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CELEBRATING THE 2022 BUSINESS EXPO ribbon cutting were Doc Stumbo, Miss Ohio 2019-20 Caroline Grace Williams, State Representative Marilyn John (cutting the ribbon), Mayor of Mansfield Tim Theaker and Jodie Perry of the Richland Area Chamber.

## Over 100 businesses and organizations attend expo

Photos and Article  
By Traci Little

The 2022 Business Expo, "Get in the Game," was held at the Richland County Fairgrounds on Thursday, March 24 from 10 am to 4 pm.

This 15th annual event put on by the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development, is always a popular event with over 100 local businesses and non-profit organizations participating. Due to the pandemic, it was cancelled in 2020 and 2021.

Admission and parking were free and open to the public. Individual booths offered prizes, samples and giveaways.

The Richland Area Chamber held their own prize drawings throughout the day. Participants and attendees were encouraged to bring canned good donations which were given to local Catholic Charities Food Pantry.

A special ribbon cutting with local officials and the Richland County Sheriff's Color Guard opened the event. Miss Ohio 2019-'20, Caroline Williams, sang the National Anthem.

The CEO of Richland Area Chamber, Jodie Perry, said "It felt cathartic being here since it was the first thing cancelled in 2020. Thank you to all the businesses

for your amazing support and to the community for showing up."

This event is a great way for consumers to interact with businesses and learn more about what they offer. Participants had their own unique ideas for what "Get in the Game" looked like. The prize for Most Creative Booth went to Schmidt Security, and the for the Best Use of Theme went to IHeart.

The presenting sponsor was

Medical Mutual, and some Champion Sponsors included Adena, Black Belt Pro Fitness, Hamilton Insurance Group Inc., and Spitzer. The Media Sponsor was Mid-State Multimedia Group, and their All-Star Sponsors were Avita Health System, Catholic Charities, DRM, Heartland Design Concepts, Rise FM 90.7 Mansfield, Schmidt Security Pro and Fire, Spire, Sun Graphics and University Hospitals.



## Madison BOE has busy March agenda

The Madison Local Board of Education met for the regular meeting at Madison Middle School on Wednesday, March 23.

Board president Tim Wigton led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by roll call from treasurer Robin Klenk.

At the meeting were special guests Bradd Stevens, school treasurer; Lyndsee Young, 2022 Girls' Wrestling State Champion; Hunter Hutcheson, 2022 Boys' Wrestling State Placer (fourth); and Jordan Niemiec, BPA National Qualifier in Basic Office Systems and Procedures.

Presentations were given from Madison Athletic Booster Club and Madison Music Booster Club.

A donation of 25 cases of hand sanitizer, valued at \$1,500, was received from Beach Sales and Engineering of Mansfield.

A Resolution accepting the amount and rules as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor was approved.

Craig Weston will retire as the middle school and high school band teacher, effective May 31.

Resignations were accepted from Eric Wellman, middle school intervention specialist, May 27; Jessica McGrew, high school guidance counselor, June 3; and Kalen Osle, assistant varsity volleyball coach, March 16.

It was decided to approve the disciplinary action for Dave  
*(Continued on Page 9)*

## Pancake breakfast is this Saturday

The Ontario Lions Club will host a pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 2, from 6:30 am to noon at Ontario High School.

Tickets are \$6 each and kids 6 and under eat free.

Door prizes will be donated by local businesses and winners do not need to be present to win.

Contact an Ontario Lions Club member for advance tickets. Walk-ins are welcome.

*(See ad on page 6)*

# The Beginning of Steam Power

By Bob Carter

Toby's Run is the small stream that runs through North Lake Park and meanders on down to North Main Street, crossing under a bridge and turning northeast and passing the old Ohio Brass office building. John Damp owned a water-powered grist mill on that stream and, at times, the stream water level was not adequate to power the mill machinery.

An announcement in the *Mansfield Herald* in June 1868, revealed that John Damp became owner-superintendent of the mill on Walnut St. At that time Walnut did not end at Sixth St., but continued on north to Main. He made a number of improvements before installing a steam engine.

"He attached a turbine wheel to the water works, abolished some of the former gearing and installed modern and improved gearing which he claimed gave the machinery double the speed and power."

The article also stated, "If you want good work done in the line of flour, just call on Mr. Damp, and you will not regret. We speak from the card, having never received poor flour from Mr. Damp's mill."

As more and more land was cleared and streets and roads were created, the water ran off and the table dropped. In the late 1800s this was a problem in many cases for mill owners in the county.

The adding a steam engine to power mill machinery was an expensive undertaking. The cost of the engine and adding an outside or separate room for the engine was high. The room was necessary for the steam boiler to reduce fire danger from mill dust. This was no small undertaking. Another factor was the cost of fuel and hiring someone to operate the engine. Water power was free, but now fuel had to be bought for the hungry boiler. Many mill owners went in that direction but few lasted very long.

The arrival of railroads quite often meant farmers shipped their grain to eastern markets and brought finished mid-west flour for the local general stores. That ended trips to the local flour mills. Few mills could survive the competition. Damp's mill was gone by 1880.

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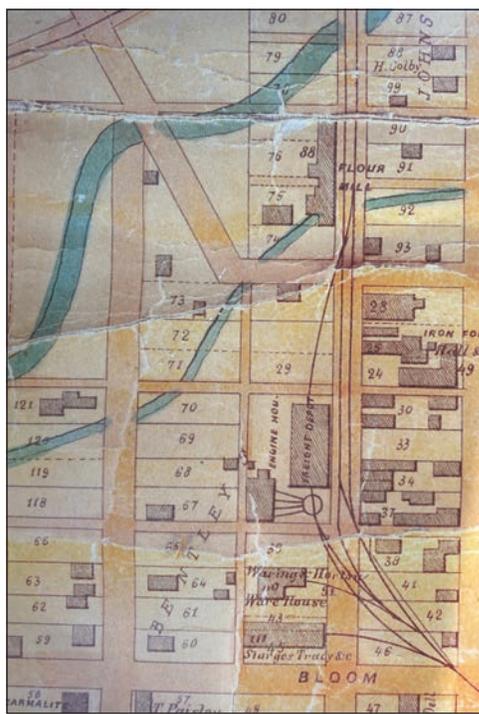
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(LEFT) THIS 1853 Mansfield map shows North Main St. and the smaller stream that had Damp's Mill built over it.

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# News Briefs

The next Mansfield Area Community Hymnsing will be held Friday, April 1, at New Liberty Baptist Church, Lexington Ave., half mile south of Hanley Rd., at 7 pm. Hymns are passed out and the congregation calls out the song numbers to allow participants to sing them together.

This Hymnsing is featuring Easter hymns. This is a free event, all are welcome.

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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 April 20, the meal will be turkey and those attending are encouraged to bring non-perishable items for the Salvation Army. A representative from Kingwood Gardens will speak.

The group will meet Wednesday, April 6, at 11:30 am, for lunch at Chinatown, 238 Ashland Rd., Madison area.

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

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Trinity United Methodist Church, 1592 Grace St., Madison area, will host Holy Week Services on Palm Sunday, April 10, 9:30 am; Holy Thursday service (with communion) April 14, 7 pm; Easter Sunrise service April 17, 7:30 am (followed by breakfast); and Easter Sunday, April 17, 9:30 am.

The church will host the Madison Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 9 beginning at 3 pm. All children ages up through sixth grade are invited.

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Mansfield 1st EPC, 399 S. Trimble Rd. (corner of Trimble and Millsboro) will host a church rummage sale Friday, April 8, from 9 am to 4 pm and Saturday, April 9, from 9 am to noon.

There will be clothing, toys, housewares, and more. Items are priced to sell. Proceeds are used for local missions. For information call 419-756-7066.

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Community Bible Church, 1043 Springmill St., will host a Good Friday service on Friday, April 15, at 6 pm.

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The Ontario 4th of July Festival will be held Saturday, July 2 (rain date July 3), noon to 11 pm. The festival will be moved to Marshall Park, in the area of the baseball/softball complex.

The fireworks are being sponsored by the Niss Family.

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Clear Fork Alliance Church, 1008 SR-97, Bellville, will host Easter week services: Good Friday Service, April 15, 7-8 pm; Easter Sunrise Breakfast, April 17, 8:30 am with special guest speaker, Mayor Matt Miller of Ashland; and Easter Celebration Service, April 17, 10 am.

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The Ontario Lions Club will host its 2nd annual Easter Egg Hunt for visually impaired children on Saturday, April 9, from 1-2 pm.

The hunt will be held at the Marshall Park basketball court (entrance on Rock Rd.) RSVP by April 4 by texting or calling 419-709-1576. Each child will be assigned a Lion's member.

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The 50th Class Reunion for the Madison High School Class of 1972 will be held Saturday, Sept. 17 at Westbrook Country Club, 1098 Springmill St., Mansfield.

Happy Hour with a cash bar

will be held from 5-6 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. Dinner includes soft drinks, tea, coffee and dessert. Cost is \$50 per person and must be paid in advance no later than Aug. 1. The reunion will include a tour of the new middle school at 10 am the morning of the reunion.

For information contact Mike Bailey at 419-565-2777 or by email at MbaileyW8HB@gmail.com. RSVP by sending reservation and fee to Madison Class of 1972, 1155 Briarwood Rd., Mansfield, OH 44907.

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Mansfield 1st EPC, 399 S. Trimble Rd., Mansfield, will host a Good Friday Worship Service on Friday, April 15, at 6 pm.

The congregation will begin with the Eucharist and then transition into a Tenebrae service of Song and Scripture, going through the "Seven Last Words of Christ," ending the service in darkness and silence. Everyone is welcome.

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The Mid-Ohio Civic Opera will perform "Trouble in Tahiti and Gianni Schicchi" May 20, 21, 27 and 28 at 8 pm and May 29 at 2:30 pm at the Mansfield Playhouse.

Pianist Sophia Pavlenko Chandley is a Kyiv, Ukraine native. Mid-Ohio Civic Opera will donate its share of the ticket revenue from one-acts opening night, May 20, to the Ukrainian relief organization of her choice. Her family is still in the capitol city. Her mother runs the national opera in Kyiv.

Tickets are \$8-\$13 at [www.mansfieldplayhouse.com](http://www.mansfieldplayhouse.com).

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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.

Under the theme that "Man-

sfield 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. 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.

Services begin at 6 pm and will continue up to two hours. Sunday, March 27, Potter's Wednesday, March 30, First Christian, 200 W. Third St.

Thursday, March 31, First English Lutheran, 53 PAW

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Ron Boyd on Sunday, April 3. He will speak on "Ancient Egyptian Origins of Bible Teachings."

For more information visit [www.allsoulsuohio.org](http://www.allsoulsuohio.org).

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The Richland County Republican Party Victory Center is open. Volunteers will be staffing the Victory Center Wednesdays from noon to 6 pm and Saturdays from 11 am to 1 pm.

The center has yard signs, literature from candidates and more. Community members are encouraged to stop by and visit at 1680 Nussbaum Parkway, Mansfield.

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Ridgeway Church of God, 1380 Park Avenue East, Madison Township, will host a spaghetti dinner on Friday, April 1, 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. All proceeds will benefit the church. For information call the church at 419-589-5385.

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★ HOMETOWN ADVANTAGE #8 ★

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Photos by Jenna Wolford

**THE RICHLAND COUNTY FARM BUREAU** "Farmers Share Breakfast" was held Saturday, March 26 at Shelby High School. The breakfast included pancakes, eggs, sausage and fruit. Donations were accepted to benefit Richland County food pantries.



## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### Clear Fork Alliance Church

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

### Community Bible Church

1043 Springmill St., Mansfield  
567-560-8011  
[www.DiscoverCommunity.org](http://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](http://mcelroyroad.org)  
Minister Dean Jackson  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Sunday Worship  
6 pm Sunday Night • 7 pm Wednesday  
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### Ontario Christian Church

1029 Lewis Rd., Ontario  
419-529-5684 • [ontariochristian.org](http://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](http://www.ontarioumc.com)  
Rev. Christine Bell  
10:15 am Sunday Worship  
Bible Study: Check website for schedule

### Ridgeway Church of God

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



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### Risen Savior Lutheran Church

1685 Lexington Ave., Mansfield  
419-775-1175 • [risensaviormansfield.com](http://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](http://www.mansfieldstmarys.org)  
Father Matthew Frisbee  
Worship: 4 pm Saturday & 11 am Sunday  
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](http://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](http://sttimmansfield.org)  
Pastor Jonathan stufft  
10:45 am Sunday Worship  
10:15 am Monday Bible Study  
Email: [secretary@sttimmansfield.org](mailto:secretary@sttimmansfield.org)

### Trinity United Methodist Church

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

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**THE MANSFIELD/RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY (MRCPL)** Evergreen Bookshop will be open for the monthly Friends' Used Book Sale on Friday, April 1, 2-6 pm and Saturday, April 2, 9 am to 1 pm. A Preview Sale will be held for Friends of the Library members on Thursday, from 2-6 pm. This sale is sponsored by The Friends of the Mansfield Richland County Public Library. Materials (adult, teen and juvenile items) are library discards and donations offered for sale at discount pricing. Follow the sales at Evergreen Bookshop on Facebook. For information call 419-526-4352. Evergreen Bookshop is located at 37 North Walnut St., at the corner of West Third next to the main library.

### Kindergarten enrollment continues

Kindergarten enrollment at Stingel Elementary for Ontario Local Schools began Monday, Feb. 28. Parents are asked to have registration completed before spring break, April 8.

Final forms needs to be completely filled out on the Ontario School District website.

Once final forms are completed (all forms are green) parents can come into the Stingel Elementary office and complete the application process with Mrs. Kempf anytime between 8-3. At this appointment, bring the following documents: child's birth certificate, child's immunization record, proof of Ontario residency (utility bill, lease/mortgage agreement) and custody papers (if applicable).

A kindergarten screening will be scheduled in August at this appointment.

### Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Ernest "Ernie" T. Johnson Jr., March 17  
 Sylvia Ann Hudson, March 19  
 Ruth W. Oswalt, March 19  
 Diane L. Mathews, March 21  
 Betty Louise Kochert, March 22  
 Donald James Ricker, March 23  
 Jack "Jake" M. Miller Jr., March 25  
 Trula B. Mercer, March 26

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### Substitute House Bill 509 passes

State Representatives Marilyn John (R-Richland County) and Fowler Arthur (R-Ashtabula) passed Substitute House Bill 509 out of the Ohio House of Representatives.

Substitute House Bill 509 is part of the process to review professional occupational licensure and ensure consumer protections and quality standards are balanced with best practices, competitive fees and reasonable education requirements. This occupational licensure review process was established in Senate Bill 255 in the 132nd General Assembly.

"The goal of this legislation is to make the state of Ohio the best place to work, live, and start a business, all while removing barriers one may have when attempting to enter a new career field," said John.

Throughout the process of undertaking this legislation, Representative John and Representative Fowler Arthur reviewed materials from 19 state boards as well as other interested parties to be sure the best legislation has been drafted. Some of the boards impacted by this legislation are the Board of Building Standards, Board of Pharmacy, Board of Psychology and the Vision Professionals Board.

"I have learned a lot through the process of hearing from the licensure boards and comparing Ohio's regulations to other states. We were able to find areas to cut red tape, reduce bureaucracy, and increase Ohioan's accessibility to licensed career paths," said Fowler Arthur.

This bill is now under consideration by the Ohio Senate.

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*kimmyscucina*

By Kim Sterry

**GOAT CHEESE WON TONS WITH RED PEPPER PUREE**

**Ingredients**

- 22 ounces goat cheese  
*(I used 2 of the large logs of goat cheese, you can also use crumbled goat cheese as well.)*
- 1 Tbsp. Italian seasoning
- 1 egg
- Won Ton wrappers (40-50) package

**Red Pepper Puree:**

- 4 red peppers roasted  
*(or you can buy them I would use a large jar)*
- 1 cup of sour cream  
*(or crème fraiche, if you use crème fraiche you might need a bit more)*
- 2 cloves garlic
- Kosher salt and pepper

**Instructions**

Soften the goat cheese and add Italian seasoning, mix well. Beat an egg in a bowl with a little water. Lay out wonton wrappers a few at a time and brush with egg mixture. Put a small amount of goat cheese on a wrapper and fold in a triangle. Lay on a parchment covered baking sheet. Bake in a 350 oven for 15-20 minutes until they just begin to get brown on the edges.

Put all the ingredients for the puree in a food processor and process. Taste and add salt and pepper as needed. You don't want the sauce to be too thick. My suggestion would be to get it to a consistency of a smooth tomato sauce. You can also save some peppers and cut them in small strips to lay around the serving platter for decoration.

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**By Mátiece Thomas**

Today, I want to share with you about an amazing low impact style of workout that builds your strength and endurance.

For my readers that are older and do not want to lift heavy weights but want to get stronger, this is the perfect method for you. It is also perfect if you have past injuries and you need to build up your weak muscle groups safely.

I am talking about isometric lifting. An isometric hold is when you contract the muscle without movement. A plank is the perfect example of an isometric hold, all of your core is engaged stabilizing you, but you are not moving as you would in a sit up or crunch.

You can use isometric holds throughout your workout. For example, you can perform a bicep curl, curl up halfway (90 degrees) and hold for a 5-10 count (depending on your weight) and release slowly. After you have done 5-10 of those, then you

can do the same amount using the full range of motion of that move.

A wall sit is a great move for the lower body and is easy on the joints. Slide down on a wall until you legs are at a 90 degree angle, press into your heels and hold for at least 30 seconds. I promise you will feel the burn without doing 20 squats.

What ever muscle group you are working, contract the muscle and hold — its that simple! Time under tension makes your muscle work harder and get stronger without having to lift extremely heavy.

So, the next time you do your workout, throw in some isometric holds and watch how fast you will gain strength.

Follow me at Instagram-5pts-fitness\_trainergirl for nutrition and workout tips.



Photo by Damon Callis

**Day Trippin' With Damon** – Wolf Creek (Pine Run) Grist Mill, constructed in 1831, is now located in Mohican State Park adjacent to State Route 3. This grist mill originally stood north of Loudonville at Wolf Creek. Originally named Wolf's Mill, it was dismantled and moved at its present location next to Pine Run Steam in 1971. The reconstruction was completed in 1975, and the mill was opened to the public. The mill remained open until the mid-1980s and was later purchased by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The grist mill features an overshot waterwheel that powers two millstones where pioneers ground grain into flour.



**EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS** at Ontario Middle School celebrated World Down Syndrome Day with a sock display along with a poem. Their artwork and poetry decorate the hallway. All OMS students got involved by wearing their own mismatched pair of socks.

## Renaissance Theatre hosting kids events during April

Spring is finally here, and with it a number of events for families and children are coming to the Renaissance Theatre.

Disney's *Descendants* will be performed April 1-3. Based on the popular Disney Channel Original Movies, *Disney's Descendants: The Musical* is a new on-stage musical comedy featuring the beloved characters and hit songs from the film trilogy. Featuring talented local kids including Madison Kearney, Cassandra Kurek, Ian Barnes, James Perry, Hayley Sleek, Kamryn Gill, Darius Darnody, Gillian Donley, Zavier Alterio, Elijah Gates, Isla Donley, Stella Powers, Abby Bechstein, Payne Schwartz, Morgan Bartholomew, Marek Powers, Graycen Stevens, Alex Trolian, Josh Browning, MaKayla Lawrence and Julia Conner.

The MY Theatre production, directed by Dauphne Maloney and with musical direction by Brian K. Nabors, features an energetic score including, "Rotten to the Core," "Evil Like Me" and

"Good is the New Bad."

Performances are April 1 and 2 at 7 pm and April 3 at 2:30 pm, with an additional sensory-friendly performance on April 2 at 1 pm.

The annual MindSprouts Creative Writing contest invites students to submit one composition in one or more of the following categories: short story, play or poem. This year's contest theme is "Our Wonderful and Wacky World!" Top submissions from each grade band are sent to a celebrity panel for judging, then adapted for the stage and showcased at the Renaissance on May 19 at 7 pm.

All submissions to the contest must correspond to the theme.

Interested students may submit individually, or as a collaborative work from a group of up to three students. All submissions must be received no later than April 15. Submissions should be emailed to [dauphne@mansfieldtickets.com](mailto:dauphne@mansfieldtickets.com) and postal submissions can be mailed to: Dauphne Maloney, Renaissance

Education Department, 138 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, OH 44902. For more information-contact Dauphne Maloney at [dauphne@mansfieldtickets.com](mailto:dauphne@mansfieldtickets.com) or 419-522-2726 ext. 212.

The Ren will present its Annual Improv Underground "Open Mic" night April 6 at 7 pm at the Renaissance Theatre's Theatre 166, 166 Park Avenue West. A free theatre improvisation performance, the show is open to the public, and will highlight skills learned by the Ren's 2022 Improv Underground class participants. Improv Underground is a part of the Mechanics Bank Education Series.

Goldilocks and the Three Bears, the concert, features an engaging original script by Michael Thomas, accompanied by music. The performance will be held on Sunday, April 10 at 2:30 pm in the Ren's Theatre 166 venue, 166 Park Avenue West, Mansfield. The sensory-friendly concert is designed for young audiences and their families. The story of Goldilocks and the

Three Bears features audience participation, interactive storytelling with local actors, and an array of fun music featuring Mansfield Symphony musicians.

Teddy Bear Concerts allow audience members to sit alongside the performers and musicians for an up close and personal experience. Geared to children ages 2-10, each Teddy Bear Concert offers interactive storytelling as well as a relaxed environment. Small audience sizes, lights up, and low sound levels, as well as safe sensory spaces allow audience members with autism to be accommodated at this performance.

Tickets are \$5 each, and are on sale at the Renaissance Box Office, at 419-522-2726, and at <https://bit.ly/ThreeLittleWolves-PR>. This performance has limited tickets available.

Additional support for the Teddy Bear concerts comes from Nationwide Children's, the Ohio Arts Council, and from Sharon Granter, in memory of her late husband, Don.

## •Madison board has busy March agenda

(Continued from Front Page)

Shaum, custodian. He was suspended three days without pay.

The board did not renew non-M.L.E.A. supplemental contracts for Philip Atwell, assistant varsity boys' golf coach; Michelle Byus, varsity cheerleading advisor; Kyle Conkle, ½ assistant varsity wrestling coach; Bethany Cuthbertson, music assistant (Ramettes); Brian Davis, head varsity girls' basketball coach; Tim Deel, head seventh grade football coach; Brad Eith, assistant 7/8 grade wrestling coach; Andrea Gerich, head 8th grade volleyball coach; Kalvin Gordon, assistant varsity football coach; Ian Harter, ½ assistant varsity wrestling coach; Tommy Hill, girls' tennis coach; Zachary Huff, head varsity girls' soccer coach; Cheyenne Hunt, assistant varsity cheerleading advisor; Tommy J. Hunt, head 9th grade football coach and winter fitness coordinator; Chad Hutcheson, head 8th grade football coach and assistant varsity wrestling coach; Dave Kaple, assistant varsity football coach; Brian Lowe, assistant 9th grade football coach and head 8th grade girls' basketball coach; Jordan Monica, ½ assistant varsity (JV) girls' soccer coach; Bryan Mosier, head varsity wrestling coach, ½ assistant varsity football coach and ½ fall equipment manager; Dustin Moysi, assistant varsity (JV) boys' soccer coach; Kelly O'Brien, ½ assistant varsity (JV) girls' soccer coach; and Travis Stantz, head 8th grade boys' basketball coach.

The contracts for Laura Coey and Kim Miller as Senior Class Advisors were not renewed.

Supplemental positions for the 2021-'22 were awarded to Kobi Johnson, spring fitness coordinator; Jennifer Porter, math department chair, Mifflin; Kara Ohl, ELA department chair, Mifflin; Breanna Crunkilton, math department chair, Eastview; Kathie Jansen, ELA department chair, Eastview; Melissa Parish, Math department chair, South; and Jodi Wachter-Newberry, ELA department chair, South.

Richard Fox was hired as a detention monitor on an as-needed basis for Madison Comprehensive High School.

Tricia Bernhard was hired as the varsity volleyball coach for the 2022-'23 school year. Doug

Rickert was awarded an administrative contract for 2022-'24.

Substitute teachers approved on an "on-call" basis as needed for the 2021-'22 school year are Marilyn Wheaton, Dominick Steward, Julia Litt and Nathaniel Hosey. Dean Wills was approved as a substitute bus driver.

A sick bank was approved for 22 days for Susan Brafford, Eastview/Mifflin art teacher, for medical reasons. A sick bank for 10 days was approved for Kristin Ruby, Middle School ELA teacher, for medical reasons.

A resignation was accepted from Sandy Mergel, high school custodian, April 8; and mended the resignation of Melinda Stover, high school custodian, to March 18, 2022.

Employment was granted to Jynniifer Hudson, Special Education 1-1 Aide - Mifflin, March 2; Jim Miller, summer mower, mid-April; and Jim Adams, summer mower, mid-April.

Jacob Hathy has been awarded the second shift custodian position at the high school, replacing Melinda Stover, who resigned.

The purchase of an eighty-four passenger transit-type school bus at a cost of \$99,147 was approved, to be purchased out of ESSER II funds and the School Bus Purchase Program.

The board approved an overnight trip May 4-8, 2022 for the advisor and one student to attend the National BPA competition in Dallas, Texas.

The 2022-'23 preschool calendar was approved as was the non-school sponsored club, MCT Woodworking.

A two-year contract between EJ Thereapy and Madison Local Schools was approved for therapy services for the 2022-'23 and 2023-'24 school years.

The board approved G & B Electric, Inc. to supply labor for the air quality and air conditioning improvement project not to exceed \$1,400,000 to be paid for out of ESSER II and ESSER III funds.

The board approved the second reading of board policies.

Bradd Stevens was hired as treasurer for a period of three years from Aug. 1, 2022 to July 31, 2025.

The next regular board of education meeting will be held April 27, at 6 pm in the Madison Middle School Auditoria.



Photo By Brandon Chambers

## Pond fish sale approaching

Pond owners are invited to order fingerling fish through Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD).

Buyers can choose from among a selection of Bluegill, Large-mouth Bass, Hybrid Bluegill, Redear Shellcracker, Channel Catfish, White Amur and Fathead Minnows.

Pond owners can also order pond conditioner and fish food.

Orders and payment are due by Friday, April 15, and pick-up is Friday, April 22, at 10 am at the Richland County Fairgrounds.

This is the only pond fish sale Richland SWCD will sponsor this year, so do not miss this opportunity.

Full details, including pricing and an order form may be obtained by visiting <https://richlandswcd.net/fish-descriptions> or by calling 419-747-8685.

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

## Recycling drive planned for April 23

An electronic recycling drive will be held Saturday, April 23, from 9-2 pm, at the Central School Gymnasium entrance in Shelby.

Accepted items include tvs, wires, phones, tablets, computers, typewriters, cd players, cameras, vacuums, kitchen appliances, calculators, fax machines, security equipment, microwaves, gaming devices, kids electronic toys, A/C adapters and old ink cartridges.

CRT monitors require a fee of \$25.

Richland County Solid Waste Authority will also have a truck available to remove any items with freon including refrigerators and air conditioners.

## Ontario egg hunt planned for April 9

The City of Ontario Recreation Department will host an Easter egg hunt at noon on Saturday, April 9, in Marshall Park, near the splash pad and playscape.

The hunt will be held rain or shine and is for ages three through fourth grade. Those attending are asked to arrive 10-15 minutes prior to the start to allow for time to find the correct age group. Remember to bring a container for eggs.

# Major Marshall Park projects underway

Photo and Article  
By Traci Little

Ontario Marshall Park has always been a family-friendly community environment with locals taking advantage of its playgrounds, pavilions, picnic areas, sporting event opportunities and concerts. Visitors also enjoy a safe place to walk, tak-

ing their dogs to the dog park, and playing on the 18-hole disc golf course.

Players love the well maintained, technical and challenging course.

With the Ontario School system campus sitting alongside the park, it makes it a convenient center for recreational and

extra-curricular activities.

There are a couple of really exciting new projects in the works at Ontario Marshall Park. Randy Hutchinson, the Mayor of Ontario, showed me around the park and informed me of what is on the horizon.

“By Memorial Day of this year, we should have four brand new turf baseball/softball fields up and running. These new fields will allow for tournaments to be held here, attracting travelers from all over the state of Ohio.

New features will include turf fields, updated lighting, and Wi-Fi accessibility,” he said. There are numerous benefits of turf fields including increased playing time, they aren’t limited to climate, and more efficient maintenance and set up time.

Hutchinson went on to say, “We also are putting in a brand-new inclusive spray park and playground area that are both accessible to wheelchairs.

These are expected to be completed close to Memorial Day, 2022 as well. Parents will love

this new addition to the park! With a pavilion area in the middle, it should give parents a convenient view of their children safely going between the playground and water area.”

With this newly updated playground, the goal is to take away any social barriers to exclusion to help meet the needs of the community. It provides a sense of belonging and a place to find acceptance. Children from all different backgrounds should have a chance to play, interact, explore, and use their creativity and imagination together.

For these two upcoming million-dollar projects, a grant totaling \$111,385 came from the Floyd Lutz Fund and The Gorman Fund of the Richland County Foundation.

Park improvements not only help our physical and mental health, but they also strengthen our communities, make our neighborhoods more attractive. Parks also attract tourists, filling hotel rooms. They are useful to hold musical festivals, concerts, and athletic events.

Young parents love the comfort of taking their children to play on a safe and clean playground. Walking paths promote a safe place to exercise and connect with others.

Other benefits of park improvements include the attraction of prospective homebuyers who prefer to be close to a park with lots of things to do. Parks enhance property value, increase municipal revenue, and also attract retirees.

Stay tuned for more updates as these projects progress. All of these improvement dates are tentative due to weather and other unforeseeable circumstances.

Local park improvements bring so many beneficial things to its community at all different levels: economically, physically, socially, and mentally. Help keep your local parks a clean and safe place by picking up your trash, volunteering, and showing kindness and compassion to your fellow neighbors.

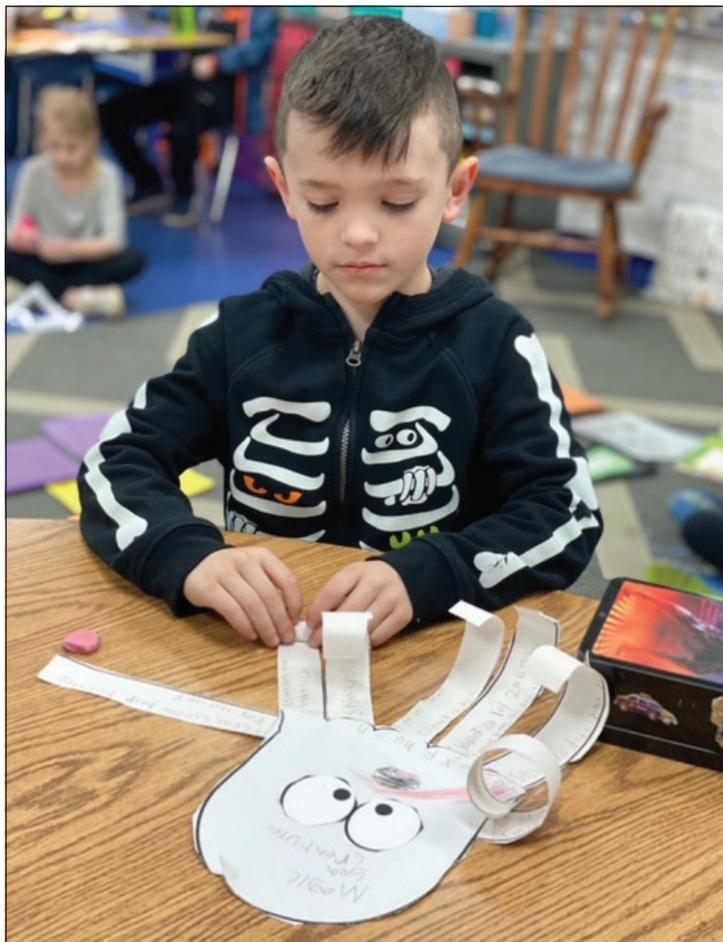
This year’s Ontario Fourth of July Festival will be moved to the park. Previously held on the school grounds, the festival is scheduled for Saturday, July 2, from noon to 11 pm.

The event will conclude with a fireworks show.

The rain date is July 3.



ARTIST RENDERINGS show the plans for a new play area and spray park at Marshall Park in Ontario.



**STUDENTS IN MRS. ECKERT'S FIRST GRADE CLASS** at Ontario Stingel read *The Mermaid* by Jan Brett, a fractured fairy tale. They researched underwater magic sea creatures and recorded facts on an octopus. Other animals they learned about were manatees, seals, sea turtles, starfish, clownfish and more.

## Senior Citizens plan trips

The Lexington Area Senior Citizens will host a one-day bus trip to Golden Lamb Historic Hotel Restaurant Museum in Lebanon, OH. The hotel was built in 1803 and has hosted two U.S. Presidents. Visitors will listen to their historian and tour the hotel and its museum room.

The group will also explore the unique downtown shops, enjoy their Harriet Beecher Stowe Lunch of chicken or turkey and Sister Lizzie Shaker's sugar pie with caramel sauce. The trip will leave Ontario at 8 am and pick-up in Bellville at 8:15 on June 22. The bus will return around 6 pm. Cost is \$85 (\$30 deposit by April 20 and \$55 balance by May 18). Price includes bus, driver tip, lunch and gratuity, tour fees, water and snacks on bus.

On Wednesday, July 27, a trip is planned to visit Nautica Queen and West Side Market in Cleveland. Visitors will see views of the bridges and coastline of Lake Erie and the Cuyahoga River and Cedar Point from the water side.

All cruises include an unlimited buffet meal (with three entrees), coffee, tea/iced tea (pop and alcohol beverages at own expense) and musical entertainment. The cruise is followed by a stop at the market.

*Note: On the cruise ship (2-hour ride) there are 13 steps to the restrooms. Bring a cooler/ice pack if planning to purchase perishable items from West Side Market.*

The bus will depart Ontario at 9 am and return around 5:30 pm. The trip is \$70 total cost (\$30 deposit by May 18 and \$40 balance by June 15. Price includes bus, driver tip, lunch, gratuity, water and snacks on bus.

These trips are open to all seniors 55 + and pick-up is at the Ontario Area Agency on Aging Hawkins Corner, 2131 Park Ave West.

Checks should be made payable to LASC. Note on the check the date for the trip and names of participants. Pay in person at the third Wednesday luncheon at Der Dutchman (details on page 3) or mail to Helena Bunker, 443 S. Horning Rd., Mansfield OH 44903.

For information about the trips or meetings call 419-683-2409 or visit [www.lexasc.org](http://www.lexasc.org)

## Open house to include tours

The Richland Early American Center for History invites the community to tour the 1812 Blockhouse, the 1808 Petersburg Log Cabin and the new Hawks Nest Forge & Cooperage.

A spring open house will be held Saturday, May 7 and Sunday, May 8 at South Park, 100 Brinkerhoff Ave., in Mansfield. The event is open from 10 am to 4 pm

Visitors can take a step back in time and explore early American cabin life and venture into the blockhouse where early pioneers gathered for protection. Passport stamps will be available for school children.

For information on this or other events, visit <https://www.facebook.com/RichlandEarlyAmericanCenterforHistory>

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**JANUARY R.A.M.S.** (Respectful, Accountable, Motivated, Successful) Students of the Month are fifth grade students, Chloe Schmidt-Payne, Nevaeh Spurgeon, Ayleah Ousley and Carson Cook; sixth grade, Alex Wendland, Shiana Elliott, Ariel Foote and Camylle King; seventh grade, Aidan Proctor, Ellie Powell, Josh Maglott and Brianna Coulter; and eighth grade, Campbell Kiser, Aaron Hughes, Ashton McGlasson and Madison Berry.



**KCCC STUDENTS** Keeleigh Johnston, Josie Moore, Sydnee Lang, James Hurlow, Nathan Burwell, Deion Parker and John Campbell, KCCC Landscape Design and Management instructor.

## KCCC Landscape Design & Management program competes

Knox County Career Center's (KCCC) Landscape Design & Management program competed at the National Collegiate Landscape Competition March 15-19.

KCCC was joined by two other high schools and 48 universities, over 800 individual participants in all, at the National Collegiate Landscape Competition. The National Collegiate Landscape Competition is an annual three-day powerhouse event that brings together the top landscape and horticulture students, top industry companies, and dozens of the biggest industry manufacturers and suppliers.

The competition was held in Raleigh, NC on the campus of North Carolina State University. KCCC had six students compete in the competition including juniors Sydnee Lang, Josie Moore and James Hurlow, along with seniors Keeleigh Johnston, Deion Parker and Nathan Burwell.

KCCC's Landscape Design & Management students competed in the following events - Annual & Perennial ID (Josie Moore, James Hurlow), Compact Excavator Operation (Nathan Burwell), Compact Track/Skid Steer Loader Operation (Deion Parker), Construction

Cost Estimating (Sydnee Lang), Hardscape Install (Keeleigh Johnston), Landscape Plant Install (James Hurlow, Keeleigh Johnston, Nathan Burwell), Sales Presentation (Keeleigh Johnston), Tractor Loader Backhoe Operation (Deion Parker), Truck & Trailer Operation (Keeleigh Johnston, Deion Parker), Turf & Weed ID (James Hurlow, Sydnee Lang), and Woody Ornamental Plant ID (Josie Moore).

Josie Moore, junior, commented, "I enjoyed watching us compete against college students and showing them our skills. We had a great trip!"

Junior Sydnee Lang added, "It was a new and really fun experience for me. I enjoyed being on a college campus."

KCCC's notable placings include Nathan Burwell (seventh place in Compact Excavator Operation), Keeleigh Johnston (eighth place in Sales Presentation), Deion Parker (fifth place in Tractor Loader Backhoe Operation), and Keeleigh Johnston & Nathan Burwell (17th place in Hardscape Installation).

Keeleigh Johnston, senior, commented, "As a senior, it was a really cool experience to be able to compete with different colleges around the United States. It was great to use my knowledge to the best of its ability."

KCCC and the Landscape Design & Management program would like to thank Town and Country Garden Club and Pheasants Forever for their generous donations to help fund the trip to Raleigh, NC.

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# 4-H News Report

On March 27, 2022 the County Champions 4-H club of Richland County held its third meeting of the year.

Ryleigh Chase called the meeting to order. Owen Keith led the Pledge of Allegiance while Cody Wolford led the 4-H Pledge.

Mandee Lantz asked the members what project(s) they are doing this year for roll call.

The club will hold a bake sale at Family Farm and Home in Ontario, April 9, 10 am to 2 pm.

The following health and safety speeches were given, "Seatbelt Safety" by Addison Amert, "How to Safely Handle a Calf" by Emma Amert, and "How Much Water to Drink a Day" by Brayden Amert.

The following demonstrations were given, "Incubation of Chicks" by Ryleigh Chase and "Different Sizes of Chickens" by Dailynn Dawson. The recreation leader, Owen Keith, taught the club how to play "Balloon Toss." The next meeting will be held on April 10 at 4 pm.

Audrey Wolford  
News Reporter



Photos by Jeremy Wolford

**THE 11TH ANNUAL RAISING RICHLAND** Community Garden Summit was held Thursday, March 24 at Kingwood Center. Adult programs included Nicholas Copley of Lionheart Medicinal Gardens (left photo) speaking about "What do I do with my herbs?" Also speaking was Cori McCarthy on "How do I grow my herbs?" Area vendors and organizations had decorated tables, products for sale and were available for anyone with questions. Children's activities entertained the younger crowd with coloring projects and seed bomb making. Organizing the event were North End Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC), Kingwood Center Gardens, Richland County Master Gardener, Mansfield/Richland County Public Library, Richland Soil and Water Conservation District and the OSU Extension.



## Pioneer students inducted into National Technical Honor Society

Pioneer Career and Technology Center recently inducted 17 students into the Pioneer CTC chapter of National Technical Honor Society (NTHS).

The new inductees are Graham Geissman (Buckeye Central HS, Sr. Masonry), Kati Hayes (Lexington HS, Sr. Horticulture), Susana Olvera (Willard HS, Sr. Medical Technologies), Maxwell Aichholz (Buckeye Central HS, Jr. Masonry), Leah Blay (Ontario HS, Jr. Power Equipment), Marysol Cuevas

(Willard HS, Jr. Medical Assisting), Marivella Davila (Willard HS, Jr. Medical Technologies), Abby Del Angel (Willard HS, Jr. Medical Technologies), Kamryn Gill (Lexington HS, Jr. Performing Arts), Jazmine Jaekin (Willard HS, Jr. Welding), Kaylan Lamb (Lexington HS, Jr. Medical Technologies), Wesley Madison (South Central HS, Jr. Precision Machining), Grace Miller (Lexington HS, Jr. Medical Technologies), Reagan Mundy (Lexington HS, Jr. Health As-

sisting), Belicia Salas (Ontario HS, Jr. Dental Assisting), Audrey Spearman (Ontario HS, Jr. Graphic Arts) and Alexandria Stollings (Crestview HS, Jr. Culinary Arts).

Requirements for membership include being a full-time Pioneer student, 3.25 or higher overall GPA and a 4.0 or higher GPA in a career-tech lab, being active in at least one Career Technical Student Organization, civic or service organization or another activity beyond

the school day, as well as attendance and discipline requirements.

Pioneer's NTHS chapter has several service projects they work on each year.

For over 30 years, NTHS has been the acknowledged leader in the recognition of outstanding student achievement in career and technical education.

Pioneer's first NTHS Induction was held March 18, 2019 as part of the 50th Anniversary celebration.

# Honor and Merit Rolls

St. Peter's School has announced the names of the students who achieved honor roll status for the third quarter of the 2021-'22 school year. Also noted are students who achieved a 4.0 grade point average. Overall, 61% of students in grades five-twelve achieved academic honors in the third quarter.

In addition, 23 winter sport student-athletes were named Scholar-Athletes by the Mid-Buckeye Conference. Students from St. Peter's led the conference in academic honors.

## Seniors

First Honors: Madison Bays, Elizabeth Dauterman, Zachary

Keffalas, Alana Mitchell, Kendall Nolen, Bryan Phillips, Ross Pruettmiller, Danielle Powell, Corey Schenkelberg, Malaki Stanfield, Natalie Tanchevski, James Williams, Nakryah Williams and Kellen Young

4.0 GPA: Madison Bays, Kendall Nolen and Bryan Phillips

Straight As: Madison Bays, Zachary Keffalas, Zachary Keffalas, Kendall Nolen, Bryan Phillips, Corey Schenkelberg and Nakryah Williams

Student Athletes: Madison Bays, Elizabeth Dauterman, Zachary Keffalas, Zachary Keffalas, Alana Mitchell, Bryan Phillips, Ross Pruettmille, Danielle Powell and Kellen Young

Second Honors: Alexander Garcia, Makayla Hall and Isaac Stampfli

## Juniors

First Honors: Adrian Allen, Gianni Bonham, Mahala Boothe, Alyssa Carroll, Audrey Couch, Grace Dix, Angelo Gasper, Kanija Green, My'kia Letlow, Gavin Mawhorr, Kiersten Pitcher, Logan Rhodes, Allegra Ruhl and Andrew Wendt

4.0 GPA: Adrian Allen, Alyssa Carroll and Audrey Couch.

Straight As: Adrian Allen, Alyssa Carroll and Audrey Couch.

Student Athletes: Gianni Bonham, Angelo Gasper and Audrey Couch

Second Honors: Erin Belmer, Peyton Bodnar, Griffin Crutchfield, Terrie Feagin, Zhoimar- ea Hill, Dejah Hiltman, Mik'a Letlow, Hailea Montanez, Paige

Richardson and Sharaylynn Wells

## Sophomores

First Honors: Caelyn Brubaker, Katherine Bryant, Emelia Lindsay, Analina McCabe, Zora Mills, Josephine Reef, Gisele Ward and Trinity Withrow-Gremling

4.0 GPA: Katherine Bryant, Zora Mills, Josephine Reef, Gisele Ward and Trinity Withrow-Gremling

Straight As: Caelyn Brubaker, Katherine Bryant, Zora Mills, Josephine Reef, Gisele Ward and Trinity Withrow-Gremling

Student Athletes: Caelyn Brubaker, Josephine Reef, Gisele Ward

Second Honors: Ta'Niya Chism, Elijah Evage, Nathaniel Hart, Tamara Lindsay, Kaleb Kososky, Cameron Taracko and Jerry Thompson

## Freshmen

First Honors: Rayden Baltazar, Emerson Barlow, Kaylee Bond, Magnolia Chamberlin, Lillian Colarosa, Carter Fesler, Callina Francis, Elina Gilland, Sania Jefferson, Desmond King, Joshua Laux, Zion McCraney, Jack Thompson, James Thompson, Navaeh Trammell and Kelly Wolboldt

4.0 GPA: Kaylee Bond, Magnolia Chamberlin, Callina Francis, Elina Gilland, Joshua Laux and Kelly Wolboldt

All As: Kaylee Bond, Magnolia Chamberlin, Callina Francis, Elina Gilland, Joshua Laux and Kelly Wolboldt

Student Athletes: Rayden Baltazar, Emerson Barlow, Callina Francis, Elina Gilland and Navaeh Trammell

Second Honors: Kayla Regulus, Sunshine Sipes, Rakayla Smith and Benjamin Yerse

## Eighth Grade

First Honors: Aryah Beauford, Tiffany Clemons, Nadia DeVall, Conner Fournier, Brooklyn Jackson, Olivia Laux, Braylon Patterson and Heaven Taylor

4.0 GPA: Tiffany Clemons and Olivia Laux

All As: Tiffany Clemons and Olivia Laux

## Seventh Grade

First Honors: Callahan Cavanaugh and Matthew Harris, IV

Second Honors: Keeli Barry, Abigail Farragher, Ta'Neyah Hammock and Is'Zabell Wilson

## Sixth Grade

First Honors: Quinn Chamberlin, David Crundwell, Madeline Levron and Julianna Williams

Second Honors: Kenzingtyn Couch, Skylar Pitzen and Trinitee Taylor

## Fifth Grade

First Honors: Dylan Wagner and Elle Whatman

Second Honors: Adam McGuire, Keiantate Melton and Aubrey Vega



## St. Peter's School to perform School of Rock

St. Peter's School has announced its Department of Theater and Performing Arts will be returning to the stage with this year's production of *School of Rock*.

The musical is based on the film *School of Rock* with music by Sir Andrew Lloyd Weber. The show invites the audience members to take a journey through the heart and soul of rock n' roll. For the past several months, students, staff and members of the St. Peter's community have been preparing for this performance.

This is the school's first musical production since 2019. The 2020 production of *Mary Poppins* was in dress rehearsals when COVID-19 forced the cancellation of public gatherings.

When the curtain closes on opening night, it will be a huge relief for Jamie Stima, a 2012 graduate of St. Peter's School and now the performing arts program director. *Mary Poppins* was to be her first musical at the program's helm. Instead, it

turned into a full year of hoping to find a way to make something work.

"We tried everything we could to produce some form of the musical," Stima said. She said it was tough to see the set still on the stage several months later. "We just never had an opportunity where we could make a production of that size work with all the restrictions still in place. We had a built a huge multi-level set, and never got to use it. We also could not recast key cast members who graduated."

"I'll be very excited and relieved when we finish our first performance... excited for our cast members, our volunteer leaders and the people who helped make this show a reality."

St. Peter's High School junior Adrian Allen is excited to play the role of Principal Rosalie Mullins.

"I like my character because she ends up letting her guard down and starts to have fun again," says Allen. "I hope peo-

ple come out to see the show... see the hard work and determination we have put into this production."

Natalie Tanchevski, a senior in her final musical at St. Peter's, hopes for a good turnout.

"I encourage everyone to come and see the show because it ROCKS; our cast has put in a great amount of work."

Performances for the musical are Friday, April 1, at 7 pm; Saturday, April 2, at 7 pm; Sunday, April 3, at 2 pm; Friday, April 8, at 7 pm; and Saturday, April 9, at 2 pm and 7 pm.

This year's performance will also be the first major theatrical event in the renovated high school auditorium, which saw \$350,000 in capital improvements in 2019, including new seats.

Tickets range from \$12-15 per person. All seating is reserved and can be purchased through a link on St. Peter's webpage at [mansfieldstpeters.org](http://mansfieldstpeters.org) Tickets will also be available at the door.



ATTENDING THE GOLDEN POPPY RIBBON CUTTING were Mayor of Mansfield Tim Theaker, Richland County Commissioner Darrell Banks, Dillon Carr, Caitlin Carr, Andrea Murray, State Representative Marilyn John, Jada Wareham, Richland County Commissioners Cliff Mears and Tony Vero.

## Golden Poppy reopening celebrated

Photos and Article  
By Traci Little

Business owner Caitlin Carr was warmly welcomed back into the community as she celebrated the reopening of Golden Poppy, formerly known as Poppy Boutique.

A new website was also launched at [www.goldenpoppyshop.com](http://www.goldenpoppyshop.com), where customers can conveniently place orders and have it shipped to home or available for local pickup. The store is located at 1084 Lexington Avenue in Mansfield. The store is open Tuesday-Friday, 11-5 and Saturday from 11-3.

Caitlin Carr was born and raised in Connecticut and Virginia. She moved to Mansfield after college and met her husband, Dillon, who grew up in the area. She's been in the boutique business for years, since 2006 to be exact. She's been working very hard to breathe life back into the business, re-branding it into Golden Poppy; warm, imaginative style for your everyday.

Ohio State Representative Marilyn John presented a certificate from the State of Ohio signed by the Speaker of the House and herself.

Richland County Commissioners, Darrell Banks, Tony Vero, and Cliff Mears also welcomed Golden Poppy to the area.

Cliff Mears said, "Thank you for your investment and it's a great neighborhood! My wife is

here with me so I'm sure she's going to help "stimulate the economy" with her support."

Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Tim Theaker, said "This is a great neighborhood and community, and we welcome you and hope everything works out! You can call us anytime and we will try and help you with whatever we can."

Mansfield City Councilwoman Stephanie Zader also warmly welcomed Golden Poppy to the area. Team members introduced were Andrea Murray and Jada Wareham.

Caitlin Carr said, "I have been with this business, Poppy, for years. It is what brought me to Mansfield and how I met my husband Dillon because I worked with his sister. It has always felt like home and comfortable for us here. When this opportunity came up, we just knew we had to jump on it!"

"We have a lot of similar things previously here like footwear, clothing, jewelry, and accessories. I've recently added kids' items which is something that not everyone knows about. We now have a few items like home good items and candles as well. As far as the vision for the store, we wanted it to feel homely and comfortable."

"We want it to be a place that people are excited to come to and find things they love and enjoy. The word golden felt very warm inviting and a great way to tran-

sition from what was already great and make it our own."

Make sure to stop in and visit the shop when you're in Mansfield. With the amount of amazing items in this shop, I'm guessing it won't be your last visit either.

## Nominations accepted for senior awards

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is now accepting nominations for the Outstanding Senior Citizen and Community Service Awards. The deadline for nominations is May 20.

Award recipients from a nine-county area (one awardee from each county) will be honored by the Area Agency on Aging. Nominees must be at least 60 years of age, a legal resident of Ohio for at least five years, and have made significant contributions to the community.

A husband and wife may receive the award jointly when both have been involved in community service.

Community Service Awards are targeted toward an organization, agency, service club, a media outlet or a business that has made an outstanding contribution to the community on behalf of senior citizens. One award will be presented for the nine-county area.

Nomination forms, can be found at [www.aa5ohio.org/events/awards/](http://www.aa5ohio.org/events/awards/) or by contacting Susie at 567-247-7105 or [sdanuloff@aa5ohio.org](mailto:sdanuloff@aa5ohio.org). Nominations can be mailed, faxed or emailed.





**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE** students created 3-D models of sustainable cities. Prior to starting the build, they completed a budgeting and design plan that had to be signed off on by the Director of City Planning (the teacher).

## Volunteers needed to host high school exchange students

As international travel returns to normal, high school students from around the world eagerly await their opportunity to participate in an exchange program in the United States. International Student Exchange (ISE), a 501c3 nonprofit organization that facilitates exchange programs for students in the U.S. and abroad, is currently seeking volunteer families in the area to host these students while they attend local high schools.

This is an exciting opportunity for anyone interested in a unique experience in which they will create relationships that span the globe while making a positive impact locally and globally.

ISE host families come from all walks of life, and represent the diversity of America. The most crucial host family characteristic is that they are willing to treat the exchange student like a member of the family, not a guest. Beyond this, host families must be vetted by ISE, pass a background check, provide room and board, three meals a day, and exercise parental responsibility to ensure the student's well-being.

ISE exchange students are 15–18 year old high school students from over 40 countries around the world. They are accepted into the program based on their ability to speak English, demeanor, adaptability, and eagerness to learn about a new culture while sharing their own. They come with their own health insurance and spending money.

There are currently several students awaiting a volunteer host family in and around Richland County.

To learn more about this opportunity or submit a host family application, contact Craig McKenzie, at 419-934-5028, or visit [rivervalley.iseusa.org](http://rivervalley.iseusa.org)

## RRLC will serve country rib dinner

The Richland Rural Life Center, 969 E. Crall Rd., Mansfield (Madison area), will host a BBQ Country Rib Dinner on Saturday, May 7, from 4–6 pm.

Meals include BBQ country ribs, potato or macaroni salad, baked beans, roll, beverage and homemade vanilla ice cream. Extra ice cream quarts will also be available for purchase.

Cost is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children 10 and under. Tickets are sold at the door. Carry-out and dine-in will be available.

Proceeds from the event help to keep the RRLC grounds open and available for use by Richland County 4-H and Boy Scouts. The center also has three buildings available for rental throughout the year.

The entrance is located between Stewart Rd. and Rt. 545. For more information call 567-307-4220. Visit the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/RichlandRuralLifeCenter>

## Intern opportunity available

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) has announced a position available for a communications intern.

The intern will represent and assist with district and community events and programs, help with event management, assist with communicating district events, programs and services, work with outside organizations and partners, take photos and videos and edit and share them. The ideal candidate will be outgoing and friendly with computer skills. The full job description is available at <https://richlandswcd.net/get-involved/internships>.

Compensation is \$12 per hour and is funded through a grant through the Fran and Warren Rupp Advised Fund of the Richland County Foundation.

Send a resume, cover letter, class schedule (if applicable) by April 15, to Richland SWCD, 1495 W. Longview Suite 205B, Mansfield, OH 44906 or email [Contact@richlandswcd.net](mailto:Contact@richlandswcd.net). Include work experience and level of education, including specific coursework taken related to the position.

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

## Kingwood to host symposium

Kingwood Center Gardens will host its second annual Landscape Inspirations symposium on Saturday, April 9, 9 am to noon in the Garden Gateway King Ballroom. The 2022 symposium theme is Get the Dirt on Soil. The event is open to the public with advanced registration required.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Elaine Ingham, Director of the Soil Food Web School, will appear virtually and present The Soil Food Web. Mark Highland, President of Organic Mechanics Soil, will share Feeding the Soil: Organic Soil Amendment Practices and How to Apply at Home. Carri Jagger, Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Educator, will discuss No-Till/Low-Till Gardening: The Benefits of Not Digging Right In.

Continuing education credits are available for the International Society of Arboriculture®, Professional Grounds Management Society®, and Master Gardeners with symposium attendance. More information is available online.

Light morning refreshments are included with registration.

Kingwood members cost is \$25; non-members \$35. Registration is online at [kingwoodcenter.org](http://kingwoodcenter.org) and space is limited.

## St. Peter Catholic Church Easter bake sale returns

St. Peter Parish will host its annual Easter Bake Sale on Tuesday, April 12, from 7 am to 6 pm, and Wednesday, April 13, from 7 am to 1 pm. This event billed as one of the largest bake sales with thousands of baked goods featuring traditional ethnic recipes and sweet treats.

The Easter bake sale lunch will also return on Tuesday from 11 am to 1 pm, with many fan favorites on the menu, including fresh cabbage rolls, broccoli and cheese soup, sloppy joes and hot dogs for the kids.

"This event continues to be successful thanks to our small army of volunteers who do all the preparations for this event," said bake sale coordinator Ann Brown. "Many of them could not help the last couple of years because of the pandemic, but many familiar faces are back to help make this event a success."

Proceeds from the sale go towards purchasing wine, hosts and other liturgical items the church uses throughout the year.

Over 200 volunteers from all faiths and walks of life work very hard to make this event a success and celebrate the charity and goodness of the wonderful people in our community.

To learn how to volunteer, visit [mansfieldstpeters.org](http://mansfieldstpeters.org) and click on the Easter Bake Sale link.

## Equine Affaire coming to Ohio Expo Center April 7-10

The Equine Affaire, North America's premier equine exposition and equestrian gathering, will take place at the Ohio Expo Center on April 7-10. This horse-filled event is spread out over four days and features a variety of activities suitable for all ages, including educational clinics, interactive exhibits, competitions, a nighttime show and plenty of opportunities to admire, pet and interact with hundreds of horses.

General admission includes access to all clinics, seminars and demonstrations, dozens of specially themed pavilions and exhibits, acres of vendors at the trade show and multiple competitions. Tickets for adults are \$15/day or \$50 for a four-day pass, while tickets for kids, ages 7-10, are \$8 - all available online. Children ages six and under receive free admission.

Tickets are also available online for Fantasia, Equine Affaire's signature musical celebration of the horse! Fantasia is a separate event that takes place nightly at 7:30 pm on Thursday, April 7; Friday, April 8; and Saturday, April 9. Ticket prices for Fantasia range from \$14 to \$25 for children and adults; children who are two and under and can sit on a lap get in free.

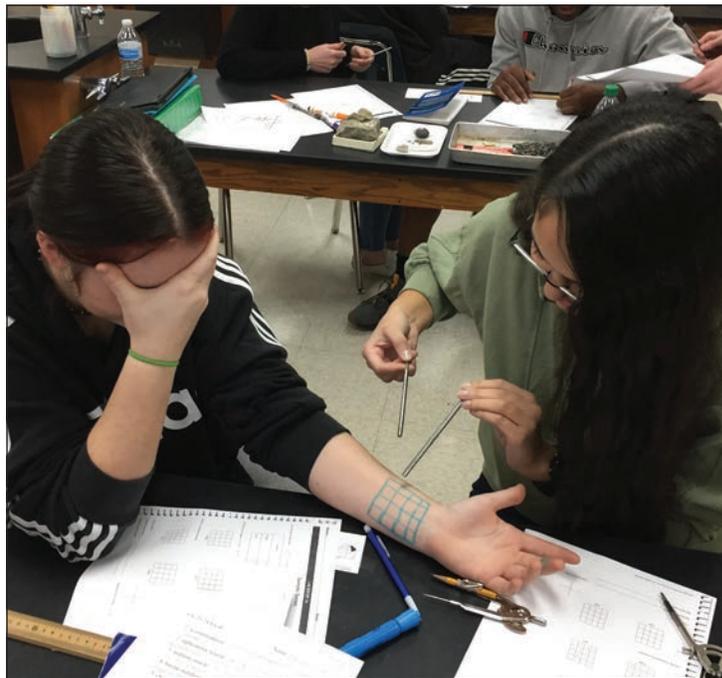
All tickets are digital and can be saved to a mobile device for easy, contactless admission. To purchase both general admission and Fantasia tickets, visit [equineaffaire.com](http://equineaffaire.com)

General admission tickets will also be available at the gates on the day of the show and will be cash only. Tickets for Fantasia sell out quickly, so buy online in advance.

The Ohio Haflinger Association is providing attendees with the opportunity to ride seasoned lesson horses and receive basic instruction on Thursday, April 7, and Saturday, April 9.

Hours for Equine Affaire are from 9 am to 7 pm, Thursday through Saturday, and 9 am to 5 pm on Sunday. Parking is \$7 or \$20 for a four-day pass. For the safety of all attendees, no pets are allowed on the grounds or in the buildings.

For additional information visit [equineaffaire.com](http://equineaffaire.com) or call 740-845-0085 between 9 am and 5 pm EST, Monday through Friday.

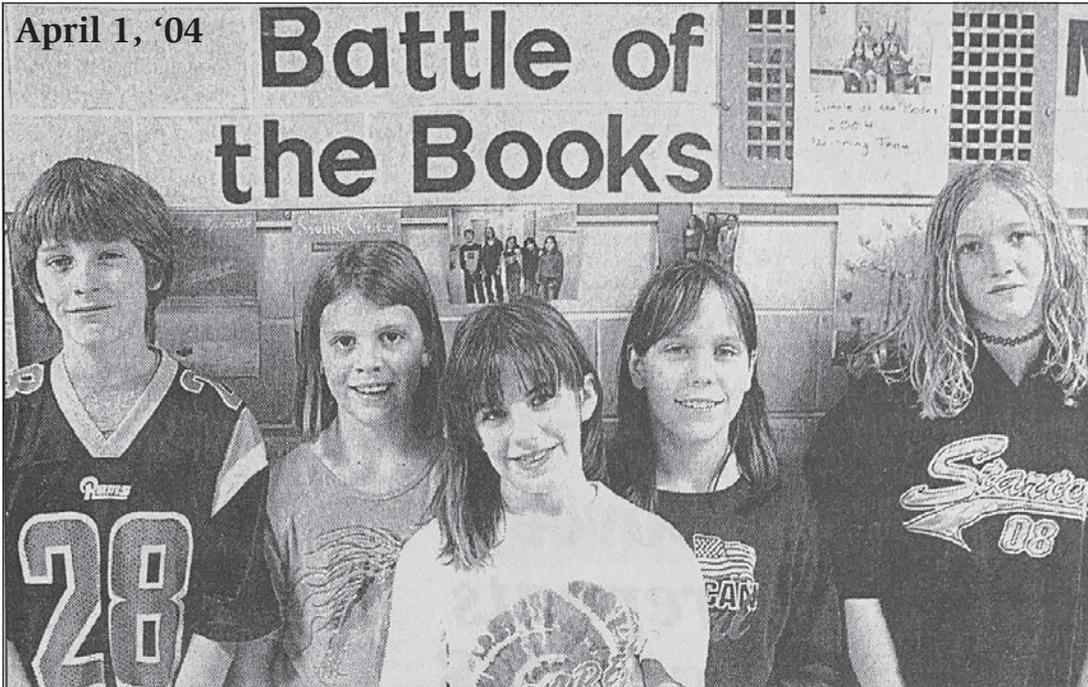


**STUDENTS IN ANATOMY CLASS** at Ontario High School are testing their nerve receptors. Students are testing their density and sensitivity of somatic receptors, specifically thermoreceptors, by touching the skin with hot and cold probes. Other students are testing their static and dynamic balance using a light in the Romberg test and the special senses/receptors of the ear using tuning forks.

LOOKING BACK • THIS WEEK IN TRIBUNE-COURIER HISTORY

April 1, '04

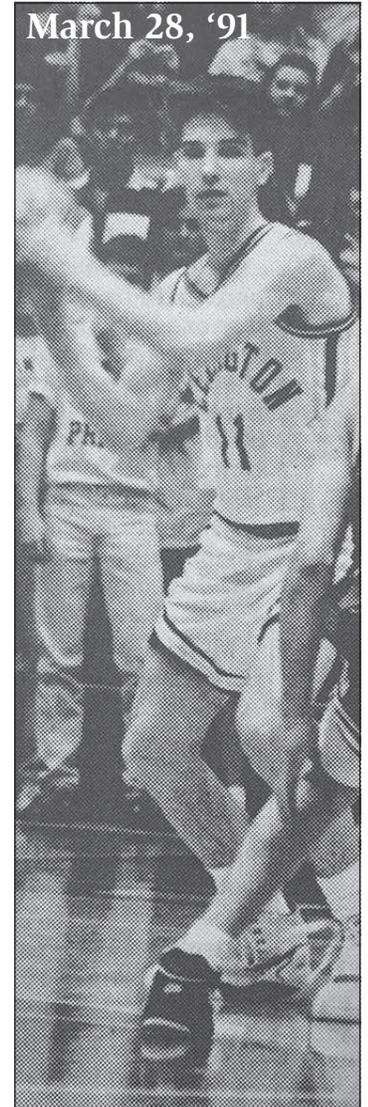
# Battle of the Books



Submitted Photo

**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS WINNERS** – This team of Wooster Heights Elementary students took first place in the recent "Battle of the Books." Members of the team were Nic Klupp, Lauren Marcelonis, Shelby Bristow, Brooke Taylor and Rylea McCarthy.

March 28, '91



George Billman

**CHRIS MILLER (11)** of Lexington looks to pass off to a teammate while being guarded by Mike Camacho of Dayton Chaminade-Julienne in the state championship game Saturday. Miller came into the game when Scott Cooper took a vicious shot to the head (no foul was called) and spent the remainder of the game on the bench. Miller did an outstanding job and Lex won 55-53.

March 27, '81



Photo by Marc Stumbo

**TOP SCORERS** in the annual Pinewood Derby held by Cub Scout Pack 142 are (front) Danny Fisher, second place; Jeff Berrier, most original; Steve Kopp, third place. In back are Raymond Pryor and Al Kopp. Not present is Terry Shaw, first place winner and Johnny Ison, first in Best of Show.

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## OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT

1,000 sq. ft. office space located in the front portion of 347 Allen Dr., Ontario. Rental will have own private restroom, front and side entrance. Room is a large open area. \$1410/ mo and includes utilities except phone/internet.  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

### ONTARIO POLICE DISPATCHER LATERAL ENTRY EXAMINATION

The City of Ontario will conduct a Lateral Entry Examination for the position Police Dispatcher. The examination will begin with an Oral Board Interview which will be scheduled once all the applications are received by Civil Service.

Candidates must be U.S. citizens and present a valid driver's license at the time of the Interview. Candidates will be subject to psychological, polygraph, drug and alcohol screening along with a comprehensive background check. Must be at least 21 years of age, must be currently employed as a Police Dispatcher with a minimum of 1 year of service and possess a high school diploma or GED equivalence. Pay ranges between \$22.97 - \$24.08 dependent on exact prior years of service.

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 March 17, 2022, at the Police Department window or online at www.ontpd.com** Those with questions may call the Division of Police at 419-529-2115.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
(T-C 3-24, 31 '22) 47L

### ONTARIO FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER

The City of Ontario, Division of Police is currently hiring for the position of full-time Police Officer. The selection process will utilize a **Lateral Entry** hiring process to establish an eligibility list for hire. The selection process will begin with the screening of applicants to ensure they have met the minimum qualifications through the Civil Service Board. Applicants will then continue in the process and will undergo a scored interview(s). The **Minimum** qualifications to apply are:

1. Candidates must be a commissioned Ohio Peace Officer with at least **one year of full-time experience** as a Peace Officer.

2. Candidates must also be at least 21 years of age; have a High School Diploma or GED; and must possess a valid Ohio Driver's License.

Prior to appointment, candidates must submit and successfully pass a background investigation, truth verification test, drug screen, a physical and psychological examination. The current starting salary range for this position is **\$27.17 to \$32.86** with extra income possibilities of overtime and paid details. The City of Ontario offers an excellent benefit package. Lateral Transfers will start one step lower than their current pay step, if currently employed as a full-time

law enforcement officer and will be brought to their current pay step after 6 months.

More information at [www.ontpd.com](http://www.ontpd.com)

Application packets may be obtained at the Ontario Police Communications Center located at 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, OH 44906 or online at [www.ontpd.com](http://www.ontpd.com) beginning **03/17/22 at 2:00 p.m.** Applications must be submitted in person at the Ontario Police Communications Center and may include a cover letter, resume, educational background, and specific training documentation relating to employment as a police officer.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
(T-C 3-24, 31 '22) 56L

## 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 March 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. 22-17 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2022, AS AMENDED.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-19 – AN ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT THE CITY'S 2021 STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-20 – AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE CHAPTER 938 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO ILLICIT DISCHARGE AND CONNECTION STORMWATER REGULATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-21 – AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE CHAPTER 1353 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-22 – AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE CHAPTER 937 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO STORM WATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-23 – AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE CHAPTER 1354 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO RIPARIAN AND WETLAND SETBACKS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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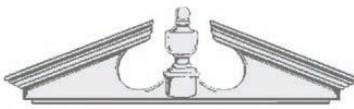
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**Lisa Anderson**  
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Branch Manager - Loan Officer

# Ontario High School at the Columbus Zoo

Mr. Tyler Coley's AP Government Class at Ontario High School gave the most money in a recent United Way Campaign. The class took a trip to the Columbus Zoo to celebrate.



## OSU-M Theatre performs Antigone as final play of season

In recognition of Women's History Month, the Theatre Program of The Ohio State University at Mansfield will perform *Antigone* as its final play of the 2021-'22 Theatre Season from March 31 to April 3.

Originally produced in 441 BCE, *Antigone* by Sophocles depicts one woman's courageous fight for justice. In an act of defiance to honor her dead brother, Antigone stands against the state. This play offers a timeless story about recognizing the dignity owed to every person – whether we agree with them or not.

This crisp abridgement and adaptation of the original Greek tragedy, based on a translation by R. C. Jebb, runs approximately 75 minutes without intermission. This production continues our theatre program's recent effort to make rights-free, accessible versions of classical texts available to students and teachers everywhere.

Performance times are: Thursday March 31 at 7:30 pm; Friday April 1 at 7:30 pm; Saturday April 2 at 7:30 pm; and Sunday April 3 at 2:30 pm.

Performances will take place in Founders Auditorium located in Ovalwood Hall. General admission is \$8, \$6 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at any time through [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) and on-site in the 30 minutes before each show – more information can be found at [mansfield.osu.edu/theatre](https://mansfield.osu.edu/theatre) or by calling 419-755-4045.



# Ontario High School Third Quarter All A's Blue Card Breakfast

Sponsored by Academic Boosters





**KNOX COUNTY CAREER CENTER** students qualified for SkillsUSA Ohio State Championships. (Top Photo) Willow Meadows, Emma McCombs, Sienna Martinson, William Hott, Abby Taylor and Kristi Jordan. (Bottom photo) Cara Garcia, Ethan Davis, Eric Hauck and Jack Fowler.

## KCCC students qualify for SkillsUSA Ohio State Championships

Knox County Career Center (KCCC) students competed in the SkillsUSA Southeast Regional competition, and state qualifiers were recently released.

KCCC had 10 students from Metal Fabrication and Welding, Automotive Technology, Cosmetology, Health Technologies, and Precision Machining who qualified for the SkillsUSA Ohio State Championships.

The SkillsUSA Ohio State Championships brings over 5,000 competitors, business, and industry partners, instructors, and vendors together in over 100

contests in all 16 Career Pathways to showcase Career and Technical Education in Ohio. Students compete for the title of best in Ohio in their respective career fields.

“SkillsUSA is the largest career technical organization. We are excited for our students to compete in their skilled trade areas alongside the other top students from around the state,” said Elaine Robinson, KCCC Principal and SkillsUSA Advisor.

The following students qualified to compete in the SkillsUSA Ohio State Championships on May 3 and 4 in Columbus: Jack Fowler (Automotive Technology), Automotive Service Technology (Gold/1st Place); William Hott (Metal Fabrication & Welding), Welding (Silver/2nd Place); Cara Garcia (Cosmetology), Cosmetology (Silver/2nd Place); Emma McCombs (Health Technologies), Medical Terminology; Eric Hauck (Precision Machining, CNC Turning Specialist); Ethan Davis (Precision Machining), CNC Milling Specialist; Sienna Martinson, Kristi Jordan, Abby Taylor; and Willow Meadows (Health Technologies), Health Knowledge Bowl.

To learn more about the competitions that each KCCC student competed in visit [www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/contest-descriptions/](http://www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/contest-descriptions/)

## Activities mark National Child Abuse Prevention

Richland County Children Services (RCCS) is marking National Child Abuse Prevention Month with several activities.

The Child Abuse Prevention Month Kick Off will be held at the Richland County Courthouse, 50 Park Avenue East, Mansfield, in the Commissioners Board Room, on Thursday, March 31, at 9:30 am. The Richland County Commissioners will present a Proclamation in observance of April being National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Proclamations will also be issued by the cities of Mansfield, Ontario, Shelby, and villages of Bellville, Butler, Lexington, Lucas, Plymouth and Shiloh.

Blue ribbons will be on display in downtown Mansfield for Child Abuse Prevention Month courtesy of RCCS, the city of Mansfield, the Mansfield Unit-

ed Lions Club and Tara's Floral. The community can participate by displaying blue ribbons on a tree, door, fence, on a vehicle or mailbox. The blue ribbon is the international symbol for child abuse prevention. Participants can take pictures of their blue ribbons/blue ribbon trees and send them via email to Brigitte. Coles@jfs.ohio.gov for publication on the agency's website and Facebook page.

Fun Family Night will be held at the Mansfield Carrousel, April 1, from 4–8 pm. Join Richland County Children Services for an evening of fun at the Mansfield Carrousel as part of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Enjoy free rides, blue ribbon cookies, treats and more courtesy of Richland County Children Services.

An Easter Drive-thru celebration will be held April 2, from

1–3 pm.

Mansfield Parks & Recreation, RCCS and community partners will host the celebration at South Park, 100 Brinkerhoff Ave.

Families are invited to come out and see the Easter Bunny. Each child in attendance will receive an Easter bag, small toys and treats. Participants will be required to stay in their vehicles during their visit.

Wear Blue Day will be Wednesday, April 13. Wear Blue Day is an annual statewide event to spread awareness on the important issues of child abuse, neglect and dependency. On this day local businesses, offices, schools, agencies, factories, retail outlets and media partners are asked to Wear Blue to show unity against child abuse and neglect. Participants can take pictures of themselves, their group, classmates

or co-workers wearing blue and send them via email to Brigitte. Coles@jfs.ohio.gov for publication on the agency's website and Facebook page.

Free Blue-Ribbon Cookie-Wear Blue Day is scheduled for April 13 at Buckeye Bakery. RCCS has teamed up with Buckeye Bakery to give the first 150 customers wearing blue a free cookie in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The Central Park Gazebo in Mansfield will be lit blue, April 1–30 in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

For more information about child abuse prevention programs and activities go to [richlandcountychildrenservices.org](http://richlandcountychildrenservices.org). Call the Richland County Children Services 24-hour child abuse hotline at 419-774-4100 to report child abuse and neglect.