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DONATION — Bellville Library Branch Manager) Joshua Andra stands with Bellville Lions Club members Bill Henderson, Carolyn Brook and Bellville Lions President Edward Brook. Henderson heads-up the project for the vision readers. Brook will be club president beginning in July. She is past District Governor 2015-'16 of 13 OH2, and is currently serving as treasurer.

Bellville Lions Club donates low vision magnifier

Photos and Article By Traci Little

The Bellville Lions Club donated a Merlin Ultra Full HD Video Magnifier machine to the Bellville Branch Library on April 25. It offers full high-definition color and contrast, resulting in sharp, crystal-clear images with vibrant colors. People can easily read books and magazines, write letters, manage financial records, view color photos, do crossword puzzles, and even pursue a favorite hobby.

Bill Henderson, who is heading up the vision reader project for the Lions Club, shared this testimonial, "For a number of years, a certain lady was unable to see pictures of her grandchildren and putting them on the reader enabled her to do that. As you can imagine, she was very excited, and it was an emotional moment for her to be able to see her grandchildren. These are things we take for granted in life, but it was a huge treasure for her."

Many color select options are available for increased contrast on the reader. Depending on a person's eye condition, certain text and background color combinations allow for ease of reading.

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Madison BOE accepts retirements as school year nears completion

The Madison Local School District Board of Education met April 27. in the Madison Middle School Auditoria.

Presentations were given by Nicole Cox, Madison South Elementary Principal; Jennifer Eckenwiler, Madison South Preschool Coordinator; and Melissa Wigton, Eastview Elementary Principal.

Holly's Book Rack donated four books to Mifflin Elementary in memory of late Mifflin teacher Denny Pfahler.

A donation of \$278.94 was accepted from Mifflin PTO to Mifflin Elementary towards the purchase of cage balls and a bean bag toss game for the gymnasium.

Theresa Click, middle school technology teacher, will retire in August. Rosemarie Eberts, special education aide at Madison South, will retire in May and Madison Adult Career Center Secretary Becky Frasher will retire in July. Lisa Guill, high school secretary, will retire in July.

Resignations were accepted from Stacey Wampler, high school Key Club advisor; Sarah Ebinger, middle school intervention specialist; Michelle Frederick, high school/middle school library/media specialist; Mikaela Bush, middle school healthy lifestyles teacher; Andrew Saris, high school science teacher, head varsity track coach, half assistant varsity football coach and half assistant equipment manager, all are effective in May.

Resignations were also accepted from Keyona Yates, MECLC, effective March 25; and Brittany Maurer, MECLC, April 1.

Pending proper/applicable certification, paperwork, and BCI/FBI checks, the Superintendent recommends approval of the following beginning with the 2022/2023 school year. Salary is in accordance with the adopted salary schedule:

Jessica Rush was hired for the 2022-'23 school year as a school counselor at the middle school.

Natalie Stevens has been awarded the first grade teaching position at Madison South Elementary, replacing Connie Fitzpatrick who accepted the position as a Title I Reading position at Madison South Elementary — a new position to support additional students in need of services.

Steve Farley has been awarded the social studies position at the high school, a new position due to new curriculum requirements by the Ohio Department of Education.

Tielor Crouse has been awarded the technology position at the

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Ohio farm woman knew Warren G. Harding

By Bob Carter

Red haired Carrie was quite a woman. In 1967, when I interviewed her, she was thin and frail, but at 87 her mind was still very sharp.

She was born in rural Morrow County, near where the, now gone, crossroads village of Bungtown was. It was located in a triangle between Steam Corners, Blooming Grove and Johnsville.

In general, people living in that area were known for their intelligence.

As a typical ten year old with a curious mind, she remembered the time when she was told to stay away from her mother's new sewing machine. She ran a needle clear through her finger and the scar lasted her whole life.

Carrie Braden was above many because she had a high school education. To do that, she had to go to Galion to live with an aunt. At age 20, she was hired in 1900 to teach at the Jugs Corners one room school house and at a place called Climax.

Jugs Corners was across the road from the present-day Mid Ohio Race Track. She was a good teacher but ran into an ambush one day when a young man came in and sat down in the back of the school room. Carrie asked him several times what he wanted and each time he replied, "nothing."

Then he came back several more times and the answer was always the same, "nothing." It didn't take the kids long to figure out what he wanted — their teacher! There was only one way she could get rid of him, she married him! Thus she became Mrs. Carrie Braden Shuler, wife of farmer Edwin Shuler, which ended her teaching career.

In that era married women were not allowed to teach

school, strange as that seems.

In that rural farming area the Braden, Crawford and Harding families were all interrelated. There was a big annual family reunion and Carrie remembered one year when the Hardings furnished all the food.

Senator Warren G. Harding was present, as was his father, George Harding. Carrie recalled having conversations with both men. She said she preferred the elder George Harding because, as she put it, "He was a good talker." She felt Warren Harding wasn't a good conversationalist and seemed to gather with the men and talk politics.

She recalled at one reunion, a call was made for Senator Warren Harding to speak. As Carrie told the story, "Harding got up and said I'm no speaker, I'm just a politician, don't expect me to tell everything, but I'll let my illustrious father speak to you." Then he sat down.

Father George Harding then gave an interesting presentation and could remember everyone's name and thought everybody was his friend, "Nobody was any better than anyone else" Carrie said.

The elder Harding had grown up in the area and attended the one room school at Jugs Corners where she once taught as a young woman. Harding's ancestors had settled near Blooming Grove in 1818.

Carrie said that most of the people at the reunion voted for Harding when he ran for president. She said her mother was able to vote for the first time in 1920 and had voted for him, but Carrie thought, "What did he ever do for me?"

Harding's election to the presidency ended his appearance at the reunions. His term was marred with the Tea Pot Dome oil scandal, crooked administra-

tion officials and an extramarital affair.

During a train trip to Alaska, he died while he was in San Francisco Aug. 2, 1923. His remains were brought back to Washington and after memorial services at the Capitol, a special funeral train departed for Marion, the president's hometown.

The train arrived in Mansfield

on Aug. 9. It would arrive on the Pennsylvania Railroad and then all funeral cars would be transferred to the Erie Railroad for the final trip to Marion. A call went out to all American Legion members to appear in uniforms as were the Spanish War Veterans, to patrol tracks and traffic.

Thousands were at the station and standing along the tracks in silence with heads bowed as the train arrived. After the cars and engine switch, the train left for Marion at 10:40 am.

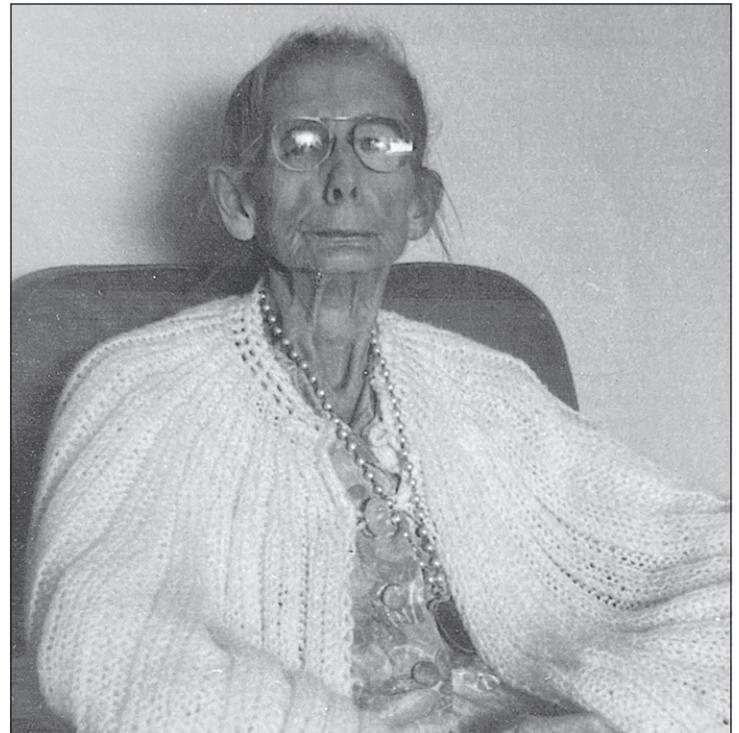
Erwin, Carrie and family went to Galion to watch the train slowly pass. She commented, "I don't know whether he had a happy life or not?"

Carrie kept a diary from 1929 to 1972, over 120 pages that were recorded in an old unused account book. It's a Shuler family treasure. Two complete unbound Xerox copies were made, one donated to the Johnsville Public Library and the other to the Ohio Genealogy Society Library. It's interesting reading, a word picture of a farm wife's life.

It is written, "When an elderly person dies a library is lost." Carrie Shuler was 94 when she left us in 1975. The rural school teacher turned farm wife left us a real treasure. She was a good talker.



THIS PHOTO is believed to be a high school graduation photograph of Carrie Braden Shuler. It shows a lovely, but determined young lady. Her red hair was almost hidden by her hat.



WHEN BOB CARTER interviewed Carrie Shuler in 1967, she was 87, mentally sharp and remembered well George Harding and his son, future President Warren G. Harding.

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News Briefs

Ridgeway Church of God, 1380 Park Avenue East, Madison Township, will host a spaghetti dinner on Friday, May 6, 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 419-589-5385.

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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.

The meal on May 18 will be chicken. The group will celebrate its 48th anniversary and Dr. Lynda Dunn, pianist, will perform.

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Michael Morton has released the March 2022 Ontario Zoning Report. Permits were issued to Timothy Demers, Walker Lake Rd., change of use; Jeff Yochem, Rudy Rd., 480 square foot pavillion; City of Ontario, Marshall Park, splash pad; Lowell Spencer, Victoria Ct., 480 square foot deck/ramp; Dean Parsons, Park Avenue West, change of use; Dean Parsons, Park Avenue West, change of use; Shope

Investments, Zimmerman Ln., 1515 square foot new home.

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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.

Those who would like to volunteer for the 4th of July Committee can send an email to mayor@ontarioohio.org

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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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Ashland County Cancer Association is accepting donations for its rummage sale now through June 2.

Donations are accepted Monday through Thursday at 1011 E. Main St., Suite A, from 9 am to 4 pm. Call 419-281-1863 to scheu-

dle a drop-off time.

Donations should not include torn or stained clothing, broken items, books or magazines or old tvs. The sale will be held at the Ashland Fairgrounds June 9, 2-8 pm; June 10, 8 am to 5 pm; and June 11, 9 am to 3 pm.

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The Franklin Township Ice Cream Social will be held on Saturday, June 11, from 4:30-7 pm at the fire station, 505 Boyce Rd., Shelby. Walk-ins welcome. Proceeds go directly to help support the non-profit Franklin Township Firefighters Association.

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Savannah Lions Breakfast will be held Saturdays, May 14, from 6:30-11 am at Savannah Town Hall, 12 S. Main St., Savannah.

The menu includes pancakes, french toast, sausage, sausage

and biscuits.

Price is by donation. Proceeds go to Savannah Lions Scholarships. Used eye glasses will also be accepted for recycling.

Door Prizes will be donated by Miller's Hawkins Market.

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A senior citizen game night will be held at Ontario Middle School on Saturday, May 14, from 6-8 pm.

The free event is sponsored by the City of Ontario Recreation Department and Ontario Middle School. It is open to all area seniors who are 65 and older.

Games will include euchre, chess, ping pong, corn hole, board games and more. Drink and snacks will be provided.

RSVP By May 10 to 419-520-2588 ext. 3202 or email recreationdept@ontarioohio.org

\$4 million grant will help with Westinghouse demolition

State Representative Marilyn John (R-Richland County) has announced that a \$4 million grant will be awarded to help with the demolition and remediation of Westinghouse building "A".

This funding was made available by the Ohio State Operating Budget, which Representative John supported with a house vote some months ago.

Within the Operating Budget, \$500 million was set aside for demolition and brownfield remediation projects throughout the state.

"The Westinghouse building has long been standing in Richland County and is now beyond its life," said John. "It is great to see Governor DeWine committing these resources to make Richland County a better place."

Governor DeWine was at the Westinghouse property Tuesday, April 26 to announce the first round of Ohio Department of Development funding.

Of the funding made available for projects like these \$368 million is still available for local governments on a first come first serve basis. They must provide a 25% match for any projects after the guaranteed funds are spent.

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“Flower Power” paper conservation creation workshop is May 10

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) will host the next Conservation Creation arts & craft project, Flower Power Paper on Tuesday, May 10 at 6 pm, at The Longview Center, 1495 W. Longview Avenue, Mansfield.

Participants will make paper with dried flowers to use as a decoration, in scrapbooking or in other creative ways. Richland SWCD provides the materials and tools needed to make the project. Reservations are requested for the workshop and cost \$6 per person.

Visit <https://richlandswcd.net/get-involved/calendar> or call 419-747-8685 for more information and to register for the workshop.

Conservation Creation Workshop participants make items from natural materials or reused, repurposed, and recycled items in the company of old and new friends, family, and Richland SWCD staff.

The remaining Conservation Creation Workshops for the year are:



June 14: Needle Felted Sheep – make felted sheep from local Corriedale wool.

July 12: Rustic String Art – create string art from a design on natural wood.

August 9: Aviary Tea Party – help our feathered friends out by creating a hanging bird feeder from teacups and saucers.

September 13: Fall Centerpieces – design a fall centerpiece with autumn materials and recycled vases.

October 11: Corny Wreaths - celebrate the harvest season by making a wreath with Indian corn.

December 13: Grapevine Tree – make a grapevine tree

RRLC to serve country ribs Saturday

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 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>

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Clear Fork Alliance Church

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

Community Bible Church

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

Lexington Presbyterian Church

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

McElroy Road Church of Christ

297 N. McElroy Rd., Mansfield (Madison area)
419-589-2661 • mcelroyroad.org
Minister Dean Jackson
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Sunday Worship
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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: Check website for schedule

Ridgeway Church of God

1380 Park Avenue East, Mansfield
419-589-5385 • www.ridgewaycog.cggc.org/
Pastor John Dodds
Associate Pastor Billy Saunders
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Pastor Brad Wright
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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
Worship: 4 pm Saturday & 11 am Sunday
5:30 pm Tuesday Worship
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St. Paul Lutheran

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

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

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

Trinity United Methodist Church

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419-589-5890 • trinityumcmansfield.org
Pastor Micahel W. Mack
9:30 am Sunday Worship

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Dr. Alveda King speaks during 16th Annual Fundraising Banquet

Photos and Article By Traci Little

The Ashland Pregnancy Care Center held its 16th Annual Fundraising Banquet on Thursday, April 21 at the John C. Myers Convocation Center in Ashland.

It was a beautiful night filled with warm fellowship, delicious food, moving testimonials and an inspiring speaker.



DR. ALVEDA KING is welcomed by Ashland Pregnancy Center Executive Director and City of Ashland Mayor Matt Miller at The Ashland Pregnancy Care Center's 16th Annual Fundraising Banquet on Thursday, April 21.

Dr. Alveda King was the special guest speaker. She is from Atlanta, Georgia and serves as the Chair of the Center for the American Dream at AFPI. She is the daughter of late slain rights activist Rev. A.D. King and niece of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Alveda King is the founder of Speak for Life, fighting for the sanctity and dignity of all life - from the womb to the tomb. She currently serves as Fox News contributor and host of the Fox Nation show "Alveda King's House."

Since Ashland Pregnancy Care Center's humble beginning in 1981, the support of the community and charitable givers has allowed the ministry to serve over 5,000 different individuals and families. They've assisted over 35,000 visits to the center for services; administered over 6,000 pregnancy tests; performed over 600 ultrasounds and saved over 2,000 babies from abortion.

Just imagine how many future miracles can happen of the next year with your support! Stop by any time for a tour of the center, located at 119 Sloan Ave., in Ashland.

Open house includes free cabin 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.

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/RichlandEarlyAmericanCenterforHistory> for more information.



DURING THE ASHLAND PREGNANCY CENTER'S 16TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET, Dr. Alveda King was the guest speaker. She is the niece of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, and daughter of late slain rights activist Rev. A.D. King.



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Senior award nominations are being accepted through May 20

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.aaa5ohio.org/events/awards/ or by contacting Susie at 567-247-7105 or sdanuloff@aaa5ohio.org. Nominations can be mailed, faxed or emailed.



Photo by Traci Little

SPRING has finally arrived at Kingwood Center Gardens and the grounds are bursting with color. Tulips will be at their peak the next few weeks. The grounds are currently open 10 am to 7 pm. Visit <https://kingwoodcenter.org> for information about the grounds and admission.





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May 5 is National Day of Prayer

The local observance of the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 5, will be held from 11:30 am to 1 pm at the gazebo on the square in Mansfield.

Each year, the first Thursday in May is recognized as a day to lift in prayer the blessings and concerns, the challenges and opportunities, the heritage and hope.

"We come with rejoicing, reflection and repentance, knowing that all things are in the hands of our Redeemer," said Rev. Dr. El Akuchie.

"We will pray specifically for those elected to serve, those

called to respond to needs, those in whose hands our children's education is held, and those who move our economy for the benefit of all."

"We will recognize our officials, first-responders, educators and businesspeople in our time together and hope you will be part of that contingency."

This year's theme, "Exalt the Lord, who has established us," Colossians 2:6-7, is a call to praise in prayer.

If inclement weather, the alternate venue will be at First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Ave. West, Mansfield.

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•Madison BOE accepts retirements

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middle school, replacing Theresa Click who retired.

The board approved extra duty assignments for Kim Miller, sophomore class advisor; Laura Coey, sophomore class advisor; and Mike Leeper, head varsity girls' basketball coach.

Summer school workers hired on an as-needed basis are Melinda Tinney, Vicki Rowe, Pat McLaughlin, Kristen Agee, John Foust, Derek Fisher, Traci Luckie, Elizabeth Hicks, Lisa Restelli, Gretchen Cooper, Zinda Thomas, Steve Zellner and Abby Radabaugh (substitute).

Substitute teachers hired on an on-call basis, as needed for the 2021-'22 school year, are Christina Briggs, Jody Toms, Amanda Risner, EmmaLee Canankamp, Lauren McCarron and Shelby Fife.

Continuing contracts for the 2022-'23 school year were awarded to, Kyle Bishop, Kristi Green, Victoria Kasberg, Traci McKinney, Laurie Nichols, Tim Niswander and Kara Ohl.

Steve Zellner was approved as a substitute custodian and Richie Mauk was approved as a substitute bus driver.

Carolyn Carroll was hired as a second shift custodian at Madison South and Maranda Clark was hired as middle school special education aide, both effective in April.

Mary Ousley has been awarded the first shift custodian position at Eastview, replacing Dave Shaum who resigned.

Amy Childs has been awarded the special education aide position at Madison South, effective Aug. 15, replacing Rosemarie Eberts who retired.

Scott Musser resigned as career tech director, effective July 31. Jacob Grove will take the position, effective Aug. 1.

Administrative substitution stipends in the amount of \$1,000 for the 2021-'22 school year paid out of ESSER funds were awarded to Melissa Wigton, Nathan Stump, Nicole Cox, Kyle Gordon, Jonathan Muro, Andrew Kepple, Jordan Nelson, Sean Conway, Jacob Grove, Scott Musser, Renee Neron and Lisa Gonzalez.

The board approved the creation of a 200-activity account for Elementary Olympics. The account will be used to manage funds raised for the Elementary Olympics program.

A roof restoration at Madison South Elementary was approved for the amount of \$120,878 for Section D and \$70,485 for Section A. The project will be completed in FY23. Material costs will come out of the 2022 budget.

The Madison Concert Choir and concert band will participate in the

Cedar Point "Trills and Thrills" competition on Friday, May 13, 2022.

A Memorandum of Understanding between Catalyst Life Services and Madison Local Schools to provide Qualified Sign Language Interpretative services as needed for the 2022-'23 and 2023-'24 school years was approved.

The board voted to eliminate classified positions due to reduction in force, for reasons as indicated, effective with the 2022-'23 school year. These include one secretary (Mansfield Christian), financial; one maintenance worker, replaced with maintenance leader position; and one secretary (South/middle school), replaced with secretary (high school/middle school).

Teaching positions were eliminated due to reduction in force, for reasons as indicated, effective with the 2022-'23 school year. These included one second grade teacher (Mifflin), enrollment; one fourth grade (Mifflin), enrollment; one school counselor (Mifflin/Eastview), replaced with full position; one school counselor (middle school/Eastview), replaced with full position; two intervention specialists (Mansfield Christian), financial; one reading intervention teacher (Mansfield Christian), financial; one third grade teacher (South), enrollment; one kindergarten teacher (South), enrollment; one second grade teacher (Eastview), enrollment; and one preschool itinerant teacher (South), enrollment.

Amy O'Connell and Natalie Stevens had contracts suspended due to a reduction in force.

The revised Administrative Salary Schedule was approved, effective Aug. 1, 2022. The Administrative, Confidential Classified and District specific Service Agreement employees' salary adjustments and benefit changes were also approved.

The board gave approval to a weekly tuition rate increase for the Madison Early Childhood Learning Center effective May 23, 2022. The increases are as follows: Infant tuition from \$150/week to \$175/week; Toddler tuition from \$145/week to \$155/week; and School Age Summer tuition from \$115/week to \$125/week.

The board amended the retirement of Robin Klenk, treasurer, to April 30 and approved the hiring of Bradd Stevens as interim treasurer from May 1-July 31, 2022.

A salary increase was approved for the superintendent in the amount of \$2,000/year for 2021-'22 and \$3,000/year for 2022-'23.

The next regular board of education meeting will be Wednesday, May 25 in the Madison Middle School Auditoria, at 6 pm.

Volunteers needed to advocate for nursing home, assisted living residents

The Ohio Department of Aging and the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman celebrate "Empathy in Action" and recognize the priceless contributions of ombudsman volunteers. All Ohioans are invited to contribute their time and empathy toward helping residents of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and group homes. Visit www.stepup.ohio.gov to learn more and volunteer.

"Volunteering truly is empathy in action," said Ursel J. McElroy, director of the department. "Ombudsman volunteers take that to a higher level by serving as the eyes, ears, and voices for long-term care consumers. They are needed now more than ever."

"Ombudsmen are resident-directed advocates who improve the quality of life and care for long-term care consumers," added Erin Pettegrew, deputy state long-term care ombudsman.

"Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, ombudsman volunteers have been visiting residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, educating them about their rights, and addressing their care concerns."

The pandemic greatly altered the way services and supports were provided to long-term care consumers. The ombudsman program and its volunteers help to ensure that all Ohioans have access to quality care in the settings they choose.

Ombudsman volunteers work with nursing home and assisted living residents, family members, and facility staff and leadership to help resolve care issues. While COVID-19 has made it more important that consumers have an advocate there for them when they need it, the pandemic has also diminished Ohio's team of ombudsman volunteers.

Ohio's 100,000 nursing home

and assisted living residents need empathetic advocates looking out for their interests. Ombudsman volunteers regularly visit facilities and speak with residents about their care. Volunteers are linked to their regional ombudsman program

and provide services at facilities in their own communities. They receive comprehensive training and support from paid ombudsman staff.

For more information visit www.ombudsman.ohio.gov or call 1-800-282-1206.

Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Wanda Caudill, April 21

Richard Clinage, April 22

David Lawhorn, April 23

Ethel Louise Downs, April 24

Barbara Sue Garrigues, April 24

Antonio Sorrenti, April 24

Thomas Cardone, April 25

Jane Mosier, April 26

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•Bellville Lions Club donates low vision magnifier

(Continued from Front Page)

All enhanced vision solutions incorporate two to seven color select options. One of the color select options is black and white. It will convert anything you are viewing to a black and white image for increased contrast.

The Bellville Library Branch Manager, Joshua Andra said, “We are very excited about this donation because our library is about enriching the lives of Richland County residents and a big part of that is removing barriers to access. This falls right in line with our mission statement to be able to help those with low vision. This is very important to us.”

100% of all donations to the Lions Club goes right back to the community and none of the money goes towards administrative costs.

Carolyn Brook, current treasurer for the Lions Club, stated, “The Lions Club International Foundation has given out over three million measles shots worldwide. Measles causes blindness, and this makes it extremely beneficial for preventative care. Right now, any disaster that hits anywhere in the world, the Lions Clubs is the first group of people to be there.”

“I am the district coordinator for the International Lions Foundation. Locally, we do a lot with preschool through fifth grade, specifically at Lexington schools, doing vision screening and eye exams and we provide glasses. When it involves children, there’s no questions asked; we immediately take care of that. We’re either working locally or networking with other Lions Clubs across the state and the country to do other projects. With the tornadoes in Kentucky here recently, we were the first ones there. We not only help our own local community, but we help across the globe. There are over 210 countries involved in Lions Clubs. We are the largest service organization in the world, and we beat out everyone else. We are still looking for new members as many of our longtime members are aging out. We help out with youth, teenagers in schools teaching them how to get involved in service projects and helping others.”

“There are fundraisers that are held in order to help out people in many different ways. This is how we were able to purchase the magnifier for the library and the other three for the community,” she said.

She went onto say, “some things we help out with throughout the year are the Bellville Fair, Heritage Days in August, the Malabar Maple Syrup Festival, and most recently we held a spaghetti dinner fundraiser, which was our sixth event. The fundraiser was held at St. Paul Lutheran Church on March 26 and went towards the Honor Flight Network and the Honor Bus program.

Both of these programs provide veterans with an all-expense paid excursions to Washington D.C. in honor and recognition of their service. They visit the veteran memorials that highlight the sacrifices

and triumphs of those who served, past and present.”

“There was a family we helped at Christmas a few years ago, where we purchased at least three beds for the family as the children were sleeping on the floor. We bought them clothing, toys, and food. The thankfulness and appreciation we receive makes it all worth it.

“We also helped a single mother last year with some things and she was so appreciative of the Lions Club for all they do. She works at a minimum wage job with two small children, they both needed glasses and we provided that for them. She wouldn’t ask for anything for Christmas for herself, all she wanted was clothes for her kids and no toys. But Santa was definitely bringing them toys.”

She was asked what she needed and she told Carolyn that she needed a winter coat because she was using her coworkers’. She drove her car back and forth to church only. But there was such a noise in it she was scared to drive.

“So, we made a deal with a local business downtown, and we got her car fixed and thank God we did, because it was a wheel bearing. We provide Thanksgiving baskets to people in need and deliver them to different families,” Brook continued.

In January, the club packaged up hundreds of sterilized, recycled medicine bottles and hundreds of eyeglasses to be shipped to people in need.

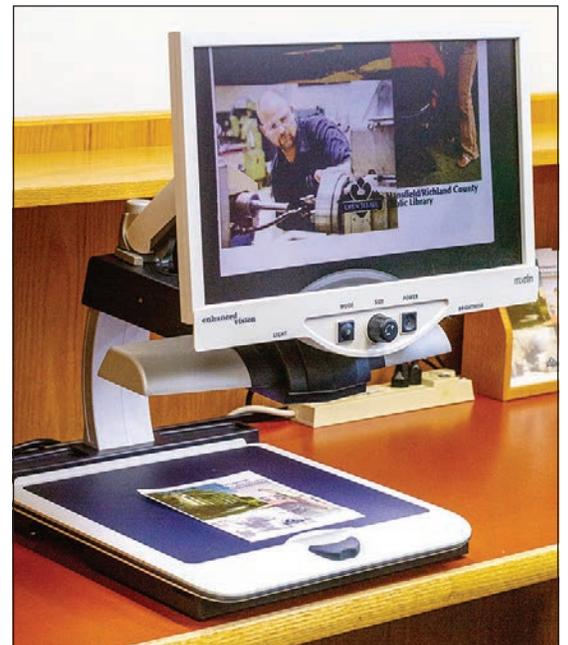
They also send donations to the refugees in Ukraine. In 2020, they completed 22 shoe boxes for children in third world countries along with the churches in the community.

The Bellville Lions Club’s most recent large project is purchasing flags from Texas that are made by veterans. The Boy Scouts help put them together and display them around town. For a small fee of \$35 for the year, citizens can get a flag put up and taken down for Memorial Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July, Patriots Day and Veterans Day. This large and growing project not only is a fundraiser, but it allows the Lions Club to donate funds to the Boys Scouts, American Legion Riders, Gifts for the Yanks, Love Our Hero’s and other important organizations.

The founding father of the Lions Club International, Melvin Jones said, “You can’t get very far until you start doing something for somebody else.” If you are looking for a way to give back to the community, consider joining your local Lions Club.

The Bellville Lions Club has built two pavilions for the village, provided scholarships for seniors at Clear Fork High School, helped families in need, supported the Boy Scouts, and did special programs like the “Parade of Flags” for the village.

The funds that the club raises help go towards causes like hunger, vision, youth, childhood cancer, environmental, disaster relief, diabetes, and humanitarian efforts. Visit the Bellville Ohio Lions Club on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/BellvilleOhioLionsClub/>





OUTSTANDING SPEAKER AWARD for the overall contest included Natalie Adkins, Emma Kleman and Marissa Barciz and Bryson Bays



4-H PREPARED SPEAKING: 1st, Kaley Bowman; 2nd, Maylanna Gamble; and 3rd, Sofia Johnson

Youth participate in 4-H Public Speaking Contest

The Richland County 4-H program held its spring public speaking contest at the Richland County Longview Center on Tuesday, April 26. Extension Educator Dr. Judy Villard Overocker welcomed youth participants, parents and 4-H volunteers to the event.

Villard Overocker remarked that “Each division of this public speaking contest focuses on refining public speaking skills for the 4-H members. The skills learned and practiced now will benefit all of these youth when they become adults”.

Winners of the 4-H Pledge: 1st, Marissa Barciz (Mansfield); 2nd, Emma Kleman (Shelby); 3rd, Bryson Bays (Ashland).

Winners of the 4-H Prepared Speaking: 1st, Kaley Bowman (Mansfield); 2nd, Maylanna Gamble (Mansfield); 3rd, Sofia Johnson (Mansfield).

Winner of the Intermediate Demonstration Contest: Sawyer Eshelman (Shelby). Sawyer will be invited to participate at the Ohio State Fair in August.

Outstanding Speaker Award (special judges award) for the overall contest included Natalie Adkins, Bryson Bays, Emma Kleman and Marissa Barciz.

Judges for the 4-H event included Mary K. Steele, Diane Larrick, Robert Rhea and Gloria Franklin.

Major donors for this public speaking contests were the Greenslade Family, Charles Miller & Associates, Auctioneers, Abbott Family – Ian, Faith, Carson & Emily Eidt, the Beverage Family and Chad Kirkpatrick/Amy Secor.

Public speaking skills are one of the important abilities 4-H members learn through study and practice in the Richland County 4-H program. Many current 4-H club members go beyond the club level and participate in Richland County’s spring public speaking contest. In addition, some youth will be invited to participate at a state level competition.

(Photos by Jenna Wolford)



INTERMEDIATE DEMONSTRATION Contest winner Sawyer Eshelman will be invited to participate at the Ohio State Fair in August. He is congratulated by Beth Brown.

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Madison NHS students complete service project

Photos and Article
By Traci Little

Madison Comprehensive High School National Honor Society Advisor, Tracey Burden, could not say enough wonderful things about the students volunteering at Madison Community Youth Park. They participated in community service work from

about 7:40 am until 2 pm on April 26.

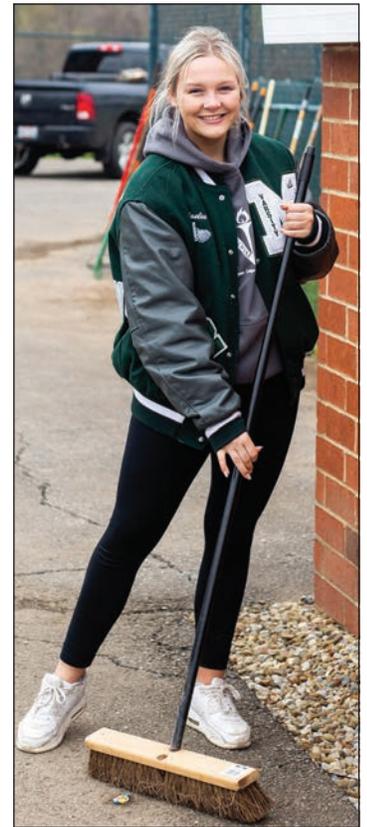
The students and volunteers helped by cleaning up and mulching multiple areas of the park to get it ready for baseball and softball season. They worked with Dave Miller, Madison Youth Park board member, and more of his volunteers to get

a lot accomplished.

These are all seniors at Madison High School and have worked really hard to be part of the National Honor Society. They need a minimum amount of hours of community service and this was their end of the year group service project together.



CLASS OF 2022 NHS MEMBERS (in no particular order) are Aiden Balas, Faith Brammer, Ariel Burkey, Cayden Clapper, Addyson Cox, Ashlyn Ellis, Breanna Ford, Elizabeth Harry, Reagan Hayes, Kayla Heinberger, Emilie Hoffer, Gracie Hout, Mariah Hunt, Shannon Jamieson, Rilee Kershner, Faith Kuhn, Andrew Larsen, Brett Lucas, Alyssa Markley, Brooke Mooney, Jameson Myers, Maci Myers, Olivia Neal, Chloe O'Brien, Cortney Ousley, Alexis Papst, Ema Pritchard, Keylee Rogers, Eli Sackman, Raelee Shenberger, Gracie Shoup, Shannon Stapleton, Kylie Stout, Mikayla Wiles and Marianna Woodruff.



Raelee Shenberger



MADISON YOUTH PARK BOARD MEMBER, Dave Miller (far right), with some of the students. Dave said, "I was so appreciative of these wonderful students making the time to serve their community in this way. They got so much accomplished in just one day: mulching, staining, cleaning bathrooms, hanging sponsor signs and American flags, and more!"



Jameson Myers, Olivia Neal, Faith Brammer and Shannon Jamieson

Madison NHS Service Project at Madison Community Youth Park



Alyssa Markley, Andrew Larsen and Alexis Papst



Aiden Balas



Faith Kuhn and Gracie Hout



Ariel Burkey and Gracie Shoup



Cortney Ousley, Keylee Rogers and Ema Pritchard



Elizabeth Harry

Richland County Foundation grants help meet emerging needs

The Richland County Foundation Board of Trustees approved grants totaling \$562,905 during its April meeting.

The Board of Trustees approved a grant from the Community Fund to Downtown Mansfield, Inc. (DMI) for a pilot program to address the needs of the homeless community and the ongoing development of downtown. Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, Richland County Job and Family Services, Richland County Commissioners, and DMI have partnered with the Mansfield Police Department to develop the program.

A Homeless Response Team consisting of a behavioral health professional and a law enforcement officer will work together. The behavioral health professional will provide mental health and substance use disorder assessments and connect individuals with resources.

The law enforcement officer will provide security and support. The program will begin May 1 and continue through

June 30, 2023. Data will be collected and evaluated with a report for potential changes to the program by Sept. 1.

A grant was awarded from the Board Discretionary Fund to the City of Mansfield – Community Development Department to create an incentive for downtown property owners to renovate the upper floors in buildings for additional apartments. The grant supports a project outlined in the Mansfield Rising Plan.

The Princess Endowment's Field Strong Summer Youth Camp received a field of interest fund grant for summer programming. Volunteers will hold a summer camp for area youth in the former Hedges School building.

Four career technical education scholarships were approved for students 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.

The Board of Trustees approved grants from donor-advised funds which allow 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.

The following organizations received grants from donor-advised funds: Altrusa, Catalyst, EHOVE, Friendly House, Friends of the Richland County Park District, Habitat for Humanity, Healthnetwork Foundation Inc., Hospice of North Central Ohio, Kingwood Center Gardens, Lexington Baseball Softball Association, Little Buckeye Children's Museum, Love INC., Lucas Local Schools, Mansfield Art Center, Mansfield Playhouse, Mary McLeod Bethune Intervention and Enrichment Center, North

End Community Improvement Collaborative, Ohio Bird Sanctuary, Raemelon Therapeutic Equestrian Center, Renaissance Performing Arts, Richland Academy of the Arts, Richland County Soil & Water Conservation District, Richland Newhope Industries, Richland Pregnancy Services, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio, Salvation Army – Dewald Community Center, United Way of Richland County and YMCA of North Central Ohio.

The 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.



THE OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 2 recognized Ontario Food Services Manager Eva Harmon for her 37 years of service.

May 5 presentation in Ontario can help those new to medicare

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., in partnership with the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program, will host a "New to Medicare" event on Thursday, May 5, from 2-4 pm at Hawkins Corner, 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario.

This is a free informative event. Area Agency on Aging staff will be available to assist individuals in completing applications.

For questions about this event or other events contact the Benefits Enrollment Center (BEC) at the Area Agency on Aging at 419-525-6749 and your call will be returned. No registration is required to attend the event.

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., located in Ontario, Ohio, provides leadership, collaboration, coordination and services to older adults, people with disabilities, their caregivers and resource networks that support individual choice, independence and dignity.

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ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL CLEAN-UP DAY



Foundation creates DVD to help kids who stutter

Kids who stutter have a lot to say, and friends can show them how in *Stuttering: For Kids By Kids*, a DVD in English and Spanish starring kids who stutter, available at most public libraries or through interlibrary loan.

Many children who stutter have never met others who struggle with the same disability. In this DVD from the Stuttering Foundation, they meet kids who recount how they handle challenges such as teasing, speaking out in class, and teaching others about stuttering.

Swish, a lively and engaging animated basketball character designed by students at Purdue University, narrates the DVD. The children, who range in age from first-graders to high school students, offer frank and sometimes differing views of stuttering.

For example, Matthew, age 10, says about his speech difficulties, "It's no big deal;" but Kate, age 9, worries about talking, what is going to happen next and whether or not she'll stutter. Arianne, age 14, says, "The hardest part about stuttering is to get through it and to stay in there when you're stuck." Umang, age 12, agrees, "Sometimes it gets kind of annoying when you want to say something and you can't. I also get worried what other people might think if I do stutter and wonder if I'll be able to get out of my blocks and things."

"All those interested in helping kids learn more about stuttering will want to see this tape," said speech-language pathologist Bill Murphy of Purdue University. "The children featured are a perfect example of how to openly and honestly handle stuttering." "This is an important tool for families and teachers of kids who stutter," added Jane Fraser, president of the nonprofit Stuttering Foundation.

Other professionals and specialists in stuttering in this production include Kristin Chmela of Northwestern University, Joe Donaher of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Lisa Scott of Florida State University, and Lee Caggiano of Friends.

Since 1947, the nonprofit foundation has provided free materials to public libraries nationwide. A library that will shelve them can download a request form at <http://www.stutteringhelp.org/libraries-information>, email info@stutteringhelp.org or call 800-992-9392.

Currently the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library has a copy of the DVD on order.

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Ontario Schools Menu

Breakfast

- Monday: Apple cinnamon muffin, fruit juice
- Tuesday: Whole grain mini pancakes, fruit juice
- Wednesday: Cream cheese filled bagel, fruit juice
- Thursday: Whole grain cinni mini roll, fruit juice
- Friday: Two whole grain pop tarts, fruit juice

Week of May 9

- Monday: Chicken nuggets, broccoli, apple cinnamon loaf, peaches
- Tuesday: Turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed fruit, cookie bar
- Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, bread sticks, fruit cup
- Thursday: Sloppy joe sandwich, baked beans, mandarin oranges, pudding cup
- Friday: Chicken drumsick, cooked carrots, roll with butter, applesauce cup

Week of May 16

- Monday: Corn dog, sweet potato rounds, pineapple, brownie
- Tuesday: Hamburger or hot dog, baked beans, potato chips, fruit juice (High School: cookout day)
- Wednesday: French toast sticks, sausage patty, hash brown, orange juice
- Thursday: Fish sandwich, cole slaw, potato chips, pears
- Friday: Pepperoni pizza, romaine salad, peaches, ice cream cup

Week of May 23

- Monday: Chicken patty sandwich, green beans, orange sherbet, Jello cup
 - Tuesday: Pepperoni pizza calzone, potato rounds, mixed fruit, fruit snack
 - Wednesday: Hamburger or hot dog, baked beans, potato chips, fruit juice
(Middle School: cookout day)
- (Stingel: sack lunches: Peanut butter/jelly pocket, carrot sticks, potato chips, fruit juice)

Ontario High School Class of 2022 E- Day (Employment • Education • Enlistment)





THE ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL PROM COURT 2022 members are front, Macy Mangan, Emma Drexel, Jasylyn Ly, Ava Ruhe, Tiffany Whittaker, Priya Das, Chloe Hollar, Chasity Mies, Brooklyn Blaising and Alexis Barry; and back, Gage Johnson, Joshua Young, Nathan Slater, Alexander Rathburn, Donovan Ditmars, Jacob Barabani, Evan Trumpower, Lukas Hopton and Aiden Frankhouse. Not pictured is Ethan Turnbaugh.

Act supports Ohio teachers and invests in Ohio students

By Senator Sherrod Brown

The COVID-19 pandemic only highlighted what we already knew — teachers are essential workers. Educators sacrifice so much for their students, and for our state.

Unfortunately, that hard work never pays off the way it should. On average, teachers are paid 20 percent less than other college graduates. Many of them work second jobs just to make ends meet. And on top of that, teachers often spend hundreds of dollars of their own hard-earned money on supplies for their classrooms.

That's why I introduced the Educators Expense Deduction Modernization Act to quadruple the amount that K through 12 educators are able to deduct for classroom expenses on their taxes at the end of the year.

According to a Department of Education study, 94 percent of public-school teachers spend their own money on classroom supplies, and about 1 in 10 teachers spend more than \$1,000 each year.

Yet right now, teachers can only deduct a fraction of those costs from their taxes.

The Expense Deduction Modernization Act would raise the amount from \$250 to \$1,000.

It would also expand the definition of who qualifies for this credit, expanding it to all educators. That means teachers, counselors, principals and other aides would all be able to deduct up to \$1,000 for the classroom supplies they end up needing to buy on their own, to make sure our students are getting the education they deserve.

It's a small but meaningful change for the educators who do so much — and often sacrifice so much — for their students and their families and our communities, both inside and outside the classroom.

Ohio educators shouldn't have to dip into their too-small paychecks simply to do their jobs.

I'll continue to work with my colleagues on ways to ways to support Ohio's educators, and deliver real savings for all Ohioans.

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Clear Fork welcomes input, changes meeting dates

The Clear Fork Valley Local Schools Board of Education receives federal funding through the Special Education — IDEA (Part B) grant to assist with education of handicapped children, ages three through 21.

Community members who would like to have input into the planning of the use of the federal IDEA funds are welcome to provide comment during the public participation section of the Regular Board Meeting to be held on Thursday, June 9, at 6:30 pm in the Butler Elementary Cafeteria, 125 College St., Butler.

Contact Bradd Stevens prior to 3 pm on June 8, 2022 if unable to attend in person, but would like comments included.

The Clear Fork Valley Local Schools Board of Education has changed the date of the regularly scheduled May Board meeting that originally was to be held on Thursday, May 19, at 6:30 pm to now be held on Thursday, May 12, at 6:30 pm in the Bellville Elementary Cafeteria, 195 School St., Bellville. The date has been changed due to a conflict with senior awards night.

The Clear Fork Valley Local Schools Board of Education has also changed the date of the regularly scheduled June Board meeting that originally was to be held on Thursday, June 16, at 6:30 pm to now be held on Thursday, June 9, at 6:30 pm in the Butler Elementary Cafeteria.

Senior Spring Extravaganza will be held for older Americans month

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. will hold a Senior Spring Extravaganza on Wednesday, May 25 at 10 am at the Richland County Fairgrounds in Mansfield.

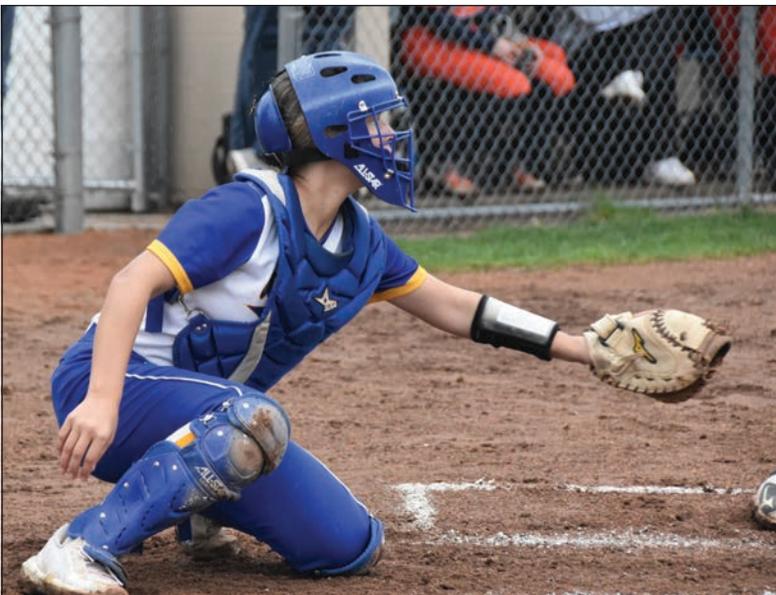
This free event, hosted by the Area Agency on Aging, is held in recognition of Older Americans Month and offers guests entertainment, refreshments, resources, information regarding aging issues, and a chance to win door prizes.

The Area Agency on Aging will Rock 'n' Roll into the 1950s with the theme Age My Way! This year will celebrate senior citizens with an on-site classic car show, entertainer Randy Velez singing the oldies but goodies, a free lunch, BINGO, and much more.

Sponsorships, Vendor Booths, and Car Show slots are available but must register. The event will be held in person in two buildings and the parking lot. Masks are not required but are encouraged. For more information call 567-247-6487.

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Photos by Jenna Wolford

Olympics return to Madison Schools

The torch has been lit again for the Madison Olympics.

Third and fourth graders from Mifflin, South, Eastview, and the fifth graders will compete in the Olympics at the high school football field on May 12, at 6 pm.

Each building will be sending representatives for each event.

The events will be the 50 yard dash, 100 meter sprint, 400 meter, 4x100 relay, standing long jump, and 4K medicine ball throw. There will also be activities for those not participating.

Students will be learning about the events in their physical education classes and be practicing.

Once students have learned and had the opportunity to practice, there will be tryouts for each event. The top five girls and top five boys for each event will be competing May 12th

Admission into the Olympics will be any amount of money donation.

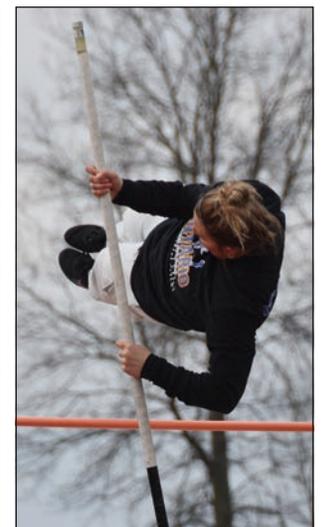
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Ontario High School Track and Field at Shelby • April 26



Chasity Mies broke the school record with a pole vault of 10'1"



Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

MCS trio earns state and national swim honors

Three members of the Trumppower family were honored at a banquet hosted by Ohio Swimming, Inc., on Sunday, April 10.

The event took place at the Manor House Event Center and included over 100 athletes.

Those in attendance were entertained by special guest speaker Coleman Stewart, formerly of NC State University. Stewart is a 2 x NCAA champion, 22 x All-American, American record holder, and current World record holder in the 100 Backstroke (SCM).

Grantham, 14, was recognized for his second place finish in the Ohio Virtual Distance Challenge. During the 2021-'22 season, he also competed for Team Ohio in Indianapolis and served as flag bearer in the opening ceremony of the Mid States All Star Championship.

Grantham was honored to

stand next to Olympic Gold Medalist and World record holder Lilly King as she held the American flag during the playing of the "National Anthem."

At the 2022 Ohio Junior Olympic Championship meet, he was a finalist in the 100 Freestyle (10th).

Grantham sums up his season, "Well I had high expectations for the JO meet because my regular season took some time to get to where I wanted to be."

"I decided not to do seven events so I could focus on five of my favorites and also do four relays and just try to enjoy the experience. During the 100 free I did not hear the start because the crowd was so loud. But I knew that God would not leave me, and He didn't. I ended up still posting a best time."

Mirielle, 12, was recognized

as the 11-12 Individual High Point award winner at the Ohio Junior Olympic Championship. During the three-day competition, she earned seven medals (six gold, one bronze), and was honored by USA Swimming as a National Top 10 swimmer in her age group for the 50 Butterfly. Mirielle talked about her goals for the weekend, "My main goal this championship meet was to grow closer to God. I really wanted to learn more about Him and I really did. The hardest thing about a Junior Olympic State meet is that you have to race seven events prelims and finals. So you have to swim fast in the morning. I wanted to get my best times in the morning to get a good lane in the A final. And I did that. Then with God's help I trusted him that I would be able to come back each night and swim even faster in all sev-

en events. That is a lot for my body and my mind and so I really felt God was near."

Adayaleise, 10, was recognized for her first place finish in the Ohio Virtual Distance Challenge and received the 10-under Individual High Point award for her incredible swims at the 2022 Ohio Junior Olympic Championship. During the three-day competition, Adayaleise earned a total of seven gold medals and was honored for breaking the 10-under Ohio LSC record in the 500 Freestyle, which had been set in 2003. She was also recognized by USA Swimming as a National Top 10 swimmer in her age group for the 500 Freestyle. Adaya talked about the goals she set as well.

"Every time I get to race, it is a chance to see what God can do. I just really love to swim because I know I will get to spend each lap with Him. I set my goal to only think about the gift it was to be with Him and I prayed He would help me get my best times in everything plus also win all seven events. It was hard to touch the wall first in every race because the other girls were so fast, but I thank God for still giving me that blessing! It was all Him!"

During the fall and winter season, the siblings swam for Rocket Swim Club located in Oak Harbor and were also selected to compete for Team Ohio at the Mid States All Star Championship in Indianapolis.

All three athletes will be swimming for the Clear Fork Piranhas in Lexington this summer and have collectively set 21 Clear Fork pool records and eight GMAC championship records, winning a total of 55 GMAC event titles.



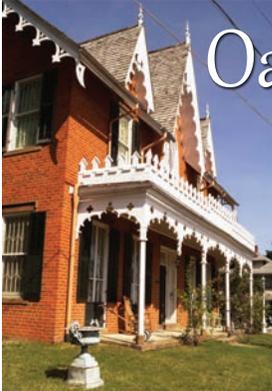
Adayaleise Trumppower, Mirielle Trumppower, Coleman Stewart and Grantham Trumppower

Hendrix honored at Heidelberg

Kylie Hendrix of Ontario was among about 85 students honored at the conclusion of the spring semester at Heidelberg University.

This year's Student Awards Celebration was held on April 22 and returned to an in-person celebration after a two-year pandemic hiatus.

Hendrix, a freshman majoring in Integrated Media, received the Alexander and Christina Garver Memorial Prize for best English composition for first-year students (first place) during Heidelberg's celebration of academic, athletic, service and leadership excellence among individual students, student organizations and staff and faculty members.



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FOR EARTH DAY, Mrs. Welch's Biology and Environmental Science students at Ontario High School learned about pollination and planted their own pot of dwarf sunflowers that they will take home in a couple weeks.



STATE CHAMPION Lyndsee Young of Madison Comprehensive High School signed a national letter of intent to wrestle at Rochester University in Michigan. As a senior, Lyndsee's awards include 3rd Year Varsity Letter, Heart of Ohio Champion, Ridgedale Invitational Champion, Columbia Invitational Champion, OHSWCA District Champion, OHSWCA State Champion, Overall Season Record: 29-15, Season Girls Record: 22-1, Team 110% Award and Captain. Earlier this season, Lyndsee became Madison's first female wrestler to win a district title and qualify for state. She went undefeated at the Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association's Girls State Tournament at Hilliard Davidson High School. Madison's head wrestling coach is Bryan Mosier.



MADISON STUDENTS Ella Walker, CJ Steffey, Veronica Mawer, Serinity Merritt and Alex Fisher earned the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) reward for representing the Rams in a positive way.

Mansfield Christian School Prom 2022



Mansfield Christian School Prom King and Queen
Seth Them and Aubrynn Maiyer



Seth Them is crowned King by Wyler Cramer



Aubrynn Maiyer receives her crown from Brian Craddolph



Most Likely to be a Mansfield Christian School Teacher:
Jada Hockman and Ethan Byrom



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Seniors

Seniors — Ian Barnes, Laura Beckett, Meredith Bise, Brooklyn Blaising, Gracen Boor, Gi-ana Camarata, Haley Carpenter, Alejandro Carrizal Ramos, Ryan Chapman, Rachell Clark, Nathaniel Cogar, Brody Conley, Johnathan Corcoran, Brandon Daily, Priya Das, Darian Delbrugge, Emma Drexel, Samantha Fraley, Aiden Frankhouse, Madison Genders, McKenna Gorbett, Kendal Goulding, Brooke Hagerman, Jansen Hildreth, Elliott Hopkins, Sophia Humphrey, Nathaniel Judson, Shelby Keever, Jaslyn Ly, Macy Mangan, Ellie Maurer, Chasity Mies, Allison Moody, Destiny Moton, Chance Mullins, Rylee Nigh, Amanda Phillips, Alexander Rathburn, Nathaniel Reid, Elizabeth Roley, Ava Ruhe, Audrey Saltzgeber, Ashton Schonauer, Cooper Schroeder, Madelyn Seibel, Nathan Slater, Courtney Smith, Alyssa Taylor, Riley Them, Evan Trumpower, Riley Vavra, Brooklynn Whar-ton, Tiffany Whittaker and Shelby Zimmerman



Juniors

Juniors — Omar Abdelaziz, Hayden Baker, McKenzie Barnhart, Zachary Berry, Leah Blay, Cameron Boyce, Elizabeth Corn, Jayden Dechert, Kennedy Ernst, Joslyne Frazier, Easton Frost, Nevaeh Garza, Kaden Gilland, Joseph Griefenstine, Kayen Huvler, Olivia Justice, Colin Kmetz, Joseph Litao, Brandon Litteral, Robert Mangan, Grace McClenathan, Duncan McLean, Miles Meisse, Kylee Mullins, Elizabeth Nagel, Brody Phillips, Natalie Reid, Logan Rhodebeck, Luke Russell, Hadley Schultz, Elijah Selser, Lauren Sexton, Alexis Shaver, Kylie Snow, Audrey Spearman, Chandler Spognardi, Andrew Stephens, James Stewart, Alexandria Switaj, Brienne Trumpower, Adison Turnbaugh, Connor Wiggins, Elanor Wilg-ing and Erica Ye



Sophomores

Sophomores — Carson Barnes, Charles Danuloff, Makayla Dickson, Paige Dunkle, Alexander Ellis, Autumn Ervin, Quinton Frankhouse, Trista Jewell, Olivia Kreger, Jaslyn Lopez, Jena Ly, Najee Morris, Kavva Patel, Brayden Robinson, Grady Schroeder, Ella Saffer, Jonah So, Chase Studer, Gracie Thurber, Carter Weaver, Brooklyn Weinandy, Canaan Wentz, Richard Ye and Brady Zehe



Freshmen

Freshmen — Jack Belding, Madison Carpenter, Taylor Dille, Brooke Eyerly, Zoe Hampton, Eden Howard, Samuel Jackson, Vanessa Liu, Zachary McChristy, Rowan McManes, Emma Mies, Bodpegn Miller, Claire Morrison, Alan O'Blisk, Camden Platner, Ryan Racer, Ethan Radojcsics, Laila Amos, Evan Ruhe, Elaina Seif, Claire Shaw, Landon Sowards, Grady Taylor, Mason Turnbaugh, Anna Ward, Kennedy Weiler and Jack Zahn

AARP launches online resource center to help protect veterans

Ohio's 864,923 military veterans and active-duty service members are at risk of being targeted by scammers. AARP has launched the AARP Veterans Fraud Center, a new online education and resource center to help protect veterans, service members and their families against fraud.

According to an AARP survey, one in three military/veteran adults reported losing money to scams that are specifically trying to take advantage of the trust they have in the military community.

Veterans, active-duty service members and their families are 40% more likely to lose money to scams and fraud than the civilian population. These individuals lost more than \$267 million in 2021, up from \$102 million in 2020 (a 162% increase), according to the Federal Trade Commission.

"Targeting scams at members of the military community is unconscionable," said State Director Holly Holtzen. "AARP Ohio has launched this effort to alert veterans and their families of the latest scams and how to avoid them."

Top scams aimed at veterans include:

Benefit Buyouts: Turning over U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) pension and/or disability benefits for a supposed lump-sum payment that never materializes (47%).

Fraudulent records scam: Paying for updated personal military re-

cords (32%).

The fake charitable giving request: Donating to fake veteran charities (32%).

Free resources in the AARP Veterans Fraud Center include:

A new AARP Watchdog Alert Handbook: Veterans' Edition, highlighting tips to detect the most common ways con artists target veterans and military families;

The AARP Fraud Watch Network and Scam-Tracking Map; and Operation Protect Veterans — a joint program of the AARP Fraud Watch Network and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

Some top tips AARP's Fraud Watch Network recommends include: signing up for the National Do Not Call Registry and using a call-blocking service; using strong and unique passwords for each online account; using two-factor authentication when available; and placing a free security freeze on credit reports at each of the three major credit bureaus. Also, veterans never have to pay for their service records or earned benefits — if told otherwise, it's a scam.

AARP Ohio's Volunteer Speakers Bureau has skilled volunteers trained to help fight and prevent fraud. Speakers provide free presentations via Zoom or in-person to groups throughout the state, including community organizations, private businesses, veteran's organizations, houses of worship, AARP Chapters and more.

In addition to the latest tips on fraud, various presentations that address the issues that matter most to Ohioans 50+ are available. To request a speaker or check out the topics currently available, visit <https://states.aarp.org/ohio/aarp-ohio-speakers-bureau> or call toll-free 866-389-5653.

To learn more about the AARP Veterans Fraud Center and to download a free copy of the new Watchdog Alert Handbook: Veterans' Edition, visit www.aarp.org/vetsfraudcenter. For additional resources and information on AARP's support for veterans and military families, including caregiving, competing in today's job market, and connecting with earned service benefits, visit www.aarp.org/veterans

Foundation schedules meeting

The Richland County Foundation will conduct its annual meeting Wednesday, May 18, at 11:30 am at Kingwood Center Gardens, Mansfield.

During the meeting, chair Jessica Gribben and president Brady Groves will review the foundation's work during 2021.

Two board of trustee members will be recognized and thanked for their years of service and dedication: Beth DeLaney and Debbi Adams.

The foundation invites anyone in the community who is in-

terested to attend the luncheon.

Online registration is available at richlandcountyfoundation.org, click the events tab. The cost is \$30 a person. To register by mail, send a check to 181 S. Main St., Mansfield, OH 44902.

For more information call 419-525-3020.

The foundation, a not-for-profit 501(c)3, 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.

Funding approved for Mansfield Police

The State Controlling Board has approved the release of \$402,418 for the Mansfield Police Department to assist local communities in reducing and preventing crime.

House Bill 110, the State Operating Budget made this allocation possible. It will be used for overtime, equipment, technical assistance, and analytical support to implement crime reduction strategies.

This funding is a part of the Office of Criminal Justice Services grant program within which \$4 million has been allocated to various police forces throughout the state.

"Mansfield Police and the community will both benefit from this grant as it will leave our city a safer place to live and raise a family," said state representative Marilyn John.

New cost-share grants announced

In an effort to promote conservation practices by landowners, Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) is providing cost-share grants to offset some of the cost of installing a rain garden, purchasing a rain barrel or having soil tested.

These practices help protect the health of soil and water resources and conserve water. The funds supporting this grant program came from generous donations made during the Richland Gives event in November 2021.

The application period is open until June 1. For further details and an application, please visit <https://forms.gle/XBS1LQ3rc9RZ5p1QA>, call 419-747-8685 or email Contact@RichlandSWCD.net

RPS Walk for Life is June 4

In celebration of the 35th anniversary, Richland Pregnancy Services will host Walk for Life on Saturday, June 4, at Mansfield's historic North Lake Park, and the start of the Richland B & O Bike Trail, at 270 Westbrook Ave., in Mansfield.

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

By registering at www.friendsofrichlandpregnancy.com/events/walkforlife, participants will receive access to their very own website that will allow them to raise funds for Richland

Pregnancy Services by asking friends and family to sponsor them as they walk.

Walkers will be eligible to win prizes from local businesses and state-wide attractions and entered into prize drawings the day of the event.

Walkers who register by May 15 and raise funds for RPS will receive a free t-shirt.

The first 200 walkers to register will receive a free goody bag. RPS' goal is to raise \$35,000 for 35 years of serving the community.

Richland Pregnancy Services is a faith based 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

For more information, call 419-522-8863, ext. 203 or email amy@richlandpregnany.com.

HEAP available to help Ohioans

Those who need help paying for winter heating bills may be able to get help from Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP).

Benefits are applied to an individual's energy bill after Jan. 1.

Applications for the program must be received by May 31. HEAP helps Ohioans at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines pay their heating bills. Anyone age 18 and older may apply. Those 60 and over can get assistance with filling out the application. All heating types are eligible for energy assistance programs.

For more information call 419-524-4144 or 800-860-5799.

Ohio bridge projects receive significant funding increase

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced that Ohio's yearly funding allocation for local bridge projects is increasing by \$47.5 million for the next five years, bringing Ohio's annual investment in county and municipal bridges to \$112.5 million per year.

Funding provided by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for bridges maintained by the state's 88 county engineers will increase from \$34 million to \$74 million annually, and municipal-owned bridge funding will increase from \$11 million to \$18.5 million each year.

The additional \$47.5 million is part of the \$104 million in bridge funding that Ohio will receive in each of the next five years as part of the recently enacted federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The law requires Ohio to invest \$15.6 million of the \$104 million each year into bridges owned by municipalities, townships, and counties, but the announcement more than triples the amount going to local communities.

"Many of the expensive repairs needed on small, locally-owned bridges cost far beyond what our communities can afford, which is why I've directed ODOT to devote more money to support local bridge projects," said Governor DeWine. "By partnering together to ensure the necessary improvements are made, those driving over Ohio's bridges can feel confident that they are safe."

Governor DeWine also announced that small locally-owned bridges will also be eligible for funding as part of ODOT's Local Major Bridge Program, bringing the total number of eligible bridges from 54 to 238. The program pays for up to 80 percent of the construction and engineering costs for major bridge projects with a cap of \$20 million.

"ODOT will continue to aggressively address bridges throughout the state that are under our jurisdiction while at the same time doing everything we can to ensure our local partners have the resources they need to address their most critical issues," said ODOT Director Jack Marchbanks.

Local governments can apply for ODOT funding through the ODOT Office of Local Programs website. Ohio's 88 County Engineers will continue to apply for funding through dedicated programs managed by the County Engineers Association of Ohio.

ODOT's total local bridge investment of \$112.5 million in each of the next five years combines the new federal funding with other programs that aid local governments. The total investment for both state and local bridges is \$407.5 million per year.

Visit Zanesville releases new materials

Muskingum County Trail Guide, Your Outdoor Recreation Destination. The Zanesville-Muskingum County Convention and Visitors Bureau is pleased to announce the new Muskingum County Trail Guide is now available.

Using this quick-reference guide to match allows visitors to match their outdoor passion with the amenities Muskingum County has to offer. From thousands of acres of land trails and hundreds of miles of water trails you will certainly find a trail that is calling you back to nature.

Muskingum County is rich in opportunity for sportsmen and outdoor enthusiasts who come from far and wide to enjoy getting out on the trail. Muskingum County is home to several state and city parks and athletic centers that offer recreation for the entire family! From nature walks, fitness, hiking, mountain biking, on-road biking, horseback riding, kayaking, canoeing, tubing, paddleboarding, power boating and outdoor adventure, Muskingum County is sure to be your outdoor destination.

Visit Zanesville is also excited to announce a new Activity Guide is now available! With color pages, word search, puzzles, drawing and more! This guide will be sure to keep your little one busy while learning about Muskingum County.

To request a free copy of the Muskingum County Trail Guide and/or Activity Book, call Visit Zanesville at 740-455-8282 extension 108, email acook@zmchamber.com or visit Visitor's Guide - Traveler's Guide - Muskingum County - Ohio (visitzanesville.com).

Hospice of North Central Ohio receives Black Family Foundation Grant

The Robert & Ester Black Family Foundation Fund at The Richland County Community Foundation has approved a grant in the amount of \$7,600.00 to fund the training of front-line caregivers in Alzheimer's and Dementia Care at Hospice of North Central Ohio.

Teresa Wilkins, HNCO Director of Clinical Services stated, "This special training will allow our frontline staff to apply for Certified Dementia Practitioner (CP) from The National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners. Hospice and Palliative healthcare providers with expertise in Alzheimer's and Dementia can better help families understand what to expect in both the early and final stages of the disease."

Ralph Tomassi, HNCO Chief Development Officer added, "the number of hospice patients with dementia is expected to rise by 40 percent globally by 2050. This grant will help our caregivers become better equipped to address this new dynamic in end-of-life care."

Hospice of North Central Ohio has served thousands of families with compassionate end-of-life and Palliative care, bereavement programs and services since 1988. Headquartered at 1021 Dauch Drive in Ashland, Hospice of North Central Ohio serves more than 200 patients daily in Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Morrow, and Richland counties who are living with chronic and terminal illnesses.

Additionally, free continuous bereavement services are provided for hundreds of families of hospice patients and to anyone in the community experiencing grief. HNCO also operates the What Goes 'Round Thrift Shoppe located in downtown Mansfield.

Call 800-952-2207 for more information. HNCO is a 501 c3 non-profit organization with over 37 years of experience and a community partner of United Way of Ashland and Knox County.

Events planned for Mohican area

Mohican State Park and Forest are home to our many recreational trails, including the only IMBA EPIC mountain biking trail in Ohio. Whether hiking, biking, or by horseback, the Mohican trails are full of scenic views and year-round beauty.

Nearby Malabar Farm is one of Ohio's most unique and interesting State Parks. Home of Pulitzer Prize winning author, screenwriter, and conservationist Louis Bromfield, Malabar Farm State Park is a true working farm. The Mohican, a state scenic river, runs along the Wally Road Scenic Byway. Known to be "Ohio's Largest Recreational Complex", the Wally is the heart of the famous camping and canoeing industry.

Visitors can stop in downtown historic Loudonville and visit the unique specialty shops or take a day trip to Amish Country to tour an Amish home and farm. The shopped-lined main streets, area museums and Ohio Theatre are among many activities in the area.

Upcoming events include:
 June 4, Summer Beach Festival, Pleasant Hill Lake Park
 June 11, International Wine Festival at the Mill Fundraiser, Wolf Creek Grist Mill & Museum
 July 2, 21st Annual Classic Car Show, Downtown Loudonville
 July 1 and 2, Antique Festival, Downtown Loudonville
 July 4, Fireworks, Downtown Loudonville
 July 15-17, Christmas in July & Fireworks, Pleasant Hill Lake Park
 The area offers over 4,000 campsites, private cabins, a castle, state park lodge, historic bed and breakfasts, and more. Visit DiscoverMohican.com for more information.

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May recognized as Mental Health Month

Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board is celebrating this year's Mental Health Month with the theme, "Local Help for Local Hope." This theme focuses on opportunities offered by the Board and our community partners. These events are designed to help improve the wellbeing of those we serve, to bring awareness to mental health and to reduce stigma that surrounds a mental health diagnosis.

This year's celebration kicked-off with a town hall to discuss about what is going on in our community as related to mental health and substance use. Other events include proclamations, a drug take back day, a musical stage play, medication disposal bags giveaways, lock box giveaways, a mindfulness interactive activity, support groups, trainings, an anxiety workshop, 'Sparking the Conversation' show, a family festival, the '2nd Annual Mental Health Birthday Walk' and a 'Party in the Park'.

In early May, proclamations came from City of Shelby Mayor Steven Schag and Village of Bellville Mayor Teri Brenkus.

Remaining Mental Health Month Events:

Tuesdays in May at 7:30 pm, Jeff and Donna Heck of 33 Forever, in collaboration with Mid State Multimedia, host a weekly show called *Sparking the Conversation*. The show will address issues related to mental health and suicide while sharing positive stories and outcomes regarding the same. The focus on this show is to bring Mental Health conversations to the local community regarding hope, resiliency and the availability of resources to help those in need. For more information please go to wmfd.com or email kelyk@wvno.com.

May 1-31, Catalyst Life Services will have Helpline available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 419-522-HELP (4357).

May 1-31, The Behavioral Health Urgent Care at Catalyst Life Services offers access to services without an appointment. Receive an initial assessment or brief and solution-focused counseling for mental health and addiction. Located at 741 Scholl Rd., in Mansfield, the urgent care is open Monday, Tuesday and Friday 8 am to 4 pm and Wednesday and Thursday 7:30 am to 7:30 pm.

May 1-31, The Warmline will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for questions or concerns regarding mental health. For more information call 419-522-5300.

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

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

May 1-31, Richland Public Health will be offering free Detera Drug Disposal Pouches. These pouches are an easy way to dispose of your unused or expired medications in the safety of your own home. Properly disposing of your medications helps prevent misuse (especially in youth), prevents overdoses in the community, and protects our environment. The pouches are environmentally friendly and can be thrown in the trash after using them. Flushing medications or throwing them in the trash without using a Detera pouch is not safe. To receive free pouches, call 419-774-4754 or email gdeol@richlandhealth.org

May 1-31, weekdays from 8:30 am to 4 pm, CACY will host a Mindfulness Water Jar make-it and take-activity at 1495 W. Longview Ave., Suite 104, Mansfield. This free interactive activity is a great way for parents and children to have their own tool to use for a deep breathing and healthy focus activity. One mindfulness water jar per person.

May 5, 6-7 pm, NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group is a free, peer-led support group for any adult who has experienced symptoms of a mental health condition. The groups are led by trained leaders who have been there. The group encourages empa-

thy, productive discussion, and a sense of community. Call NAMI at 419-522-6264 for more information.

May 10 at 8:30 am, The Richland County Mental Health Board is offering Enhancing Service Delivery through Ethical Practice training taught by Carol Brown, MSW, LPCC-S, LISW-S. The event offers three training hours for counselors, social workers, marriage and family therapists, chemical dependency counselors or counselor assistants and certified peer supporters. For information call 419-774-5811.

May 10, 7 pm, on behalf of the Village of Plymouth Mayor Cassandra Fryman will offer a proclamation at Plymouth Village Hall.

May 16, 6:30-8 pm, NAMI will offer a family support group designed for those who have a loved one with a mental illness. Anyone is welcome to join the group for support, education and learning. These sessions focus on how to advocate and care for loved ones as well as learning about self-care. Every month NAMI will cover a different topic through a variety of guest speakers. The meeting will be held at the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board, 87 E. First St., in Mansfield.

May 17, 7 pm, on behalf of the City of Mansfield, Mayor Tim Theaker will offer a proclamation at Mansfield City Hall.

May 19, 6-8 pm, The Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board in collaboration with METRICH will host Responding to Addiction in Richland County, a Town Hall meeting, at Mansfield Senior High Auditorium located 124 Linden Rd., Mansfield. This event will offer discussion on how our community is providing local help and local hope for those impacted by addiction. This event is open to the public. More information is available at richlandmentalhealth.com

May 21, 9-11 am, Crossroads Church Ontario Campus, 636 S. Lexington-Springmill Rd., will offer a free "Coping with Anxiety" Workshop. Registration deadline is May 15.

May 21, 9 am to noon, Bike-A-Palooza Family Festival will be held at Northlake Park. The event will be free and open to the public. There will be Bike with a Cop, a Bicycle Safety Rodeo, a bicycle raffle, family entertainment, Mansfield Fire Departments House of Hazards, bike inspections including small bike repairs, temporary tattoos and food.

May 21st at 11:33 a.m. 33 Forever will host the 2nd Annual 33 Forever Mental Health Birthday Walk which will begin at the square in Mansfield and end at the Carrousel. It will be a 3.33 km (2 mile) family friendly walk. The registration fee, for walkers who are encouraged to get sponsors to help raise money for mental health and 33 Forever, is \$33. To register go to <https://33forever.life/>.

May 21, 12-4 pm, Healing Hearts Counseling Center in collaboration with Healing Hearts Foundation of Ohio will celebrate Mental Health month by hosting the second annual "Party in the Park." There will be food, games, kids activities, and a day filled with fun. The event is being held at South Park in Mansfield. A rain date of June 4 has been scheduled.

May 24, 7 pm, Catalyst Life Services Executive Director Erin Schaefer will be speaking to Modern Woodmen of America members about signs of suicide in children and adults. This event is invitation only.

May 25, 6-8 pm, join ODRC's Office of Reentry for a screening and discussion of the documentary *Apart*. Since the beginning of the war on drugs, the number of women in U.S. prisons has grown drastically, majority are mothers. Three formerly incarcerated mothers, jailed for drug-related charges, fight to overcome alienation and a society that labels them 'felons', to readjust to life with their families. The event will be held at North Central State College, Byron Kee Center.

May 25 and 29, 7 pm, the North Central Ohio Harm Reduction Group will host two pop-up events on the square in Mansfield. They will offer free Narcan kits.

June 6 and June 7, The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities Foundation, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, will host Ohio's 2022 Opiate and Other Drugs Conference at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Columbus. This two-day event will be Ohio's 12th Opiate Conference.

For updates on this calendar visit www.richlandmentalhealth.com or call 419-774-5811 or follow on Facebook or Instagram.

LOOKING BACK • THIS WEEK IN TRIBUNE-COURIER HISTORY

May 3, '90



THE "AFTER SCHOOL CREW" is at it again. Seated are Eli Johnson, Tony Phillips, Aaron Duncan and Mark Delaney. Standing are Audra Sowash, Jason Fenton, Christine Vermillion and Amber Johnson.

Ontario kids dramatize Tide commercials

The "after school crew" is on TV! In an attempt to win fortune and fame, members of the Ontario After School Program have written a script dramatizing the popular Tide detergent commercials seen on local TV stations. Plans include making a final videotape and sending a copy to the corporation that produces the laundry product.

The idea began after the Ontario group filmed

an earthquake spoof and then watched the hilarious results. The kids acted as if they were in a real classroom, complete with 12-year-old "teachers" and the class clown. At a given cue, everyone panicked as if a real earthquake was occurring.

Hey, that turned out pretty well! Why not do a commercial? So they did. Only time will tell if their bid for fame will pan out.



May 3, '84

MINI-MUSICAL — First grade classes of Stingel Elementary School will be presenting the mini-musical "Christopher Columbus" on May 10 at the high school auditorium. Some of the participants are pictured here. Standing, left to right, are Ben Brubach, Sara Winbigler, Chad Carroll and Danny Knight. Kneeling is Todd Dille.

May 1, '80



AMY HISEY GEORGE is shown cutting Brenda Flory's hair during last Saturday's king-size garage sale at the Depot in Lexington. Mrs. George donated all her earnings, which amounted to \$94, to the Lynsey Hunter Fund, in whose name the garage sale was held. The sale, which was held from 9 am to 6 pm, was well supported by Lexington residents as well as visitors from other communities in the area.

May 7, '98



PICTURED ARE the Madison Mifflin Elementary School winners in the Madison High School Drug Fair program. The winners are, front, Joey Peters, Evan Llewellyn and Derek Knowlton; back, Katie Irvin, Chelsea Stackhouse, Stephanie Reed and Katie Zeiter. Not pictured is Jenny Bartram.

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CLASSIFIEDS Renaissance Theatre announces new season

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. Email news@tribune-courier.com

LEGAL NOTICE

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 April 20, 2022.

The complete text of this Ordinance may be viewed and copies obtained at the Office of the Clerk of Council, Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, during regular business hours.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-26 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1145, GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 1145.09-EXTERIOR LIGHTING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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The Renaissance Theatre held recently held its annual Season Preview Announcement Party to reveal the upcoming season, including Broadway shows, country music, tribute bands, comedians, educational programming, family entertainment and more.

Renaissance Theatre Chairman of the Board, Rand Smith, and President Chelsie Thompson kicked off the night by reminiscing over the past few years and speaking of the bright future for the arts in Mansfield.

Over 400 people were in attendance and thousands watched online.

As part of the Mechanics Bank Education Series, Jason Painley and his daughter Saige announced that youth theatre performers will put on two productions. The first will be Mansfield Youth Theatre's *Seussical Jr.* opening on Sept. 9, with a following production of *Godspell Jr.* opening March 31, 2023. The Ren is also offering sensory-friendly productions of these performances, along with a long list of educational concerts and performance opportunities for kids and families to enjoy.

Renaissance Theatre CEO Mike Miller announced the upcoming summer events and films. This summer, in collaboration with The Mansfield Richland County Public Library, will feature three films on the plaza between Renaissance Theatre and Theatre 166. This is a new series called Pictures on the Plaza and includes free family activities before each movie. Families can look forward to *Hook*, *Disney's Wreck It Ralph*, and *Disney's Finding Nemo* on the big screen in the plaza.

Miller then introduced additional indoor films and events including, *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, *The Muppets Christmas Carol*, *Silent Film: The Phantom of the Opera* with accompaniment by Jay Spencer on The Mighty Wurlitzer Organ, and *Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl*. The Ren will also participate in community events like Healthy Kids Day in Marshall Park, The June-teenth Festival, the Mansfield Pride Festival and the Cruise-In Car Show.

Miller also announced that the Ren will continue to be the host of The Miss Ohio Scholarship Competition as well as the popular Third Saturday in August (T.S.I.A) comedy show.

In October, the symphony will present its popular singing competition in a new format with a concert titled Mansfield Symphony Idol. On Dec. 17, the annual Holiday Pops concert will return. In February, Mansfield Symphony will present their Romance and Rachmanioff concert alongside the Mansfield Symphony Youth Orchestra as well as welcome the return of their choral celebration concert, "Sing Out!". The Mansfield Symphony will close out the 2022-'23 season with two big concerts including Carmina Burana and Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street.

After a few live performances, Renaissance Theatre's Operations Manager, Ryan Shealy, announced the Hudson & Essex and Cypress Hill Winery Black Box Series. This series included three shows presented for an intimate audience experience, including Next to Normal in Oc-

tober, Follies in April 2023, and another in May of 2023.

Next, Renaissance Theatre's Artistic Director, Michael Thomas announced the new acting course directed by Scott Smith called R.E.A.C.T., he also announced the new Emerging Artists Festival which will include new works from five artists around the world.

Thomas also announced that his original Ren Studios production of *A Hot Mess Christmas* has been picked up by Netflix. With a new title, *Holiday on Ice*, it will be filmed in early 2023 with a release on Netflix of late 2023.

In October the Ren presents "Foreigners Journey" a Foreigner/Journey tribute band with lead vocals of Constantine Maroulis, as well as "The World's Premier Johnny Cash Tribute, Terry Lee Goffee". In March, The Artistic Jazz Orchestra will present their "Kings of Swing" concert, then Mansfield's own Condrea Webber and her band CONNE return to perform "The Music of Motown" in May.

The Ren's summer musical *The Music Man* will open on July 30, as well as *Sister Act* with Condrea Webber returning to reprise the leading role opening Nov. 19, and finally *Something Rotten!* a comedy musical opening March 4, 2023.

The Ren's new Spotlight Series includes "We Wish You a Jazzy Christmas" featuring The Artistic Jazz Orchestra, comedian Drew Lynch, and the return of the canine comedy act, Mutts Gone Nutts.

Public access for tickets for the season will be announced in May.

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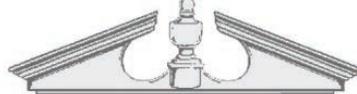


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