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THE LEXINGTON BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL Royalty and Committee members visited the Western Elementary Garden Club. The student-based garden club meets monthly and has growing projects throughout the year. The visit was in celebration of several blueberry bushes that were planted last season. The club heard about the history of the Lexington Blueberry Festival (currently celebrating its 20th year) and some behind the scenes details of what it takes to pull it all together. Club members sampled some of their yield from last year's growing season in the form of blueberry jam and fresh blueberry muffins. The royalty also had the opportunity to talk about how to get involved in the festival and the importance of volunteerism within the community. The kids even got a last-minute surprise appearance from "Berry," the Lexington Blueberry Festival mascot.

February donors will receive Amazon gift card

Spring is close, but February often brings unpredictable winter weather that can cause blood drive cancellations and make it difficult for donors to make it to their appointments safely.

As the American Red Cross continues to monitor seasonal challenges that could impact the blood supply, donors are urged to make and keep appointments to help prevent a shortage in the weeks to come. Donors of all blood types – particularly type O blood donors, the most needed blood group by hospitals – and platelet donors are needed daily to meet demand.

In thanks for helping keep hospital shelves stocked, all who come to give in February will get a \$10 Amazon.com gift card by email, thanks to Amazon. Those who come to donate this month will also automatically be entered to win a trip for two to Clearwater Beach, FL. Details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/heart.

Book a time to give blood or platelets by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities include:

Wednesday, Feb. 8, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Friday, Feb. 10, 8 am to 2 pm, Pioneer Career & Tech Center, 27 Ryan Rd., Shelby

Tuesday, Feb. 14, noon to 6 pm, Saint Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church St., Bellville

Wednesday, Feb. 15, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Thursday, Feb. 16, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, St. Peter's High School, 111 W. First St.

Friday, Feb. 17, 10 am to 3 pm, YMCA, 750 Scholl Rd., Mansfield

Saturday, Feb. 18, 9 am to 2 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2-7 pm, Lucas Community Center, 252 W. Main St., Lucas

Wednesday, Feb. 22, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Destination Mansfield-Richland County honored

The Ohio Association of Convention & Visitor Bureaus (OACVB) held its first post-COVID Annual Educational Conference Jan. 25-26 in Columbus as well as the January board meeting. Keynote speaker for the conference Jack Johnson, Chief Advocacy Officer of Destinations International, presented on Destination Promotion: An Essential and Necessary Part of a Community. OACVB Executive Director Andy Herf presented on Lodging Tax: Best Practices for Protecting it.

The Annual STAR Awards Luncheon was also held during

the conference. At the luncheon, STAR Awards were presented for destination marketing and tourism development efforts in nine different categories.

"We are happy the judges recognized the value of our first visitors guide built with the new community brand", Lee Tasseff, President of Destination Mansfield-Richland County. "Its design represented a totally new way of producing the Visitor Guide and representing our community. Reactions to it from visitors and even residents were incredibly positive."

The OACVB STAR Awards

("State Tourism Achievement Recognition") honor outstanding efforts by Ohio Convention and Visitor Bureaus in their work to market and promote their area destinations and to generate overall awareness of the tourism industry. Recipients were honored for their innovation, creativity, effectiveness and impact in travel and tourism marketing and advertising.

Convention and Visitors Bureaus are best described as destination marketing organizations and are responsible for promoting travel and tourism product awareness to visitors.

THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

M. Night Shyamalan was once called the next Steven Spielberg after the terrific *The Sixth Sense* and their great follow ups *Unbreakable* and *Signs*.

The next film, 2004's *The Village*, was a small step down and then Shyamalan's films became really hit and miss.

After Earth and *The Last Airbender* are just awful and *Split* starring James McAvoy was a fine return to form.

His newest film, *A Knock at the Cabin*, is really pure middle of the road. Certainly not the worst and not the best. This movie surrounds a young girl named Wen (a wonderful newcomer Kristen Cui) who is confronted in the woods by a man named Leonard (Dave Bautista). She is on a vacation at a cabin with her dads played by Jonathan Groff and Ben Aldridge.

Leonard and his friends break into the cabin and hold all three people hostage. They explain they are there to prevent the apocalypse and they must make a sacrifice. There is a great deal of questioning and not believing what these people have to say, but eventually things come to light as to what is true and what is not.

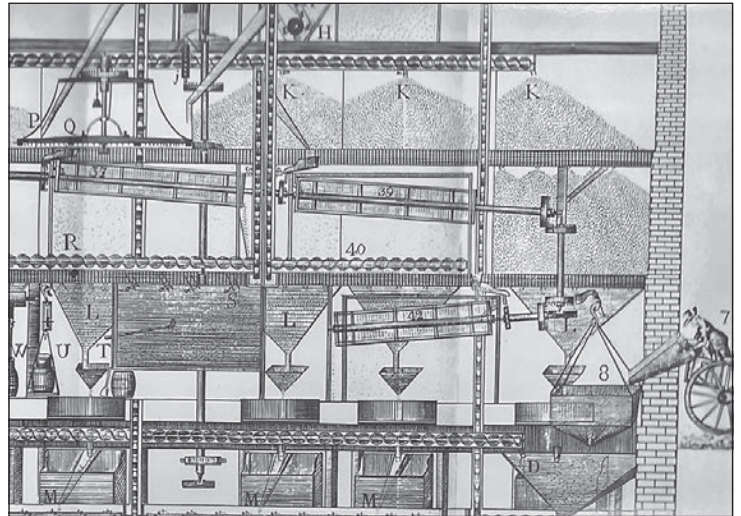
The acting by everyone is great, especially Bautista who

proves there is more to him than Drax in the *Guardians of the Galaxy* films. The movie unfolds nicely and there is a great deal to get engaged with as Shyamalan's camera angles make things even more spooky. The director also makes a cameo in all of his films so watch out for that.

All of Shyamalan's movies are known for their twist. If audiences see a movie by him, it is common knowledge not to spoil it. The thing with this movie is it is all surface.

Nothing really surprising happens by the end and story stays pretty flat and one note to the point where there is barely anything to chew on or much to remember.

Some people really enjoy *A Knock at the Cabin* which is great. It's certainly not the worst movie Shyamalan has put out, though there is not a great deal there besides the singular story to get excited about either. Great performances for this new release with a story that lacks any real substance.



OLIVER EVANS' mill-wright guide book had many illustrations for mill improvements. Vertical lines are belt elevators and screw conveyors moved grain products horizontal, saving much labor.

Oliver Evans penned the Young Mill-Wright's Guide

By Bob Carter

First published in 1795, Oliver Evans' book became the Bible of the mill-wright profession. It's publication brought unheard advances to the construction of water powered grist and saw mills.

The construction of a water powered grist mill was not a simple task. The mill location, amount of water available and the amount of fall had to be carefully studied and gauged.

That dictated the size of the water wheel and then came the type. Was it to be an overshot (the most efficient) or a breast wheel where the water entered part way up or an under shot where water in velocity struck the bottom. The wheel size and width had to be carefully planned and that was just the beginning.

A tall, say 20 foot wheel, would turn rather slowly as where an 8 or 10 foot wheel would have to be much wider and would turn faster. The gearing within the mill would require the correct revolutions.

Mill stones, the heart of the grist mills, turned anywhere from 90 to 120 revolutions a minute (depending on size) and had to be strictly regulated by the miller. This he controlled by a hand operated gate that controlled the flow to the water wheel.

Evans' new design eliminated man power. Early mills might require four men and a "hopper boy" whose duty was to fill the hoppers over the mill stones and continually sweep and brush dust from the mill interior. Women customers would not likely buy flour from a dirty mill.

Men unloaded the incoming grain, carried the fresh ground millings to an upper floor where it was spread and cooled, then carried to another floor to feed into a bolting (sifting) chamber and then the flour and middlings (waste) had to be moved to the barrels or sacks for shipment to customers.

Evans' new design moved millings by bucket conveyors or horizontal screws from station to station, thus saving manpower. His book and new engineering methods revolutionized the milling industry. Nearly every mill-wright had a copy as did many millers. The book has been reprinted more than 15 times and is available in most good libraries. A rare first edition is worth thousands.

The book contains numerous illustrations showing the mill interior and machine and conveyor locations. It was said Evans built one mill which he could operate by himself from loading to finished product.

Old millers claim that a mill talked to them while it was running. A miller could be in conversation with someone and suddenly turn a go adjust a speed, conveyor or hopper needing attention and then return to the conversation.

The clatter and rumble of his beloved mill was talking to him.

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News Briefs

Lexington Key Club and Kiwanis Club will host a "Breakfast with your Valentine" at Lexington High School Saturday, Feb. 11, from 8-11 am, or until food is sold out.

Breakfast includes pancakes and sausage. Tickets are \$5 at the door and proceeds benefit Lexington Key Club.

Those attending can also tour the new high school and junior high school.

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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.

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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 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 dial 711) or visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov.

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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-per-

ishables including 2 pounds of cheese and a 15 pound box of pre-packaged produce. 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 a box. There is no cost. Call 419-522-0662 for more information.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville, 25 Church St., will welcome James Seamus Dillard on Sunday, Feb. 12, from 10:30 am.

He will speak on "Saint Brigid — from Pagan Goddess to Catholic Saint." For more information, visit www.allsoulsuohio.org

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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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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Feb. 25 and 26. 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 annual Road Apple Run 5K race is scheduled for Saturday, March 4 at 10 am.

Taking place on a scenic country road in northern Richland County, the course will pass several Amish farms and is mostly

flat with wome slight upgrades. The race gets its name from the "exhaust" from frequent travel of horse drawn vehicles.

All proceeds will support the cross country and Track teams at Crestview Local Schools.

Awards are given to top male and female, along with first and second place male and female of each age group.

Register by Feb. 23 for a guaranteed t-shirt. Race day registration begins at 8:30 am at Crestview High School.

Register for \$25 at https://registration.midohiorm.com/events/2023-road-apple-run-5k-road-race-01092023313?fbclid=IwAR3sP9qF_YGj8QFNMRxRzKEEJaQdA3d6Z-jhEQ-IQtb3qN-QXI1F2egU0TMI



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Economic excellence award winners announced by Chamber

The Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development has announced the winners of the RCDG Economic Excellence Awards. The winners will be honored at the Chamber's Evening of Excellence Annual Meeting and Dinner held on Feb. 15.

The RCDG Economic Excel-

lence Awards highlight businesses, individuals or organizations that have a significant impact on the growth and development of the local economy. The 2023 awardees are Dan Lew, Snow Trails and Angela Phillips.

The surprise recipient of the

Chairman's Award will also be announced during the event. Recipients of this award have demonstrated a long-standing commitment to community service in the Richland County region. One outstanding woman in our community will also be honored with the ATHENA award,

sponsored by Park National Bank. This award highlights a woman who is honored for professional excellence, community service and for actively assisting women in their attainment of professional excellence and leadership skills. The nominations are reviewed by a panel of past ATHENA Award recipients.

The Chamber will also honor Doug Versaw as the retiring convener of the Mansfield Beautification Sector for RCDG after 13 years of leadership. One final award will be Ambassador of the Year, awarded to an individual whose time and efforts promoted the Chamber and went above and beyond the call of duty.

The event will be held on Feb. 15, at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center. A cocktail hour kicks off at 5:30 pm and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm.

Tickets and sponsorship packages are available at 419-522-3211 or www.RichlandAreaChamber.com.

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419-886-4333 • www.clearforkalliance.org
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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 Acosta
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
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St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church

1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison) 419-589-2114 • www.mansfieldstmarys.org
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Sister Bernard Marie Campbell's 75 years of life celebrated

The Congregation of the Third Order of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate (Joliet Franciscans) announced Sister Bernard Marie Campbell, OSF, passed away Jan. 25. She was 97 years old. She had been in failing health and died peacefully in her sleep.

"St. Peter's was blessed to have Sister Bernie as a part of the St. Peter's parish and school community for six decades," said Fr. John Miller, pastor of St. Peter Parish. "Her love of Christ showed daily through her vocation as a Sister of St. Francis and in her classroom as a teacher. Her legacy will continue to live on here for many years."

Sister Bernard Marie Campbell was born on Sept. 7, 1925, in Joliet, Illinois, to Bernard & Evelyn (Baskerville) Campbell. She was the oldest of four, a sister, Patricia, and two brothers, Tom and Robert Campbell.

She attended high school at St. Francis Academy, where she first encountered the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate. When she was a senior in high school, she had a calling that God wanted her to join the sisters.

In September 1942, she joined the order. She attended the College of St. Francis in Joliet before being sent on her first mission to St. Peter's School in 1946.

She lived with many other sisters on the top floor of the elementary school building. She taught for nine years in the school before being transferred in 1955. She served at schools in Chicago and Columbus before returning to St. Peter's in 1963 and remaining there until September 2015.

During her 61 years of service to St. Peter's School, she taught several subjects including history, Algebra, Theology, and Photography. However, most students will remember her teaching in the chemistry and physics labs.

In 1996, she transitioned from the classroom to serve in the school's Development Office. She was instrumental in raising \$3 million to build the Franciscan Activity Center in 1999 and the funds needed to renovate the high school science wing in 2008, which was named in her honor.

"Sister Bernie was a unique and driving force at St. Peter's," said St. Peter's Head of School, Laurie McKeon. "Not only did she teach generations of students, but her quick wit, passion for Catholic education, and remarkable ability to raise both funds and friends made her a legend. Her impact on the parish and school is lasting and indelible."

Sister Bernie was a huge supporter of the Spartans, attending as many events as possible. She was also a huge fan of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. Sister Bernie also organized an annual Birthday Bash in September in honor of parishioners aged 75 and older.

By 2015, Sister Bernie Campbell, along with Sister Paula Bingert, a 1943 alumna of St. Peter's High School, were the last two Joliet Franciscans living in the school convent. That fall, they were called back to live at Our Lady of the Angels Retirement Home in Joliet, ending the Sisters of St. Francis' 144 years of continuous service to St. Peter's and the Mansfield community. The parish honored both Sisters Bernie and Paula with a Celebration of Presence and Service that more than 1,000 people attended.

Sister Bernie would have celebrated her 80th Jubilee as a Sister of St. Francis Mary Immaculate this year.

Details on funeral arrangements are still pending but will take place in Joliet and will be available via a live stream. A memorial Mass will also be planned in her honor at St. Peter Church. She will also be honored before Friday night's home basketball game with Mansfield Christian.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Sisters of St. Francis Joliet (<https://www.jolietfranciscans.org/donate-now/>) or to the Sister Bernard Marie Campbell Chair of Science through the Monsignor Edward C. Dunn Foundation for Education (<https://www.msgrdunnfoundation.org/donate-to-the-foundation/>).



Romanchuk supports innovation hubs highlighted in address

State Senator Mark Romanchuk (R-Ontario) participated in a joint meeting of the Ohio General Assembly that convened for Governor Mike DeWine's State of the State Address.

Senator Romanchuk has an extensive background in manufacturing, and understands the role that industry plays for the long-term economic health of Ohio.

"I look forward to working with the Governor's Innovation Hubs to help leverage and promote economic development here at home in the 22nd district," said Senator Romanchuk.

"I know that too often, people may be left with the impression that Central Ohio gets everything, but this will be an opportunity to highlight and better prepare and showcase communities around the state for potential major investments."

Recently Ohio landed mega project investments from Intel and Honda, and now the Innovation Hubs will work with local economic development leaders in site prep and promotion.

"My colleagues and I in the Senate remain committed to making Ohio a great place to earn a living and raise a family," added Romanchuk.

An Innovation Hub is a collaboration by industries, government, economic development organizations, and educational entities that brings together researchers, creators, and innovators to nurture ideas to drive economic growth and create industry-changing products and services.

Senator Romanchuk represents the 22nd Ohio Senate District, which encompasses all of Ashland, Medina and Richland counties.

For more information visit www.ohiosenate.gov/romanchuk

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Rodrick "Rod" Lee Hamilton, Jan. 30
Richard "Kozmo" Kimble Kozma, Jan. 31
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This Week's Pet Looking for A Forever Home



Ben

Ben might look intimidating in his kennel since he is so big, but he really is just the sweetest.

Ben enjoys long walks around the shelter, exploring the play yard smelling all the other dogs,

back and head scratches, sitting for treats, and being told what a good boy he is.

When he is asked to sit for a picture, he doesn't hesitate to pose. He loves the camera.

Ben is strong, so he will need someone who can handle him on walks. Ben doesn't seem that interested in toys, and he is not a fan of other dogs.

Ben is scared of cats. Stop out and meet this big handsome fella and spend some time with him. You will definitely see what we see in him.

Ben is available at the Richland County Dog Shelter in Mansfield, Ohio. If you are interested in meeting him or any other dog, contact or visit the Richland County Dog Warden's Office and 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.

Proposals requested by RSWCD

Richland Soil & Water Conservation District is seeking proposals for logjam and debris removal east of State Route 13 on the Black Fork River.

Funding for the project was provided by a grant from the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District. Details for the project can be found in the Request for Proposal (RFP) found at <https://richland-swcd.net/>. The description of the proposal and all specifications are included in the RFP document.

Interested parties must submit a complete, sealed proposal following the procedure outlined in the RFP no later than Friday Feb. 15, at 10:30 am to the Richland Soil & Water Conservation District, 1495 W. Longview Suite 205 B Mansfield, OH, 44906.

To learn more about services and programs Richland SWCD provides, please visit <https://richlandswcd.net/> or call 419-747-8686.

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



Photo By Mark Shutt • Maroon Bells Scenic Area, Colorado



Photo By Mark Shutt • Crystal Mill, Crystal River in Crystal CO

Lexington to receive financing for water improvements

The Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) awarded \$4.6 million through low interest loans to Ohio communities to improve wastewater and drinking water infrastructure and make water quality improvements for Ohioans.

For the month of January, the Authority funded six projects that will provide improvements and replace aging infrastructure. The six awarded projects received an interest rate ranging from 1.75% to 4.18%.

Among the OWDA's Fresh Water Loan Program projects approved is the Village of Lexington receiving \$1,654,373.00 at 3.88% for 30 years for the replacement of 1,900 water meters throughout the village to replace meters that have exceeded their useful life.

The State of Ohio created the OWDA to provide funding for construction of public water and wastewater infrastructure in Ohio. Since its creation in 1968, OWDA has pursued borrowing that assure the OWDA the lowest cost of funds in order to maintain low borrowing rates for the local governments of Ohio.

These low borrowing rates allow local governments to construct necessary water and sewer improvements while minimizing the impact to user charges.

More information about OWDA's financing programs is available at www.owda.org.



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Altrusa Spring Bash is March 4

Altrusa International, Inc. of Mansfield will be holding its 12th annual Spring Bash on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center.

Doors open at 6 pm, with dinner catered by Port-A-Cook from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Live entertainment by the SWAGG Party Band will fill the night with music from 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm.

Tickets are \$30, and can be purchased from any member of the Altrusa Club of Mansfield or online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/altrusa-spring-bash-2023-registration-511195368107>.

With a St. Patrick's Day theme of 'Lucky Stars and Shamrocks,' wear your greens and yellows! Round out the fun-filled evening with a chance to bid on silent auction baskets, try your luck with a 50/50 raffle, enter purse and/or liquor wagon auctions and purchase a Mystery Bag for \$10 while they last.

All money raised at the Bash stays local and supports Altrusa's community service projects.

Dr. Julie Chaya named RPH Commissioner

The Board of Health has appointed Dr. Julie Chaya as the new Health Commissioner of Richland Public Health effective Feb. 7.

Dr. Chaya has served as the Director of Community Health & Prevention Sciences at Richland Public Health since 2017 with a successful track record of establishing programs and obtaining grants for the health department and the Richland County community at large. She has been instrumental in establishing successful community initiatives and collaborations throughout the area to ensure health equity and access to care for all.

"Dr. Chaya has demonstrated an exceptional commitment and passion for public health service in Richland County" said Richland Public Health Board of Health President, Dr. Robert Exten. "Her experience serving as the Director of Community Health & Prevention Sci-

ences has provided her with the necessary knowledge and skills needed for this important position.

Her tenure with the health department and well-established relationships with local community partners provides valuable insights, and I am confident she will continue to carry out our mission in protecting the health and well-being of Richland County residents."

Dr. Chaya holds a Masters of Arts (M.A.) in Human Development & Family studies as well as a Masters of Education (M.Ed.) and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Health Education & Promotion from Kent State University.

RPH's mission is to assess, maintain, and improve the health and safety of the environment and community through quality public health services. Learn more about Richland Public Health services and programs at www.richlandhealth.org.



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MRS. WELCH'S Environmental Science students at Ontario High School have spent time learning about watersheds and water resources. They learned about Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District in our area and played a watershed board game to learn about factors that can pollute or help improve water quality.

Scholarship program announced

The Area Agency on Aging Board of Trustees elected to provide three scholarship awards this year to individuals for higher education or certification programs benefiting the field of aging network.

Scholarship award amounts for the academic year 2023-'24 are one \$2,000 for a student attending a 4-year university; one \$1,000 for a student attending a 2-year college or technical school, center of education, or is pursuing a certification; and one \$1,000 for a student attending any type of higher institute of learning or certification and is a child, grandchild, or stepchild of an actively employed (full time or part-time) Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. staff member. Applicants must be a high school graduate (graduated in 2022 or earlier or hold a GED) and reside in Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca or Wyandot County.

Details about the scholarship program, eligibility requirements, and the application, can be found at <https://www.aaa5ohio.org/education/scholarship-program/>. The deadline for applications is March 17, 2023. For more information, contact Susie Danuloff at the Area Agency on Aging at 567-247-7105 or sdanuloff@aaa5ohio.org.

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News Briefs in Education

The Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education will have the 2023-'24 Pioneer School Calendar available for public input on Friday, Feb. 17, 2023 from 8 am until 3 pm in the Pioneer CTC Board of Education office, Shelby.

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Cassandra Snopik, of Mansfield, Business Administration major, has been named to Youngstown State University's President's List for achieving a perfect 4.0 grade point average in the fall semester 2022. To be eligible for the President's List, honorees must be full-time undergraduate students with a 4.0 GPA for least 12 semester hours of classes.

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Youngstown State University students named to the dean's list for fall semester 2022. Dean's list recognition is awarded to full-time undergraduate students who have earned at least a 3.4 grade point average for not less than 12 semester hours of credit in the Fall semester.

On the list are Iwalani Hammond of Mansfield, Studio Art - Graphic + Interactive Design Track major; Kristal Lee of Mansfield, Nursing RN to BSN major; and Cassandra Snopik of Mansfield, Business Administration major.



THE LEXINGTON EASTERN ELEMENTARY Academic Challenge fifth grade team took first place out of 23 teams during a competition on Feb. 2. Team members are Carter G., Aaron H., David S. and Coulter S.



THE FIFTH GRADE Academic Challenge team of Rahul B., Madi E., Tim J. and Silas M. from Lexington placed eighth out of 23 teams during a Feb. 2 competition at the Mid Ohio Educational Service Center.



4-H News Report

On Jan. 29, 2023, the Country Champions 4-H Club of Richland County had its first meeting for this year.

They elected the following officers at this meeting: Mande Lantz as president, Addison Amert as vice president, Michaela Lantz as secretary, Owen Keith as treasurer, Alivia Roub as health and safety, Annalise Trovato as news reporter, Cody Wolford as sunshine officer, Maggie Lantz and Aubrey Lambert as historian and Brayden Amert and Ezra Roub as recreation leaders. Members introduced themselves and told a little about themselves to everyone. Members also chose which committees they wanted to be on this year. Members were reminded that enrollment and project selection should be completed by the next meeting, if possible, so books can be ordered. The next meeting will be held on Feb. 26 at 4 pm.

Annalise Trovato, News Reporter



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL BIOLOGY STUDENTS learned how to extract DNA from a living organism. Strawberries were used since they contain a lot of DNA and are ethical to experiment on. This similar technique, however, can be used for most living DNA extraction. Seeing the DNA helps students conceptualize the structure and importance of our most important biomolecule.



THE SCIENCE CLUB at Ontario High School is studying mycology. The students used fresh willow tree logs for a food source for their mushrooms. After drilling holes into the wood, the students hammered in inoculated oyster mushroom plugs and sealed them with beeswax to protect them. The logs will be placed outside to allow the fungi to grow, decompose and fruit under natural conditions.



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Pioneer Career and Technology Center is proud to announce nearly 360 students are on Honor Roll (3.5 GPA or higher) or All A's GPA 4.0 (or higher). We would like to congratulate the following students for their academic achievement for the second quarter.

Seniors, 4.0 GPA (or higher): Ciara Appleman, Katelyn Bauerdick, Sydney Bess, Shellie Bourne, Cameron Broadhead, Elisha Burson, Thomas Clark, Kali Darling, Alaina Davis, Jason Dills, Kadence Fairchild, Leah Francis, Kegan Fry, Alexandra Galeano,

Zachary Hamman, Katlyn Hotz, Faith Kalb, Kaylan Lamb, Avery Mateo, Damon Mauk, Luke McLaughlin, JNetta Mitchem, Summer Mulvane, Alexis Parr, Kaleen Pratt, Makayla Register, Silus Rettig, Ella Ritter, Belicia Salas, Mason Simmons, Andrew Smollen, Kylynn Snider, Emily Stewart, Katalina Sym-sick, Kaylie Thompson, McKenna VanDyke, Eden Wheatcraft and Olivia Whetstone

Juniors, 4.0 GPA (or higher): Aleah Anderson, Michael Barnhill, Camryn Beauford, Elaina Bishop, Ivy Bistline, Hunter Bloomfield, Carson Bricker, Brice Browning, Shayla Burton, Amari Caddell, Maya Collene, Brooke Dawson, Makayla Dickson, Tyler Duckworth, Mia Felder, James Fetzer, Kate

Fetzer, Mia Fidler, Emily Frey, Ryleigh Fulton, Alivia Gallaway, Ayla Graham, Helesha Haycook, Grant Heinle, Teahana Holland, Devada Huvler, Malachi Keefe, Hagen Kello, Jason Lambert, Lydia McChristy, Gabriel Melvin, Mackenzie Melvin, Christopher Miller, Willa Morris, Michael Mosley, Hanna Orta, Azrielle Page, Lily Patrick, Molly Reiderman, Bane Rhea, Ellie Rinehart, Carter Roth, Manuel Sparks, Rachael Sparks, James Spitzer, Dylan Sweitzer, Jillian Symsick, Addyson Whitesel, Jamie Wilson and Allison Wright.

Seniors, Honor Roll, 3.5 GPA (or higher):

Cari Adkins, Morgan Adkins, Noah Adkins, Brenden Ady, Isabel Alt, Kennedy Ankney, Joshua Ash, Evan Bachelder, Quinn Backensto, Nathan Barber, Kiera Barnhart, Kadence Beach, Zachary Berry, Kenadee Bivens, Leah Blay, Olivia Blevins, Kylee Bloomfield, Nakyla Bourne, Owen Bowman, Brenna Brickley, Brennan Briggs, Ava Bruder, Kole Bryan, Mason Buchanan, Olivia Carns, Tracy Carroll, Michael Cline, Nicole Cyrus, Bryson Davis, Weston Delaney, Collin Dingus, Josiah Dotson, Liliana Drago, Aaliyah Duncan, Marley Earhart, Kiyran Elsbey-Kershner, Bladen Fetzer, Emma Fields, Huck Finnegan, Mackenzie Flick, Kevin Franklin, Madisyn Fry, Felicia Gallagher, Bryant Gamble, Nevaeh Garza, William Gates, Samuel Gerster, Kamryn Gill, Sixtos Gonzalez, Quenten Grace, Riley Grauer, Cole Grembling, Joseph Griefenstine, Jarrett Griffith, Nathanael Hadberg, (cont.) Jordan Haspesslagh, Ava Heimlich, Bayge Horner, Brailey Horner, Kailey Horsley, Braden Hunt, Halee Hunt, Daniel Iceman, Jazmine Jaeckin, Xena Janeczek, Anna Jones, Olivia Justice, Matthew Kaylor, Emaleigh Keller, Aleeah Kelley, Hunter Kincade, Mackenzie Klimewicz, Arron Knapp, Shelby Knipp, Derekah Lawrence, Kaleigh Leadbetter, Ella Lehman, Ronni Locker, Jessica Lopez-Mazariagos, Caleb Macmichael, Wesley Madison, Michael Mays, Trace McVey, Grace Miller, Selene Miller, Colin Milligan, Steven Moore, Brianna Morgan, Reagan Mundy, Kobie Naufzinger, Austin Oakley, Brooklyn O'Brien, Briana Osborn, Jayden Oswald, Owen Philpot, Jansen Potts, Ellexia Ratcliff, Rodney Rike, Kourtney Rinehart, Keila Roblero, Ellayna Rothhaar, Preston Rumery, Ivann Salas, Chloe Sauder, Maelyn Shaarda, Sully Shope, Dillon Smith, Naomi Smith, Olivia Smith, Audrey Spearman, Mason Stacy, Makayla Stephens, E'Mari Stewart, Alexandria Stollings, Donald Stone, Harley Thomas, Aiden Turner, Destiny Tuttle, Yuliana Velasquez, Roy Vincent, Emily Wallace, Dakota Wicker, Dylan Wiese, Connor Wiggins, Abigail Williams, Alexis Wilson and Autumn Wilson.

Juniors, Honor Roll, 3.5 GPA (or higher):

Morgan Amert, Madison Ames, Kyerstin Ammons, Hugo Andrade, Bryer Arms, Dyonna Ball, Erica Barclay, Madelyn Barker, Connor Baxter, Mercedes Beck, Alexander Benarth, Monroe Bolen, Kam'Ron Bond, Liveah Brady, Dylan Britt, Gavin Cains, Riley Campo, Diandre Cantey, Emily Cantrell, Taniya Chism, Isabella Christman, Katell Clawson, Rayna Clayton, Wesley Cleveland, Raven Cline, Russell Cole, Keaton Cooper, Marcus Corwin, Eleanor Cotter, Katherine Cowgill, Jerzie Cox, Hattie Crabtree, Ella Davies, Malachai Dawdy, Tyler Dickerson, Kiley Elsbey-Kershner, Cole Fairchild, Abryonna Fannin, Xander Fauser, Dylan Floyd, Coy Fredritz, Nevaeh Gallagher, Ava Griesbach, Aleah Griffith, (Continued on Page 11)



DRUG FREE SENIORS from Ontario High School visited with younger Ontario students during lunch. Hunter Petit and his dad, Stingel GuidanceCounselor Tod Petit, meet with students.

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Ontario Middle School December Students of the Month



Sixth grade: Leah Gorrell and Dallas Meagher



Seventh Grade: Yuka Mori and Carson Moritz



Eighth grade: Kaylei Chandler and Connor Dawson

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Cody Griffin, Isaac Gruber, Saige Guegold, Kinsey Hale, Jerome Hall, Natalie Hamons, Hayden Handshoe, Kiersten Harmon, Ashleigh Hayes, Garrett Hensel, Maddox Hickman, Lucas Hieber, Sara Hoffer, Braylon Hollister, Autumn Holmes, Daniel Hout, Hannah Howell, Mason Hunt, Graysen Jackson, Isabella Jeffrey, Erica Jones, Zachary Keever, Raina Kelly, Jeffery King, Mya Kirst, Natalie Kline, Cohen Krupa, Zachary Krupa, Conner Lamb, Maggie Lantz, Lillian Lehman, Kameron Lewis, Erin Lindsey, Nathan Loll, Anthony Mallory, Dalton Martin, Tyler Mason, Charles May, Julianna McCoy, Samantha McCumbers, Caden Mendiola, Katelyn Messmore, Noah Montgomery, Cayden Moore, Emma Moore, Jacob Mullins, Adalyn Muncy, Ava Myers, Toni Nechovski, Pablo Olvera, Chelsea Phillips, Joshua Porter, Grant Powell, Kristia Ramsey, Andrea Reed, Lorelei Reed, Nathan Reed, Alana Reitler, Raymond Riddlebaugh, Anderson Roll, Karla Romero-Alvarez, Hunter Sager, Shawn Schmidt, Addison Sexton, Ashlin Shade, Keaton Sharp, Kennedy Sipes, Brode Smith, Aaron Spencer, Bradon Stidam, Chase Stoffer, Zoey Strom, Jasmine Stutzman, Brooklyn Swain, Kylee Swank, Emma Swanson, Tianna Tackett, Wilson Tallman, Alyssa Tammer, Autumn Taylor, Cynthia Thomas, Heavenleigh Thomas, Gavin Tolar, Marisa Traxler, Trinity Tuttle, Gavin Tyrrell, Chloe Vesterman, Yumalayla Ward, Nathaniel Weaver, Elleciana Webb, Kyleigh Weiser, Sheyenne Williamson, Kayden Wilson, Van Winchester, Samuel Wise, Sara Woyansky, Richard Ye, Skyler Zeger and Alivia Zidarín.



LEXINGTON'S Ella Rastetter took first place at the Richland County Spelling Bee out of 49 spellers on Jan. 26. Her winning word was Forensics. She will move on to the Tri County Bee along with two other Lexington Eastern Spellers, Odin S and Coulter S who were also in the top 12. The Tri County Bee will be Feb. 9.





Alumni members in attendance at the Agricultural Education Centennial Celebration

Plymouth-Shiloh Local School District celebrates agricultural education centennial and 90 Years of FFA

Submitted By The Plymouth-Shiloh FFA Alumni

Plymouth-Shiloh FFA Alumni, FFA and Agricultural Education supporters and active Plymouth FFA members gathered Jan. 23 to celebrate 100 years of Agricultural Education and 90 years of FFA in the Plymouth-Shiloh Local School District.



Plymouth-Shiloh FFA Alumni Officers: Jeff Echelbarger, Nellie Felty and Leonard Felty



Agricultural Educators: Randy Eisenhauer, Andrew Spiker, Laura Ringler and Tia Louiso

Even though the Smith Hughes Act, which provided funding for Agricultural Education classes to be established was passed in 1917, our local class was not established until six years later in 1923. And although FFA was established Nationally in Kansas City, MO in 1928, it wasn't until five years later in 1933 that the Shiloh FFA was chartered on Jan. 23, 1933.

There was no ag class or FFA at Plymouth High School until Plymouth and Shiloh combined in the 1959-'60 school year, although for a few years students were still bussed to Shiloh for Ag until a suitable shop was built in Plymouth.

Those in attendance at the celebration received a historical packet which is available at <http://www.plymouthtrackcc.org/> and heard from a myriad of past and present FFA members, Agricultural Educators, the current FFA State Treasurer and representatives from the Plymouth and Shiloh Area Historical Societies.

Keith Johnson served the Plymouth FFA Chapter as advisor and vocational agriculture instructor from 1962-'92, and has been an enormous part of the program's history. While he could not make the trip from Texas to be at the celebration, Mr. Levi Myers, past Plymouth FFA President and current Agricultural Educator at Shelby High School, read a letter on his behalf.

The instruction with the chapter began as do most vocational agriculture departments, with classroom and FFA activities. Shortly after he arrived, he learned that the school superintendent had acquired 38.8 acres of land for class instruction in Shelby when the local air force base disbanded.

The land parcel we were issued was 38.8 acres to be used for 20 years, at which time to be deeded to the school free and clear. After getting the news about the Shelby land, reality set in for Mr. Johnson. How were we going to farm land eight miles from the school? We knew willing parent farmers would help but they were busy with their farms.

The FFA had no machinery or funds to operate the farm. To get the FFA started, Mr. Strine, the high school principal, got the school board to provide funds for some basic machinery and supplies.

On a cold winter day, I took four students to a farm auction in Savannah. The students selected the equipment, did the bidding and we came home with a tractor, a John Deere A, plow, disk, harrows and a trailer and hauled it home. It was so cold that the crew would drive about 15 minutes and trade off to keep from freezing.

The FFA members, now were farmers as they are to this very day.

The parcel in Shelby was sold and land on the west side of Plymouth was purchased for a new FFA Farm. Mr. Johnson used that parcel for instruction for the rest of his teaching career and the current baseball field was built upon part of the land acquired by the

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agricultural education program where the field lies to this very day.

That land was sold and land was purchased in 2002 next to the site of the new school on State Route 603.

Although there are many years with missing information throughout the 1920's, 30's and 40's it has been 100 years since Agricultural Education coursework began in the Plymouth-Shiloh Local School District and Mr. Johnson, the longest reigning FFA Advisor perhaps summed it up the best, "Not many organizations last a century. With the support being given by the Plymouth and Shiloh communities I feel the Plymouth chapter has a bright future well into the next 100 years."

Kermit Noble, the 1954-'55 Plymouth FFA President spoke of being a young shy man without many experiences outside of Shiloh, and how the Agricultural Education program taught him skills, allowed him to travel to Chicago with the FFA, and helped him to "come out of his shell" as mentioned by member after member in attendance at the celebration. The career skills and the abilities FFA members acquired in addition to the skills that have helped them in their careers was evident from members of the past to those of the present.

Tom Kranz and Todd Kranz were both in attendance and also spoke to the audience. Todd Kranz is the only Plymouth FFA member to become a State FFA officer, his brother, Loren, was the first Plymouth FFA member to earn their American FFA Degree. Standards were different back then and although a member may have met the criteria for the degree, they had to battle for a few precious spots to earn their State and American Degrees. Tom Kranz was told he was too diversified to earn his degree, so the local chapter made things right and worked with the State FFA to have him awarded the Honorary State FFA Degree in 2016, 60 years after he would have earned his State FFA Degree by today's standards.

Randy Eisenhower was the Agricultural Educator from 1992-2002 and he stated that "Coming out of Ohio State, this was a golden opportunity for me to have a job as an agricultural education teacher in a strong rural community. Plymouth Shiloh Schools gave me the opportunity to be their Ag teacher and pursue my dreams. I had great guidance from Keith Johnson, the retiring Ag teacher, and a program that was well established." Eisenhower helped to establish the Plymouth-Shiloh FFA Alumni as well as the buyers club for the local county fair and helped establish the consignment sale which was an alumni fundraiser from 2000-'15.

While members and advisors are a large part of our chapter's history, we can not overlook the importance that the Plymouth-Shiloh FFA Alumni has played. Leonard and Nellie Felty were integral parts of starting the alumni, and they and the Hugel family were a big part of organizing the celebration.

Leonard said, "We have helped support this FFA chapter for almost 40 years. We worked with Mr. Johnson for two years and the remaining teachers to this day, Mr. Eisenhower, Mr. Spiker, Mrs. Tracey, Mrs. Ringler and now Miss Louiso. My wife, Nellie, and I sat at the fair in 1990 and saw our FFA kids taking just pennies above market price on fat steers which they had spent two years raising, it was sickening. Nellie looked at me and said 'we need to do something about this.' And I said in my typical Leonard fashion, 'just what do you think you are going to do about it?' She said we were going to start a buyers club. At that time, only Lucas had a buyers club. As a result, Mr. Johnson, our family, and Rick Echelbarger worked together in the early 90s to establish a buyers club and we made our first appearance to purchase animals at the county fair in 1994 and we have been there ever since. And although people have been supporting this program even long before our time, the Plymouth-Shiloh FFA Alumni was also officially chartered in 1994 with the help of Mr. Eisenhower."

"We started the buyers club by taking personal donations from individuals and businesses, but we wanted to do more to help. From there, we started a pop trailer then a pop tent at the county fair also with the help of Mr. Eisenhower and all of our ag teachers since and then we worked with Chuck and Fran Miller of Miller Auctioneering to start a local consignment sale each Jan. 1, which we held for 15 years. As the consignment sales became less profitable, we started the tool fundraiser which came from an idea when Butch Gilger and

Joe Ringler were talking shop one day. We are now in our ninth year of the tool fundraiser which will be held in Shiloh on Sept. 9."

His wife Nellie joined in by adding, "The first year we collected money for our Buyers Club we collected a meager \$1,500 which has since grown tenfold plus and allows us to purchase our student's animals at fair prices, support their future projects and first vehicles and provides scholarships for those advancing their education."

"Between donations collected and the tool fundraiser, we also send students to leadership development events, help purchase CDE and classroom supplies, donate to the food pantry, help out in our community, sponsor scholarships, teach students to can salsa and spaghetti sauce and how to make homemade chocolates and our Alumni has fed thousands of hungry kids over the years at FFA events."

"We have some wonderful memories thanks to the people of this community, and the kids have even made Leonard speechless a few times, which doesn't happen often! Our alumni organization will be 30 years old in 2024. From the inception of our alumni to this day through the generosity of our communities it is estimated that we have invested over \$700,000 in this agricultural education and FFA program. And the plan is to continue to give as long as we're able."

The Hugels added, "Pam graduated from Plymouth in 1974 and Tony graduated from Madison in 1977. Pam was in 4-H for nine years, but back then girls were not in FFA. Our jobs took us to the Cleveland area but we have been helping the FFA since 1999 when our daughter, Stephanie (Cunningham) Lewis, was in FFA as a freshman. We started by selling fruit and helping at the fair. We have continued to help and now have grandkids in FFA. We enjoy helping when we can and have met many great kids over the years."

Andrew Spiker, Plymouth FFA Advisor and Ag educator from 2003-'06, said, "The Plymouth-Shiloh District has had a fortunate string of leaders that have all played a role in contributing to the past 100 years of Agriculture Education. It takes a community to keep a tradition as long as this district has done - and what a wonderful community this school district has. Support from parents, administration and alumni has all made an impact on the legacy."

Jess Tracey was the agricultural educator from 2006-'10 and although she could not be in attendance, Ashley Berry, former FFA vice president, shared a letter on her behalf.

Before the summer of 2006, I had never heard of Plymouth, but as a newly licensed, very young and inexperienced teacher, I packed up my life in the extreme corner of northwest Ohio and moved to a place I had never heard of with no one I knew. As I dove in to my first year of teaching, I quickly realized that college didn't prepare me for the real world that was teaching. As a new teacher, I was extremely blessed to be in a district with great facilities, a large land lab, and an administration and community that was committed to seeing the Ag Ed program succeed. My time as the Plymouth FFA Advisor was just as much a period of learning for me as it was for my students."

Mrs. Ringler was the Plymouth FFA Advisor and Ag educator from 2010-'22. Ringler stated, "I came to teach at Plymouth during the summer of 2010, and although I grew up less than 30 minutes away, I did not know this community or the people in it, but that is the great thing about this community, they didn't care. They cared that I was willing to work hard and to include them, they cared that I provided opportunities and pushed students to reach their full potential, they cared about what mattered, the people within their community to which my husband and I have now called home for quite some time."

Perhaps her greatest message was this, "Some students' lives have been forever changed because of this program. That is so powerful, and although we may never know the true impact of FFA and Agricultural Education, I can assure you, from being in this district for 12 years, and having gone through COVID, this program and programs like these are critical for student success. The quality of students we have and continue to turn out that are prepared for the world is second to none. Through this program students learn the commitment necessary to follow through on projects and to keep accurate records that sometimes allow them to win scholarships and awards, they learn to put in the extra effort, they learn what it means

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to be coachable, they learn to look one another in the eye and to give a firm handshake."

Current chapter advisor Tia Louiso greeted the audience by adding, "While I can not speak much on what past years of agricultural education has been, I can speak on the future. This year the National FFA Organization has reported that there is a record number of members at 850,823. That number is shocking as this is made up of students aged from 12–21, making this the largest youth led organization in the country. As E.M. Tiffany wrote in the FFA Creed those many years ago, may we all continue to believe and to support the future of agriculture and agricultural education as we continue to grow and develop and support one another. Here's to the next 100 years as we move forward into the future of agricultural education and FFA with our current FFA leadership team."

Sarah Hoak, current FFA president, and her team ended the evening by expressing her gratitude for all in attendance. She is in her second year serving as chapter president. She is a five-year FFA member and has been an officer for four years. She is part of the third graduating class that was able to take ag in eighth grade.

She spoke of all the opportunities and experiences she participated in as well as the career skills.

She stated, "Through these I have learned skills to make myself more marketable in the workforce and have become a more educated consumer. I have also learned time management, accountability, and record keeping as well as valuable ag industry experience. I have done a lot with my five years in FFA and I am so grateful for all of the lessons I have learned and the wonderful people I have met through these experiences. One of the things I love most about our school district is the people. Whether it's students, teachers, staff, coaches, or alumni there are amazing people everywhere. Sure, I can go on and on about all the things I did and the awards I won, and although I am proud of them, they are not what I value most. The people and memories I have made with them are one of the most valuable things I have come to possess through my years at this school. It is one thing history books will never be able to capture, and that truly is a shame. As you think about the history of Ag education and Plymouth FFA, keep in mind that there is more to it than what is in the history books and there is so much we may never know. To all the current and future students, as you continue on the legacy of the Plymouth FFA Chapter remember that you are making history, but you are also making memories."

Here's to the next 100 years of Agricultural Education and FFA in the Plymouth-Shiloh Local School District!



MRS. ECKERT'S FIRST GRADE classroom at Ontario celebrated the 101st day of school with a Dalmatian theme. Students used their counting skills to add 101 Dalmatian spots to each banner pendant, wrote about what they would want 101 of and more. They even used bones to practice measuring.



STUDENTS IN MRS. RHODES' Global Foods class at Ontario High School have been learning about the culture and cuisine of France. They wrapped up the unit making crepes — a thin pancake with Nutella, strawberries and bananas.



SECOND GRADE STUDENTS in Ms. Winningham's classroom at Ontario had some fun on the 100th day of school. They played "Would you rather?" with a lot of items of 100 (like would you rather have 100 dogs or 100 cats). They also completed 100 math problems, drew themselves as 100 years old and wrote how they would celebrate their 100th birthday and counted to see if they had to lick a tootsie roll pop more than a hundred times to get to the tootsie roll. Hayes Thompson brought his classmates cookies that made 100 too. Students are (Top left) Emma Boyd (Bottom Left) Alexa Barker and (Top Right) Khoi Phan.



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Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



Senior Warrior swimmers honored during final home meet

The senior Warrior swimmers were honored during their last home swim meet against Ashland.

The evening started with a birthday song to freshman Sasha Bulakovski, followed by the singing of the National Anthem by senior swimmer Ellie Martinez and her friend Alexis Shaver.

During the break in the meet, each Ontario senior presented each Ashland senior with two cookies. The Warrior seniors were given a balloon by a teammate, gave their mothers a flower and were given a senior gift from their parents.

Senior Brienne Trumpower was recognized for 63 wins in her home pool, 8 MOAC and Ontario Invite wins and 47 additional wins at other dual meet pools.

Another highlight of the final meet was a prom proposal from senior Hunter Petit to Makayla Dickson. Makayla was swimming the 500 free while Hunter was her lap counter. On her last turn he held the sign with "prom?" Into the water... she said yes!

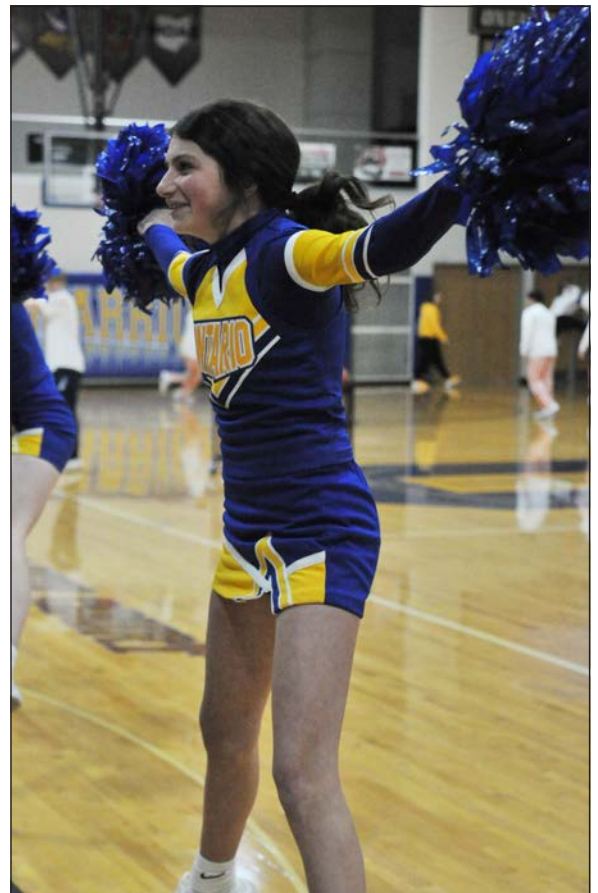
The conclusion was a win for both the boy's and girl's teams.



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ONTARIO CHEER

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Ontario swimmers host inner squad meet

The Warrior swim team held its annual inner squad Blue/Gold meet this past Saturday. The highlight of the meet was a new event — the flex off.

Ontario freshman Grantham Trumpower won with the Best Of Show going to junior Canaan Wentz.

Both teams were challenged by the alumni red team. The winners of the coveted rotating trophy were the Gold team with captains Brie Trumpower, Duncan McLean and Colin Cordrey and teammates Grantham Trumpower, Evan Ruhe, Joie Simmering, Delaney Moritz, David Yan, Canaan Wentz, Katie Bolin, Ezri Farley, Kaylee Lynch, Richard Ye, Elaina Seif, Aiden Fox and Wyatt Rietschlin.

Later that evening the team held the "Ghostwriter Reveal" dinner. The senior swimmers were introduced to their ghostwriters.

Parents also made display boards of their seniors.

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Senior Jayden Leach (11) and sophomore Bodpegn Miller (22)



Sophomore Bodpegn Miller (22)



Senior Braxton Hall (21) and sophomore Quinn Miller (23)



Senior Gage Miller (10)

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Freshman Remington Schroeder (20)



Junior Jimmy Likely (23)



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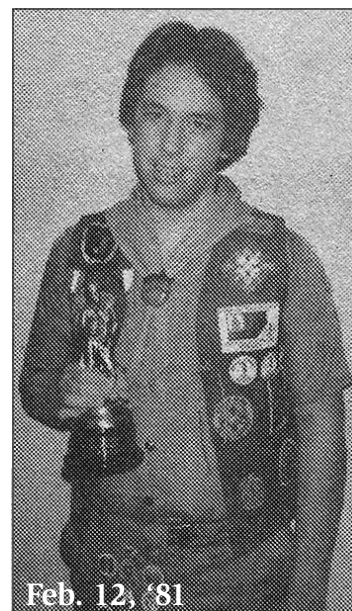
LOOKING BACK • THIS WEEK IN TRIBUNE-COURIER HISTORY

Feb. 12, '81



Photo by Marc Stumbo

THE DRIVER OF THIS TRAILER and rig will not soon forget the miserable driving conditions of the winter of 1980-81. This semi turned over on its side on West Fourth Street, just outside the village limits, on one of the numerous days when snow, ice and rain contributed to hazardous driving. The driver was not seriously injured.



Feb. 12, '81

Photo by John Oster

STEVE OSTER, 14, was awarded the Outstanding Scout Award of Boy Scout Troop 117 at the semi-annual court honor. This annual award is based on a point system for participating in various troop activities.



Photo By Marc Stumbo

FEBRUARY 12, 1981 — A VALENTINE FOR MOM — Chris Leedy, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Leedy of Delaware Street in Lexington is showing his mother, Amy, that she is his favorite valentine with a Valentine's Day gift. Chris is in the fourth grade at Eastern Elementary School.

This Day in History — February 9, 1942: Congress pushes ahead standard time for the United States by one hour in each time zone, imposing daylight saving time — called at the time “war time.” Daylight saving time, suggested by President Roosevelt, was imposed to conserve fuel, and could be traced back to World War I, when Congress imposed one standard time on the United States to enable the country to better utilize resources, following the European model. The 1918 Standard Time Act was meant to be in effect for only seven months of the year — and was discontinued nationally after the war. But individual states continued to turn clocks ahead one hour in spring and back one hour in fall. The World War II legislation imposed daylight saving time for the entire nation for the entire year. It was repealed Sept. 30, 1945, when individual states once again imposed their own “standard” time. It was not until 1966 that Congress passed legislation setting a standard time that permanently superseded local habits.

KCCC students qualify for Business Professionals of America State Competition

Knox County Career Center students competed in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) Region IV competition at the end of January.

KCCC students in the Computer Network Technology (CNT), CollegeU-Business (CLGU), Digital Media and Software Development (DMSD) and Pre-Professional Mentorship (PPM) programs competed against students from Delaware Hayes High School, Delaware Area Career Center, Highland High School, and Tri-Rivers Career Center.

BPA is a career technical student organization that allows students to compete in various competitions in the areas of Finance, Business Administration, Management Information Systems, Digital Communications and Design, Management, Marketing and Communications and Health Administration.

On Friday, Feb. 3, BPA State Qualifiers in Region IV were announced. KCCC had 33 students qualify for state in 28 events.

The BPA State competition will be held on March 9 and 10, in Columbus.

Keyara Murphy, BPA Region IV Director, said, "The students did a great job competing in the BPA Region IV competition. All students prepared in different ways; reviewed resources for tests, and created projects using

specific software. All contests were scored by a professional from the content area. Students apply and improve life skills through these competitions."

Murphy added, "As an alumnus, I love what this organization offers to students. It was life-changing for me as a student, and I know it can be for current students as well. We wish the best to the students who are proceeding to compete at the State, and potentially National Level. These are the opportunities and experiences CTE is made of."

The following students qualified to compete in the BPA State competition in March: Kierstin Cox (CLGU) 2nd place in Personal Finance Management; Trinity Smith (CLGU) 1st place in Fundamental Word Processing; Christopher Cline (CLGU) 2nd place in Fundamental Word Processing; Shelby Oswalt (PPM) 1st place in Administrative Support Research; Madalyn Blakesley (PPM) 2nd place in Business Law and Ethics; Alex Brumenshenkel (CNT) 1st place in Computer Network; Jeremy Risko (CNT) 3rd place in PC Servicing & Troubleshooting; Logan O'Brien (CNT) 1st place in Server Admin Using Microsoft; John Auker (CNT) 2nd place in Server Admin Using Microsoft; Nicholas Murphy (CNT) 1st place in Network Adminis-

tration Using CISCO; Leo Myer (CNT) 2nd place in Network Administration Using CISCO; Hailey Sheppard (CNT) 3rd place in Network Administration Using CISCO; Aron Whited (Computer Network Technology) 1st place in Computer Security; Alex Brumenshenkel, Braxton Hessel, and Hailey Sheppard (CNT) 1st place in Network Design Team; Jack Davis (DMSD) 2nd place in Fundamentals of Desktop; Desiree Temple (DMSD) 3rd place in Fundamentals of Desktop Publishing; Alex Awwiller (DMSD) 1st place in Fundamentals of Web Design; Dylan Perkins (DMSD) 2nd place in Fundamentals of Web Design; Carter Frazee and Jackson Reed (DMSD) 1st place in Broadcast News Production Team; Tyler Estep, Abigail Kennedy, Grace Sipes, and Sydney Wilson (CLGU) 1st place in Global Marketing Team; Lydia Burak (CLGU) 1st place in Entrepreneurship; Dacia Robinson and Madisyn Weekley (CLGU) 1st place in Small Business Management Team; Sophie Snivley (PPM) 1st place in Interview Skills; Jacob Derr (CNT) 1st place in Advanced Interview Skills; Chelsea Perkins (CLGU) Extemporaneous Speech; Ava Maddux (CLGU) 1st place Human Resource Management; Brady Lester (CLGU) 1st place Ethics and Professionalism; and Hazel Hott (PPM) 1st place Health Administration Procedures.

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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 February 1, 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.

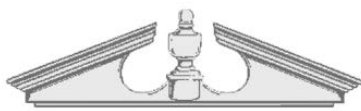
RESOLUTION NO. 23-05 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE ONTARIO SIDEWALKS PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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