing and food distributions.

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