



# TRIBUNE-COURIER

RICHLAND COUNTY'S ONLY LOCALLY-OWNED NEWSPAPER • SINCE 1961

news@tribune-courier.com

03.09.23



**HORSE DRAWN WAGONS** transport visitors to and from the Sugar Shack at Malabar Farm during the Maple Syrup Festival.

## Malabar Farm hosts 46th Annual Maple Syrup Festival

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Slip away and escape those winter blues by attending Malabar Farm's 46th annual Maple Syrup Festival. Malabar Farm State Park held its first weekend of the Maple Syrup Festival on March 4 and 5. Activities included live historic and modern demonstrations, maple syrup sampling, horse drawn wagons and a visit to the sugar camp. Make sure to stop into Pugh Cabin where you can purchase several maple goodies before you leave. I personally overheard many people raving about the maple lattes!

The festival will continue this coming weekend, March 11 and 12 from noon to 4 pm. Parking is directed by park officials and the Big House is open for free, self-guided tours. This site is registered as a National Historic Landmark by the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service. It was built in 1939 by Louis Bromfield and architect Louis Lamoreux. It has 32 rooms and is an example of Western Reserve Architecture.

Did you know that Ohio is actually one of the top maple syrup-producing states in the country? Can you even imagine enjoying your favorite stack of waffles or pancakes without the sweet taste of pure maple syrup? Believe it or not, nature's sweet treat doesn't just magically appear at your local grocery store. The process of making maple syrup is quite a fascinating one. Homemade syrup is usually darker than most artificial syrup you find in the grocery store. Darker syrup has more flavor as it is boiled over a longer period of time. Early sap has the highest concentration of sugar.

Tour guide, Jim King, gave a wonderful and detailed description of the history and making of maple sugar. Guests were offered samples of the maple syrup while listening to the talk. What I found most interesting is that during the process of tapping trees and making maple syrup, it relies on the oxygen in the tree from the previous year! Sap flow requires cool nights below freezing followed by warm days. Sap flow stops when the buds expand, and the leaves develop. The stems must experience a freeze-thaw cycle for sap to flow. During the cold period the stem pressure decreases, and the stem absorbs water, similar to the sucking nature of a straw. As the temperature warms, the ice melts and the ice-compressed gases expand forcing the sap out of the stem. It takes about forty gallons of sap to

*(Continued on Page 7)*

## March of Prayer continues

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.

### March of Prayer Remaining Schedule (all services begin at 6 pm unless noted)

- 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
- 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

*(Continued on Page 4)*



**ANGELICA JAMES** of Morrow County visits the animals at Malabar Farm with her 20 month old son, Colt during opening day of the Malabar Farm Maple Syrup Festival on March 4.

# Early Stage Coach Travel in Richland County

By Bob Carter

Most travel in the early 1800s was by horse or, when weather permitted, horse drawn buggy or wagon. Stage coach travel didn't come to fruition until the 1820s and there were no real roads or bridges until greater Ohio settlement.

Columbus, the capitol, generated the most need for travel. Mansfield was just big enough to warrant a stage stop.

In July 31, 1822, the Sandusky Clarion reported the first stage line to carry passengers and United States Mail south;

"Leave Portland (Sandusky) each Monday at 8 am, arrive in Mansfield Tuesday at 4 pm, Delaware, Thursday at 10 am, where it will meet the stage from the south which will convey passengers to Columbus the same evening. Returning leave Delaware Thursday at 2 pm, reach Mansfield Friday at 10 am, and Sandusky Sunday at 10 am."

"The plucky proprietors, full of hope of growth and success, and fostered by only an infant patronage, the subscribers have chosen to consult rather the strength and efficiency of their carriages than their elegance and beauty. As the country grows older, and the patronage increases, they pledge themselves to improve both in expe-

dition of traveling and the style of their establishment. The writer takes pleasure in bearing testimony to the fair fulfillment of this pledge to improvements. The sound of the dinner horn at 11 am Sunday still ringing in his ears."

It sounded good, but the truth is that they did not have stage coaches as we imagine from TV shows and movies. They used wagons with a canvas cover which were pioneer covered wagons with board seats added. Passengers rode in the front while freight occupied the rear. The trip south no doubt had a heavy freight load from the port of Sandusky while lighter wagons north could make better time.


There were no roads as we might imagine. It was all just a path cut through the forest with wet or swampy places that horses and passengers had to slog through and streams to be forded.

Hard summer ground and rocks must have jarred the occupants in the unstrung wagons and spring or wet weather slowed progress through the endless mud. Tavern stops were frequent for passengers and change of horses. The taverns were merely log cabins. It was not a pleasant trip any time.

An other stage line west from New Lisbon through Canton, Wooster to Mansfield left every Wednesday and Sunday and arrived at Mansfield every Friday and Tuesday evening. More population in the eastern part of the state fostered better roads. Each passenger was allowed 25 pounds of luggage and was charged three cents a mile.



THE ONLY STAGE COACH LINES in 1820 are shown on this map. If you wanted to get anywhere else, walk, cut a road or get a horse.



**THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER**  
— By Ian Stumbo —

The Rocky franchise has always been a personal favorite. The now classic boxing movie won the 1976 best picture Oscar and catapulted Sylvester Stallone into stardom. The series has continued with the Creed movies with Michael B. Jordan playing Adonis, the son of Apollo Creed, getting trained by Rocky.

The third movie in this series, *Creed 3*, again stars Michael B. Jordan playing Adonis. He has retired from boxing and now runs a gym, has become a very wealthy man doing clothing advertisements and living in a mansion while he and his wife (Tessa Thompson) raise their daughter.

One day, Adonis is visited by an old friend named Dane Anderson (Jonathan Majors). Anderson and Creed were involved in a violent incident when they were children. While Creed went to fame and fortune, Anderson has been serving time. Anderson wants his shot at the title, and Creed is the only one who can help him.

Majors is becoming an actor to watch as he just starred as the new Marvel villain Kang in the latest Ant-Man film. Majors is a

terrific actor and is great in this movie too. Jordan is always a welcome presence on the screen and now as this film's director, he really elevates the performances from the three leads.

The boxing scenes are very well done as always. One of them really stands out as it is a very unique sequence that combines boxing with the past that Anderson and Creed are trying to confront.

Even though Stallone is absent for this entry, there is enough going on with this movie that his character isn't necessary, and it feels like he has passed the baton to Jordan.

While not as good as the original *Creed*, *Creed 3* is certainly a step in the right direction as Jordan, Majors and Thompson bring great and passionate performances and the boxing sequences are top notch as they consistently are in these films. Jordan does a fine job in the director's chair as he helms this film with ease.



Vol. 62  
No. 23

**Tribune-Courier**

Serving Ontario, Lexington, Madison, Bellville and Butler Communities in  
Madison, Mifflin, Springfield, Troy, Washington and Jefferson Townships

PO Box 127, Ontario, OH 44862 • 347 Allen Dr. • 419-529-2847  
news@tribune-courier.com • www.tribune-courier.com  
© All Rights Reserved

The Tribune-Courier is published by Stumbo Publishing Co., Inc. Advertisers should check their ad immediately. The Tribune-Courier is not liable for failure to publish an ad or for a typographical error or errors in publication, except that adjustment for Tribune-Courier errors is limited to the cost of that portion of the ad wherein the error occurred. Marc A. Stumbo, publisher; Frank A. Stumbo, president/CEO (1961-2018); Betsy E. Stumbo, co-publisher (1961-2017); Jenna M. Wolford, managing editor, general manager and feature/travel writer; Teresa Vore, office manager; Kim J. Knapp, marketing manager; Traci Little, photojournalist, advertising representative; Bud Motter, photo journalist; Jim Warne, sports editor; John J. Kirschenheiter, editor (1961-2008); Linda Fulmer, columnist (2005-2014). By-lined stories are opinions of the writers and do not necessarily reflect the position of this newspaper.

# News Briefs

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.

★

Crestview Schools will host a Father Daughter Dance on March 25 from 6-8 pm at Faith UMC, 1574 OH-96, Ashland (across from the school campus).

Participants are invited to dress up and join in an evening of music, dancing and light refreshments.

The dance is for preschool through eighth grade.

Pre-sale tickets are \$25 per father/daughter duo, plus \$2 per additional daughter (maximum of \$30 per family). Cost is \$35 at the door (max \$40 per family).

Payment can be dropped off to the school offices by March 18. Checks can be made to CPC. For more information or for a form visit or call the school.

★

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.

★

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, March 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.

★

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.

★

To submit a news brief item send an email with information to [news@tribune-courier.com](mailto:news@tribune-courier.com). To advertise in the *T-C*, email Traci at [tribune.courier.traci@gmail.com](mailto:tribune.courier.traci@gmail.com)



**FAMILY FUN ON THE FARM** — Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) and Malabar Farm State Park are co-hosting the Family Fun on the Farm Festival June 24, from 2-6 pm. This is the third annual festival held at Malabar Farm State Park, 4050 Bromfield Rd., Lucas. Richland SWCD and Malabar Farm State Park are looking for additional partners, volunteers, exhibitors and vendors to help grow the festival this year. Family Fun on the Farm Festival is a free festival all ages enjoy with numerous hands-on activities for children that highlight where food comes from and conservation. The success of the festival isn't possible without assistance from many community partners, volunteers, exhibitors, and vendors eager to share their message and an activity. Each exhibitor is provided a 10-foot x 10-foot space free of charge. Exhibitors provide their own tables, chairs, activity and materials. Volunteers help in a variety of roles and food and beverages will be sold. Contact Theresa at [sutter.theresa@richlandswcd.net](mailto:sutter.theresa@richlandswcd.net) or 419-747-8685 if interested in being a partner, exhibitor, vendor or volunteer.



**49 BRIGGS DRIVE**

[whatssmoken.com](http://whatssmoken.com)



# WHAT'S SMOKEN

**BBQ GRILLEN, SMOKEN, AND CHILLEN**

**We're located behind the Drug Mart Plaza in Ontario - Come check us out! 419.709.9854**

# •March of Prayer continues

*(Continued from Front Page)*

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  
 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 tha  
 Sunday, April 9, Kingwood Center, 7 am  
 Follow on the Godsfield Facebook Page.

# City schedules annual egg hunt

The City of Ontario Recreation Department will host its annual Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 1 at noon. The hunt will be held at Marshall Park near the splash pad and pavilion 2. Participants are asked to arrive by 11:45 am and the hunt is for children up to fourth grade. Those attending will be able to meet the Easter Bunny and Miss Ontario. The event will be held rain or shine. Special prizes will be available.



# 4-H News Report

The Country Champions 4-H Club met Feb. 26 and we split up into our committees to make plans for this year and presented them to the group. Our plans for community service will be to pick up trash at the fairgrounds and landscaping at Clay Memorial Lutheran Church on May 7. We will be having a bake sale at TSC for our fundraiser on April 8 from 9 am to 2 pm. For our stall decorating, we chose to do burlap triangles using the colors teal, black and gray. We will be having our next meeting on March 26, 2023.

Annalise Trovato, News Reporter

*Richland County's Only Locally-Owned Newspaper*

# Tribune-Courier

Subscribe for **FREE** and receive the weekly issue delivered to your email. Send us an email with your name to - [news@tribune-courier.com](mailto:news@tribune-courier.com)

# 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

To learn how to be added to this listing send an email to [advertising@tribune-courier.com](mailto:advertising@tribune-courier.com)

**Wappner Funeral Home**

Mansfield • Ontario • Ashland • 419-522-5211

**First Federal Bank of Ohio**  
 THE RIGHT LOAN. THE RIGHT BANK.

**G & M Body & Paint Shop**

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

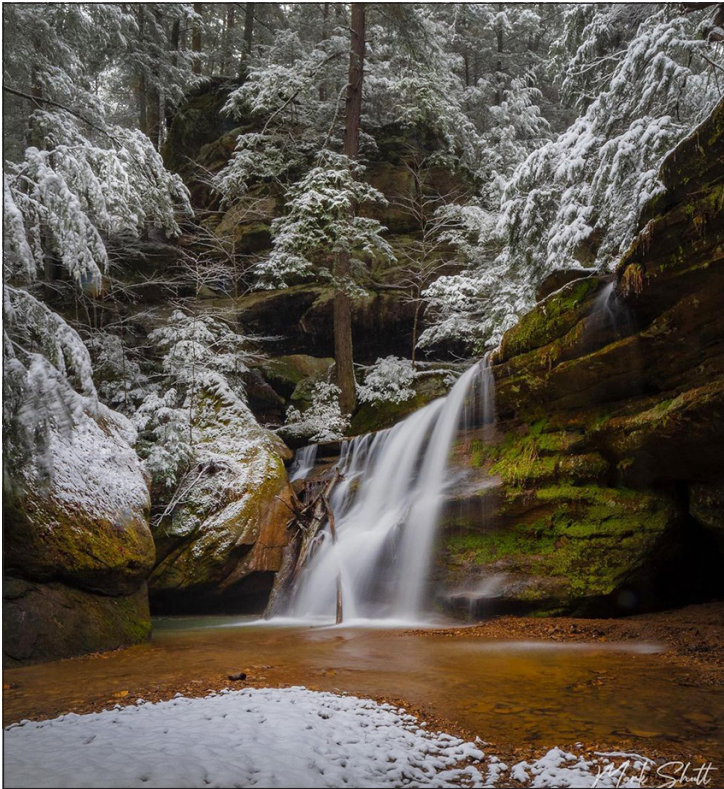


Photo By Mark Shutt • Hocking Hills

### Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

- Bruce H. Harned, February 23
- Peter Dennis Zeides, February 24
- Beatrice "Bea" Ruth Schaad, February 25
- Lawrence Ray Artrip, February 26
- Bonnie Jean Swanger, February 27
- Caroline "Kelly" E. Beard, March 1
- Marvin L. Keinath, March 1
- Duwayne Edward Shoup, March 1
- Martin "Marty" Moritz, March 2

View Full Obituaries at [www.dignitymemorial.com](http://www.dignitymemorial.com)

### Our Family Serving Your Family for Five Generations Since 1872



# WAPPNER

Funeral Directors & Crematory

Three Locations to Serve You

- Mansfield • 98 South Diamond St. • 419-522-5211
- Ontario • 100 S. Lexington-Springmill Rd. • 419-529-2323
- Ashland • 308 Claremont Avenue • 419-289-1552

[www.wappner.com](http://www.wappner.com)

## We are opening doors to a stronger Richland County.



### Supporting charitable organizations that strengthen our community.

We're opening doors that lead to better lives, stronger families, and new opportunities that make dreams come true. By supporting a wide range of local organizations, from food pantries to scholarships to youth centers, we're working to make life better for everyone. Because we want to make sure that when you walk out your door, you're walking out into a community that is vibrant, growing and strong.

Join us in our mission, donate today - [richlandcountyfoundation.org/donate](http://richlandcountyfoundation.org/donate).





## Richland SWCD receives District of the Year Honor

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) was named District of the Year for 2023 at the Feb. 21, Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation District Partner Meeting in Columbus. Richland SWCD was selected from a field of 88 Ohio districts.

“We were excited and honored to be named Soil and Water Conservation District of the Year for 2023 because we know that so many other Districts are worthy of this award, too. We are fortunate to be part of such a knowledgeable, trusted, and passionate community of dedicated people who are working to conserve our precious soil and water resources in our own local communities,” stated Erica Thomas, Richland SWCD Director. Erica went on to say, “As our name implies, we have “Rich” land in Richland County—rich with diversity, plentiful natural resources, and people committed to being good stewards, and it makes our work very meaningful and personal for each one of us at Richland SWCD.”


The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding and innovative Soil and Water Conservation District education initiatives that have proven successful in reaching out to a variety of audiences (including nontraditional and underserved), involving new partnerships, and spreading the soil and water conservation message. District programs honored will serve as models of excellence for other SWCD education programs.

“We value the relationships and friendships we have made over the years and this award wouldn’t be possible without the support from Board Supervisors, volunteers, the elected officials in Richland County (especially Richland County Commissioners, Ohio Senator Mark Romanchuk, and State Representative Marilyn John), Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA), United States Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS), Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District, the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the public, numerous partners, and the interns funded by the Richland Foundation who are all working toward the common goal of protecting, preserving, conserving, and promoting soil and water health. We are very blessed to work with this tremendous group of folks who genuinely want to make a difference in the world and community we live in,” Erica Thomas said.

Richland SWCD has grown in staff and programs during the last several years and with this new energy and funding, the district has been able to get involved in new and exciting ways to engage with residents in Richland County to promote conservation. Staff put in a lot of sweat equity with passion and dedication during 2022. It was a very busy year and the District was active and present in a variety of programs in the county with new partnerships and growth. The attached sheet outlines four programs among many programs Richland SWCD offers that highlight new partnerships and engagement in spreading soil and water conservation messaging.

This award is especially meaningful because we are celebrating our 75th anniversary this year and this award further encourages us in the importance of the work we are doing and services and programs we provided,” said Erica Thomas.

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



**Get surprisingly great Auto rates.**

**Michelle Gates, Agent**  
2021 Park Avenue West, Suite 100  
Ontario, OH 44906  
Bus: 419-756-5010

Here’s the deal, everyone loves a good surprise — especially when it comes to saving money. State Farm® has always been about that. Call us to discover your surprisingly great rates on Auto today.

Like a good neighbor,  
State Farm is there.®

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company  
State Farm Indemnity Company  
Bloomington, IL

State Farm County Mutual Insurance Company  
of Texas  
Richardson, TX

2001860

 **State Farm®**

## Skywarn training is Thursday

The Richland County Emergency Management Agency will host Skywarn Spotter Training Thursday, March 9, at 6 pm, at Pioneer Career and Technology Center, 27 Ryan Rd, Shelby.

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. Doors open at 5:30 pm.

Registration is required at [https://www.weather.gov/cle/SKYWARN\\_schedule](https://www.weather.gov/cle/SKYWARN_schedule). For more information call 419-774-5686 or email [ema@richlandcountyoh.gov](mailto:ema@richlandcountyoh.gov).

## •Malabar Farm hosts 46th Annual Maple Syrup Festival

(Continued from Front Page)

make a gallon of syrup and about twenty-five to thirty gallons of sap is extracted from each tree. During the spring and summertime, sap in a tree rises about one inch every two-and-a-half seconds. This is about ten times faster than blood flows through our capillaries. This amazing process occurs in trees with only the use of solar energy and without any moving parts.

The trees tapped must be at least 25 years old, and in a good year, 200 gallons of maple syrup will be produced at the park. Maple sugaring has become a vibrant business, and Ohio ranks fourth in the U.S. in syrup production.

To the Bromfield's, sugar making was truly a family affair. They included their children in the process, who helped collect sap along the Sugar Bush Trail.

Louis Bromfield said, "Few things on earth taste as good as the syrup of the first sugaring off. It is fresh and new, the very essence of the earth and the budding trees and the wakening spring. You can smell it in the steam from the evaporator and taste it in the hot syrup lifted from the vat in the big ladle."

Maple syrup was first made by the Indigenous peoples of North America. The practice was adopted by European settlers, who gradually changed production methods. The process dates back to the 1500s, when newly arrived settlers from Europe learned the process from Native Americans.

Technological improvements in the 1970s further refined syrup processing. Virtually all of the world's maple syrup is produced in Canada and the United States. Modern syrup production has become an efficient process. Sap is boiled down slowly in an evaporator. Maple sap goes in, and syrup comes out. Today the more sophisticated operation uses plastic lines connecting the taps to central collection points.

Louis Bromfield tapped the same trees that Native Americans and early pioneer settlers did near the wooded areas by Pugh Cabin and

Ferguson Farm. They used metal buckets and a wood-fired evaporator, where maple sap was collected by hand and carried to the sugar shack to boil the sap into pure maple syrup.

Malabar Farm is located in Pleasant Valley of Richland County. It represents the diversity of the glaciated Appalachian Plateau region. What a dream for the Pulitzer Prize-winning author and conservationist, Louis Bromfield. The park has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1973.

Visitors come from all over to tour the Big House, hike nature trails, drive to the top of Mt. Jeez, and participate in fun activities as they did in Bromfield's time.

You can look forward to meeting a variety of animals raised on this working farm, and also are free to browse Malabar farm products available for purchase. The rolling hills are filled with grain crops amidst the scenic trails and nature's most abundant and picturesque landscapes!

I had the opportunity to tour the Big House for the first time. The tour guides were knowledgeable and friendly, especially Millie King in the kitchen area. The house is full of all the family's original possessions, many of which they brought back from their time in France and Europe. I especially found the candle chandelier in the dining area most beautiful.

Louis Bromfield was born on Dec. 27, 1896, at 323 W. 3rd St., in Mansfield. He graduated from Mansfield Senior High School in 1914. The family moved to an abandoned Coulter Farm. Bromfield's college career was short lived and decided to move back to Ohio to help his father run the family farm. In 1917-'19 he enlisted in the Army.

After being discharged from the Army in 1919, he had the opportunity to travel the French countryside and observed local farming methods and their concepts of self-sufficiency.

Later in the year, Bromfield returned to New York to begin a career in writing. In 1920-'22, hired by the New York City News Service, Bromfield spent his early career reporting on the mental wards of Bellevue Hospital.

Despite the objection of his mother, Bromfield married Mary Appleton Wood on Oct. 16, 1921, in Massachusetts.

Over the next many years, Louis became a proficient writer and published two screenplays. Some Hollywood films based on Louis Bromfield's novels and short stories include: *One Heavenly Night*, *Moon Madness*, *Twenty Four Hours*, *Night After Night*, *A Modern Hero*, *The Life of Vergie Winters*, *The Rains Came*, *Brigham Young*, *Frontiersman*, *It All Came True*, *Johnny Come Lately*, *Mrs. Parkington* and *The Rains of Ranchipur*. Some of his non-fiction farm books include *Pleasant Valley*, *Malabar Farm*, *Out of The Earth* and *From My Experience*. I would personally love to read *The Heritage: A Daughter's Memories of Louis Bromfield*, written by Louis's daughter, Ellen Bromfield Geld, in 1962.

On Jan. 1, 1938, with war on the horizon, Bromfield sent his family back to Mansfield where they temporarily lived with his parents. While in Ohio, he bought three farms near Lucas, naming them Malabar Farm.

(Continued on Page 8)



Photos By Traci Little



# Malabar hosts festival

(Continued from Page 7)

On May 21, 1945, one of the greatest celebrity weddings of all time took place at Malabar Farm. In a private ceremony, the marriage of Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart took place in the Big House. They spent their first few nights as a married couple in the quaint farmhouse. Looking to escape the chaotic Hollywood limelight, they opted for a quiet ceremony in rural Ohio over a luxurious castle in Europe.

In late February of 1956, Bromfield collapsed at Malabar Farm. He hid his bone marrow cancer from almost everyone for a year, and he ended up passing away at University Hospital in Columbus on March 18, at the age of 59.

Visit Malabar Farm and explore its rich history for yourself. The farm is located at 4050 Bromfield Rd., Lucas. For information call 419-892-2784 or visit <https://malabar-farm.org/>.



Photos By Traci Little





## Heichel sisters debut on *The Voice*

Madison (Madi), Bella and Ana Heichel of Lexington made their debut on NBC's *The Voice* on Monday night, March 6. The girls make up the group Sorellé which went in front of the panel of celebrity judges Kelly Clarkson, Blake Shelton, Chance the Rapper and Niall Horan during the 23rd season premiere.

Sorellé took to the stage to belt out Queen's "Good Old-Fashioned Lover Boy."

Shelton was the first to turn his chair followed by Chance the Rapper, signaling the willingness to become a mentor for their career.

The Heichel sister trio chose Chance the Rapper to be their mentor.

Sorellé already has a dedicated audience with over 3.2 million Tik Tok followers. Their name means sisters in Italian.

The trio has also released eight singles

dating back to early 2021. Their latest — "Mr. ReLIEable" — was released in July 2022.

Also in July, the sisters took home three Pop Smash Music Awards — Top Pop Group Song, Top Group Video and Video Of The Year for "Varsity Heartbreaker."

Also to their credit, Sorellé was chosen to sing the National Anthem at the Cleveland Cavaliers home opener in 2012 and in 2019 they appeared on the Nickelodeon show "America's Most Musical Family" as the Heichel Sisters.

All three are Lexington alumni with Madi graduating in 2019 and Ana in 2020. Bella is a freshman at Lexington High School.

Learn more about their music at <https://bit.ly/3ZCf3SN> and <https://www.facebook.com/MusicSorelle>.



## March marks 80th anniversary of Red Cross Month

This March, the 47-county region of Central & Southern Ohio is celebrating Red Cross month — a national tradition that began in 1943 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued the first Red Cross Month proclamation.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in Red Cross Month by visiting [redcross.org](https://redcross.org) to make a financial donation, give blood or platelets, become a volunteer or take a class in lifesaving skills, such as first aid, CPR and how to use an AED.

On March 22, the annual Red Cross Giving Day campaign is scheduled. Giving at [redcross.org/givingday](https://redcross.org/givingday) helps provide shelter, food, relief items, emotional support and other assistance for people affected by disasters big and small.

"When help can't wait during emergencies, people in our communities rally together to provide relief and hope for neighbors in need," said Stephanie Byrd, Regional CEO, American Red Cross Central & Southern Ohio Region.

Home fires are the most frequent disaster response for the Red Cross, which is also working to help families stay safe by installing free smoke alarms during its Sound the Alarm home fire safety

events in at-risk communities.

Volunteers are needed for special fire safety events from April 6-9 in Richland County. Register and learn more at [redcross.org/centralandsouthernoh](https://redcross.org/centralandsouthernoh)

When volunteer blood and platelet donors lend an arm this March, they'll help keep the blood supply from dropping this spring. All who come to give blood, platelets or plasma March 1-31, will receive a \$10 Visa® Prepaid Card by email.

March donors will also be automatically entered for a chance to win a \$3,000 Visa Prepaid Card — which could help toward expenses like gas or groceries. There will be five winners.

Today's Red Cross volunteers, blood donors and supporters are advancing the lifesaving legacy of Clara Barton — one of the most honored women in U.S. history — who founded the American Red Cross more than 140 years ago.

Her vision to prevent and alleviate human suffering has never wavered: Generation after generation, people have come together to adapt this timeless mission for their communities' most urgent needs.

## Ohio Senate passes education oversight bill

The Ohio Senate passed Senate Bill 1 today, cosponsored by State Senator Andrew Brenner (R-Delaware), an historic overhaul and realignment of the responsibilities and duties of the Department of Education (ODE) and State Board of Education.

“The pandemic had a devastating impact on academic performance,” said Brenner. “If changes are not made urgently, there will be an entire generation of children in Ohio left behind.”

Among the changes, the bill would rename ODE as the Department of Education and Workforce (DEW.) The State Board of Education would still exist but most of its powers and duties, and those of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, would be transferred to DEW.

This new department, DEW, would be a cabinet agency with a Director nominated by the Governor, subject to the Senate’s advise and consent approval. That would put DEW under the authority and supervision of the Executive Branch, and its Director would be subject to a vote of approval by the Ohio Senate.

“The State School Board basically operates part time, and does not have the resources, time and expertise to make sure the Department is doing what it has been directed to do,” said Senate President Matt Huffman.

The effort to reform the organizational structure of the Department of Education has been discussed and supported by both Republican and Democrat administrations for decades.

“Parents understand that results matter. If I can’t get answers, and my colleagues can’t get a phone call returned from the education bureaucracy, then the Department and School Board aren’t accountable. It is time we create a system that is accountable to Ohio’s parents and students,” said Brenner.

Senate Bill 1 will now be considered by the Ohio House.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL'S Women's History bulletin board was designed by Paradise Jeru. Bailey Phillips helped to make her vision a reality.



CHARLIE YOAKAM, a third-grade student at Ontario's Stingel Elementary, recently won the Richland County Third Grade Spelling Bee. He is pictured with Ontario Local Schools Superintendent Keith Strickler.

## MRCPL hosting special exhibit

In honor of Women’s History Month, the Mansfield/Richland County Main Library will exhibit “Picturing Women Inventors,” a series of eight posters that explore the inventions of 19 highly accomplished American women.

Astronauts, computer pioneers and businesswomen join athletes, engineers and even teenagers in this group of inventors.

This exhibit will be displayed in the second-floor lobby of the main library from March 6–24.

“Picturing Women Inventors” is organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service in collaboration with the Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation and was developed in partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and made possible with the support of Lyda Hill Philanthropies IF/THEN Initiative and Ericsson.

The main library is open Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 8 pm; Friday and Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm; and Sunday, 1–5 pm. Visit [mrcpl.org](http://mrcpl.org) for additional information about the MRCPL.

## News Briefs in Education

Geneva College announced the dean’s list of undergraduate students for the fall 2022 semester. To be eligible for this recognition, students in traditional programs must earn a GPA of at least 3.6 while passing 12 credit hours or more.

On the list from the Mansfield area are Lydia Beare, senior; and Lillie Berryman, junior.

**Prepare for power outages today**  
WITH A HOME STANDBY GENERATOR

**\$0 MONEY DOWN + LOW MONTHLY PAYMENT OPTIONS**

**REQUEST A FREE QUOTE**  
CALL NOW BEFORE THE NEXT POWER OUTAGE  
**(855) 409-3870**

**FREE**  
7-Year Extended Warranty\*  
A \$695 Value!

**GENERAC**

\*To qualify, consumers must request a quote, purchase, install and activate the generator with a participating dealer. Call for a full list of terms and conditions.



**CHURCH REQUEL** hosted Sunday night's March of Prayer service. The worship songs confronted the grip of addiction and proclaimed the freedom found in Christ. Remembering back to the very first March of Prayer in 2019, Church Requel was set to be the final service of the schedule on March 28, but 19 more churches joined and dates were added stretching all the way to Easter on April 19. This year, Alyse Schroeder of Catalyst Life Services spoke about detox and recovery facilities and services available. Mark Piere created a video that showed during the service, it can be seen at <https://youtu.be/t3tz-Olvev8>. (See schedule on front page).

## Miller supports historic \$12.6 billion transportation budget

State Rep. Melanie Miller (R-City of Ashland) supported House Bill 23 on Wednesday, which is the historic transportation budget legislation investing \$12.6 billion into the state's infrastructure. The legislation was passed by the Ohio House during the vote.

As a member of the Economic and Workforce Development Committee, Miller sees this bill to have potential for job creation for Ohio residents.

"This critical transportation budget is going to improve our infrastructure in all parts of the state, and it's also a big jobs bill," said Miller. "This is a strong investment to create jobs, attract businesses and to improve the lives of Ohioans. It will also incentivize those outside of our state to come here to live, work and raise a family."

The legislation is the largest commitment of highway infrastructure spending in Ohio history with \$12.6 billion in funding for Ohio's transportation system over the next two years.

Other key components of the bill include:

- Funding \$2.2 billion for pavement, \$717 million for bridges, \$360 million for dedicated safety upgrades, and \$1.5 billion for large, capacity adding projects such as reconfiguring urban interstates.

- Creating the Rural Highway Fund, \$1 billion in new money focused solely on projects that add capacity or reduce commute times to employment centers in counties that do not have a municipality over 65,000 residents.

- Providing reliable transportation routes for workers in rural parts of the state who otherwise might be forced to relocate in order to gain employment.

- Finding faster ways to connect areas of the state by funding the Strategic Transportation and Development Analysis to study links between Columbus and Sandusky and Columbus and Toledo.

- Investing \$14 million to establish the Ohio Workforce Mobility Partnership Program, which allows one or more regional transit authorities (RTA) to work together to provide service for the workforce between the territories and supporting the employment needs of economically significant employment centers.

- Requiring the Public Utilities Commission (PUCO) and the Environmental Protection Agency to create and submit a report to the General Assembly within 90 days of the effective date on the trans-

portation of hazardous materials and waste in the state.

- Mandating that an operator be notified of a wayside detector system defect. Requires DOT and PUCO to ensure the messages are sent.

- Requiring that a train must have a two-person crew related solely for safety.

- Preventing park districts being pulled into an improvement district without consent to standardize the practice used by other local government entities.

- Clarifying that the prohibition of counties and townships using traffic cameras applies only to enforcement of red light or speeding violations and not the detection and enforcement of criminal offenses.

- Allowing for the permanent registration of noncommercial trailers.

The legislation now moves to the Senate for further consideration and deliberations.

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

**TRACIMICHELE.COM**  
 portraits | branding | events  
 OHIO BASED PHOTOGRAPHER - 585-764-0321  
 TRACI.MICHELE.PHOTOGRAPHY@GMAIL.COM

PHOTOGRAPHY  
*Traci Michele*

## Lexington named Tree City USA for 38th consecutive year

Lexington Village Council met for a regular meeting on Feb. 20. Mayor Brian White called the meeting to order. Council members present included Bob Jarvis, Zack Alleshouse, Adam Gongwer, Wynn Kearns, Kim Little and Jeff O'Brien. Also present were Attorney John Studenmund, Captain Troy Weaver and Administrator Andrew Smallstey.

As reported by finance director James Bank, all 12 books are balanced and recorded. All council has the finance report for review.

Administrator Andrew Smallstey reported that The Village of Lexington was awarded a Tree City USA designation for the 38th consecutive year.

Reilly Sweeping will do street sweeping for 2023. Sweeping is slated for May, the end of June and mid-August.

Tyler Roberts with the water/sewer department successfully passed the Water I State Exam. Tristan Kraft is scheduled to take the Wastewater I State Exam on March 3. Roberts will receive a \$1 per hour increase in pay.

New signs for the Mill Street brush pile have been ordered.

A reminder was issued to residents that the village does not pick-up brush on a regular basis. A spring cleanup is scheduled for the last two weeks in April. Aside from spring cleanup, the village will only pick up brush if an official announcement has been made after a storm or similar event. All other times, residents are asked to take their brush to 205 S. Mill St. and keep in mind that no grass, leaves, trash or other lumber is to be dropped off.

An expense report will be provided at the start of March.

The Parks Department received a new truck that was from last year's capital. Total for the truck was \$41,000.00, less than what was encumbered. They will be selling the 2008 truck on GovDeals.

Councilman Little asked that the village replace the tree which was recently removed from the square. The removal was required for safety reasons as parts of the tree were dead.

Little also noted the street sign located at the intersection of Sherwood Dr. and Lexington-Ontario Rd. is completely faded. Smallstey said he would check into it and the costs for replacing it.

Councilman O'Brien asked if all corporation limit signs have been placed and Smallstey confirmed they were all installed.

Mayor Brian White reported that the CBS Sunday Morning Program filmed a piece at Charter Next Gen which aired Sunday Feb. 19. The piece was focus on employee-owned businesses.

The mayor also commented that the housing study is completed and the Steering Committee will be presenting to the Village Planning Commission.

Captain Troy Weaver gave his police report and said FLOCK cameras have been ordered and are to be installed next week. Graphics for a new cruiser will be completed by May 7.

A Resolution was approved authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Lexington Soccer Association for use of the soccer fields at Lexington Patriot Park.

An ordinance was approved providing for permanent budget amendments and appropriations for February for general fund, police and storm water funds.

## Kingwood to present symposium

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. 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.

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 registration fee is \$50 for Kingwood members and \$65 for non-members. Register at [kingwoodcenter.org](http://kingwoodcenter.org) or call 419-522-0211.



Photo By Brandon Chambers

## John's Bill supporting local EMS training passes Ohio House

State Rep. Marilyn John (R-Richland County) announces her legislation under House Bill 52 passed in the Ohio House this week. The legislation supports EMS personnel to receive local training to continue providing quality care for residents. The purpose of the bill is to reverse an unintended consequence of a previous bill.

"During the previous General Assembly, an amendment added to legislation limited rural communities' access to accredited sites to get the EMS training necessary," said John. "While the change intended to streamline licensure procedures, it ended up limiting local training for these first responders, and we're ensuring that there's much more availability for training in our local communities across the state."

The changes House Bill 52 will enact includes:

- Allowing assistant EMS chiefs to continue offering the required training for local EMT's;
- Allowing training to be received at APPROVED and accredited sites, not just accredited sites; and
- Reinstating the credential.

The bipartisan bill passed by a unanimous vote in the Ohio House this week. House Bill 52 now moves to the Senate for further consideration.

State Representative Marilyn John is currently serving her second term in the Ohio House of Representatives. She represents the 76th House District, which encompasses all of Richland County.



# Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



**Tom O'Neill**  
First Place Male, 17:00.94



**Emma McCarron**  
First Place Female, 18:09.84

Photos by Jenna Wolford

**THE 17TH ANNUAL ROAD APPLE RUN 5K** race was held Saturday, March 4 at Crestview Schools. Runners and walkers took to the scenic country roads in northern Richland County which passes several Amish farms. The race gets its name from the "exhaust" from frequent travel of horse drawn vehicles. All proceeds support the cross country and track teams at Crestview Local Schools. Awards were given to top male and female, along with first and second place male and female of each age group. Tom O'Neill placed first male with 17:00.94 and Emma McCarron was first for the women with 18:09.84. Female top placers were: 10 and under, A. Mitchell, 25:24.29 and L. Shepherd, 28:14.05; age 11-12, B. Smith, 31:00.92 and A. Hoover, 34:04.62; Age 13-15, Alina Durbin, 22:24.03 and Audrey Wolford, 23:11.94; Age 16-18, Emma Aumend, 24:22.73 and Baileigh Cordrey, 25:08.32; Age 19-29 Morgan Welch, 27:50.52 and Kylie Brockway, 28:34.05; Age 30-39, Shelby Rohr, 26:07.96 and Kerstin Hadley, 26:14.80; Age 40-49, Amber Cyrus 26:54.51 and Tiffany Smedley, 27:32.68; and Age 50-59, Denise McCarron, 30:04.20 and Brenda Trent, 41:41.99; Age 60-99, Deborah Haynes, 32:59.47 and Marsha Hoover, 38:33.29. Male top placers were: 10 and under, C. Bowman, 25:22.87 and M. Plotz, 26:26.00; Age 11-12, J. Ramsey, 22:39.10 and J. Quallich, 22:54.71; Age 13-15, Drew Ramsey, 21:08.42 and Isaac McFarland, 21:08.99; Age 16-18, Cooper Brockway, 17:57.91 and Tyler Aumend, 24:26.47; Age 19-29, Gabriel Smedley, 31:49.00 and Tristen Howell, 33:37.12; Age 30-39, Cody Mabry, 22:46.82 and Joseph Deppen, 28:43.59; Age 40-49 Jacob Troyer, 22:14.17 and Mike Gallaway, 23:12.95; Age 50-59, Richard Wasowski, 26:18.56 and Mike Keith, 37:22.50; Age 60-99, Bob Henery, 23:23.33 and Dave Eighinger, 28:11.89. There were 187 participants.



LOOKING BACK • THIS WEEK IN TRIBUNE-COURIER HISTORY

March 7, '63



**AWARDED FOR THE BEST CENTERPIECE** on their Den table at the Annual Blue and Gold Dinner of Ontario Pack 172, Thursday, Feb. 28, in the Junior High Cafeteria, was Den No. 1 with a reproduction of a "spaceport. In the Den are Danny Perry: John Hoffman, den chief; Mrs. James Cosgrove, Den Mother; Bobby Cosgrove; Jimmie Keith; and Mark Hoffman. Absent from the Den were Brad Harrison and Wendal Hardin.

### Mothers Purchase Projector

A spaghetti supper, project of the Lexington Mothers Club, has netted the club over \$353.

Mrs. Charles Massa, chairman of the supper, and Mrs. L. C.

Grace, ways and means chairman, last week presented a check in the amount of the supper proceeds, to Lynn Gilt, elementary principal. The money was used to purchase an

opaque projector for the schools.

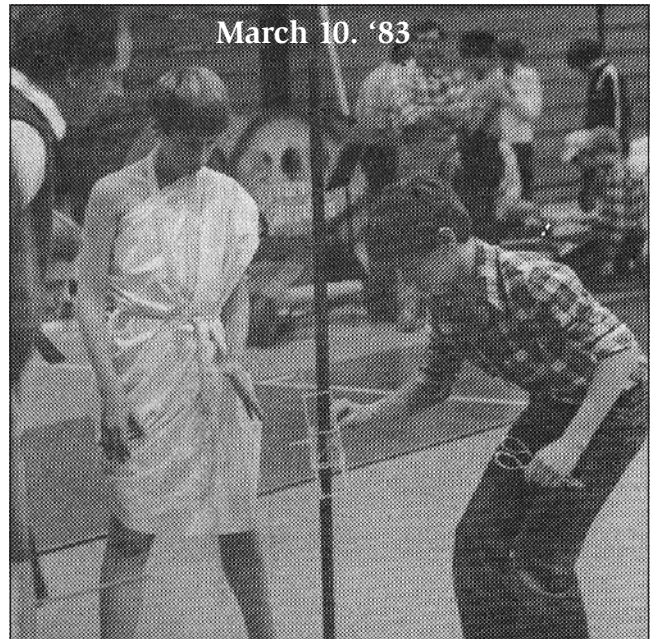
Members of the Mothers Club are currently repairing books for the two libraries of the Lexington schools.



March 13. '64

**LYNN GILT**, left, Lexington Elementary principal demonstrates a new opaque projector for Mrs. Charles Massa and Mrs. L. C. Grace. The projector was purchased with the proceeds from a spaghetti supper staged by the Lexington Mother's Club.

March 10. '83



**MIKE CLARK** and **MIKE BUSH** represented Lexington Junior High School in the Olympics of the Mind competition held at Malabar High School on Feb. 26. The two boys are shown as they placed their balsa wood structure to be tested. The competition combined points for long-term problem solving, the style in which the problem was solved and a spontaneous problem designed to see how well the team could "think on its feet."

# CLASSIFIEDS

## LEGAL NOTICE

### LEGAL NOTICE

The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their regular meeting held on March 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. 23-06 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINAL RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM A CULVERT REPAIR UNDER HOME ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
(T-C 3-9, 16, '23) 22L

**NEVER MISS AN ISSUE:**  
To Join the **FREE**  
**Tribune-Courier Weekly**  
**Email List**  
Send Name to  
**news@**  
**tribune-courier.com**

# Voter registration deadline approaching

The deadline to register to vote or change an address or name for the May 2, 2023 Primary Election is Monday, April 3.

The Board of Elections office will be open that evening until 9 pm.

The office is located at 1495 W. Longview Ave. Suite 101 in the Longview Center, Mansfield.

After 4 pm, visitors must use the entrance at the lower level back parking area at the southwest corner of the building.

Qualifications for registering to vote include:

- must be either a native U. S. citizen or a naturalized citizen of the U.S.
- must be a resident of Richland County and Ohio 30 days before an Election
- must be a minimum of 18 years of age on or before the date of the General Election on Nov. 7, 2023.

Registered voters who have moved or changed their name must notify the Board office in writing or in person. Voters currently registered in Ohio may change their address online at VoteOhio.gov but must do so by the April 3 deadline. Online registration is also now available at

VoteOhio.gov

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

- Any library branch
- All city and village hall offices
- The Bureau of Motor Vehicles office
- The Department of Human Services
- The Richland County Court-

house (Recorder or Treasurer Offices)

• All area high school offices  
Registration forms may also be obtained from the Board of Elections website at [www.boe.ohio.gov/richland](http://www.boe.ohio.gov/richland) or requested by mail.

Contact the Board office at 419-774-5530 to have a form sent by mail. Completed voter registration forms must be post-marked 30 days before Election Day.



MRS. WELCH'S Environmental Science class at Ontario High School conducted a lab to study the effects of acid rain on seed germination. They had the opportunity to try out a Vernier pH sensor connected to Graphical Analysis software.

# BUSINESS DIRECTORY



**LIBERTY**  
*Nursing Center*  
*of Mansfield*

535 Lexington Avenue  
Mansfield, OH 44907

- Secure Alzheimer's/Dementia Unit
- Medicare/Medicaid Certified
- Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation
- Hospice Care/Respite Care

**419-756-7111**



THE RIGHT LOAN. THE RIGHT BANK.

1728 W. Fourth Street  
Mansfield, Ohio 44906  
Phone: 419-529-4687  
Fax: 419-529-4154

[landerson@firstfederalbankofohio.bank](mailto:landerson@firstfederalbankofohio.bank)



**Lisa Anderson**  
NMLS 618735

Branch Manager - Loan Officer