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MIMA gathers to host annual Martin Luther King Jr. Program

Photos and Article By Traci Little

The Mansfield Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (MIMA) hosted the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Program on Sunday, Jan. 15 at Maddox Memorial Church. It's an honor to commemorate the life and legacy of such a great man of faith.

Mistress of Ceremony, Buffi Williams, welcomed the guests. She is the CEO/ASI at Community Wellness Group.

Williams said, "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. called people out of a life of complacency. I love the fact that he used this to call people into service. I hope today that we are calling you to service, not only here today, but when you leave here today. I pray no one leaves here the same, that you find your lane, no matter what that looks like. Find your lane and serve!"

Pastor Joe Ashby of Grace Episcopal Church opened in prayer. Elder Aaron Williams Jr. of Maddox Memorial Church of God in Christ gave a special welcome.

"If a man has not discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live. That is something that Dr. King said. I want to welcome you here because I believe we all, in some shape or form, have found something special in our hearts that we want to live for. I welcome you into the dream that Dr. King had, the dream was that we can be shoulder to shoulder, and arm in arm, even though we have differences. Differences both in what we can see and what we cannot see, we can work together to make this world better. I welcome you here in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

Young girls from the Jesus Jewels at Shiloh Baptist Church performed a special praise dance. Ms. Shia Puckett of Grace Episcopal Church read a moving poem, *The Hill We Climb*, by Amanda Gorman.

Pastor Clarence Sanderfer of New Life Baptist Church acknowledged all of the dignitaries present. Throughout the event, the Mansfield Community Choir powerfully sang selections that moved the crowd to worship, praise and remember the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Elder Aaron Williams Jr. gave an offering appeal and guests were free to donate as they were able. Dr. Laurence Rawls, MIMA President, of Mount Sinai Baptist Church, introduced the speaker. The

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Todd Friend named president of Ontario Board of Education

The Ontario Board of Education met Jan. 10. Todd Friend was elected board president and Heidi Zimmerman was elected board vice president for 2023. Randy Harvey administered the Oath of Office for these newly elected positions.

Meeting dates for future board of education meetings were set to be the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in the Ontario High School Library unless it is necessary to provide otherwise.

Board of Education committee members appointed for 2023 are Legislative Liaison, Jerod Them; Financial and Audit Committee, Heidi Zimmerman and Jerod Them; Ontario Athletic Council, Todd Friend and Brett Baxter; Enterprise Zone Tax Abatement Committee, Todd Friend; Student Achievement Liaison Representative, Todd Friend; Ontario Substance Abuse Advisory Committee, Heidi Zimmerman and Brett Baxter; Permanent Improvement Committee, Brett Baxter and Amy Hiner; and Community Engagement Committee, Amy Hiner and Todd Friend.

The board honored retiree Randy Hanlon for 42 years of service.

Jim Buker and Ontario High School student Jocelyn Lehw gave a presentation of the new CNC router.

Superintendent Keith Strickler recognized board members for their service and presented them with a certificate of appreciation.

He was authorized to employ personnel between board meetings as needed. Such employments would be presented for approval by the board at the next regular meeting.

The superintendent was also authorized to accept written resignations of personnel between board meetings, as needed. Such resignations would be presented for approval by the board at the next regular meeting.

The treasurer was authorized to invest interim and/or inactive funds. The board approved every depository bank, covered by FDIC, for future deposits and adopted the 2023-'24 tax budget.

A service fund for board of education expenses incurred during the performance of duties was established and the board approved designating the treasurer, Randy Harvey, as the Public Records Officer for the District. Harvey acknowledges receipt of the public records policy from the board.

The board approved a \$500 grant for Cares for the Classroom from Carley Benavides.

Employment was approved for Riley Kleshinski, volunteer OHS/OMS wrestling coach, \$0; Jeremy Peoples, volunteer OMS wrestling coach, \$0; and Morgan Eckert, volunteer cheerleading advisor, \$0.

Lauren Kehl was hired as a Stingel evening custodian, effective Jan. 4, \$19,481.

An anonymous donor gave \$15,000 for the Ontario Football Program. Charities Aid Foundation America gave a \$900 donation by their client, PepsiCo Foundation, from Ontario High School and \$991, also for Ontario High School.

The board approved the use of mounts for OHS cheerleaders in accordance with NFHS spirit rules.

The board voted to approve annual membership (January–December 2023) with the Ohio School Boards Association.

The board also authorized 2023-'24 membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association and various facility requests.

Superintendent Strickler discussed items with the board including a sidewalk extension project by the City of Ontario, a campus signage update and a building storm damage and repair update.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

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The Bellville Embarrassment

By Bob Carter

Bellville was a lovely town situated on the Clear Fork, which once had a water fall mill dam at its entrance. Four churches attested to the pure and kindly nature of its inhabitants.

In mayor's court the usual fine for drunkenness was \$5. But if the villain was from out of town, say Fredericktown, Lexington or Butler, the fine jumped to \$20 with some having jail time added.

The mayor ran a tight ship — one man was arrested for having his shirt tail out.

The Bellville Mayor and council faced a most awkward and embarrassing problem in 1856 when three men presented a petition signed by 106 citizens demanding that the council "pass an ordinance for houses of ill fame." The petition was accepted and a committee of three was appointed.

Did Bellville have an embarrassing problem within its limits? No one knows as village records and history leave no clues. County histories always seem to skip over the subject.

The committee was in a fix. By state law, any new ordinance would have to be published in local newspapers. With great wisdom and diplomacy the three, including Mayor John Green, replied as tactfully as possible to the 106 petitioners.

They reasoned that the petition was unnecessary because of existing state laws and if a new law were passed, "it would be like publishing our village as having been and still is the receptacle of women with loose habits, while your committee are of the opinion that from personal observation, the village of Bellville stands on as prominently on the table of virtue as any of its sister villages."

Thus the ill-fated, ill fame ordinance, by vote of council was "laid on the table." (The table of virtue, no doubt). The mayor was right after all, as no one was arrested for keeping a "disorderly house" or indulging in the worlds oldest profession during his time in office.


However, one arrest was made in 1881 and two more in 1888. The following year, a woman "of loose habits" was brought before the mayor. She pleaded guilty, and paid the modest fine of \$5.

After all, she was a local girl! Martha E. Shafer. How did she become involved in this degrading profession? Perhaps a clue can be found in a Dec. 15, 1847 Mansfield newspaper.

"Six Cents Reward, went away from the subscriber living in Troy Township on Friday the 10th, a bound girl named Martha E. Shafer, aged about 17 years. All persons are cautioned about trusting her on my account and any person harboring or bringing her back shall have the reward and no thanks," signed Henry Post.

Children who lost their parents were often bound out to someone and to that person or persons they were to work for their keep. They were required by law to be furnished with bed, board and clothing only. They were not paid and often the bound person was just used as almost free labor on farms or business. Most were well treated, some were not and with the loss of love and real family and mistreated they ran away and the person to whom they were bound was required by law advertise to seek their return.

How did Martha arrive in Bellville and what circumstance drove her to her arrest? Was she run out of town? Did she ever find happiness and respectability? The curtain of history often closes on the rest of the story. Whatever happened to Martha Shafer? It's an unsolved mystery.



THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

A Man Called Otto is a remake of a Swedish film. This version stars Tom Hanks as Otto Anderson, a man who has lived in his apartment complex for a very long time, to the point where he has pretty much appointed himself neighborhood watch as he goes on his rounds every morning making sure every parking sticker is on the mirror and no one is driving on the wrong side of the one-way street.

After the passing of his wife, Otto does not have a lot to live for. The one thing that seems to enrich his life is the appearance of new neighbors.

Mariana Trevino plays one of the neighbors and she is wonderful in the role.

Otto is very grumpy and set in his ways and it takes a special person to break him out of his shell and make him feel good again.

Hanks is great in this role and it's nice to see him go against his usual nice guy type and play somebody very assertive and just plain rude.

Of course, it's Hanks so he brings a great deal of warmth to the role but he really becomes this character.

The supporting cast is fine in their roles as their characters know a great deal about Otto's past and try to let his new neighbor know what to expect from him.

The movie has a great deal of funny and humorous moments but also balances it out with some sad times.

Much of the movie features flashbacks to Otto's past as we see the budding relationship between he and his wife. The younger Otto is played by Hanks real life son, Truman Hanks.

A Man Called Otto doesn't break any new ground though it is a nice, watchable, comedy drama with another fine turn by Hanks and the supporting actors that surround him.

This one is recommended for being an overall fine film.



Antiques Roadshow coming to Akron

PBS's most-watched ongoing series Antiques Roadshow heads out again in summer 2023 to search for America's hidden treasures. The pop-culture phenomenon will film episodes for Season 28 with stops in five cities including a visit to Akron on Tuesday, June 6.

"Taking Antiques Roadshow across the country, meeting our event guests and learning about their items each year brings the magic to our episodes," said executive producer Marsha Bemko. "I am thrilled for the show to visit Akron for the first time ever and can't wait to see what local treasures await!"

Historic venues where each event will be held will be revealed closer to the event dates.

At each appraisal event, guests will receive free verbal evaluations of their antiques and collectibles by experts from the country's leading auction houses and independent dealers. Each ticketed guest is invited to bring two items for appraisal.


From each of the 2023 events, three episodes of Antiques Roadshow per city will be created for inclusion in the 20-time Emmy® Award nominated production's 28th broadcast season, to air on PBS in 2024.

With a focus on health and safety, all production events will continue to follow Antiques Roadshow's COVID-19 policies. Importantly, most appraisals and filming will take place outdoors.

Admission is free but tickets are required and must be obtained in advance. Fans can enter for a chance to win one pair of free tickets per household. To enter for a free pair of tickets visit pbs.org/roadshowtickets. Deadline for entries is Monday, March 13, at 11:59 pm PT.

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News Briefs

First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Ave. West, Mansfield, will be offering senior boxes on the fourth Tuesday of each month, year 'round.

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank has a program called "Senior Boxes" whereby anyone 60+ who falls in the "low income" guidelines can register and then pick up a 30 pound box of non-perishables including 2 pounds of cheese and a 15 pound box of pre-packaged produce.

The next date for distribution is Tuesday, Jan. 24. Age is a qualification, so those attending should bring a current identification card complete with date of birth and proof of income. Distribution is on the east side of the building between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm to get registered and pick up your box. There is no cost. Call the church at 419-522-0662 for more information.

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Due to the resignation of Jim Hairston effective Jan. 1, a vacancy has occurred for the treasurer position for the City of Ontario.

Potential candidates must be a registered voter in the City of Ontario and affiliated with the Republican Party. Consideration of qualified non-partisan electors will also be accepted.

Submit a letter of interest and resume to Zoi Romanchuk at zoi@prmachineetworks.com by Jan. 27, 2023.

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A silent auction and 50/50 cancer benefit will be held for Kevin Wichterman Jan. 21 at the Richland County Fairgrounds Youth Hall.

Doors open at 4 pm and cost is \$15 per person which includes the meal catered by Wicky's Smokin' BBQ and live music by Reckless Highway. All proceeds will go to Kevin and his family to help with health care expenses during his battle with cancer.

For information call Brendon Wichterman at 419-964-3464.

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Jan. 28 and 29. Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, broken down cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.

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The Lexington Area Senior Citizens 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.

The meal on Feb 15, will include broasted chicken. Guest speaker

is Jennifer Jeffrey of the Mansfield YMCA. Those attending are encouraged to wear red.

Cost is \$15 for the meal. Guests are welcome. For information visit www.lexasc.org. Dues are \$10 per year.

The group will also meet for lunch at Olive Garden in Ontario on Feb. 1 at 11 pm.

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The Fun Center Chordsmen invite all area men who love to sing and need a place to use their voice to join them. The group meets every Monday night from 7-9 pm at First Congregational Church, 640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield.

The Fun Center Chordsmen perform throughout the community at various events and concerts during the year.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Rev. Sam Byrd on Sunday, Jan. 22, at 10:30 am. He will speak on "Be Happy - No Matter What."

For more information visit www.allsoulsuuohio.org.

Join Chris Reynolds for songs, stories and strategies on how we can honor the dreams of the children, the elderly, adolescents, adults, elders, all persons. He will speak about his experience of sharing dreams with others working for democracy on the planet in Scotland, Ireland, UK, Wales and Canada.

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Library will host annual Black History Celebration on February 4

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library invites the community to the annual Black History Celebration at the Main Library, 43 W. Third St., Mansfield, on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 10 am to 1 pm.

This free, family-friendly event will offer activities, games, history, giveaways and a free meal from The Food Tour. The meal will be provided from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, while supplies last. Several local community organizations, including NAACP Mansfield, North End

Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC), Richland County Transit and Third Street Family Health Services, will be participating and offering activities and information.

Guests of all ages will have the opportunity to participate in various curated activities throughout the library. When guests arrive at the event, they will be offered an Activity Pass that, once completed, will serve as an entry into a grand prize drawing that will include four ticket vouchers to a performance at the Renaissance Theatre and a \$100 restaurant gift card.

For more information and a full list of Black History Celebration activities and programs visit mrclpl.org.



HEAP available to helps Ohioans

Ohioans who need help with winter heating bills can contact the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). HEAP benefits are applied to an individual's energy bill after Jan. 1. Applications for the HEAP program must be received by May 31, 2023.

HEAP helps Ohioans at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines pay their heating bills. Anyone age 18 and older may apply for this assistance. Those 60 and over can get assistance with filling out the application. All heating types are eligible, including electric, wood, coal, natural gas, propane and kerosene.

For information about HEAP, including a list of required documents, contact the Area Agency on Aging at 419-524-4144 or 800-860-5799 Monday-Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. To be connected to a local energy assistance provider, call 800-82-0880 (hearing impaired clients may dial 711) or visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov.

Church Directory

Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville
419-886-4333 • www.clearforkalliance.org
Rev. Matt Merendino
Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship
Sunday Evening 6 pm Home Groups
Monday Men's Group 7:30 pm
Wednesday evenings: 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting
6:30-8 pm TeamKID and Youth Group
Wednesday Ladies Bible Study 6:30-8 pm

Community Bible Church

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

First English Lutheran Church

53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield
419-522-0662 • www.felc-mansfield.org
Pastor Miguel Acasta
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship
Tuesday Bible Study 1 pm (East entrance)

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>

Mansfield 1st EPC

399 Trimble Rd., Mansfield
419-756-7066 • www.mansfield1st.com
Rev. Joseph Yerger
9 am Adult & Youth Sunday School
10 am Sunday Worship

Oakland Lutheran Church

2045 Olivesburg Rd.
419-571-9920
Pastor Paul Lintern
9 am Sunday Worship

Ontario Christian Church

1029 Lewis Rd., Ontario
419-529-5684 • ontariochristian.org
Minister Steve Broughton
9 am Sunday School
10 am Sunday Worship

Ontario United Methodist Church

3540 Park Avenue West., Ontario
419-529-4345 • ontarioumc.com
Pastor Christine Bell
10:15 am Sunday Worship
10:15 am Kingdom Kids

Southside Christian Church Disciples of Christ

2055 Middle-Bellville, Mansfield
Streamed on Paul Lintern Facebook Page
Sunday 10:45 am
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St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church

1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison) 419-589-2114 • www.mansfieldstmarys.org
Father John Miller
Worship: 4 pm Saturday & 11 am Sunday
5:30 pm Tuesday Worship
8 am Friday Worship • Faith Instruction & Bible Study on Sunday Mornings

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Stormwater discussion meeting will include free taco dinner

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District will hold a meeting to discuss the stormwater permit process, MS4 updates and new electronic permitting Thursday, Feb. 9 at 5:30 pm at the Longview Center, 1495 W. Longview Ave. Mansfield.

Those attending can enjoy tacos in this free, town-hall style meeting while learning about what is needed to request a stormwater permit in the unincorporated areas of Richland County and the Village of Lexington.

Guests will hear first-hand from technicians about what documents are needed. Reserve a seat by Thursday, Jan. 26 at <https://richlandswcd.net/get-involved/calendar>.

Questions may be directed to Dan Herrold at 419-747-8077 or via email at MS4@richlandswcd.net.

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Moses

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He wants nothing else in the world than the love and affection of humans. He is also a people pleaser and absurdly sweet.

Moses is also a dog that is get-

ting older and likes to play but would much rather be sitting right next to you. The shelter thinks he would be good in a house with cats or dogs.

Moses is available at the Richland County Dog Shelter in Mansfield. If you are interested in meeting him or any other dog, contact or visit the Richland County Dog Warden's Office & Shelter. Shelter hours are 11 am to 4:15 pm Monday-Friday and 10-2 on Saturday.

Currently, adoptions are \$150, which includes spay/neuter, microchip, dog license and some vaccines. Current needs are volunteers to walk and play with the dogs, bleach, laundry detergent and dog treats. Donations are welcome.

Richland Academy will host annual father-daughter ball this Saturday

Tickets for Richland Academy of the Arts' annual father-daughter ball are on sale now.

The Midwinter's Night Dream Ball will be held at the academy on Jan. 21. Doors will open at 6 pm for hors d'oeuvres.

A photographer will snap a photo of each fairy princess and her king.

Each party guest will be announced into the dining hall for a celebratory feast at 6:30 pm catered by Exclusively Yours Catering.

After dinner, guests will be invited to the candy shoppe where they can fill a bag of goodies to take home. Princesses will then visit the fairy make-up room for some extra sparkle.

As the night continues, guests will be invited to the royal ballroom. Beautifully adorned slippers designed by dance company members will be available to bid on throughout the night. The winners will be announced at the end of the evening.

To purchase tickets or for more information call Richland Academy of the Arts at 419-522-8225. The academy is located at the corner of 4th and Walnut St., Mansfield.

Red Cross offering special contest to January donors

This January, the American Red Cross continues to ask donors to roll up their sleeves and give blood.

To book a time to give, visit RedCrossBlood.org, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or call 1-800-RED CROSS. In partnership with the National Football League those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma Jan. 1-31, will be automatically entered to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LVII in Arizona, including pre-game activities, tickets to the official Super Bowl Experience, round-trip airfare to Phoenix, three-night hotel accommodations (Feb. 10-13), plus a \$500 gift card for expenses.

Friday, Jan. 20, 11 am to 5 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Tuesday, Jan. 24, 1-6 pm, Crossroads Church, 1188 Park Ave West, Mansfield

Wednesday, Jan. 25, 12-6 pm, Holiday Inn, 116 Park Avenue W., Mansfield; and 12-6 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Friday, Jan. 27, 11 am to 5 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario; and 12-5 pm, The Avenue Church, 1756 Park Avenue West, Mansfield

Monday, Jan. 30, 8 am to 2 pm, Clear Fork High School, 987 State Route 97, Bellville

Tuesday, Jan. 31, 9 am to 3 pm, Mechanics Bank downtown location, 2 S. Main St., Mansfield

BEFORE & AFTER

Before & After




David & Michele Anderson of Mansfield



By Mátiece Thomas

Let me start by asking, who is having issues with high cholesterol?

The majority of my clients have high cholesterol and this year, yours truly was diagnosed also. I asked my doctor for one year to change my numbers before she put me on medication. I personally do not like to jump on the medication bandwagon until I first attempt the natural remedy pathway.

I started my research and the first thing I learned was that I was partaking in 6 out of the 12 things that those with high cholesterol should avoid.

In my research, I also discovered there are amazing foods that assist in lowering cholesterol. So you guessed it, I started making changes in my diet. I am looking forward in seeing the results with my next bloodwork

and sharing them with you.

Let me share with you my findings. Top 12 foods to avoid:

1. Fried foods
2. Processed meat (hot dogs, bacon, sausage, bologna)
3. Desserts
4. Salty foods (pizza, lunch meats)
5. Sugary foods and fake sugars
6. Trans fats
7. Alcoholic drinks
8. Organ meats
9. Margarine
10. Popcorn (due to butter)
11. Shellfish (due to butter)
12. Fast food

Foods that lower cholesterol include almonds, avocados, beans and legumes, blueberries, dark chocolate, dark leafy greens, fatty fish, garlic, oats, black tea, matcha tea, tomatoes and pectin rich foods (apples, oranges, okra, egg plant, carrots, potatoes)

So if high cholesterol is an issue for you, I encourage you to trade this-for-that from the lists above.

Have a healthy and happy day!

Follow me at Instagram-5pts-fitness_trainergirl for nutrition and workout tips.



Photo By Brandon Chambers



kimmy's cucina

By Kim Sterry

SAUSAGE STUFFED WON TONS

Ingredients

1 lb Loose Sausage (I used a fennel and garlic that we have in our local Kroger, it is the Saddle Brook brand)

1 medium onion coarsely chopped

1 pkg. cream cheese (softened) or $\frac{3}{4}$ -1 cup crème fraiche

Kosher salt and pepper

Won ton wrappers

Egg wash

Pesto sauce or tomato sauce

Instructions

Saute the sausage and onion until thoroughly cooked. Put in food processor and process to a fine consistency. Add the cream cheese and mix until cream cheese is melted in. If mixture is not hot enough, pop in the microwave for a few seconds to warm up and then add the cream cheese, the heat from sausage should melt the cream cheese, or if you are using crème fraiche it will mix right in. Add salt and pepper.

In a small bowl mix an egg with a little bit of water Lay out a won ton wrapper (I put 4 or 5 out at a time so I can get a bunch done at once) and brush edges with egg wash, put a small amount of mixture in center and fold over to triangle shape. Place on parchment paper covered cookie sheet. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 10-15 minutes or until just browned on edges. Serve with a pesto or tomato sauce. There you go quick and easy. You can ever make the filling the day before and it will be all ready for when you need to assemble them.

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Photo by Damon Callis

Day Trippin' With Damon – The 1969 Mohican Covered Bridge is the oldest and most recognizable sight of Mohican. Drive through this 150-foot bridge and visit the area around the bridge, which includes several trailheads, a picnic area, and river access. Mohican State Park sits on over 1,100 acres in Ashland County.



Photos and Article By Jenna Wolford

Brick Fest Live was held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 14 and 15.

The event featured over a million bricks on display and ready for play. Special displays and activities included a glow building zone, Minecraft zone, graffiti wall, mosaic gallery, derby races and a large floor mural.

Guests were invited to help complete squares to be placed together to form the large mural featuring DC Heroes including Superman, Batman and Wonderwoman.

Multiple build sites allowed kids and adults alike to get creative and spend time building and displaying their brickwork.

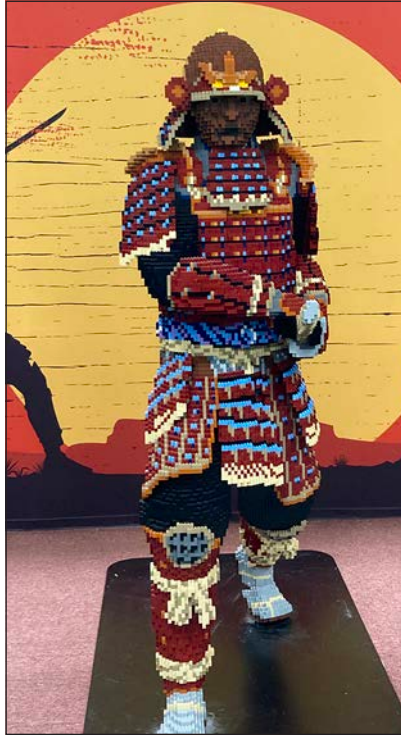
Special guest Jack from Season 2 of *LEGO Masters* greeted fans and signed autographs. Jack appeared during season 2 with his sister Dawn.

A racecar building area allowed guests to custom build a racecar and then test its speed during derby races.

Among the special displays were statues of Mario from Mario Bros, Pikachu from Pokémon and life-size figures from around the world.

The festival really emphasized brick building for guests and opportunities to be creative while having fun.

For more information about Brick Fest Live events visit <https://www.brickfestlive.com/bfl-2022-2023>.



•MIMA hosts annual program

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message was given by Chaplain Dave Matos of Hospice NCO Ohio. He was born four days before Martin Luther King's death. With a strong Puerto Rican heritage, he spoke about how Dr. King advocated for all races and ethnicities. He fought for the rights of many, and never gave up. He read from 1 Corinthians 13 as a dedication to Martin Luther King Jr. As Dr. King said, you can kill the dreamer, but not the dream, and the time is always right to do the right thing.

There was a closing song, "We Shall Overcome" that was sung by all, and Dr. Laurence Rawls gave a Benediction.



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Bookwalter: Living through 97 Years of History

Photo and Article By Traci Little

Marcille Bookwalter of Ontario loves her Lay's potato chips, Pepsi and chocolate. She will be 98 this July 24 and is in relatively good health. "The doctors tell me I'm normal," Marcille giggled. She also prefers red meat over chicken and fish, so maybe there's something to be said about her diet of choice!

She's lived in the Mansfield area her whole life and has been a resident of Ontario for over 75 years.

As a young girl, Marcille grew up in a house on Foster Street. It was the same house her mother lived in. She's never left Ohio. "Everyone else I know goes down to Georgia, Florida or the Carolinas. My grandkids are in Georgia."

"I had an older brother, and I was the baby. I was a spoiled brat!" Marcille laughed. She spent her childhood growing up and enjoying the neighborhood. She remembers when you could yell back and forth to one another on front porches, and fondly remembers playing games on the sidewalk like hopscotch, jacks and marbles. The moms would look out for one another back then.

"I remember the days when folks would sit on their front porch and neighbor. People don't neighbor like they used to. Everyone's so busy, and not many take the time to visit with each other."

Marcille has very special memories of her father taking her to different places like the county fair. Marcille said, "He always would take me to fun places! After he got done with work, we would go downtown to a shop on the corner of Main Street and Park Avenue West to have a Lime Coke in a glass bottle. "Boy, that was so good. I can still taste it now. I think that's what got me started on the Pepsi."

Her grandparents immigrated from Germany when they were 18. How did Marcille meet her husband, Wilber?

"I was a pickup," Marcille joked. Marcille remembers having a close girlfriend with red hair. "We were up at Prospect Park watching picture shows and having fun, and we were walking down main street, and there was a car that slowed down next to us, and someone yelled, "hey Red". There were three boys in the car and one of them was Wilber, who was driving. We started dating probably two months later when he dropped "Red."

"They would roller skate together and do all those fancy tricks. I could never do those tricks, but I would still go out with them and would put on a pair of roller skates, but just never got the hang of it. Red always did blame me for stealing Wilber away from her."

Marcille graduated a year before Wilber, from Mansfield Senior High School. Wilber's family had a farm out in Olivesburg, and he would drive from out there every day to go to school. "We would talk in the hallways and just jabber and jabber," Marcille recalls.

"He was always very handy. He made a huge high wheeler and a robot and once made a Christmas tree out of old tires. He was very creative."

Marcille remembers her first job after she graduated where she worked for a lawyer in town. She then went on to work at the famous Westinghouse. Her dad worked in the factory for 40 years.

"I would have to take paperwork from one end of the building to the other. At the time the war was going on. We had a mimeograph that would make copies, and we had to distribute them throughout the whole building and give them to all the factory bosses. I got a lot of walking in every day!"

Wilber and Marcille got married in 1945, two years after graduation. She looked absolutely gorgeous in her wedding dress. The photo next to her on the couch was taken at a photo shop on Mulberry Street.

People who know Marcille best say she has never met a stranger. Her husband Wilber owned Bookwalter Cycle on Mulberry Street, which eventually moved over to Lexington Avenue, called Best Bike Shop. Marcille and Wilber were married 58 years before Wilber's passing on May 9, 2004.

Their marriage came with some hardship early on after Marcille

experienced four miscarriages. After that they looked into the adoption process. Marcille said, "At the time there was a children's home here in Mansfield. It was on Home Avenue and Hedges. They took care of children who lost their parents or were left alone. I called them up one day and asked if someone could come out and talk to me about adoption. They asked me, "What makes you think you want to adopt?" I didn't know that much about adoption at the time, but they put my name down on the list and told me if they had a child that would be a good fit, they would call me."

Marcille and Wilber didn't hear anything for about a year until then they finally got the call. They went onto adopt two children, a boy named Jay and a girl named Jill.

Marcille and Wilber bought a lot in Ontario on Maple Lane and built a house there. She's still in the same house, 73 years later.

"We started the process in 1947, when my husband started digging and we moved in in 1950. He dug the foundation. He was a very handy man, and he could do anything. He learned from his dad who was a carpenter. We laid the blocks, mixed cement, and I helped with it all. It's been a lovely street. I don't know how we ever chose this street." Perhaps the street chose them.

"The neighbors have all been good since we moved out here. There was a neighbor across the street whose wife had cancer, and I would go over there and wash her hair and put it up for her. Everyone was scared to talk to her, but I just treated her like everyone else," Marcille said.

Owning the bike shop in town was their life. Wilber enjoyed selling the bikes and repairing them and Marcille helped by dusting all those bikes. "Oh boy, all of those chrome fenders!"

What kept their marriage strong? "By loving each other and me being able to help him out when he needed help at the shop, or when he was ill," said Marcille. She was his nurse towards the end, he had an aneurysm and health complications. "When you're married you take your vows seriously, that's why you make them," she confidently said. One day towards the end of his life, Wilber told Marcille, "I couldn't have made it without you."

Marcille has always enjoyed sewing, gardening, feeding the birds, and doing her crossword puzzles. In the evenings, she enjoys watching a few shows like *Shark Tank*, *Everybody Loves Raymond*, *Andy Griffith* or any of the old movies. She loved to watch Fred Astaire the dancer. She always has a jigsaw going.

How does Marcille feel about being 97 years young? She replied, "Well, I'm determined to make it to 98! I've lived a good life and I'm fortunate to still be living in my own house. It's always been my biggest fear to end up in one of those nursing homes."

Everyone tells Marcille that she will live to be a hundred, but she's content to make it to 98.

Marcille has only good things to say about living in the Ontario community. She loves going for lunch with her neighbor Becky, going to a few scheduled doctor's visits throughout the year, and her trips to Kroger down the street.

"People still come up to me in the store and give me a hug. They tell me they remember me from the bike shop way back. That means a lot," Marcille smiled.

After meeting and chatting with Marcille, I feel like we're kindred spirits. She's one of those hidden gems yet doesn't see herself as anyone overly special. Well, Marcille is pretty special and deserves some recognition!

Upon leaving, I told Marcille I would be back to visit and would bring her some Lay's potato chips and Pepsi. She told me she would love that but had one request of me, "Make sure it's a big bag of potato chips, not those small bags; I run out too quickly!"

You got it, Marcille. As a fellow chip lover, I can wholeheartedly agree!





MADISON STUDENTS chosen as R.A.M.S. (Respectful, Accountable, Motivated, Successful) and winning the weekly positive referral drawing are Gabby Baker, Amya Joplin, Elias White, Ethan Cates, Landyn Young and Mason McPeck. Not Pictured is Nick Bishop.

News Briefs in Education

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) students named to the Fall 2022 President's List are Andrew Murfield of Lexington and Victoria Perea of Mansfield.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 and above for the reporting term are named to the president's list. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) students named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List are Heavyn Long and Sarah Walls, both of Mansfield.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the dean's list.

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Students named to the fall 2022 Dean's List at Cedarville University obtained a 3.5 GPA or higher for the semester and carried a minimum of 12 credit hours. On the list are Ian Barnes of Ontario, Audrey Martin of Lexington and Carter Klotzbach of Mansfield.

Students named to the fall 2022 Dean's Honor List at Cedarville University received the achievement by obtaining a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours.

On the list are Grace Johnson of Lexington, Jacob Littleton of Mansfield, Ariella Waters of Mansfield and Joshua Johnson of Mansfield. The university is located in southwest Ohio.

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Students named to the dean's list for the fall 2022 semester at the University of Mount Union are Jacob Hathaway of Lexington, Andrew Hathaway of Lexington and Olivia Houseworth of Mansfield.

To be eligible for the list, students must have completed at least 12 credit hours of traditionally graded coursework while achieving a grade point average of 3.550 or better with no letter grade below a B.

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Ryan Brophy, of Ontario, was named to the dean's list at Capital University for the fall 2022 semester. In order to be named to the list, full-time, degree-seeking students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.69.

The university is located in the Columbus, OH, neighborhood of Bexley.

KCCC adds additional layers to School Safety Plan

Knox County Career Center (KCCC) has added additional layers to its KCCC School Safety Plan.

School safety has always been a focus at KCCC. Administrators communicate regularly with students and parents the importance of safety and elements of our plan. Everything from lab safety, bus evacuations, fire drills, ALICE training, use of cameras, use of IDs, changes to reception areas, and many other security measures have been implemented over the years. All steps taken point to KCCC's goal of ensuring student and staff safety.

KCCC has also utilized advanced security technology, hired a part-time SRO, and had countless comprehensive and individual safety training sessions. Knox County Career Center Schools District, which includes the KCCC Preschool and Knox Technical Center, along with the KCCC High School participate locally with a P-20 Safety Committee that includes all local schools, colleges and law enforcement agencies.

Situational awareness will be the main topic during teacher and staff in-service. This is another important layer to safety training for all staff with information that applies while at school or after hours. Topics such as the OODA Loop and Stop, Look, Assess and Manage will be covered by trainers from Elite Preparedness, Mount Vernon Police Department and Knox County Sheriff Office.

"Being aware of your surroundings and looking at situations from a threat assessment mindset is important. We have a variety of drills at the career center that involve students and staff in thinking through situations. I appreciate how supportive our local first responders are of training us and training with us throughout the year. We are very fortunate to be in Knox County," superintendent Kathy Greenwich shared.

In early 2018, KCCC administration began working with the KCCC Board of Education, local law enforcement agencies, and state trainers to implement an intensive training plan for a small group of employees to meet the requirements for being armed on school grounds. This was done in partnership with the Knox County Sheriff and Mount Vernon Police Chief.

At that time, in the State of Ohio, Boards of Education could determine if they wanted that part of the safety plan to be public or confidential. The decision was made to be confidential.

This small group of employees was vetted in various areas and methods that exceeded the state requirements. The standards for these employees at KCCC go above and beyond those required. This training included state training through FASTER Saves Lives and local training with School Resource Officer Armstrong, Mount Vernon PD, Knox County Sheriff Deputies, SWAT team members, and others. Each employee has to pass an Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy qualification test each year.

In June of 2021, an Ohio court decision ended the ability for school districts to arm staff. In recent months, Governor DeWine signed HB99, which set new standards and requirements.

Part of the new requirements is that staff and parents need to be notified. The small group of employees continued training and meeting requirements even during the year and a half when they could not carry. Steps are being taken to fulfill all of the new HB99 requirements at this time. The original training and new training for these employees at KCCC include countless school scenarios, medical training, monthly training requirements, a psychological exam, and more.

The identities of the armed employees will remain confidential to ensure their safety and to increase the effectiveness of our safety plan.

MVPD School Resource Officer Jeremiah Armstrong said, "In my years working with the Knox County Career Center, it is clearly obvious that student safety is a top priority. This is another layer of security. I have confidence in these individuals as I train them and train with them."

"I am grateful the Governor has restored this opportunity to schools. Of all my duties and responsibilities as the superintendent of Knox County Career Center Schools, my highest priority is to ensure your child's safety while at school. This is just one piece in our very intensive safety plan," concluded Greenwich.

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THE ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL Academic Challenge Teams competed at the Mid Ohio Educational Service Center. (Left photo) The sixth grade team competed Tuesday, Jan. 10 and placed fifth out of 25 teams. (Right photo) The seventh and eighth grade team placed sixth out of 35 teams on Wednesday, Jan. 11.

Mansfield Noon Optimist Club will celebrate 100 years at musesum

The Mansfield Noon Optimist Club will celebrate 100 years of service to the community with a special event at Buckeye Imagination Museum on International Optimist Day, Thursday, Feb. 2.

The Mansfield Noon Optimist Club has partnered with Buckeye Imagination Museum to provide free admission to the first

300 participating children (ages 2-10) and their accompanying adults. Children can also experience face painting and receive two free rides at Richland Carousel Park (expires April 17).

Fred Boll, executive director of Buckeye Imagination Museum, states "Every child deserves the opportunity to play and ex-

perience the wonders of childhood. The Mansfield Noon Optimist Club is known for their service to the community's youth, so we are honored to be participating in this event to show our appreciation of its members."

"In addition to the first 300 youth getting free admission, our organization has decided to

match this donation with the accompanying adults of these children having free admission as well!"

Buckeye Imagination Museum will have extended hours until 7 pm that day.

The Mansfield Noon Optimist Club's goals are to develop optimism into a life philosophy, to promote an interest in good government and respect for the law, and most importantly, to aid and encourage the development of all youth in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of one's community, country and the world.

Organized on Oct. 16, 1923, the Mansfield Optimist Club hopes to begin to celebrate their 100th anniversary in a big way on Optimist Day.

Club member Kevin Zehe states "We are happy to have provided our service to this community for the past 100 years, and look forward to new opportunities in aiding the youth in the future."

International Optimist Day is a world event celebrated on the first Thursday of February. On this holiday, everyone is encouraged to be an optimist and to support their local Optimist Club and its members for their year-round efforts of bettering the youth and the community. All active

Optimist Clubs will be celebrating and promoting their efforts to bring awareness of them making a difference towards the youth of their communities.

Miller backs Ohio Constitution Protection Amendment

State Rep. Melanie Miller (R-City of Ashland) joined with fellow lawmakers to introduce the Ohio Constitution Protection Amendment, which seeks to better protect and uphold the Ohio Constitution.

The amendment aims to alter the process of how constitutional amendments can be proposed by initiative petitions. Currently, issues proposed by initiative petitions need to meet only a 50% voting threshold to amend the Constitution. Under this proposal, these issues would need to meet a 60% threshold.

The United States Constitution requires that federal con-

stitutional amendments receive a supermajority vote. Moreover, 32 states do not provide for initiative petition constitutional amendments at all, and of the 18 like Ohio who do, many have enacted some form of supermajority vote requirement for passage.

"I'm very proud to stand with many of my Republican colleagues at the start of this new General Assembly to further protect our Constitution as the way our Founding Fathers intended," Miller said.

This new version of the resolution adds a couple provisions in addition to the version that

was introduced in the 134th General Assembly. First, it will eliminate the "cure period" for petitioners to have two rounds of gathering signatures. Second, it will require petition signatures from all 88 Ohio counties rather than 44.

During the filing of the amendment, over 30 members signed on as co-sponsors.

State Representative Melanie Miller is currently serving her first term in the Ohio House of Representatives. She represents the 67th House District, which includes all of Ashland County and the western portion of Medina County.



Doug Theaker will lead Pioneer Board as president

The Pioneer Board of Education Organizational Meeting was held Wednesday, Jan. 11.

The Oath of Office was administered to new board members Spencer Shipman and Erin Stine, Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center.

Douglas Theaker was elected board president for 2023 and Dennis Long was chosen as board vice president.

The board established the date and time of the regular board of education meetings as the third Monday of the month at 6 pm during the months of November through March and 7 pm during the months of April through October. Meeting will be held in the Pioneer Board of Education Conference Room.

Mike Grady was appointed as Legislative Liaison for 2023 and Robyn Almanson was appointed as Student Achievement Liaison. Bill Hope, Spencer Shipman and Douglas Theaker were appointed to the Finance Audit Committee for 2023.

The board authorized the treasurer to pay outstanding bills and to invest interim monies. The board also requested advance payment on current collection of taxes and authorized the treasurer to prepare blanket certificates and to waive the notice period for tax abatement proposals.

The Board of Education Expenses Service Fund was approved and the board appointed the Director of Business Affairs as purchasing agent for 2023.

The Superintendent was authorized to employ personnel as needed, to accept resignations and to apply for Federal and State grants.

The board member training reimbursement was also approved. The regular meeting of the Pioneer Board of Education was held immediately following the organizational meeting.

During the meeting the board approved minutes of the December, 2022 meeting and memberships in Professional Related Organizations.

Bricker and Eckler LLP were approved as legal consultant to the Board of Education. Employment was approved for The Cullimore Law Firm, Desmond Cullimore as the Construction Consultant for the Pioneer Joint Vocational School District Board of Education, et al v Vaughn Industries, et al, Case No. 2018 CV 0686.

A Resolution was adopted for approval of purchase of meals/amenities to further the interests of the district.

Donations were accepted from Mary Lee Barr, Shelby, \$400 to be deposited in the Art Barr Scholarship fund and used for annual student scholarships; Chris and Kari Case, Mansfield, \$50 to be deposited in the Art Barr Scholarship fund and used for annual student scholarships; Jean Ann Fairchild, Shelby, clothing to be used for the Pioneer Sharing Closet. This donation will help students in need at Pioneer.

Hillyard in Columbus donated a Trident S1HH Sprayer and Backpack with a value of \$650. This sprayer will be used by the students in the Construction Level One Program for educational training.

Ann Kleilein of Delaware gave \$400 to be deposited in the Art Barr Scholarship fund and used for annual student scholarships.

Dawn Wright-Smith, Blackbaud Giving Fund, Charleston, SC, donated \$60 to be deposited into the Alumni Endowment fund and used for annual student scholarships.

The board approved student participation in the FCCLA Regional Competition at Penta Career Center, Perrysburg, OH, March 3-4. Students attending will be Shelby High School FCCLA students Haylie Gushard, Annabelle Snipes, Timbre Justice, Brisani Stidam and Ava Haskins with chaperone Kelly Jung, FCS Instructor/FCCLA Advisor.

A paternity leave was approved for Colton Penwell, science instructor. The board also approved stipend contracts for second semester mentors Molly Belcik and Kalyn Stichler and Google Level 1 Certification Jody Tackett. A substitute instructor was also employed.

A supplemental contract for mileage for LeAnne Bauerdick was approved and the board approved employment of Adult Education personnel.

A Memorandum of Understanding was approved with Ontario Local School District for Teaching Professions courses for grades 11 and 12, a program of Pioneer to be housed at Ontario High School.



Ontario Schools announce preschool and kindergarten registration

Ontario Local Schools, Stingel Elementary Preschool enrollment begins Feb. 1. Parents and guardians can start by filling out final forms completely on the Ontario School District website by choosing the 2023-'24 school year.

Once final forms are completed (all forms are green) parents and guardians will be contacted to schedule a developmental screening on a Friday in March or April. All forms must be green before a contact will be made. For more information contact Stacy Crawford, preschool director.

At the scheduled screening appointment, documents required include birth certificate, immunization record, proof of Ontario Residency (ie: utility bill, lease/mortgage agreement), custody papers (if applicable) and most current physical or well check after visit summary. The most recent dental form/waiver will need to be on file prior to starting in August.

Priority placement is as follows (not the order applications were received) for Ontario Residents:

- Resident special need students
- Resident students who are returning preschool students
- Dependent children of Ontario resident staff members
- Resident 5-Year-old students not going to kindergarten
- Resident 4-year-old students
- Resident 3-year-old students

Tie breakers will be:

- Sibling of a registered preschool student
- Order of received registration

Non Residents priority placement will be:

- Dependent Children of Non-Resident Ontario Staff Members
- Open Enrollment Students

Early Childhood Developmental Growth will be evaluated for both preschool and kindergarten

For kindergarten, students must be five on or before Aug. 1, 2023. Once final forms are completed (all forms are green) parents can come into the Stingel Elementary office and complete the application process beginning March 1 anytime between 8-3. At this appointment please bring the documents listed above. A kindergarten screening will be scheduled for August.

Students entering kindergarten should be able to put on and zip a coat and backpack, put backpack on a hook without assistance, count to 10, recognize 13 letters, recognize colors and shapes, share and cooperate with a same age peer, open items in their packed lunch and recognize their name in print.

Public Boating Course offered by Mansfield Power Squadron

Anyone new to boating and others who desire to further develop their boating and boating safety skills may attend the America's Boating Course (ABC).

The course is taught by a certified instructor of the Mansfield Power Squadron at the Madison Adult Career Center (MACC) in Madison Comprehensive High School, 600 Esley Ln., Mansfield.

The course is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, Jan. 24, from 6–8 pm. The class will continue each Tuesday for 9–10 weeks. Registration is made through MACC by calling 419-589-6363.

Classes can help reduce the risk of accidents and injuries, save on boat insurance and qualify for a state boat operator certificate. This in-person class allows boaters to seek answers to questions while gaining:

- knowledge of boating and boating safety. Topics include:
- Boating laws (state and federal)
- Safety and safety equipment
- Finding your way safely
- Boat handling, rules of the road, navigation aids
- Anchoring, docking, knots and lines
- Trailer, boat maintenance
- Communications
- How to handle emergencies and mechanical problems and more

The Mansfield Power Squadron (MPS) is a local nonprofit, aligned with America's Boating Club/United States Power Squadron, in promoting boating safety and education. It serves North Central Ohio. Visit www.usps.org/mansfield or call 419-975-9724 for more information about MPS, additional advanced boating courses, how to improve boating skills and knowledge or for a complimentary vessel safety check.

Visit www.usps.org and www.americasboatingclub to learn more about the United States Power Squadron/ America's Boating Club, the largest non-profit family boating organization in the United States.

RCCS and Lions Clubs join together for Valentine's Day card collection

Richland County Children Services (RCCS) and the Lions Clubs of Richland County will show foster youths love with Valentine's Day cards.

The Lions Clubs in Richland County including Mansfield United, Madison Township, Shelby United, Bellville, Butler, Butler Lioness, Ontario Lions and RCCS will be collecting Valentine's cards for children in foster care. Cards can be handmade, or store-bought and will be accepted through Feb. 3.

The community is invited to drop off or mail cards to Richland County Children Services, 731 Scholl Rd., Mansfield, OH, 44906 or the Mansfield Parks & Recreation Department, 100 Brinkerhoff Ave., Mansfield, Ohio, 44906, C/O Valentine's Day Cards.

"Lions meet the needs of local communities and the world. The 1.4 million members of our volunteer organization in over 200 countries and geographic areas are different in many ways, but share a core belief – Community is what we make it," said Lion Jeff Burns, secretary of the Madison Township Lions Club and chair of the Richland County zone, which is made up of Mansfield United Lions, Madison Township Lions, Shelby United Lions, Butler Lions, Butler Lioness, Bellville Lions and Ontario Lions.

Richland County Children Services (RCCS) mission is to lead the community in assuring the safety, well-being, and permanency of children at risk of abuse and neglect.

RCCS encourages all individuals to invest in the lives of children and to provide them with unconditional love, support, guidance, and every available resource to ensure their health and well-being.

Those interested in becoming a foster parent can contact Richland County Children Services at 419-774-4100 or go to richlandcounty-childrenservices.org.

For more information about the card project can contact Brigitte Coles at 419-774-4168 or brigitte.coles@jfs.ohio.gov.



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Richland Pregnancy Services expands hours for 2023

Richland Pregnancy Services will be expanding its hours of operation in 2023. The additional hours will allow RPS to better serve those seeking services and information for a pregnancy decision.

Those seeking services will now be able to make an appointment or walk-in at the 1560 W. Fourth St. location on the first and third Friday of each month from 10 am to 4 pm. All services will be available on Fridays with priority being given to pregnancy testing and verification.

The Boutique, which provides new and gently used items to clients, will be open on the first and third Friday from 11 am to 3 pm. Access to the Boutique is a benefit for those enrolled in the Mom-to-Mom or Dad-to-Dad mentoring program.

Appointments can be made by calling 419-522-8862 or online at richlandpregnancy.com. RPS will continue to offer free services during their already scheduled hours, Monday and Wednesday 10 am to 4 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays noon to 6 pm and the second and fourth Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm, as well as Tuesday from noon to 1:30 pm at The Ohio State Mansfield Ovalwood Hall Room 299. Services include pregnancy testing and verification, ultrasound, STD testing and treatment, parenting classes, mentoring, abortion recovery and material support.

Richland Pregnancy Services is a 501(c)3 faith based non-profit organization and is supported by individuals, churches and businesses. RPS accepts no government funding.

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Warriors take both first place trophies from Tyger Invitational

The Ontario swim teams traveled to Malabar School for a large invitational meet.

Both men's and women's swim teams brought home first place finishes from the 15-team Tyger Invite. The girls outdistanced second place Shelby 536-387. The boys placed ahead of Madison 498.5-258.5.

Top finishes came from the following swimmers:

200 free, Katie Bolin, 2nd; Colin Cordrey, 1st; Alex Rose, 2nd
 200 IM, Grace Them, 1st; Grantham Trumpower, 1st
 50 free, Joie Simmering, 3rd; Hunter Petit, 1st
 100 fly, Katie Bolin, 1st Jayden Dechert, 3rd; Grantham Trumpower, 1st; Alex Rose, 2nd
 100 free, Haley Danron, 3rd; Colin Cordrey, 1st; Logan Bernat, 2nd
 500 free, Joie Simmering, 2nd; Duncan McLean, 2nd
 100 back, Tessa Crum, 1st; Lily Secrist, 2nd; Logan Bernat, 1st; Evan Ruhe, 3rd
 100 breaststroke- Grace Them, 3rd
 200 medley relay, Bernat, McLean, Rose, Cordrey, 1st
 200 free relay, Damron, Them, Crum, Simmering, 2nd; Bolin, Bulakovski, Secrist, Seif, 3rd; Trumpower, Bernat, Petit, Ruhe, 1st
 400 free relay, Simmering, Them, Damron, Crum, 1st; Trumpower, Petit, Rose, Cordrey, 1st
 Colin Cordrey and Grantham Trumpower were both four-time winners.



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Warrior swimmers split team between meets and do well at both

The Warrior swim team split and competed at two separate meets this past weekend. Six swimmers qualified for the Northeast Classic held in Akron and finals in Canton.

Forty five teams competed in this meet with only 10 teams representing DII schools. Brie Trumpower finished fifth in the 50 and 100 free. Grantham Trumpower placed 13th in the 200 free and 19th in the 100 free.

The girl's 200 free relay of Trumpower, Haley Damron, Joie Simmering and Grace Them made it to the finals with a 14th finish. The boy's 200 relay of Trumpower, Colin Cordrey, Hunter Petit and Alex Rose placed 11th in the finals. The same four swimmers placed 12th for the 400 free relay.

Other swimmers qualifying were Katie Bolin, 200 free, Duncan McLean, 100 breaststroke, Logan Bernat, 100 back, Evan Rhue, medley relay and Tessa Crum, medley relay and 400 free relay.

The remainder of the team traveled to North Robinson for the Eagle Sprint Meet. The girl's team brought home the runner-up trophy.

Top finishers were:

Lily Secrist, 4th, IM, 2nd 100 breaststroke; Jayden Dechert, 2nd, 100 back, 4th 100 fly; Alexia SESCO, 3rd, 100 back; Sasha Bulakovski, 3rd, 50 free; Sky Liu, 2nd, 100 fly; Elaina Seif, 3rd, 100 fly, 4th 25 free; 200 free relay, 3rd, Seif, Bulakovski, Liu, Secrist; and 400 free relay, 1st, Seif, Bulakovski, Liu, Secrist.

The boys, with just four swimmers, placed sixth out of 12 teams. Top finishers were 200 free relay, 5th, Canaan Wentz, Wyatt Rietschlin, Richard Ye, Aiden Fox; and 400 free relay, 4th, same four.



Ontario 200 free relay made it to finals with a 14th place
 Brie Trumpower, Joie Simmering, Haley Damron and Tessa Crum

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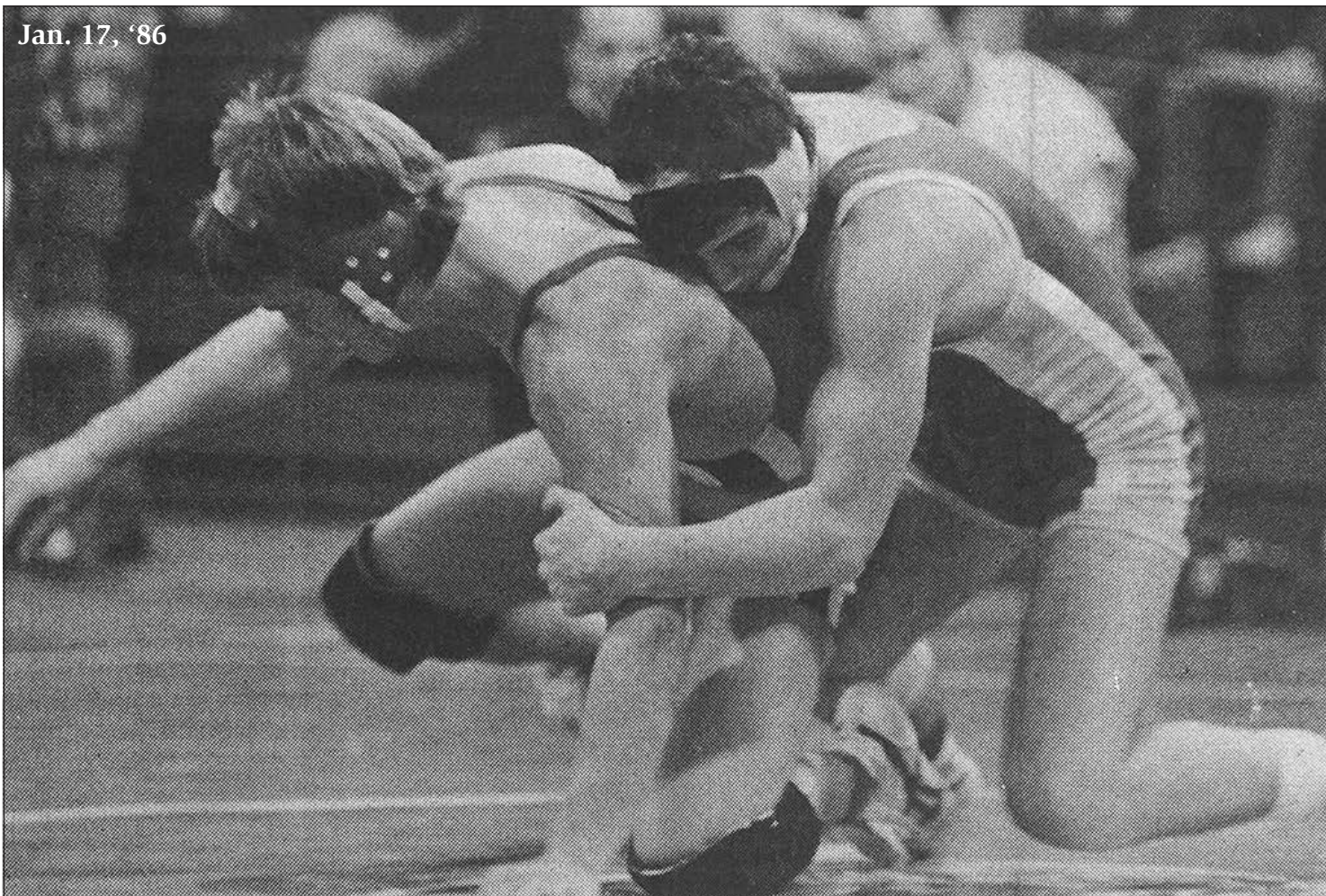
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LOOKING BACK • THIS WEEK IN TRIBUNE-COURIER HISTORY

Jan. 17, '86



George Billman

JEFF LITTLE OF MADISON tangles with an opponent Saturday in the J.C. Gorman Invitational Wrestling Tournament held in Pete Henry Gymnasium at Mansfield Senior High School. Little went on to take a third place finish in the prestigious tournament when he pinned Mark Funk of Crestview in the consolation round. The Rams as a team also did very well, taking a solid second place finish (194½ points) behind repeat winner Galion (218½ points).

Jan. 16, '81



PINEWOOD DERBY WINNERS from Cub Scout Pack 212 are pictured above. Front: Jonathan Cabell, Dennis Pfahler, Adam Shambre and Danny Dillon. Parents of the winners are Charlotte Cabell, Dennis Pfahler, Fred Shambre and Bev Dillon.

This Day in History — January 19, 1840, During an exploring expedition, Captain Charles Wilkes sights the coast of eastern Antarctica and claims it for the United States. Wilkes' group had set out in 1838, sailing around South America to the South Pacific and then to Antarctica, where they explored a 1,500-mile stretch of the eastern Antarctic coast that later became known as Wilkes Land. In 1842, the expedition returned to New York, having circumnavigated the globe. Antarctica was discovered by European and American explorers in the early part of the 19th century, and in February 1821 the first landing on the Antarctic continent was made by American John Davis at Hughes Bay on the Antarctic Peninsula. During the next century, many nations, including the United States, made territorial claims to portions of the barely inhabitable continent. However, during the 1930s, conflicting claims led to international rivalry, and the United States, which led the world in the establishment of scientific bases, enacted an official policy of making no territorial claims while recognizing no other nation's claims. In 1959, the Antarctic Treaty made Antarctica an international zone, set guidelines for scientific cooperation, and prohibited military operations, nuclear explosions and the disposal of radioactive waste on the continent.

Teddy Bear Concert will feature interactive Pinocchio story

The Renaissance Theatre will host the second of its three Teddy Bear Concerts in the 2022-'23 Mechanics Bank Education Series on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 2:30 pm. The performance features an original script by Michael Thomas in an engaging adaptation of *Pinocchio* that features audience participation, and interactive storytelling performed by local actors and live musicians from the Mansfield Symphony.

Teddy Bear concerts take place at the Renaissance's Theatre 166 venue with audience members sitting in close proximity to the performers. Geared to children ages 2 through 10, each Teddy Bear concert offers an interactive element as well as a relaxed environment. Small audience sizes, lights up, and low sound levels as well as safe sensory spaces allow audience members with autism and other sensory-processing issues to be accommodated at this performance.

An important part of the Ren's educational and family programming, Teddy Bear concerts are set up to allow children an up-close experience with symphonic instruments, live acting, and basic musical concepts. To provide the most engaging performance possible, the Teddy Bear series can accommodate a limited number of concert-goers and their favorite teddy bears, so seats fill quickly.

Tickets are \$5 and are on sale at the Renaissance Box Office, via phone at 419-522-2726, and online at www.rentickets.org.

Also at the Renaissance, The Mansfield Symphony Chorus will once again partner with several area high school choruses to present "Sing Out! A Choral Celebration" concert on the stage of the Renaissance Theatre, Sunday, Feb. 5, at 3 pm.

This concert is a rare opportunity for high schoolers to sing while accompanied by a 55+ piece orchestra.

In order to make the event as accessible as possible the cost is a \$5 suggested donation. Support will go towards the continuation of the Mansfield Symphony Chorus, which has been a part of the Renaissance Performing Arts for over 40 years.

CLASSIFIEDS

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 January 4, 2023.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-51 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1343, LICENSING OF CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS, REPEALING ORDINANCES 06-13 AND 21-15, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 22 – 52 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1349, UNFIT OR ABANDONED DWELLINGS, UNITS, BUILDINGS, AND STRUCTURES; REPEALING ORDINANCES 87-69, 06-14, AND 07-23; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-53 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO TO CHANGE ZONING OF CERTAIN LAND FROM B-BUSINESS TO PUD- PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (2577 WALKER LAKE ROAD), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-55 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITION AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF ONTARIO, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-56 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT CITY EMPLOYEES, REPEALING ORDINANCE 22-49, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-01 – A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO TO SELL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES THROUGH AN INTERNET AUCTION SALE DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2023.

Cathy VanAuker
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City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 1-12, 19 '23) 61L

CITY OF ONTARIO
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
PATROL OFFICER EXAM

The City of Ontario will conduct a Civil Service examination for the position of entry level police officer on Sunday, March 5, 2023, at the Ontario Municipal Building Community Room, 555 North Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio

44906. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. and the exam will begin at 9:00 a.m. No admittance after 9:00 a.m.

Candidates must be U.S. citizens and present a valid driver's license at the time of the examination. Must be at least 21 years of age (unless the candidate qualifies for the OPOTA exception) but not more than 34 years of age and must possess a high school diploma or GED equivalence. Passing Candidates who qualify in the top ten will be required to complete a physical strength and agility test. Candidates that are selected will be subject to psychological, polygraph, drug and alcohol screening along with a comprehensive background check.

NOTICE: Applicants must have their Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) Certification to apply. Applicants currently enrolled in an Ohio Basic Peace Officer Training Academy are allowed to test but Certification must be complete by time of appointment.

The City of Ontario is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on any basis prohibited by law including military status. However, if you are applying for a civil service examination and elect to claim military service credit either as an honorably discharged veteran or as a member of the National Guard or a Reserve component as provided in R.C. 124.23, then please attach a copy of your honorable discharge from active duty, DD 214 or other proof of eligibility for this credit. Applications will be available at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, beginning January 12th, 2023, at the Police Department window or online at www.ontpd.com. Applications will be accepted until Thursday February 23, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at the Police Department window in the Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road. Those with questions may call the Division of Police at 419-529-2115 and ask to speak with a recruiter.

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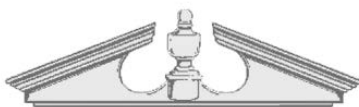
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