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RICHLAND SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Volunteer of the Year Ella Hafenstein (center) is congratualated by Richland County Commissioners Cliff Mears and Tony Vero, Richland SWCD Director Erica Thomas and Richland County Commissioner Darrell Banks.

Ella Hafenstein named Richland SWCD Volunteer of the Year

At the Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) Annual Celebration held on Nov. 4, Ella Hafenstein was announced as the Richland SWCD 2021 Volunteer of the Year.

Hafenstein volunteers in a variety of capacities in the office, at special events and with special projects. In honor of her being named the Volunteer of the Year, Richland SWCD created and shared a video at the Annual Celebration of her contributions to Richland SWCD and the community. To watch the video visit https://richlandswcd.net/

To recognize Hafenstein's volunteer efforts, a Red Maple tree was purchased by Richland SWCD and planted at Community Park with assistance from Todd Ward and his staff at the Lexington Parks Department. Ward's department has also pledged to maintain the tree in the coming years.

Hafenstein was recognized with commendations from Senator Mark Romanchuk, Representative Marilyn John and Richland County Commissioners Darrell Banks, Cliff Mears and Tony Vero.

Hafenstein grew up on a farm in Kansas, moved to Willard in 1980 and later to Richland County. She has two sons. Ken, of Hilliard and Mike of Topeka, KS.

Hafenstein has always been active and participated in sports. She was a womens volleyball referee for 32 years and enjoys hiking, camping, gardening and being outside.

She enjoys volunteering and has done so for many years. She coached fifth and sixth grade girls' volleyball, voluntarily helped at the hospital for activities and programs outside her normal duties, volunteers to pick up litter for the City of Mansfield, plants flowers and picks up litter at the hospital.

Every year Hafenstein volunteers at the Richland County Fair in the City of Mansfield Litter Prevention and Recycling booth for Kim Hildreth. Since 2010, she has volunteered with CERT (Certified Emergency Response Team).

She retired from Ohio Health in 2019 after 34 years and started volunteering with Richland SWCD in January of 2020.

Hafenstein no sooner started volunteering when Covid hit and Richland SWCD couldn't have volunteers in the office. Covid didn't stop her from continuing to volunteer, though. She picked up projects to work on at home like packaging milkweed seeds, making butterfly and bee kits for children, and butterfly and milkweed seed ornaments for the Kingwood Center Community tree.

Hafenstein volunteers weekly in the office and has helped with a variety of tasks. She helps at special events and helped clean up the Longview Center plant bed and continues to help maintain it. She is back in the office again and Richland SW-CD is grateful for her help. She is always (Continued on Page 6)

Plymouth hosting Christmas street fair

The 5th Annual Christmas in the Village will be held Dec. 3, 4 and 5 in Plymouth.

The holiday marketplace and street fair will be held on W. Broadway and will feature over 80 craft and artisian vendors, food trucks, a Christmas Spirits Tent, 2,000 square foot ice rink, carriage rides

(Saturday), Plymouth Polar Express Train (Saturday), Santa and his reindeer, axe throwing, a parade of lights and tree lighting (Friday) and ice carving sculpture (Saturday).

Hours are Thursday, 4–9 pm, Friday 12–9 pm and Saturday, 10 am to 9 pm.

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Red Cross expresses ongoing need as holidays approach

In 2021, people in our area and across the country faced great emergency needs as the ongoing pandemic exacerbated the challenges related to severe disasters, blood shortages and global conflict.

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On Giving Tuesday and during the holidays, visit redcross.org to make a financial donation or an appointment to give blood or platelets.

2021 marked one of the country's most active years for severe weather — which battered many communities still reeling from last year's disasters. For thousands of people in need, the Red Cross launched a new major relief effort every 11 days to provide refuge, food and care.

This year, a family displaced by a disaster in the U.S. spent an average of nearly 30 days in a Red Cross-supported emergency shelter. These extended stays were largely due to a lack of savings and community housing shortages — signs that climate-driven disasters are compounding the financial hardships of the pandemic.

To meet the increasing needs of hospital patients, the Red Cross distributed 250,000 more blood products in 2021 than last year, until the delta variant began to spread in August. The pandemic also resulted in fewer blood drives at schools and colleges, contributing to a 34% drop in new blood donors from last year — one of the largest year-to-year decreases and one that could threaten essential medical care for patients. Locally, the Central & Southern

Ohio Red Cross Region has experienced a nearly 30 percent decrease in new blood donors this year.

As a result of low blood donor turnout in recent months, the Red Cross is heading into the holidays with its lowest blood supply in more than a decade at this time of year.

All those who come to give now through Dec.16 will automatically be entered for the chance to win a private screening for the winner and 50 of their guests of the new film *The Matrix Resurrections*. Plus, those who come to give will also get a \$10 Amazon.com gift card by email.

Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1–7 pm, Richland Mall, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Sunday, Dec. 5, 11 am to 4 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Wednesday, Dec. 8, 11 am to 4 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Thursday, Dec. 9, 9 am to 3 pm, Mansfield Engineered Components, 1776 Harrington Memorial, Mansfield

Friday, Dec, 10, 8 am to 1 pm, Pioneer Career & Tech Center, 27 Ryan Rd., Shelby Saturday, Dec. 11, 8 am to 1 pm, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1951

Middle-Bellville Rd.
Tuesday, Dec. 14, 12–6 pm, Saint Paul
Lutheran Church, 48 Church St., Bellville

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1–7 pm, Richland; and 2–7 pm, Planktown Country Market, 1921 Free Rd., Shiloh

"Ghosts of Christmas Past" to visit Oak Hill

Oak Hill Cottage "Ghosts" will gather once again this year for an annual lighthearted soiree at the old mansion on the hill. The evening event on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 5 pm to 7 pm (please note time correction), introduces the public to the characters who have made Oak Hill their home

Characters will include the Robinsons who built the house in 1847, the wealthy Jones family of the late Victorian age, down to the daughters of Dr. Jones who made it a center of social life in the early 1900s

This year's "Ghosts of Christmas Past" event will not form guests up into groups

because of Covid precautions, and visitors will be sent through the house as they arrive. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and under, paid at the door.

Oak Hill Cottage is a circ 1847 gothic revival mansion built by J. R. Robinson, a local entrepreneur. His empire of railroad, milling, and mining interests took him away from Mansfield at the time of the Civil War, and the Dr. Jones family, whose furnishings still fill the house, moved in by 1864 and occupied Oak Hill for the next 101 years. The Richland County Historical Society purchased the house in 1965, restored it, and opened it in 1984 as a house museum.

Ontario Craft Show is this Saturday

The Ontario Recreation Department will host the Ontario Community Craft Show Saturday, Dec. 4, from 8:30 to 3 pm at the Richland County Fairgrounds, 750 N. Home Rd.

Over 100 crafters will offer a huge selection of crafts including wood signs, crochet, clothing, soap, jewelry, wreaths, holiday items, candles, doll clothes and more.

Admission for the two-building show is

\$2 per person or a new toy (no used toys or stuffed animals).

All proceeds go to the Ontario Lions Club Community Projects and the Ontario Recreation Department.

All toys go to the Springfield Township Fire Department and Ontario Police Department Toy Drive.

For more information contact Heather at Recreationdept@ontarioohio.org or 419-529-2588 ext. 3202. See Ad on Page 3.



This week I will be reviewing two movies that are sure to be up for Oscars come early next year.

The first movie is the excellent King Richard. Will Smith stars as Richard

Williams, the former tennis coach and father to two young daughters named Venus and Serena Williams who go on to be tennis superstars. Even if you do not know tennis, you know the Williams sisters.

This movie chronicles Richard doing everything he can to get his daughters to be the best they can be even seeking famous coaches and players for help including Rick Macci played in a great supporting performance by Jon Bernthal. Aunjunae Ellis also shines as Richard's wife who does her best to raise their children while keeping Richard in check.

To say Smith's performance is good is an understatement. This is one of the best performances Smith has given. He so easily became Richard Williams I forgot it was Will Smith which is a huge compliment for an actor and he should be a best actor frontrunner. This movie itself is terrific under the direction of Reinaldo Marcus Green with engaging tennis sequences. This is one of the best films of 2021.

Spencer is a fictionalized story of Princess Diana taking place over the three days of the Christmas holiday in

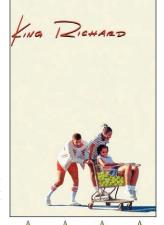
1991. Diana is late again to dinner in one of the many mansions owned by the palace, which upsets the royal family. She is under the watchful eye of an admiral well played by Timothy Spall. Diana

by Timothy Spall. Diana knows about Charles infidelity with Camilla but has her two young sons to dote on. Diana throughout the film feels like she is a prisoner in the royal palace and wants to break free.

Kristen Stewart stars as Diana and really gives a terrific performance. She has a range unlike anything we have seen from her. This movie is described as a fable and director Pablo Larrain (who also directed the similar *Jackie* from 2016) gives us very artistic sequences that will not appeal to every viewer but makes for an interesting experience and a different take on someone many of us know.

Her struggles with self harm and an eating disorder are explored and the dark and dankness of the hallways, her feelings of being alone and the lack of support from really any other character make it suspenseful. *Spencer* will not be for

spencer will not be for everyone and people should know this is not a conventional movie or story like Netflix's *The Crown*, but I found this very engaging and watchable due to Stewart's terrific performance which has many different layers.





Reservations open for Santa Breakfast

The Richland Rural Life Center, 969 E. Crall Rd., Madison area, will host a Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, Dec. 4. Three time-slots will be available — 8:30 am, 9:30 am and 10:30 am.

Breakfast will include all-you-can-eat pancakes as well as french toast sticks,

scrambled eggs, sausage patties and fruit, and choice of orange juice, milk, water and coffee. Cost is \$10 for ages 10 and up; \$5 for ages 6–9; and free for ages 5 and under. Everyone is required to have a ticket. To purchase tickets visit the Richland Rural Life Center Facebook page.

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The Flood of 1860

By Bob Carter

On April 9 and 10 of 1860, a huge spring storm hit Richland County. Parts of the north end of Mansfield were flooded, with some industrial businesses shut down.

As one might expect, the damage was extensive in places.

Also shut down was the Sandusky, Mansfield Railroad which later became the B&O (now the bike trail). The flood swept or damaged sixteen of their bridges or culverts. Two factors account for their losses. The first was that timber, which once held water, was being stripped away from the land at an alarming rate. The railroad alone accounted for much of this, and the demands on forests for new buildings, fire wood and fencing and even wooden barrel making took its toll.

Hard to believe was the fact that railroad was shipping 27,026 feet of black walnut lumber to England for furniture.

In 10 months time in 1858, the road carried 2,161,425 feet of lumber, 4,823,842 million shingles and lath and 300 car loads of barrel staves. The railroad also purchased for its own use 6,000 cords of

wood to fuel its engines and heat buildings. It also was using nearly 40,000 wooden cross ties a year, much of it supplied by their own crews and area farmers needing extra income.

All the timber the rail line used for rails and bridges was untreated native lumber. It would weather and rot easily with time, thus had to be replaced. In an effort to prevent weathering, they put roofs over some bridges.

The second factor in the flooding was that poor farming practice led to rapid run off. Crop rotation and contour farming had not yet come into practice until what was once premium farm land had already been ruined.

For it's part, the railroad had narrowed some stream beds when building bridges. Replacing wooden trestle with earthen embankments created dam like effects during periods of flooding.

It appears engineers understood or appreciated that each new year would see higher water than in previous years. An example of these railroad embankments can be seen just north of Lexington's Plymouth Street park. It floods nearly every year.

Program offered by Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter will hold a free one-hour virtual educational program on Undestanding Alzheimer's and Dementia for families and community members impacted by the disease by Zoom on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 6 pm; Monday, Dec. 13 at 11 am; and

Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 11 am.

"This program offers an overview of the disease, how it progresses, and how to access resources" says Pam Myers, program director of the chapter.

Register at alz.org/CRF or call 1-800-272-3900.



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DECEMBER 3RD (12 PM - 9 PM)
DECEMBER 4TH (10 AM - 9 PM)



News Briefs

Ridgeway Church of God, 1380 Park Avenue East, Madison Township, will host a ham dinner on Friday, Dec. 3, from 4:30–6 pm in the fellowship hall.

Drive-thru orders will be available. The menu will include ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, dessert and beverage. Cost is a free-will donation. All proceeds will benefit the church. For information call the church at 419-589-5385.

Biblewalk, 500 Tingley Ave., Madison area, will offer free "The Life of Christ" tours, Tuesdays through Saturdays in December, from 10 am to 4 pm.

Clear Fork Alliance Church will host an "Experience Bethlehem" event with a live Christmas story on Dec. 10, 11 and 12.

Guided tours will be held from 6:30–8:30 pm on Friday and Saturday and 2–4 pm on Sunday. Bethlehem will remain open for one hour following the last tour.

Admission is free and this is an inside family event that is handicap accessible.

The church is located at 1008 St. Rt. 97, Bellville. Call 419-886-4333 for information.

A recycling trailer will not be at Ontario United Methodist Church in December.

The Area Agency on Aging Board of Trustees elected to provide three scholarship awards this year to individuals for higher education or classes benefitting the field of aging. Scholarship award amounts for the academic year 2022–'23 are: one \$2,000 for a student attending a 4-year university; one \$1,000 for a student attending a 2-year college or technical school; and one \$1,000 for a student attending any type of higher institute of learning or enrolled in an accredited program for certification.

Applicants must be a high school graduate and reside in Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca or Wyandot counties.

Details can be found on the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. website beginning Dec. 2, at 4 pm. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2022.

For more information, contact Susie Danuloff at the Area Agency on Aging at 567-247-7105 or sdanuloff@aaa5ohio.org

Those in need of help paying for winter heating bills may be able to receive assistance from HEAP.

To apply, fill out the application, 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 including electric, wood, coal, natural gas, propane and kerosene.

The Eastside Churches of Mansfield and the Madison area invite the community to join together for "The Glory of Christmas — Experience the Season" Christmas cantata and cookie reception on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 3 pm in the Madison Middle School Auditorium.

A free-will offering will be taken to cover production expenses. This event is free and open to the public.

Ridgeway Church will host a Gingerbread Bash on Sunday, Dec. 5, from 2–3:30 pm. There will be games, songs and gingerbread nativity decorating. Visit www.ridgewaycog.cggc.org to pre-register.

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter will hold a virtual educational program on The 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's.

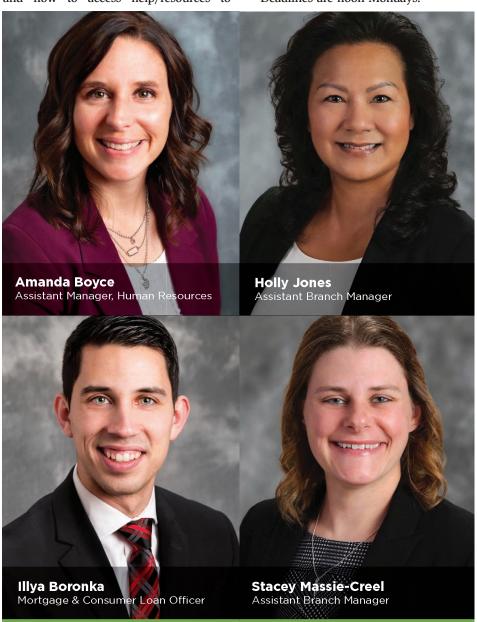
The program will run on Zoom on the remaining dates of Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 11 am and again at 5:30 pm; and Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 6 pm.

"This program is our most important community program," says Pam Myers, Program Director. "When you or your loved ones begin to notice changes in behavior, it is important to know what might be a warning sign of Alzheimer's and how to access help/resources to ensure an accurate diagnosis."

Register at alz.org/crf or by calling 1-800-272-3900.

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

Deadlines are noon Mondays.



It's all about people

Recipients of the James A. Courtney Award

Mechanics Bank is pleased to announce Amanda Boyce, Holly Jones, Illya Boronka and Stacey Massie-Creel have been awarded the James A. Courtney Award. This Award is presented to Mechanics employees who best exemplify the company's mission—to pursue excellence in every possible way to enrich the lives of people and the communities we serve. Congratulations, Amanda, Holly, Illya and Stacey!



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Church Directory

Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville • 419-886-4333 • www.clearforkalliance.org Rev. Matt Merendino • Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor 9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship Wednesday evenings: 6 pm Prayer Meeting • 6:30 pm TeamKID and Youth Group

Community Bible Church

1043 Springmill St., Mansfield • 567-560-8011 • www.DiscoverCommunity.org Pastor Sam Belsterling • 10:30 am Sunday Worship Live stream at https://www.facebook.com/CommunityBibleChurchMansfield

Lexington Presbyterian Church

35 Church St. West, Lexington • 419-884-1330 Rev. James Randas • 10:30 am Sunday Worship https://www.facebook.com/Lexington-Presbyterian-Church-117768414915815

McElroy Road Church of Christ

297 N. McElroy Rd., Mansfield (Madison area) • 419-589-2661 • mcelroyroad.org Minister Dean Jackson 9:30 am Sunday School • 10:30 am Sunday Worship • 6 pm Sunday Night • 7 pm Wednesday www.facebook.com/mrccgrace

Ontario Christian Church

1029 Lewis Rd., Ontario • 419-529-5684 • ontariochristian.org **Pastor Steve Broughton** 9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship

Ontario United Methodist Church

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

Ridgeway Church of God

1380 Park Avenue East, Mansfield • 419-589-5385 • www.ridgewaycog.cggc.org/ Pastor John Dodds • Associate Pastor Billy Saunders 9:30 am Sunday School • 6 pm Sunday Family Events 10:40 am Sunday Worship with live stream at www.facebook.com/ridgewayfcog 2 pm Wednesday Bible Study • 9 am Men's Breakfast 2nd & 4th Sunday

Risen Savior Lutheran Church

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

St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church

1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison) • 419-589-2114 • www.mansfieldstmarys.org Father Matthew Frisbee

4 pm Saturday Worship • 11 am Sunday Worship • 5:30 pm Tuesday Worship 9 am Friday Worship • Faith Instruction & Bible Study on Sunday Mornings

St. Paul Lutheran

2010 Park Avenue West • 419-529-4351 • www.stpaulmansfield.org **Pastor Jonathan Stufft** 9 am Sunday Worship • 10:15 am Monday Weekly Bible Study

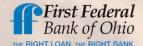
St. Timothy Lutheran Church

1262 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison area) • 419-589-5252 • sttimmansfield.org Pastor Jonathan Stufft 10:45 am Sunday Worship • 10:15 am Monday Bible Study Email: secretary@sttimmansfield.org

Trinity United Methodist Church

1592 Grace St., Mansfield (Madison area) • 419-589-5890 • trinityumcmansfield.org Pastor Micahel W. Mack • 9:30 am Sunday Worship

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



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Memorial Arrangements

Stephen J. Schlosser

Loyal, wise, driven, and genuine, Steve Schlosser was the epitome of a family man, and lived his entire life reinforcing that on a daily basis. Stephen J. Schlosser, 63, of Howard, Ohio, was called to be with the Lord on Nov. 23, at

Ohio Health Mansfield following a brief illness, surrounded by his family.

On April 16, 1976, Steve's steadfast personality landed him a date with the Love of his life and Best Friend, Jill Hughett Schlosser. Steve married Jill on Dec. 22, 1979 and spent the rest Dec. 22, 1979 and spent the rest of his years being madly in love with her while raising, teaching, loving and guiding their three surviving sons: Matt (Kasey) Schlosser, Ryan Schlosser, and Adam (Sarah) Schlosser. Steve and Jill were married 41 years, 11 months 11 months.

Steve attended Clear Fork Steve attended Clear Fork
High School and graduated with the Class of
1976. After graduating, Steve pursued his passion of heavy equipment by enlisting in the
United States Navy Seabees, serving 2 years
Active Duty and 4 years Reserve Duty. He
earned an honorable discharge in 1982. Steve
began his career in 1979 as a heavy equipment
mechanic at Mansfield Asphalt, now Shelly &
Sands Playing a vital role in building quality Sands. Playing a vital role in building quality

Sands. Playing a vital role in building quality roadways throughout Ohio, he was able to work his way through the ranks and eventually retire from Shelly & Sands as the Equipment Superintendent in April of 2018.

Steve enjoyed over three years retirement with Jill. They spent a couple winters in Florida before realizing they would rather be in Ohio near family and watching their grandchildren play sports. Well known around the family households as "PaPaw", Steve also turned out to be a very well-mannered Uber driver to his van

load of grandkids that he loved to watch participate in sporting events, and spent countless hours chauffeuring to sporting practices and games.

His nine grandchildren, Makaylia, Lukas, Blake, Landon, Kaiden, Addison, Alex, Greyson, and Blake were the light of their

PaPaw's life.

In addition to his wife, children and grandchildren, Steve is survived by his parents Stephen Robert and Phyllis Ann (Letizia) Schlosser, Mother-in-Law Phyllis Hughett, sister Julie (Randy) Doup, brother-in-law Steve (Shelley) Hughett, and numerous nephews and nieces. Steve was preceded in death by his brother Thomas Schlosser, father-in-law Marv Hughett, grandparents Joseph and Betty Schlosser and Carl and Mary Letizia.

Steve loved Jesus and served Him with all of his heart. He attended Lifepoint Church Mount Vernon, serving faithfully

on the Connections Team and Backpacks of Hope project. Steve was passionate about the Backpacks of Hope mission project. The mission provides food to Mount Vernon school children identified by school officials as likely to go hungry over the weekend without help. Steve assistance of the school ed in unloading food, packing bags and delivering them to the schools to be distributed to the

A memorial gathering was held Monday, Nov. 29, in the Bellville Snyder Funeral Home followed by a Celebration of Life service. Pastors Bill Pursel and Patrick Bailey officiated. Services concluded outside with military honor performed by the Bellville American Legion Post

Donations in honor of Steve's memory can be made by selecting BACKPACKS OF HOPE at https://lifepointmv.churchcenter.com/giving Online condolences: SnyderFuneralHomes.com

Alzheimer's Association to hold in-person educational programs for the community

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter is pleased to announce that we will be presenting two in person educational programs in December to help individuals and families who may be impacted by the disease.

The programs are very helpful for anyone experiencing signs of memory loss, their family members who may be concerned, and community members looking for more education.

On Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 pm, Effective Communication Strategies will be held at the Glenn Gallagher Centre in Mt. Vernon.

On Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 6:30 pm, Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia will be held at the Area Agency on Aging Hawkin's Corner office in Ontario.

Both of these programs provide valuable information about the disease, how to manage it, and strategies to improve overall communication.

Both programs are free and open to the public. Registration is required. To register for the program, call 800-272-3900.

Local CDC and Health guidelines followed; masks required.

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Holiday Décor with Paula The home of Paula & Nick Confalone, Lexington

Kingwood Center Gardens opens for the holidays as part of the 2021 "Ohio Holiday Lights Trail"

Kingwood Center Garden's annual light display, Christmas at Kingwood, opened Saturday, Nov. 27 for the

This year's display continues the tradition of decking the halls of Mr. King's former home, including the breathtaking foyer tree in Kingwood Hall. Rooms and hallways are decorated by volunteers following a new annual theme; this year it is "Home for the Holidays."

Recently restored bedrooms on the third floor will also be decorated. Visitors will also enjoy strolling the outdoor Trail of Lights that includes a walk-through 28-foot string light tree, the Community Tree Walk and the greenhouse.

Christmas at Kingwood is open now through Dec. 30, Tuesdays through Sundays, from 4–9 pm. Advanced ticketing is required. For information visit kingwoodcenter.org
For the first time, Kingwood Center Gardens is part of

the Ohio Holiday Lights Trail, a compilation of the state's most impressive light displays curated by Ohio. Find It Here, the state's tourism division. This year's holiday lights trail features 43 locations across Ohio, the largest trail since its inception five years ago.

"We're thrilled to be part of the Ohio Holiday Lights

Trail," said Brenda Nelson, Director of Development and Marketing. "Visiting light displays is a special holiday tra-dition for so many families. Kingwood's entire team has been working diligently to create magical moments and special memories for all who visit."

The Ohio Holiday Lights Trail is part of Ohio. Find It Here's "Ohio for the Holidays" campaign encouraging residents and visitors alike to enjoy the holiday events, attractions and activities across Ohio.

Visit Ohio.org and follow @OhioFindItHere on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Share your holiday adventures on social media using #OhioFindItHere and #OhioForTheHolidays.

Kingwood Center Gardens is a garden estate on 47 acres in Mansfield, that once was the home of the innovative industrialist, Charles Kelley King. Kingwood is renowned for its distinctive floral displays, unique plant specimens, woodland trails, historic mansion and gardens, display greenhouse, duck pond and peacocks. Signature events like Wine Walk, the Great Pumpkin Glow and Christmas at Kingwood provide vital support for the nonprofit organization.

In 2020, Kingwood celebrated the opening of the Garden Gateway, a new visitor center with a café, garden and gift shop, ballroom, exhibit gallery, and guest amenities. The project also includes the Grand Perennial Garden with Perennial Pavilion, the new Draffan Fountain Terrace, and a nature pond. Learn more at kingwoodcenter.org.

Nutcracker Ballet coming to Rensaissance

Join in on the fun with your family this holiday season and attend Richland Academy's Nutcracker Ballet, presented by the Renaissance Theatre. The Nutcracker Ballet will be held at the Renaissance Theatre in downtown Mansfield on Dec. 10 at 7 pm and Dec. 11 at 2:30 pm. This production will be the sixth annual production of

The Nutcracker Ballet from Richland Academy of the Arts. Attendees, young and old alike, will be enchanted by this traditional portrayal of The Nutcracker through beautiful classical dance, stunning fairytale scenery, vibrant theatrical staging, and the captivating musical score of Tchaikovsky.

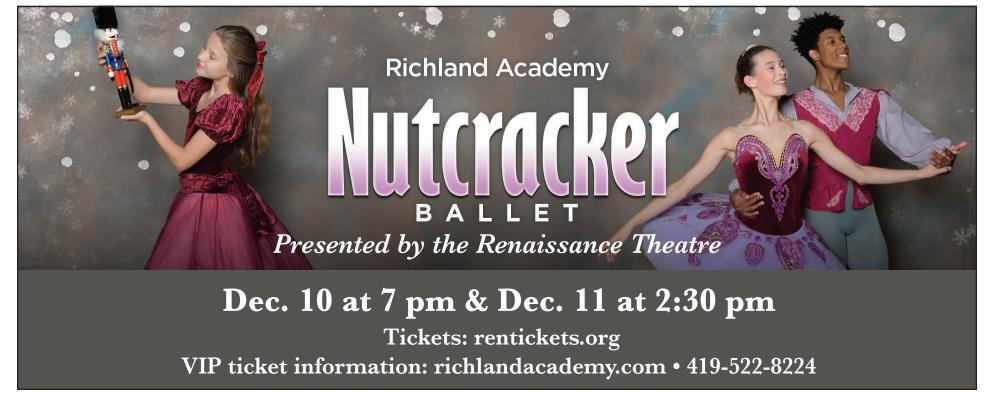
Tickets are available now through the Renaissance Theatre website, rentickets.org. All seating is general admission and seating is limited. All attendees ages 12+ are required to wear a facial mask and show proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of attending a performance.

VIP Tickets will also be available to purchase through

Richland Academy at 419-522-8224. VIP Ticket holders will have access to a pre-show VIP party on Dec. 10 from 5:00–6:45 pm in the Renaissance Ballroom for a cocktail party, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and more.

Food selections for this event will be provided by The Vault Wine Bar and Bake My Day. Each VIP ticket holder will receive a special gift from Richland Academy's sponsors and have access to VIP seating in the Renaissance Theatre during the show. VIP tickets are \$55 Adult and \$22 Student/Child ages 5–18. Tickets to the show are included in VIP ticket price. VIP tickets can only be purchased by contacting Richland Academy at 419-522-8224. Tickets are limited. VIP Tickets must be purchased by

For more information call Richland Academy at 419-522-8224 or visit www.richlandacademy.com. Richland Academy, founded in 1991, is located at the corner of 4th and Walnut St., and is supported by the Ohio Arts









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Chris May, MRCPL Director says, "Freegal is a wonderful streaming music service that allows you to create playlists. The discovery options allow you to find new artists as well as reconnect with a long-forgotten artist. The library is excited to offer this new option to our customers and we hope it provides hours of enjoyment!"

Richland County residents can complete an application for a library card or register for an eCard on the Library's website now to begin using Freegal.

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SWCD Volunteer of the Year

ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL students participated in a school-wide scavenger hunt to help the school turkey

find all of his feathers on Monday, Nov. 22. Leadership Council members came in the Saturday before and

hid the feather's around the school. Any student who found a feather returned it to the library and received a cookie. The council came up with the idea as a fun way to start the Thanksgiving

break celebration week.

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cheerful and upbeat, has a positive attitude and is willing to chip in and readily takes on new projects.

The 81-member volunteer team was also recognized at the annual celebration for their many contributions to Richland SWCD.

Volunteers help with office projects, at special events, take photos, scan and edit historical photos and documents, manage data and assist the technicians. Precipitation, Lake and Stream Monitor volunteers post their data on the district's website on the Water Data Map which provides a real-time picture of what is happening in the county's eight watersheds and may be viewed at https://richlandswcd.net/services/water/water-data-map.

This year, volunteers have contributed more than 2,500 hours to Richland SWCD, which has saved the General Fund approximately \$25,000.

Call 419-747-8686 or go to http://richlandswcd.net/ to learn how to volunteer and about programs and services.



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Photo by Brandon Chambers

Mansfield author L.E. Schuck publishes biography on career criminal Ĵohn Dalton

The Last of the Dalton Gang, written by Mansfield author L.E. Schuck, is a biography of a career criminal who was tutored by older thieves on the art of stealing tires from boxcars on trains. He learned well. He eventually became the mastermind behind thefts of tires and other valuables from warehouses, railroad shipping containers and boxcars.

During Dalton's 40 + years of crime, he spent time in three different federal prisons and many state institutions. Dalton recounts many of his crimes and includes several he was never charged for.

During the author's career in law enforcement, he was involved in several of the cases where John Dalton and his gang members were arrested. In fact, over the years trying to build cases against John Dalton, the author finds it unique that he found himself working with Dalton to tell

the story about his life and efforts trying not to get caught.

L. E. Schuck is a retired law enforcement officer with 36 years of service in both the public and the private sectors. Later in his professional career his supervisory duties necessitated work in several states. New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Georgia among them. Larry also was a Certified Security Consultant and formed his own security consulting business in the Atlanta, Georgia area prior to moving back to Ohio to be close to family. He is an Army veteran and served in Vietnam. Larry and his wife Mary currently reside in Mansfield,

The Last of the Dalton Gang is a 134page paperback with a retail price of \$13 (eBook \$8). The ISBN is 978-1-6495-7368-1. It was published by Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Christmas Carol sing will be at New Liberty Baptist The 7th annual Christmas Carol sing hymnal and all will join in to sing. Will be held at New Liberty Baptist hymnal and all will join in to sing. The last song of the night will be "O

church, Lexington Ave., Lexington on Friday, Dec. 3, at 7 pm. The congregation will be asked to call out the number of their favorite Christmas carol from the

Holy Night." There will be refreshments afterwards, and everyone is encouraged to bring something to share. The church is a half mile south of Hanley Rd.

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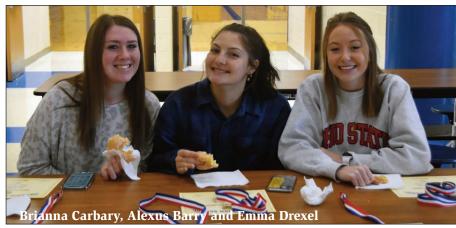
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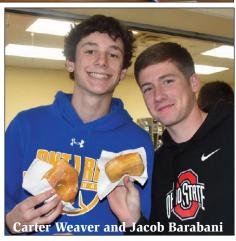
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Ontario High School Scholar Athletes who earned a 3.5 GPA or higher for fall quarter received an award and were treated to breakfast.







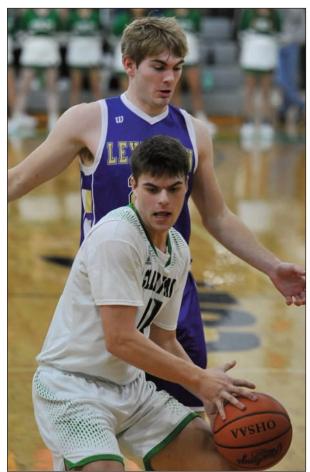


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Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Lexington Boys Basketball vs Clear Fork • Nov. 26 • Lex Win 51-25 Photos by Jeff Hoffer























Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Clear Fork Girls Basketball vs Madison • Nov. 23 • Colts Win 48-21 Photos by Jeff Hoffer























Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights







THE MANSFIELD AND LEXINGTON TURKEY TROT was held Thanksgiving morning on the bike trail near Heartland Church. The annual 5K/10K/Half Marathon also included a kids fun run before the main races. Taking first for the men in the 5K was Alex Culler with 16:32. Taking first for the women in the 5K was Audrey Wolford with 22:03. 10K top male/female finishers were Dylan Hunter (37:38) and Katie Conwell (48:22) and half marathon top male/female were Chad Roland (1:23:35) and Kelsey McHugh (1:28:50). Pictured are Alex Culler and Audrey Wolford with their winnings — a giant cinnamon roll and a pumpkin pie. For full results visit https://mansfield lexingtonturkeytrot.itsyourra

Clear Fork Girls Basketball vs Triway • Nov. 29 Colts Win 60-39 • Photos by Jeff Hoffer













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Nice People Finish First

By Bryan Golden

Chances are that you've heard the expression, "nice guys finish last." Nothing could be further from the truth. This statement is used by many to justify less than ethical treatment of others.

Under the guise of not wanting to finish last, people engage in inconsiderate conduct. At best, this type of behavior will give the illusion of short-term gains. These apparent gains come with a high price; the forfeiture of building a solid foundation of living which will last a lifetime.

Being nice is not synonymous with subjugating your dignity or your right to assert yourself. Don't allow yourself to be used as a doormat. Everyone, at one time or another, has been in a situation where they felt obligated or pressured to agree to do something that they didn't want to.

Being nice entails being considerate, polite, respectful and thoughtful. Being nice means not elevating yourself by stepping on others. Being nice requires understanding that you are not better than someone else and no one is better than you. Being nice compels you to help people without expecting anything in return.

Unfortunately, there are those who view being nice as a sign of weakness and as an invitation to take advantage. However, no one can take advantage of you without your permission and participation.

Your response when someone tries to take advantage of you sets a precedent that determines how you are subsequently treated. Unless you make your limits clear, people will continually try to push your boundaries.

Your limits will be tested on several fronts: at work, by family, and by friends. Each situation requires a different approach. At work you have an obligation to perform certain services in return for your pay. But when requests fall outside your normal job responsibilities, you must decide whether you want to or should comply.

It's not uncommon to experience direct or implied pressure that your employment or advancement might be affected if you say no. This is a very uncomfortable position to be in, but it happens.

Be clear in your own mind what your limits are. Don't allow yourself to be held hostage because you are afraid to say no to unreasonable or inappropriate requests.

If you are so concerned by job security that you won't say no, you essentially broadcast that you have no limits. As a result, you will continually be taken advantage of. When appropriate, say no, and you will usually find that nothing bad happens and you are treated with more respect.

Requests from family and friends are somewhat different. Guilt and peer pressure

is used to cajole you into doing what someone else wants. Exceed your boundaries and you will be taken advantage of repeatedly. Decline requests with politeness and a smile.

Be diplomatic by saying things like 'Thank you for asking, but I have a prior obligation" or "I've already made other plans" or "If you had only asked me sooner" (Continued on Page 14)

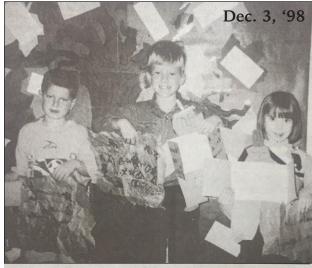


LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History



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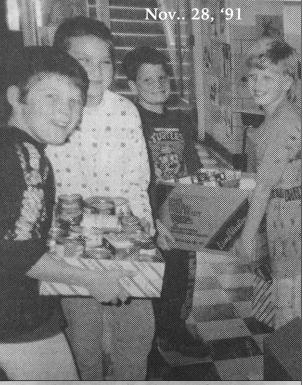
WHAT WOULD Thanksgiving be like without pumpkin pie? Mrs. Carole Taylor's second graders at Stingel Elementary received a lesson in pie baking last week. To help remember the Pilgrims and their first Thanksgiving, the pupils baked six pumpkin pies. Mrs. Taylor said the lesson also allowed them to practice planning skills, measuring skills and working together in small groups. The pies were served at the afternoon milk break. The proof of the pie followed the hard but fun work of making them for the second graders.



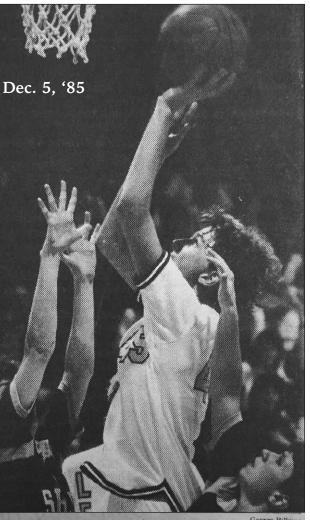
THE FIRST GRADE STUDENTS at Western Elementary School in Lexington were busy in November learning about the first Thanksgiving and the Indians of the United States. Each class selected a region of the United States — Plains, Woodland, Great Basin and Southwest — and learned thru stories, activities and special art projects about the Indians that lived in that area. Pictured are Clay Massey, Ryan Kimble and Katie Broaddus of teacher Humphrey's class displaying their Indian symbol stories which were written as part of their unit on Native Americans.

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RED CROSS FOOD DRIVE — Lexington Central Elementary sponsored a food drive during the weeks of Nov. 11 and 18. People who receive canned food from the Red Cross are in some type of emergency situation — fire, jobless, homeless, some type of disaster or in between food stamps. Central students and families responded with enthusiasm. Pictured are students Stacy Warndorf, Joshua Underwood, John Ruth and Brian Spence.



THE LEXINGTON Minutemaids evened their record at 1-1 with a 41-35 win over Clear Fork Friday down at Bellville. The Maids' opening loss was to Shelby. In the photo above Kris Finefrock goes high over a couple of Whippet girls to score a bucket for Lexington.

Dec. 2, 1942 — Enrico Fermi, the Italian-born Nobel Prize-winning physicist, directs and controls the first nuclear chain reaction in his laboratory beneath the bleachers of Stagg Field at the University of Chicago, ushering in the nuclear age. Upon successful completion of the experiment, a coded message was transmitted to President Roosevelt: "The Italian navigator has landed in the new world." Following on England's Sir James Chadwick's discovery of the neutron and the Curies' production of artificial radioactivity, Fermi, a full-time professor of physics at the University of Florence, focused his work on producing radioactivity by manipulating the speed of neutrons derived from radioactive beryllium. Further similar experimentation with other elements, including uranium 92, produced new radioactive substances; Fermi's colleagues believed he had created a new "transuranic" element with an atomic number of 93, the result of uranium 92 capturing a neuron while under bombardment, thus increasing its atomic weight. Fermi remained skeptical about his discovery, despite the enthusiasm of his fellow physicists. He became a believer in 1938, when he was awarded the Nobel Prize in physics for "his identification of new radioactive elements." Although travel was restricted for men whose work was deemed vital to national security, Fermi was given permission to leave Italy and go to Sweden to receive his prize. He and his wife, Laura, who was Jewish, never returned; both feared and despised Mussolini's fascist regime. (history.com)

Classifieds

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held be-fore Council of the City of Ontario, during the Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 North Stumbo Road, upon a proposal to amend Section 1137.06 IP Industrial Park District and 1145.38 Concession Stands All persons interested in this issue are invited to attend and express their views.

> Cathy VanAuker Clerk of Council City of Ontario, Ohio (T-C 12-2 '21) 19L

LEGAL NOTICE

The Annual Financial statement for the Bellville Agri-cultural Society is complete for 2021 fiscal year. If you would like to request the records, contact the Treasurer, Ellen S. Walker at 419-886-4280 or email bellvilllefair@aol.com. or 131 Main St. Bellville, Ohio

> Ellen Walker Treasurer, Bellville Fair Bellville, Ohio (12-2 '21) 14L

LEGAL NOTICE

The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their regular meeting held on November 17,

The complete text of these Ordinances 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. 21-38 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR 2022 COMPETITIVE GRANT FROM THE RICH-LAND COUNTY FOUNDA-TION, AND DECLARING AN

ORDINANCE NO. 21-39 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING OR-DINANCE 21-06 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPRO-PRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2021 BY MAKING ADDI-TIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND, THE ENTERPRISE FUND, AND THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FUND.

Cathy VanAuker Clerk of Council City of Ontario, Ohio (T-C 11-25, 12-2 '21) 36L

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Looking to purchase a gold Madison High School Class of 1953 men's ring. Call 419-756-

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. \$1410/mo and includes utilities except phone/internet. Email tribune@tribune-courier.com

Free virtual arts integration professional development workshop scheduled for teachers

The Kennedy Center Partners in Education Mansfield Team, comprised of the Renaissance Performing Arts Association, the Mansfield Art Center, and Mansfield City Schools, will host a virtual professional development workshop on arts integration for elementary and intermediate educators, and administrators on Thursday, December 9, 2021. The workshop is an asynchronous session, combined with Zoom as a platform, and led by Ms. Rick; thus allowing those registered to participate from any location using their own laptop or other device. The registration fee for the workshop has been covered for all participants through the generous support of the Ohio Arts Council and Charles P. Hahn, CFP.

Focus 5 and Kennedy Center teaching artist Melanie Rick will lead her workshop entitled, "I See a Feeling: Examining SEL through Illustrations," for teachers serving students in grades K-8. Children's literature is filled with characters who wrestle with various emotions while striving to overcome obstacles. The illustrations in these books often capture complex thoughts, feelings and actions and provide the catalyst for rich conversations and powerful lessons focused on social-emotional learning.

During this session, participants learn how to look, think, and talk about detailed aspects of illustrations to help students make personal connections and gain a deeper understanding of their own feelings as well as others' feelings around them.

The professional development workshop will be presented from 4:30-6:30 pm; and participants will receive a Zoom link before the start of the workshop. Registration

is available at https://melanierick2021.eventbrite.com.

Contact hour verification for CEUs is available for participants. For more information, call 419-522-2726 ext. 252 or email maddie@mansfieldtickets.com.

Melanie Rick is a National Board-Certified Teacher, certified reading specialist, and co-owner and senior arts-integration consultant for Focus 5, Inc. She designs and leads workshops, in-depth courses, and summer institutes focused on aligning arts integration, best instructional practices, and current research in the fields of arts and ed-

Ms. Rick works in art museums, schools, and art centers across the country, helping teachers develop their students' visual literacy and critical thinking skills through the integration of visual art and poetry throughout the curriculum.

Melanie is currently a course leader and instructional arts coach for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Art's Changing Education Through the Arts (CETA) program in Washington, D.C. She also served as the CETA program consultant for five years, working with teaching artists to develop and evaluate workshops presented at the Kennedy Center.

Melanie holds an MA in Literacy Curriculum and Instruction from Virginia Tech and a BA in Elementary and Special Education from Clemson University. She has 20 years of experience integrating the arts with general education, special education, and English Language Learners. She has been a classroom teacher in third, fourth, sixth, and seventh grades as well as an arts integration specialist in a Title I arts magnet school.



Photo by Jeff Hoffer

DAR offers scholarships

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

The Jared Mansfield Chapter local scholarship is open to all students, both genders, who will be attending or is currently enrolled at OSU-Mansfield, NCSC or the Dwight Schar College of Nursing, Mansfield and pursuing any field of study. High school graduating seniors can also apply. The completed application must be postmarked by

The Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution awards the "Wings of Eagles" scholarship to graduating high school seniors, including those completing a certified home school program, in the amount of \$1,000 each. Awards are based on academic excellence and financial need. All applicants must be citizens of the United States and legal residents of the state of Ohio and must attend an accredited college or university in the **United States**

Visit OSDAR at ohiodar.org to obtain a scholarship application. All applicants must be sponsored by the local DAR chapter and applications must be submitted to the local chapter by Jan. 31.

The National Daughters of the American Revolution, NSDAR, also offers scholarships in many different majors. This year all students will submit applications using an online process The online portal can be found on the DAR scholarship page http://dar.academicworks.com

Emailed or mailed applications will no longer be accepted. The deadline for these is Jan. 31.

Call scholarship chair Margie Warner at 419-512-3363 for more information on any of these scholarships.

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or "Thanks for thinking of me but that's not something I'm interested in."

Sometimes you will decline a request because of the way you've been treated. If this is the case, don't express it as your reason for saying no. Take the high road and don't get caught in the trap of retribution. All that matters is that you don't do what you don't want to do. You are not

obligated to justify your actions or explain yourself.

If you don't respect your own limits, no one else will. Demand respect and you'll receive it. Get in the habit of not allowing others to take advantage of you.

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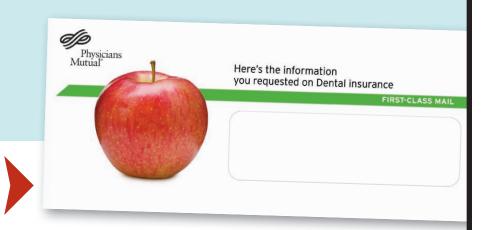
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