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Community friend and Tribune-Courier photographer Bud Motter remembered

By Traci Little

Ronald "Bud" Motter was born on March 14, 1936. He would have celebrated his 86th birthday next month. He passed away peacefully at his home in Mansfield, on Feb. 17, 2022.

When asked about his nickname before his passing he said, "As far back as I can remember, I've always been referred to as Bud."

I had the honor and great privilege to speak with Bud and his wife, Miriam, in their home on the Saturday afternoon of Feb. 12. They welcomed me in with open arms, like I was a lifelong friend.

Bud and Miriam were married on May 12, 1957. Miriam came from Millersburg, OH to attend beauty school in Mansfield and was set up on a blind date with Bud at a high school football game.

"Bud was taking pictures of the game and I don't even think he knew I was there," Miriam giggled.

The love between these two was undeniable. As I talked with them both, you could feel the mutual respect and admiration in their sweet smiles, understanding glances, and years of lifelong patience and sacrifice.

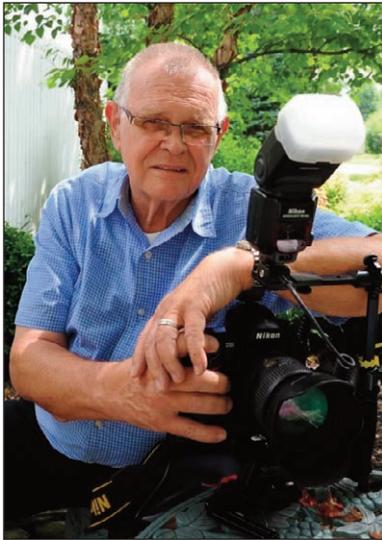
Raising two young girls early in their marriage, Miriam was home a lot with their children.

"We made it work. Bud was busy working and doing the things he loved, and I really enjoyed being home raising our girls. Bud truly enjoyed his work, and I loved watching him enjoy life and do what fulfilled him. The things he did brought him joy, and it brought me joy watching him be passionate about all the things he was involved in."

Anyone that knows Bud, would say that he can always be found with a camera. I asked him how long he's been taking photos, and he smiled to himself, with thoughtful reflection.

"My parents bought me a camera and built me a dark room when I was in the fourth grade. I have been taking photos ever since," he said. "My parents gave me the opportunity to do lots of different things in life."

Bud's favorite subject in school was woodshop class. He loved to be able to build things with his own hands. He would make lots of little gifts for people and eventually grew to one day be able to build houses.



After graduating from Madison High School in 1954, he traveled back and forth to Elyria to build houses. For many months, he traveled back and forth, passing the same car every day in his travels.

One day, Bud flagged the car down, pulled over, and was determined to meet this person he passed on the road daily. Come to find out, it was someone traveling from Elyria to Mansfield, doing the very same thing Bud was doing. They spoke with their bosses and ended up switching jobs so they both didn't have to travel every day!

There wasn't anything Bud couldn't do if he set his mind to it. One of the extracurricular activities that Bud enjoyed growing up was playing and watching football. He loved the Cleveland Browns and soon became a proud Browns Backer. Browns Backers Worldwide is the official fan club of the Cleveland Browns.

One of Bud's greatest role models and positive influences in his life was Bill Glass. William Glass was a professional football player who finished his career as a standout with the Cleveland Browns. His athletic ability wasn't the reason Bud looked up to Bill; it was his strong faith in Jesus.

Bud remembered hearing him speak at a rally and he was forever changed by what Bill Glass spoke about. It strengthened and encouraged Bud's own faith and walk with the Lord. It significantly shaped the person that Bud grew to be.

Glass spent several off seasons attending Southwestern Seminary. He worked with Rev. Billy Graham, who encouraged Glass toward a life in the ministry.

Since 1972, his efforts have focused on prison ministries, bringing the gospel to inmates across America. I asked Bud when he came to know Jesus as his Savior, and he said, "before the foundations of the world."

Besides working at the *Tribune-Courier* paper since 2004 and having his own camera shop, Bud also volunteered in prison ministries in Mansfield.

He also served as a lay pastor for a short time. I asked Bud how others would describe him and he said, "In high school, I was voted most likely to succeed."

As we joked and laughed together with his wife Miriam, I said, I'm sure Bud was

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Photo by Mark Shutt

THE BRIDGE in the Village of Bellville was once again overwhelmed with flood waters last week. The widespread area across Richland County was hit with heavy rainfall before turning into an ice storm on Thursday evening.



Photos by Jeff Hoffer

THE ICE STORM left some unusual formations on the local trees near the Clearfork River.

Lexington Board approves hirings

The Lexington Board of Education met Wednesday, Feb. 16.

Evan Matney, student representative to the board, gave his report, followed by the junior high administrative report.

The treasurer gave the monthly financial report for January 2022 and the board approved an invoice in the amount of \$7,370 to Nuhop Center for the 2021 cross country camp lodging, which is paid from camp fees collected from athletes.

The retirement of Christine Berger, Eastern Elementary, was accepted, effective June 1, 2022. Ken Kreis, junior high, will retire at the end of the 2021-'22 school year. Connie Pritchard will retire as a educational aide at Western, effective the end of the 2021-'22 school year.

A resignation was accepted from Cortney Hite, pre-school educational aide at Western, effective Feb. 11, 2022.

Salary adjustments were approved for Kayla Duryea and Leslie Miller.

Heather Logan was employed as a food service substitute, effective Jan. 25; Cheryl Fraizer was hired as a secretary in the transportation department, effective Feb. 22.

Stephen Durbin, Jody White and Melinda Guinther were hired as substitute bus drivers, pending successful completion of pre-employment requirements

Rick Wuchich was hired as a 2-hour van driver (previously sub van driver) for the remainder of the school year and on a one-year contract for the 2022-'23 school year, effective Jan. 2.

Suzanne Meister was hired for the position of a food service/two-hour general help for the school year, continuing on a one-year contract for the 2022-'23 school year, pending pre-employment requirements.

Katie Glaze will be employed as a substitute educational aide for the remainder

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Mansfield Police Department was overwhelmed in 1900

By Bob Carter

John Alexander Dowie was head of what he claimed to be a 50,000 member Christian Catholic Church in Zion, based in Chicago, which prohibited members from seeing a doctor or druggist.

Failure to follow his strict regulations over their lives and 10% contributions to the church could lead to expulsion.

Dowie preached that if someone was sick, it was due to sin and could only be cured by prayer.

The death of an infant and near death of another small child who were only treated by prayer, led to a riot in which a mob of over 3,000 tried to tar and feather Dowie's local elder.

Later, a weekly mob led to a riot that broke out in which two elders were stripped and painted blue at a farm tool factory. Later two more elders were grabbed by another mob and painted with "smokestack" varnish which was used to seal buggy wheels.

Dowie sent his elders by train weekly to preach on Sunday where they were greeted by angry mobs and the Mansfield Police or Richland County Sheriff. A. B. "Barney" Pulver. Pulver would rescue them and jail them so they couldn't preach until Monday morning and then send them away by train.

The turmoil in Mansfield, made head-

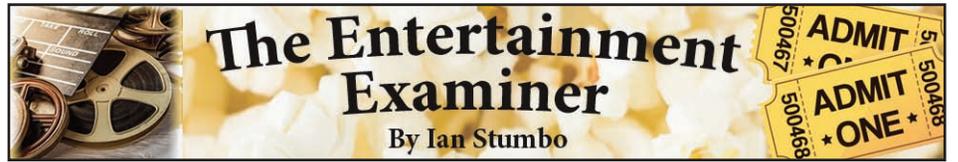
lines clear across the country from New York to California.

During the summer of 1900, Dowie went to England to spread his flock, where he to was the target of protesters. He was greeted with more protests and news stories about what was going on in Mansfield. Stories were published all over, in London England, Edinburgh Scotland and Dublin Ireland. (Dowie was raised in Scotland).

Other Ohio cities also protested the Dowie religion including Toledo, Cleveland, Lima, Ada and so on, but Mansfield was at the top of the heap. It was a war of sorts and the Mansfield Police Department was completely overwhelmed.

Sheriff Pulver had only one full-time deputy and another part time officer. There was even a call to bring out the National Guard, but many thought some of them could not be trusted. Mobs appeared every weekend. All were not from Mansfield and many came from Lexington, Bellville, Shelby, Ontario, Shelby and other areas to see the free entertainment on a rather dull summer. It was one hell of a mess.

The coming of cold weather and arrests of mob leaders coupled with lawsuits filed quietly ended the most embarrassing event in the history of Richland County. Even the history books make little mention of it.



Uncharted stars Spider-Man actor Tom Holland as Nathan Drake, a young bartender in New York City who becomes a treasure hunter with the help of his pal Sully (Mark Wahlberg). Their hunt takes them around the globe as they get in sticky situation after situation which leads to an exciting climax with two airborne pirate ships.

Based on the Playstation video game series, *Uncharted* did better than average at the box office this past weekend. It has an *Indiana Jones* and *National Treasure* type flair to it but it is not nearly as good as those movies.

Holland is fine in the lead role but Wahlberg seems a little miscast. Wahlberg has turned in some great performances though here seems to almost be playing himself. There are a great deal of wisecracks between Sully and Nathan but a little goes a long way and it gets to be weary.

There are some exciting scenes although

some do not quite play out the way they should. That would have made the movie really exciting. One example is an early scene that features a break-in during an auction where a criminal (Antonio Banderas) is bidding on a priceless artifact that is required for Drake and Sully's journey.

Having not played the video game, I personally could not go into this with knowledge of the game, but as a movie it works out reasonably well though never as good as it could be. It always felt like the actors were trying too hard and something was missing. This movie does open it up for a sequel and hopefully if they

make one, they can make some improvements and make that sequel even better.

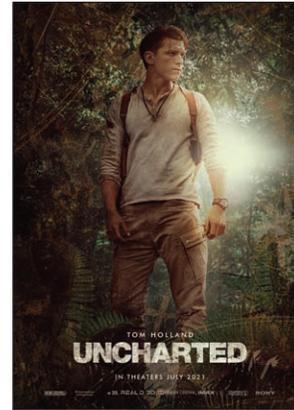


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News Briefs

Pastor Mike Mack at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1592 Grace St., Madison area, will hold an Ash Wednesday service March 2 at 7 pm. Pastor Mack will lead a Lenten study March 3 at 6:30 pm.

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The first Mansfield Area Community Hymnsing of the 2022 season will be held Friday, March 4 at New Liberty Baptist Church, Lexington Ave., Lexington, (1/2 mile south of Hanley Rd). This is a free event.

Those attending join together and the congregation picks songs from the hymnal and all join in singing hymns. It starts at 7 pm and runs through 8:30 pm. Refreshments will be shared afterward. Everyone is invited.

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Ontario Zoning Inspector Michael Morton released the January zoning reort for the City of Ontario.

Permits were issued to Chad Stein of SC Strategic Solutions, W. Fourth St, change of use; Pamela Cline, Tanglewood Dr., new 1,225 square foot home; and Tom Kososky, Park Avenue West, new 1,643 square foot home.

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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-YDvdWVD1bKEubrNiwjmpiPIz25jd3gM1-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

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The Lexington Area Senior Citizens Inc., invites those 55 and older to attend meetings the third Wednesday of every month at Der Dutchman Restaurant.

Lunch begins at 11:30 am, followed by the meeting at 12:30 pm. 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 March 16, the meal will be roast

beef and those attending are encouraged to wear green. The Strut Your Stuff Dancers will perform.

A lunch gathering will be held at Paul Revere Restaurant, 57 Rt. 97, Lexington, on March 2, at 11:30 am.

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

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Feb. 26 and 27.

Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.

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The Lexington Area Senior Citizens will host a bus trip to Youngstown to explore Fellows Riverside Gardens at Mill Creek Park on Tuesday, May 24. The gardens is 12 acres and the visit includes a visitor center, observation tower, café, gift shop, galleries, exhibits and a ferry ride on Glacier Lake (weather and time permitting).

Lunch will be in downtown Youngstown and a bus guide will narrate a ride through town. Those attending will also visit the Bytler Institute of American Art and Whitehouse Fruit Farm.

Cost is \$75 with \$30 deposit due by March 16. Price includes bus, driver tip, lunch and gratuity, tour fees, one donut and water and snacks on the bus.

Bus pick-up is at the Area Agency on Aging, 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario. Call 419-683-2409 for information.

Anyone 55 and older may attend.

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The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. will host a COVID-19 vaccine and booster clinic Thursday, Feb. 24, from 10 am to noon at Hawkins Corner, 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario. The Ohio National Guard will administer Moderna's first, second or booster dose.

Anyone 18 and older, and from any county, must make an appointment by calling 567-247-6503.

Many forms of ID are accepted to verify name, identity and age. Participants do not need to show proof of citizenship or residency status. Those who have lost a vaccination card, can also be assisted with obtaining a new copy. There is no cost and insurance is not required.

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The American Red Cross will host a bloodmobile on Sunday, Feb. 27, from 11 am to 5 pm at Richland Mall in Ontario.

To make an appointment to give blood or platelets, use the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

All who give blood or platelets Feb. 1-28, will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card.

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For those needing more information about advertising a business or event, email tribune.courier.traci@gmail.com

Deadlines are noon Mondays.



Mohican State Park • Photos by Mark Shutt

Richland Newhope celebrates awareness

Richland Newhope's second Annual Bowling Awareness Event will be held Wednesday, March 2, from 10 am to 12:15 pm at Lex Lanes, 60 Rt. 97, Lexington.

This is the first of several activities being held as part of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Richland County public and private schools eighth grade students and county public officials were invited to attend.

The teams will be unified with students that have a disability, general education students and public officials as the team captain. Richland Newhope is providing bowling, lanyards, awards, team photos, and lunch. The purpose of this event is to help bring awareness and inclusion to students with developmental disabilities.

Richland Newhope's 20th Annual Community Awareness Day will be held Thursday, March 10, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm beginning at the Longview Center, 1496 W. Longview Ave. Mansfield. Twenty-four participants will start and end at this location and from approximately 8:45 to 11:15 am, they will go to several locations around Richland County to visit and meet with individuals Richland

Newhope supports.

At 11:15 am, all participants will return to The Longview Center for a luncheon. Around noon, each participant will talk about his or her experience.

This Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month activity is designed to create a better understanding of people with disabilities and how they are supported by Richland Newhope and its provider partners.

The Third Annual Step into Spring — a free, fun walk, will be held Friday, March 18. Registration starts at 10 am with the walk starting about 10:30 am. at the Richland Mall (middle of mall — by former Macy's).

Richland Newhope, Richland Public Health, Richland County Children Services, YMCA of North Central Ohio and the Richland Mall are sponsoring this free event open to the public as a way to wrap up Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and to promote community inclusion.

In addition to the walk, there will be several informational displays by walk sponsors and Richland Newhope provider partners.



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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
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 10:40 am Sunday Worship with live stream at www.facebook.com/ridgewaycog
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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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 Ronald Eugene Motter, February 17
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Joann Jeffries joins Richland Academy

Richland Academy of the Arts has announced its most recent new-hire, Joann Jeffries, who will be teaching piano, clarinet, flute, music theory, music history and music appreciation classes and lessons.

Jeffries has a B.M. in Clarinet Pedagogy from Heidelberg College, and a M.M. in Clarinet Pedagogy with an emphasis in Woodwind Specialty from Kent State University. She played in the Heidelberg Orchestra, Kent State Wind Ensemble and Kent State University Orchestra and Concert Band. She spent years teaching lessons in Northeast Ohio. Along with performing freelance, she has played professionally with the Cleveland Opera Circle and The Tuscarawas Philharmonic.

She is proficient in piano, voice, and is trained in Vocal Pedagogy. She has performed vocally with the Heidelberg Community Chorus, and for many weddings and church services.

"Richland Academy thrives and expands with each new instructor we bring on," says Marianne Cooper, Executive Director. "We love seeing new ideas, new talent, and new ambition through each instructor that we have. Joann will provide students with a wonderful arts experience."

For more information on registering for classes or lessons call 419-522-8224 or visit www.richlandacademy.com. The academy is located at the corner of fourth and Walnut St., Mansfield.



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Memorial Arrangements

Ronald Eugene "Bud" Motter

Ronald Eugene "Bud" Motter, 85, of Mansfield, passed away peacefully Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022 at his home. Born March 14, 1936 in Mansfield, he was the son of Albert and Eva (Statler) Motter.

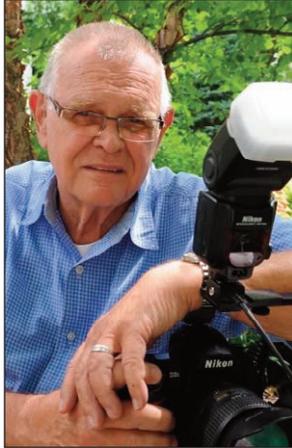
"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek." Romans 1:16. This was Bud's favorite verse, proud to proclaim that Jesus was his Savior and he has now gained a home in Heaven.

Bud graduated from Madison High School class of 1954.

Bud was not for sitting at home. He was a member of numerous organizations and could be found all over town always with his camera, never missing a chance to take pictures.

Photography had been his hobby since the age of 10 when he received his first camera. Bud lived to serve others. He was a Lay Pastor and was proud of his ministry to those in prison. He went about doing good in various organizations including Gideon's, Mansfield Men's Garden Club, Lions Club, Mansfield Rotary, as a former board member of Mansfield Christian Schools and mission work in Haiti.

Before retirement, Bud managed Top Flite



Camera until its closing. After retirement, Bud worked for the *Tribune Courier* as a photographer. He attended Westwood Alliance Church.

He is survived by his wife, Miriam (Raymond) Motter whom he married May 12, 1957; his daughters, Ellen (Keith) Lilly of Mansfield and Julie (Tod) Brown of Germany; his grandchildren who were his pride and joy, Ariel (Kendall) Dials, Tyler (Teneil) Lilly, Dillon (Hailey) Brown, Riley Brown and Mackenzie Brown; his great grandchildren, Leira Dials and Audrey Lilly; his sister, Carrol Ann Eichelberger of Mansfield; his brother, Albert (Cathy) Motter of Arizona; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Family and friends may call from 11 am to 1 pm on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022 at the Ontario Home of Wappner Funeral Directors, 100 South Lexington-Springmill Rd., Ontario where funeral services will follow at 1 pm conducted by Pastor Jeremy Muncy. Burial will follow in Mansfield Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mansfield Christian School, 500 Logan Rd., Mansfield, Ohio 44907.

Wappner Funeral Directors is proud to serve the family of Bud Motter.

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

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of the 2021-'22 and 2022-'23 school year as needed. Ashley McLaughlin was hired as a substitute educational aide.

Taylor Gerhardt resigned as varsity head football coach. Spring 2021-'22 coaching positions were awarded to Kevin Morrow, head varsity baseball; Jeff Strickler, JV baseball; Ryan Oliver, freshman baseball; Joe Swartzmiller, volunteer assistant baseball; Jim Steele, volunteer assistant baseball; Todd Galownia, varsity softball; Patrick O'Connell, JV softball; Sonja Clever, volunteer assistant softball; Michelle Smith, head girls' track; Ralph Baker, head boys' track; Allyssa Hostetler, assistant track; Grant Weaver, assistant track; Denise Benson and Anne Petrie, assistant track (1/2 contract each); Dan Wittmer, assistant track (1/3 contract); Seth Cole, assistant track (2/3 contract); Jennifer Wells, assistant track; Buck Morton, junior high track; Jeff Meyer, junior high track; Kayla Duryea, junior high track; Heidi Roush, junior high track; Lisa Pfizenmayer, junior high track volunteer assistant; Jay Schmidt, junior high track volunteer assistant;

Ron Schaub, head boys' tennis; Rob Michels, volunteer assistant boys' tennis; and Jansen Webster, volunteer assistant boys' tennis.

Seth Cole was approved as a van driver, as needed, for the wrestling program.

Eden and Ellie Rinehart were approved as tuition students at Western, tuition waived per board policy following working parent.

The board voted to approve a resolution to authorize the treasurer and transportation department to obtain bid pricing through META Solutions cooperative, purchasing three new buses per recommendation and specifications from the transportation department.

A Resolution was approved for membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association membership for 2022-'23.

A revised substitute list, dated Jan. 19, was approved as presented by MOESC.

The next meeting will be held at Lexington High School's Board of Education Meeting Room on Wednesday, March 16, at 7 pm.

The Ohio State University Mansfield Theatre will present new play starting Friday

Blending music, humor, loss and the pain and joy of family, Mansfield playwright Tiger Bradley brings his unique style to The Ohio State University at Mansfield Theatre Program.

The Healing Project, written by Bradley, has performances scheduled Friday, Feb. 25 through Monday, Feb. 28 and is pre-

sented in cooperation with The Ohio State Mansfield Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

Bradley, a first administrator of New Community Temple and youth pastor for 20 years, has written several plays, including *The Hurt and The Healed*, to help people discover the root cause of

•Bud Motter remembered

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a little bit stubborn as well? She laughed and said, "Now that I think about it, yes, that does describe Bud pretty well."

Determined people always have a little bit of spunk and stubbornness woven into their personality.

One common theme I have found as people describe Bud Motter is this statement, "Bud is a friend to everyone!"

Ohio Senator Mark Romanchuck, had this to say about his friend, "Bud is everybody's friend and makes everyone feel comfortable. Not only is he a fantastic photographer and reporter, but he's also a magnificent human being as well. He slips in and out of stories and never makes himself part of them. Bud is a true professional and a wonderful man. I am fortunate to call him my friend. I am so sorry to hear of his passing."

Retired Athletic Director, Dan Swagerty, shared this about his friend, "When I interviewed for the athletic director/basketball coach position at Mansfield Christian School, Bud was on the school board. Bud and the current superintendent at the time flew out to California to interview me."

"It seemed that they had just one question in mind, who would want to leave California to move to Mansfield, Ohio? I was only part-time at Westmont College as an assistant basketball coach and intramural director, so I was looking for a full-time position. Mansfield Christian School filled all of the boxes and we moved there in July of 1980."

"From the moment I arrived in Mansfield, Bud was always a friendly contact with me over a variety of things. We did a Sports Press Guide, and he was our team photographer. He would take any picture we would ask for and they would all turn out great. He did that for all three of my years at MCS. I

would often stop by his Top Flite Camera Store just to chat and see how things were going. He was an avid basketball fan and totally supported all of our sports at MCS. We won the State ACSI Basketball Championship both in 1981 and 1982. He filmed the 1982 Championship Game at Cedarville College. I still have both of

those films in canisters stored on my closet shelf.

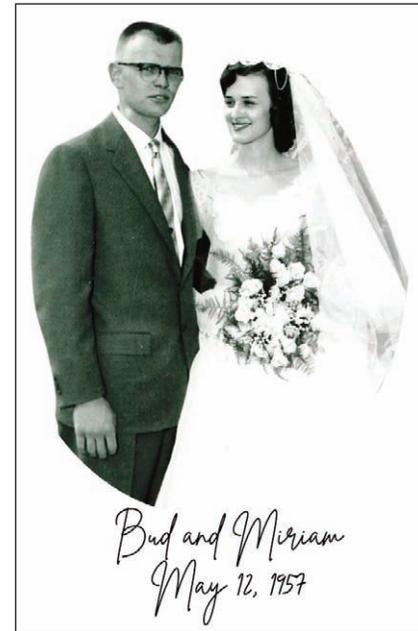
"Bud Motter was a friend to many different people from many different backgrounds. We had some transitions at MCS over the years, and Bud was always there with a kind and encouraging word. I guarantee you we could be together right now and start talking like we never missed a beat. He was a special person in my life and my family's life. His friendship through the years has been greatly appreciated. I honestly can say he was my friend like no other."

Over the years as a photographer and reporter, Bud remembered covering events that included President George Bush, Charles Stanley, and famous musician, Ricky Skaggs. He also got to film surgical procedures for teaching purposes, and work and talk with inmates at different prisons in Mansfield.

The things that have brought Bud the most joy over the years are the Lord, his family, and photography. I asked him if he could go back in time to any age, what would that be? He simply shook his head no and told me he's enjoyed each season of his life along the way.

My final question for Bud Motter before leaving his home was, "If you could give a piece of advice to the next generation, what would it be?"

Without any second thought, Bud said, "Trust in the Lord." One of Bud's favorite Bible verses was Philipians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me."



BUD MOTTER takes a photo at an event hosted by Richland Early American Center for History in Mansfield.

their problems. *The Hurt and The Healed* continues its development with *The Healing Project*.

"The reason I wrote this play was to inspire and encourage healing," said Bradley. "People deal with so much hurt, and I wanted to provide solutions to help heal."

Performances will take place in Founders Auditorium located in Ovalwood Hall.

The Sunday performance is scheduled for 2:30 pm, with all other shows beginning at 7:30 pm.

For ticket information visit ticketmaster.com, mansfield.osu.edu/theatre or call 419-755-4045.

March of Prayer returns

The March of Prayer returns for the fourth year, offering a prayer service every night in March, each night hosted in a different local church.

The 30 congregations represent more than two dozen denominations, each hosting a 6 pm service in its authentic style.

"While many communities will host cooperative services between some or many congregations, they typically are one service with leaders trying to accommodate everyone's style in one setting. Our services allow each host to maintain the authenticity of its traditions, theology and worship style," says Paul Lintern, coordinator of the event.

"It invites participants to pray for our communities, our country and God's Kingdom by entering many corners of that Kingdom, in a spirit of partnership with the Gospel of Jesus," he adds.

Under the theme that "Mansfield is Godsfield," and "Richland is God's Land," each hosting congregation will pick its own format and topics of prayer, selections of music and opportunities for participation. One service may be mostly silent, another full of praise music, another with prayers on topic throughout the service, another with emphasis on reading scripture. Communion might be offered, groups may tour the worship space to pray for specific topics as prompted, and revival sought.

"When Jordon (Baker) and I planned the original March of Prayer because we were hoping that people who pray for our city would see that they are not alone, and that it would spark revival that comes from the Holy Spirit nudging unlikely people to partner in faith. We picked March because it is that end-of winter, almost-spring month that is preparing us for Easter," Lintern says.

"We filled up the month and by the time we were halfway through, more churches asked to host, so that we actually went 49 days in a row, right up to Easter weekend. More than 4,000 people participated.

The next year, we were planning to go 65 days to the National March of Prayer, but COVID caused us to pray the last 45 days on our Godsfield Facebook page.

"Last year we met on location for 35 days in a row, until Easter, although the pandemic had its effect on attendance," Lintern says. "I see nothing to hold us back this year."

Plans are for services to be livestreamed on the Godsfield Facebook page, and through congregational sites. The streaming is being coordinated by Mark Pierce, pastor at Church Requel.

This year's schedule includes one site that hosts two different congregations, with Holy Trinity Lutheran beginning the March in its sanctuary and a new fellowship, Coming Together in One Accord, meeting in the chapel on March 12.

One congregation, Fusion Madison, will host two nights, in different locations — March 5 at its current location on Paradise Dr., and March 28 at its new location in the former East Hills Presbyterian building on Rte. 430.

Four sites are new to the March of Prayer, including two that are in their first year of existence. Ten sites are in the first

generation of existence while three have served in their building for more than a century. Eight congregations date back to the 1800s.

"The diversity is astonishing, and is a big part of the appeal of traveling from one site to the next over the course of the March," Lintern says.

"I know of no other place where this is done in this way. God is doing great things through it."

Services begin at 6 pm and will continue up to two hours.

Tuesday, March 1, Holy Trinity Lutheran, 525 W. Cook Rd.

Wednesday, March 2, Journey Life Center, 2578 Springmill Rd.

Thursday, March 3, Mansfield Salvation Army, 41 S. Main St.

Friday, March 4, Church Requel, 2 Marion Ave.

Saturday, March 5, Fusion, Madison, 1400 Paradise Lane.

Sunday, March 6, Journey Harbor, at Idea Works, 40 W 4th St.

Monday, March 7, Grace Brethren, 215 W. Main St., Lexington

Tuesday, March 8, Kingdom Grace Fellowship, 105 Reba Ave.

Wednesday, March 9, Providence Baptist, 112 W. Sixth St.

Thursday, March 10, The ARC, 378 Park Avenue. West

Friday, March 11, Abundant Life, 1085 Bedford Blvd.

Saturday, March 12, Coming Together on One Accord Ministry, 525 W. Cook Rd. (Holy Trinity Chapel)

Sunday, March 13, Freedom Ridge, 2200 Bedford Blvd.

Monday, March 14, Grace Fellowship, 365 Straub Rd. E

Tuesday, March 15, GracePoint Sanctuary, 36 Eagle Dr., Lexington

Wednesday, March 16, Lexington Church of Cross, 236 Otterbein St., Lexington

Thursday, March 17, Faith United Methodist, 1574 Rt. 96 (across from Crestview Schools)

Friday, March 18, Fusion Church, 2220 Industrial Parkway, Lexington

Saturday, March 19, Sar Shalom, 2510 W. Fourth St., 10:30 am; and Point of Grace, 2 Marion Ave., 6 pm

Sunday, March 20, Open Bible, 1150 Rayfield Dr.

Monday, March 21, Awake, 3616 Ohio 39, Shelby

Tuesday, March 22, First United Methodist, 12 N. Diamond St.

Wednesday, March 23, St. Peters Catholic, 60 S. Mulberry

Thursday, March 24, Mansfield Foursquare Gospel, 383 Davidson

Friday, March 25, Biblewalk Museum, 500 Tingley Rd.

Saturday, March 26, Paradise Hill, 87 Illinois Ave. N.

Sunday, March 27, Potter's House, 374 Willowood Dr. East.

Monday, March 28, Fusion at East Hills, 2170 OH 430 E

Tuesday, March 29 — Linden Road Presbyterian, 160 S. Linden Rd.

Wednesday, March 30, First Christian, 200 W. Third St.

Thursday, March 31, First English Lutheran, 53 PAW



ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL seventh grade student Ellie Fittante was the VFW local and district winner in the Patriot's Pen essay contest. Ellie's essay continues to compete at the regional level and has the chance to advance to the state and then national competition. Other school winners include Angel Tan and Tatum Mottayaw. Ellie's essay was written on this year's theme "How Can I Be a Good American." Her essay had to be within the 300-400 word limit, and so far, it appears that Ellie has a winning combination. Language arts teacher, Mrs. Horning is very proud of Ellie's entry as well as the other competitors' essays.

News Briefs in Education

The Ontario Board of Education will meet in the Ontario High School Library at 7 pm on March 8.

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The following students were named to the dean's list at Cedarville University for fall 2021. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours. Grace Johnson of Lexington, majoring in primary (P-5) education; Joshua Johnson of Mansfield, management; Kaylie Klotzbach of Mansfield, environmental science; Jacob Littleton of Mansfield, psychology; and Audrey Martin of Lexington, electrical engineering.

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Lexington Local Schools will hold kindergarten registration for the 2022-'23

school year on Thursday, March 3 from 9:30 am to 3 pm and 4:30-7 pm; and Tuesday, March 8, from 4:30-7 pm. at Central and Western Elementary.

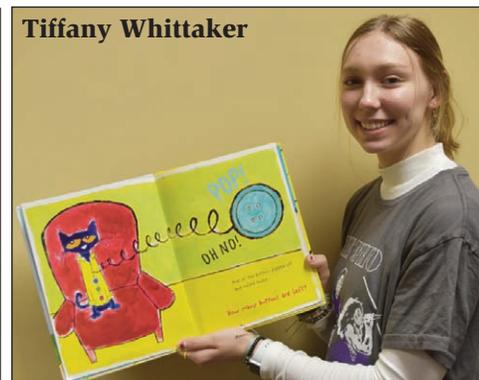
A child must be five years old on or before Aug. 1, 2022 to be eligible for kindergarten.

The following documentation is required for kindergarten registration, child's original birth certificate, child's social security card, child's immunization record, custody papers (single, adoptive, foster family or name change), proof of residence (current rental/purchase/lease agreement or utility bill) and parent/guardian driver's license.

Laptops will be available to complete the registration process via Final Forms. Parents will schedule a time for screening at registration.



Mere Bise



Tiffany Whittaker



Chloe Hollar



Lizzie Nagel

STUDENTS IN MRS. WENTZ'S public speaking course at Ontario High School chose a children's book to read aloud. The exercise was a fun practice in inflection and delivery.

KCCC welcomes two new board members during meeting

By Nathan Bellman, KCCC communications

Knox County Career Center (KCCC) recognized two former board members and welcomed two new members recently.

Ruby Miller served on the KCCC School Board from April 1996 to Dec. 31, 2008, and then again from Jan. 2010 to Dec. 31, 2020. She also served from 1984 to 2020 on the Knox Educational Service Center School Board.

Miller stepped down from the KCCC School Board and Knox Educational Service Center School Board to continue her fight against cancer.

Miller, who recently passed away in November 2021 after a battle with cancer, enriched the educational experience for countless students in Knox County during her service on the boards. Her fondness for learning, unrivaled love for the students in Knox County, and battle-tested experience as a board member spanning nearly four decades made her a tremendous asset to the schools and community.

Ruby Miller's daughter, Carla Douglas, said, "Ruby loved serving as a board member, and her passion for serving endured even toward the end of her life as she continued to serve as a board member while managing poor health and cancer treatments. Ruby will most certainly be missed by her friends in the Knox County schools, as well as by the students she impacted during her time serving on the board."

Although Ruby is no longer with us, the contributions she made to Knox County will live on, and her example of service, sacrifice, and leadership will give us all something to aspire to.

Mary Jean Theaker served on the KCCC School board

from Jan. 1, 1996, to Dec. 31, 2021. Mary Jean retired from teaching in 1988 after teaching at Mansfield City, Ontario and Lexington.

She loves what KCCC offers students. "KCCC is where it's happening. Students find themselves and in two years they have a skill," commented Theaker.

Theaker added, "Students are excited to go to school and it's just an amazing experience for these students."

Theaker has fond memories of her time serving on the KCCC School Board. "I have some lifelong friends at KCCC. I would always go to the award ceremony over at the MVNU Chapel," said Theaker.

Theaker added, "KCCC offers such a good atmosphere for students. It saves a lot of students and they learn new skills, learn how to behave, and learn how to be respectful."

Theaker also had the opportunity to spend time with students. "I enjoyed going to the JROTC Ball, chaperoning a bus trip for JROTC, and going on a trip to Gettysburg with students," commented Theaker.

She added, "I also had the opportunity to go on a KCCC all-female led trip to refuel a plane in the air. I got to see it happen and it was really neat."

"Ruby and Mary Jean always brought joy to each board meeting with their humor and bright outlook on life. I always appreciated their support personally and how much they cared about our students," said Kathy Greenwich, KCCC Superintendent.

Richard McLarnan, KCCC Board President, added, "Ruby and Mary Jean were nice ladies and very conscientious. They were always looking at ways to improve things for students at KCCC."

KCCC welcomed two new boards members—one a little over a year ago and one this month.

Vicky Bechtel took her position on the board on Jan. 1. Bechtel served on the Knox Educational Service Center School Board for 10 years prior to being appointed to the KCCC School Board.

Bechtel commented, "I have worked with young people as a 4-H Advisor for 39 years. I enjoy working with young people and on behalf of young people!"

Bechtel believes in the importance of career tech. Bechtel said, "Career tech is very important today as it is less expensive than college."

Bechtel added, "Not everyone needs or wants to go to college. Career tech helps train for jobs we need in society."

"Vicki stepped in to finish Ruby's term during the pandemic. I have appreciated her jumping right in when education has not been normal," said Greenwich.

Bill Hope took his position on the board in February 2022. Hope has served as the owner of two successful small businesses over his 30-year career. He served as co-owner and general manager of an engineering software company located near Philadelphia, PA. Hope also was the owner and president of Alumni Roofing Company in Lexington, OH.

In addition, he was a member of several local educational and non-profit boards.

Hope sees the importance of career tech in our society today. "Students today want to have options for a variety of career choices. A Career Tech Education builds academic and technical skills that directly relate to today's jobs but can also kick start their college education," commented Hope.

He added, "Our economy has a real need for skilled workers. I saw this first hand as a former owner of a construction company. I hope that my experiences as a business owner and engineer can help to improve the quality of education at KCCC."

Hope wants students to know what's on the horizon. "Students need to know that the future is incredibly bright for those who are reliable, committed to continuous improvement, and work well with others," said Hope.

Greenwich commented, "We are looking forward to working with Bill. He is bringing years of experience as a business owner and a board member. His knowledge paired with our other board members will prove to be an asset to our district and students."

Julie Buker's Ceramics Class at Ontario High School





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Ashland Pregnancy Center Director Melanie Miller candidating for Ohio House of Representatives

Photo and Article By Traci Little

Ashland Pregnancy Care Center held its quarterly training meeting at Compassion Church, 522 Ashland Ave., Ashland, on Wednesday morning, Feb. 16.

Client Outreach and Volunteer coordinator, Amanda Bowman, welcomed the team by doing an ice breaker activity. Melanie Miller, pregnancy center executive director, led the team in prayer and a devotional.

Centered around the theme, "Life is Sweet," she emphasized that these precious little one's lives that are saved are so sweet. After giving birth, the moms can't wait to bring them in for the staff to meet their baby.

Miller read from Psalm 119:103 that says, "How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" She went on to read Psalm 34:8 "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!"

She encouraged the team by saying, "When we get a taste of the Lord and his goodness, we can show these ladies the support they need and that God has a plan and purpose for their life, and their baby's life. She encouraged the team to put their own individual walk with the Lord first, and went on to say, "Press into him and his word and seek him first. Keep a journal of prayer requests so that you may be able to keep track of all the ways God is faithful and good in your own life."

Miller is running for the 67th district in the Ohio House of Representatives. Passionate about representing the conservative voice and strong values of the citizens of Ashland and Medina counties in the Statehouse, she hopes to be a strong voice for the communities of Ohio.

For the last seven years, Melanie has served as the executive director of the faith-based resource center in Ashland. The mission is to help women and men facing a critical pregnancy decision with their life affirming options. She believes with her leadership and experience with budgeting, making payroll, and overseeing a team of over 20 employees and volunteer staff, she is the best person to represent you in the Ohio State House.

Miller said that, if elected, the four guiding principles that will direct her are faith, life, freedom and family.

"I believe God is supreme, and if we honor him and put him first, everything will fall into place," said Miller. "Obviously with my line of work, I will be a fierce advocate for the sanctity of all human life. I believe in protecting the lives of the born, and unborn alike."

"I believe that our freedoms are very important and are God given, and I will represent you in defending our freedom of speech, the right to bare arms, and religious freedom," she continued.

"What is more important than families? Family is the bedrock and foundation of our communities, and therefore I will be a strong advocate to strengthen our

families, whether it is by creating jobs, less taxes, more money in families' pockets, great education so children have the opportunity to thrive and succeed, I'll be your advocate."

For more detail on issues she will speak about visit www.melanieMillerforOhio.com.

Upcoming Ashland Pregnancy Care Center Events:

On Monday, March 21, from 6–7:30 pm, there will be a Prayer Walk at the Ashland Pregnancy Care Center, 119 Sloan Ave., Ashland. Those attending are invited to come together with the board, staff and volunteers as they pray for the Lord's favor on this year's fundraising banquet and other prayer concerns.

This year's 16th Annual Fundraising Banquet will be on Thursday, April 21 at the John C. Myers Convocation Center at Ashland University. Guest speaker will be Dr. Alveda King.

Dr. Alveda is from Atlanta, GA, and serves as the Chair of the Center for the American Dream at AFPI. She is the daughter of the late slain civil rights activist Rev. A.D. King and the niece of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Alveda King is the founder of Speaker for Life, fighting for the sanctity and dignity of all life – from the womb to the tomb.

For information on Ashland Pregnancy Care Center visit <https://www.ashlandcarecenter.org/>. For an immediate appointment, call 419-289-CARE. Services are free and confidential.



MELANIE MILLER, director of the Ashland Pregnancy Care Center, is a candidate for the 67th District in the Ohio House of Representatives. She spoke during the center's quarterly training meeting.

Ohio State Mansfield to host Field of Monsters symposium

The Ohio State University at Mansfield will host the spring 2022 Field of Monsters symposium (community discussion) from 7–9 pm on Wednesday, March 2. Taking place in Founders Auditorium, the symposium will cover the monster – the myth, social aspects and in the media (comics, film and literature).

The main purpose of the Field of Monsters project is to have a community conversation about the monsters that exist in Richland County, psychologically or socially. Presenters include Dr. Steven Joyce, associate professor German, Dr. Phil Mazzocco, associate professor psychology, Brent Billingly, muralist and psychologist and Pastor Aaron Williams, Jr. of Mattox Memorial Temple. Presenters have up to 12 minutes to talk about monsters in their field of study, their life or work.

Free and open to the public, the Field of Monsters

project is presented in collaboration with the Richland County Development Group Art Sector, The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library, The Mansfield Playhouse, the North End Community Improvement Collaboration (NECIC) and other community partners.

Emcees include Mary Frankenfield, deputy director of The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library and Andrea Wittmer, head librarian of the Bromfield Library and Information Commons at Ohio State Mansfield.

Students, faculty, staff and visitors to all Ohio State campuses are required to wear masks indoors, regardless of vaccination status. For the latest COVID safety guidelines, visit the Safe and Healthy Buckeyes site at safeandhealthy.osu.edu.

For more information on the Field of Monsters project, visit mansfieldohio.art or call 419-512-9225.



ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL sixth grade students browsed the book fair recently.

Richland County Farm Bureau planning breakfast

Richland County Farm Bureau invites the community to attend the annual Richland County Farm Bureau Farmers Share Breakfast which will be served in the Shelby High School Cafeteria from 7–10:30 am on Saturday, March 26.

The bureau is requesting a donation for the breakfast which includes pancakes, fresh whole hog sausage, local eggs, orange juice, milk and coffee. Come and join us for some great food and fellowship. No reservations are needed.

The money collected at the breakfast is given to food pantries in Richland County. In honor of the FFA Chapters who help, we have donated nearly \$17,000 to area food banks and the Harmony House in the past 13 years.

"Farmers remain committed to producing safe and healthy food for our communities, and we share with consumers many of the same concerns about putting nutritious meals on the table on a tight budget," said Loren Hultit, Richland County Farm Bureau President. "By inviting our community to our Farmers Share Breakfast, we hope to connect with them and provide a better understanding of the origins of the food on their plates."

To learn more about local agriculture and the farmers behind food production, please visit richland.ofbf.org or "like" the Richland County Farm Bureau on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RichlandCountyFarmBureau.

KCCC Building Trades begins drug-free program

The Building Trades program at Knox County Career Center (KCCC) launched its "I Build Drug-Free" program last week.

The program offers a variety of incentives. The Ohio Contractors Association has partnered with KCCC's Building Trades program to support this program.

Students are guaranteed an interview with a list of employers and will receive an "I Build Drug-Free" t-shirt. Students also earn a silver pin & card after completing year one of the program and a gold pin & card after completing year two of the program.

The program is voluntary. Students are drug tested when they enroll in the program and put in a random lottery throughout the year.

Colby Clippinger, KCCC's Building Trades instructor, said, "My hope is that students hold themselves accountable and it raises the bar for the program and the Trades. What I really like about the program is the safety nets we have in place to support students. Our partnership with the Freedom Center will provide early intervention for those who stumble."

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Richland County Foundation approves grants totaling \$3,617,687

The Richland County Foundation Board of Trustees approved grants totaling \$3,617,687 during its February meeting.

Competitive, field of interest and donor-advised fund grants approved by the board were:

Akron Children's Hospital Mansfield Location – Behavioral Health Center. The hospital will construct a building north of its current one on S. Trimble Road. It will house a Behavioral Health Center and will employ 20 staff by 2025. Richland County ranks highest in the Greater Akron Region for the number of children who have experienced two or more adverse childhood experiences in their lifetime.

City of Ontario – Inclusive Playground and Spray Park. Ontario is taking steps at Marshall Park to provide an inclusive playground and spray park for families. It will be constructed in 2022 to provide opportunities for able-bodied children to play alongside differently abled children in a unique environment accessible to everyone.

OhioHealth Foundation – Mobile Mammography Unit. OhioHealth will purchase a new mobile mammography unit to provide mammograms in our area. Only 50 percent of eligible women receive a mammogram annually. The unit will bring care to women and remove a key barrier of accessibility.

Ronald McDonald House of Central Ohio – Helping Hands Program. Families with a seriously ill child hospitalized at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus can stay at the Ronald McDonald House while their child receives treatment. In 2021, RMHC provided service to 67 Richland County families for a total of 521 nights. The grant will provide 250 nights of rest for Richland County families this year.

The Renaissance Theatre, Mansfield-Richland County Public Library, Little Buckeye Children's Museum, and Idea+Works will collaborate to show three outdoor movies this summer in the greenspace by the theatre on Park Avenue West. This is a Mansfield Rising project and a grant from the Board Discretionary Fund will support it.

Zoe's Learning Center received a general support grant and Raemelton Therapeutic Equestrian Center received a COVID-19 Rapid Response grant for general operating support.

One career technical education scholarship was approved for a student to earn a certification at a technical institution. The Scholarship Committee implemented a rolling deadline for CTE scholarships to meet various enrollment deadlines. In aligning with Ohio's Attainment Goal, the Foundation wants to help fill the gap between job openings and certified employees as well as lead the way to support workforce development through CTE scholarships.

Graduating high school seniors and current college students from Richland County are eligible to apply for college and career technical education scholarships.

New applicants including high school seniors must

have at least a 2.5 grade point average (GPA), and returning applicants must have at least a 2.0 GPA, attend an accredited school and be a resident or high school graduate of Richland County. The deadline for college scholarship applications is April 1.

The Board of Trustees approved grants from donor-advised funds which allows individuals and families the opportunity to make grant suggestions to favorite charities. Donor-advised funds are a flexible and convenient alternative to a private foundation. It is also a way to keep charitable contributions anonymous, at the preference of the donor.

Organizations receiving grants from donor-advised funds are Akron Children's Hospital, Mansfield location, American Red Cross, Richland County, Ashland Schine Theatre, Ashland University, Bruce Museum, Catalyst Life Services, Catholic Charities, City of Ontario, Cooperstown Food Pantry, Discovery School, Domestic Violence Shelter, Downtown Mansfield Inc., Family Planning of South-Central New York, Fenimore Art Museum, First Congregational Church, Friendly House, Friends of the Richland County Park District, Galion Community Center – YMCA, Glimmerglass, Grace Episcopal Church, Habitat for Humanity – Richland County, Harmony House, Helios Care, Humane Society of Richland County, Idea Works, Little Buckeye Children's Museum, Mansfield Christian School, Mid-Ohio Civic Opera, Mid-Ohio Jazz Orchestra, Mid-Ohio Youth Mentoring, Nature Conservancy, New Store, North Central Ohio Land Conservancy, North Central State College Foundation, North End Community Improvement Collaborative, Ocean Conservancy, Ohio Bird Sanctuary, Ohio Environmental Council, Old Growth Forest Network, OhioHealth Foundation, Ohio Heartland Community Action Center, Pathfinder Village Foundation, Inc., Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio, Raemelton Therapeutic Equestrian Center, Renaissance Theatre, Richland Academy of the Arts, Richland Community Development Group, Richland County Commissioners – Dog Warden, Richland Pregnancy Services, Ronald McDonald House of Central Ohio, Salvation Army, Mansfield, Shelby Help Line Ministries, Sierra Club Foundation, Sierra Club of Ohio, Springbrook Foundation, Supporters of Del-Nor Wiggins Park, Inc., Trust for Public Land, United Way of Ashland County, United Way of Crawford County, United Way of Richland County and Wayne Center for the Arts.

The board allocated grants from donor-designated and agency funds. Agency funds are established by charitable organizations and can be endowed or non-endowed. The agency benefits from the foundation's professional asset management, which allows the agency's staff and board to focus on providing services to their constituents.

Designated funds provide annual support to the charities selected by the donor. They offer the added benefit that if the organization ceases to exist the Foundation has the responsibility to ensure that the

donor's original intent is met in seeking a new suitable organization.

The board approved grants from donor designated and agency funds to: AA/Mansfield Intergroup, American Guernsey Foundation, American Red Cross, Ashland University, Buckeye Council Boy Scouts of America, Catholic Charities, Catalyst Life Services, Center for Individual and Family Services, Children's Dyslexia Center, Children's Theatre Foundation, Clear Fork Valley Foundation, Community Action for Capable Youth, Discovery School, Domestic Violence Shelter, Downtown Mansfield Inc., First Christian Church, Mansfield, First Congregational Church, Friendly House Association, Friends of Richland County Park District, Habitat for Humanity Richland County, Hospice of North Central Ohio, Kingwood Center Gardens, Lucas Local Schools, Malabar Farm Foundation, Mansfield Richland Public Library, Mansfield 1st Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Mansfield Area Y, Mansfield Art Center, Mansfield Aviation Club, Mansfield Cancer Foundation, Mansfield Cancer Foundation – Pat Kracker, Mansfield Christian School, Mansfield City Schools, Mansfield Memorial Homes, Mansfield Playhouse, Mansfield Police Department, Mansfield Rotary Club Foundation, Inc., Mansfield/Richland Public Library, Methodist Theological Seminary, North Central Ohio Alzheimer's Association, North Central Ohio Land Conservancy, North Central State College, North Central State College Foundation, North End Community Improvement Collaborative, Ohio Bird Sanctuary, Ohio Genealogical Society, OhioHealth Foundation, OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital, Ohio State College of Medicine, The Ohio State University – Mansfield, Ontario Local Schools, Ontario Police Department, OSU/NCSC Photo Arts Programs, Pioneer Career and Technology Center, Renaissance Performing Arts Association, Renaissance Theatre, Richard David Gardner Fund, Richland Academy of the Arts, Richland Carrousel Park, Richland Community Development Group, Richland County Children Services, Richland County Historical Society, Richland County Museum, Richland County Sheriff's Office, Richland Newhope Center, Richland Newhope Industries, Richland Pregnancy Services, Salvation Army, Shelby Helpline Ministries, St. John's Church, The New Store, Third Street Family Health Services, Trapshooting Hall of Fame Inc., United Way of Richland County, University Club and Volunteers of America.

The Richland County Foundation, a not-for-profit 501c3, was established in 1945 as a way for individuals to pool and invest their gifts for the long-term good of Richland County and its residents.

The foundation helps people in Richland County give back to their community by investing their gifts for charity wisely so that grants can be made to improve the quality of life for all the county's citizens. Collaborating with donors, the foundation meets important needs today and plans for a strong future.



Frozen Lake Erie: Photos By Tina Leasure

Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Shelby clinches share of MOAC title with 61-48 victory over Ontario

By Cal Rickert

SHELBY — In a crowded senior-night gymnasium, the Whippets made the most of their opportunity to clinch a share of the MOAC title by defeating the Warriors 61-48.

However, Shelby was not playing the same Ontario team that they had beaten by 28 points earlier in the season. The Warriors (8-14) came out of the tip-off strong, jumping to an early lead.

The Whippets (18-3) began the game in an intense man press. However, with the defensive pressure, the Warriors were able to drive into the paint and connect on backdoor passes to find points around the rim, propelling them to an 11-7 lead. After a Shelby timeout, the Ontario lead quickly evaporated, and the Whippets rallied back to end the quarter leading 13-11.

In the second quarter, the Warriors would battle back by continuing to beat defenders off the dribble and scoring in the paint, finishing the half trailing 30-29.

"Ontario did a good job attacking and getting driving lanes on us," said Shelby coach Greg Gallaway. "We tried pressuring them in the first half — but there [were] a lot of times they were able to break a man down and get shots on us."

Heading into the third quarter, the game remained gridlocked with Shelby and Ontario trading points. The Whippets remained in their full-court press and created turnovers, but the Warriors were able to hold Shelby at bay with an impressive defensive effort. However, a late 3-pointer from sophomore guard Alex Bruskotter pushed the Whippets to a 43-39 lead at the end of the quarter.

"I told the kids in the locker room at halftime, a run is coming," said Ontario coach Tim Mergel. "Whether it is us or them, someone is going to answer that run. Unfortunately, we didn't answer it and [Shelby's] kids made plays."

In the fourth quarter, Shelby went on their run, amassing nine unanswered points to help push the Whippets in front of the Warriors. Shelby made the most out of Ontario turnovers which led to points in transition.

"In the first three quarters on defense, we couldn't get our feet moving," said sophomore forward Issaiah Ramsey. "Going

into the fourth quarter, coach [Gallaway] told us if we want to win, we have to play good defense — we had to keep the ball in front of us."

Ramsey was able to snatch two steals late in the game and connect on transition layups, finishing the night with fifteen points and leading the Whippets in scoring.

With just a minute left in the game, the Whippets began to stall with a ten-point lead. This gave time for coach Gallaway to call timeout and enter senior team manager Mason Simmons into the game. Simmons collected the inbound pass and fired a deep three-pointer and connected, recording his first points in the Whippets final home appearance, and pushing the final score to 61-48.

"It's a lot more than just the game obviously," said Gallaway. "[Simmons] has been involved with this program for four years. He's earned every right to shoot that shot — he knew it was in before it left his hands."

Coach Mergel shared the same sentiment as Gallaway and emphasized the importance of giving people chances to shine.

"It's bigger than the game," said coach Mergel. "Hopefully it's something [Simmons] always remembers and hopefully it's something that our kids remember because life is about giving people chances."

With the victory, the Whippets clinched at least a share of the MOAC title and will have a chance to play for the title outright Saturday night against Highland.

"We want to win a MOAC title. That's our first goal every season," said coach Gallaway. "We're really happy to be in that position right now, but tomorrow we want to win it outright — but [I'm] really proud of our guys."

The Whippets improved to 18-3. Rounding out the scoring, senior forward Jeremy Holloway finished the night with 13 points. Seniors Andre Hill (nine points) and Marshall Shepherd (nine points) also contributed.

The Warriors fell to 8-14. They were led in scoring by senior guard Darian Delbrugge who finished the night with 14 points. Junior guard Braxton Hall (12 points) and senior center Alex Rathburn (six points) also contributed. They will enter the tournament Feb. 25 and will play the winner of Huron and Vermillion.



Submitted Photo

THE ONTARIO WARRIORS traveled to Shelby on Friday, Feb. 18. The Whippets overtook the Warriors 61-48.



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Snow Trails • Photo by Jeff Hoffer



2021-'22 MOAC CHAMPIONS — The Ontario Warriors Wrestling team clinched the MOAC Championship. For the first time in over a decade the Warriors are league champs. Team members Ohl, Kleshinski, M. Turnbaugh and E. Turnbaugh are all league individual champions. Placing third were C. Barnes, Reamsnider, Floyd, Bias and Boone; fourth, D. Barnes; fifth, Owens and Robinson; and sixth, Graaf.



Photo by Andy Beare

KYLEAH JONES goes up against St. Paul during the OHSAA sectional game.



OHS SWIM — (Top photo) Ontario High School team members who will compete at state are front, Shelby Kever, Ava Ruhe, Tiffany Whittaker and Brie Trumpower;; and back, Alex Rose, Hunter Petit, Evan Trumpower, Colin Cordrey and Logan Bernat.

Warriors will send nine swimmers to state meet

Last Friday during an ice storm, the Warrior swim teams traveled to Bowling Green for their District level swim meet.

Ontario High School sent nine girls to the afternoon session qualifying four on to state. They brought home two district champions. Junior Brienne Trumpower captured first in the 100 and 200 free events and the 400 free relay of Trumpower, Shelby Kever, Tiffany Whittaker and Ava Ruhe also placed first, earning them all an automatic trip to this week's state meet.

The 200 free relay with the same four girls placed second with a new school record and automatically go on to State. Senior Tiffany Whittaker will also be swimming at State in her specialty 100 breaststroke.

Later that evening the boys took center stage. Ontario took seven boys to the district meet, qualifying five on to state. The medley relay of Logan Bernat, Evan Trumpower, Colin Cordrey and Hunter Petit started the meet off with a qualifying race, followed by the 200 free relay of Trumpower, Cordrey, Petit and Alex Rose. Also moving on to state is senior Evan Trumpower who will also be swimming his specialty — the 100 breaststroke.

State Swimming Events:

Boys Medley: Logan Bernat, Evan Trumpower, Colin Cordrey, Hunter Petit

Boys 200 Free: Evan Trumpower, Colin Cordrey, Hunter Petit, Alex Rose

100 Breast: Evan Trumpower

Girls 200 and 400 Free: Ava Ruhe, Tiffany Whittaker, Brienne Trumpower, Shelby Kever

100 Free & 200 Free: Brienne Trumpower

100 Breast: Tiffany Whittaker



MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S girls basketball team is the Sectional OHSAA Champion. The Lady Flames took the title with their win over Norwalk St. Paul. This is their first crown since 2006.

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MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S JUNIOR HIGH Boys basketball team were named the OCSAA State Champions. They defeated New Hope 36-26.



MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S JUNIOR HIGH Girls Basketball Team are the OCSAA State Champions. They defeated Lebanon Christian 40-21.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Council of the City of Ontario during a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, upon a proposal to amend City Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 1145.09 Exterior Lighting.

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

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

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 2-24, 3-3 '22) 22L

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 February

16, 2022.

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. 22-06 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1143, CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED USE STANDARDS 1143.03 DESIGN STANDARDS, SUBPARAGRAPH (G) MINI-WAREHOUSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-13 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 17-30, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-14 – AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE ROE/VENTRE/YARMAN ANNEXED PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF ONTARIO AS R-1 - LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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RCF will host professional advisor webinar March 9

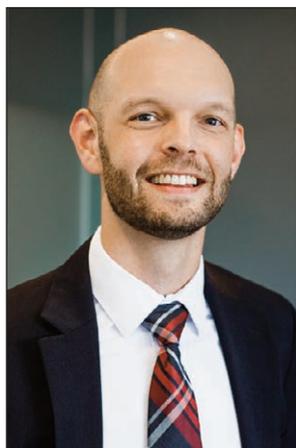
The Richland County Foundation will host a webinar Wednesday, March 9 from 12-1 pm on Zoom.

“Stretching to Realize Philanthropic Goals — IRAs, CRTs and SECURE Act” will be presented by Attorney Brandon Borgmann of Carlile Patchen & Murphy Attorneys at Law.

Continuing education credits will be offered for attorneys, certified financial planners and CPAs. This is a free event, to register visit richlandcountyfoundation.org and go to the events tab.

Borgmann received his undergraduate (B.S.) in Communications from Ohio University in 2004. He received his law degree (J.D.), summa cum laude, from Capital University Law School in 2007.

He has been recognized in “Best Lawyers in America” lists by Best Lawyers® (2020-’22) for Trusts and Estates. He is a former chair of the Elder and Special Needs Law Committee of the Ohio State Bar Association and the former Probate Committee Chair of the Columbus Bar Association. He has served as an adjunct professor at Capital University Law School, where he taught estate tax, gift tax, and the income taxation of trusts and estates courses. Borgmann also is a member and immediate past President of the Capital University Law School Alumni Board.



Brandon Borgmann

Aquarium announces weedy sea dragon births

Greater Cleveland Aquarium, 2000 Sycamore St. Cleveland, invites the public to join them in celebrating the arrival of newborn weedy sea dragons, a species that has proven to be exceedingly difficult to rear.

Since the first successful weedy sea dragon hatching in 2001 at the Aquarium of the Pacific, fewer than 20 facilities worldwide have had any level of success with mating and only an estimated dozen of those, including The Aquarium of the Pacific, Georgia Aquarium, Monterey Bay Aquarium and Birch Aquarium, have had fry survive.

A delicate species whose survival has been tested by habitat degradation, weedy sea dragons are native to the cold coastal waters of south and west Australia.

“Weedy sea dragon births are exceedingly rare, and this would be a point of pride for any animal care facility, but it’s a particularly exciting for an aquarium of our size and age,” says general manager Stephanie White, who has been with the downtown Cleveland destination since it opened a decade ago in January of 2012.

Greater Cleveland Aquarium is housed in a brick building dating back to 1892, and Curator Ray Popik believes the creativity required to reimagine the historic space contributed to his team’s success breeding sea dragons. “We were able to home the sea dragons in a very deep exhibit built into a structure that likely served as an air duct or a coal chute when this building was an operational powerhouse,” says Popik, explaining, “Its depth provided an optimal habitat for the seahorse relatives who court with an elaborate vertical dance.”

After a female weedy lays her eggs, they are transferred to the male who, similar to its pipefish cousins, is then responsible for fertilizing and carrying them until they hatch. “This was actually the second time

one of the female sea dragons in our care deposited eggs on a male’s tail,” says Popik.

While the initial egg transfer in January of 2020 was likely too early in the Aquarium residents’ development to result in viable offspring, the initial mating and successful deposit was an indication that the sea dragons—who came to the Aquarium in March 2018—were thriving. “Animals need to be healthy, have good nutrition and be acclimated to mate,” explains Popik. “We felt the odds they would try again were good.”

A second mating attempt in September of 2021 resulted in another clutch of eggs and fry popping out between late-October and the beginning of November. The hatchlings were moved behind-the-scenes. “There’s no parental involvement after birth and it’s incredible that any of these tiny offspring survive when they’re left to fend for themselves in the ocean,”

says Mallory Haskell, the primary aquarist responsible for their monitoring and delicate care. Not particularly strong swimmers, weedy sea dragons’ leaf-like appendages blend in with kelp and seagrass help hide them from predators.

The aquarium plans to put some of the young on public view soon in a temporary exhibit just down the corridor from the adult weedy sea dragons. “It’s been amazing to watch these animals develop and we want to give that opportunity to others if we’re able,” says White.

The process has been full of ups and downs, but Haskell is optimistic. “If raising weedy sea dragons was easy, everyone would do it,” she says. “We know there are challenges ahead, but we hope we will see a number of these sea dragons reach full size in a year or so.”

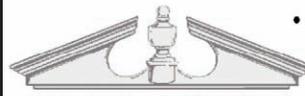
Beginning Feb. 14, all guests can get up-close views of some of the weedy sea dragon hatchlings in a temporary exhibit located down the corridor from the adults.



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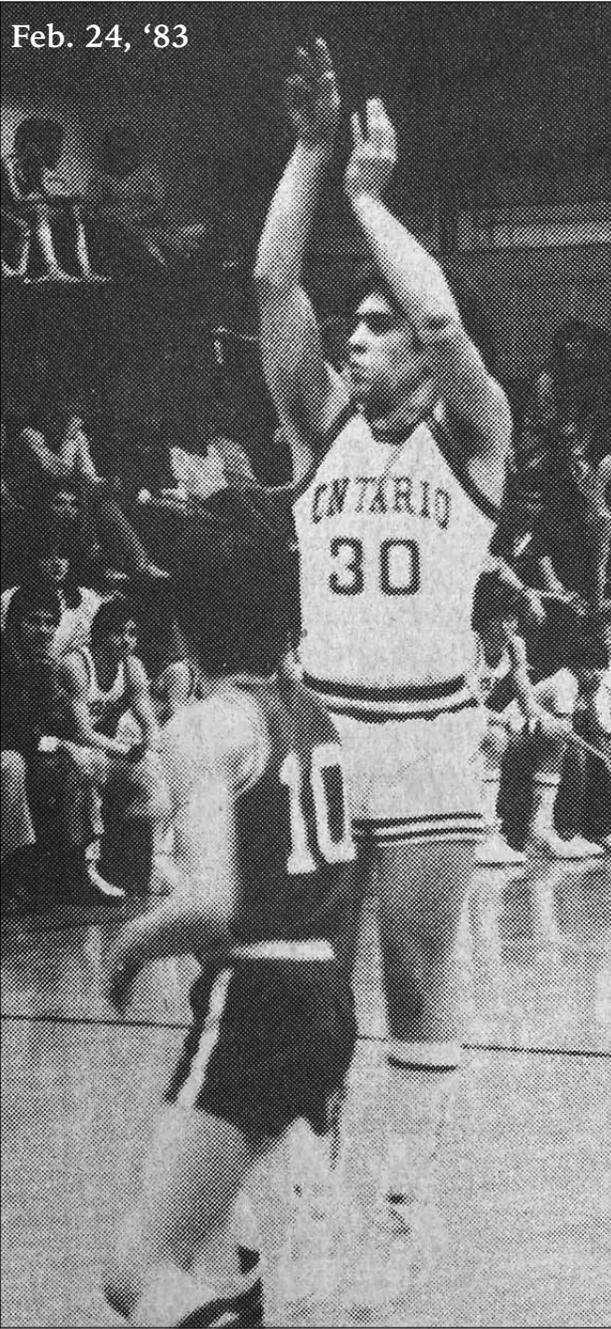


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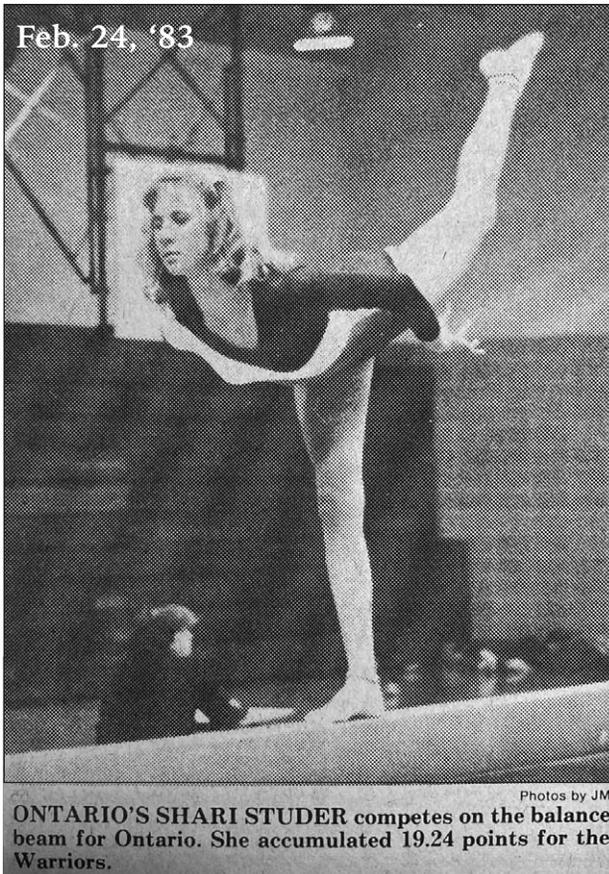
ONTARIO SENIOR GUARD Kurt Strickler launches a shot in the game Friday night against Plymouth. The Warriors annihilated the visiting Bulldogs, 85-51.

Feb. 20, '14



ONTARIO PACK 170 held a Raingutter Regatta on Saturday, Feb. 8. Pack members are Grant Lewis, Austin Pence, Seth Salsbury, Trayse Gobble, Ryan Racer and Wyatt Paxton. Back: Cameron Plew, Darren Mailloux, Matt Jones, Carson Jones, Robby Crossland, Jimmy Perry.

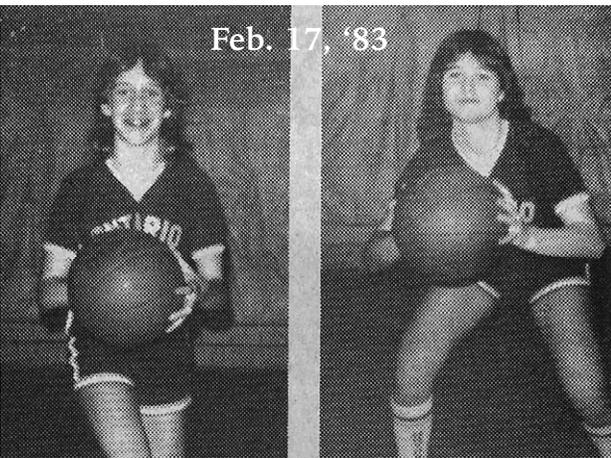
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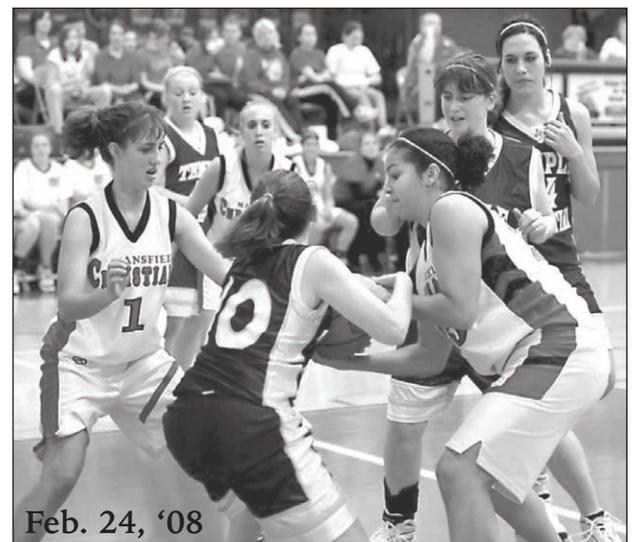
ONTARIO'S SHARI STUDER competes on the balance beam for Ontario. She accumulated 19.24 points for the Warriors.

Feb. 17, '83



Suzi Willis — new season scoring record, 142 points at present.

Laura Yost — 6 points, 11 rebounds, 3 assists, coming off the bench.



Feb. 24, '08

Bud Motter

FIGHTING FOR A LOOSE BALL late in the final period in a girls basketball game between the Temple Christian Crusaders and the Mansfield Christian Lady Flames at the furnace at MCS are Nikki Gilmore (25) and Promise Robinson (10) of Temple Christian. Looking on for MCS are Ariel Lilly and Heather Stofer. The Flames, led by Nikki Gilmore's 19 points and Carmen Barnhill's 10 points, gave the Lady Flames their fifth win against seven losses. Temple Christian produced 10 points each in the first three periods but was able to garner only seven points in the final period as MCS found the going a bit easier in the fourth period scoring 18 points. The Crusader were led by Joannah Strachan with 13 points followed by Lindsay Martin with 10.

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