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**THE AMERICAN VETERANS DEPARTMENT OF OHIO** has honored State Senator Mark Romanchuk (R-Ontario) as one of its 2023 Legislators of the Year for his continued support of veterans and the veteran community. "I am very grateful to have been chosen for this distinguished honor, especially as the only non-service member to receive the award this year," said Romanchuk. "Our nation owes an incredible debt to our veterans and I am proud to serve and represent the men and women in Ohio who have so selflessly served our country." The award was presented to Romanchuk at the 35th Annual AMVETS Legislative Awards ceremony in Columbus on Feb. 11. Senator Romanchuk represents the 22nd Ohio Senate District, which encompasses all of Ashland, Medina and Richland counties.

## Skywarn training will be held March 9

The Richland County Emergency Management Agency will host Skywarn Spotter Training Thursday, March 9, at 6 pm. The training will be held at Pioneer Career and Technology Center, 27 Ryan Rd, Shelby. Doors open at 5:30 pm.

The training class will be around two hours in length and will cover a variety of topics such as basics of thunderstorm development, fundamentals of storm structure, Identifying potential severe weather features, how to report information and basic severe weather safety.

There will be a door prize giveaway and light refreshments will be provided.

In addition to the Shelby training, a class is also scheduled at the Wayne County Library in Wooster on March 16, at 6 pm and at Willard High School on March 30, at 6 pm.

Online training options are also available in March and April by viewing the schedule at [https://www.weather.gov/cle/SKYWARN\\_schedule](https://www.weather.gov/cle/SKYWARN_schedule). Registration is also available on the site and is required to attend each training session.

For more information about the Shelby training event call 419-774-5686 or email [ema@richlandcountyoh.gov](mailto:ema@richlandcountyoh.gov).

## Pioneer receives donations for programs, scholarships

Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education met Feb. 20.

The Oath of Office was administered to Mike Grady who was reappointed as a board member from Shelby City Schools.

Linda Schumacher was appointed to the Richland County Tax Incentive Review Council for 2023.

The board approved the Client Agreement for E-Rate Funding between Strategic Management Solutions and Pioneer CTC.

The annual board member and administrator dinner meeting will be held on March 29, 2023.

Ralph Phillips was named the Business Partner of the Year.

Faith Abbott, OhioHealth Bucyrus Lab, Bucyrus, donated a phlebotomy bench and supply cart with an approximate value of \$300. This donation will be used for educational purposes for students in the Medical Assisting program.

Rebecca Burriss, Hillyard, Columbus, donated a Trident S1 HH Sprayer and backpack for ORB13 and S1 HH Sprayer with a value of \$650. This sprayer and backpack will be used for educational purposes for our students in the Construction Level One program.

Civista Bank, Sandusky, donated \$500 for

annual student scholarships.

Corpad, Mansfield, donated cardboard with a value of \$300 for the Pioneer Engineering program housed at Crestline High School.

The Officer Brian D. Evans Memorial Scholarship Fund gave \$1,000 to be used for annual student scholarships.

Dave Ward, Route 30 Wholesale, Mansfield, donated clothing items with a value of \$1,634 to be used in the Pioneer Sharing closet for students in need.

Stone Creek Dental, Casey McKinney, Ashland, donated PPE consisting of gowns, head covers, face shields and masks with an approximate value of \$400. This donation will be used for the students in our Dental Assisting Career Technical program.

Becky Witter, Tiro, gave coats to be used for the Pioneer Sharing Closet. This closet is for students in need at Pioneer.

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

The board approved student participation in competitive events including a State SPA Competition at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus, March 8-10. Participating students are

Bryce Browning, Celeryville Christian, CyberSecurity; Devon Fallen, Galion, Cybersecurity; Jason Lambert, Goal Digital, CyberSecurity; Gabriel Melvin, homeschool, IT Support; Gavin Tyrrell, Bucyrus, IT Support; Sebastian Barker, Shelby, IT Support; Austin Bechtler, Crestview, IT Support; Weston Delaney, Bucyrus, IT Support; Julian Diaz, Lexington, IT Support; Collin Dingus, Crestview, IT Support; Matthew Kaylor, Lexington, IT Support; Ezekiel Sexton, Lexington; IT Support; Michael Taylor-Paavo, Bucyrus, IT Support; Michael Cline, Goal Digital, Web Page Design; Wyatt Cole, Crestview, Web Page Design and Griffin Duff, Crestview, Web Page Design. Chaperones are Fritz Fagan, Jr. IT Support Instructor/SPA Advisor and Dan Foss, CyberSecurity & Sr. IT Support Instructor/SPA Advisor.

The board also approved for students to attend the State DECA Competition at the Columbus Convention Center, March 10-11, 2023. Attending will be Bucyrus students Trey Griggs, Caleb Rimmer, Adriana Clark, Lexi Payne, Adacyn Rister, Ella Moyer, Addison Kemery, Grace Jackson, Maddison McDaniel, Quintessa Spellbound, Malachi Bayless, Emma Tyrrell, Ella Hoover, Mycala Lange, Mason Gebhardt, Sawyer Cooper,

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*This Week's Pet  
Looking for  
A Forever Home*



*Hawkeye*

This six year old dog is such a ham. He loves people and is incredibly friendly. Hawkeye loves playing and sprinting. He also

really enjoys sniffing play yards. Hawkeye is also ornery and likes to get out a toy, play with it for a while, go back to the play bin, get another toy, and continues until almost every toy is out of the toy bin. It is adorable how happy it makes him.

Hawkeye is incredibly strong and needs some leash training. But he is an absolute love bug who just wants a family.

Hawkeye is available at the Richland County Dog Shelter in Mansfield.

Those interested in meeting him or any other dog, can 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.

Adoptions are \$175, which includes spay/neuter, microchip, dog license and some vaccines.

The shelter's current needs are volunteers to walk and play with the dogs. The shelter uses a lot of bleach, laundry detergent, and dog treats and welcomes donations.

## Richland SWCD Pond clinic scheduled for March 7

Ponds can create a sense of serenity, a focal point and a source of recreation on a property. They can also be used as a source of drinking water, fire suppression and watering source for crops and livestock.

Many people think creating and owning a pond is as simple as digging a hole and letting it fill up with water. There are a lot of factors you must consider which include how to stock and manage a pond.

Those with questions about a new or existing pond can attend the free pond clinic on March 7 from 5-7 pm at the Cooke Family Wildlife Conservation Park, 4774 Rt. 13, Shiloh.

The Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) is hosting the Pond Clinic in partnership with Morrow, Knox and Ashland Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Steve Fender of Fenders Fish Hatchery is the guest speaker and will be available to answer pond questions.

Register for the Clinic at <https://richlandswcd.net/event/pond-clinic-3/>.

For more information call 419-747-8697 or visit <https://richlandswcd.net>.



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## Kingwood to present landscape inspirations symposium April 1

Kingwood Center Gardens will hold a half day symposium on Saturday, April 1, from 9 am to 12:30 pm in the Garden Gateway King Ballroom. The 2023 symposium theme is "Fostering Intentional Plant Communities." The event is open to the public and advanced registration is required.

The keynote speaker will be Austin Eischeid of Austin Eischeid Garden Design, Chicago, IL. Eischeid is the designer of the Meadow Garden in Kingwood's Perennial Garden. He will present methods to create a four-season garden by using the right combination of plants. These gardens can reduce watering and weeding needs as well as attract a wide variety of birds and other pollinators.

An Iowa native with a bachelor's degree in Horticulture from Iowa State University, Eischeid's work experience after studying include: Hermannshof Garden in Germany under the direction of Cassian Schmidt, Orchard Dene Nursery in England, and Chanticleer Garden in Philadelphia. In addition, he worked with mentors and colleagues Piet Oudolf and Roy Diblik on a number of projects to gain practical knowledge on dynamic planting plan designs and layouts.


Kingwood's Executive Director, Josh Steffen, will also speak and introduce the concepts of intentional plant communities and how these design approaches differ from traditional garden design.

The symposium has been approved for the following continuing education units: 1 OCNT through the Ohio Green Industry Association; 1 CEU through the Professional Grounds Management Society; 3 CEUs through the National Association of Landscape Professionals.

The registration fee is \$50 for Kingwood members and \$65 for non-members. Registration includes morning refreshments. Learn more and register at [kingwoodcenter.org](http://kingwoodcenter.org) or call 419-522-0211.

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# News Briefs

The first Hymnsing for 2023 will be held Friday, March 3. The group will meet at New Liberty Baptist Church on Lexington Ave., in Lexington, one half mile south of Hanley Rd. This is a free event.

The congregation chooses the hymns from the hymnal and all join in to sing. The hymnsing starts at 7 pm and goes until 8:30 pm. The church is handicap accessible. Everyone is welcome.



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](http://www.energyhelp.ohio.gov).



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. 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.



Clear Fork Baseball will host a spaghetti dinner Saturday, March 18, from 4-7 pm at Clear Fork High School.

The dinner includes pasta and meatballs, rolls, salad, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for age 6-18 and free for kids five and under. A family maximum charge is \$30.

The dinner will also featuring a silent auction and raffle with proceeds going towards a new scoreboard.



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 March 15, will include roast beef. The Strutt Your Stuff dancers will perform. Those attending are encouraged to wear green. Cost is \$15 for the meal. Guests are welcome. For information visit [www.lexasc.org](http://www.lexasc.org). Dues are \$10 per year.



The United Way of Richland will hold its annual Dash to the Goal event on Friday, March 3, from 10 am to noon at Buckeye Imagination Museum, 175 W. Third St., and 12:45 pm at Graham Chevrolet, 1515 W. 4th St.

Buckeye Imagination Museum will feature a check presentation and agency interviews. Graham's will hold the Chevy Trax drawing at 1 pm.

United Way of Richland County is a local organization led by local people. Members of the Board of Directors and Allocation members are volunteers.



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 form 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.

Race day registration begins at 8:30 am at Crestview High School.



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! There will also be 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 supports Altrusa's community service projects.



All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville, 25 Church St., will welcome Ron Boyd on Sunday, March 5, from 10:30 am.

He will speak on "Fractals and Infinity." For more information, visit [www.allsoulsuuohio.org](http://www.allsoulsuuohio.org)



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Rylee Powers, Ava Wade, Eli Sprague, Noah Burke, Chris Neale, Dylan Langer, Tyson McDaniel and Brody Higginbotham. Chaperones will be Jeff Funigiello, Media Communications Instructor/DECA Advisor and Jody Tackett, Marketing Instructor/DECA Advisor.

Attending the State HOSA Leadership Conference in Columbus Convention Center on March 16-17, 2023, will be Dylan Wiese, Ontario, Exercise Science; James Stewart, Ontario, Exercise Science;

Mason Diaz, Lexington, Exercise Science; Addyson Whitesel, Lexington, Medical Technologies; and Samantha Hunt, Clearfork, Medical Technologies. The chaperone will be Melissa Myers, Dental Assisting Instructor/HOSA Advisor.

The board approved employment of Seth Weibel, Culinary Arts Level One Instructor for the 2023-'24 school year.

The board also approved Professional Development I New Technology extended time for Vickie Hunt for assistance with ASE Re-Accreditation for the Auto Technology program.

A chaperone stipend was approved for Michael Millward for HOSA NW Regional Leadership Conference.

The board approved employment of substitute instructors and leave without pay for Juanita Walsh for the period of Feb. 1-17.

Substitute classified personnel were approved.

The board accepted the resignation of Bobbi Hensel, Adult Education Phlebotomy/CCMA Instructor, effective Dec. 31, 2022.

The board approved employment of adult education personnel and revisions to policies including school safety, emergency situations at school and student abuse and neglect.

The Education Affiliation Agreement was approved with Avita Health Systems and Pioneer for Medical Technologies student clinicals. An amendment to the Affiliation Agreement with OhioHealth Corporation for High School and Adult Ed student clinicals was also approved.

The board adopted a Resolution of Appreciation of donation of \$10,000 from ArcelorMittal Tubular Products Shelby, LLC for the 2023 Community Service Day.



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## Church Directory

### Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville  
419-886-4333 • [www.clearforkalliance.org](http://www.clearforkalliance.org)  
Rev. Matt Merendino  
Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor  
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship  
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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://ontariochristian.org)  
Minister Steve Broughton  
9 am Sunday School  
10 am Sunday Worship

### Ontario United Methodist Church

3540 Park Avenue West., Ontario  
419-529-4345 • [ontarioumc.com](http://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  
"A Refuge for Hymn-singers!"

### St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church

1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison) 419-589-2114 • [www.mansfieldstmarys.org](http://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

### St. John's United Church of Christ

68 Park Avenue East, Mansfield  
419-522-2813 • [www.stjohnsmansfield.org](http://www.stjohnsmansfield.org)  
Pastor Faith Prioretti  
10 am Sunday Worship

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# March of Prayer returns to area churches

The Fifth Annual March of Prayer will fill 40 nights with worship and prayer, each night hosted by a different church, as a commitment to the unity they have in Jesus.

The churches, which affiliate with more than 20 denominations and associations, each will offer worship in their particular, authentic style, inviting the community to join in prayer and praise.

The services begin each night at 6 pm, except March 9 and 25, and five of the services during Holy Week leading to Easter, and will offer prayer for a variety of topics and concerns, including local ministries, community leadership, and national issues, with a special focus on victims of addiction and the path of recovery.

Of special interest will be the creation of the Jericho Wall of Remembrance and Recovery, planned for this summer at a retaining wall next to a parking area east of First Christian Church, on West Dickson Ave, near West Third and Bowman Streets.

Fundraising will begin in March, with artists' painting in the Summer and dedication during Mental Health Month in September. The Planning Committee includes representatives of the City Arts Council, local churches, Mansfield Council, Volunteers of America and Mansfield Rotary Club.

Information is available at [www.JerichoWall.info](http://www.JerichoWall.info).

"I know of no other event just like this," said Rev. Paul Lintern, who again organized this year's March of Prayer.

"It is often that churches in any city will have cooperative worship services, for special occasions, and it is not unusual for a church to host nightly prayer events indefinitely, but I am yet to find any community that will schedule a prayer service at a different location so many nights in a row."

The first March of Prayer, in 2019, filled every night in March, then was continued for another 19 days until Easter, because of other churches wanting to join in, using the theme, "Mansfield is God's field," then "Richland is God's Land."

The next year, was cut short by COVID after 16 days, but continued for 45 days through nightly "living room" prayer services offered on the Godsfeld Facebook page, which still keeps participants up-to-date on March of Prayer services and local church events.

The last two years have filled March, and added nightly services during Holy Week, concluding with the Sunrise Service at KingOne of the special parts of each service occurs when guests from other congregations are invited to offer blessings for that evening's hosting church.

"God moves in a community when its people come together to pray; several ministries along Park Avenue West, including ARC Empowerment Center, Rubies, and Elijah's House, can safely be described as Godsfeld ministries, as many congregations helped to start and maintain these addiction-related ministries," according to Lintern.

"This is a remarkable opportunity for people to visit churches they are curious about, and to join in singing and prayer with their Godsfeld partners."

## March of Prayer Schedule

(all services begin at 6 pm unless noted)

Wednesday, March 1, The MAC, 291 W. Cook Rd.  
 Thursday, March 2, Journey Life Center, 2578 Springmill Rd.  
 Friday, March 3, First Baptist Church, 4534 St. Rte. 13, Bellville  
 Saturday, March 4, Southside Christian, 2055 Middle-Bellville  
 Sunday, March 5, Church Requel, 2 Marion Ave.  
 Monday, March 6, Recovery Road, 378 Park Ave. West (ARC)  
 Tuesday, March 7, Linden Road Presbyterian, 124 S Linden Rd.  
 Wednesday, March 8, Holy Trinity Lutheran, 525 W. Cook Rd.  
 Thursday, March 9, First UMC, 12 N. Diamond, 7 pm  
 Friday, March 10, Fusion Lexington, 2200 Industrial Parkway  
 Saturday, March 11, St. Luke's Point of Grace, 2 Marion Ave.  
 Sunday, March 12, Potter's House, 374 Willowood Dr. East  
 Monday, March 13, Grace Fellowship, 365 Straub Rd. East  
 Tuesday, March 14, Fusion Madison, 2170 Park Ave. East

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Wednesday, March 15, Freedom Ridge, 2200 Bedford Blvd., Ontario  
 Thursday, March 16, ARC Empowerment Center, 378 Park Avenue West  
 Friday, March 17, Really Recovered, at MAC, 291 W. Cook Rd.  
 Saturday, March 18, Faith United Methodist, Rt. 96 across from Crestview

Sunday, March 19, Open Bible, 1150 Rayfield Dr., Madison area  
 Monday, March 20, Ontario United Methodist, 3540 PAW  
 Tuesday, March 21, Kingdom Grace Fellowship, 105 Reba Ave.  
 Wednesday, March 22, Abundant Life, 1085 Bedford Blvd, Ontario  
 Thursday, March 23, Salvation Army, 47 S. Main St.  
 Friday, March 24, Christian Life, 961 Springmill St.  
 Saturday, March 25, Sar Shalom, 2510 W. Fourth St., 10:30 am.  
 Sunday, March 26, Oakland Lutheran, 2045 Olivesburg Rd.  
 Monday, March 27, Lexington Church of the Cross, 236 Otterbein  
 Tuesday, March 28, Clay Memorial Lutheran, Bowman and Amoy E.  
 Wednesday, March 29, Paradise, 87 Illinois Ave N., Madison area  
 Thursday, March 30 — Belmont Community — 1119 Belmont Ave.  
 Friday, March 31, Mansfield South Park Pavilion, 100 Brinkerhoff Ave., Mansfield  
 Saturday, April 1, Come Together in One Accord, 525 W. Cook Rd.  
 Sunday, April 2, MIMA, Oasis of Love, 190 Chester Ave., 4 pm  
 Monday, April 3, First Christian, 200 W. Third St., at Jericho Wall  
 Tuesday, April 4, Providence Baptist, 112 W. Sixth St.  
 Wednesday, April 5, GracePoint Lexington, 1887 W. Cook Rd.  
 Thursday, April 6, Main Street UMC, 230 S. Main St., 7 pm  
 Friday, April 7, Grace Episcopal Church, 41 Bowman St., 7 pm  
 Saturday, April 8, First English Lutheran, 53 PAW, vigil, time tba  
 Sunday, April 9, Kingwood Center, 7 am

Follow on the Godsfeld Facebook Page.

## Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Dan Henige, February 18  
 Barbara Watson, February 18  
 John William Donley, February 20  
 Brenda Faye Grassick, February 21  
 Paul Eugene Haycook, February 21  
 Karen Sue Barker, February 22  
 Mary Bocka, February 22  
 Jacqueline M. McClintock, February 22

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# Richland Area Chamber honored with CCEO Awards

The Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development was recently recognized by the Chamber of Commerce Executives of Ohio (CCEO) for its outstanding contributions to the community. The Chamber's COO, Jodie Perry, was named Professional of the Year, and the Chamber received the Outstanding Chamber of the Year Award for organizations over 600 members.

CCEO recognizes their most professional and active peers each year with the prestigious Michael A. Schultz Professional of the Year award, the highest award of distinction that recognizes professional excellence - "the best of the best" - of chamber chief executives.

"Jodie establishes and maintains a broad and ambitious vision, while executing tactics with an exquisite attention to detail. Most importantly, she does this with an authentic leadership style, demonstrating empathy and genuinely caring about those around her," said Chamber Board Chair, Jay Goyal.

"I am deeply honored to receive this award from my peers in the Chamber industry. In my 20 years working at four different Chambers, I have had the great opportunity to work with amazing people and be involved with impactful work. I'm so thankful," replied Jodie Perry, CCE, IOM, CCEO-AP.

The Outstanding Chamber of the Year Award primarily focuses on acknowledging one or more significant achievements and accomplishments a chamber has initiated, stimulated and/or led in its respective service area during the past 18 months.

"The Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development have a very aggressive and very achievable 3-year strategic plan with fostering economic strength, cultivating quality talent, and championing community excellence. Their strategic priorities are endless yet well calculated," said CCEO Chief Operating Officer, Josh Torres, CCEO-AP2.

"Our team is so excited to receive the Chamber of the Year award, which recognizes the work we are doing for our community. From our full staff team to our members, volunteers, and board members, it takes all of us to accomplish these things, we share this award with everyone," Jodie Perry.

For more than a century, the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development has supported economic development throughout the Mansfield, Ohio, and Richland County area and offered valuable benefits to its membership by supporting business growth and building a business-friendly climate in the Richland County area.

In 2022 alone, the Chamber supported 56 businesses by awarding over \$1 million in COVID grants for Food/Beverage, Tourism and Lodging in Richland County.

The Chamber also supported the distribution of over \$40 million in Richland County ARPA dollars, cleared the way for redevelopment of the Westinghouse A Building brownfield site, supported the countywide housing study, and contributed to many other projects.

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**ABOVE IS THE RENDERING** of the entryway of the North Central Ohio Industrial Museum with the Black-Humphrey Family Ohio Brass Water Tower. A contract to build the OB Tower was awarded in January to Optic Nerve Art; and completion of the exhibit should be around the end of March. As guests enter the Industrial Museum from the Ohio State Reformatory Bull Pen, they'll see the Black-Humphrey Family Ohio Brass Exhibit and the Tappan Donors Wall. Guests will be greeted by a video on the large flat-screen monitor, with a motion sensor and a welcome message.

## MRCPL hosting baby supply drive

Community Health Access Project (CHAP) in partnership with the Mansfield Richland County Public Library (MRCPL) will be holding a baby supply drive to support new and expecting mothers in the CHAP HUB program March 1-31. Donated supplies will be distributed to CHAP participating families in six counties including Richland, Ashland, Morrow, Crawford, Knox and Huron.

For almost 25 years, the project's mission has found those at risk and connected them to care.

The MRCPL locations accepting donations include Bellville, Lexington, Madison, Main (Mansfield), Ontario, Plymouth and the MRCPL Bookmobile. Suggested new items being accepted for donation include: diapers/pull-ups, wipes, baby clothes, teething toys, self-care items for moms (lotions, bath soaks, robes, slippers), breast milk bags and nursing pads.

*BEFORE & AFTER* **Before & After**

**Barbara Dinkel Knapp, Hilliard**



Photo by Damon Callis

**Day Trippin' With Damon** – The Mohican Suspension Bridge, opened in 2021, replaced a bridge that was damaged in the July 4, 1969 flood. Estimated cost of the bridge construction was \$820,000.



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By Kim Sterry

**“ROOT VEGETABLE SOUP WITH DILL DUMPLINGS**

**Ingredients**

- 2 onions, chopped
- Olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- 5 stalks celery, chopped
- 2 turnips, peeled and cubed
- 2-3 parsnips, peeled and cut
- 2 sweet potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 2 yellow potatoes, cubed
- 2 cups red cabbage shredded/or sliced medium thickness
- Salt & Pepper
- 1 Tbsp. dill
- 1-2 32 ounce boxes of chicken broth

**For the Dumplings:**

- 2 cups flour
- 1 Tbsp. salt
- 3 Tbsp. dill
- 2 Tbsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped scallion
- 1 cup + 2 Tbsp. buttermilk

**Instructions**

In a stockpot cover bottom with olive oil and add garlic and onions and saute for 5-10 minutes until they become fragrant and translucent. Add celery, turnips and parsnips and stir around for 5 minutes. Add potatoes and broth and bring to a boil. Add the cabbage and simmer until potatoes are soft. Add salt & pepper and dill. While the soup is simmering, mix all the dumpling ingredients in a bowl. When soup is boiling (and 10 minutes before serving) drop the dumplings into soup (we used a small ice cream scoop). Cover and cook for 5-10 minutes until dumplings are cooked. (Size will depend on cooking time.)

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ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL students participated in the Junior Achievement Inspire event that exposed them to local opportunities that provided the mindset and skills necessary to confidently take that next step towards a career. The event focused on skill-building areas and interactive community partner exhibits.

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## Mechanics Bank encourages saving during America Saves Week

As part of America Saves Week, scheduled for Feb. 27– March 3, Mechanics Bank is spreading a message of saving. By featuring savings products, Mechanics is encouraging members of the community to set a goal, make a plan, and save automatically.

“One of the most successful ways to save is to make saving a part

of your household budget,” said Mark Masters, President & CEO of Mechanics Bank. “In the same way money is set aside for expenses, treat your savings like an expense. Consistently saving creates a habit that will pay off in the long run! Our people at Mechanics are here to help you. Please contact us if you’re unsure where to begin or wondering about saving options.”

To promote saving, Mechanics is offering customers a chance to win a \$100 Visa® gift card by depositing into an existing or new passbook account or opening a Certificate of Deposit.

Visit MyMechanics.com or a Mechanics Bank location for more information. Mechanics Bank is Richland County’s only local and independent bank with nine offices.

America Saves Week (ASW) is an opportunity to help people in the community build up their savings. ASW is coordinated by America Saves and the America Savings Education Council. This is an annual opportunity for organizations to promote good savings behavior and a chance for individuals to assess their own saving status. Learn more at AmericaSavesWeek.org.

## Mansfield Symphony Orchestra & Chorus to perform Carmina Burana

The Mansfield Symphony & Chorus join forces at the Renaissance Theatre as they continue the 2022–’23 season on Saturday, March 18 at 8 pm to present Carl Orff’s choral masterpiece, “Carmina Burana.”

Considering that rhythm and rock’n’roll fit together like a hand and glove, when it comes to classical music the percussion generally take a back seat to rows and rows of stringed and wind instruments. For this unique performance, the percussion will be getting a real workout – along with the rest of the orchestra.

“Carmina Burana” is a 24 piece cantata that is the only work for which its composer, Carol Orff, is known for today; however, it is a standard component of the classical repertoire – or at least the first and last movements. “O Fortuna,” which features an overwhelming martial air, has been featured many times over in everything from film scores to television commercials for generations.

Sung in its original Latin and middle high German, no translation is needed – the music speaks for itself. Once the military feel of the opening movement is dispensed with, the cantata slows down and becomes lighter, relying on rhythm as it heralds the arrival of spring, celebrating love.

The composer wrote this work in a very sophisticated time and location in a time when academic composers such as Schoenberg were in his contemporaries. It was the equivalent of a pop show, music that was definitely shunned.

This performance will be directed by Mansfield Symphony Orchestra Music Director and Conductor Octavio Mas-Arocas.

To purchase tickets to the performance, visit the Renaissance Theatre website, [rentickets.org](http://rentickets.org), or visit or call the box office at 419-522-2726, 138 Park Avenue West in Mansfield.

## Larry Obhof speaks to National Legislative Organization

Former Ohio Senate President Larry Obhof was recently invited to speak to the staff of the National Conference of State Legislatures (“NCSL”). On Tuesday, Feb. 14, Obhof joined former legislative leaders from several other states — including Colorado, New York, and Oklahoma — for panel discussions about their experiences as state legislative leaders.

Obhof and the other former leaders discussed the legislative process and their own leadership styles, among other topics. They spoke to more than 150 staff members at NCSL’s offices in Denver, Colorado.

“I was happy to help educate the staff of such an important organization,” said Obhof, who left office at the end of 2020 due to term limits. “Legislative leaders in each state have different experiences, and panels like this provide unique perspectives that may vary from one state to another.”

The National Conference of State Legislatures is a national, non-partisan organization (created by state legislators and legislative staff in 1975) which serves America’s 50 states and its territories. NCSL provides nonpartisan research, technical assistance, skills training, and other resources to support the

policy-making process. It also offers opportunities for policymakers from different states to connect and collaborate.

Larry Obhof represented Ohio’s 22nd Senate District (consisting of Medina, Ashland, and Richland Counties, as well as portions of Holmes County) from 2011–’20. He served as Ohio Senate President from 2017–’20.

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## News Briefs in Education

Local students have been named to the 2022 Autumn Semester Dean's List at Columbus State Community College.

To be named to the list, a student must achieve a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher and be enrolled for six or more credit hours.

On the list are Laura Drake of Lexington and Sean Asquith, Ashleigh Atkeson, Emily Atwell, Jennifer Groff, Jamie Henry, Haley Shepherd and Jessica White, all of Mansfield.

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Isabel Golias and Mary Golias of Lexington were named to the dean's list for the fall 2022 semester at Grove City College. The college is located north of Pittsburgh, PA.

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Local students graduated from Columbus State Community College during Autumn Semester commencement held on Dec. 16. Graduating were Sean M. Asquith (cum laude) and Alyssa R. Wheelock.

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The Board of Directors of Samaritan Hospital Foundation will offer scholastic awards to persons residing in Ashland County or UH Samaritan Medical Center employees or immediate family members. To be eligible, applicants must be currently enrolled or accepted in an accredited program in the areas of nursing, medicine or allied medical studies.

Completed applications must be returned with appropriate grade transcripts by April 20, 2023, to the Samaritan Hospital Foundation, Attn: Mona Campbell, at 663 East Main St., Ashland, OH.

Scholastic Award applications for the 2023-'24 academic year are available at [www.samaritanhospitalfoundation.org](http://www.samaritanhospitalfoundation.org) and at University Hospitals Samaritan Medical Center, 1025 Center St., Ashland, at the main lobby reception desk.

Applications are also available at Samaritan on Main or by contacting the foundation office at 419-207-7900. Recipients will be notified in late May.

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More than 2,700 undergraduate students at Coastal Carolina University were named to the dean's list for the Fall 2022 semester, including Makenna Williams, from Mansfield. Students who make the list have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher (3.25 for freshmen) for the semester.

Coastal Carolina is located in Myrtle Beach, SC.

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Forest Volz of Mansfield was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC). To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

## OSU to perform London's longest running comedy March 2-5

The Ohio State University at Mansfield Theatre is showing "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare" (Abridged) by Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield from Thursday, March 2 through Sunday, March 5. There are four showings: March 2, 3 and 4 at 7:30 pm and March 5 at 2:30 pm.

The production, which was London's longest-running comedy, includes all 37 plays in 97 minutes.

The Mansfield campus theatre described the show as "Our actors don their tights and weave their wicked way through all of Shakespeare's comedies, histories, and tragedies in one wild ride that will leave you breathless and helpless with laughter."

The production will be hosted at Founder's Auditorium at Ohio State Mansfield.

Tickets can be purchased by visiting [go.osu.edu/MansfieldTheatreTickets](http://go.osu.edu/MansfieldTheatreTickets) or contacting the box office at 419-755-4045.



**SEVERAL TEAMS** at Ontario High School are going through the Engineering Design Process in the design of a football field set-up cart that can be pulled by the athletic department golf cart. Last week, the student teams were introduced to the project. They had to assign and plan design engineering, process engineering and structural engineering roles as problem solving ideas were being worked on.

## Pioneer CTC students advance in competitions

Pioneer Career and Technology HOSA-Future Health Professionals students placed in District Competition.

Placing were:

Mason Diaz, Exercise Science and Sports Medicine, Junior, Lexington, 4th Place in Sports Medicine

Samantha Hunt, Med Tech, Junior, Clearfork, 2nd Place in Research Persuasive Writing and Speaking

Natalie Kline, Med Assisting, Senior, Ontario, 3rd Place in Medical Reading

James Stewart, Exercise Science and Sports Medicine, Senior, Ontario, 2nd Place in Sports Medicine

Addyson Whitesel, Medical Technology, Junior, Lexington, 2nd Place in Prepared Speaking

Dylan Wiese, Exercise Science and Sports Medicine, Senior, Ontario, 1st place in Sports Medicine

Sixteen Pioneer CTC students will advance to State BPA Competition. The following students are either in Dan Foss's Cybersecurity lab, Marianne Ritchie's Web Page Design lab or Fritz Fagan's Information Technology lab and earned either a first or second place finish at the Regional Business Professionals of America competition to advance to state competition on March 10 and 11 in Columbus.

Earning first place were: Brice Browning, Celeryville Christian, Cybersecurity; Devon Fallen, Galion, Cybersecurity; Jason Lambert, GOAL Digital, Cybersecurity; Gabriel Melvin, Homeschool, IT Support; Weston Delaney, Bucyrus, IT Support; Jullian Diaz, Lexington, IT Support; Collin Dingus, Crestview, IT Support; Matthew Kaylor, Lexington, IT Support; Ezekiel Sexton, Mansfield, IT Support; Michael Paavo-Taylor, Bucyrus, IT Support; Michael Cline, GOAL Digital, IT Support; Wyatt Cole, Crestview, Web Page Design; and Griffin Duff, Crestview, Web Page Design

Earning second place awards were: Gavin Tyrrell, Bucyrus, IT Support, Sebastian Barker, Shelby, IT Support and Quenten Grace, Plymouth, Web Page Design

Brice Browning of Celeryville Christian competed in the BPA virtual event Cybersecurity/Digital Forensics and received a call to compete at the next round. Only the top twenty in the nation receive this call. Brice will create a presentation and participate in a conference call on Google Meet. If selected, he will be in the top ten in the country and invited to the BPA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California, April 26-30, 2023.



**MRS. WELCH'S** Environmental Science class at Ontario High School wrapped up a two-week project on microplastic pollution. Students researched microplastics and constructed filtration devices using the engineering design process. They provided water samples from washing machines, ponds, creeks, aquariums and microwaved plastic dishes. This project was in partnership with Ashland Christian School's STEM program, which had 3-D printed filter prototypes and provided Mrs. Welch with materials.

## Ohio NRCS announces Conservation Stewardship Program Funding

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Ohio Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications from landowners interested in the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) to build on existing conservation efforts to increase operational efficiencies and environmental benefits as well as reduce overall input costs. This year, Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding is providing additional financial opportunities for select conservation practices and enhancements to increase direct climate mitigation benefits. The deadline to receive fiscal year 2023 funding for both CSP-Classic and CSP-IRA is April 7, 2023.

Through CSP, agricultural producers and forest landowners earn payments for actively managing, maintaining, and expanding conservation activities like cover crops, ecologically-based pest management, buffer strips, and pollinator and beneficial insect habitat – all while maintaining active agriculture and forestry production on their land.

"In addition to the environmental benefits, NRCS conservation programs are good for your operation's bottom line," said John Wilson, NRCS Ohio State Conservationist. "The Conservation Stewardship Program allows farmers to address resource concerns like nutrient management, soil quality and energy use, which can really impact an operation's margins."

Learn more about the CSP-Classic and CSP-IRA application process and eligible land use resource concerns at <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/csp-conservation-stewardship-program/ohio/conservation-stewardship-program>

The Richland County USDA Service Center is now open. All visitors wishing to conduct business should call 419-747-8691 ext. 2 for FSA or ext. 3 NRCS to make an in-person or phone appointment.

The Ashland County USDA Service Center is also open. All visitors wishing to conduct business should call 419-289-2421 ext. 2 for FSA and ext. 3 for NRCS to make an in-person or phone appointment.

At both locations, staff will also continue to work with agricultural producers via phone, email and other digital tools.

Visit [farmers.gov/coronavirus](https://farmers.gov/coronavirus) for the latest information.

## Ag Day at the Capital brings local Farm Bureau members to Columbus

Over 300 Ohio Farm Bureau members, including representatives from Richland County Farm Bureau, gathered in downtown Columbus to meet one-on-one with their state senators and representatives during Ohio Farm Bureau's annual Ag Day at the Capital on Feb. 15.

Ohio Farm Bureau priority issues such as farmland preservation, eminent domain reform and strengthening the state's food supply chain were discussed, along with a host of other community issues.

Attendees were joined by Gov. Mike DeWine and the newly appointed director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Brian Baldrige. They joined Ohio Farm Bureau Executive Vice President Adam Sharp for a fireside chat to share goals for the H2Ohio water quality initiative, protecting farmland from development pressures and how to keep the food supply system running smoothly and safely for all Ohioans.

The annual Ag Day at the Capital event embodies the grassroots efforts of Ohio Farm Bureau member volunteers.

Loren Hult and Tim Johnson were there on behalf of Richland County Farm Bureau and visited Rep. Marilyn John and Sen. Mark Romanchuk during their time in Columbus.

Ohio Farm Bureau's mission is working together for Ohio farmers to advance agriculture and strengthen our communities. Learn more at [OhioFarmBureau.org](https://OhioFarmBureau.org).

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**THIRTY FOUR SCHOOLS** competed on Saturday, Feb. 25, at Kent State University for the Regional Power of the Pen tournament. Ontario Middle School sent eight writers. The eighth grade team placed second out of 34 schools. Final results are being awaited that will determine who will go to state. Eighth grade students are Bryant Born, Eliana Fittante, Eva Hadsell, Yuchen Lin, Tatum Mottayaw and Angel Tan. Seventh th grade students are Adelina Hines and Leah Ziegler. The teams would also like to thank Rylee Vandenberg for volunteering as the runner. Eliana Fittante was recognized by Kent State University for her writing both during the 2021-'22 season and her district pieces in the 2022-'23 season. The team thanks parents, Mrs. Hadsell and the academic boosters for their sweatshirts. Mrs. Fittante provided breakfast and Mrs. Mottayaw helped with supervision and snacks. The Hadsell family donated a gift certificate to help supplement breakfast and a future practice meal. The team also appreciates Mrs. Hamilton for judging.



**FOURTEEN MEMBERS** of the Ontario Middle School FCCLA traveled with high school students to the Cavs game on Feb. 23 for FCCLA Career Day. The group left school at noon and after arrival, were able to listen to panel discussions from employees of the organization. They discussed sales, social media, community involvement, food and beverage and membership. After the discussion and Q&A, the group took a tour of the facility. The tour included the offices and underneath the arena and facts about the Cavs and Rocket Mortgage Field House. After the tour, the group walked to Tower City for dinner. The group then enjoyed the Cavs game against the Nuggets.

# Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



**THE WARRIOR SWIM TEAM** qualified eleven swimmers on to the State Swim Meet in Canton. Eleven swimmers came home All Ohioans top 16). Two school records were set: Brie Trumpower in the 50 free and the boy's 200 free relay of Grantham Trumpower, Hunter Petit, Alex Rose and Colin Cordrey. Ontario had five podium finishes: Brie in the 100 free (8th), the 200 free (4th) and the 200 free relay (6th). She was joined by Joie Simmering, Tessa Crum and Grace Them. The boy's 200 free relay of Grantham Trumpower, Hunter Petit, Alex Rose and Colin Cordrey were runner up and the same four swimmers placed fifth in the 400 free relay. The boy's team ended up eighth overall in team standings, the highest in school history. The girl's placed 12th overall. Before leaving for the meet, a send-off celebration was held.



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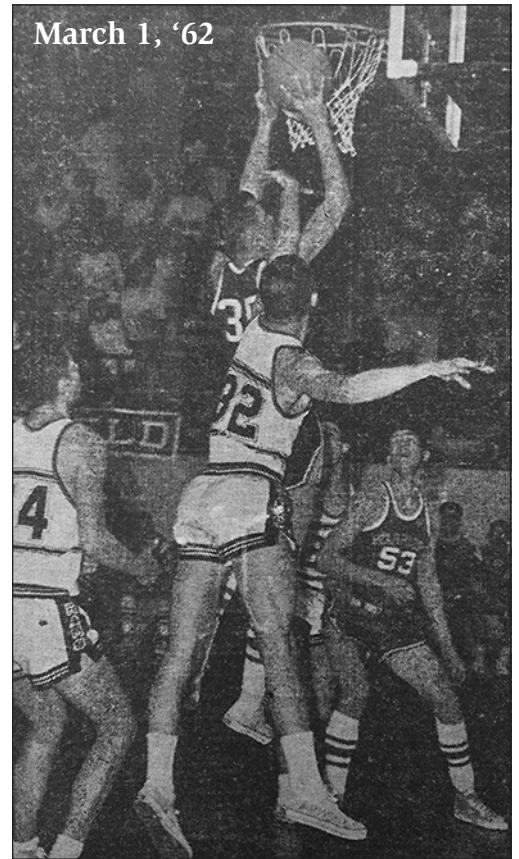
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LOOKING BACK • THIS WEEK IN TRIBUNE-COURIER HISTORY



**DAYS OF YORE** — These students recently participated in a project dealing with the Middle Ages in Tim Wigton's sixth grade social studies class at Madison South Elementary School. Pictured are (front forward) Brian Wynn, Scott Deever. (front back) Mike Rodriguez, Thonie Simpson.



**HEY YOU! WATCH THAT!** Glenn Heller goes up for a shot in the tournament against the Madison Rams  
Photos by Gary Kulka



Students on the 8th Grade Honor Roll are, front row, left to right, Brian Davis, Bruce Adams, Gary Palmer, Randy Underwood, John Hoffman, Marilyn Gorka, Pamela Emboden and Debbie Sensmeier.  
In the back row are Gary Gadd, Doug Strohming, Bruce Mabee, Ronald Them, Cheryl Miller, Lois Beer, Vickie Schoenman, Audrey Gage, Margaret Frye and Suzette Craven. Duane Morse was absent when the picture was taken.

**This Day in History** — March 2, 1967, Senator Robert Kennedy proposes a three-point plan to help end the war. The plan included suspension of the U.S. bombing of North Vietnam and the gradual withdrawal of U.S. and North Vietnamese troops from South Vietnam with replacement by an international force. Secretary of State Dean Rusk rejected Kennedy's proposal because he believed that the North Vietnamese would never agree to withdraw their troops. Kennedy had been Attorney General under his brother, President John F. Kennedy. When the elder Kennedy was assassinated, Robert stayed on to serve his successor, Lyndon B. Johnson, but resigned his post in 1964 to run for the Senate. In the Senate, Kennedy initially continued to support U.S. efforts in Vietnam despite his growing apprehension about the war, especially the massive bombing of North Vietnam, because he was reluctant to disagree with the Johnson administration. As racial strife and urban violence intensified Kennedy found it increasingly difficult to remain silent. The presidential campaign of 1968 opened the door for him to act on his concern. Kennedy announced his intentions to run on March 16. When President Johnson announced that he would not seek re-election, Kennedy quickly emerged as a serious contender for the presidency. On June 4, 1968, he won the all-important California primary, thereby becoming his party's front-runner. That night, after addressing his supporters at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, he was shot by Sirhan Sirhan. He died the following day at the age of 42.

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The annual financial report for the Madison Water District has been completed for 2022.

The report is available at the office on Wednesdays from 4:30-6:00 P.M. located at 489 Indiana Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio.

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Mansfield MY Theatre will present musical

The Mansfield Youth Theatre ("MY Theatre") will present *Godspell* on the stage of the Renaissance's Theatre 166 March 31, April 1 and 2 as a part of the Mechanics Bank Education Series.

Performances will take place at 7 pm on Friday and Saturday, and 2:30 pm on Sunday.

Dauphne Maloney directs the show with musical direction by Brian K. Nabors.

Tickets are \$15, general admission, and are on sale now at the Renaissance Box Office, via phone, and online at rentickets.org.

A free sensory-friendly performance of *Godspell* will be offered Saturday, April 1 at 1 pm for families of individuals with special needs.

Interested individuals must register for their free tickets by visiting or calling the Renaissance Box Office at 419-522-2726. A limited number of tickets is available for the sensory-friendly performance and no walk-ups will be accommodated.

*Godspell* was the first major musical theatre offering from 3-time Grammy and Academy Award winner Stephen Schwartz (*Wicked*, *Pippin*, *Children of Eden*); and it took the world by storm. Led by the international hit, "Day By Day," *Godspell* features a parade of beloved songs including "Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord," "Learn Your Lessons Well," "All For The Best," and "All Good Gifts."

Boasting a score with chart topping songs, a book by playwright (John-Michael Tebelak), and a feature film, *Godspell* is a sensation that continues to touch audiences. Hailed by critics as "an exhilarating musical fun house," and "a family friendly show that deserves to run forever," "Godspell turns the theatre into a joyous palace."

Using a wide variety of games, storytelling techniques, and a hefty dose of comic timing, a small group of people come together to help Jesus tell the parables from the book of Matthew. An eclectic blend of songs ranging in style from pop to vaude-

ville is employed as the story of love, community, and Jesus' messages of kindness, tolerance, and love come vibrantly to life on stage.

"During the course of the show, the cast goes on a journey, led by the Jesus character, which results in the formation of a community. This community of non-biblical characters carries on Jesus' teachings of loving thy neighbor, and teaching people to keep love and joy in their hearts, long after he has gone. It's about the impact that Jesus has on the others that's at the heart of the musical. *Godspell* is the quintessential ensemble-style show full of youthful energy, with lots of fun and recognizable music. Because the show allows for a lot of freedom on the part of the director, we can let the cast work with some improv and physical comedy while telling the story of the disciples who followed the character of Jesus and his teachings," shares Maloney. All of the energy and commitment of these young actors, combined with the pop/folk-rock/gospel score will deliver an uplifting and joyful experience for our audiences."

The cast is led by Madison Kearney and Cassandra Kurek, with an ensemble featuring: Julia Conner, Hudson Hamelink, Steliana Krueger, Milo McDonald, Aspen Partin, Alyssa Racer, Graycen Stevens, and Makenzie Wynn. The Chorus includes: Violet Ames, Tiegna Franta, McKinnley King, Lilly McCready.

For additional information regarding the MY Theatre production contact Dauphne Maloney at [dauphne@mansfieldtickets.com](mailto:dauphne@mansfieldtickets.com), or by calling 419-522-2726, ext. 212.



CHAD SCOTT won the 2022 Senior Club Championship at Westbrook Country club in August. This victory qualified him for the PGA National Senior club championship. This tournament has all the champions from clubs all across the United States. After three difficult condition days at Kiawah Island, SC, Chad pared the last two holes for a one stroke victory. He is now the National Senior PGA Club Champion.

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