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THE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT PREVENTION BUREAU received a donation from Heather Hendrix, director of the Ontario Recreation Department, for assistance in the Haunted Trail at Marshall Park this past October. The Ontario Lowe's store manager Kenneth Kaiser has also been an instrumental partner to the local fire prevention programs with multiple donations in the past. With the donation from the Ontario Recreation Department and the help of Lowe's, the bureau was able to obtain approximately 100 carbon monoxide detectors. These devices will be installed in the homes of residents that are participating in the Springfield Township Smoke Detector Program. If anyone is interested in becoming part of this program call 419-295-5071 and ask for the Fire Prevention Officer Josh Bradley or Kirstin Gray. The bureau would like to thank both Hendrix and Kaiser for their continued support in fire prevention for Springfield Township and the City of Ontario. Pictured are Josh Bradley, Heather Hendrix, Kenneth Kaiser and Local 3849 President Jordan Bittner.

Kingwood 5K returns June 12

The Kingwood 5K Run and Walk will due to COVID-19 precautions. Winners be held Saturday, June 12 with the race start at 9 am. The chip-timed 5K is held on the long-standing traditional date of the second Saturday in June.

Registration is \$25 and can be completed online at ohioraceday.com or by mail to Doug Heestand, 431 Edgewood Rd., Mansfield, OH 44907. Questions may be sent to heest97@hotmail.com. To be guaranteed an official race shirt, registration is due by June 1. No walk-up registration will be accepted on race day.

The typical race format may be altered

will be announced on social media instead of an awards ceremony. Awards will still be presented in a new format to overall female, overall male, and for age groups ranging from nine years and under, to 70 years and older. Race participants receive free admission to the Gardens for the day.

The Garden Gateway visitor center opens at 7:45 am for check in. The race begins on Linden Rd. and follows sections of the B&O Bike Trail and Kingwood's grounds. The 5K benefits Kingwood's hor-ticultural and educational departments.

Kevin Young named assistant superintendent at Lexington

The Lexington Board of Education met Wednesday, April 21. President Robert Whitney called the

meeting to order, followed by Michael Grist's Eastern Report and a report from Sydnee Detlef, student representative to the board.

The board approved the continued enrollment in the Sedgwick/CompManage-ment Ohio School Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program for calendar year 2022. The annual fee is \$3,525 and targeted savings are \$17,839. The board moved to rescind the

contract for Stephen Domka as instrumental musical director for the 2020–'21 school year. Deborah Collins' retirement as Intervention Specialist at Central was approved, effective Sept. 1, 2021. Sharon Jones retired from the trans-

portation department, effective April 6, 2021 and Debby Stallard will retire from food service, effective May 31, 2021.

Resignations were accepted from Katie Guy, Eastern fifth grade, effective at the end of this school year; Kathy Weidig, principal, Central Elementary, effective July 31, 2021; and Tracy McDaniel, Special Education Coordinator, effective July 31, 2021.

Carolee Balliett was hired as Central's third grade spelling bee advisor for the 2020–'21 school year.

Salary Adjustments were approved for Sally Giefer, Kelly Catanese, Kayla Heimann and Jessica Duffey.

Resignations were accepted from Jeni Reamsnider, Western library aide; Tracey Pinkelman, Central, library aide; Cindy

Shasky, Western MD educational aide; and Anne Reed, Western pre-school aide, all effective at the end of the current school year.

Jeni Reamsnider was hired as high school attendance secretary and Tracey Pinkelman was hired as Central secretary, both effective at the beginning of the 2021-'22 school year. Sharon Jones was approved as a sub bus driver and Jim Rhea will be a four-hour driver, effective next school year.

Cindy Shasky was hired as Western library aide, and Anne Reed was hired as Western educational aide, both effective at the beginning of the 2021–'22 school year. Barb Ramey began as a substitute bus driver on April 19.

Jansen Webster was approved as a volunteer assistant tennis coach and Allison Williams resigned as color/winter guard advisor.

Tuition students approved for the 2021-'22 school year are Karl Etzel, continuing, grade 10; Bronson Brown, continuing, grade 5 and Benson Brown, new, grade 1.

The board gave approval of the revised Lexington substitute list dated March 17, 2021, as presented by MOESC.

The board will retain Pepple & Waggoner as legal counsel for calendar year 2021.

After an executive session, there was a motion to re-instate the assistant superintendent position and Kevin Young, current high school principal, was named assistant superintendent.

RRLC rib dinner fundraiser is Saturday

The Richland Rural Life Center, 969 E. Crall Rd., Madison area, will host its annual country rib BBQ dinner on Saturday, May 1, from 4-6 pm.

The meal includes BBQ country ribs, potato salad, baked beans, roll, beverage and homemade vanilla ice cream. Cost is \$11 for adults and \$6 for children 10 and under. Carryout meals are available and dine-in

will be limited. Tickets will be sold at the door. For more information call 567-307-4220.

The facility, located between Stewart Rd. and Rt. 545, offers grounds for use by Boy

Scouts, 4-H and other service groups. Building rentals are also available. Proceeds from the dinner help to maintain the facility.





August 1950 Lexington • Photo provided by Bob Carter

RichHistory Weekend is Saturday and Sunday

Richland County's history sites offer special events and activities on the first weekend in May each year, coming up May 1 and 2.

This year's events include several outdoor walking tours, a kayaking tour, DMI's popular Hidden History Tour, gold panning, outdoor cooking and back door preview tours at the new North Central Ohio Industrial Museum. The emphasis is on outdoor and large space activities, with pre-registration to limit group sizes.

Registration for all group activities is required, and all events, open houses, and registrations can be found at https://richhistory.org/richhistoryweekend/ on the richhistory.org website or with the "RichHistory" mobile app on the "schedule" page.

RichHistory Alliance is the organization sponsoring RichHistory Weekend each year, formed as a partnership of museums and historical sites in Richland County in 2016. The mission is to collaborate, discover, preserve, and share history in Richland County. Members use their combined efforts to increase tourism and promote the many history venues in the area.



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As of this writing, the 93rd Academy Awards just ended on ABC. Taking place at Union Station in Los Angeles and from various locations around the globe, this ceremony was unlike any other as so many live events have been in the year of a pandemic. The winners were mostly expected but many unexpected.

Nomadland was the clear frontrunner and took home three prizes with Best Picture, Best Director Chloe Zhao (only the second woman to win Best Director) and, in a surprising win, Frances McDormand took her third Oscar for the film in the lead actress category.

Lead actor was expected to go to the late great Chadwick Boseman for Ma Rainey's Black Bottom but Anthony Hopkins won for his amazing work in The Father.

The Father was not widely seen until about a month ago and Hopkins was just simply amazing as I wrote a few weeks ago. I chose Hopkins and was very happy he won. It may be the best performance of his career and this is nothing to slight

Boseman who we lost too soon and was a tremendous young actor. Korean actress Yuh-Jung Youn won for

her wonderful work as the grandmother in Minari. She was my favorite performance of the category. Daniel Kaluuya took supporting actor for his brilliant work as Black Panther chairman Fred Hampton in Judas and the Black Messiah.

The ceremony itself was a mostly subdued and rather boring. It's too bad they did not show clips of the nominated performances, which is always appreciated, and it would be nice to have a host back one day.

Overall, I am very happy with the winners and Nomadland is a truly great and unique film that deserves to be seen in a year where we were all inside, a film about nomadic people who explore this great country really hit home with Oscar viewers and voters. Check out all of these moments and I would personally recommend The Father and Anthony Hopkins' brilliant performance.

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

Pioneer Board of Education approves employments for 2021–'22 school year The Pioneer Board of Education met International Career Development

Monday, April 19.

The board approved the appointment of Pioneer CTC Superintendent Greg Nickoli to the Crawford County Tax Incentive Review Council.

An agreement was reached with Richland Public Health for a school nurse for the 2021-'22 school year.

Resolutions for Staff Appreciation Week and in recognition of the Byron Carmean Award winner were adopted.

Textbooks for the 2021-'22 school year were approved.

A donation was accepted from Michael Graham, Shelby, of a 2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer with an estimated value of \$2,600. This vehicle was donated in memory of his brother, a former Pioneer Auto Mechanics student and will be used for educational purposes in our Automotive Technology Career Technical program.

Donations to Robert Janca Scholarship Fund were given by Michael Millward, \$100; and Rebecca Nichols, \$50.

Donations to Art Barr Scholarship Fund came from Mary Lee Barr, \$300; Heather Fighter, \$100; and Rebecca Nichols, \$50.

A donation to Pioneer Alumni Endowment Scholarship Fund was givenby Dawn Wright-Smith, Blackbaud Giving Fund, \$30.

The board approved student participation in competitive events including the DECA International Career Development Conference, April 29–30, 2021, in Columbus, for Bucyrus High School students Isaiah McDaniel, Braxton Lewis, Ashley Davis and Kelsey Fackler. Chaperones will be Jody Tackett, marketing instructor, and Jeff Funigiello, media communications instructor.

Terry Stuart was hired as the Home Remodeling Instructor for the 2021-'22 school year. Darin Beal will maintenance buses and David Such will maintenance Pioneer vehicles, both are effective for the next school year.

John Yohe will be the Summer School Coordinator for 2021. The board also approved stipend contracts for Summer School 2021 Edgenuity Instructors Robin Hager, social studies; Tina Duckworth, language arts; John Yohe, science; Dan Burtscher, math; and Ali Schuster, Health & Phys. Ed.

The board approved Christine Smith, SkillsUSA advisor, as a van driver.

Employment was granted to Judy Dawson, Sarah Fraizer, Melissa Paullin, Erica Ream and Kayla Rounsevell-Rank for part-time classified staff for summer custodial help as follows: Judy Dawson, Sarah Fraizer, Melissa Paullin, Érica Ream and Kayla Rounsevell-Rank.

The board then moved to approve the non-renewal of substitute classified personnel.

May 2 — Audrey Wolford

May 4 — Gene Smith

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!





THE ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL Jazz Band and Rhapsody in Blue Show Choir performed the annual Cabaret on Saturday, April 24.

Registration now open for Walk for Life

Richland Pregnancy Services will host its annual Walk for Life on Saturday, June 12, at Mansfield's historic North Lake Park, and the start of the Richland B & O Bike Trail, at 270 Westbrook Ave., in Mansfield.

The Walk for Life is a family-friendly event that supports Richland Pregnancy Services in offering free pregnancy testing, limited ultrasound, STD testing, abstinence education, parenting classes, mentoring, material support and more.

By registering at www.friendsofrichlandpregnancy.com/events/walkforlife, participants will receive access to their very own website that will allow them to raise funds for Richland Pregnancy Services by asking friends and family to sponsor them as they walk. Walkers will be eligible to win prizes from local businesses and statewide attractions and entered into prize drawings the day of the event.

Walkers who register by May 28 and raise funds for RPS will receive a free Walk for Life t-shirt.

Last year's walk transitioned to a virtual event due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This year's event will be back to in-person. Richland Pregnancy Services aims to raise \$20,000 at this year's Walk for Life. For more information, call 419-522-8863, ext. 203 or email amy@richlandpregnany.com.

News Briefs

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.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2010 Park Avenue West, Ontario, serves a drive-thru breakfast on the second Saturday of the month from 9–10:30 am.

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

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. has announced the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFM-NP) for Richland, Knox and Seneca counties. This program helps provide income eligible seniors with access to locally grown fruits and vegetables.

Participants will receive \$50 worth of coupons through the growing season to use at participating farmers' markets and stands. Applications may be submitted or downloaded online at aaa5ohio.org/sfmnp. An individual may also call 567-247-7101 Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm to request an application by mail.

The Autism Awareness Walk-a-thon Garage Sale is now collecting items for the sale. Items can be donated by calling Debbie at 419-589-8762. Please no clothing. The date of the sale will be announced at a later date. Autism merchandise will be available as well as a 50/50. For more information visit Facebook: Autism

Awareness Walk-a-thon.

To submit a news brief item, email information to news@tribune-courier.com. Deadlines are noon Mondays

Information released for Ontario charter

Submitted by Randy E. Hutchinson, City of Ontario Mayor

The City of Ontario will have a Charter issue on the May Primary Ballot.

What is a charter?

A charter is the constitution of a city. It details the powers, duties and structures of a local government and the rights of its citizens. It determines the system of checks and balances in a local government. The charter is written by an elected charter commission.

Adopting this type of government is possible because Ohio is a 'home rule' state, which means that local governments are given certain powers to adapt government structure in order to better serve residents.

What form of government do we currently have?

Ontario currently operates under a statutory form of government, meaning that city government is structured under state regulations that are outlined in the Ohio Revised Code. Under statutory government, Ontario is limited in its flexibility when considering how its government operates.

For cities that do not have a charter,

statutory government serves as the state's default form of government.

What is a charter commission?

A charter commission is the group of 15 city residents elected to frame the charter. *What will the Citizens be voting on May* 4th?

Ontario Residents will vote on two things:

1. They will vote 'yes' or 'no' on the question, "Shall a commission be chosen to frame a charter?"

2. They will then vote for 15 citizens on the ballot for the charter commission.

What happens if the vote passes?

If the vote passes, the elected commission will construct the city's charter, with the goal of having it on the ballot in November. Commission meetings will be open to the public and the commission will take resident feedback into account when drafting the charter.

The commission will then need to inform the public of what is included in the charter before it is voted on.

(The above information was taken from an article entitled, Defining A Charter, written by reporter Grant Pepper appearing in the Knox Pages news on Aug. 5, 2018)

We have strong, independent roots here. (And a few branches, of course.)





PASTOR ROBERT KURTZ presents former Ohio Senate President Larry Obhof with Awake America Ohio's "Public Servant Award" at Mansfield Baptist Temple in the Madison area.



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Obhof receives award for work to protect unborn life and religious liberties

Former Ohio Senate President Larry Obhof received Awake America Ohio's "Public Servant Award" for his work in the Ohio legislature, particularly during his time as the Senate's leader over the past four years.

Obhof was presented the award by Pastor Robert Kurtz of Mansfield Baptist Temple during a service on Sunday, April 18.

Awake America is a statewide and national organization, including Independent Baptist Pastors from around Ohio. The organization is dedicated to urging religious persons to get involved in civics for the purpose of preserving our liberties. Awake America gave Obhof the award in recognition of his work to protect unborn life and his efforts to preserve religious liberties.

During Obhof's tenure in Senate leader-ship, Ohio passed more than a dozen laws protecting unborn life. Among others, these included the Heartbeat Bill, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, and the Down Syndrome Non-Discrimination Act. The latter bill, which pre-vents aborting a child because of a diagnosis of Down syndrome, was challenged in federal court and was upheld by the U.S. Court of Appeals just this month. Obhof also spearheaded efforts in the last state budget process to significantly increase funding to pregnancies centers — an increase of more than 500 percent.

"Over the past decade the Ohio Senate consistently worked to protect unborn life," said Óbhof. "I am proud of the work

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we did, from passing the Heartbeat Bill to providing greater funding to organizations that care for pregnant women.'

Obhof was a leader in protecting religious liberties during the Covid-19 pandemic. In response to the pandemic, some States ordered the closures of churches and other houses of worship. In response to that trend, Obhof drafted legislative language which was signed into law last fall, which prevents any Ohio official from ordering statewide or regional closures of churches or other houses of worship.

'In the Ohio Senate, we bucked the trend that we were seeing in some other States," said Obhof. "Instead of closing houses of worship, we passed a law to protect citizens' First Amendment rights. We ensured that churches, synagogues, and other religious institutions would remain open, even during declared state emergencies.'

Larry Obhof represented Ohio's 22nd Senate District (consisting of Medina, Ashland, and Richland Counties, as well as portions of Holmes County) from 2011-2020. He served as Ohio Senate President from 2017-2020.

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Church Directory

Mayflower Congregational Church

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

Lexington Presbyterian Church

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

Risen Savior Lutheran Chruch

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

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Wappner Funeral Home Mansfield • Ontario • Ashland 419-522-5211

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

Ontario United Methodist Church

3540 Park Avenue West, Ontario • 419-529-4345 Rev. Christine Bell Sunday Worship 10:15 am Bible Study: Please check the website for current schedule ontarioumc.com

St. Paul Mansfield Lutheran - ELCA

ALL are welcome • "Living and Loving like Jesus" 2010 Park Avenue West • 419-529-4351 Pastor Jonathan Stufft Sunday Worship 9:30 am Free breakfast 2nd Saturday each month, 9–10:30 am www.stpaulmansfield.org

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church

25 Church St., Bellville Pastor William Humphrey Sunday Services at 10:30 a.m.

Snyder Funeral Home Lexington • Bellville • Mansfield 419-884-1711

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

• First Federal Bank of Ohio

Donors needed by American Red Cross

This spring as COVID-19 vaccines become more available and people resume some of their favorite activities, the American Red Cross is reminding the public that the need for blood remains. Healthy individuals are encouraged to make a blood donation appointment now. But what about those who've received a COVID-19 vaccine — can they donate?

As long as donors are symptom-free, feeling well and can provide the vaccine manufacturer's name, there's no waiting period required after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine currently authorized in the U.S. Additional blood donation eligibility information is available at RedCrossBlood.org/Eligibility.

Donors, especially those with type O blood, are needed to help ensure blood products are available for patients now and into summer.

Those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma in May will be automatically entered for a chance to win a travel trailer camper that sleeps five, powered by Suburban Propane. Those who make it in to give May 1–15 will receive a \$5 Amazon.com gift card by email, courtesy of Suburban Propane.

Donors can schedule an appointment now to give blood and make it a summer full of life for patients. Appointments can be made 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.

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

Plasma from routine blood and platelet donations that test positive for high levels of antibodies may be used as convalescent plasma to meet potential future needs of COVID-19 patients. Convalescent plasma is a type of blood product collected from COVID-19 survivors who have antibodies that may help patients who are actively fighting the virus.

The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness. 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.

At a time when health information has never been more important, the Red Cross is also screening all blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide black donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly to help patients with sickle cell disease. Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease.

Donors can expect to receive antibody test and sickle cell trait screening results, if applicable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

Temperature checks, social distancing and face masks for donors and staff have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

Thursday, May 6, 8 am to 7 pm, Clear Fork High School, 987 St. Rt. 97 E., Bellville

Wednesday, May 5, 1–7 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Wednesday, May 12, 1–7 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario; and 10 am to 4 pm, American Legion Hall, 89 E. Main St., Shelby

Friday, May 14, noon to 5 pm, The Avenue Church, 1756 Park Avenue West, Mansfield



THE MADISON LIONS CLUB welcomed new officers which were inducted by District Governor 13 Kelly Parker on April 15. Those who were inducted for the coming year were Tom Ford, Spencer Moody, Jerry Milano, Ray Mellick, Dennis Ransom, Kerry Parker, Jeff Berrier, Jeff Burns, Jerry Cline and Gene Berrier. Missing from photo is incoming president Steve Laskey.

Summer intern applications are now being accepted

College students can spend the summer with Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) as a Summer intern. Applications are being accepted from current college students for one paid intern position. The internship is being funded through a grant from the Richland County Foundation Fran and Warren Rupp Fund.

The position is varied and provides the opportunity to assist with special events, social media, the website and SWCD activities. Each day is different and gives the intern the chance to hone their skills, learn new skills and support the Richland SWCD mission.

The application deadline is Friday, April 30, 2021. Details and how to apply for each position may be found at https://richlandswcd.net/get-involved/internships or by calling 419-747-8686.

All MRCPL locations extend service hours

All nine locations of Mansfield/Richland County Public Library (MRCPL) have extended service hours. Face masks are required for all customers at all MR-

CPL locations. In addition, Curbside Pick-Up service remains avail-

able. First Call 211 is always available 24/7 by dialing 211. For full details on new library hours and available services, visit mrcpl.org.







Pioneer recognizes Julian

Payton Julian of Ontario High School was named April 2021 Student of the Month at Pioneer Career and Technology Center.

He is a junior in the Industrial Diesel program at Pioneer and was nominated by his Industrial Diesel instructor, Darin Beal. He is the son of Beth and Chris Julian and plays baseball at Ontario. He has accepted an internship with Kokosing for this summer and currently works at J & D Mobile Wash. In his spare time he works on his truck.

Coming to Pioneer has allowed Payton to do what he is passionate about - working on diesel trucks. He loves being in lab half the day. In the future, Payton plans to work in the Industrial Diesel field.



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> If you would like to discuss a planned gift to the Richland County Foundation, please contact Brady Groves, President.

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RESIDENTS ON POTH ROAD met on Thursday, April 22 and Saturday, April 24 for their Neighborhood Earth Day Roadside Trash Pick-up days. Among those helping on Saturday were Shelli and Tom Craft, Deb Noel, Dan Fletcher, Leanna Rhodes, Paul Kegley and Glenn and Wilma Phillips. All are residents of Poth Rd. except Madison Township Trustee Dan Fletcher, who often volunteers to make Madison Township a better place to live. The group worked on Poth, Everett, Wade, River, Pat and Nestor. The Richland County Solid Waste Authority furnished vests, gloves and trash bags.

Legislation passed to support 179th

State Rep. Marilyn John (R-Richland County) announced that the Ohio House has approved House Concurrent Resolution 7, legislation that urges Congress and the U.S. Department of Defense to keep the 179th Airlift Wing in Mansfield and to utilize its expertise in support of the C-130J Super Hercules aircraft while awaiting a decision on the Air National Guard Cyber Wing. The 179th Airlift Wing was organized

in Mansfield on June 20, 1948.

In 1976, the 179th closed its tactical fighter mission, and the unit converted to the C-130B Hercules aircraft. Since then, the 179th Airlift Wing has been supporting variations of C-130 aircraft for over forty years.

Recently, the United States Air Force did not include Mansfield in the possible locations for support of the C-130J Super Hercules, the newest version of the C-130, and the only model still in production.

"Over the past 73 years, the men and women of the 179th Airlift Wing have honorably served the United States through many missions and countless deployments,

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home and abroad," said John. "They have proven to be a great community partner for Richland and Ashland counties and an economic driver in our region."

John also noted the 179th Airlift Wing has been recognized for numerous awards and has participated in humanitarian efforts around the world, including Restore Hope in Somalia, Operation Provide Promise in Bosnia, UN relief efforts and Operations Joint Guard and Forge in support of NATO operating out of Rhein-Main and Ramstein Air Base, Germany, as well as relief to those affected by hurricanes Hugo, Andrew, and Katrina.

Given the unique history, personnel, facilities, and capacity of the 179th Airlift Wing, I strongly believe it should be kept in Mansfield and continue to support the C-130J Super Hercules aircraft or the Air National Guard Cyber Wing," added John. "I sincerely thank my colleagues in the House for passing this important legislation."

The resolution now heads to the Senate for consideration.



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Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



By Kenn Spencer

With two weeks left in the soccer season, OYS teams are gearing up for a long tournament run. Good luck Warriors in the AYSA soccer tournament. Special thank you to Dominic Irwin for helping with our soccer program this season. Our biddy Warrior program has 90 kids, all five years old and below and full of energy.

OYS will field 36 teams and well over four hundred athletes this season. We expect Marshall Park to be full of excitement with some great games. Softball and baseball teams started practice this week and will begin their season on May 17.

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 Wee Ball will field six teams this season. Wee Ball is designed to give our youngest athletes (5 and below) a chance to play baseball in a fun, fan friendly environment.

chance to play baseball in a fun, fan friendly environment. OYS will be partnering with the OHS to offer an OYS game day experience on May 5. OYS baseball and softball players will be invited to a game day at the high school. Both varsity baseball and varsity softball are playing at home and OYS is planning on adding some energy to the games. We will have free refreshments/spirit wear/prizes and special game day events for every OYS athletes in attendance. Follow us on Facebook for more details.

OYS is looking for umpires for our league games. We are currently looking to cover 8U–12U baseball and softball games. Anyone interested can send an email to info@oysports.com.

Ladies and gentlemen start your imagination! Get ready for our first ever OYS Land Regatta. OYS is excited to bring a new and exciting event to our area. The soap box derby-style race will take place the first part of July. The race location will be on the corner of Dunlap Dr. and Shelby-Ontario Rd. This will not be the fastest sport on four wheels, but as far as crazy fun goes, we are ready for a soapbox derby show that will entertain everyone. Get a team, get a vehicle and get a plan! Follow OYS on Facebook for more information. OYS Soccer Boot Camp is live. This is for those are looking for an opportunity for a child to expand his/her love

OYS Soccer Boot Camp is live. This is for those are looking for an opportunity for a child to expand his/her love of soccer, have fun, form friendships and improve soccer skills. It is five full days of soccer located at Marshall Park where kids have tons of fun! They play games, get tons of touches on the soccer ball, and compete for medals and awards. This is the areas' largest soccer camp, and we are excited to meet new players and welcome back returning players! Last year, soccer boot camp sold out, so register now to ensure your camper's spot! OYS will be hosting a golf clinic this summer for all

OYS will be hosting a golf clinic this summer for all our biddy golfers. We are in the final stages of working out the details, we can tell you it will be sometime in July and Oaktree Golf course has agreed to host this event. Details on this clinic will be posted on Facebook and our website.

•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.

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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.



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THE ONTARIO WARRIORS hosted Triway and gave up two runs in the first inning. Ontario came back to tie the score in their half of the second. The score remained 2–2 until the sixth inning when Triway put two more runs on the scoreboard. Triway added five more runs in the seventh inning to make it 9–2 going into the bottom of the seventh where the Warriors were able to add one more which made the final score Triway 9–Warriors 3. Owen Hatfield pitches for Ontario.



ONTARIO SOPHOMORE Colten Ramion (17) swings at the plate during the home game against Triway. The Warriors dropped the game 9–3.



MADISON FRESHMAN Keliegh Reiter (16) makes contact with the softball during the Madison Lady Rams vs. Bellevue game. The Lady Rams fell to Bellevue 10–5.



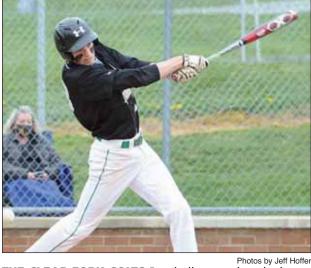
MADISON LADY RAMS freshman Jillian Conrad (18) stops at third base, following the leading of Coach Niswander. The girls played against Bellevue and suffered a 10–5 loss on their home field.

Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL freshman Will Connell (5) delivers a pitch during the Mansfield Christian Flames boys baseball game against the Central Christian Comets held on the Flame's Graham Field.





THE CLEAR FORK COLTS Baseball team played a home game against Buckeye Valley on April 24. Clear Fork won the close game 6–5.



MADISON HEAD SOFTBALL COACH Tim Niswander calls a timeout to give some instruction to the Lady Rams during the Rams vs. Bellevue girls softball game played at Madison.



THE LEXINGTON BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM'S eight seniors are Alex Riley, Ben Sharrick, senior captain Chase Carter, Ammon Parr, Devin Scott, senior captain Kevan Grimm, Cayden Durchik and Gabe Hamilton



LEXINGTON SENIOR Gabe Hamilton (8 pitches a one hitter against the Mansfield senior Tygers. Of his 76 pitches, 48 were strikes.



COLE PAULEY (17) scores the first run for the Lexington Minutmen during a varsity game against the Mansfield Senior Tygers. The Minutemen went on to defeat Mansfield Senior 2– 0 behind the great pitching of senior Gabe Hamilton who threw 9 of 13 first pitches as strikes. Cole Pauley pitched the last two innings.

Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



THE ONTARIO WARRIOR TENNIS TEAM played a match on Monday, April 19. Pictured are Ontario High School teammates Canaan Wentz, Nate Judson and JT Viscioni.

Golf fundraiser planned

Ontario High School will host the 2021 Football Golf Outing as a fundraiser for the Ontario Warrior Football Program.

The event will be held at Twin Lakes Golf Course on Saturday, June 12.

The shotgun start is at 9 am with check-in at 7:30 am.

Cost is \$260 per team and includes golf, cart and meal. This is a four-person scramble and there will be hole and raffle prizes. Sponsorships are available at \$50 for a family and \$100 for a company.

Registration is available at Ontarioschools.org. Click on "Parent" and then click "Sports Connect."

KCCC Announces Student Visitation Night for Thursday, May 13

Knox County Career Center (KCCC) has announced that it will host a Student Visitation Night on Thursday, May 13, 2021 from 5–7 pm. The event will be for current sophomore and juniors in high school who have

applied and been accepted to KCCC along with students who are interested in learning more about KCCC and haven't applied yet.

KCCC is scheduling visitation for the

evening by appointment only. Space is limited so KCCC encourages those who have been accepted or are interested in learning more about KCCC to schedule your appointment soon.

To schedule an appointment visit knoxcc.org and look under "What's Happening" on the main page and look for "Student Visitation Night".

Students will be allowed two visitors

with them for the evening. Students will need to schedule appointments to visit KCCC programs prior to Thursday, May 13. They will have the opportunity to meet with instructors, learn more about specific programs, visit with school counselors, learn more about our JROTC program, and apply to KCCC.

Health protocols will be followed, including a temperature check upon arrival.

Do you have a sports team, Little League or other photo to send to the Tribune? Just email to news@tribune-courier.com. If possible, please identify those in the photo.



THE CLEAR FORK LADY COLTS played a softball game against Fredericktown on April 24. Clear Fork fell to the Fredericktown 12–14. Courtney Palmer had two home runs for the Colts and Hallie Gottfried had one.

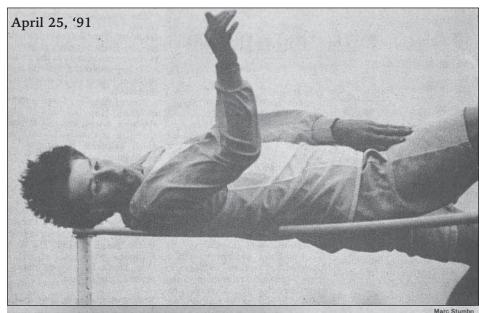
LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History



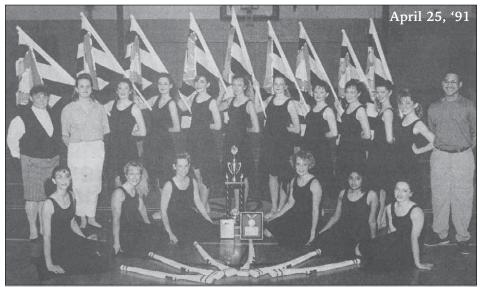
NEW PUMPER — The Mifflin Township Fire Department recently replaced its old "Engine No. 81" with a brand new, 1990 custom pumper. Pictured with the new vehicle are (from the left) firefighter Jim Mills, firefighter Jim Eggeman, assistant chief



ONTARIO TRACK QUEEN'S COURT – from left, Attendent at large – Tracey Schluter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schluter; Sophomore Attendant – Ann Hellinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hellinger; Senior Attendant – Terry Schluter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schluter; Junior Attendant – Shelly Hershner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hershner.



DAN KIGHT of Lexington cleared the high jump bar at 6'1'' in Saturday's Ontario Relays. He teamed with Mike Lamson (6'0'') as the duo set a new relays mark of 12'1'' in that event. Both the Lexington boys and girls won the annual event.

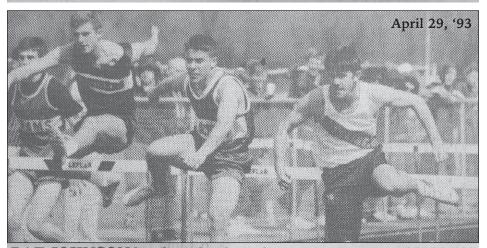


PLACE FOURTH IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS — The Lexington Gold Rush, the winter color guard unit at Lexington High School, placed fourth out of 61 teams in the Winter Guard International World Championships held Friday and Saturday, April 2 and 13, at the University of Dayton arena. The guard unit was the only Ohio guard squad to make the High School Class A Final competition. The Gold Rush was able to advance to this competition after its second place win at the Winter Guard International Mid-East Regional competition held in Kings Mills, Ohio. They competed against 23 color guards in their class during that competition. This year's Gold Rush unit has been together since December and practices three days a week, according to director

Kim Heimann. Members of the unit are (front) Staci Butler, Deedee Weldeman, Yvonne Hankins, Amy Holtshouse, Chethana Jayaram, Lori Kegley, (back) Director Heimann, Tiffany Eder, Kelley Berger, Stacie Scott, Roberta Kent, Jennie Bachelder, Amy Weirich, Michelle Kegley, Rynee Dowell, Diana Johnson, Julie Meyer and Instructor Michael Thompson. The high school Class A is composed of smaller guard programs demonstrating competitive flag and rifle routines. Winter Guard incorporates dance, music, costuming and visuals into its routines. Lexington has the only Winter Guard unit in the area, having been in existence for the past ten years at the school.



RELAYS QUEEN AND COURT – Ontario High School Track Coach Robert Wolfe and Ontario Relays Queen Holly Kempin admire the trophy won by the Warriors in the annual running of the Ontario relays. Grouped hehind the pair are attendants Diana Hergatt, Hill Oswalt, Suzie Yeager and Becki Dockman. Ontario finished second in this year's running of the annual classic. Ashland High School's Arrows were the meet champions.



PAT JOHNSON has been having a banner year for the Lexington track team. He has run the high hurdles in 16.0, high jumped 6'2", ran the low hurdles in 41.2 and Pat has long jumped 20'5".

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Schmidt Security Pro is hiring unarmed security guards to serve in the Mansfield and surrounding areas. Retirees wel-come. Shifts available are evenings, nights, weekends, and holidays. Duties include patrolling and monitoring park-ing lots, inside/outside of buildings and reporting any unusual circumstances. Apply in person at: 241 Mansfield Industrial Parkway 44903; or email: jobs@schmidtsecurity.com

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LEGAL ADVERTISING

PUBLIC AUCTION

On Monday May 10, 2021 at 9:00AM the City of Ontario will be holding an auction at the Ontario Commerce Park (GM Property) at 2525 West Fourth Street. The City will be auc-tioning off a Cell Tower. The tower is approximately 120 feet tall. The successful bidder will be responsible for removal. For further information and exact location of auction contact Mayor@ontarioohio.org.

> Cathy VanAuker Clerk of Council City of Ontario. Ohio 4-22, 29 '21 (17L)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Council of the City of Ontario during a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo

Road, Ontario, Ohio, upon a proposal to amend the City Zoning Ordinances:

1. Chapter 1146.03 Signs, Section (e)(3) Wall

2. Rezone ten parcels on Park Avenue West between 2903 PAW and the railroad overpass, from Business to General Industry.

The City of Ontario Planning Commission has recommended in favor of these changes.

All persons interested in these issues are invited to attend and express their views.

Cathy VanAuker Clerk of Council City of Ontario, Ohio 4-22, 29 '21 (28L)

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 April 21, 2021.

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. 21-12 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ESTABLISHED REGULA-TIONS FOR THE USE OF ALL CITY PARKS, REPEALING ORDINANCE 18-04.

> Cathy VanAuker Clerk of Council City of Ontario, Ohio 4-29, 5-6 '21 (22L)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Madison Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at the Madiace Town Holl Madison Town Hall, 817 Expressview Dr., rear entrance. The requested hearing is as follows:

1. Application for Variance #20-02 Parcel #0261100314000, 741 Yale Avenue, Mansfield, 02 Ohio 44905. Applicant wants to extend west 8.3 acres to expand a trailer park. Change zoning from commerical to

mobile home park.

At this hearing, all persons shall be given ample opportunity to speak "for or against" the applithe cation. The purpose of hearing is to determine whether the applicant will be granted their request.

Dan Bishop, Chair Madison Township Board or Zoning Appeals Mansfield, Ohio 4-29 '21 (L)

LEGAL NOTICE

Springfield Township, The Richland County, Ohio, invites asphalt contractors to bid the Township's road work for 2021. Sealed bids will be accepted until 6:30 pm on May 17, 2021, at the Trustee's Office, 3700 Park Avenue West, Ontario, Ohio 44903, at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the Fiscal Officer.

Improvements with "Chip & Seal" will be according to spec-ifications available at the Trustees' Office between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, beginning April 29, 2021. Specifications can also be downloaded from www.springfieldtwprc.org. The Road Foreman will be available to answer questions at 419-529-2565.

All bids must be accompanied by a personal tax statement in accordance with state law and Ohio Workers Compensation and prevailing wage rate. Each bid will include a 10% bid bond as required by R.C. 153.54 "2021 Road Improvement."

Springfield Township The Trustees reserve the right to reject and and all bids. All materials and eqipment must meet state standards. The Trustees reserve the right ro add or delete roads to stay within budget. The completion date is September 17, 2021.

> Anita Kochheiser Sprigfield Township Fiscal Officer Ontario, Ohio 4-29, 5-6 '21 (46L)

PROBATE COURT OF RICH-LAND COUNTY, OHIO IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF Sarah Paige Sesco to Adrian Anthony Masen Sesco CASE NO. 20219043.

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 Sarah Paige Sesco to Adrian Anthony Masen Sesco.

The hearing on the application will be held on the 25th day of May, 2021, at 12:00 o'clock pm in the Probate Court of Richland County, located at 50 Park Avenue East, Second Floor, Mansfield, Ohio.

> Sarah Paige Sesco 1541 Anglewood Dr. Mansfield, OH 44903

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE

1,000 sq. ft. office space located in the front portion of 347 Allen Dr., Ontario. Rental will have own private restroom, front and side entrance. Room is a large open area. Email tribune@tribune-courier.com to schedule a viewing or phone call.

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APRIL'S FULL MOON is the "pink moon" and is a supermoon. The moon gets its name from the pink early springtime blooms of the Phlox subutat plant, also called moss pink." It is native to eastern North America.

RPH gives updates for this week

Richland Public Health has released a few updates for this week.

Because of the Civil War event at the fairgrounds this weekend there are no drive-thru COVID-19 vaccinations. The Bellville and Shelby Clinics were also cancelled for this week.

Richland Public Health is transitioning to a new central scheduling number. It is 614-881-1882. The previous number (866-395-1588) will still work until June. This change of number is by request of the company that does COVID-19 vaccination scheduling for several local health departments.

Richland Public Health has openings for Friday for the first dose of Moderna vaccines. Call 614-881-1882 to register.



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PIONEER CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER recently inducted 15 students into the Pioneer CTC chapter of National Technical Honor Society (NTHS). The new inductees are Shelby Baker (Ontario High School, Senior Medical Technologies), Vincent Cope (Lexington High School, Senior Media Communications), Jillian Ericsson (Home Schooled, Senior Collision Repair), Jocelyn Hunter (Ontario High School, Senior Dental Assisting), Katrina Lewis (Ontario High School, Senior Dental Assisting), Mason Niese (Shelby High School, Senior Media Communications), Carter Underwood (Ontario High School, Senior Performing Arts), Rachel Weyant (Crestline High School, Senior Medical Technologies), Zavier Alterio (Lexington High School, Junior Performing Arts), Ken Chang (Ontario High School, Junior Exercise Science/Sports Medicine), Abigail Crager (Galion High School, Junior Horticulture), Gavin Hull (Ontario High School, Junior Performing Arts), Claire Skoog (Lexington High School, Junior Dental Assisting), Faith Taylor (Northmor High School, Junior Industrial Electricity) and Nicholas Teglovic (Colonel Crawford High School, Junior Homeland Security). Requirements for membership include being a full-time Pioneer student, 3.25 or higher overall GPA and a 4.0 or higher GPA in your career-tech lab, being active in at least one Career Technical Student Organization, civic or service organization or another activity beyond the school day, as well as attendance and discipline requirements. The ceremony was virtual and can be viewed on Pioneer's YouTube channel at https://youtu.be/hN80g_-tkrg. For over 30 years, NTHS has been the acknowledged leader in the recognition of outstanding student achievement in career and technical education. Through Pioneer's Strategic Planning Committee, the recommendation was made to create a chapter of NTHS. Pioneer's first NTHS Induction was held March 18, 2019 as part of our 50th Anniversary celebration. (Note: masks were removed briefly for photo).

Election Day polling location changes announced

Submitted by Matt Finfgeld, Director of Elections and Jane Zimmermann, Deputy Director

Primary/Special Election Day is Tuesday, May, 4. Not all precincts in Richland County have a ballot to vote on. Voters in the City of Mansfield, City of Ontario, Village of Plymouth, Village of Shiloh and Washington Township are the only voters with a ballot available.

For this election only, voters in Jeff A, split 1, Washington Township, whose normal polling location is St. Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church St., Bellville, will vote at Resurrection Parish, 2600 Lexington Ave., Mansfield The reason for this change is there are only 15 voters in this split.

For this election only, voters is Lex B, split 1, Washington Township whose normal polling location is Heartland Church, 2505 S. Lexington Springmill Rd., Mansfield will vote at Resurrection Parish, 2600 Lexington Ave, Mansfield. The reason for this change is there are only 200 voters in this split.

Voters in these precincts have been notified by mail of the new polling location name and address. The board does not expect to make any other revisions unless an emergency situation would arise. Early voting dates are: April 26–30, 8 am to 7 pm each weekday; Saturday, May 1, 8 am to 4 pm; Sunday, May 2, 1–5 pm; Monday, May 3, 8 am to 2 pm; and Election Day, May 4, polls open 6:30 am to 7:30 pm

Early voting is in the Lower Level Classroom, Longview Center 1495 W. Longview Ave. The last day to request a ballot by mail is Saturday, May 1, at noon.

Those who requested an absentee ballot by mail, must have the ballot postmarked by Monday, May 3, 2021 or returned to the office by 7:30 pm Tuesday, May 4, 2021. There is a ballot drop box located in the back parking lot for convenience.

Early in-person voting will end on Monday, May 3, at 2 pm. Voters who wait until Monday to vote early may experience some traffic congestion in the parking area on that day due to poll workers who will be picking up their supplies and large trucks used to deliver our voting equipment

After the 2 pm deadline on May 3, voters must go to the polls to cast their ballot on Election Day, Tuesday, May 4. Polls will be open from 6:30 am until 7:30 pm. If voters are not sure of their polling location, contact the Richland County Board of Elections at 419-774-5530.



RSWCD promotes Soil and Water Stewardship Week

The Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD), in partnership with the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), is celebrating Soil and Water Stewardship Week from April 25–May 2, 2021, focusing on the theme "Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities."

Richland SWCD is a member of NACD, which oversees the annual Stewardship Week program, now in its 66th year. Stewardship Week is one of the largest national annual programs to promote conservation.

The Richland Soil and Water Conservation District was formed to implement and assist landowners, government agencies and partners with a wide range of natural resource conservation programs.

On April 22, the Richland County Commissioners issued a Soil and Water Stewardship Week Proclamation and Richland SWCD gave away tree seedlings to the first 100 participants at the Earth Day Celebration held in conjunction with Richland County Solid Waste Management Authority at the Compost Facility, 441 Cairns Rd.. Participants also learned more about the importance of trees and the various composts materials available at the facility.

"Educating the public about the importance of our connection to our natural resources in our daily lives is an essential part of what conservation districts advocate for in their communities," said NACD President Michael Crowder. "Trees and forests are critical to providing clean air and water, healthy soil, shade, abundant wildlife habitat, jobs and valuable products we use every day."

Richland SWCD can assist residents in learning more about trees and the species native to the are. Richland SWCD can also provide insight on tree planting, care, and maintenance, as well as information on how to protect trees from invasive species.

"Conservation districts have a long-standing history of working with state and private forest owners in helping promote and safeguard our nation's forested lands," Crowder said.

Free, downloadable Stewardship Week resources celebrating the theme "Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities" are available on NACD's website at www.nacdnet.org/store/.

For more information about Stewardship Week and conservation contact Richland Soil and Water Conservation District at 419-747-8685 or Theresa@richlandswcd.net.



STUDENTS IN MRS. SECRIST'S THIRD GRADE CLASS at Ontario celebrated Earth Day by going on a nature hike. They completed a scavenger hunt, picked up litter and enjoyed the scenery. They even discovered some beautiful flowers to add to their "Earth Day Jars" artwork.



WITH THE COOPERATION of the students at Stingel Elementary School in Ontario, The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging and the Ohio State Patrol, the residents of Elmcroft in Ontario were delivered "Sunshine Boxes" by the Ohio State Patrol. Twenty-five members of the Kindness Club at Stingel participated in the project. The students and their families gathered snacks, puzzles, cards and blankets. Mrs. Secrist's third grade spearheaded the project. Pictured in the photo are TPR K. Beringon, Nicole Williams, TPR S. Speicher, sales director Lori Bongiorno, resident Joan Albert and Healthy Life Styles Director Tracy Teeters.



T-C Staff/Bud Motter **CEF FUNDRAISER** — Guests gathered at Berean Baptist Church on Middle Bellville Rd. on April 23 to attend the Child Evangelism Fellowships Fundraising Event to hear guest speaker, apologist and author Dr. Alex McFarland. Dr. McFarland is co-host of American Family Radio's *Exploring God's Word*. Prior to the message, guests were served individual charcuterie boxes. The event raised nearly \$41,000 to be used in Morrow, Ashland, Richland, Crawford, and Knox Counties. Speaker Dr. Alex McFarland is greeted by local director Dale Baer.

Hymnsing returns May 7 The month of May will be the first Hymnsing date for

The month of May will be the first Hymnsing date for the year. The first night will be Friday, May 7, 2021 at 7 pm at New Liberty Church on Lexington Ave., Lexington.

Singers will gather and call out numbers from the hymnal and everyone will join in a sing-along lifting voices in song together. This is a free event and all are welcome.

Those who love the hymns can come along and join in. New Liberty's new pastor Rev. Chad Berry has opened the doors for the event to be held there. Social standards are in place, of course.

New Liberty Church and Mansfield Area Community Hymnsing both have pages on Facebook where schedules and information about events can be found.



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KERRY PARKER, District Governor Lion, received a gift from the Madison Lions Club during a meeting held on April 15.



MRS. AMY NORTH'S second grade students, at Lexington Western Elementary recently studied the water cycle. Students made a cloud in a bottle and drew with water on the playground to see how quickly the water would evaporate and watched a cloud "rain" in their cups as a final experiment.



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NATIONAL MEDICATION TAKE BACK DAY was held Saturday, April 24. Richland County Solid Waste opened as a drop-off site for unwanted and expired medication. Helping to collect and dispose of medications were Perry Wheeler from the Mansfield Police Department, Metric Division, and Rachel Evans, Major Project Coordinator with the Third Street Family Clinic.

NCSC to host drive-through graduation ceremony

North Central State College will hold a drive-through graduation ceremony on Friday, May 7, on the main campus in front of the Fallerius building. Attendance will be limited to one car for each graduate. Cars will enter the campus using the State Route 39 entrance.

Approximately 250 graduates are planning to attend (more than 330 graduates were invited to participate) the drive-through celebration, cheered along by faculty and staff of North Central State College. Graduates will receive their diploma cover from Dr. Dorey Diab, president of NC State and Matt Smith, chair of the NC State Board of Trustees.

The drive-through graduation will follow a schedule for the various NC State divisions:

•4:15–4:30 pm, Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology Special note: These are the first bachelor's degree graduates of NC State!

•4:30–5:15 pm, Accounting, Business, College-NOW Business Administration

•5:15–6 pm, Engineering, College-NOW Engineering, IT, VCMT

•6–7 pm, Health Technology, Bioscience, SciMed, Respiratory Care, Nursing

•7–7:30 pm, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant, Radiology

•7:30–8 pm, Liberal Arts Division

The commencement event will be streamed live on the North Central State College Facebook page.





IT'S SPIRIT WEEK at Ontario High School and Monday, April 26 was "Beach Day." Students and staff dressed for a day at the beach and participated in games during lunch for prizes. Students are front, Brooke Hagerman, Grace Voelp and Emma Drexel; and back, Ella Shaffer, Bre Roth, Bryce Wentz and Justin Douglas.





WESTERN ELEMENTARY Physical Education teacher, Ms. Kelli Dyer, planned a morning recognition for students at Western who have parents and/or siblings currently active in the military. Students and staff were encouraged to wear purple and camouflage in support of our military families . Pictured are a few of our military family students. Ms. Dyer is Senior Master Sergeant E8 in the 179th Airlift Wing, Ohio Air National Guard.

Holy Trinity Farmer's Market to return

The Holy Trinity Farmers' Market will return for its 12th season on May 25. The market will once again be held each Tuesday from 3–6 pm, in the west parking lot of the church located on the corner of Cook Rd. and Lexington Ave.

The market producers are passionate about what they do and work hard to bring a fresh, delicious product to the market, whether it is a wide variety of seasonal produce, breads and baked goods, maple syrup, jam, jelly, herbs, tea, chicken, vegetable plants or more.

Many of the producers have participated in the market for several years and a few have been with it from the start. They love to talk about their food and welcome questions and comments.

The market will be looking for a few new vendors this year. Currently, the market is looking for a new producer for homemade dip mixes and snack mixes. Fresh cut flowers may be needed also. The market is careful to avoid flooding the market with "like" products. All items approved for the market must be grown or made by the producer selling the product and located within 15 miles of this local market. No auction, re-sell or craft items accepted.

In fairness to all producers, no one may show up the day of a market without prior approval. All producers must make contact with market Manager, Cindy L. Shasky, to express interest, discuss market policies and guidelines and be preapproved for set up.

The market follows the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture's Food Safety Divisions requirements for "Cottage Foods". Baked goods and other Cottage food production items must be properly labeled. Potential producers are encouraged to review guidelines on the ODA website for more information.

Visit the Holy Trinity Farmers Market Facebook page to view pictures of past markets. For more information contact Cindy at 419-709-4468 or holytrinityfarmersmarket@yahoo.com.

Spring choral concert is May 2

Ashland University's Spring Choral Concert will be performed Sunday, May 2, at 4 pm in the Myers Memorial Bandshell at Brookside Park in Ashland.

The concert is free and no tickets are required, though audience members will be expected to wear face coverings and practice social distancing. The performance will go on rain or shine.

Because the COVID-19 restrictions, this is the University's only live choral performance this year and will feature the University Choir, Women's Chorus and Chamber Singers.

The ensembles will perform a variety of musical styles, with the Chamber Singers offering "Stories and Situations": Randall Thompson's settings of Robert Frost's poetry, including "The Road Not Taken", some Romantic part-songs and a new jazz tune The Women's Chorus will center its performance around the theme, "Music of Celebration and Blessing" with "Astonishing," from the Broadway show "Little Women", Leavitt's "Festival Sanctus", Martin's "Celebrate Music" and "An Irish Blessing".

University Choir's selections will celebrate "Music of Inspiration and Hope", with a spiritual by Moses Hogan and a gospel tune by Keith Hampton, two Renaissance motets, the poetry of Langston Hughes, Emily Dickinson, e. e. cummings and Euan Tait and the music of Palestrina, Clausen, Whitacre, Arnesen, Persichetti.

Conductors will be Professor of Music Rowland Blackley, and Women's Chorus director and staff accompanist Deborah Logan. Susan Gregg is the pianist for all groups.

May recognized as Mental Health Month

Sumitted by Sherry L. Branham, MPA, associate director

The theme for "May is Mental Health Month 2021 in Richland County" is one simple word "RESILIENCE."

In the wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic Richland County has demonstrated the four principals of Resilience: Perseverance, Adaptability, Increasing Knowledge and the Strength to move forward.

In 2021, the behavioral health system "Persevered" despite restrictions created through this worldwide pandemic. Publicly funded agencies provided services to over 8,000 Richland County youth and adults for treatment of mental illness and substance use disorders.

The system "Adapted" and agencies quickly developed new ways to deliver essential services to people in need, through telephone services, video chats and sanitized face-to-face meetings.

We "Increased Knowledge" during this time of transition through electronic communication and greater reliance on media. We enhanced the "Know It Before You Need It" initiative and increase community knowledge of available services before people need them.

Now we are building a new initiative referred to as "The Good Neighbor" movement, encouraging the community to begin "safely" expanding their social circles and sense of community as we emerge from the challenging time. And lastly, we are "Moving Forward" as we begin to deal with the impact of the pandemic, we find our services in greater demand.

Access to care is the key. To that end we will be piloting, up to, two Behavioral Health Urgent Cares. These will allow access to initial assessments and brief, solution-focused counseling six days a week and up to four evenings per week on a walk-in basis. We know that when someone decides they need help it is essential that they can access care quickly and conveniently.

We are still in the development stages but hope to have the doors open on these Behavioral Health Urgent Cares on Au. 2, 2021. As a community we encourage Richland County residents, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recommit to our community. This can be done by increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, by communicating the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health and by filling the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses.

The schedule will include: May 1–31, Catalyst Life Services will have Helpline available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you or someone you know is dealing with a mental health or addiction crisis please call 419-522-HELP (4357).



TRIPLETS? Three Ontario High School teachers from the social studies department inadvertently showed up to school with matching outfits . Playing the part of triplets are Mr. Tyler Coley, Mr. Danny Slaughter and Mr. Tim Henige.

May 1–31, Anyone can call into Catalyst (419-756-1717) between 7:30–9:30 am, Monday through Thursday for Open Access. Open Access will allow you to be assessed by a clinician that very same day if you are in need of mental health or substance use services.

May 1–31, The Warmline will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for or questions or concerns regarding mental health. For more information call 419-522-HELP (4357).

May 1–31, The Richland County Mental Health Board will be supporting Text4Hope and encourages individuals who may not want to interact on a personal level with someone to reach out for help via text. This line if available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can access this FREE service by texting 741-741.

May 1–31, CACY, in collaboration with Store It Safe, will be offering free firearm lock boxes (while supplies last). These safe firearm boxes offer a way to protect adolescents and reduce risk of firearm injury to children. Properly storing firearms and separating ammunition can reduce risk of suicide and unintentional injury. If you know an adolescent who is thinking of harming themselves, call the crisis helpline at 419-522-HELP (4357). To receive a free firearm box call 419-774-5683 or email andersont@cacvohio.com.

May 1, noon to 4 pm, The Starts Within Organization with Carlos M. Christian, CEO, will host a free Father Within BBQ Cookout at Johns Park, 591 Johns Ave., Mansfield. Fathers are encouraged to come out and enjoy free food while learning about new ways of thinking on how to become a better father. There will also be assistance with eliminating barriers such as child support, parenting time orders, employment opportunities, etc. For more information, text or call Angel Singleton, case manager, at 419-610-6915. Sponsored by the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood.

May 3, 7:30 pm, On behalf of the Village of Lexington, Mayor Brian White will offer a proclamation to help Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board celebrate Mental Health Month. The event will be held at the Lexington Village Hall.

May 4, 9:30 am, Richland County Commissioners will help Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board celebrate Mental Health Month by offering a proclamation declaring May as Mental Health Month in Richland County, Ohio.

May 5, noon, Joe Trolian from the Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board will present on May being Mental Health Month to the Noon Optimist Club. This meeting will be at the Holiday Inn.

May 5, 7 pm, On behalf of the City of Ontario, Mayor Randy Hutchinson will offer a proclamation to help Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board celebrate Mental Health Month. The event will be held at the Ontario City Hall.

May 6, 6–7 pm, NAMI will host NAMI Connections Meeting for those individuals living with a mental health condition, who may face unique challenges, social stereotypes and misunderstandings, complex family dynamics, and changing medical developments. This program can help you. NAMI Connection provides a safe, accepting and confidential setting with access to a community of people who relate to these kinds of experiences. This group offers support to people like you who get it and who have been there. Trained facilitators will guide you in learning to empower people. This is a place that offers respect, understanding, encouragement and hope. To attend the meeting log into zoom @ Https://zoom.us/j/9121952599. The meeting number is 9121952599 and the password is 12345.

May 10–16, Richland County's First Annual Senior Week will celebrate the accomplishments of Richland County's Senior Class of 2021. Participating businesses will provide a product or service for free or at a discounted rate for graduating Seniors. Seniors will need to present a school id, or a "senior card" as proof of graduation. May 12, 12–5:30 pm, Wellness Wednesday is sponsored by Catalyst Life Services, 270 Sterkel Blvd. Mansfield. To find out more about how Catalyst can serve you and your loved ones please come to this event and learn about behavioral health screenings, mental health supports, substance use supports, peer recovery support, vocational services, telehealth services, support for family members or to talk with a counselor and other Catalyst staff. You can also sign up for Narcan Training at 12:45 and 4:30 by calling 419-774-6710. Parking will be in the back of the building and the event is in the downstairs conference room. Receive a t-shirt and goodie bag for attending. Snacks and refreshments will be available.

May 15, 9 am to 1 pm, Bike-A-Palooza Family Festival will be held at North Lake Park. The event will be free and open to the public. There will be Bike with a Cop, a Bicycle Safety Rodeo, a Bicycle Raffle, Family Entertainment, Mansfield Fire Departments House of Hazards and Richland County Dog Warden will have dogs available for adoption. This event is brought to you via collaboration of many community partners that will be recognized at the event.

May 15, 12–4 pm, Healing Hearts Counseling Center is working in collaboration with Healing Hearts Foundation of Ohio to celebrate May as Mental Health month, and bring a sense of connectedness within the community, by having a "Party in the Park." Many have struggled in the past year having to isolate and distance from one another, which has impacted people and their mental health. By hosting "Party in the Park" we hope to bring connectedness and unity throughout our community. We will be providing food, games, kids activities, and just a day filled with fun! The event is being held at South Park in Mansfield. A rain date of May 22, 2021 has been scheduled.

May 17, 6:30–8:00 pm, NAMI will be offering a Family Support Group designed for those who have a loved one with a mental illness. Anyone is welcome to join the group every 3rd Monday of the month for support, education, and learning. These sessions focus on how to advocate and care for loved ones as well as learning about self-care. Every month NAMI will cover a different topic through a variety of guest speakers. To participate log into zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/859996905-83?pwd = SkZYMEZnSVhoVWISZVU3SklBZ0F1QT09.

May 17, 7–8 pm, "Community Stretch for Mind, Body and Spirit" will run for 12 consecutive Mondays (with the exception of Memorial Day which will move to the Tuesday that week). This event will focus on stretching, a light workout, guided meditation and subject specific discussions and sharing. Attendees will leave the Stretch with uplifting messages that carry through to the next session. Presentations will vary touching on topics that are mental health specific. The event will be held at Marshall Park at the pavilion on the corner of Rock and Milligan Roads.

May 22, at 11:33 am, 33 Forever will host the First Annual 33 Forever Mental Health Birthday Walk which will begin at the square in Mansfield and end at the Carrousel. It will be a 3.33 km (2 mile) family friendly walk. There will be a \$33 registration fee for walkers who are encouraged to get sponsors to help raise money for mental health and 33 Forever. To register go to https://33forever.life/.

May 24, 5:30 pm, There will be a Town Hall panel discussion on the Good Neighbor Campaign that is being facilitated through partnership with the Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board and Mid State Multi Media. The Town Hall will define the initiative, encourage people to participate in it, and offer ideas on how to be a Good Neighbor.

Physical distancing and masks mandates will be adhered to for in person events.

For updates on this calendar please go to the Boards calendar at www.richlandmentalhealth.com or call the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board at 419-774-5811.