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Madison board and teacher's union reach agreement, levy renewal will go on May ballot

The Madison Board of Education met Jan. 26, in the Madison Comprehensive High School library.

Board president Tim Wigton called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Treasurer Robin Klenk performed roll call for board members.

The board approved the ratification of the contract between the Madison Local Education Association and Madison Local Schools for August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2024. The vote was unanimous by board members. The contract includes a two-percent salary increase and a one-percent stipend each year.

An overnight trip, Feb. 17-19, 2022, was approved for five students, selected through an audition process, performing in the American Choral Director Association Midwestern Regional Conference in Chicago, Illinois.

Previous board meeting minutes were approved followed by committee reports and a presentation by Natasha Repp, MECLC Principal.

A donation of 2,800 pounds of scrap plate steel was accepted from Michael Byrne Manufacturing for the Career Tech and Adult Career Center welding technology programs.

Robin Klenk gave her treasurer's report and the monthly financial report, appropriation modifications and fiscal year 2023 tax budget were approved.

Supplemental positions for the 2021-'22 school year were approved for Tommy Hill, boys' varsity tennis coach; Tim Niswander, head varsity softball coach; Brent Sanders, head 7/8 grade track coach; Mikeala Bush, assistant 7/8 grade track coach; Michael Anderson, assistant varsity track coach; Kim Boehm, assistant varsity track coach; Bill Roth, assistant varsity track coach; and Andrew Saris, head varsity track coach. These are all pending proper certification, paperwork and background checks.

Zac Huff was approved as a varsity baseball volunteer for the 2021-'22 season.

Angella Foster was hired as the cosmetology instructor; Doug Wilson, precision machining/CNC instructor; and Laura Johnson, clinical medical assisting instructor.

Substitute teachers hired on an "on call" basis, as needed, for the 2021-'22 school year are Sarah Beck, Maranda Clark, Seth Roy, Victoria Skoog, John Tipton, Delaney Wilson, Gaven Remy, Nicholas Goodwin, Luke Fellure, Jennifer Hummel, Andrea Gerich, Samantha Hoffman, Elizabeth Harvey, Cassie Garrison and Madison McQuate.

Substitute employees hired on an "on call" basis, as needed, for the current school year are Diana Kelley, cafeteria and secretary; and Donald Hairston, bus driver.

Emma Wilson resigned from MECLC Personal, effective Dec. 22, 2021; and Pam Beaver resigned as a 2-hour cook at the high school, effective Dec. 28, 2021.

Angel Stantz was named as a building aide at Mifflin, effective Dec. 16, 2021.

In honor of School Board Recognition Month, superintendent Robert Peterson, presented a resolution reading:

WHEREAS, it shall be the mission of the Madison Local School District to provide all students with the best possible education; and

WHEREAS, the school board sets the direction for our community's public schools by envisioning the community's education future; and

WHEREAS, the school board sets policies and procedures to govern all aspects of school district operation; and

WHEREAS, serving on a school board requires an unselfish devotion of time and service to carry on the mission and business of the school district; and

WHEREAS, the school board must respond on behalf of the community to the educational needs of the students; and

WHEREAS, the school board voluntarily accepts the above-mentioned responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Robert S. Peterson, do hereby proclaim January 2022 as School Board Recognition Month. I encourage all citizens to publicly and privately thank the school board members from all districts serving this community for their dedicated service to our children.

A cell phone allowance was approved for employees for January 2022-December 2022. These allowances are for Steve Crist, Mike Christy, Joshua Miller, Jeremy Thoman and Mike Yost.

The notification to the M.L.E.A. and O.A.P.S.E. Presidents of the Board of Education's decision to consider a Reduction in Force was approved, as was the creation of a 200-activity account for the Strategic Plan/Culture and Climate Fund. The account will be used to raise funds to increase community involvement in extracurricular activities.

The purchase of air quality monitoring devices (vape detectors) for the high school and middle school which were approved at the Dec. 15, 2021 meeting, will be paid with ESSER II funds.

The board moved forward with the termination of the employment of Emily Hall from the MECLC on the basis of the Ohio Department of Education's childcare and preschool licensing rules.

The board approved a resolution allowing for the district to submit the question of levying the renewal of a tax for current expenses. This five-year renewal will be on the May 3 Primary ballot for 6.9 mills and

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COMMISSIONER CLIFF MEARS (center) swears-in Jean McClintock and Lanny Hopkins as Richland SWCD Board Supervisors

Jean McClintock, Lanny Hopkins sworn-in as Richland SWCD Board Supervisors

Commissioner Cliff Mears swore into office board supervisors Lanny Hopkins and Jean McClintock at the Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) Board Meeting Jan. 19.

McClintock and Hopkins were elected to the Richland SWCD Board at the public election held in the fall of 2021. January marked the start of Hopkin's second three-year term and McClintock's first three-year term.

Hopkins resides in Jackson Township and the Black Fork watershed. McClintock resides in Troy Township and the Clear Fork watershed.

Hopkins has served as a Richland SWCD Board of Supervisor since 2018. Nearly 50 years ago he bought a farm and at the time turned to Richland SWCD for help. With the assistance and advice of Richland SWCD, he installed many conservation practices.

He said, "Now it's time for me to use my life experiences to help others."

McClintock's farming roots go back to the 1863 family farm and she understands the need for soil and water conservation. She has been active both professionally

and personally for many years in issues related to soil and water conservation.

She said, "I can't walk in a park or other place and not pick up a piece of trash, if I see it."

Hopkins and McClintock join current supervisors Brian All of Jackson Township (Black Fork Watershed), Fred Cooke of Plymouth Township (Black Fork Watershed), and Rob McConkie, Jr. of Jefferson Township (Clear Fork Watershed).

The Richland SWCD Board meets the third Wednesday of the month at 9 am at the Richland County Longview Center, 1495 W. Longview Ave., Mansfield.

Board Supervisors are publicly elected by a special general election held every fall. Each Supervisor is elected to three-year terms as public officials and serve without pay.

For more information on the district, call 419-747-8686 or visit the interactive website at <https://richlandswcd.net/>

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District develops, implements, and assists landowners, government agencies and partners with a wide range of natural resource conservation programs.

Campus Visit Day coming to OSU-M

The Ohio State University at Mansfield will host a Campus Visit Day on Monday, Feb. 21.

Located at 1760 University Dr., in Mansfield, Campus Visit Day includes an overview about OSU-M, academic offerings, the admissions process, financial aid and scholarships. During the overview, guests will be shown a virtual tour of the campus buildings with the option for a self-guided tour to further explore areas of interest.

Taking place in Riedl Hall, guests may choose to register for either the 10 am to noon visit or the 2-4 pm session.

Space is limited and registration is re-

quired at go.osu.edu/tourcampus.

"Affordability, excellence in teaching and small class sizes make the Mansfield campus a desirable start to an Ohio State degree," said Jennifer Fry, director of enrollment services. "Students can start any of the university's 200+ majors and complete select bachelor's degrees on campus. It's a great start for students who plan to finish their degrees at The Ohio State University in Columbus."

Questions can be directed to mansfield-askabuckeye@osu.edu or by calling 419-755-4300. Virtual visit opportunities are also available.

LBCM introduces new traveling exhibit

Little Buckeye Children's Museum has announced the debut of a new Traveling Animal Farm Exhibit thanks to the generosity and support of the Malabar Farm Foundation and the Marvin Memorial Library in Shelby.

This new traveling exhibit will debut in the children's department of the Marvin Memorial Library in Shelby on Monday, Feb. 7. After its 2-month exhibition at the library, it will be available for booking around Richland County to other libraries, museums, schools and daycares.

The Malabar Farm Foundation Traveling Animal Farm Exhibit will consist of a pretend animal pen and a chicken coop which house stuffed farm animals, such as chicken, sheep, pigs, cows and horses, and a table for playing with a toy barn

and plastic farm animals.

The display will also include farmer and farm animal costumes, an array of pretend farmer's tools, and pretend chicken eggs to collect. This exhibit is custom built to the perfect height specifications for a child between the ages of 4 and 8 years old and is completely ADA accessible.

This exhibit will also feature a selection of farm-themed children's books specially curated by the Marvin Memorial Library Children's Department to promote literacy.

In this hands-on exhibit, children will be able to explore farming and learn about caring for their favorite farm animals. Children will be encouraged to explore the topic further by reading the included children's books on these topics.



JEFF TREISCH AND AL MULBURG bought the 1929 Parks bi-plane for \$250. It needed work.



GLENN GAGES only paid \$800 for this 5-year-old WW II training plane and flew in winter.

Days of Cheap Flying are Over

By Bob Carter

The television news stories are filled with upsetting stories about the risk of planning or taking a trip by air. It's almost boring as the scenes of people standing in long lines, sleeping on floors or bemoaning canceling flights due to airline staff shortages or bad weather. It wasn't always like that back in the 1930s and 40s. Private pilots were bound to fly and their desire to take to the air was so strong that they simply thought it was weather or season be damned. Switch on, contact, and turn the propeller.

Glenn Gages was one tough pilot. His younger brother, the late Paul Gages, recalled his brother once flew from the Ontario airport (Gages Field) to Sandusky at Christmas time! His plane was an open cockpit 1942 - 43 Myers OTW (Out To Win) military pilot training plane with a 125 HP Warner engine. He bought the plane used in 1948 for \$800. The aluminum skinned bi-plane offered very little comfort for pilot or any passenger foolish enough to go in winter. It was a good, safe aircraft, but much more fun in summer.

Jeff Treisch and Al Mulburg of Galion were co-owners of this early Parks bi-plane. They only paid \$250 for it as it needed some engine repair. Treisch was an excellent mechanic. They were photographed at the old Galion — or Tuttle's Airport — at the west end of Galion. There's a couple of restaurants and a shopping mall there now. It was a popular air field in its day. The last operator was Ivan Tuttle, thus the name of the airport.

When asked about braving the cold while flying in winter Treisch once replied, "Aah, you just have to dress real warm."

Back then the advantage of owning your own plane gave the owner the freedom to fly anytime he wanted to. Just take off and go, storm weather permitting of course. It was pure flying freedom.

Alas, during World War II, pleasure flying was banned. Owners were required to remove their propellers and, after the war ended, new government regulations, insurance, fuel and airport fees made ownership very expensive.

The price of new airplanes also increased. No more \$800 used government surplus planes. No more 20 cent gas.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February 8 — Gwen Smith

FREE Birthday Listing: Email news@tribune-courier.com to submit a name for the birthday list.

News Briefs

Pastor Mike Mack at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1592 Grace St., Madison area, will begin a four-week study on spiritual gifts Feb. 3 at 6:30 pm. The study will end by 8 pm each evening.

Trinity will hold an Ash Wednesday service March 2 at 7 pm. Pastor Mack will lead a Lenten study March 3 at 6:30 pm.

Ridgeway Church of God, 1380 Park Avenue East (Madison Township), will host a spaghetti dinner on Friday, Feb. 4, from 4:30-6 pm in the fellowship hall. Drive-thru ordering will be available. The menu will include spaghetti, bread, salad, dessert and beverage. Cost is a freewill donation and all proceeds will benefit the church. For information call the church at 419-589-5385.

The first annual Colonial Days is scheduled for June 11 and 12, from 10 am to 4 pm, at South Park, 100 Brinkerhoff Ave., Mansfield.

The Richland Early American Center for History will host the event which will feature 18th and 19th Century reenactors, crafts, games, trades, demonstrations and activities including blacksmithing, open hearth cooking and civilian and military reenactments. Admission and parking are free and food trucks will be available.

The 2022 Road Apple Run 5k Road Race will begin at 10 am on Saturday, March 5, at Crestview High School, 1575 St. Rt. 96, Ashland. Race day registration begins at 8:30 am.

The race marks the return of in-person racing. The chip-timed race cost is \$22 and includes an event t-shirt (guaranteed if registered by Feb. 24) and a chance at race awards and door prizes. To register visit https://registration.midohiorm.com/events/2022-road-apple-run-5k-road-race-011-32022557?fbclid=IwAR3DDjDD8Ji-y6xSED-YDvdWVDIbKEubrNiwjmpiPI2z5jd3gM1-d_TEq3a8

All proceeds will support the school track and cross country teams.

For more information contact Amy McFarland at 419-895-1700 ext. 18105 or roadapplerun@gmail.com

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Lu Ann Howard on Sunday, Feb. 6. She will speak on "Moving Forward Despite Covid and Political Divisiveness." She focuses

her teaching on social work issues including poverty, social justice, addiction and diversity For more information visit www.allsoulsuuohio.org.

The Lexington Area Senior Citizens Inc., invites those 55 and older to attend meetings the third Wednesday of every month at Der Dutchman Restaurant. Meetings begin at 10:30 am, followed by lunch at 11:30. Cost is \$13 for the meal.

Each month there are speakers and entertainment and members take several trips throughout the year. Dues are \$5 per year. Guests are welcome to attend.

On Feb. 16, the meal will be broasted chicken and those attending are encouraged to wear red. Representatives of Carousel Antiques will be speaking at the meeting.

For more information call Darlene Lee at 419-886-4711.

The Lexington Area Senior Citizens will host a bus trip to tour Landoll's Mohican Castle and Cleo Redd Fisher Historical Museum on Wednesday, April 27.

There will also be lunch and a tour of Mohican Lodge State Park and an opportunity to look through the "Big Blue" telescope at Warren Rupp Observatory.

A wine/soft drink tasting stop will be at Ugly Bunny Winery. Cost is \$70 with deposit due by Feb. 16. This trip is for anyone 55 and older. For more information call Helena Bunker at 419-683-2409.

The Ontario Local Schools Board of Education will meet Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 7 pm in the Ontario High School Library.

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 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
 Minister 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.cgcc.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/ridgewaycog
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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

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 Lawrence "Larry" R. Jones, 97, Mansfield, January 6
 Cynthia McDaniel, 62, Mansfield, January 6
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 Cecile C. Marcoff, 95, Ontario, January 7
 Deborah "Debbie" L. Moore, 70, Mansfield, January 7
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 Randy W. LaRue, 69, Perrysville, January 9
 Helen Elaine Atkeson, 90, Mansfield, January 9
 Mary Anne Elizabeth Norwood, 69, Lagrange, January 10
 William D. Fraley, 90, Ontario, January 11
 Donald Applegate, 72, Mansfield, January 11
 Thomas Allen Henry, 56, Mansfield, January 11
 Rodney Gene Bond, 61, Mansfield, January 11
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 Donna J. Sheaffer, 75, Mansfield, January 14
 Terry Lee Clinage, 63, Mansfield, January 14
 Duane Lee Tanner, 60, Ontario, January 14
 Edward B. Boliantz, 94, Mansfield, January 15
 Henry "Hank" Hollingshead Geary III, 78, Mansfield, January 15
 Josette Walker Sharick, 76, Ashland, January 16
 Deborah "Deb" Lynn Mason, 70, Mansfield, January 16
 Patricia June Milum, 82, Mansfield, January 17
 Douglas "Mac" M. Edwards, 79, Mansfield, January 18
 Danny Glenn Mason, 81, Mansfield, January 18
 Debra Sue Howard, 68, Mansfield, January 19
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WINTER AND WEEDS

By Traci Little

Winter is a time to pause and be still.

Blankets of stark, fluffy white snow fall on dead weeds. Without the fresh snow, these fields of brown look unappealing. Somehow, a simple dusting of white makes the dead, broken, and seemingly frail weed more beautiful.

What is a weed?

Who defines its social status against the flower?

Who says a weed can't be beautiful and needed?

Weeds can be viewed as food, a flower, or even medicine! The young child joyfully bringing a bouquet of dandelions to his Mama is a treasured moment in childhood.

Take time to see the beautiful weed with fluffy snow as God's artistic creativity.

Weeds are resilient.

Weeds are strong.

Weeds are wild and free.

Weeds have developed a hearty set of survival skills.

Sometimes, like a weed, we may feel our contributions are not needed.

Perhaps you think you are forgotten and not appreciated.

All it takes is the brightness and beauty of a freshly fallen snow to highlight the weed and make it sparkle and shine.

So, if you're feeling forgotten today,
If your soul is a bit beaten down and broken,
If the winter blues have you feeling sad and lonely,

Remember there is beauty to be found in your life.

You are needed.

You are not forgotten.

Learn to love and appreciate the weeds in your own reflection. Instead of fighting against the things that appear ugly to us, perhaps we need to accept these things and notice their beauty?



Lifestyle Inspiration



By Mátiece Thomas

Let me start by asking you a question — What is your biggest reason (or excuse) for not exercising?

The top two answers I hear most often are "I am too busy" and "I can't afford to go to the gym," well, great news! I can help you with both of those reasons plus the problem with not knowing what to do.

Today we are going to talk about HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) This is a style of workout that requires no equipment, no gym and just a little bit of time — and it gets results!

Studies have shown that 10 minutes of a HIIT style workout 3x a week can achieve the same cardio metabolic health results as 50 minutes of moderate intensity endurance exercise. Plus this style of training can rev your metabolism for 24 hours.

So let's recap how easy and effective this can be:

- HIIT workouts are only 10 minutes,
- You don't need equipment,
- You can do it anywhere
- It revs your metabolism
- Its FREE!

So, let me break it down for you — HIIT is all about working hard for an amount of time and resting for less time. For beginners, I would suggest doing a 30/20 HIIT for 4-6 minutes (work for 30 seconds, rest for 20 seconds) As you build up your cardiovascular endurance and get stronger. Then do a 20/10 or 30/10 for 10 minutes. So really all you need is the moves and a timer.

I use the TABATA stopwatch App, it allows you to

change the time ratios and it tells you when to work and rest.

I tell my clients if you can't give me 10 minutes out of your day, then you don't really want results.

Studies have shown this style of workout is also very beneficial for my ladies over 50 who are fighting menopause.

Yes, you can use cardio equipment for this if you have it, but if not, then you can choose from the list below.

Choose four moves and repeat them until your time is up.

- Jumping Jacks
- High knees
- Running in place
- Burpees
- Plank Jacks
- Mountain Climbers
- Skaters
- Air Squats
- Hopping laterally (side to side)
- Hopping back and then forward
- Jump rope
- Boxing
- Crunches or sit ups
- Pushups
- Squats

Pick your poison and let's rock this!

Another Trainer Girl tip: Fasting cardio dips into your fat storage to fuel your workout. So if you did your HIIT first thing while your body is still in fasting mode you will get even more benefits!

Then, follow it up with a well balanced breakfast. You will be ready for whatever your day throws at you because you put you and your health first!

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— Larry and Kendra Kaufman



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Jarica and Pam Awwiller led music for the second half of the service.

Women gather for special worship service night

Photos and Article by Traci Little

Shelby Alliance held a special evening of worship for women on Jan. 28 from 7-8:30 pm. The pastor's wife, Cassie Taylor, spoke to the women about how we tend to think that we are in control, but we never have, and never will be.

"When we have a posture of bowing before the Lord, we can't multitask or be distracted," she said.

It was a blessing to be in a space where intentional, uninterrupted time was set aside with the Lord. Women are busy with so many things, and this was a time just to be still and worship the Lord. John Piper says, "Singing to God isn't just a nice emotional trip to spice up a worship service. It's an attack against sin and satan."

Shelby Alliance is located at 105 E. Smiley Ave., Shelby, and is served by Pastor James Taylor.

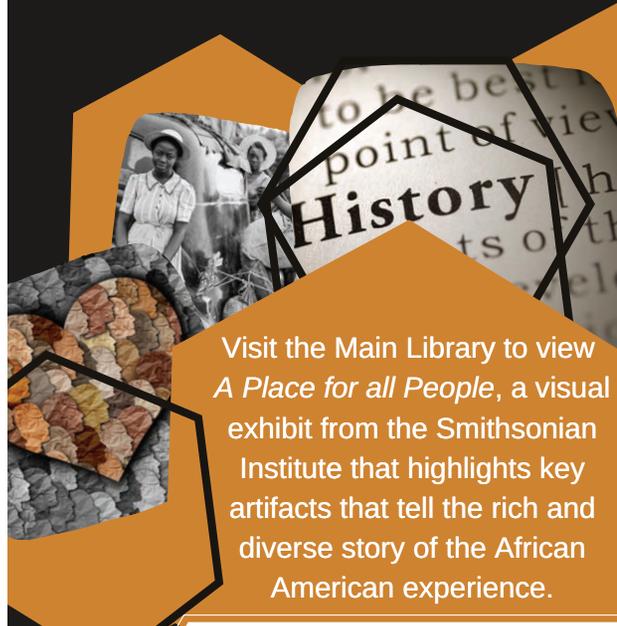
Find out more about the church and its service times at <https://www.shelbyalliance.org/>



Cassie Taylor welcomes the ladies who attended the special night.

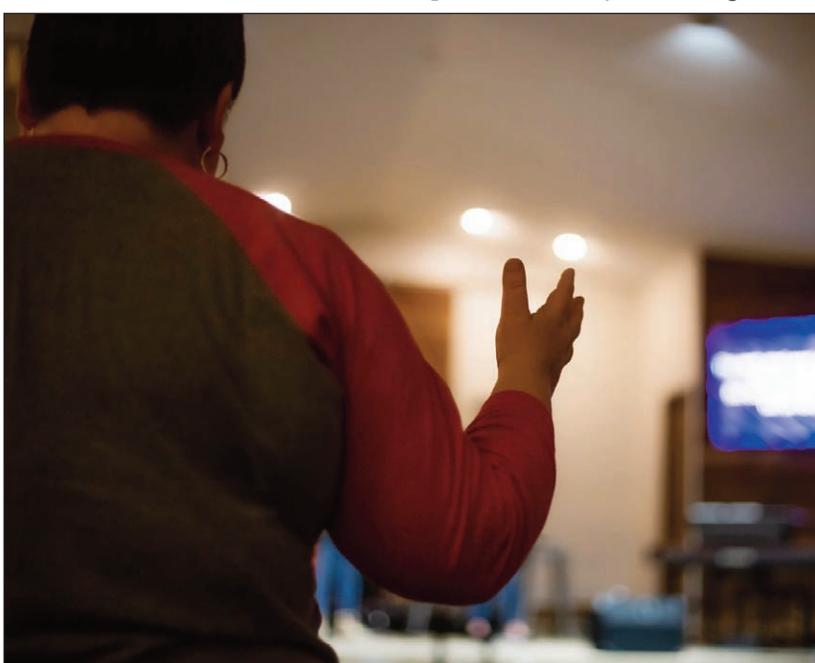


This February, in honor and recognition of Black History Month, our Main Library is offering special programs and resources.



Visit the Main Library to view *A Place for all People*, a visual exhibit from the Smithsonian Institute that highlights key artifacts that tell the rich and diverse story of the African American experience.

Find out more at mrcpl.org/black-history



Special reflection, writing and prayer stations were available around the room.

• Agreement reached, renewal to go on ballot

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would generate \$2,660,000 in revenue per year.

The resignation of Robin Klenk, treasurer, was accepted effective July 31, 2022.

The next regular board of education meeting will be held on Feb. 23, 2022 at 6 pm in the Madison Middle School Auditoria.

Superintendent Rob Peterson also posted a message for the Madison community concerning the coming winter storm:

"With severe winter weather forecasted for later this week, please be aware that Madison Local Schools will move to remote learning if we surpass five calamity days. Currently, the district has used three calamity days and will observe up to two more without any changes. If six or more calamity days are necessary, the district will move to remote learning on day six and each calamity day for the rest of the school year. Additional specific information will be forthcoming from individual buildings as necessary. Thank you for your understanding and preparation in this matter."

Pioneer calendar to be available

The Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education will have its 2022-'23 Pioneer School Calendar available for public input on Friday, Feb. 18, from 8 am until 3 pm in the Pioneer CTC BOE office, in Shelby.

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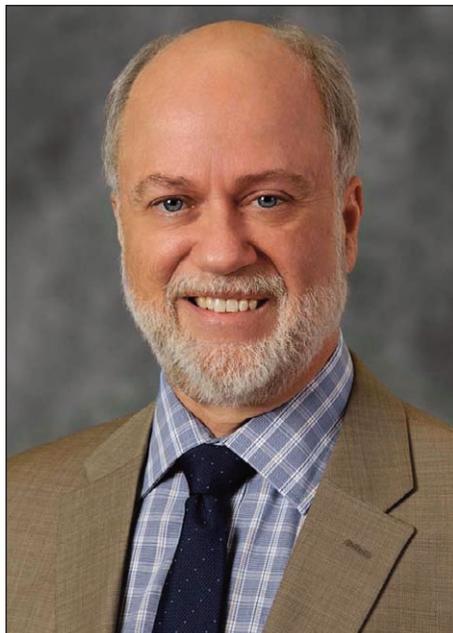
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MECHANICS BANK has announced that Tom Cunningham has been promoted to Vice President, Controller. Cunningham joined Mechanics in 2007 and served as a Senior Staff Accountant before becoming a Controller in 2011. Tom holds a bachelor's degree in Accounting from the University of Akron and is a Certified Public Accountant (inactive). Mechanics Bank is Richland County's only independent, community bank with nine locations in Richland County.

HEAP available to help with heating bills

HEAP may be able to help those who need assistance paying for winter heating bills. HEAP benefits are applied to an individual's energy bill after Jan. 1.

Applications for the HEAP program must be received by May 31, 2022. The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps Ohioans at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines pay their heating bills. Anyone age 18 and older may apply for this assistance. Those 60 & 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.

For more information, including a list of required documents, contact the Area Agency on Aging at 419-524-4144 or 800-860-5799 Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm.

To be connected to your local Energy Assistance provider, call 800-282-0880 (hearing impaired clients may dial 711 for assistance) or visit the website at www.energyhelp.ohio.gov

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is located at 2131 Park Avenue West in Ontario.

Renaissance Theatre Emerging Artist Program accepting submissions

The Emerging Artist Program of the Renaissance Theatre is accepting full-length play, musical, screenplay and documentary submissions for its 2022-'23 season.

The goal of the program is to guide, encourage, support and advocate for artists of all ages who wish to find their own voice through the creation of original work. By establishing an environment that promotes the importance of self-expression, risk-taking and collaboration, the Theatre 166 Emerging Artists Program is designed to foster and translate an artist's creative thinking into smart, vital, and thought-provoking new works.

7-10 scripts will be selected for readings. From these, 1-3 will be selected for the workshopping phase. Authors whose work has been chosen to workshop will receive a \$500 Emerging Artist Award. Script submissions will be accepted through Feb. 28.

Submissions should include: name, address, phone number, email address, short bio, resume, and a 10-page sample of the play/musical/screenplay.

The sample file must include: Title of the play, a character breakdown and description; (including total number of characters), a one page (or less) synopsis of the play, and a paragraph describing the development history of the play/musical/screenplay. Do not send full scripts at this point. All script samples must be submitted in PDF format using 12 pt Times New Roman font, with a title page that lists characters and settings. Authors of scripts chosen for readings will be notified

by email within 60 days of submission.

All submissions should be sent to EmergingArtists@mansfieldtickets.com

Include "Script Submission for Emerging Artist" in the subject box of the email. There is only one submission per playwright, and only unproduced submissions will be accepted. Plays and musicals must be full length, meaning one-acts are not being accepted at this time. Screenplays and documentary treatments may be full length or short films.

For more information email EmergingArtists@mansfieldtickets.com or visit rentickets.org/emerging-artists-program

Malabar winter hike to be held February 12

Malabar Farm State Park will host a free winter Hike for Health on Saturday, Feb. 12, from 9 am to noon.

Hikers can sign-in at the visitor's center to receive a map.

Those attending are encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather while they enjoy a day viewing the winter sites at Malabar.

Upon conclusion, refreshments will be available at the visitor center.

This event is sponsored by the Richland County Health Department.

Call 419-774-4772 for information.

Malabar Farm State Park's Maple Syrup Festival is also coming up, scheduled for March 5, 6, 12 and 13, from 12-4 pm.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

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Meals served to those in need

Photos and Article by Traci Little

A group from Community Bible Church in Mansfield had the opportunity to prepare and serve a meal to the needy community at Church Requel on Jan. 29, from 5-6 pm. Paul Lintern helps organize this service.

Lintern bought the building in 2012 and gave it to the nonprofit St. Luke's Point of Grace which was formed for the purpose of keeping the site in ministry. Church Requel has used the building since Christmas of 2012, and they began Saturday night meals in January of 2013.

Currently, they offer a meal to the community every second and fourth Saturday of the month, plus the fifth Saturday if it appears on the calendar.

Eight church groups rotate responsibility for each meal, and the cooperation has allowed service by groups who can help several times a year, but not every other week. Mansfield offers as many as eight free meals a week, in various locations.

People Helping People at the pavilion on Bowman Street, near fourth, offers a lunch every day of the year, with a variety of congregations stepping in. On Saturday, Jan. 29, the Point of Grace kitchen was used in the morning to make a luncheon by Church Requel, which was served at the pavilion, and Community Bible used the kitchen in the evening to prepare the 5 pm meal in the fellowship hall.

Other churches that provide meals at Point of Grace include Linden Road Presbyterian, Holy Trinity Lutheran, Southside Christian, St. John's United Church of Christ, Oakland Lutheran, Church Requel and Mansfield Foursquare Gospel.

"I had been a widower for 18 months when, on a Sunday morning, I asked the Lord to give me something on which I could hang my hat on for the rest of my

life," said Lintern. "That night, I learned that a local church had offered to buy St. Luke's Lutheran Church, which had just voted to disband. I told St. Luke's that if anything happened, I would make the same offer, thinking that I could live there and keep the bridling active in ministry."

"As it turned out, the church stepped back from its offer and I stepped in, buying the building by the end of the week, and moving in six weeks later. It has opened the way to Church Requel providing energetic worship and ministry there, the neighborhood meals, many dinner theaters on a variety of historical and faithful themes, several concerts by traveling musicians, historical displays such as The City of Churches photos, a history of Johnny Appleseed Boy Scouts in Richland County, the Lincoln Highway's century of purpose through Mansfield, and a dedication of the flagpole and surrounding land as the Point of Freedom."

The Mansfield City of Churches painting was created in 2013 by Timothy B. McKee. The 14 by 25-foot image is displayed at Church Requel at 2 Marion Ave., Mansfield. Mansfield's skyline was dominated by steeples from the 1880s on, especially as it was viewed from the flats to the north while people exited the train station. It was known as the City of Churches for more than 40 years, before bank buildings rose to block the view and venerable congregations moved away from downtown. The tallest steeple, of the Congregational Church, was thought to be the highest point in all of Ohio, due to its height and altitude of the land on which it sat.

Timothy B. McKee created this artwork from images of the 16 downtown churches as they appeared in the late 1800s, adding stained glass and framing from current interiors and filling in with the people that worshipped in the City of Churches.

Donations still critically needed

While there has been a significant and encouraging response to the dire need for blood across the nation, the American Red Cross needs more people to give in the weeks ahead to recover from its worst blood shortage in more than a decade. Those interested in helping are urged to schedule the earliest-available blood or platelet donation appointment in their area to help ensure accident victims rushed to the emergency room, those being treated for cancer and others who count on blood product transfusions can receive lifesaving care without delay.

Since the Red Cross issued its first-ever blood crisis alert, winter weather and cold temperatures has further complicated efforts to rebuild the blood supply. Hundreds of blood drives have been canceled across the country due to winter storms, forcing about 6,500 blood and platelet donations to go uncollected.

Citizens are urged to make an appointment to give blood or platelets in the weeks ahead by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Those who come to give blood or platelets Feb. 1-28, will receive a \$10 Amazon.com gift card via email.

The Red Cross is also actively recruiting

blood collection employees and blood drive volunteers who play vital roles in supporting the nation's blood supply.

Those interested in becoming a member of our blood collection team should go to www.redcross.org/jobs to learn more. For volunteer opportunities to support Red Cross blood collection efforts, visit redcross.org/volunteertoday.

Face masks are required for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

Donors can also save up to 15 minutes at the blood drive by completing a RapidPass®. With RapidPass®, donors complete the pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of donation, from a mobile device or computer. To complete a RapidPass®, use the Red Cross Blood Donor App or follow instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass

To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification that are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.



George and Peggy Metz help to prepare the meal



A group from Community Bible Church helped at the Jan. 29 meal at Church Requel.

Modern Woodmen hosts food drive

Modern Woodmen of America members in Lexington recently came together to partner with Lexington Eastern Elementary School to hold a food drive.

The project, which took place on Dec. 1-17, benefited Potters House, Salvation Army and Catholic Charity food pantries. A total of 10,730 items were donated.

"We're so happy to support our community in this way," said Theresa Clingan, local Modern Woodmen volunteer leader. "Events like this give our members an opportunity to make a difference."

Coordinated by local Modern Woodmen

members, the fraternal financial services organization's Summit chapters, chapters and youth service clubs provide opportunities for members to take part in social and educational activities and volunteer projects to meet local needs.

For more information or to get involved in the organization contact Theresa Clingan by emailing theresa1970@twc.com or by calling 419-565-0301.

Annually, Modern Woodmen and its members provide nearly \$20 million and over 400,000 volunteer hours for community projects nationwide.

Ontario High School Locker Clean-Out



BIOLOGY CLASSES at Ontario High School played “Codon Bingo” to help reinforce the concepts of transcription and translation.

Knox Technical Center Director Marlow retires

After 25 years of employment at the Knox County Career Center, Jane Marlow retired on Jan. 31 from the position of Director of Knox Technical Center.

“Marlow leads with integrity and compassion,” said Kathy Greenwich, superintendent. “She has been insightful and strategic in leading Knox Technical Center, which is part of Ohio’s Higher Education system.”

Marlow first came to KCCC as an instructor of computer classes in the adult education department, drawing on her experience as an accountant. After 12 years of teaching and coordinating various computer and office programs, she was promoted to the role of Director of Knox Technical Center in 2009.

During her tenure as director, KTC achieved the designation of a “Center for Training Excellence” and earned accreditation with the Council on Occupational Education. She oversaw the purchase and renovation of an additional building for the nursing programs and secured grants to assist with student tuition, staffing, and development costs.

“It has been an honor to be a part of the important work at Knox Technical Center,” says Marlow. “Assisting and guiding students to gain the skills, certifications, and licensure so they are employable in their chosen career has been rewarding for me. The work at Knox Technical Center transforms lives.”

“Marlow’s expertise will be missed,” says Greenwich. “Her grasp of higher education regulations and career tech programming paired with years of experience in helping adults achieve their goals has made Knox Technical Center a major partner in training the workforce locally and regionally. I’m thrilled for Jane, but will definitely miss working alongside her.”



Jane Marlow

News Briefs in Education

Madeleine Weilbacker of Mansfield was named to Montclair State University’s Fall 2021 Dean’s List. Weilbacker is a dance major. She was among more than 6,000 students named to the list. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.



Abigail Dawson, of Lexington was named to the Lincoln Memorial University Dean’s List for the fall semester of 2021. To be placed list, the student must be a full-time undergraduate student and have a 3.5 or higher, grade-point average for the semester. A total of 538 undergraduate students were recognized for their academic achievements.



Bowling Green State University undergraduate students who achieved grade point averages of 3.5 or better have been named to the Fall 2021 Semester Dean’s List.

To be chosen for the list, students must carry no fewer than 12 letter-graded credit hours per semester.

Richland County residents on the list are Gracie Hayes, Lindsay Eckenwiler, Avery Coleman, Hannah Hess, Brenden Manco, Abigail Stevens, Cayla Schaad, Alexa Fulk, Jared Lind, Aaron Berg, Jadya McKenna, Daniel Desterhaft, Alexis Uplinger, Joshua Mohr, Jessica Long, Eric Lykins, Olivia Fordyce, Isabella Snyder, Anthony Sansalone, Hannah Skropits, Madeline Collins, Nykera Gardner, Samuel Sharick, Courtney Gouge, Abigail Prendergast, Olivia Schofield, Ronald Thompson, Kami Baker, Vincent Zhang and Avery Chambers.



ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL eighth grade students in Mrs. Wilging’s language arts class took part in a team building activity. Each group had 20 pieces of paper and nothing else and were tasked with building the tallest standing tower. The tallest tower was 70 inches.

Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Clear Fork Boys Varsity Basketball Senior Night vs Ontario • January 28 Warriors Win 58-44 • Photos by Jeff Hoffer



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Clear Fork Boys Junior Varsity Basketball vs Ontario • January 28 Photos by Jeff Hoffer



Clear Fork Boys Varsity Basketball vs Ontario • Jan. 28 • Photos provided by Ontario High School



Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Ontario Varsity & JV Basketball vs Upper Sandusky • January 25
Ontario JV Won 49-47 • Ontario Varsity Won 71-64



Warrior swimmers keep two trophies at own invitation as girls cruise to win with large margin

This past Saturday the Warrior teams hosted the Ontario Invite. The roles were reversed from the previous weekend's MOAC meet.

This time the girls cruised to a first place finish scoring over 100 points ahead of runners-up tied Tiffin Columbian and Willard. The boys had a much harder job with the addition of Plains Athens to the meet. They were 30 points behind Athens

in the final score. First place finishers for the Warriors were:

Tiffany Whittaker, 100 breaststroke
 Evan Trumpower, 100 breadtroke
 Brienna Trumpower, 100 back and 100 fly
 200 free relay of B. Trumpower, Shelby Keever, Whittaker, Ava Ruhe
 200 free relay of E. Trumpower. Colin Cordrey, Alex Rose, Hunter Petit
 Medley relay of Whittaker, B.

Trumpower, Ruhe, Keever
 Other medalist for the Warriors were:
 Duncan McLean, 100 breaststroke (2)
 Shelby Keever, 100 back (2)
 Logan Bernat, 100 back(3)
 Katie Bolin, 500 free (2)
 Colin Cordrey, 500 free (2) and 200 IM (3)
 Ava Ruhe, 100 free (2) and 50 free (2)
 Alex Rose, 100 free (3) and 200 free (3)

Haley Damron, 100 fly (3) and 200 IM (3)
 Evan Ruhe - 50 free (3)
 Jayden Dechert, 200 IM (2)
 Tiffany Whittaker, 200 free (2)
 400 free relay, Katie Bolin, Ellie Martinez, Haley Damron. Sky Liu (2)
 400 free relay, E. Trumpower, Cordrey, Rose, Petit (2)
 Medley relay, Bernat, McLean, Alex Matthes, E. Ruhe (2)

Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Temple Christian Varsity Girls Basketball vs Crestline School • January 18 Temple Crusaders Won 52-42 • Photos by Traci Little



Evie Day (44)
Ashlynn Kneppshield(14)
Maleah Kurtz (4)



Mia Smith (23)



Makayla Westbrook (1)

THE TEMPLE CHRISTIAN CRUSADERS girls varsity basketball team had their second meeting of the season with Crestline on Tuesday, Jan. 18 at Temple Christian. The first game was won by Temple Christian on the road earlier this season (45–21). These young, rebuilding teams played a hard fought game. Temple was up by 7 at the half and built the lead in the second half to 10 with the help of sophomore forward Evie Day (17 pts, 14 rbs) and sophomore guard Mia Smith (16 pts). Smith was hot from the 3-point line in the third quarter sinking 3 of them. Temple won 52–42, improving the overall record to 8–5. The team is coached by Tim McLure (head coach) and Abby McClelland (assistant coach).



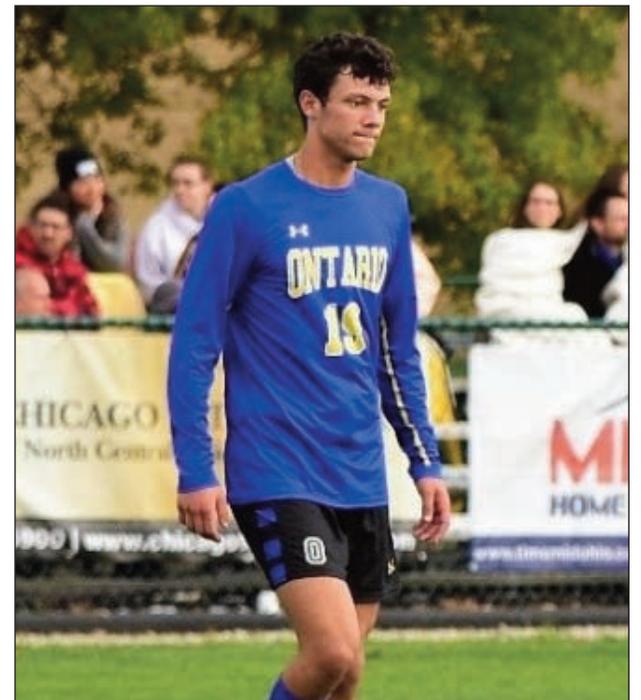
ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL junior Kyla Spencer was recognized as Ontario's First Female All-American by the United Soccer Coaches in Kansas City, MO. This past fall she helped lead her team to a 15–3–3 record, winning their third straight MOAC crown and advancing to the programs 13th straight District Championship. She led the team with 33 goals and dished out 13 assists, which earned her MOAC Player of Year honors for the third consecutive year. She was voted District Player of the Year and earned 1st Team All Ohio honors for the second consecutive year, becoming the program's sixth player to achieve such honors and land herself on the United Soccer Coaches All-Region Team.



Kyla Spencer



Gage Weaver



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL junior Gage Weaver was recognized as Ontario's First Male All-American by the United Soccer Coaches in Kansas City, MO. This past fall, as a captain, he helped lead his team to a 13–6–1 record, having yet to not claim an MOAC crown since joining the league and advancing to yet another district championship. He led the team with a school record 37 goals and dished out 8 assists, which earned him MOAC Player of the Year honors. He was voted North Central Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association (NCOSSCA) District Player of the Year and earned 1st Team Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association (OSSCA) All Ohio honors, landing himself on the All-Region Team.

Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Ontario Wrestling vs Clear Fork • January 28 • Warriors Win



CAMPUS VISIT DAY

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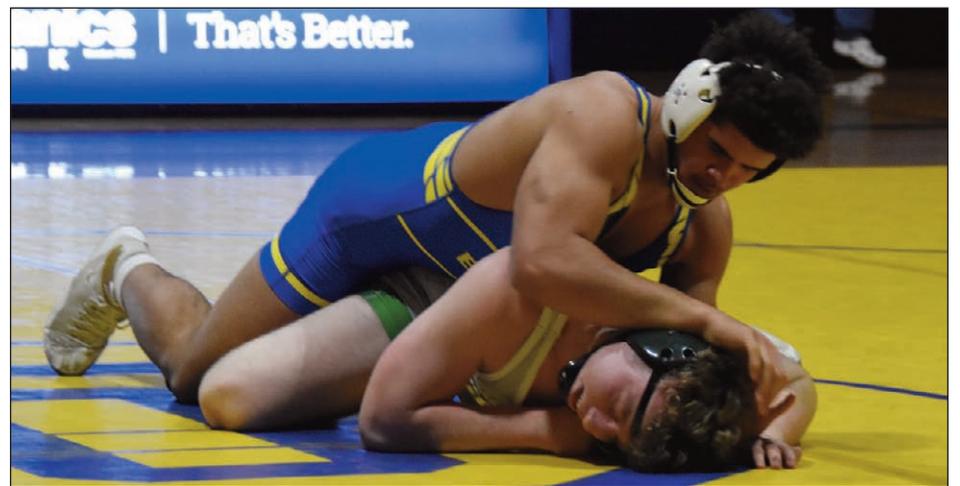


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Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



BROCK SPURLING coached the Richland County Special Olympics swim team at Regionals this past weekend. He has been coaching the athletes at Ontario school's pool this winter to get them ready for the meet.

Kingwood Center Gardens new exhibit opens Saturday

Kingwood Center Gardens will unveil its newest exhibit, Making Scents: The Art and Passion of Fragrance® on Saturday, Feb. 5.

Blending flora, fashion, and fragrance, this interactive exhibit offers a unique, innovative experience where visitors discover the plants and flowers behind some of the world's iconic perfumes.

Showcasing some of nature's most aromatic botanicals, the exhibit explores the artistry, history and science of fragrance utilizing STEM teaching methods and offers hands-on demonstrations and intriguing interpretations. Visitors will follow scents from around the globe by interacting with ten different scent-seeking stations and will view the "Perfume Palace" bottle display, featuring more than 200 unique and intricate perfume bottles.

As a souvenir, visitors can create their own personalized fragrance card after learning about basic perfume composition.

Making Scents will be on display through April 30. Admission for the exhibit is included with general admission to Kingwood. Members and Children 12 & under are free. Non-Member admission is \$8. Kingwood is currently open 10 am to 5 pm, daily.

Making Scents: The Art and Passion of Fragrance is produced by The North Carolina Arboretum. Wildflower Fresh Beauty and Wilging, Roush & Parsons CPAs are exhibit sponsors.

Agency to offer trainings

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. offers continuing education seminars on a wide variety of topics of interest to the aging network.

The seminars are both informative as well as approved for continuing education units (CEUs) for Social Workers and Counselors (Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board), Nurses (Ohio Nurses Association) and Nursing Home Administrators (Ohio Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators).

For more information or to register for a seminar, contact Julia Stover at 567-247-7107 or jstover@aaa5ohio.org The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., located at Hawkins Corner in Ontario.



Ontario Middle School Wrestling



Ontario High School JV Girls Basketball

OSPF offers free grief booklets to help those touched by suicide

Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation (OSPF) has worked with an expert in suicide loss and grief to create a booklet focused on providing guidance and resources to help navigate the loss of someone to suicide and the unique challenges that this loss carries.

Through generous funding from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, these booklets can be offered free of charge, in order to meet the needs of suicide loss survivors across the state.

The booklet offers guidance on grief, self-care, and tools to deal with grief and the overarching question of "why," which many friends and family members struggle with after a suicide.

See the booklet online by visiting <https://www.ohiospf.org/postvention/emotions-and-grieving>. Printed booklets can also be requested by sending an email with first and last name and home address to marra.aldredge@ohiospf.org



FEBRUARY IS KINDNESS MONTH at Ontario High School. The Executive Warrior Leadership Council has kindness initiatives planned throughout the month. To begin, senior Jaslyn Ly created a bulletin board made of hearts where students wrote down acts of kindness that have made a difference.

LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History

Feb. 7, '80



Photo by Tom Sproat

BRIAN WATERHOUSE of Ontario (31) is closely guarded in action from Friday night's Lexington-Ontario game in Johnny Appleseed action, won by the Minutemen 70-50. Waterhouse had 14 points in the game for the Warriors.

Feb. 7, '08



Bud Motter

EMMA BAKER and her brother, Max and mom, Darla admire the Governors Award Emma received from Ohio's Governor Ted Strickland. The award thanked her for her generosity during the Richland County Fair this past year when she donated winnings from her grand champion goat to a boy with a brain tumor.

Feb. 5, '15



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

SLED TEAM — Hope Steward, 5, spent her snow day on Monday playing with her St. Bernard Napoleon. Hope is the daughter of Kelly and Tony Steward of the Madison area.

Feb. 9, '12



Bud Motter

OHIO BIRD SANCTUARY volunteer Ed Kulka shows a rescued owl to Robert Bikar, 3, during the Rehab Telethon Fundrasier at the Richland Mall, Ontario, on Feb. 4.

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LEGAL NOTICE

QUOTES FOR FLOORING REPLACEMENT IN MULTIPLE ROOMS AT MS/HS FACILITY

The requirements, procedures, and practices that are being sought by Clear Fork Valley Local School District for the replacement of the flooring in multiple classrooms in the MS/HS facility are located under announcements on the Clear Fork Valley Local School District website at <http://www.clearfork.k12.oh.us>. Please have all quotes submitted to the district Maintenance Director Kevin Carr at carrk@clearfork.k12.oh.us by Monday February 21, 2022 by 9 am.

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Clear Fork Board of Education
Bellville, Ohio
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CITY OF ONTARIO
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PATROL OFFICER EXAM

The City of Ontario will conduct a Civil Service examination for the position of entry level police officer on Sunday, March 6,

2022 at the Ontario Municipal Building Community Room, 555 North Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio 44906. Doors will open at 7:30 a.m. and the exam will begin at 8:00 a.m. No admittance after 8:00 a.m.

Candidates must be U.S. citizens and present a valid driver's license at the time of the examination. Must be at least 21 years of age (unless the candidate qualifies for the OPOTA exception) but not more than 34 years of age and must possess a high school diploma or GED equivalence. Passing Candidates who qualify in the top ten will be required to complete a physical strength and agility test. Candidates that are selected will be subject to psychological, polygraph, drug and alcohol screening along with a comprehensive background check.

NOTICE: Applicants must have their Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) Certification to apply. Applicants currently enrolled in an Ohio Basic Peace Officer Training Academy are allowed to test but Certification must be complete by time of appointment.

The City of Ontario is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on any basis prohibited by law including military status. However, if you are applying for a civil service examination and elect to claim military service credit either as an honorably discharged veteran or as a member of the National Guard or a Reserve component as provided in R.C. 124.23, then please attach a copy of your honorable discharge from active duty, DD 214 or other proof of eligibility for this credit. Applications will be available at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, beginning January 20th, 2022, at the Police Department window or online at www.ontpd.com. Applications will be accepted until Thursday February 24th 2022 at 12:00 p.m. at the Police Department window in the Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road. Those with questions may call the Division of Police at 419-529-2115 and ask to speak with a recruiter.

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The Gwartz Family: Cass, Lisa, Brianna and Seth

Farmland preservation 2022 enrollment period open

December 14 marked the Richland Soil & Water Conservation District's (Richland SWCD) first completed easement in the Farmland Preservation Program also known as The Clean Ohio Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (LAEPP).

Cass and Lisa Gwartz of Triple Creek Farm applied to the program and their farm has been approved by the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) Office of Farmland Preservation in conjunction with Richland Soil & Water Conservation District, who acts as the local sponsor for the program. This means their farm is protected by a perpetual easement from future commercial development and will remain a farm for generations to come.

To learn more about the importance of the program to the family, visit <https://richlandswcd.net/services/agriculture/richland-swcd>.

The 2022 Farmland Preservation Program for Richland County is open and Richland SWCD will accept applications thru March 1, 2022.

To take advantage of preserving farmland for future generations, there are two options.

1) The Clean Ohio Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (LAEPP) provides funding to farmland owners for placing an agricultural easement on their property. Monies are issued for up to 75 percent of the appraised value of a farm's development rights. A payment cap has been set at \$2,000 per acre, with a maximum of \$500,000 per farm. All easement transactions are recorded on the property deed and transfer with the land to successive owners. Funds from the purchase of these easements are invested in the local economy by the landowners who use them by expanding their farming operations, purchasing new equipment, reducing debt, adding conservation practices, planning for retirement, sending their children to college or for other purposes. When the state purchases a farmland easement, the proceeds are plowed into Ohio's economy.

2) The Agricultural Easement Donation Program (AEDP) is a tool for landowners to protect their farm's soils, natural resource features, and scenic open space. It provides landowners the opportunity to donate the easement rights on viable farmland to the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA). The department assures the land remains in agricultural use forever. The standard cost for services needed to secure the easement (i.e., title examination, title policy, escrow, closing and recordation) are covered by ODA. All easement transactions are permanent. They are recorded on the property deed and will transfer with the land to successive owners.

For additional information on the Farmland Preservation program visit the Richland SWCD website at <https://richlandswcd.net/services/agriculture/richland-swcd> or contact Matt at Wallace.matt@richlandswcd.net or 419-747-8687 for details.

Renaissance Theatre will receive \$100,000 grant

Renaissance Theatre is has announced it has been approved to receive an American Rescue Plan grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to help the arts and cultural sector recover from the pandemic.

The Renaissance is recommended to receive \$50,000 in 2022, with an additional amount of \$50,000 in 2023. This funding is intended to save jobs and to fund operations and facilities, and will be used by the Renaissance to purchase health and safety supplies, pay artist fees, and assist with the cost of utilities for the historic Renaissance Theatre. In total, the NEA will award grants totaling \$57,750,000 to 567 arts organizations in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Washington, D.C.

"Our nation's arts sector has been among the hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. The National Endowment for the Arts' American Rescue Plan funding will help arts organizations, such as Renaissance Theatre, rebuild and reopen," said Dr. Maria Rosario Jackson, chair of the NEA. "The arts are crucial in helping America's communities heal, unite, and inspire, as well as essential to our nation's economic recovery."

"This funding is going to be crucial to helping us continue to serve our community during what has been a very tough few years for everyone," said Renaissance President, Chelsie Thompson. "We've been largely shuttered for nearly two years now, and even after reopening, our earned revenue is still only 40% of our 2019 numbers with a long recovery ahead of us as we dig our way out of this pandemic. We're grateful for the opportunity that this funding brings to keep our doors open and our artists working to provide the human connections that our community needs right now."

The funding provided by the grant will allow the Renaissance to continue providing arts and culture for Richland County, supporting programming such as live theatre, the Mansfield Symphony, and educational programming for students and families in addition to offsetting operational costs.

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Board approves fund release

The state controlling board has approved the release of \$183,771 to North Central Technical College to purchase sole source equipment from Buckeye Educational Systems for Workforce Based Training Equipment RAPIDS program in Mansfield, Ohio

This funding will help to prepare graduating individuals for success. As a result of these investments industry partners will be better suited to hire locally trained high-level talent.

"We must continue to invest in our future generation and this funding will ensure our students are properly trained and educated before joining the workforce," said State Representative Marilyn John.