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“Being a Reader Makes You a Leader” coming to parks

The “Being a Reader Makes You a Leader” program is returning to Mansfield Parks. Richland County Children Services, the City of Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department and United Way of Richland County are helping youths become future leaders through the “Being A Reader Makes You A Leader” reading program.

The program is part of the CommUnity Day Camp that runs June 13 until Aug. 5 at Burton Park, 1117 Sunset Blvd. and North Lake Park, 268 Hope Rd., from 9 am to 3 pm for children ages 5 to 12.

New this year, community leaders throughout Richland County were invited to come and read a book to the youth participating in the camp and talk about their careers. The program will kick-off on Monday June 13. Community leaders will read from 2–3 pm on the scheduled dates listed.

“The goal of the program is to inspire youths to read and help build their reading skills. Most importantly the youths have an opportunity to meet our community leaders, our local heroes and learn how they became leaders,” said Brigitte Coles, community engagement specialist for RCCS.

Community Leaders participating in the program are scheduled: June 15, Burton Park, Winston Greene, Mansfield City Schools District Test Coordinator; and North Lake Park, Rebecca Owens, Catholic Charities Regional Director

June 16, Burton Park, Teri Brenkus, Village of Bellville Mayor; and North Lake Park, Kimberly Moton, Mansfield City Council 6th Ward

June 17, Burton Park, Jeff Parton, Commercial Business Development Park National Bank; and North Lake Park, Jodie Perry, Richland Area Chamber President/CEO

June 20, (holiday, no camp)

June 21, Burton Park, Peggy Anderson, CEO Third Street Family Health Services; and, North Lake Park, Pastor Mark Cobb, Providence Baptist Church

June 22, Burton Park, Nyasha Oden, NECIC; and North Lake Park, Jay Miller, DRM Productions

June 23, Burton Park, Chris Hiner Market President Park National Bank; North Lake Park, Christole Page, owner Lorine’s Little Learner’s Child Care and Learning Center

June 24, Burton Park, Renda Cline, Health Ed. & Communications Spec. Richland Public Health; and North Lake Park, Matt Metcalf, (Continued on Page 23)

Madison Safety Town returns after many year hiatus

Photos and Article By Traci Little

The Madison Local Schools Safety Town Graduation ceremonies took place last Friday, June 10, at 10 am and 2 pm.

This was the first session of the program in many years. The Safety Town program began this year on May 31 with a morning session from 9–11:30 am and an afternoon session from 1–3:30 pm. The program lasted for nine days and was free for all children.

The program’s goal was to promote safety education and 41 kids enrolled. The program is headed up by Jennifer Eckenwiler, preschool coordinator at Madison South, and Natasha Repp, principal of the Madison Early Childhood Learning Center.

The children had a blast learning all sorts of things and especially when the Madison Township Fire Department came to teach them about fire safety. They explored the fire truck and ambulance and loved getting a chance to spray the hose. Some other things the children learned throughout the program were bus safety, first aid, car safety, water safety, stranger danger and medication safety.

The Richland County Sheriff’s Department taught about being a police officer and the American Red Cross showed them how to be prepared for an emergency.

The children sang the “Traffic Light Song” and diplomas were handed out. Deputy VanHouten shook the graduate’s hands and congratulated them during the morning session.

Refreshments followed and children enjoyed getting their photo taken outside in front of a balloon display.

Miss Kilie and Miss Riley’s class graduates included Abigail Ross, Riley Ward, Dominick Smollen, Charleigh Pennywitt, Khalee West, Barrett Salyers, Zaine Miller, Waylon Strickland, Silas Ogle, Isabella Messersmith, Amelia Brown, Sadie Hershner, Madilyn Collmar, Jaxon Brinegar, Emily Foster, Graylor Higginbotham, Amiah Kolmansberger, Grayson Brewster and Isabella Schultz.

Miss Grace and Miss Aime’s class graduates included Emily Amsutz, Sophie Bowen, Parker Butler, Christopher Hanson, Noelle Hend- (Continued on Page 7)

Car show back for 4th festival

The Ontario 4th of July Festival will welcome back the Friday night car show on Friday, July 1, from 6–8:30 pm.

All years, makes and models are welcome.

The show will be held at Marshall Park (enter off of Milligan Rd. and follow signs).

Dash plaques will be given to the first 50 registrations and a gas card will be given away every 30 minutes.

There will be concessions, the Ontario Regatta, a beer garden, music, raffle, 50/50, eating contests and cornhole tournament.

For information visit <https://ontario4thofjulyfestival.com>

The Ontario 4th of July Festival will be held Saturday, July 2 (rain date July 3), noon to 11 pm. The festival has been 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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IN 1964, the first Howe fire hand pumper was pictured with the new Ford Seagrave fire truck which was the beginning of the Troy Township Lexington Fire Department. Lawrence Kunkle and John Welch were volunteers.



THE FIREMEN AND FAMILIES had a picnic and the 1942 ex-Navy truck became a playground.

Big fires continue for Lexington

By Bob Carter

In last week's column, Lexington failed to support a good fire department and suffered fire losses.

Major fires wiped out the south side of W. Main St. and fire brought loss of the huge Frye Candy factory in 1907.

Things didn't start to change until 1914 when two young girls on Delaware Street were heating paraffin on a stove and a fire erupted. The girls had to run clear down town to summon help. By the time anyone arrived to help, their house and the one next door were lost and it was feared the, then new, Church of Christ building might be lost next. A bucket brigade managed to save it and a third house, which just suffered roof damage. Dry wood shingles would burn quickly when dry.

A call to Mansfield for help only brought the fire chief and a minister by car. The message was clear, "Get your own fire department!"

The potential loss of their new church building must have scared the hell out of the church members and others too. The result was a petition presented to the village mayor and council members at the next meeting. To that end, a committee was appointed to investigate the request and resulted in purchasing a hand pump fire wagon from the Howe Engine Co. of Indianapolis for \$498.

The village had to issue bonds to pay for it. Finally, a step in the right direction.

But when the huge four story Cockley Mill mill burned in January of 1917, the hand pump proved to be inadequate.

A newspaper reported the fire this way, "When first seen, the flames were at the north end of the mill on the second floor and had gained considerable headway. Villagers with a hand engine proved unequal to the task of fighting the flames and with a hose that did not reach from the nearest water tap to the scene of the fire were powerless to save any portion of the building.

"The main building was fitted with modern machinery some of which had just been installed. The total loss was estimated at \$200,000."

And so it went something like a Laurel and Hardy comedy until the village water system was installed sometime around 1936 or 1937. The town bought a pickup truck chassis and built their own body to suit.

A slight engineering principal was ignored, and with three or four good sized men on the back the front wheels left the ground. With low water pressure at the top of Delaware Street the pickup was traded to Ashland, for a 1917 Packard right hand drive with an open cab, a big search light, brass radiator and solid rubber wheels and was a chain drive fire engine with an "impulse" starter. The starter was its undoing.

At an alarm the first attempt was to try the starter. If that failed, hand cranking the big engine was next. If that failed, just go to the fire without the damned thing. Someone could stay behind and try to coax the blasted thing back to life. It was believed the right cuss words were required.

And so it went. Lexington was always behind with fire equipment. After World War II, Ralph Lutz arranged for the purchase of a 1942 Navy surplus Chevy fire truck. Citizens raised the money with donations, bake sales and any way to make money to pay for it. It was painted olive drab when it arrived and was kinda banged up. Volunteers pitched in. It was painted red by Bob Snyder in the funeral home garage. But it would always start!

All went well until around 1952 when the Lexington men went to a house fire north of town. That raised a big stink at the next council meeting. The town was, in their mind, unprotected while the fire boys were out of town and Troy Township contributed nothing for fire support. After a bitter protracted regular hog wrestle between the village and township trustees, the Troy Township Lexington Fire Department was born.

A brand new truck and fire station all helped the tax payers feel a bit more secure. Good God, it took long enough! The station is now maned 24 hours a day.



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News Briefs

Lexington Western Elementary students entering second and third grade can help plant and care for the school garden.

Planting may occur in scheduled sessions this Friday and Saturday mornings and or evenings, June 17-18. Additional times will be available the following week, possibly during evening hours. Adult volunteers are also needed.

Those interested in participating can Cindy L. Shasky at 419-709-4468 (text/call) or email shasky.cindy@lexington.k12.oh.us



Ontario Concerts in the Park will be held at the band shelter in Marshall Park from 6-8 pm on Tuesdays this summer.

Admission is free and those attending are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets. Snacks and picnic dinners are welcome.

Concerts are scheduled for June 28, Oolong Gurus, country/alternative; July 12, Kickin Grass, bluegrass; July 26, The Return, progressive classic rock; Aug. 9, Red Ball Jets, rock; Aug. 23, Sweet Beats, Beatles Tribute; Sept. 13, Sobos, classic rock; and Sept. 27,

Departure, Journey Tribute.

In case of rain, concerts are generally rescheduled for a later date.



The Mansfield Power Squadron, a nonprofit boating organization which promotes boater safety and education, will host the kayak seminar (an introduction to the sport) at Charles Mill Lake Park, 1277 St. Rt. 430, Mansfield, on Monday, June 20 from 5:45-8:30 pm.

Attendees will learn how to select the right kayak for their needs and interests, gain knowledge about safety and what risks to watch out for and find out what equipment is necessary and what is optional. They will learn how to enter, exit and paddle a kayak, as well as many other things which are important to know.

Call Denise at 419-709-2646 to register for the seminar in advance and for additional details. Enrollment is limited. There is no cost.



NECIC along with Regional Manufacturing Coalition and EPIK, will host the 5th annual Summer Manufacturing Institute Camp as part of Senator Brown's call to engage Ohio's youth with local manufacturing activities and opportunities in their home county. The week-long camp will be held at the NECIC Community Outreach Center, 486 Springmill St. Mansfield, from July 18-22, from 8:30 am to 4 pm. This is a free camp that is open to all Richland County fifth through eighth grade students.

Students will tour companies and complete hands-on projects. This year the camp will focus on local supply chains and how they have been affected by the pandemic and the current economy. Registration is open at www.necic-ohio.org. For more information, contact Nyasha Oden at 419-522-1611 ext.122 or nyasha@necic-ohio.org



Main Street United Methodist Church, 230 S Main St., Mansfield, will host an attic sale Thursday and Friday, June 16 and 17, from 9 am to 5 pm. Prices will be by donation and proceeds will go toward missions. There will be no clothing at the sale.



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.

The meal on July 20 will be roast beef. Those attending are asked to wear red, white and blue for a National Patriotic program.

Dues are \$5 per year. Guests are welcome to attend.

On July 6, the group will meet for lunch at O'Charley's in Ontario.



A recycling trailer will not be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church for the months of June and July due to construction work on the parking lot.



The Mansfield Men's Garden Club, in its annual effort to promote civic beautification, is accepting nominations for beautification awards. The awards are sponsored by Haring Realty.

Nominations will be accepted for properties in Richland County in one of the following categories: 1) Residential; 2) Commercial/Civic. Beautification elements to be considered include: lawn care; planting of annuals, perennials and vegetables; appropriate shrubs and trees for lot location and size; front entrance/curb appeal; containers; etc. Applicants are eligible to win only once every five years. A separate contest is held for members of the Mansfield Men's Garden Club.

Winners in each category will receive an award recognition sign, a beautiful potted mum plant, and an invitation to attend the Club's Annual Corn Roast/Awards Presentation. To obtain a nomination form contact Doug Versaw at 419-565-5073 or dpversaw@gmail.com.



Avenue Church in Ontario will host Party in the Park events this summer. Events will be held from 10 am to noon on July 16 at Marshall Park, Ontario; July 23, North Lake Park, Mansfield; and July 30, Bicentennial Park, Lexington.



A Light Up the Valley Festival will be held Sunday, July 3 at 120 Hines Ave., Bellville. Food trucks will be available from noon to dark and music begins at 5 pm. Fireworks will begin at dark.



THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER
— By Ian Stumbo —

Jurassic World: Dominion is the third and thankfully last film in the *Jurassic World* trilogy. What started out with a promising first film has spiraled into a senseless and jumbled final entry that makes you appreciate Steven Spielberg's 1993 original even more.

Chris Pratt returns as Owen Grady as he and Claire (Bryce Dallas Howard) are in a secluded forest with the young cloned girl from the previous film, *Fallen Kingdom*. They are keeping her hidden as her and the velociraptor, Blue, are wanted by poachers and kidnappers to use as science experiments as now the dinosaurs roam the Earth. The young girl and Blue's baby are taken and Grady and Claire go to find them.

While on their hunt, Grady and Claire are eventually reunited with the original *Jurassic Park* cast members, Dr. Alan Grant (Sam Neill), Dr. Ellie Satler (Laura Dern) and Dr. Ian Malcom (Jeff Goldblum). Grant and Satler are at a new facility called BioSyn (which is a little too on the nose for an evil organization) and its CEO played by an underwhelming Campbell Scott who is breeding huge locusts to destroy the crops around the country and Satler and Grant have to figure out why.

All the while, these plot lines

are happening, dinosaurs come in and out of the movie going after the various cast members though none of them seem in extreme peril.



The new, huge gigantosaur goes after the humans for a few minutes and then has a big showdown with the T-Rex. Been there done that.

Jurassic World: Dominion has such a boring plot and is way too dialogue heavy that it does not know what kind of movie it wants to be. It's only when all of the cast members team together does the movie get any sense of fun and enjoyment and that is only the last half hour.

It's too bad that such an engaging and fun franchise has just petered out like this. As of this writing, the movie is getting positive responses from audiences, assuming because the original cast is back and it's just cool to see dinosaurs on screen. I get it. I love *Jurassic Park*. This movie though is just fan service with a central plot about locusts... in a dinosaur movie. Even though it comes together at the end and there are at least a couple stand out chase sequences, *Jurassic World: Dominion* is a bore.





Photo By Brandon Chambers

Clinic planned for June 30

Richland Public Health is offering free health screenings and COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters for anyone 18 years or older. Thursday, June 30 from 10 am to 2 pm at the NECIC Neighborhood Outreach Center, 486 Springmill St., Mansfield. Call 419-774-4710 for an appointment to minimize wait time.

Blood pressure and blood sugar checked can be checked free of charge at the screening. Cholesterol checks are available at the health screening for \$12 cash or check. A 9-hour fast is required.

Anyone 18 or older can get any dose or booster of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for free at this clinic. All individuals getting their first dose will receive a \$100 Visa gift card. Free COVID-19 test kits will be available.

Those attending should bring a photo ID, vaccination record and insurance card.

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www.stpaulmansfield.org
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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
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10:45 am Sunday Worship
10:15 am Monday Bible Study
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Trinity United Methodist Church

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Mansfield Christian receives \$25,000 grant from State Farm

In just 10 days this spring, 88,000 people cast more than 2 million votes in support of their favorite causes. As a result, 100 communities, in 34 states, including 13 Ohio organizations, will be getting an assist from State Farm®. The top 100 vote-getting causes that have won \$25,000 grants to improve their communities.

Among the winners was Mansfield Christian School for a Multipurpose Greenhouse: Cultivating Life Skills.

Mandy Wushinske submitted information to be considered for the grant. She wrote, "COVID restrictions have limited the ability of a school to engage with the community at large. This multipurpose greenhouse would provide onsite, hands-on research training for students and real-world, life skills training for special education students. One component of training that would be beneficial to the community would be providing the students a chance to do multiple levels of horticultural research, including expanding on hydroponic research/design already started in our STEM classes.

"A second benefit to the community is providing job training for special education students. Students would learn essential business skills, while caring for plants and managing the greenhouse. This project would be a good example of urban agriculture that helps combat food insecurity. Students currently participate in a life skills class that focuses on preparing meals. An onsite greenhouse would give students an opportunity to grow their own vegetables to be used in food prep."

"In order to reach our goals of providing onsite, life skills training to students with disabilities, advancement in scientific research, as well as addressing the issue of food insecurity in our local area, there needs to be an investment in infrastructure.

"The infrastructure necessary to get this project started will include greenhouses(\$15,000.00), materials for the foundation(\$800), table/benches(\$7,000), supply of water and electricity (\$2,000). In addition, there will need to be an investment in potting soils, growing trays, seeds, and manuals/texts to help the

students and instructors in the instructional piece of the project(\$1,700). This funding would help us become fully operational and be able to have the greatest impact in the shortest amount of time."

"This program could be completely self-sustaining and self-perpetuating, providing for growth and expansion in the future. Goals of the life skills program are for students to develop problem solving skills, communication strategies, healthy work attitudes, and knowledge of budget basics. Practicing these skills in the greenhouse will provide meaningful application opportunities."

"Greenhouse income would be used to achieve the long-term goals, which include expanding the greenhouse and its offerings, hiring graduates of the program to work in the greenhouse, adding small gardens and selling 'locally grown' produce along with plants/flowers to the local community.

"In addition, by being a non-profit greenhouse the prices can be kept at a level that would allow greater access to fresh produce, thereby helping alleviate food insecurity within the city limits of Mansfield, Ohio. Students will gain valuable work and research experience, preparing them to impact Mansfield and beyond."

"State Farm is happy to celebrate its 100th anniversary by providing these 100 causes with grant money to help them address the needs in their communities," said Rasheed Merritt, assistant vice president at State Farm. "We look forward to seeing the impact these \$25,000 grants will have."

Four thousand cause submissions were accepted in February at www.neighborhoodassist.com. The State Farm Review Committee selected the Top 200 finalists and public voting determined the Top 100. In the eleven years of the program, nearly 500 causes have received a total of \$12.5 million to enact change in their communities.

For a complete list of this year's 100 winners visit www.neighborhoodassist.com.

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Rubies working to help women find their way to a better life

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Imagine believing the lies of an abuser and doing whatever they say to make it all better. Imagine finding yourself in a broken and abusive marriage or becoming an addict to escape this reality. Imagine being sold by someone you love to help pay the bills. Imagine wanting to escape all of it but being scared for your life.

Sunday night, I had the honor of photographing some amazing women, men and children's baptisms. Although I only saw a glimpse into the growth and victories these men and women have experienced, it was truly powerful. They have been given a place that allows them to grow, be safe, be restored, discover and dream through the ministry of Rubies and also from a local home for men.

Rubies Womens Group, INC, is a non-profit organization that helps women find their worth through love and Jesus. It is a ministry that helps women who are struggling find a better life. It's been called the lighthouse in the storm.

Rubies was founded on the heart of a survivor/thriver, Candace Williams. She is a delivered addict who has been called to fulfill God's purpose for her to help even just one woman find her worth in Christ. Once her worth is realized, everything changes. Proverbs 31:10 says, "She is worth far more than rubies. The vision of rubies is to reach women that are in bondage through unconditional love, structure, and guidance. Through this process, the bondage is removed, and they are set free to be women of their worth. Rubies is an 12-18-month discipleship program centered around Christ our Lord and Savior for women struggling with addiction and/or coming out of human sex-trafficking. Detox is required prior to joining and no insurance is required.

A few being baptized shared their thoughts. "This is only the beginning of a lifetime walk with God," said Destinee Gibson. Forget what you knew about me. The Lord has worked miracles in me in the last 40 days; things I never thought I would witness and experience. Relationships I thought never would be mended. Chains I never thought would be shed and broken. My relationship with the Lord is eternal love and freedom. He has given me life. Candace is the mom I never had. The love and guidance I have been given are precious."

"The Lord has delivered me from 13 years of drug addiction," said Courtney Call. "I have restored relationships with family, especially my son, and sisters. All of my dreams are coming true because of God and my support/guidance from Rubies."

"I'm right where God has called me to be. I'm never going back to that life again. This is my new life," said Kelly Campbell. The

Love, support, and guidance I receive, I've never experienced before Rubies. Candace is our momma bear and loves us, guides us, and teaches us to live with Jesus as the center of our lives."

Rubies allows women to discover themselves and their worth in Christ by learning to build a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, attending church, attending faith-based counseling, healing physically, mentally, and spiritually, becoming employed, learning life skills, mentoring, gaining family, integrating back into society with support.

Bible Studies allow the women to explore and learn the tools of the Bible. These studies are held daily including morning devotional and nightly retirement. The day begins focused on the Lord and finishes in His name.

A working program is available because working creates character and allows the staff to discover any issues a client may have in an employment environment. The women working allows Rubies to not require insurance as well as payment upon entrance and throughout the program. Employment will be gained through collaboration of companies in the community. The women are given the opportunity to obtain full-time employment after graduation.

Education programs allow women to build résumés and take GED, vocational/career building, life skills, budgeting and etiquette classes.

Rubies is family-oriented. Many women have never experienced a healthy family. At Rubies they eat together, pray together and work through their problems together. The definition of family is unconditional love and love conquers all. Faith-based counseling is provided.

Group and individual settings are available through the program. Faith-based books are used as curriculums. Faith-based counselors are available through Heritage Christian Counseling Ministries. The clients have one on one counseling with staff/mentors on a routine basis. One-on-one allows the client to discuss struggles, goals and an action plan to deal with the struggles and goals.

Rubies is a 501c3 that is run by donation only (<https://rubiesoutreach31.wixsite.com/my-site-2/donate>). There are other ways to donate besides monetary, such as volunteer opportunities and a list of needs. Get involved at <https://rubiesoutreach31.wixsite.com/my-site-2/get-involved>

The future vision for Rubies is expansion. They would love to have a bigger house or two for the purpose to house women, as well as have a house for women and children. The women from Rubies attend The ARC Empowerment Center, run by Joey and Amanda Nichols of ProjectONE (<http://www.arcempowermentcenter.com>)



Madison Safety Town returns after many year hiatus

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-erson, Holden Hunter, Amari Jones, Ryenne Long, Brylie Loucks, Jakob Miller, Kenley Oslie, Delainey Salser, Layla Brown, Peyton Roberts, Brooklyn Onie, Olin Amert, Ava Senecal, Braxton Cabell, Phoenix Shepherd, and Nicholas Harvey.

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This was the first year for this amazing Safety Town program, and they look forward to providing it again for the children in the Madi-son community for years to come!



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Mansfield Christian School Graduates



Evan Amore



Libby Banks



Ethan Byrom



Bryce Courser



Andrew Day



Isabel Golias



Mary Golias



Michael Gregory



Sarah Heininger



Jacie Hessey



Jada Hockman



Marissa Jones



Alena Kalashnik



William Killian



Courtney Kissinger



Congratulations



MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
IGNITING YOUNG MINDS

Class of 2022

From the Mansfield Christian School Board

Mansfield Christian School Graduates



**Brycen
Klotzbach**



**Braden
Loose**



**Aubrynn
Maiyer**



**Ryan
Mecurio**



**Tru
Merrell**



**X'Zaria
Murphy**



**Alyson
Noe**



**Abigail
Shewan**



**Jacob
Shoemaker**



**Hudson
Slater**



**Andrew
Steensland**



**Seth
Them**



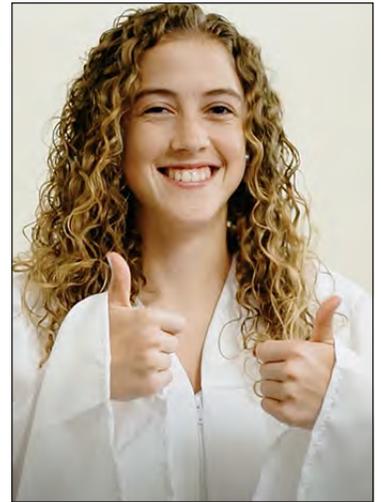
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 *Congrats*
MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN GRADS!



Mansfield Christian School Graduates



Class of 2022 Graduates who have attended Mansfield Christian School since Kindergarten



Mansfield Christian School Graduates



2022 Temple Christian School Graduates



Abigail Gibson



Timothy (Nate) Groff II



Zane Hoover



Heidi Knepshield



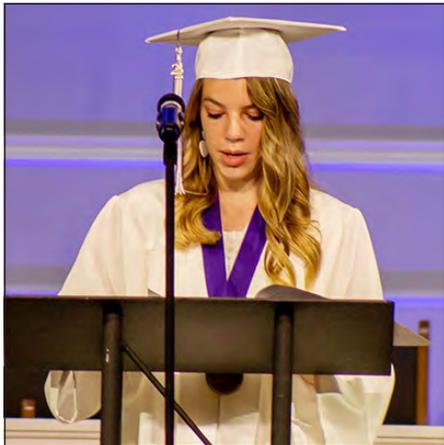
Leah Webel

Temple Christian School held its 44th Annual Commencement Ceremonies for the Class of 2022 graduates on May 28. The opening prayer was given by Erwin Webel. Leah Webel gave the valedictorian address and Heidi Knepshield presented the salutatorian address. The class address was given by evangelist Randy Merrill and the presentation of the class was given by principal Jessica Day. Pastor Robert J. Kurtz presented diplomas to the five graduates. Jeremy Knepshield gave the closing prayer. Class Colors were mint and salmon pink and the class verse is "Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established." Proverbs 16:3. The class motto is "Failing forward is the ability to get back up after you've been knocked down, learn from your mistake, and move forward in a better direction." Class advisor was Kim Running and junior attendants were Claire Groff, Ian Snode and Joel Yoxtheimer.



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Temple Christian School Graduates 2022



Ceremony Photos By Traci Little



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Congrats
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CLASS OF 2022



Nine KCCC students earn Building Trades Elite Status

The Knox County Career Center Building Trades program recognized nine students who earned the status of "Building Trades Elite." "Building Trades Elite" (BT Elite) is a program generated by Colby Clippinger, KCCC Building Trades instructor, and the KCCC Building Trades Advisory Council that began in 2019-'20. The program's criteria centers around attendance, discipline, industry credentialing, and extracurricular activities.

A point system is set up where students earn points for attendance, grades, industry credentialing, and extracurricular activities. Students can lose points for being tardy, absent, and for discipline issues. In order to earn "BT Elite" status, students must earn 250 points and must maintain 250 points or higher until graduation to keep the "BT Elite" status.

The "BT Elite" program is completely company-sponsored according to Clippinger. Students who earn "BT Elite" status are awarded a hoodie and an interview shirt. The companies pay for the hoodies and interview shirts. The hoodie has the Building Trades Elite crest on the back along with the company sponsors. The student's name and "BT Elite" are on the front of the hoodie. The interview shirt has "BT Elite" and the student's name on the front.

News Briefs in Education

Mercy College of Ohio announced its honors and dean's lists for the Spring 2022 semester. To be named on the honor's list, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.3 or higher and be enrolled for 6-11 credit hours. To be named on the dean's list, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.3 or higher and be enrolled for 12 or more credit hours.

Local students recognized are Courtney Gouge, BS Nursing Pre-Licensure, dean's list; Lori Holzworth, BS Medical Imaging, honors list; and Kelly Wisner, BS Medical Imaging, honors list.

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Jacob Andrew Dennison of Mansfield has been named to the dean's list at Jacksonville State University for his outstanding academic performance over the Spring 2022 semester. To be named to the list, students must earn a 3.5-3.99 GPA for the semester while completing at least 12 GPA hours of course credit.

Jacksonville State University is located in the Appalachian foothills midway between Birmingham and Atlanta.

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Mansfield area students Kaylie Klotzbach, Jacob Littleton and Ethan Wilson were named to the dean's honor list at Cedarville University for spring 2022. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours. The university is located in southwest Ohio.

Lexington area students Joshua Johnson and Audrey Martin were named to the dean's list at Cedarville University for spring 2022. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.5 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Clippinger commented, "We appreciate the companies who have partnered with us on the "BT Elite" program. The "BT Elite" program creates a well-rounded and ready-to-hire student."

Juniors Brayden Noel, Levi Lyons, Charlie Kanagy, Dawson Hinton, Logan Small, Jaxon Swank, Dakota Allen, Lucas Herbst, and Tanner Ratliff earned "BT Elite" status this week and received their hoodies and interview shirts. 27 students from the Building Trades program have now earned "BT Elite" status since its inception.

"The BT Elite program has had a profound impact on the students. It continually helps keep students accountable for themselves and they are now encouraging other students to attain the same level. This will only improve the quality of tradespeople entering into the workforce," added Clippinger.

Renaissance hosting summer camp

Registration has opened for the Renaissance's annual "Broadway Camp!" summer theatre program for students ages 8-13. The popular summer theatre camp sessions will be held as in-person classes, during the weeks of June 20-24; and June 27-30.

Broadway Camp! options include the traditional three-hour morning camp (June 20-24), as well as a new, day-long, six-hour "Broadway Camp Showz!" camp (June 27-30). All "Broadway Camp!" sessions are designed to be sensory-inclusive; with tuition set at \$105. Full and partial scholarships are available.

The new, day-long "Broadway Camp Showz!" will allow participants to further explore the opportunity to present a fully staged Broadway Kids-style production. To participate in Broadway Camp Showz!, students must previously have completed a session of a two or three-hour Broadway Camp, or Broadway Camp, Too!

The Renaissance Broadway Camp! programs provide students of all ability levels with the freedom to explore the world of musical theatre and the elements of performance through theatre games, improv, and dramatic play, as well as staging and singing. Each camp session culminates in a special performance for parents, friends, and other guests.

Renaissance Broadway Camp! is coordinated and led by Renaissance teaching artist Dauphne Maloney, well-known for her work with youth theatre in the North Central Ohio area. Mrs. Maloney is also the founder and director of Mansfield Youth Theatre (MY Theatre), former Resident Director for the Renaissance Youth Opera Theatre (RYOT), and youth theatre director at the The Ohio State University-Mansfield. She has directed and costumed over 200 productions and served as the Youth Theatre Director for the Mansfield Playhouse for 20 years. Participating students will work directly with Maloney, as well as seasoned youth theatre actors.

Registration is limited. To register contact Dauphne Maloney at dauphne@mansfieldtickets.com, or by calling 419-522-2726, ext. 212. For more information or to ask questions regarding the camp, including information for those with sensory sensitivities, those seeking scholarships, or other needs, contact Maloney.



Nicholas Murphy, Logan O'Brien, John Auker, Leo Myer and Alex Brumenshenkel



Logan Bynorth, Anna McMahon, Griffyn Hoenie, Blake Ward and Ethan Temple

Knox County Career Center students earn certifications

The Knox County Career Center (KCCC) had 10 students who earned Microsoft MTA & Office certifications. The students are from the Computer Network Technology (CNT) program at KCCC.

The MTA certification is for individuals intending to build a career in desktop infrastructure, server infrastructure, or private cloud computing.

Candidates that successfully pass this exam will have knowledge of fundamental Windows operating system concepts in a Windows 10 environment. This certification addresses a wide spectrum of fundamental technical concepts, assesses and validates core technical knowledge, and enhances technical credibility.

The MTA Windows Operating System exam measures the following skills: understanding operating system configurations, installing and upgrading client systems, managing applications, managing files and folders, managing devices, and understanding operating system maintenance.

The Microsoft Office Specialist Word certification demonstrates competency in the correct application of the principal features of Word by creating and editing documents for a variety of purposes and situations.

The Microsoft Office Specialist Powerpoint certification demonstrates competency to create, edit, and enhance presentations and slideshows.

An individual earning a Microsoft Office Specialist certification has approximately 150 hours of instruction and hands-on experience with the product, has proven competency at an industry associate level, and is ready to enter the job market.

They can demonstrate the correct application of the principal features of Word and Power-Point.

In order to earn these certifications, each student had to pass a proctored exam with no access to learning materials or the Internet. This certification is recognized by the Ohio Department of Education and the Information Technology (IT) industry as a recognized credential.

OMS students compete at state

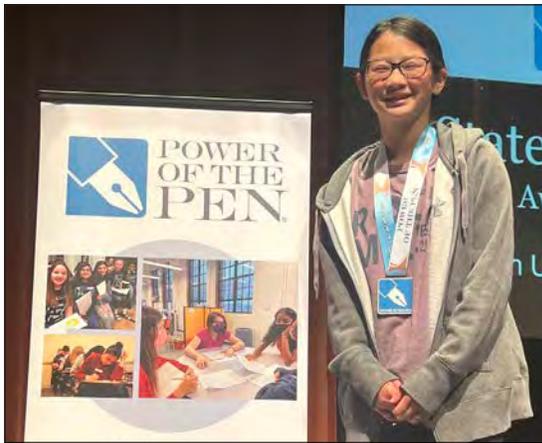
Four Ontario Middle Students traveled to Otterbein University to participate in the state Power of the Pen competition on May 13.

Payne Schwartz, Eliana Fittante, Tatum Mottayaw and Angel Tan qualified for the state completion by scoring in the top 10 percent of writers at the regional level.

They wrote in three separate 35-minute rounds on creating stories based on three different prompts.

After those rounds, Eliana was announced as a finalist and she then wrote one final story in a 30-minute round.

Eliana was the seventh grade third place winner. Each grade level started with over 1,000 writers in 16 districts across the state of Ohio.





Superintendent Greg Nickoli and Ken Chang, the 2022 Byron H. Carmean Award winner

Pioneer awards scholarships during annual honors night

For the first time in two years, the arena at Pioneer Career and Technology Center was packed with excited Pioneer students and proud family members April 27 for the annual Pioneer Honors Night. During the event students were recognized for achieving, performing and succeeding at extraordinary levels.

Scholarships were awarded to many students for continuing education with the total amount over \$1.7 million! Pioneer also announced special awards including the Director's Attitude Awards and Citizenship Awards.

A major highlight of the evening was the announcement of the 2022 Byron H. Carmean Character, Dedication and Service Award winner, Ken Chang, a senior from Ontario High School.

Chang has excelled in Pioneer's Exercise Science/Sports Medicine program with instructor Michael Millward. The Carmean Award is the highest award given to a Pioneer student and was created to recognize students with outstanding qualities of character, personal dedication and service to education.

In addition to Chang's classroom success including earning 26 college credits, he is active at Pioneer, Ontario High School and as a community volunteer. At Pioneer he has been involved with the HOSA (Future Health Professionals) and National Technical Honors Society. At Ontario, Chang has earned the Scholar-Athlete Award all four years and participated in varsity track, varsity cross country and is a member of National Honors Society. Chang's volunteer endeavors include the Tiny Tim Shoppe, Avita Summit Therapy and Mosaic Meals Organization.

This year's other nominees for the Carmean Award included seniors Zavier Alterio, Performing Arts, Lexington; Ryan Chapman, Exercise Science/Sports Medicine, Ontario; Drew Ericsson, Exercise Science/Sports Medicine, homeschooled; Graham Geissman, Masonry, Buckeye Central; Wyatt Martin, Precision Machining Technology, Buckeye Central; Isaac Neff, Welding, Lucas; Kolin Rowlinson, Industrial Diesel, Buckeye Central; Allexis Thompson, Exercise Science/Sports Medicine, Shelby; and Kamdyn Vanderpool, Precision Machining Technology, Buckeye Central.

Students earn awards at Pioneer Career and Technology Center

Awards presented to Pioneer Career and Technology Center students were:

Alderson Broaddus University Presidential & Athletic Scholarship, Logan Green (Shelby)

Alumni Endowment Scholarship, Allexis Thompson, (Shelby)

Ashland University Presidential Award, Grant Barrett, (Lucas)

Bluffton University Academic Honors with Distinction Scholarship, Brittney Wade, (Lexington)

Bowling Green University Freshman Academic Scholarship, Zavier Alterio, (Lexington)

Byron Carmean Scholarship Award/BOE: Kenichi Chang (Ontario), Ryan Chapman (Ontario), Allexis Thompson (Shelby), Kolin Rowlinson (Buckeye Central), Drew Ericsson (homeschool), Graham Geissman (Buckeye Central), Zavier Alterio (Lexington), Wyatt Martin (Buckeye), Kamdyn Vanderpool (Buckeye) and Isaac Neff (Lucas)

Byron Carmean Scholarship Award/EAP: Kenichi Chang (Ontario) Cedarville Presidential Scholarship, Garet Weaver (Lexington) Cleveland State, Zavier Alterio (Lexington)

Cleveland State University Merit Scholarship: Jack Bogner (Madison)

Cleveland State University Presidential Scholarship: Warren Turner (Shelby)

Dennis M. Rose Achievement Scholarship: Jansen Hildreth (Ontario)

Directors Attitude: Cayle Pope (Plymouth), Patricia Cummings (Willard), Chelsea Daubenspeck (Colonel Crawford), Makenzi Fishman (Shelby), Jullian Diaz (Lexington), Lisa Obojski (Shelby), Dominic Rannigan (Lucas), Miranda Mounts (Lucas), Chase Easterday (Wynford), Brock Foreman (Bucyrus), Robert Sklar (Wynford) and Lucas Hill (Bucyrus)

Donald L. Plotts Attitude Scholarship: Abigail Crager (Galion)

Dr. Gale & Joyce Leimbach Scholarship: Ryan Chapman (Ontario) and Chelsea Daubenspeck (Colonel Crawford)

Franklin B. Walters: Grant Barrett (Lucas) and Matthew Gimbel (Galion)

Glenna R. Cannon Excellence in Non-Traditional Field Scholarship: Aleah Trusdle (Lexington)

Gorman Family 100% Credential Award: Bradley Barnett (Plymouth), Makenzi Lawson (Galion), Logan Fraizer (Lexington), Lilli Thornton (Lexington), Payton Julian (Ontario), Emma Roose (Northmor), Michael Sadowski (homeschool), Graham Geissman (Buckeye Central), Samaria Larios-Hobbs (Colonel Crawford) and Susana Olvera (Willard)

Gorman Family Carmean Scholarship: Kenichi Chang (Ontario)

Gorman Family Foundation College-NOW Scholarship: Sheba Sulser (Colonel Crawford) and Matthew Gimbel (Galion)

Gorman Family Foundation Manufacturing Award: Jackson Dawson (Lexington), Clayton Easterday (Wynford), Drew Ericsson (homeschool), Chase Easterday (Wynford), Wyatt Martin (Buckeye Central), William Zirzow (Lucas), Brian Crabtree (Wynford), Noah Osbun-Langston (Lucas)

Gorman Family Foundation Manufacturing Scholarship: Luke Donahue (Shelby), Dylon Jones (Wynford)

Gorman Family Foundation Senior Project Award: Mariana Torres (Willard), Juana Rodriguez (Willard), Kiley Mosley (Bucyrus), Kamdyn Vanderpool (Buckeye Central) and Isaac Neff (Lucas)

Heidelberg University Presidential Scholarship: Alexander Kanney (Buckeye Central)

James & Kathleen Fanello Scholarship: Grant Barrett (Lucas)

Junior Citizenship: Jace Hill (Crestview), Ava Heimlich (Shelby),

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Mitchell Cline (Crestview), Eden Wheatcraft (Galion), Alexandria Stollings (Crestview), Donald Stone (Wynford), Belicia Salas (Ontario), Katelyn Bauerdick (Ontario), Rodney Rike (Colonel Crawford) Kaleigh Leadbetter (Lexington), Ty Lehnhart (Lucas), Ashley Huber (Shelby), Audrey Spearman (Ontario), Cameron Boyce (Ontario), Avery Mateo (Lexington), Ella Ritter (Ontario), Tracy Carroll (Lexington), Noah Adkins (Willard), Cooper VanArsdalen (Ontario), Collin Dingus (Crestview), Matthew Kaylor (Lexington), Maxwell Aichholz (Buckeye Central), Isabel Alt (Lucas), Harley Thomas (Colonel Crawford), Summer Branham (Lexington), Ian Finnegan (Shelby), Makayla Stephens (Plymouth), Zachary Cox (Bucyrus), Luke Russell (Ontario), Lane Bauer (Buckeye Central), Emily Wallace (Colonel Crawford), Matthew Clinard (Colonel Crawford) and Jazmine Jaeckin (Willard)

Kent State Academic Achievement Award: Zavier Alterio (Lexington) and Alyssa Taylor (Ontario)

Kent State Promise Scholarship: Alyssa Taylor (Ontario)

Kuhn-Ganyard Scholarship: Kylea Foss (Lucas)

Lake Erie College Athletic Scholarship: Kylea Foss (Lucas)

Lake Erie College Award: Kylea Foss (Lucas)

Lake Erie College Program: Kylea Foss (Lucas)

Lake Erie College Residential Award: Kylea Foss (Lucas)

Liberty University Merit Based Scholarship: Jansen Hildreth (Ontario)

Madison Athletic Scholarship: Rehgan Henry (Madison)

Melvin "Art" Barr Memorial Scholarship: Luke Donahue (Shelby), Kolin Rowlinson (Buckeye Central) and Lanora Liles (Shelby)

Miami Red Hawk Excellence Scholarship: Aiden Frankhouse (Ontario)

Miami Red Hawk Merit Scholarship: Aiden Frankhouse (Ontario)

Milikin University Merit Scholarship: Zavier Alterio (Lexington)

NC State College Emerson/Thermo Disc Scholarship: Griffin Pigman (Lexington)

North Central State College Tuition Freedom Scholarship: Rehgan Henry (Madison), Siclali Portuguez (Willard), Claire Skoog (Lexington), Lilian Ramey (Shelby), Erin Stevens (Plymouth) Lilli Thornton (Lexington), Rylee McElwain (Madison), Chloe Rupp (Galion), Riley Tinch (Galion), Chase Bailey (Madison), Adalynn Leach (Mansfield Christian), Chloe Pore (Ontario), Chase Potter (Galion), Caden Young (Buckeye Central), Brenton Graska (Shelby), Austin Neubacher (Wynford), Landen Perry (Shelby), Rossi Ramey (Shelby), Angel Shaffer (Lexington), Lisa Obojski (Shelby), Erica Wells (Lexington) Siera Mullins (Ontario), Dominick Rannigan (Lucas), Serenity Shope (Wynford), Griffin Pigman (Lexington), Brandon Daily (Ontario), Ashleigh Atkeson (Mansfield Senior), Colton Harper (Ashland), Hannah Ireton (Bucyrus), Luke Donahue (Shelby), Ryan Chapman (Ontario), Olivia Corwin (Crestline), Juana De La Cruz (Willard), Caitlyn Buzuleciu (Lexington), Micah Karcher (Wynford), Karla McMillin (Willard), Clayton Easterday (Wynford), Samaria Larios-Hobbs (Colonel Crawford), Chloe Ard (Bucyrus), Desirae Branam (Galion), Faith Dickson (Ontario) and Dylan Melton (Lucas), Madalynn McMillin (Bucyrus).

Northern Kentucky University EGDE Award & EDGE Plus: Zavier Alterio (Lexington)

Oakland University University Recognition Award: Zavier Alterio (Lexington)

Officer Brian Evans Memorial Law Enforcement Scholarship: Rehgan Henry (Madison) and Summer Kennard (Willard)

Ohio Northern University Theatre Talent Award: Zavier Alterio (Lexington)

Ohio Northern University Trustee Scholarship: Zavier Alterio (Lexington)

Otterbein University Presidential Scholarship: Sydney Clever (Lexington)

Pace University President's Scholarship: Zavier Alterio (Lexington)

Quality Performance: Bradley Barnett (Plymouth), Ricardo Gomez Santos (Willard), Rehgan Henry (Madison), Summer Kennard (Willard), Madison Bland (Lucas), Alyssa Markley (Madison), Autumn Schafer (Wynford), Logan Fraizer (Lexington), Jordyn McDaniel (Willard), Morgan Teynor (Wynford), Dalton Deel (Madison), Chloe Pore (Ontario), Kiley Mosley (Bucyrus), Rossi Ramey (Shelby),

Graham Geissman (Buckeye Central), Clayton Yost (Galion), Samaria Larios-Hobbs (Colonel Crawford), Desirae Branam (Galion), Ian Barnes (Ontario), Nicholas Huber (Crestline), Nathan Ganzhorn (Shelby), Payton Sturts (Lucas), Madalynn McMillin (Bucyrus), Isaac Neff (Lucas) and Chaase Schoonover (Wynford)

R.H. Phillips Family Scholarship: Drew Ericsson (homeschool)

Robert Janca Memorial Scholarship: Skylar Francis (Plymouth)

Robert T. Stimpert RMC Scholarship: Luke Shepherd (Shelby)

Ruth Klenke Trade & Industry/Health Occupations Scholarship: Kenichi Chang (Ontario)

Ryan Bennett Memorial Scholarship: Griffin Pigman (Lexington)

Senior Citizenship: Bradley Barnett (Plymouth)

Senior Citizenship Ricardo Gomez Santos (Willard)

Senior Citizenship Makenzi Lawson (Galion), Brent Douglas (Crestview), Rehgan Henry (Madison), Hannah Ireton (Bucyrus), Siclali Portuguez (Willard), Graeme Harvey (Shelby), Dakota Barnes (Galion), Chelsea Daubenspeck (Colonel Crawford), Chase Bailey (Madison), Abigail Crager (Galion), Clayton Easterday (Wynford), Drew Ericsson (homeschool), Jace Reaume (Colonel), Austin Neubacher (Wynford), Alexander Morehead (Ontario), Patrick Bichsel (Lucas), Susana Olvera (Willard) Zavier Alterio (Lexington) Jamison Young (Lexington), Wyatt Martin (Buckeye Central), Kamdyn Vanderpool (Buckeye Central), Jessie Cains (Crestview), Brian Crabtree (Wynford) and Chaase Schoonover (Wynford)

Test Achievement Scholarship: Grant Barrett (Lucas)

Tuition Relief Scholarship: Grant Barrett (Lucas)

U.S. Airforce: Jessie Cains (Crestview)

U.S. Army: Jacob Baber (Galion), Brent Douglas (Crestview)

U.S. Marines: Aydin Prosser (Shelby), Thomas Clawson (Shelby), Joshua Wallen (Shelby), Micah Karcher (Wynford) and Austen Kegley (Colonel Crawford)

U.S. Navy Scholarship: Zackery Tackett (Lucas)

University of Akron Presidential Scholarship: Joseph Pollock (Shelby)

University of Findlay Freshman Merit Scholarship: Shelby Dorsey (Buckeye Central)

University of Rio Grande Athletic Scholarship: Allexis Thompson (Shelby)

Viterbo University Dean's Scholarship: Zavier Alterio (Lexington)

Walter & Mary Kumm Scholarship: Griffin Pigman (Lexington)

Washington University Scholarship: Matthew Gimbel (Galion)

Western Michigan University Bronco Scholarship: Zavier Alterio (Lexington)

Work Ethic Award: Dakota Blankenship (Colonel Crawford), Emily Hale (Colonel Crawford), Allen Houston (Wynford), Autumn Paul (Bucyrus), Enrique Roblero (Wynford), Xander Seffens (Ontario), Elias Wright (Wynford), Gage Daniels (Galion), Noah Light (Buckeye), Zacharia Neumann (Crestline), Aydin Prosser (Shelby), Haley Henthorn (Crestview), Nicole Lucido (Ontario), Colin Arnold (Lucas), Jackson Boyd (Lucas), Trisha Butterfield (Wynford), Alejandro Carrizal Ramos (Ontario), Sydney Clever (Lexington), Brody Conley (Ontario), Darian Delbrugge (Ontario), Shelby Dorsey (Buckeye Central), Julia Feik (Colonel Crawford), Aiden Frankhouse (Ontario), Madison Genders (Ontario), Logan Green (Shelby), Jansen Hildreth (Ontario), Brock Hill (Mansfield Senior), Brayden Jackson (Lucas), Tyler Jackson (Lexington), Nathaniel Judson (Ontario), Alexander Kanney (Buckeye Central), Devin Norfleet (Lucas), Amanda Phillips (Ontario), Sheba Sulser (Colonel Crawford), Alyssa Taylor (Ontario), Ana Uriarte (Willard), Grant Barrett (Lucas), Mason Beam (Lucas), Bruce Boggs (Shelby), Jack Bogner (Madison), Nykolis Cook (Northmor), Johnathan Corcoran (Ontario), Robert Davidson (Shelby), Walker Frankhouse (Galion), Matthew Gimbel (Galion), Mathew Kearns (Northmor), Chance Mullins (Ontario), Joseph Pollock (Shelby), Payton Richardson (Wynford High School, Ashton Schonauer (Ontario), Luke Shepherd (Shelby), Warren Turner (Shelby), Garet Weaver (Lexington), Bradley Barnett (Plymouth), Noah Haley (Galion), EmmaMae Myers (Shelby), Ethan Owens (Ontario), Zachary Vanek (Buckeye Central), Joseph Bindner (Bucyrus), Ricardo Gomez Santos (Willard), Clayton Miller (Wynford), Patricia Cummings (Willard), Paige Frazee (Galion), Kami Heydinger (Celeryville Christian), Makenzi Lawson (Galion), Ella Pfeifer (Colonel

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in (Plymouth), Kati Hayes (Lexington), Makayla Register (Galion), Nicholas Arnold (Goal Digital Academy), Garrett Billings (Colonel Crawford), Nathaniel Cogar (Ontario), Jason Cox (Lucas), Ethan Furr (Colonel Crawford), Payton Julian (Ontario), Denver Messmore (Plymouth), Kolin Rowlinson (Buckeye Central), Joan Ruiz-Rosario (Willard), Jeffrey Thompson (Shelby), Ethan Turnbaugh (Ontario), Caden Boles (Galion), Ethan Branch (Northmor), Gage Bryan (Colonel Crawford), Hunter Caltrider (Lucas), Clayton Easterday (Wynford), Drew Ericsson (homeschool), Sage Fox (Willard), Nathaniel Hammond (Lexington), Kohler McAlexander (Lucas), Carson McLaughlin (Shelby), Seth Pittenger (Wynford), Jace Reaume (Colonel Crawford), Emma Roose (Northmor), Michael Sadowski (homeschool), Faith Taylor (Northmor), Bryce Chevalier (Colonel Crawford), Ethan Mullins (Northmor), Austin Neubacher (Wynford), Rossi Ramey (Shelby), Graham Geissman (Buckeye Central), Carson McCleese (Galion), Connor Robbins (Willard), Alexander Morehead (Ontario), Clayton Yost (Galion), Abigail Eagle (Lucas), Tessa Fearn (Ontario), Rachel Kropff (Madison), Samaria Larios-Hobbs (Colonel Crawford), Jackson Nauman (Bucyrus), Savanna Smith (Shelby), Bryce Thomas (Willard), Bailey Crawford (Crestline), Erica Wells (Lexington), Desirae Branam (Galion), Faith Dickson (Ontario), Macie Hamilton (Ontario), Jaylin Lacy (Willard), Quinn Louk (Crestview), Siera Mullins (Ontario), Brianna Nolen (Colonel Crawford), Susana Olvera (Willard), Dominic Rannigan (Lucas), Zavier Alterio (Lexington), Ian Barnes (Ontario), Emily Boyd (Northmor), Liv Krassow (Colonel Crawford), Griffin Pigman (Lexington), Alexis Beeman (Galion), Jayden McClain (Northmor), Jamison Young (Lexington), Chase Easterday (Wynford), Nathan Ganzhorn (Shelby), Weston Guinther (Colonel Crawford), Dylon Jones (Wynford), Justin Landis (Crestview), Wyatt Martin (Buckeye Central), Payton Sturts (Lucas), William Zirzow (Lucas), Teyron Cantey (Ontario), Damian Dean (Buckeye Central), Abigail Hines (Plymouth), Jessie Cains (Crestview), Brock Foreman (Bucyrus), Alexander Gremmer (Ontario), Madalynn McMillin (Bucyrus), Robert Sklar (Wynford), Carter Wright (Lexington), Brian Crabtree (Wynford), Seth Lohr (Colonel Crawford), Isaac Neff (Lucas), Noah Osbun-Langston (Lucas), Kaylub Schell (Crestview) and Chaase Schoonover (Wynford)

Wright State University: Samantha Cassidy (Lexington)

Wright State University Green & Gold Scholarship: Zavier Alterio (Lexington)

Wright State University Wright Start Scholarship: Zavier Alterio (Lexington)

Xavier University Dean's Scholarship: Zavier Alterio (Lexington)



STUDENTS IN MRS. RHODES' Career and College Readiness class at Ontario High School learned about taxes and tax forms. They calculated gross pay for hourly and salary employees and included overtime. They learned about reading and understanding paychecks, paystubs, deductions, and how to fill out a W-4 form.



MRS. RHODES' GLOBAL FOODS class students at Ontario High School worked on a food truck entrepreneurial project. The project consisted of four parts: learning the background of entrepreneurship, creating a 3D model food truck, making a dish from their food truck menu, and a presentation of their whole project.

Second annual Family Fun on the Farm Festival set for June 25

We continue to live in times where food supplies may be compromised. The events of the last few years have brought attention to and awareness of where food comes from, and an emphasis on locally produced food.

To continue to raise awareness on where food comes from, Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) is teaming up with Richland County's favorite public farm, Malabar Farm State Park, to sponsor Family Fun on the Farm Festival Saturday, June 25 at Malabar Farm from 2-6 pm. The festival is open to the public and admission is free. There are many fun activities planned to celebrate summer's bounty of garden grown food, especially for children.

Children are invited to make seed bombs, plant green beans in a recycled egg carton, build a greenhouse in a bag, and learn how to save seeds. They will get to watch seedlings grow and enjoy their own fresh green beans this summer.

There will be interactive weaving for children with something to take home and young children can let their imaginations run wild at the Imagination Stations.

Families will have the opportunity to visit with alpacas and farm animals; walk through history with antique farm equipment, try out archery; and fish at the pond by the Big House. Fishing is free for those 15 years-old and younger.

The agriculture and conservation trivia wheel offers a chance to win prizes. The festival also allows for slower paced activities such as story time for children, a relaxing ride on the farm wagon and live music.

Food trucks and vendors will have tasty treats and beverages for sale. There will also be a variety of fresh food items for sale like micro greens, herb and vegetable plants and honey.

While at the festival, connect with other Family Fun on the Farm participants Buehler's Food Truck, CaliFarmer, Jonny Ohio Music, Little Buckeye Children's Museum, Mansfield/Richland County Public Library, NECIC, Ohio Bird Sanctuary, Ohio Department of Natural Resources-Div. of Wildlife, Richland County Emergency Management Agency, Richland County Farm Bureau, Richland Public Health, Shady Lane Farm, the Buckeye Iron Will Club, OSU Extension-Richland County 4-H, Richland County Area Beekeepers Association, Bloom Haven Farm, The Roaming Donut, YWCA CCR&R, Paul & Kimberly Ault, Lionheart Medicinal Gardens, Chocolates and More, Exclusively Yours, Food Tour, Fiberarts Guild at Malabar Farm, High Desert Greens, Kingwood Center Gardens, Richland County Solid Waste, Richland Newhope/Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities, and Westfield Tropical Sno.

For questions visit <https://bit.ly/3Ng6Gq2>, e-mail Contact@RichlandSWCD.net or call 419-747-8685.

UH Samaritan to host remembrance

University Hospitals Samaritan Medical Center is hosting a Day of Remembrance & Resilience on June 27 at 7 pm to remember those who lost their lives to COVID-19 while also uplifting those who have recovered from the virus and honoring first responders and essential workers who helped their communities during the pandemic.

Everyone in Ashland County and surrounding communities is invited to join us. June 27 marks the date of the first recorded death from COVID in Ashland County in 2020. 218 Ashland County residents have lost their lives to COVID-19 and there have been more than 12,165 cases.

The half-hour ceremony will take place in the west parking lot of the hospital, 1025 Center St. Those attending should look for the white tent and park in the Dale Roy parking lot, 1256 Center St. Only handicapped individuals will be permitted to park in the main hospital parking lot to ensure our patients' visitors and families have adequate parking. Please do not park on surrounding streets as that space will be reserved for EMS, fire and law enforcement.

Sylvia Radziszewski, COO, UH Samaritan Medical Center, will begin with a welcome at 7 pm, followed by Mayor Matt Miller and Pastor Eric Able. Rebekah Smith, music therapist, will perform and a candle lighting ceremony will be held.



STINGEL ELEMENTARY had field days on May 17 and 18 for all students. Students participated in many fun activities planned by Mr. Gates, the physical education teacher.

Northwest Ohio Communities receive \$8.4 million in financing

Communities in Northwest Ohio are receiving approximately \$8.4 million in low-interest rate and principal forgiveness funding from Ohio EPA to improve wastewater and drinking water infrastructure and make other water quality improvements.

These loans (financed through the states revolving fund) were approved between Jan. 1 and March 31, 2022. The lower interest rates and principal forgiveness will save these communities more than \$2.2 million.

By investing in drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, we are working toward a better quality of life for all Ohioans, said Governor DeWine. Water issues exist everywhere, and these infrastructure projects help ensure that these community-level, basic public services are safe and reliable for generations to come.

The Natural Areas Land Conservancy is receiving \$2.35 million for a project that will protect 417 acres of land at Black Fork Preserve at Charles Mill Lake. The project includes 117 acres of high-quality wetlands, 203 acres of a 100-year flood zone, 187 acres of upland habitat, and 7,295 feet of streams and ditches (including high quality headwaters which flow to Black Fork Mohican River). The funding is from the Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program (WRRSP) — the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District in Cleveland is directing a portion of the interest to be repaid on its \$201 million loan for its Shoreline Sewage Tunnel Storage project.

Created in 1989, the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) helps communities improve their wastewater treatment systems. The Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA), started in 1998, provides loans for improvements to community drinking water systems and nonprofit, noncommunity public water systems. Both programs offer below-market interest rate loans, which can save communities a substantial amount of money compared to a market-rate loan.

Alzheimer's programs coming to Ontario later this month

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter is hosting two consecutive in-person educational programs in Ontario about warning signs of Alzheimer's disease and dementia, and healthy lifestyle choices to protect the brain and body.

The programs, being offered free to the community, will be held at the Area Agency on Aging at Hawkins Corner, located at 2131 Park Ave. W. in Ontario, on Monday, June 27.

The programs are "10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's," from 10-10:30 am and "Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body," from 10:30-11 am.

During the first program, 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, participants will learn how to recognize common signs of the disease, including memory loss, challenges with problem-solving, confusion with time or place and withdrawal from social activities.

Learn how to approach someone about memory concerns; the importance of early detection and benefits of a diagnosis; possible tests and assessments for the diagnostic process; and Alzheimer's Association resources.

Immediately following will be the Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body program, which will teach participants about the latest research regarding the connection between body health and brain health. Attendees will learn about diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement and how to use hands-on tools to help incorporate the latest recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

Pre-registration is required by calling 800-272-3900.

Those who are concerned about themselves or a loved one can contact the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter at 419-537-1999 to schedule a care consultation and be connected with local resources that can help.

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Schmidt Security Pro is hiring Unarmed Security Guards for the Mansfield and Shelby areas. Starting hourly wage is \$13.00. Apply in person at 241 Mansfield Industrial Parkway, Mansfield, or online at jobs@schmidtsecurity.com, or call 419-526-4040 Ext.125

CITY OF ONTARIO POSITION OPENING

WATER DEPARTMENT HEAD

The City of Ontario has an immediate opening for the full-time position of Water Department Head. Applicants must maintain a Class 2 Water Supply License. The job description can be viewed on the city's website at www.ontarioohio.org.

Qualified candidates may contact Service-Safety Director Kris Knapp at 419-529-2495 or email kknapp@ontarioohio.org.

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BLOCK/ROAD SALE

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE 17 & 18

Taylorstown Rd. and surrounding area. Taylorstown runs from Rt. 39 Shelby to Ganges Five Pts Rd. (just off Rt. 13, Mansfield). 9 am-?

FOUND DOG

Female beagle/boxer mix. Found in area of the Richland Rural Life Center, Crall Rd., Mansfield. 419-544-3519

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 June 1, 2022.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-31 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE (THE CHIEF OF POLICE), TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM SHIRLEY DEEB TO BE USED TO SEND THE K-9 OFFICER TO TRAINING AND FOR OTHER PURCHASES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-32 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE (THE CHIEF OF POLICE), TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS COMPENSATION TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR THE PURCHASE OF EIGHT (8) NEW BULLET PROOF VESTS FROM PARR PUBLIC SAFETY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
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Connecting young Ohioans to manufacturing partners

By Senator Sherrod Brown

Every summer for ten years now, our office partners with local companies and organizations to host manufacturing camps for fourth through eighth graders across Ohio. It's an opportunity to introduce our kids to all the opportunities available to them in our state.

When kids hear the word "manufacturing," too often they think about dirty, dusty old jobs, and the outdated, offensive term "rust belt." It demeans our workers and devalues their work.

We are burying that term in Ohio – from Intel jobs coming to Columbus, to the aerospace industry in Dayton and GE Aviation in Cincinnati, to the largest solar manufacturer in the country in Toledo, to space nuclear technology at NASA Glenn in Cleveland.

These are the kinds of opportunities Ohio students will have, and we want to open these doors for them. Too often, our students don't realize all the opportunities available to them in the manufacturing industry. That's why, a decade ago, we came up with the idea to host these camps.

For the last couple of years, many of the camps have changed because of the pandemic – but all over the state, leaders got creative and worked to put together virtual camps. This year we are back in-person with at least 24 in-person camps for kids across 17 Ohio counties.

In past summers, students in Ross County participated in hands-on robotics activities, while campers in Geauga County attended an aerospace engineering institute, and kids in Mahoning County built model homes out of recycled material, experimented with wind turbines, and built their own smart clocks.

This year, at the Makers of Tomorrow camp in Summit County, students will learn how to make plastic with sustainable materials. Our camp in Defiance is focused on food manufacturing and agribusiness, and will include visits to local manufacturers. In Mahoning County, campers will learn about coding and in Fairfield County, campers will focus on robotics. In Richland County, the Camp will be focused on supply chains – an issue we know is so important to Ohioans' lives right now.

If we're going to compete with China, we need Ohioans of all ages to realize all the opportunities available to them in these industries, and we need to make sure they're good jobs where people can build careers and see a future.

To find a camp visit <https://www.brown.senate.gov/summer-camps>.

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Summer Crisis Program starts July 1 in Richland County

The Ohio Department of Development and Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. will help income-eligible Ohioans stay cool during the hot summer months. The Home Energy Assistance Summer Crisis Program provides eligible Ohioans assistance paying an electric bill or assistance paying for central air conditioning repairs. The program runs from July 1 until Sept. 30, 2022.

To apply for the program, clients are required to schedule an appointment with the Community Action Commission of Richland and Huron by calling 419-901-9539.

Clients need to bring copies of the following documents to their appointment:

- Copies of their most recent energy bills;
- A list of all household members and proof of income for the last 30 days or 12 months for each member;
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members;
- Proof of disability (if applicable);
- Physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for a household member's health (if there isn't a household member over the age of 60).

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (AAA) is a non-profit agency that serves Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca, and Wyandot Counties. We have programs for all ages and income levels; however, we specialize in services and programs for older adults and anyone with disabilities. If you need assistance applying for programs such as HEAP, Medicare, Medicaid, Extra Help or other programs please contact our office at 419-524-4144 or 800-860-5799.

The Summer Crisis Program assists low-income households with an older household member (60 years or older), that can provide physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for a household member's health, have a disconnect notice, have been shut off, are trying to establish new service on their electric bill, or require air conditioning. Conditions can include such things as lung disease, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, or asthma.

Also, Ohioans enrolled in the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus Program (PIPP) who meet the above criteria may be eligible for assistance towards their default PIPP payment, first PIPP payment, central air conditioning repairs, or may receive an air conditioning unit and/or fan.

For more information about the features of the Summer Crisis Program and what is needed to apply, contact the Community Action Commission of Richland and Huron at 419-901-9539. To be connected to your local Energy Assistance provider visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov or call 800-282-0880.

LASC plans summer bus trip

Lexington Area Senior Citizens, Inc. will host bus trips for anyone 55 and older.

A trip is scheduled to visit "The Rat Pack and More" lunch and show Thursday, Sept. 15, in Strongsville. Total Cost is \$91.

The group will visit Michael's Party Center in Strongsville for a tribute show to the "Rat Pack" (Sammy Davis Jr., Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra). A full plated lunch will be served before the show. An hour is planned at the nearby South Park Mall to visit the food court yard (on your own) or explore their 191 stores. Departure time is 9:15 and with a return time of 6 pm. A deposit of \$30 is due by July 20 with balance due Aug 17.

Prices include bus, driver tip, lunch and gratuity, show/tour fees, snacks/ water on the bus. Make checks payable to LASC, note on check the date for the trip and names of passengers or pay in person at the third Wednesday luncheons at 11:30 AM at Der Dutchman. Checks can be mailed to Helena Bunker, 443 S. Horning Rd. Mansfield OH 44903.

Buses pick up and drop off at the Ontario location of the Area Agency on Aging, Hawkins Corner, 2131 Park Avenue West.

For information visit lexasc.org.

•“Being a Reader Makes You a Leader” coming to parks

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Assistant Richland County Prosecutor

June 27, Burton Park, Miki Zeigler Community Outreach Manager, BrightView; North Lake Park (reader position still open)

June 28, Burton Park, Herbert Ross, Adolescent Program Director Family Life Counseling; North Lake Park (reader position still open)

June 29, Burton Park (reader position still open); North Lake Park, Samantha Davis Community Outreach Cleveland Clinic

June 30, Burton Park, Christole Page, Owner Lorine's Little Learners Child Care and Learning Center; and North Lake Park, Peggy Anderson, CEO Third Street Family Health Services

July 1, Burton Park and North Lake Park (reader positions still open)

July 4, (holiday, no camp)

July 5, Burton Park, Matt Metcalf, Assistant Richland County Prosecutor; and North Lake Park, Chris May, Mansfield/Richland County Public Library

July 6, Burton Park, Darrell Banks, Richland County Commissioner; and North Lake Park, Teana Sykes, Tea Talk

July 7, Burton Park, Shelby Mayor Steve Schag; and North Lake Park, Amy Hiner, Ontario Board of Education

July 8, Burton Park, Tony Vero, Richland County Commissioner; North Lake Park, David Falquette President Mansfield City Council

July 11, Burton Park, David Falquette President Mansfield City Council; and North Lake Park, Miki Zeigler Community Outreach Manager BrightView

July 12, Burton Park, Jay Miller, DRM Productions; North Lake Park, Darrell Banks Richland County Commissioner

July 13, Burton Park, Gary D. Bishop, Richland County Prosecuting Attorney; and North Lake Park, Barbara Sullinger, CFO Third Street Family Health Services

July 14, Burton Park, Candace Coffman, Director of Mansfield Operations Nationwide Children's Hospital; North Lake Park, Latonya Palmer Perfect Peace

July 15, Burton Park, Nicole Williams, Area Agency on Aging; North Lake Park (reader position still open)

July 18, Burton Park, Duana Patton, Area Agency on Aging; North Lake Park (reader position still open)

July 19, Burton Park, Javar Jackson Sr. Third Street Family Health Services; North Lake Park (reader position still open)

July 20, Burton Park and North Lake Park (reader position still open)

July 21, Burton Park, Brandy Marquette, CACY; and North Lake Park, Beth Reitler, Third Street Family Health Services

July 22, Burton Park and North Lake Park (reader position still open)

July 25, Burton Park, Carla James NAACP; and North Lake Park, Theresa Roth, Ohio Health

July 26, Burton Park, Keith Stoner, North Central State College; and North Lake Park, Jean Taddie, RCT / Regional Planning

July 27, Burton Park, Nicole Williams, Area Agency on Aging; North Lake Park, Carla James, Mansfield Branch NAACP

July 28, Burton Park, Allen Hocker, OhioHealth Senior Operations Advisor; and North Lake Park, Brandy Marquette, CACY

July 29, Burton Park, Brooke Miller, Park National Bank; and North Lake Park, Latonya Palmer, Perfect Peace

Aug. 1, Burton Park, Morgan Peery, Park National Bank; and North Lake Park, Tara Klebowski- Richland Outreach Center

Aug. 2, Burton Park, Tara Klebowski-Richland Outreach Center; and North Lake Park (reader position still open)

Aug. 3, Burton Park, Samantha Davis, Program Manager Cleveland Clinic; and North Lake Park, Keith Stoner, North Central State College

Aug. 4, Burton Park and North Lake Park (reader positions still open)

Aug. 5, Burton Park and North Lake Park (reader positions still open)

There is still room on the schedule for those who would like to read. For information about the "Being A Reader Makes You A Leader," reading program, contact Parks and Recreation Coordinator Angel Singleton at 419-522-9801 or mansfieldcityparks@gmail.com or Coles at 419-774-4168.

Area Agency on Aging announces scholarship program recipients

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. has selected the 2022 Scholarship Program award recipients. Scholarships are made possible by the Annual Meeting Sponsorships.

Elizabeth Dvorak, of Huron County, currently attends the University of Akron and is pursuing a degree in Biomedical Science. As a full-time student, she also works as an STNA and will be attending Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine for medical school. Dvorak is the recipient of the \$2,000 scholarship award.

Alexa Konkle, a resident of Wyandot County, is currently enrolled at North Central State College and is pursuing an associate degree in Respiratory Therapy. Her goal is to help patients with chronic diseases live a healthy and fulfilling life. Konkle is a recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship award.

Emma Golling, of Seneca County, is a nursing student at Marion Technical College and plans to pursue her BSN. Her passion for helping older individuals stems from observing her mother working and making a difference, as a Physical Therapy Assistant, in a nursing home. Golling is a recipient of a \$1000 scholarship award.

The Area Agency on Aging Corporate Board of Trustees elected to provide one \$2,000 scholarship for an individual enrolled in a course of study that benefits the aging network at a four-year University, one \$1,000 award to an individual who is enrolled in courses benefitting the aging network at a technical or a two-year college, and one \$1,000 award to an individual who is attending any higher institute of learning or certification that may benefit the aging network. Board President Nate Roshon and CEO Duana Patton look forward to presenting these awardees during the July Board meeting.

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

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., located at 2131 Park Avenue West in Ontario, provides leadership, collaboration, coordination and services to older adults, people with disabilities, their caregivers and resource networks that support individual choice, independence and dignity.

Mansfield festival returns July 30 with new name

The Mansfield Children's Festival returns, this year with a new name, the Mansfield Family Festival on Saturday, July 30.

The name change comes with a focus on engaging the whole family. This summer's festival will have something for every member of the family to enjoy.

Like previous years, the free family festival will be held on the last Saturday in July, this year July 30, from 10 am to 2 pm.

The Mansfield Family Festival will be located on Walnut Street and Third Street in downtown Mansfield near family destinations such as the Richland Carrousel Park, the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library, the Renaissance Theatre and the new home of Little Buckeye Children's Museum. This is the same location as last September's pop-up park, Imagination Park. The location also allows the festival to use the new food truck hook-ups at Idea Works Kitchen on Third Street.

The Mansfield Family Festival will include free games, prizes, bouncy houses, food trucks, live entertainment, animals, carousel rides, family movie screenings and much more. There is no cost to attend the festival, and no tickets needed. Parking can be found at the Municipal Lot on Fourth Street between Main Street and Diamond Street.

Vendors interested in participating in the festival should submit a Vendor Registration Form to Katie Gatten at kgatten@mrcpl.org, or contact Katie with questions at 419-521-3148. For more information, follow Mansfield Family Festival on Facebook.

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Voter registration deadline nearing for August primary

The deadline to register to vote or change an address and/or name for the Aug. 2, 2022 Primary Election is Tuesday July 5. The Board of Elections office will be open that evening until 9 pm and is located at 1495 W. Longview Ave., Suite 101 in the Longview Center. After 4 pm visitors must use the entrance at the lower level back parking area at the southwest corner of the building.

Qualifications for registering to vote include:

- must be either a native U. S. citizen, or a naturalized citizen of the U.S.

- must be a resident of Richland County and Ohio 30 days prior to an election

- must be a minimum of 18 years of age on or before the date of the General Election on Nov. 8, 2022.

Registered voters who have moved or changed their name must notify the board office in writing or in person. Voters who are currently registered in Ohio may change their address online at VoteOhio.gov but must do it by the July 5 deadline. Online registration is also now available at VoteOhio.gov

In addition to the Board of Elections office, citizens may register or complete a change of address/name at the following locations in Richland County:

- Any library branch
- All city and village hall offices
- The Bureau of Motor Vehicles office
- The Department of Human Services
- The Richland County Courthouse (Recorder or Treasurer Offices)
- All area high school offices

Registration forms may also be obtained from the Board of Elections' website at www.boe.ohio.gov/richland or requested by mail. Contact the board office at 419-774-5530 to have a form sent by mail. Completed voter registration forms must be postmarked 30 days prior to Election Day.

Association applauds record investment in school safety grants

The Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) reacted to the signing of House Bill (HB) 687 by Gov. Mike DeWine. The capital appropriations bill contains \$100 million in school safety grants for physical security enhancement, equipment or inspection and screening equipment to improve the overall physical security and safety of school buildings.

"We commend Gov. DeWine, President Huffman and Speaker Cupp for their tremendous investment in protecting our students and staff when they come to school," OSBA Chief Executive Officer Rick Lewis said.

"The age and condition of Ohio's public school buildings vary greatly and so too do their physical security needs. These critically needed resources will help school leaders implement 21st century security technologies and strengthen their ability to prepare for, prevent and respond to violent acts.

"The demand for this funding could not be greater. Out of the roughly 1,500 schools that applied for the first round of \$5 million from the School Safety Grant Program, only 89 schools received funding. The governor referred to this round of funding as a 'beginning downpayment.' We look forward to working with his office and legislative leaders in the General Assembly to continue this extraordinary commitment and ensure our local schools have the tools they need to keep their communities safe."

The \$100 million in school safety grants is supported by federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act and will be administered by Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) using procedures determined after consultation with the Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Department of Public Safety. Schools that have had their facilities constructed or renovated under any facilities assistance programs in the last five years or received a grant under the existing School Safety Grant Program are prohibited from receiving grants.