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Grant Milliron

## Grant Milliron takes next step with sale to Bluescope

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Milliron Recycling announced the sale of the business to an Australian steelmaker and change of name to BlueScope Recycling and Materials – Mansfield.

More than 100 current employees remain at the plant in Mansfield. BlueScope is a provider of innovative steel materials, products, systems and technologies, headquartered in Australia, with operations spreading across North America, Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands and throughout Asia.

They are one of the world's leading manufacturers of painted and coated steel products, and with their strong expertise in steel, BlueScope provides vital components for houses, buildings, structures, automotive and more.

What made a large company like BlueScope bat an eye at Milliron Recycling? To make new steel, you need to buy old steel and with Milliron's superb reputation, that's where the interest came to purchase the company.

Grant Milliron, 87, started Milliron Recycling in 1954 and has been greatly involved in the community over the years.

I wanted to know what makes a man like Grant Milliron so successful yet humble throughout the years. I had the pleasure of sitting down with him in his office on Springmill Rd. last week. We had a wonderful heart-to-heart conversation. I can honestly say it was life changing to hear from such a wise, humble man like Grant.

### Honoring the Legacy of former company owner and president of Milliron Corporation

Grant was born in a little white, two-story house on Franklin St., in Mansfield on Feb. 28, 1935. At that time babies were born in houses, not hospitals. Throughout his childhood he lived in four different school districts and as a result, Grant met a lot of different people. He started out in the Mansfield City Schools.

When Grant was in the second grade, his father purchased an old  
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## New Area Agency on Aging fund will be a catalyst for giving

Jana and Pat Mulherin are providing a pathway for people to donate to the Area Agency on Aging Ohio District 5. They awarded a grant from their Richland County Foundation donor-advised fund to the Area Agency on Aging to establish an agency endowed fund.

"Our philanthropic philosophy is simple; it is about giving back. The endowment fund will be a way for people to donate to the Area Agency on Aging and it will make a difference in our community," said Jana Mulherin.

"We give because we believe in the organization, its mission, and employees. The fund is important so that other people in the community realize they can do this as well. Either set up a fund for a nonprofit or give to an existing fund at the Foundation," said Mrs. Mulherin.

Pat Mulherin's grandparents, John and Winnie Mulherin, relocated from Iowa to build their Dairy Queen in Mansfield at the corner of Glessner Avenue and Wood Street in 1948. Later, another DQ store was opened on Ashland Road by the family.

"The community embraced the Mulherin Family then and our family continues to embrace the community with nonprofit involvement. We feel a responsibility to give back," said Pat Mulherin.

To incentivize donors and grow the fund, the Mulherins have offered a \$10,000 matching grant through December 31, 2022.

Area Agency on Aging Ohio District 5 CEO Duana Patton said the fund will be a catalyst for future gifts.

"This agency endowed fund is such an honor. Jana and Pat are great advocates for our work. This honors Jana's work on our board over the past seven years," said Patton.

Patton wants to help the fund grow.

To donate to the Area Agency on Aging Ohio District 5 Fund go to richlandcountycfoundation.org and select the fund from the drop-down box or write a check payable to the Richland County Foundation and note the fund on the memo line.

About the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging:

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. It has programs for all ages and income levels; however, it specializes in services and programs for older adults and anyone with disabilities.

For 45 years, AAA has served North Central Ohio with the same goal in mind: to help older adults and individuals with disabilities live safely and independently in their homes for as long as possible. It manages programs that provide in-home help and can connect people to various community-based services, including transportation, nutrition programs, and safety monitoring. AAA also offers free workshops to those with diabetes and other chronic conditions and educational resources, respite, trainings, and support for caregivers and grandparents raising grandchildren.

AAA advocates for older adults at the local, state, and national levels. It partners with organizations and agencies in its service area to provide options.



Duana Patton with  
Pat and Jana Mulherin

# Lexington's Oldest Business

**By Bob Carter**

Kell Hardware is the town's oldest business, dating back to 1886. It's had a series of owners during that time but has never closed. There was a big fire on West Main in 1885, which leveled every building except for the brick which now houses a pizza shop.

Among businesses lost was Boggs Tin Shop. Moses Sowers owned the brick building and the whole lot. A new building went up for Boggs and several years later, John Walker, a farmer from west of town, took over.

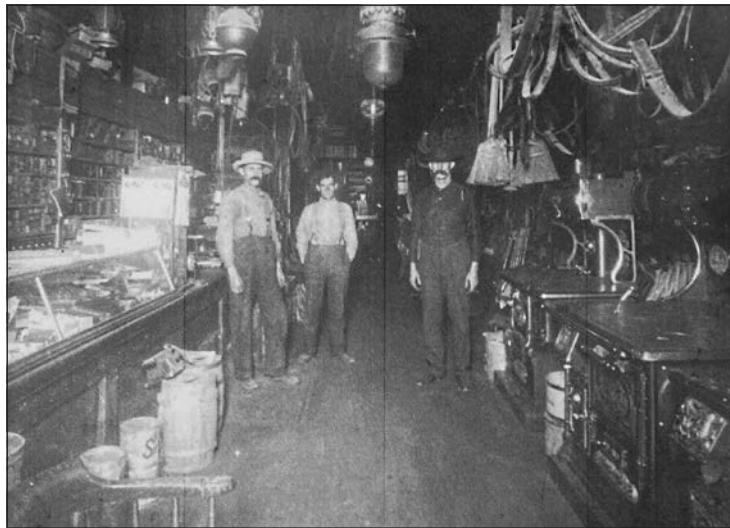
In 1896, he retired and his son, Walter Walker and a new partner, Marshall Kell, took over. Both young men were members of famed Lexington's Bachelors Club and old-timers recalled that they lived in a second floor room at the back of the store.

All went well until one day in 1903 when, without warning, Marshall Kell married Ella Bachelder. He had been treasurer of the club and his marriage sent a shock wave over the members. Twos company and threes a crowd, so Walker left and opened his own hardware store across the street.

Marshall's brother Thad Kell became the new partner and it became Kell Brothers Hardware.

Looking at old 1900 records, the store had about everything one needed. They carried stocks from horse shoes, harnesses, wood stoves and furnaces, roofing and plumbing supplies. They also sold coal from a lot near the railroad station, plus farm implements, kitchen wares and even custom wagons and sleds made-to-order. They also carried shingles, slate and tin roofing along with oil, gasoline and dynamite.

When Route 42 was first paved with concrete, Kells sold railroad cars of bags of cement. It was a very profitable partnership.



**STANDING LEFT TO RIGHT** are Thad Kell, brother Martin Kell and Walter Walker. At the time in 1900, the store was known as Walker & Kell Hardware.

The brothers hired Seymour Lindsey, Lexington's famed artist painter, to paint the exterior of their building to which he added large murals on the second floor. A large oval had an American eagle with an American flag in the background. Another had a picture of a horse-drawn plow with a Kell Brothers advertisement on it. Unfortunately both were covered with newer siding sometime later.

Thad Kell died in 1930. A year later, Marshall turned the business over to his son Arthur C. Kell who had grown up in that store and for the next 30 years guided it with good public relations and his ever-present cigars.

In 1961, Art decided it was time to retire and sold the place to Lloyd Curtner, a hardware salesman that used to call on him. It was Curtner and Tribune-Courier's Frank Stumbo who came up with the slogan "99 to 1 we have it." If he didn't have it, he jokingly told the customer they didn't really need it anyway.

After Lloyd's untimely death, his wife Betty and son ran the place for a while and then in 1993 sold it to Art Meyers who expanded the store to the brick building next door and made other improvements over the next ten years.

In 2003, Jeff Carter bought the business. When he was a high school teenager he tried to get a part-time job there but Art Kell wouldn't hire him. He never forgot that. Now Jeff and his son Jacob handle the parts, pieces, nut and bolts, patches and thing-a-ma-bobs that help keep home and hearth together. Most often the sale comes with suggestions of use.

Carter is nearing his 20th anniversary of running the oldest continuous business in Lexington. One hundred and thirty-six years must be a record!



**THE HARDWARE** still had the Seymour Lindsey paintings in this early 1940s picture. The Kell coal delivery truck is also shown.

## Town hall meeting to be held at OHS

Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board will present a local town hall meeting to discuss how the community is providing local help and local hope for those impacted by addiction.

Those attending will view CACY's Hidden in Plain Sight adult education program and Narcan training, hear a testimonial and learn about resources available in Richland County.

This meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 6-8 pm at Ontario High School.

For more information visit [RichlandMentalHealth.com](http://RichlandMentalHealth.com) or call 419-774-5811.

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# News Briefs

Ridgeway Church of God, 1380 Park Avenue East, Madison Township, will host a spaghetti dinner on Friday, Sept. 9, from 4:30-6 pm in the fellowship hall. 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.

The next Mansfield Area Community Hymnsing is Friday, Sept. 2, 7 pm, at New Liberty Baptist Church, Lexington Ave., Lexington. The church is located a half mile south of Hanley Rd.

The format is open and the congregation will be asked to pick songs from the hymnal, call them out and everyone joins in and sings them together.

A Family Field Day will be held at Charles Palm Park, Bellville, Sunday, Oct. 9, from 1-4 pm. The rain date will be Oct. 16.

There will be an ODNR Archery Trailer, fishing and BB gun range. Donuts, cider and s'mores will be provided, while supplies last.

For information call 419-886-2245 Ext. 5.

The 2nd Annual Western Buckeye Council Sporting Clay event, benefitting the Buckeye Council, Boy Scouts of America, is rapidly approaching. This event will help raise funds to support the 1,020 Scouts in the surrounding area.

The event will be held Thursday, Sept. 15, Elkhorn Lake Hunt Club in Bucyrus at 1 pm.

This is a 12-station, sporting clays competitive 50-bird round event offering unique sponsorship opportunities. Sponsorship levels range from \$350 to \$3,000.

For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Amy at amy.heller@scouting.org or 330-418-3282), Kim at kim.messersmith@scouting.org or 419-522-8300, or stop by the Mansfield office at 40 W. Fourth St., Ste. 117. Registration can be completed online at <https://www.celebratescouting.org/western-shoot>.

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 Sept. 13, Sobos, classic rock; and Sept. 27, Departure, Journey Tribute.

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

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.

The meal on Sept. 21, will be broasted chicken and Jane Horton will sing. A collection will be taken for the Richland County Humane Society.

Those attending are asked to bring paper or cloth towels, cleaning supplies, newspaper, wipes, disposable gloves, canned food and Purina cat and dog food.

On Sept. 7, the group will meet for lunch at 11:30 am at Wishmaker House in Bellville.

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

Now is the time to support the Crestview 4-H and FFA exhibitors that show market livestock. The Crestview Area Buyers Club is a tax-deductible charitable organization that raises money to purchase market projects of Crestview Students.

The club's goal is to support these students by giving 100% of the funds back to the exhibitors. Donations will be used to purchase an exhibitor's animal at a fair and competitive market price during the auctions. For information call Stephanie at 419-564-0643. Donations can be sent to Crestview Area Buyers Club, c/o Stephanie Bistline, 4430 Mansfield Adario Rd., Shiloh OH 44878.

Hope on the Hill Chapel Ministries, 2535 State Route 598, Crestline, will host a revival time Sept. 16-18.

There will be special singing nightly. On Friday at 7 pm Evangelist Kenneth Copeland from Tennessee will be ministering. He was born in 1954 in Alabama, reborn into the family of God in a cow pasture and baptized in Iwakuni, Japan in 1976.

Copeland will be ministering at 6 pm Saturday and 10:30 am Sunday. Lunch will be served after the service. All are welcome.

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## 4-H News Report

On July 24, 2022, the Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H Club held a monthly meeting and discussed important topics. Before the meeting started, they let members do health and safety talks/demonstrations. Sarah T., Kaidence, Michael and Aidan all did both health and safety talks and demonstrations.

The club started the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and the 4-H pledge. Next, they went over committee reports and officer reports. Then they went over new business which ended with canceling the August meeting due to fair and deciding to hold the end of the year party at Altitude Trampoline Park in September.

Finally, the advisor made some announcements which included state fair participants, a barn meeting on July 26, the junior fair schedule, auction/open class/fair pass/Bake-o-Rama/Skill-o-Rama information, stock the trailer fundraising information, and lastly information on the dairy bar.

During the fair week that followed, the Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H Club won club awards that included Horse Herdsman and Sheep Herdsman. Many club members participated in fair events throughout the week and were recognized with individual placement ribbons and awards. Congratulations!

Sawyer E.  
News Reporter

# Running to the bank is now a walk in the park.

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### **Clear Fork Alliance Church**

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

### **Community Bible Church**

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

### **Lexington Presbyterian Church**

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

### **McElroy Road Church of Christ**

297 N. McElroy Rd., Mansfield (Madison area)  
419-589-2661 • [mcelroyroad.org](http://mcelroyroad.org)  
Minister Dean Jackson  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Sunday Worship  
6 pm Sunday Night • 7 pm Wednesday  
[www.facebook.com/mrccgrace](https://www.facebook.com/mrccgrace)

### **Ontario Christian Church**

1029 Lewis Rd., Ontario  
419-529-5684 • [ontariochristian.org](http://ontariochristian.org)  
Minister Steve Broughton  
9 am Sunday School  
10 am Sunday Worship

### **Ontario United Methodist Church**

3540 Park Avenue West, Ontario  
419-529-4345 • [www.ontarioumc.com](http://www.ontarioumc.com)  
Rev. Christine Bell  
10:15 am Sunday Worship  
Bible Study: Check website for schedule

### **Ridgeway Church of God**

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

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### **G & M Body & Paint Shop**

1689 West Fourth St., Ontario  
419-529-2747

## Library sale opens this week

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library (MRCPL) Evergreen Bookshop will host its monthly sale Sept. 1–3. Current members of the Friends of the Library are welcome to shop the pre-sale on Thursday, Sept. 1, from 2–6 pm. Memberships can be purchased at the store on Thursday.

The sale will be open to the public on Friday, Sept. 2, 2–6 pm, and Saturday, Sept. 3, 9 am to 1 pm, in the bookshop next to the main library.

This sale is sponsored by The Friends of the Mansfield Richland County Public Library and will feature many “new to the store” adult and children’s books, DVDs and audiobooks. Materials are library discards and donations.

The bookshop is located at 37 N. Walnut St.

## Benefit to help Madison families

A spaghetti dinner benefit will be held Saturday, Oct. 29, at 4 pm at the Madison Bingo Hall, 750 5th Ave., Madison area.

The event will raise funds to help cover medical expenses for Garrett Kallerson and Grant Clinton.

The two Madison students were in a car accident last month resulting in the passing of Grant and requiring Garrett to undergo multiple surgeries and therapies.

Cost is \$10 per ticket (cash only) and will be available at the door. There will be a raffle and donations are still being accepted.

For information or to donate contact Mandy at 419-545-6565, Adrianna at 567-274-1868 or Jordan at 567-241-8159.

### **Risen Savior Lutheran Church**

1685 Lexington Ave., Mansfield  
419-775-1175 • [risensaviormansfield.com](http://risensaviormansfield.com)  
Pastor Brad Wright  
9 am Sunday Family Bible Time  
10 am Sunday Worship

### **St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church**

1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison) 419-589-2114 • [www.mansfieldstmarys.org](http://www.mansfieldstmarys.org)  
Father Matthew Frisbee  
Worship: 4 pm Saturday & 11 am Sunday  
5:30 pm Tuesday Worship  
9 am Friday Worship • Faith Instruction & Bible Study on Sunday Mornings

### **St. Paul Lutheran**

2010 Park Avenue West • 419-529-4351  
[www.stpaulmansfield.org](http://www.stpaulmansfield.org)  
Pastor Jonathan Stuft  
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](mailto:sttimmansfield.org)  
Pastor Jonathan Stuft  
10:45 am Sunday Worship  
10:15 am Monday Bible Study  
Email: [secretary@sttimmansfield.org](mailto:secretary@sttimmansfield.org)

### **Trinity United Methodist Church**

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

### **Wappner Funeral Home**

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## Kingwood celebrates reopening of Peacock Playhouse and Storybook Trail

Following temporary closures for improvement projects, Kingwood Center Gardens is celebrated the re-opening of the Peacock Playhouse and the Storybook Trail on Aug. 30.

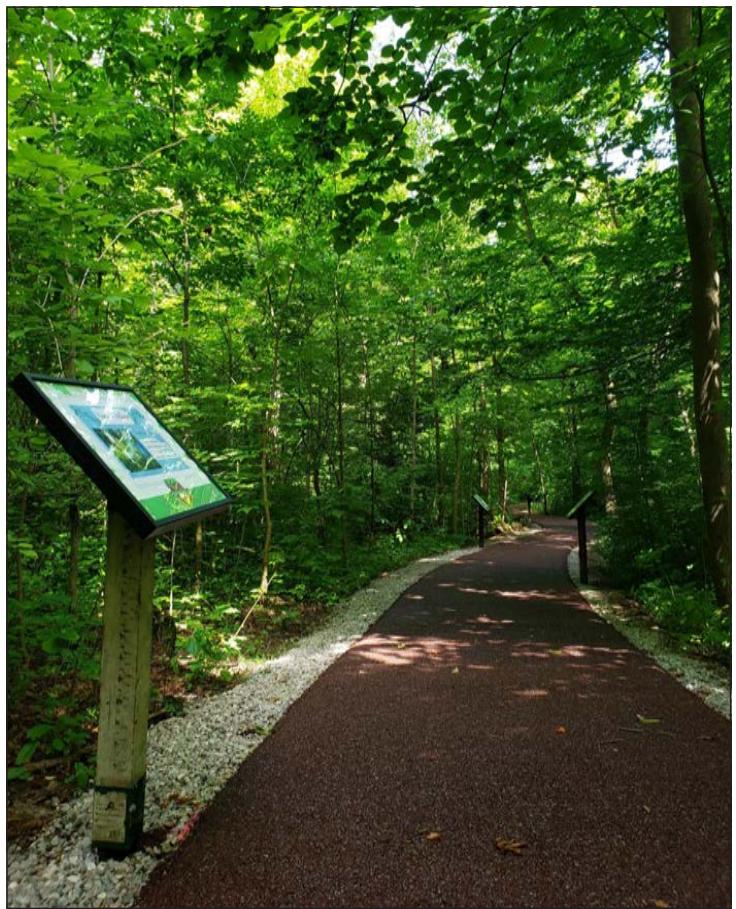
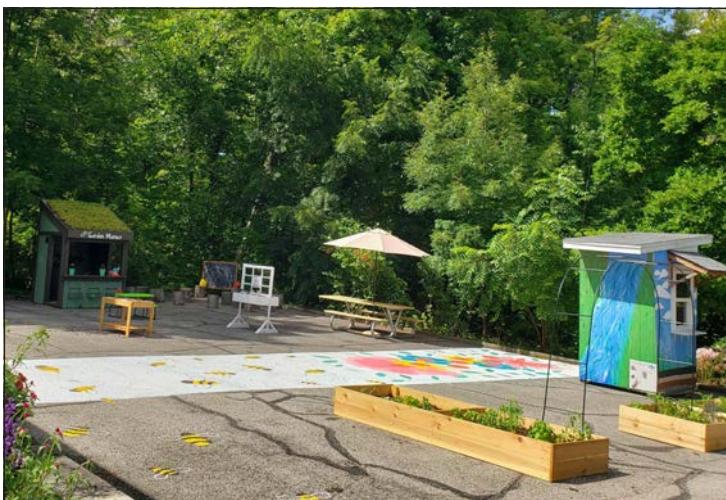
The Peacock Playhouse recently was refreshed and upgraded. The intentional redesign and expansion of educational opportunities will improve children's experiences. Following a complete cleaning and reset, new hands-on learning stations and an improved reading corner were added, along with infrastructure and equipment to expand educational programming. Most areas engage and stimulate students, but a low-stimulation zone was also created to provide an inclusive area for children who prefer peaceful spaces.

The colorful and inviting outdoor area added interactive features, raised garden beds, an instructional zone and additional seating that includes an ADA picnic table. This outdoor area provides creative play space and is the gateway to the Storybook Trail.

The Storybook Trail has a new Porous Pave pathway that replaced the gravel trail. Porous Pave is a water permeable product that is ADA compliant, slip resistant, non-toxic, environmentally safe, and controls erosion. The new surface is easily navigated by wheelchairs and strollers. Kingwood's Storybook Trail opened in June 2020. The featured book changes seasonally.

The Peacock Playhouse Impact Project and the Storybook Trail Porous Pave Project were generously funded by the Shelby Foundation.

Kingwood Center Gardens is an historic garden estate on 47 acres in Mansfield that once was the home of the innovative industrialist, Charles Kelley King.



### Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

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Julia Ann Leonard, Aug. 12

Robert "Bud" Ogden Strine, Aug. 19

Clara Juanita Askey, Aug. 23

Sharon Elizabeth Ellis, Aug. 24

William Harkins, Aug. 24

Donald Owens, Aug. 26

Shirley A. Vogt, Aug. 27

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schoolhouse in the Union school district (now called Crestview). He went to school there for third and fourth grade. After that, they moved to Butler, for fifth grade through seventh. In the eighth grade, he came back to Mansfield when his parents got divorced, and that put him in the Madison Local School District. At the age of twelve, he was pretty much on his own taking care of himself financially and helping his mother.

"I lived my whole life here and have never moved away. I graduated from Madison High School in 1953. I met my wife Mary there in the tenth grade," said Milliron. Mary passed away a year ago in March after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. They were married for 67 years, dated three years, totaling 70 beautiful years together. They had seven children — four daughters and three sons.

In high school, Grant took the academic course. You had two choices (academic or general). Grant had a dream of going to college, even though he knew he didn't have the money. He really thought that with the statistics he had in his football career, he would get an offer from a college. God closed that door. He had another option he considered. His uncle had served in the Ohio State Highway Patrol before he went into the Navy. He served in WWII, so Grant thought about doing that. Well, you had to be 5'10" and weigh 180 pounds so that door closed as well.

At that time, the area had an abundance of industry. You could get a job anywhere in a factory. Why did the Lord point Grant to the Mansfield Steel Mill? He's not sure, but God did. He got hired there and made \$1.43 an hour.

"I got a lot of experience at the end of a shovel and broom. A year later though, an opportunity came along which helped me transition into what I'm doing now."

There was an opening in the lab. One of the criteria was you had to have a background in chemistry. Well guess what, I took high school chemistry, so, I got the job. It was a union environment, and that's how it was structured. With that I became a metallurgical observer. I worked up on the floor where the furnaces were, and I would observe the steel product going into the furnace, check it for quality, write that little thing down, and then they would put different alloys in.

The third helper would come along and there were different piles of different alloys, and I had to track that weight. Finally, I had to be involved in the process where they took the samples of the molten and send that. It was an easy job, but it was a learning experience in how to make steel and what goes into steel. So, it's just like the Lord positioned me to be there."

Shortly after that, Grant's father came around and it was his idea to get into the Auto Salvage business. Grant's first business plan was on a single piece of ledger paper. They took an arbitrary price of what they might sell the parts for, took the cost of goods and the bottom line gave them their estimated profit. Now that was all projections, not facts. What really convinced Grant as an 18-year-old kid to commit was you had another profit maker — the scrap value. You had two profit makers for the price of one acquisition, so he made

up his mind immediately then and there!

When Grant and Mary were first married, he was at the mill and Mary worked in a box factory. Together they had saved \$500 which was quite a bit of money in that day. Grant's dad borrowed \$500 from a finance company, and together they started the business with a capitalization of \$1,000. They rented a one-acre lot for \$50 a month, which was a lot of money for a bare piece of ground. Grant then went up town and bought 12 cars. He bought a 1936 Ford Cabin Chassis, and it had a hand winch on it. So, after those purchases, the \$1,000 was gone. Grant had no capital left and that is just one of the reasons Grant Milliron should have failed.

## Five Reasons Grant should have failed

- 1) He had no mechanical experience. Grant had never worked on a car and didn't even own a wrench.
- 2) After buying 12 cars and a wrecker, he had no capital. So how was he going to buy fresh inventory?
- 3) They had the largest competition in the whole country in Crestline, Ohio. The Moyer brothers each had about 100 acres of cars. Why would anyone tackle a competitor of that magnitude? Grant never even thought about it.
- 4) They were in a recession. After the Korean War ended in 1953, 1954 brought them into a recession. The value of their commodity and the scrap at that time was very low at a penny a pound.
- 5) Two other people had attempted to do the same thing. They both worked at the steel mill but failed and eventually gave up.

"Those are the five reasons why I shouldn't be here today. I never forgot it, but God had a different plan! So, he gave me the strength and the ability to learn, and the capacity to manage that little seed He planted when I was 18 years old. I was ten days away from my 19th birthday. Our first office was out of the back of a Budget box truck," Grant smirked.

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**Grant Milliron**

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"Back when I was a twelve-year-old boy, God prepared me with my first business which was a paper route. I had 100 customers, and the *News Journal* would come to Butler, and drop 100 papers, so that's called cost of goods or inventory. Then I had to do the processing. The papers were delivered to a local drug store on the corner. I would go in, have a Cherry Coke, and I would fold the newspapers into a square. It was like a frisbee, and I could ride my bicycle down the road and throw them onto the front porch. We had inventory, processing, delivery, and then on Saturday mornings, I would go door to door and collect the money. If I was lucky, I got paid. Some people didn't pay me, believe it or not. So, I learned about business, and we do the same thing today. We buy goods, we process it, we deliver it, and hope to get paid. It's that simple! One piece of paper and you can just about figure it out!"

"The work ethic back then was quite a bit different than today. You couldn't hire people to do that type of work today. We did it all by hand. I learned that work ethic in the sixth grade in Butler. I worked for a farmer that had a threshing machine. We didn't have a bailer, and we did it all with a pitchfork. You had to cut the wheat, reap the wheat, chop the wheat, and then let it dry. Then with a pitchfork I had to put it all on a wagon and bring it in to the threshing machine. George Hammond was the name of the farmer that took a chance on me. I only made \$2 a day but we got all we could eat for lunch. They were big lunches, I'm talking chicken, roast beef, pork chops and mashed potatoes. The real interesting thing was we would all go out after we had our lunch and take a nap under shade tree for about 20 minutes. I still do that to this day! My body has become so accustomed to that. I set a timer for 30 minutes but usually wake up after 20. By 1:00 in the afternoon I'm ready to go back to work! I'll soon be 88 so it must work!"

## Grant's Hobbies Growing Up

What did Grant do for fun in his younger days? Well, he loved to fish. Every Sunday he would walk up along the Clearfork River and go fishing with his dog. In the heart of springtime, he had a favorite area between two huge rocks. There was a pond on one side and the rapids on the other and the fish would come up with the rapids and settle in the pond. You would see hundreds of fish.

What makes Grant Milliron such a solid man of faith?

"I was about 18 years old when I accepted Jesus but learned a lot from my grandparents as a young boy. They lived about two blocks from the evangelical church which is now Main Street United Methodist. As a youth, I would spend two weeks with them and go to Bible school so that was my connection at a very early age. Every time I make a public presentation I begin with my favorite verse, Psalm 118:24 "This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." I begin every day with that thought. Think of the day! No matter what happens, He made that day."

"I don't believe in luck, only blessings. In 1997 I really began to see how God had orchestrated my life. I always thought it was just to be a good steward, and handle society's discards (which recycling

is). I was in the solid waste business two different times. We've had a fantastic career in both of those areas."

## How The Industry Progressed Over the Years

"It's kind of strange how we've progressed. We started 20 years just in the auto parts, and then we had a global situation that caused me to change gears quickly. I call them turning points or opportunities. We had the energy crisis. No one drove cars. Gas went from 25 cents to a \$1. We went from selling eight motors a day to one. I still had a full staff, and I don't lay anyone off, so I had to figure out what I was going to do. Well, we better gear up and get into the scrap business. In 1974 I put a big scale in, and it is still there, and we still weigh on it every day. Again, I knew very little about the scrap business, so we had that whole learning curve."

"In 1983, the scrap business was moving along, and things were better, so we decided to get into the solid waste business. Again, didn't know a thing about it! I had been thinking about it for about a year. BFI was the second largest solid waste business in the whole country and was in Mansfield. Second biggest competitors in the whole U.S. — why would I think about taking them on. Well, we did it before and it worked."

"My hand was forced; I really was not quite ready to make that move. I don't jump in and make quick decisions, unless I have to. But we had to when the energy crisis came. The next day I was in the waste business. I remember the truck ran about two weeks and I had to go buy another truck and that began the learning curve of the solid waste business in 1983."

Now I'm in the auto parts, the scrap business, and now waste management so I'm in three different businesses at the same time operating all under one roof and still is until this day.

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## Hardship Hit In 1995

"We had a 10,000 square foot building that was the headquarters for everything. Three businesses in one office. I got a call that there was a fire. I looked out my bedroom window (I lived right behind the office), and the sky was lit up. It was 2:30 in the morning, and by 5:30 daylight we didn't have a paperclip to start the day. We lost everything in that fire. Every record. From all those companies for all those years. The next day, my son Karl and JR, George Will and Dan got together and said, "What are we going to do?" Don't you know, 24 hours later, we were back in business. I had tremendous support from the utility companies, I had phone and electric the next day and we had the scale put in, I had a trailer up in Amherst and brought that in and used it as an office. I lost all my computers and checks. I had nothing. The drivers had to run their routes from their memory, but we did it."

At that point, most people would be tempted to give up, but Grant never did. He just thought, what are going to do to fix it.

"Well, that was a learning experience and God tests you in many ways. I didn't know it at that time, but He made me a better person from that experience. The community around me supported and asked what they could do to help."

## How has Grant stayed so humble over the years?

"Oh, that's easy! I don't take credit for anything. It's God and the people He put before me and the employees that have allowed this company to grow over the years. I can design and build the prettiest building with the greatest technology and equipment, but it takes people to make it successful. There are many people in the business that do what I do, but they don't get the results that we do."

Milliron also worked to create a new landfill. At the time, the county oversaw solid waste, and had a landfill out by the airport.

"One part of the due diligence I didn't consider when I got into the garbage business is having a landfill available. After I'm in that side of the business a few months, I hear "Well the landfill is going to

close in a year." With that, the process began for citing a new landfill and I went to every one of those meetings. We built a big transfer station with a recycling component called Material Recycling Facilities. It was one of the first in Ohio and we made sure we put innovative equipment in that. For over a year, I would have guests from all over the United States and five international delegations coming to see how it ran. I later sold that landfill.

## Grant sets up his Family Foundation to Help Others

Grant is known in Richland County as a generous man. He set up the Milliron Foundation in order to help the community and individuals. Most foundations help charities, but his can help individuals.

"In 1997 I told God, (laughing and tearing up), if you get me through this, I'll give you ten percent. We did and I set up my family foundation to help other people. We've done a lot since and a lot has been made public and I try not to boast of anything, like the fire station in Shelby, I didn't want anyone to know that I was the benefactor, but you couldn't keep it under wraps. We tried."

In 2018, Grant donated a brand-new fire station in Shelby. Chief Mike Thompson is truly grateful for the fire station. The former fire station was constructed in 1872, and it was one of the oldest fire stations in the United States. The battle of Little Bighorn took place four years after its construction. It served the community well but after numerous floods made it necessary for Shelby Fire to relocate.

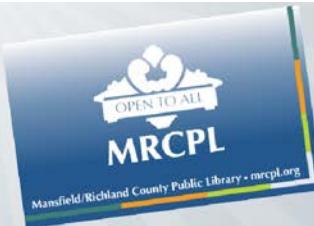
## The Shelby 31 Fire Station

After the fire at the business in 1995 and after three major fires since then as a result of fluff catching fire, Grant saw how quickly the fire departments in the area came and how hard they worked to contain the fires.

"I owed them a debt of gratitude because we lost no equipment in the most recent fire. We contained it. We had our people in there moving it with cranes. At the time of that fire, our foundation had enough funds in there to fund a new fire building."

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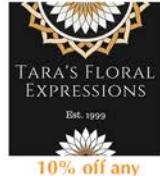
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"The architecture is so beautiful in the Shelby Fire station. That was a requirement I told the contractor, I wanted to build a building that was different and bring in some of the older architectural designs. So, we used the older and modern touches together with things like using arched windows, and heated flooring, fumigation systems. The front doors, I love the doors, they are all glass!"

## 3 Goals and Opportunities Grant Aims to Achieve Daily

1) Do the absolute best I can do in my business (employee relations, making your job easier, buying new equipment, building the buildings, fine tuning your business, treating people right,) whatever it takes, I want to do the best I can every day with the Lord's guidance.

2) Help someone else. – no matter how small or how large. It doesn't have to be money; it can be advice. People call me often for advice. People in our industry like to come and see the technology we have here and see how we run this company and learn from it. We offer mentorship, and our advice is free. I tell them anything they want to know, and they come from all over the country. So that way I can help people in many ways, big or small. I'm going to be building ramp for a handicap person through my foundation. God put me here to help others in whatever way it looks like. A lot of these proceeds from selling my company will go into that foundation. That way, long after I'm gone, we'll be doing the same thing and continuing to help people in the community.

3) Learn something new each day. I don't care what it is I want to learn something new. I'll have a conversation before the end of the day with a stranger or I'll get an idea and it's just amazing.

"I've had a great life in every respect from family, to business, to friends, the support I've had from the community, and then I look at the people that work for me and how they have invested their whole life into everything we have done here."

The good Lord always points me to the right decision at the right time. I like to call them turning points or life changing events. Right now, there's so much merger and buying of steel mills. Several purchases have transpired just like mine. We had other offers as well, but I had three criteria that were very simple when deciding who to sell to."

"Give me a fair value, take good care of my people and continue to be involved in the community. I think they fit the mold the best. We are well known in the industry, selling to steel mills, so they know about our quality and our superb reputation in the industry. We have good quality and product delivery, just the whole thing that we do here is desirable for someone else to do. We have one of the best set-ups here."

"How's your day going, people would ask? And I would answer 'Well, we're running like a Singer Sewing machine.' My grandmother had one back in the day. They were dependable and reliable, never broke down and gave you a beautiful product. They were smooth and quiet. I would say, "we had a Singer Sewing Machine Day today." The number of trucks we have going in and out of here is just astounding. Like yesterday, we handled 204 18-wheeler trucks. That's high volume for three people down there at the scale. All the people that coordinate to get things in and off the trucks and get it over here is just like a little beehive."

"At first, it takes a while to get into sync, but once you do, everyone knows what to do and where to be. Jeff DeVito, my son in law, has been running the waste companies and he had a lot to do with the success of that company. He has dedicated a lot of his life here as well."

"That nucleus that we've had for many years here is amazing. We run a tight ship. There aren't very many bosses around and we all have certain things we must do, and we just blend. Some families don't get along, but our family has always gotten along. We minimize meetings and keep them as short as possible.

"I don't want Partners. You need to be in control. We're such a small company that we can make instant decisions. I call it "do it now." And that's the way you succeed. You don't have 10 committees you don't have 10 different discussions; we talk about it and in a half hour we'll make up our mind."

"BlueScope is already here getting set up. I'm just around helping here for the next three months. I'm not changing my phone number; I told them I'm here if you need any help. I love it here in this community, I won't leave — I'll die here."

From the health I've had, the family, to the wife, God has blessed me in every way. Entering high school at Madison, I remember never seeing so many pretty girls! I dated a couple, but in those days, dates were during the daytime. We might go down to Mifflin Lake, or take a drive or something like that, or play basketball, it was just different. In tenth grade I kind of settled in on Mary, and that was it. It was mutual; we both liked each other. I started football in eighth grade at Lincoln Heights as a running back. I was very small, but I played as a running back, receiver, and punter."

## Grant's A Family Man

How did Grant and Mary keep their marriage alive over the years? Well, they just accepted one another, and they didn't have trouble. They were good friends and teammates. They respected one another tremendously. They didn't have Pampers in those days and having four kids in six years was a lot. Their family really strived to have that one meal together as a family every night. Mary was quite the baker and cook. With such a large family, she would bake two pies and a cake, and they would easily eat that whole cake in one meal. The kids all like sweets to this day. They had great vacations in the summer and Grant would take a week off and they would spend quality time together. He remembers having a fantastic life! Grant has a daughter who is a teacher in Shelby, one who was previously a teacher, and a granddaughter who is also a teacher. His boys JR and Karl started working at the business when they were only eight years old. Their first job was cleaning the bathrooms, and after that they got a promotion and they could take off tires, and thirdly they could put them in the rack and take care of customers and help them pick out the right tire.

"That's one thing I'm proud of with my kids, I made them work. I remember telling them, if you go to work every day, you do a good job, you'll always have a job! You must develop those work ethics early in life! It's a different environment with work ethic today. A lot of workers that have been here a long time took a risk because we're a mom-and-pop business. Now they are part of a big corporation

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that will give them better benefits and I look at it as they have a security blanket around them. It's nice knowing that if five years from now I'm not here and God takes me, they are in the right place to be taken care of. All the employees are staying! They have great insurance. Jeff is going to take my position (he's my son in law), and George, our head maintenance guy who makes everything run here, he will still be here, and JR will probably retire next year."

"I've always done all the buying and selling, and they will have other people integrate in here, but they have the potential to really make this a great company with the location, the people, equipment and history, they will do well here. I've had the ability to learn and do so much here. The way the equipment spits the metal out still amazes me and I'm still intrigued how this works. Everything is so synchronized."

### Selling His Business to BlueScope Recycling in 2022

"I depend on the Lord for every major decision, especially this one. This was the big one! I knew selling this business was coming because I had no succession. I sold some of the business to my son Karl 15 years ago, my oldest son JR has been here 47 years working for me, and George about 40 years. George is the guy that made this company go, along with my sons – he dedicated his whole life here. He's the perfect employee who comes to work every day. He's had so many different positions as we've grown from one thing to the other, he was always right there and still coming to work every day. When you think of the vested interest that they have, and how God at the right time always put the right people my pathway. I didn't know that at the time."

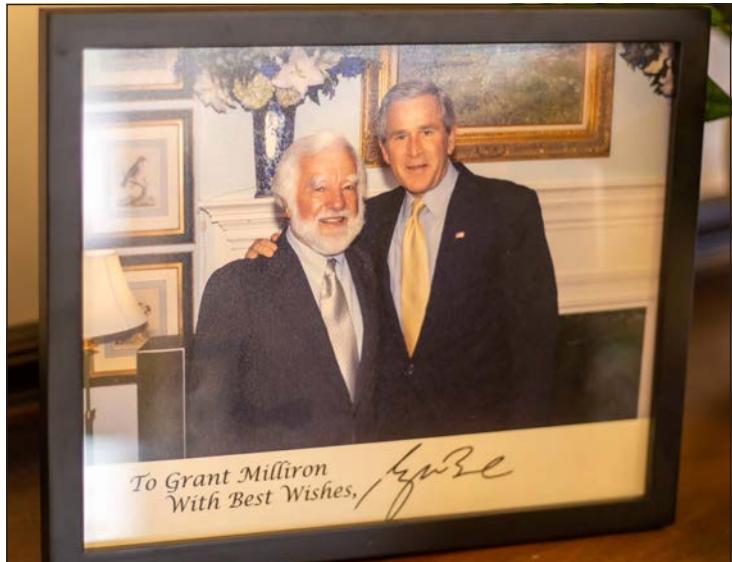
### What's next for Grant Milliron?

With the sale of the company, a lot of money and work will go into the foundation. Grant knows that retirement is not on his list, so he'll have to do something different whether it be volunteer work or perhaps being a consultant.

Whether it's his twenty-minute daily power nap that he learned under a shade tree in seventh grade, his work ethic he learned from his early paper route days, or the dedication to exercise his body daily; one thing is for sure, Grant's a disciplined man!

Grant drinks two to three cups of coffee in the morning and that's it for the day. He's very regimented in his diet, only eating three meals a day with no snacking. He eats a lot of fruits and vegetables and drinks a cup of milk with each meal. He tries to walk three miles every day. Every morning at 6 am you can find him out on the road. In the winter months he prefers an indoor exercise bike. He does a lot of upper body and back exercises. Exercise is key to maintaining your health.

"Moderation is the key to life!" Grant says.



# Public boating education course offered at Madison

An America's Boating Course (ABC) will be held in September.

The course meets the State of Ohio boating education requirements. This in-person class is taught by a certified instructor of the Mansfield Power Squadron and allows participants to seek answers to their questions while gaining knowledge of boating and boating safety.

The class will run Wednesdays for approximately 10 weeks, starting Sept. 14, from 7-9 pm. The class is held at Madison Comprehensive High School, 600 Esley Ln., Madison area. Registration is made through the Madison Adult Career Center at 419-589-6363.

Topics covered include boating terms, boat types and their use; boating laws, regulations, registration, licensing (state and federal); safety and safety equipment (required and recommended); finding your way safely, charting; boat handling, rules of the road, aids to navigation; anchoring, docking, knots and lines; trailering, towing, boat maintenance; communications, marine radio; and how to handle medical emergencies, mechanical problems and more.

By taking a boating class, participants can reduce risk of accidents and injuries, save on boat insurance, and qualify for a state boat operator certificate.

For information visit <https://www.usps.org/mansfield/> call 419-975-9724 to learn more about the Mansfield Power Squadron.

## Angie Williams promoted to vice president, lead branch manager at Mechanics Bank

Mark Masters, President and CEO of Mechanics Bank, has announced the promotion of Angie Williams to vice president, lead branch manager.

Williams joined Mechanics in 1999 as a customer service representative and has served in numerous positions of increasing responsibility, including Assistant Branch Manager, Branch Manager, and in her current role as lead branch manager.

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about how wonderful he is but then they don't think he is "the one." Unfortunately, the shelter thinks Tracker is not good with cats or dogs (although he may need to be re-tested, especially with dogs). He seems like he wants to play with them whenever he sees them on walks). Please come meet Tracker (or just come play with him... He rarely has visitors).

Those interested in meeting Tracker or any of the Richland County Dog Warden's other dogs, the kennels are open 11-4:15 Monday-Friday and 10-2 on Saturday.

On Sept. 2, the dog shelter will stay open until 7:30 pm. Volunteers will be available to help find the perfect dog. The dog shelter received a very generous donation, which has allowed the adoption price to drop to \$79, which includes spay/neuter, license, microchip and some vaccines.

The shelter is located at 810 N. Home Rd., Mansfield.

Volunteers are always welcome and can stop at the shelter to register as a volunteer. Volunteers help walk dogs, fill Kongs and other tasks. The shelter uses a lot of bleach, detergent and dog treats and welcomes donations.

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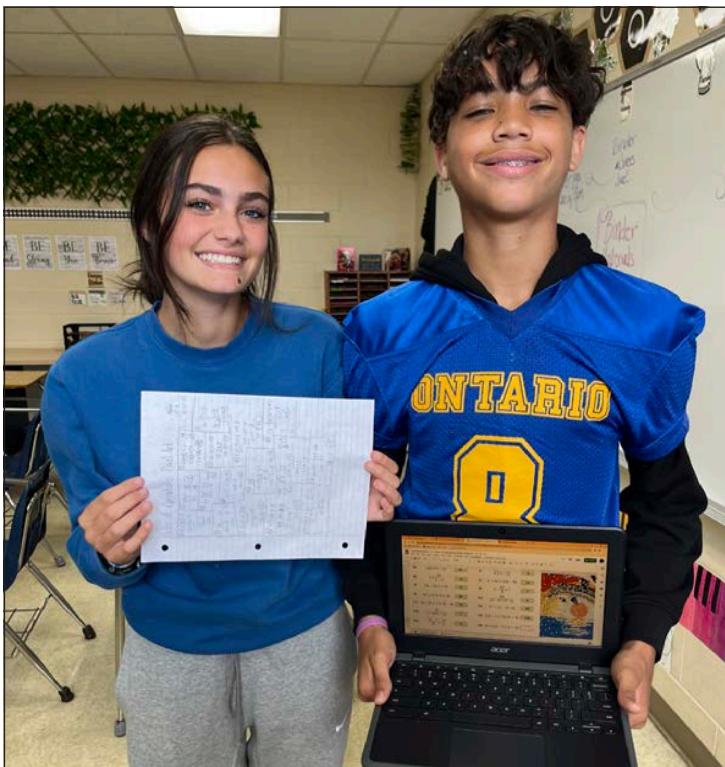
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# Ontario High School Senior Sunrise





**STUDENTS IN MRS. STOVER'S** class at Ontario collaborated to complete two digital tasks over order of operations and solving one step equations. Students created a digital pixel art and tracked through an equation maze. This was a fun way to recall important information as they head into their curriculum for the year.

**MS. BEH'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS** at Ontario has been working on fine motor skills while also practicing their names and letters. They did a letter hunt with tweezers, a clothes pin beginning sound activity and made their names with play dough.



**SAM THE RAM** came to Madison South to visit the students and spread some Ram Pride. Football players also came and handed out two tickets to the chosen ticket winner for the football game Friday night.



**MADISON COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL'S** 2022 Homecoming Royalty members are front, Morgan Alberty, Michelle Beatty, Hope Barrett, Ally Wigton, Vivian Lampert and Olivia Lord; second row, Mylah Davis, Isabella Diallo, Peyten Myers, Wyatt Rivers, Brooklyn Thomas and Paityn Hall; third row, Owen Hoffman, Gavin Cates and Zachary Glasgo; and back, Owen McGregor, Hunter Hucheson, Tatum Turcott and Evan Davis. Not pictured is Justice Gardner. The homecoming king will be crowned Oct. 7, during a school assembly and the queen will be crowned during the half-time show of the homecoming football game.

Photo By Robin Barrett Photography

## News Briefs in Education

Madelyn Seibel of Ontario is among 14 first-year students at Ohio Wesleyan University selected as 2022-'23 Economics Management Fellows.

The competitive, four-year fellowships are awarded each fall by Ohio Wesleyan's Department of Economics and Business and by the university's Woltemade Center for Economics, Business and Entrepreneurship.

At OWU, Seibel plans to study General Zoology and Pre-Professional Zoology.

To be considered for the fellowship program, students must indicate an interest in economics, business administration, management (marketing or finance), accounting, or international business on their OWU applications; have high-school records that indicate a potential for high achievement at Ohio Wesleyan; and complete personal interviews with Department of Economics and Business faculty.

Being selected for the EMF program ensures the first-year students receive an academic adviser from Economics and Business, receive sophomore or junior peer-mentors as freshmen, and are paired with professional mentors as seniors.

Fellows also are enrolled in a first-year seminar open only to them. The seminar is team-taught by the entire Economics and Business faculty, helping the students to quickly build relationships with their new professors.

In the second year of the program, students take a faculty-escorted study trip to a major U.S. city, such as New York, where they meet with distinguished Ohio Wesleyan alumni and other professionals working in the city in business or government.

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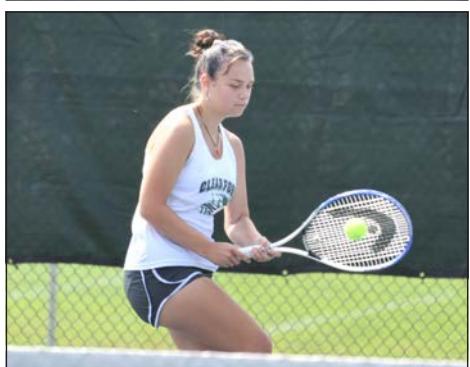


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**MADISON VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM** members are front, Allyson Wigton and Hope Barrett; middle, Maddie Berry, Cielo Jacobus and Sara Smith; and back, Karsyn Blust, Sara Hoffer, Kayla Putney, Addy Ferris and Olivia Barley.



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**Madison Varsity Volleyball Class of 2023 Seniors**  
 Allyson Wigton and Hope Barrett

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**ONTARIO'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS** participated in the Seneca East Tiger Classic Invitational on Saturday, Aug. 27. All Ontario teams ran in the orange division. The high school boys team took 13th out of 21 teams with Miles Meisse earning a ninth place finish with 16:56.70 out of 266 runners. The high school girls placed 13th and Baylee Black finished 32nd of 210 runners with 21:50.20. The middle school boys' team placed third and runners were recognized on the podium. Top runners were Caden Meyers, fifth, with 11:57.9 and Demetri Parsons followed in sixth with 12:10.20. Emerson Jovani took 23rd out of the 121 runners with 13:03.80 and Liam Hershberger placed 24th with 13:05.20. The middle school girls team placed eighth and Ava Zehe took 28th place out of 120 runners with 14:52.9.

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**THE MADISON VARSITY TENNIS TEAM** competed at the River Valley Invitational on Aug. 20. Madison tied for first place. Team members are Coach Tommy Hill, Allie Moysi, Alexis Reedy, Emma Reynolds, Olivia Lord, Megan Reynolds, Kyleigh Reiter, Brooke Hill, Tori Jackson, Alivia Lee, Paige Smith, Shelbey Rush and Theresa Hill.



Submitted By Traci Wolfe

**LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL'S** girls golf team competed at the Lex Elite Home Tournament on Aug. 26, at Shelby Crossing. (Below) Lexington Athletic Director Jeff Eichor shows his support of the Lex Girls Golf Team.



**LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL** golf team members include Griffin Hughes, Jack Wyant, Troy Chapman, Isaac Vance and Trevin Smith. The team took 12th with 316 at the Kent Miller Colonial Invitational Saturday, Aug. 13, at Hiawatha Golf Course in Mt. Vernon. Isaac Vance took 18th with 75. Scores were Trevin Smith 75, Troy Chapman, 79, Seth Reed 85 and Jackson Pigg 91. The Lexington team took third place with 330 at the Ashland Weiss Invitational Thursday, Aug. 18. Troy Chapman was an individual medalist with 74 followed by Isaac Vance 76, Trevin Smith 81, Griffin Hughes 99 and Jackson Pigg 102.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their regular meeting held on August 17, 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. 22-38 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BAR-**

GAINING UNIT CITY EMPLOYEES, REPEALING ORDINANCE 22-03, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-39 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING RULES OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ONTARIO, REPEALING ORDINANCE 22-07, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
(T-C 8-25, 9-1 '22) 27L

### LEXINGTON COUNCIL SEAT OPEN

The Village Council of Lexington, Ohio is looking to fill the rest of Councilwoman Getz's term which ends December 31, 2023. Persons seeking this appointment must be at least 18 years of age and reside in the Village for at least 18 months. All resumes/applications must be turned in to Brenda Wilson: Clerk of Council at 44 West Main St. in Lexington, OH before 9/09/22.

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(T-C 9-1 '22) 16L

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## 24th Annual Taste of the Browns to benefit Greater Cleveland Food Bank

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank and the Cleveland Browns will tackle hunger at the 24th Annual Taste of the Browns on Monday, Sept. 12, at FirstEnergy Stadium. The Taste of the Browns is the major annual fundraiser for the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, the region's largest hunger relief organization, raising more than \$2.8 million over the years. Every dollar raised will help the Food Bank provide three nutritious meals.

Honorary event co-chairs, Cleveland Browns All-Pro Guard Joel Bitonio; Browns Legend (Class of 2020) Wide Receiver and Return Specialist Josh Cribbs; and Chef Rocco Whalen of Fahrenheit, will be joined by other current Cleveland Browns players and alumni to raise awareness and funds for local Northeast Ohio families. This year's fundraiser is presented by NOCO and features some of the region's finest restaurants, including Corleone's Ristorante & Bar, Antica, Fahrenheit, and Collision Bend Brewing Company.

"For 24 years, the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and the Cleveland Browns have partnered to help ensure our community has the nutritious food they need. The community's consistent participation and support has been a leading factor of the event's success," said Kristin Warzocha, President and CEO of the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. "We're excited to be back at First Energy Stadium this year and to see how many meals we'll be able to provide from this year's Taste of the Browns."

Not only are guests able to sample the city's best cuisine and mingle with current Browns players and alumni, but a silent auction will also be available to bid on throughout the evening to benefit the Food Bank. The auction opens online Tuesday, September 6th, with bidding continuing online and in-person until the conclusion of Taste of the Browns, providing a wonderful opportunity for those unable to attend the fundraiser but wanting to show their support.

Highlights of this year's auction include:

- Two home game tickets against the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sept. 22nd
- Four Cleveland Cavaliers lower-bowl center-court tickets with pre-game warm up access and one East Garage parking pass
- Myles Garrett autographed helmet
- Nick Chubb autographed jersey
- Joe Thomas autographed football
- Five course dinner for six with vintage wine pairings at EDWINS Leadership & Restaurant Institute and a Behind the Scenes tour with Brandon Chrostowski

The event will be in the 7UP City Club at FirstEnergy Stadium from 6-9 pm. General admission tickets are \$200 and VIP tickets are \$300. Tickets include food and beverages, a complimentary souvenir glass and valet parking. The VIP Lounge features exclusive food and beverage tastings, along with having first access to Cleveland Browns players and alumni. All proceeds benefit the Food Bank.

The Taste of the Browns will follow CDC-recommended safety precautions, requiring all guests to show proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 or provide a negative test within 72 hours of the event.

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank is a community partner of the Cleveland Browns First and Ten initiative, established in June 2014 to inspire fans to volunteer at least 10 hours each year. In the past five years, nearly 2.5 million volunteer hours have been pledged in Northeast Ohio and local communities through the initiative. Fans are encouraged to sign the First and Ten pledge through [www.clevelandbrowns.com/brownsgiveback](http://www.clevelandbrowns.com/brownsgiveback) and share their unique stories about volunteering with #give10.

For more event information or to order tickets, call (216) 738-2139 or visit [www.GreaterClevelandFoodBank.org/Taste](http://www.GreaterClevelandFoodBank.org/Taste). A full list of participating restaurants and online bidding instructions can be found here.

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank is the largest hunger relief organization in Northeast Ohio, serving over 343,000 hungry families and individuals in Cuyahoga, Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Ashland and Richland counties in fiscal year 2021. The Food Bank's mission is to ensure that everyone in our communities has the nutritious food they need every day. We do this through both food distribution and SNAP outreach efforts. For more information, please visit [www.GreaterClevelandFoodBank.org](http://www.GreaterClevelandFoodBank.org)



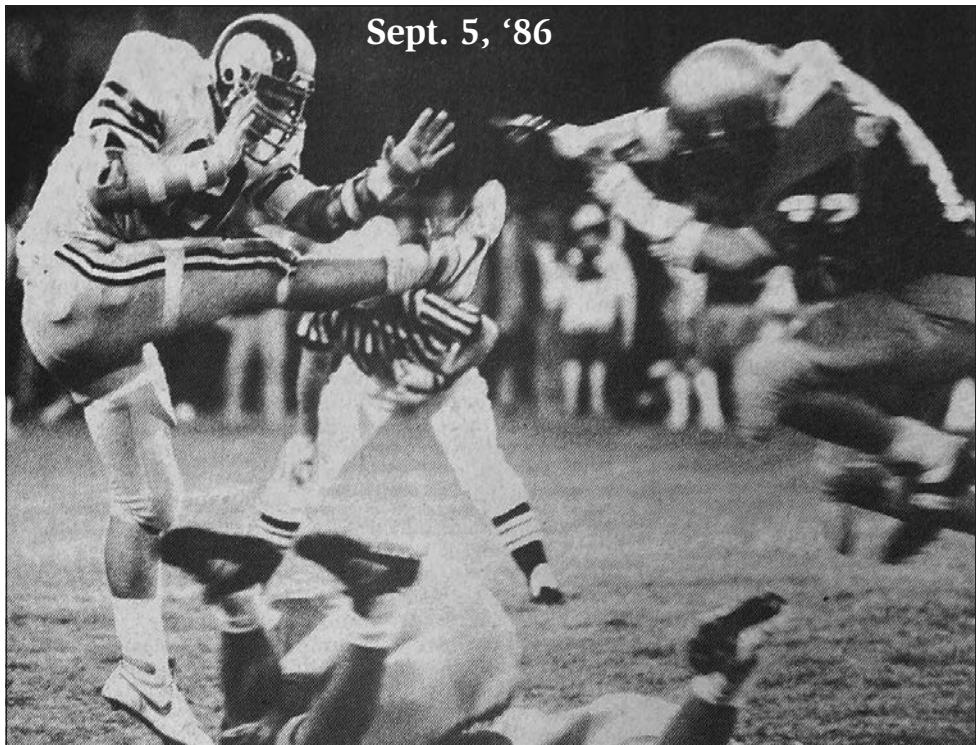
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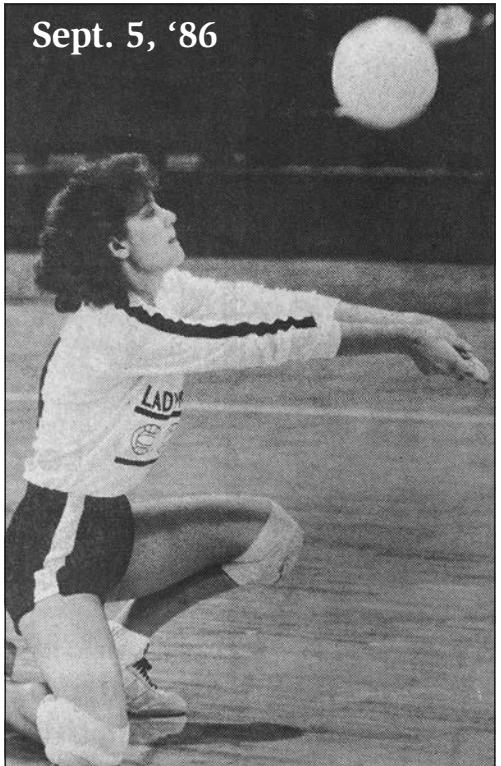
## LOOKING BACK • THIS WEEK IN TRIBUNE-COURIER HISTORY

Sept. 5, '86



MADISON PUNTER BRETT PAULEY narrowly got this punt off ahead of a hard-charging Shelby Whippet lineman in Friday night's encounter at Skiles Field in Shelby. The Tribune camera picked up the official right where he's supposed to be to check out for roughing the punter. The Rams posted an impressive 27-3 win in the opener for both schools.

Sept. 5, '86



KELLEY KIRSH OF MADISON returns a Lexington shot Saturday morning here at Madison. The Minutemaids won the volleyball match 2-0 on games of 15-0 and 16-14. Kelley and Jennifer Jackson led the Rams with five spikes each. No other details were received.

Sept. 5, '86



MADISON SISTERS WIN — Lori and LeAnn Southward of Gimbel Dr. in June both won age championships in the Midwest Regional Baton Competition held in Naperville, Illinois. Lori, 14, is on the left and LeAnn, nine, is at the right.

Sept. 6, '73



OFFICERS FOR THE ONTARIO WELCOME WAGON CLUB for 1973-74 are (l to r) Mrs. Thomas Bartley, treasurer; Mrs. Gene Ralph, second vice president; Mrs. Dan Herrold, president; Mrs. David Deeb, first vice president; and Mrs. Fred Bruhn, secretary.



OTHER LEADERS IN THE Ontario Welcom Wagon's civic, social, educational and philanthropic programs include Mrs. Ronald Ridenour, assistant hostess; Mrs. David Eckstein, hostess; Mrs. Ted Daub, social chairman; and Mrs. Robert Donaldson, civic chairman.

Photos by Helen C. Graham

**This Day in History — Sept. 1, 1985:** 73 years after it sank, a joint U.S.-French expedition locates the wreck of the RMS Titanic. The sunken liner was about 400 miles east of Newfoundland in the North Atlantic, some 13,000 feet below the surface. Efforts to locate and salvage the Titanic began almost immediately after it sank. American oceanographer and former Navy officer Robert D. Ballard, who was based out of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts, led his first search expedition in 1977. In 1985, along with French oceanographer Jean-Louis Michel, Ballard again set out to locate the wreck, this time with an experimental, unmanned submersible called the Argo, developed by the U.S. Navy. The Argo traveled just above the ocean floor, sending photographs up to the research vessel Knorr. Argo was investigating debris on the ocean floor when it suddenly passed over one of the Titanic's massive boilers, lying at a depth of about 13,000 feet. The next day, the body of the ship was discovered nearby. It had split in two, but many of its features and interiors were remarkably well-preserved.