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MEMORIAL DAY was remembered Monday, May 29, with local events including the Mansfield Memorial Day Parade and the Bellville Memorial Day Parade. (Top photo by Traci Little) The Mansfield Memorial Day Parade was held at 10:30 am and was followed by a ceremony at the gazebo on the square. The Grand Marshall was Douglas Theaker and the Parade Marshall was Dennis Hempfield with First Assistant Burk W. Jisa. During the ceremony, Colors were presented by Color Bearers, VFW Post 3494 Color Guard raised the flag and the "National Anthem" was led by John Darby. Bruce Phipps gave the welcoming address and the Invocation was by Pastor Dink Porter, of Mansfield Open Bible Church. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Josh Hurrell with Logan Orders by Dean J. Krance, Vietnam Era Veteran. The Fun Center Chordsmen performed and Patricia James-Hasser, Regent DAR Jared Mansfield Chapter, read a poem. Speaker of the Day was Douglas Theaker, Inductee Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. Linda Close gave A Tribute to Our Veterans and a Remembrance was presented by Pastor Paul Lintern. A Salute To The Dead was performed by Richland Co. Joint Veterans Burial Squad. (Bottom photo by Jeff Hoffer) Bellville Memorial Day Ceremony in Bellville Cemetery.

More photos begin on page 6.

Lexington holds final meeting of the school year

The Lexington Board of Education met Wednesday, May 17, and heard a report from Chloe Dean, student representative to the board.

The treasurer presented the monthly financial report for April and the board approved the five-year financial forecast for FY22 through FY26.

A leave of absence was accepted for Kayla Truax for the 2023-'24 school year. Anne Petrie will retire as junior high science teacher, effective at the end of the 2022-'23 school year.

Resignations were accepted from Dave Kaple, high school safety monitor; and Constance Jamieson, junior high safety monitor.

Employment for the 2023-'24 school year was approved for Meredith Cotterill, pre-school director, two-year contract; Jessica Duffey, fourth grade, Eastern, one-year contract; and Gabe Sanchez, sixth grade Eastern, one-year contract.

Salary adjustments were approved for Lindsey Brokaw and Michelle Smith.

The board approved teaching/extended service contracts and supplemental activity contracts for next school year.

Junior high educational aide Amy Campbell will retire, effective at the end of the 2022-'23 school year.

Contracts were approved for classified employees for 2023-'24.

The board approved the graduating class of 2023, as presented by Principal Jamie Masi, pending successful completion of all graduation requirements. Alyssa McCreedy will be the staff member handing out diplomas at graduation, as voted on by the senior class.

Jacob Halfhill will be the 2023-'24 student board representative.

Tuition students approved to attend for the 2023-'24 school year are Adler Hatfield, continuing, grade 11 (attending College Now); and Crew Hatfield continuing, grade 8.

Teresa Alt resigned as junior high cross country coach.

Fall coaches approved for the 2023-'24 school year are Gabrielle Stover, head girls basketball coach; Denise Benson, head cross country; Seth Cole, JV boys' cross country; Tricia Volz, JV girls' cross country; Stephanie Campbell, junior high cross country; Andrew Saris, head football; Jeff Strickler, assistant football; Jamie Masi, assistant football; Jacob Owens, assistant football; Jim Steele, assistant football (half contract); Dalton Fix, assistant football (half contract); Michael Moore, assistant football (half contract); Luke Rogers, freshman football; Herb Harkness, junior high football; Jacob Brown, junior high football; Taylor Gerhard, junior high football; Ben Olewiler, JV boys golf; Mike Kathrein, head girls golf; Kevin Morrow, JV girls golf; Pete Them, head boys soccer; Jay Porter, JV boys soccer; Gate Potter, freshman boys soccer; Eric Turlo, volunteer boys soccer; Buck Morton, head girls soccer; Roxanne Drueschler, JV girls soccer; Jansen Webster, co-head girls tennis (60%); Hayleigh Tucker, co-head girls' tennis (40%); Janelle Wyant, head volleyball; Tricia Brown, JV volleyball; Sam Marcum, 7th grade volleyball; Maddie Hernstein, 8th grade volleyball; Pam Leasure, varsity/JV cheerleading; Holli-Ann Anschutz, freshman cheerleading; Crystal Harris, junior high cheer; Noelle Morris, volunteer cheer assistant; Misty Taylor, volunteer cheer assistant; and Nate West, volunteer football assistant.

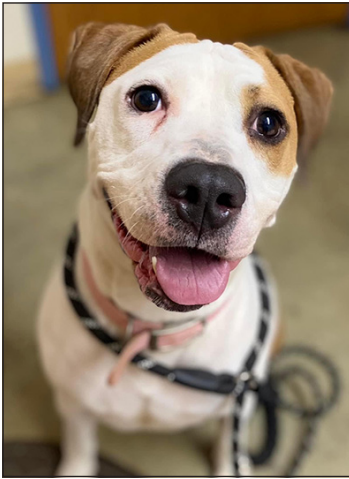
Hally Pinkelman was hired for summer employment as a painter in the maintenance department, effective June 5.

A payment of \$3,470 will be made to orchestra pit musicians for the *Into The Woods* performance. Payments will be made from the Drama Club account to Carla Colon, flute; Pam Ellis, clarinet; Jane Price, bassoon; Cindy Heidlebaugh, horn; Matt Domka, violin; Stephanie Hill, violin; Doug Domka, viola; Lindsay Brown, cello; and McCray Martin, synthesizer.

The board revised the Lexington substitute list dated April 19, 2023, as presented by MOESC.

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This Week's Pet Looking for A Forever Home



Autumn

Autumn is around four years old and came into the shelter in October of 2022. Autumn is absolutely wonderful. She is good on a leash, the shelter thinks she is good with dogs and cats, has no food aggression and she loves to play.

Autumn loves everyone except one male employee at the shelter; she is terrified of him and

has been since her first day at the shelter. We think Autumn may have not been treated very nicely by someone who looks like the employee in her past. She is fine with male volunteers when they walk her. Autumn is incredibly lovable and is a volunteer favorite.

Autumn 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 am to 2 pm on Saturday.

Currently, adoptions are on a schedule, based on the time the dog has been at the shelter. Dogs that have been at the shelter for more than a year are \$50, dogs there more than six months are \$100, dogs at the shelter longer than three months are \$125, and dogs there less than three months are \$150. This fee includes spay/neuter, microchip, dog license, and some vaccines.

The shelter's current needs are volunteers to walk and play with the dogs as well as fill kongs for the dogs to play with when they are in their kennel, help with laundry or dishes, or clean the yard. The shelter uses a lot of bleach, laundry detergent, and dog treats and welcomes donations.

Registration open for Wreaths Across America Stem to Stone Races

Wreaths Across America (WAA) will host the annual Stem to Stone Races Saturday, July 29, with both in-person and virtual options available. For each race registration, a veteran's wreath is sponsored and will honor a hero on National Wreaths Across America Day on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023.

The live, in-person event will take place in Columbia Falls, Maine, on the tip lands where balsam is grown and harvested each year to make the veterans' wreaths that are then placed on the headstones of our nation's heroes.

Race options include a 1-Mile Kids Fun Run (In-person only), \$17; 5K in-person or virtual, \$45; and 10K in-person or virtual \$50.

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/563857188924219/> for information. To register visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/ME/ColumbiaFalls/StemtoStoneRace>.

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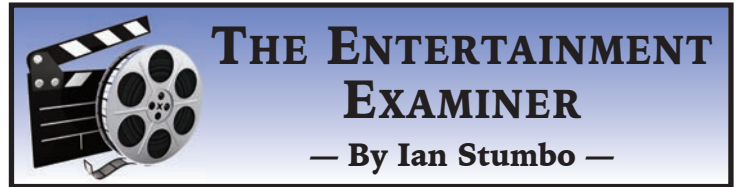


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THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

It's unknown why Disney keeps taking their back catalog of classic, legendary, animated films and wants to remake them as live action.

These films have either been very well received or not well received at all. The newest animated classic to get this treatment is *The Little Mermaid*.

This is, of course, the story of Ariel, a mermaid who wants nothing more than to experience what life is like on the surface of the human world.

Despite the forbidding of her father, she risks it all with the evil Ursula to become human and develops a relationship with Prince Eric, who she rescues early in the film.

Young singer Halle Bailey does a capable, fine job as Ariel. She has a good voice and presence in the film and does what she can with the role.

Jonah Hauer-King is fine as Eric, though does not impress much with his singing voice or his performance.

Javier Bardem is fine as her father, King Triton. The visuals are impressive as expected and the movie has great CGI and engaging sequences with the sea creatures.

Sebastian, voiced by Daveed Diggs, and Scuttle, voiced by Awkwafina, were really fun though Flounder, wonderfully voiced by Jacob Tremblay,



looked strange and, honestly, could have used a major redesign.

The MVP of the film is Melissa McCarthy as Ursula. She has an absolute blast with the role and chews up all the scenery she can. She deepens her voice for the role (perhaps as an ode to Pat Carroll, Ursula's original voice who passed away recently).

The movie becomes better when she is on the screen and her final sequence when she rises out of the ocean is quite frightening.

The musical sequences are well done for the most part though "Under the Sea" felt very underwhelming. "Kiss the Girl" and "Poor Unfortunate Souls" were a highlight. There were three new songs included which were pretty unmemorable.

The Little Mermaid is a decent retelling of the story though never surpasses the classic animated film that brought Disney back into the limelight.

Halle Bailey is fine as Ariel and the rest of the cast do what they can, though this will be a one-time watch for me personally and I cannot imagine it surpassing the original film, so for those reasons it just misses a recommendation.



Kingwood 5K set for June 10

The Kingwood 5K Run and Walk will be held on Saturday, June 10, with the race starting at 9 am in front of the Kingwood Hall mansion.

The chip-timed 5K will allow participants to enjoy a course within Kingwood's gardens and along the B&O bike trail. The 5K is open to all abilities and ages. Check-in and registration begin at 7:45 am.

Registration is \$25 and can be completed online at ohioraceday.com or by mail to Doug Heestand, 431 Edgewood Rd., Mansfield, OH 44907.

Questions may be sent to heest97@hotmail.com. Walk-up registration is \$30 on race day.

Awards will be presented in the Courtyard following the race to the overall female, overall male, and for the top three finishers in age groups ranging from 9 years and under, to 70 years and older.

Race participants receive free admission to the Gardens for the day.

The 5K benefits Kingwood's programs and supports its mission.

News Briefs

Franklin Township Fire Department, 505 Boyce Rd., Shelby, will host its annual ice cream social and hog roast Saturday, June, 10, from 4:30 to 7 pm.



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 June 21, will include pork. David Crawford will speak about honey bees. Cost is \$15 for the meal. Guests are welcome. For information visit www.lexasc.org. Dues are \$10 per year.

The group will meet at 11:30 am on June 7 for lunch at Red Lobster in Ontario (please note venue change).

The group will take a July 13 trip to Williams on the Lake in Medina for a First Ladies of Country performance. The \$93 fee includes lunch, bus and show. Logan Wells will perform selections from Patsy Cline, Loretta Lynn Dolly Parton and Brenda Lee. Call Helena Bunker at 419-683-2409 for information.



First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Ave. West, Mansfield, offers 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 two 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 a box. There is no cost. Call 419-522-0662 for more information.



The Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center will have free produce giveaways on the fourth Monday of the Month, April thru October. Dates will be June 26, July 24, Aug. 28, Sept. 25 and Oct. 23. Line-up begins at 8:30 am and the giveaway begins at 10 am at Clear Fork Alliance Church (across from Clear Fork High School). A photo ID is required by Cleveland Food Bank.



A free produce distribution to the community is held the second Tuesday of each month, April through November. The distribution is held in First English Lutheran Church's west parking lot at 53 Park Ave. W., at S. Mulberry St. Hours this year are 10:30 am to 12:30 pm and the food is free to anyone. Bring a valid ID. The fresh produce is provided by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. For information call the church at 419-522-0662.



Perrysville Lions Club will host the 20th annual car show on Saturday, June 24 on S. Bridge St., Perrysville.

Registration Fee is \$5 and will be held from 9-10:30 am. The show will run from 10:30 am to 1 pm. Dash plaques will be given to the first 50 entries. Trophies will be awarded at 1 pm for Best of Show, People's Choice, Best GM, Best Ford, Best Mopar and Best Other.

There will be a 50/50 drawing and door prizes. All makes and models are welcome. For more information call Julianne Zody at

419-606-4890. Proceeds go to pediatric cancer research, Ashland County Cancer Society and other Lions Projects in the community.



The Savannah Lions Club will host a pancake breakfast on Saturday, June 3, from 6:30 to 11 am at Savannah Town Hall, 12 S. Main St., Savannah. The breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, french toast and sausage gravy and biscuits. Cost is by donation.

All proceeds will go to help the Crestview Area Buyers Club. The Crestview Area Buyers Club is a group formed to support the Crestview youth exhibiting at the Richland and Ashland County Fairs.



The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library (MRCPL) Evergreen Bookshop will be open for the monthly Friends' Used Book Sale on Friday, June 2, noon to 5 pm, and Saturday, June 3, 10 am to 3 pm. A preview sale will be held for Friends of the Library members only on Thursday, June 1, noon to 5 pm. Memberships may be purchased at Thursday's Preview Sale (\$3 per year for individuals).

Materials (adult, teen and juvenile items) are library discards and public donations offered for sale at discount pricing. The bookshop is stocked with "new to the store" items each month. Proceeds from the monthly sales sponsor activities provided by the library.

Evergreen Bookshop is located in downtown Mansfield at 37 N. Walnut St. (corner of W. Third St. and N. Walnut St., next to the main library).

•Lexington holds meeting

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An agreement was reached with NEOnet which has now merged with NCOCC.

The lease was approved with Mid-Ohio ESC Preschool for pre-school space for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

The service agreement with Knox County ESC was approved for overflow preschool, therapy and other student services, as needed, for the 2023-'24 school year.

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ON SUNDAY, MAY 21, the forge was fired up for the Introduction to Blacksmithing workshop with Scott Reynolds. Stefan McCormick from Dublin, OH, was welcomed to Hawks Nest Forge and Cooperage. McCormick was able to make hand forged 3/16 nails, an S-hook, and a wall hanger hook, which involved many different basic methods incorporated into the pieces. Those interested in taking an Introduction to Blacksmithing workshop can be notified about the next class availability by filling out the form at <https://forms.gle/a73QoPDajEBjwT1j8>. McCormick has been operating out of Zoar Village site for 13 years and has been conducting workshops for 11 years. He has worked at Lyme Village, Roscoe Village, the Huron County Fair, Ohio Village and Pioneer Village in East Liverpool.

Church Directory

Clear Fork Alliance Church

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

Community Bible Church

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

First English Lutheran Church

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

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Lexington Presbyterian Church

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

Mansfield 1st EPC

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

Oakland Lutheran Church

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

Ontario Christian Church

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

Ontario United Methodist Church

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

Southside Christian Church Disciples of Christ

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St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church

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

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Memorial Arrangements

Robert E. Rakestraw

Robert E. Rakestraw left this world a better place at age 88 on May 26, 2023, after a long battle with dementia with Lewy Bodies. He was born on Oct. 29, 1934 to Francis and Earl Rakestraw in Bellville, OH. He is survived by his high school sweetheart and beloved wife of 67 years, Beverly Dent Rakestraw. He graduated from Shiloh High school as an All Ohio basketball player with the memory of making a half court shot in the final second of his final senior year. He leaves behind daughters, Beth Ann (Glen) Hampton (Oxford, FL), Brenda Allen (Powell, OH) and son, David (Vicky) Rakestraw (Hilliard, OH).

His grandchildren include: Claire Hampton, Catie Hampton, Tristan Orion Brown, Sam Allen, Emily Meaige, Tony Dee, Kendra Deaton and Max Rakestraw. He enjoyed 5 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Jim (Janet) Rakestraw (Kettering, OH) and sister Evelyn Partlow (Bellingham, WA).

Bob was proud to serve his country in the Navy and Marines. He worked as an engineer at General Motors in Ontario, OH for 33 Years. He provided his children with the example of civic responsibility in the Ontario community. He was a member of the Ontario United Methodist Church, Lion's Club president, Athletic Booster Club president and Mansfield barbershop chorus.

Bob's children remember a backyard free of trees/full of neighborhood kids and painted for football or baseball depending on the season. Always the painter, he was the first to paint the "Big O" on the Ontario High School field. He never missed an athletic event. He was instrumental in starting the Ontario Recreation Program and the Ontario Fourth of July celebration. Being a Fourth of July parade marshal was one of his favorite days. He would tell you that he did nothing alone and mention his crew of energetic friends...Jack Spangler, Bernie Johnson, Clay Metzger, Bob Irwin, Frank Stumbo, Bob Wolfe and Dick Yaussy. Bob treasured his connections to people.

After retirement, the Rakestraws moved to Dresden, OH where they attended grandchildren sporting events and hosted the after school gangs. They were also able to travel, including many places where daughter Beth was living as a traveling nurse. He sang in the Greater Zanesville Singers and attended Dresden United Methodist Church. Bob had more time to create beautiful acrylic paintings. He did requests for certain places and subjects so a great many paintings are spread among his friends and family.

When the Dresden grandkids moved out, the Rakestraws headed to The Villages, Florida. There they were able to connect with interesting people in the sunshine. Their joy became watching twin granddaughters grow and attending their school events.

Bob Rakestraw was able to live a wonderful life and will always be an inspiration to those who knew him.

Walk for Life is Saturday

Richland Pregnancy Services will host the annual Walk for Life on Saturday, June 3, at Mansfield's historic North Lake Park, and the start of the Richland B&O Bike Trail, at 268 Hope Rd., in Mansfield.

The walk is two miles long and the path is stroller friendly. Registration opens at 9 am and the walk begins at 10 am.

The Walk for Life is a community focused, family-friendly event to show support for life. All proceeds from the event will support Richland Pregnancy Services in providing free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, STD testing, parenting classes, mentoring, material support and more.

Upon registration, each participant will receive access to their very own fundraising page that they can use to raise funds for Richland Pregnancy Services by asking family and friends to sponsor them as they walk.

Walkers will be eligible to win prizes from local businesses and attractions from across the state. Some of these prizes include Cedar Point tickets, a YMCA membership, skiing passes for Snow Trails and more.

The first 200 walkers who register will receive a free goody bag.

Richland Pregnancy Services aims to raise \$50,000 to continue to meet the needs of women facing an unplanned pregnancy.

Corporate sponsorship opportunities are available and sponsors are eligible for various levels of promotion leading up to and during the walk. Reach out to Raelene at raelene@richlandpregnancy.com if interested in partnering with Richland Pregnancy Services.



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Ginger Diann Shingleton, May 21
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Hunter, 9, AliAnna, 5, and Kyler, 7, attended the parade.



Mansfield Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony

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Bellville Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony

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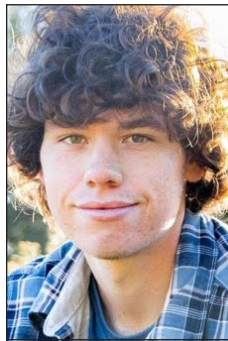
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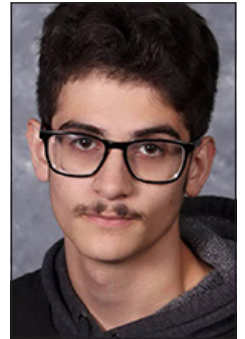
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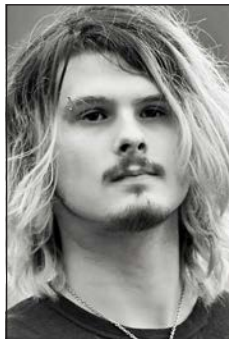
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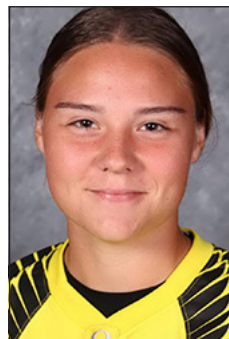
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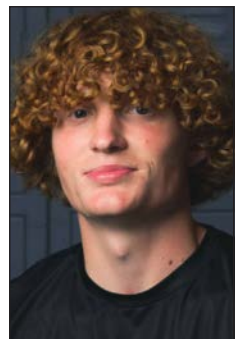
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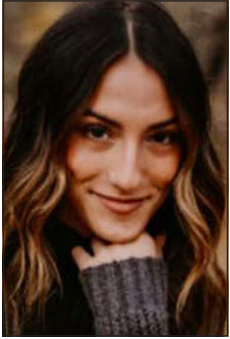
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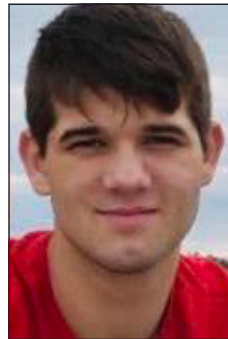
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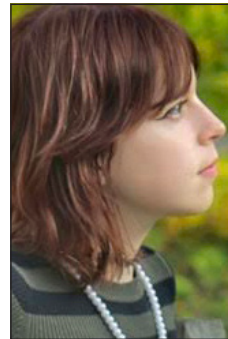
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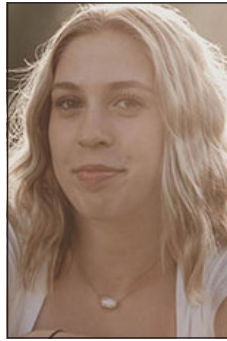
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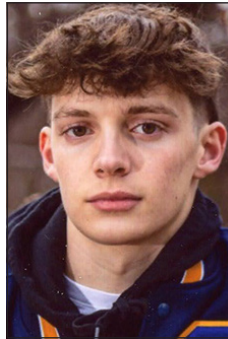
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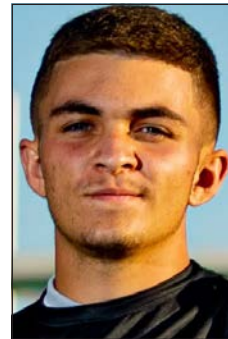
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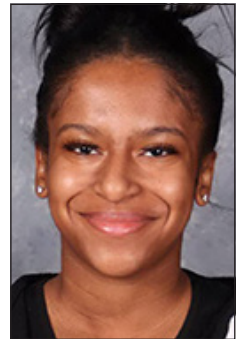
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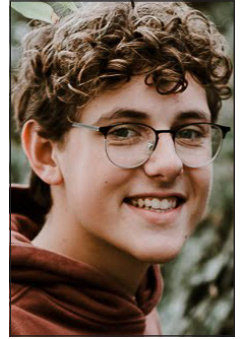
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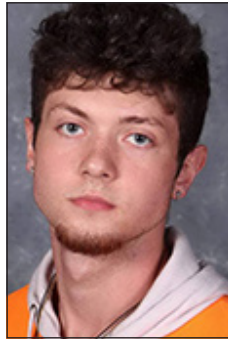
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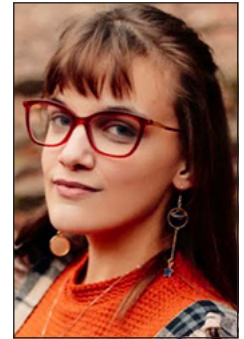
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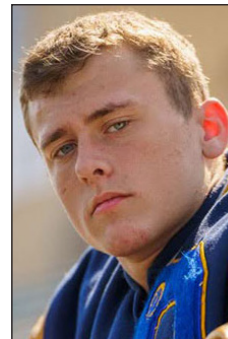
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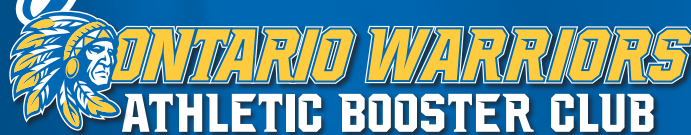
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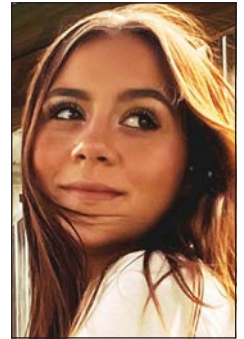
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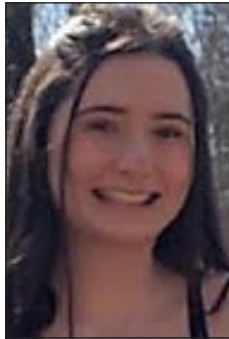
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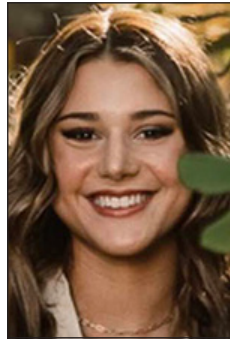
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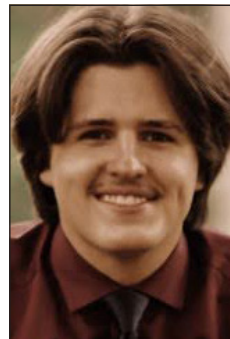
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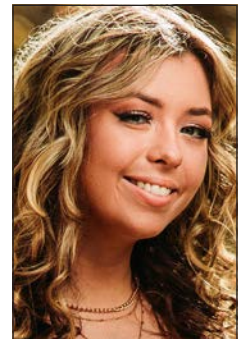
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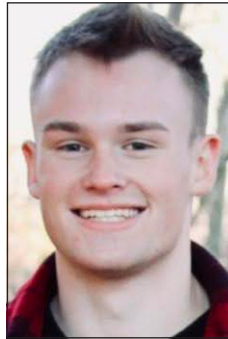
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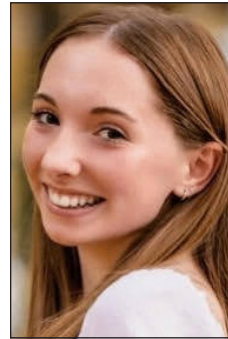
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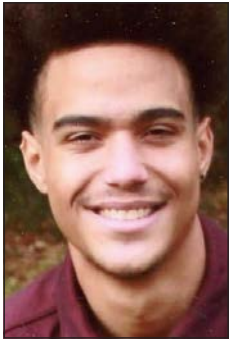


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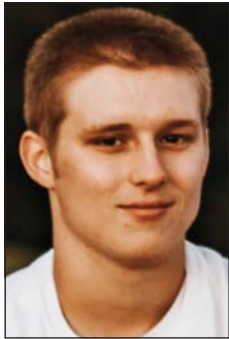
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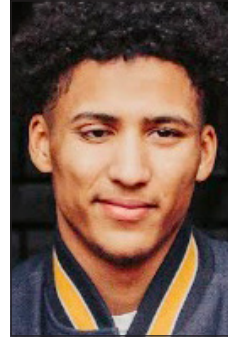
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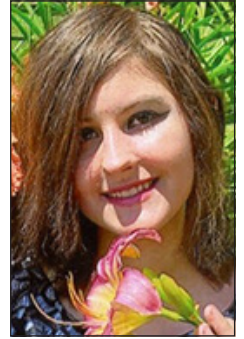
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Omar Abdelaziz

Omar Abdelaziz is the son of Elena Aiyad and Mohamad Abdelaziz. He is a member of the basketball and soccer teams.

He is an Honors student and athletic scholar.

Omar plans to attend The Ohio State University to major in mechanical engineering.



Hayden James Baker

Hayden Baker is the son of Michelle Baker and Robert Baker.

He is a member of the tennis team, College Now, marching band, jazz band and small ensemble band.

He is an Honor Student with an Associate Degree of Applied Science.

He works at McDonalds, Pulp and All American Baseball Tournaments.

He has an internship at Charles River Laboratory, Analytical Chemistry.

He plans to attend the University of Toledo to obtain a Doctorate of Pharmacy and work as an inpatient pharmacist.



Isabel Baker

Isabel Baker is the daughter of Michelle Baker and Richard Baker.

She is a member of the marching band, symphonic band, jazz band, National Honor Society, Key Club and Academic Challenge.

She volunteered as a member of the Key Club and National



Honor Society.

Isabel attends The Ohio State University and majors in Anthropology.

Elizabeth Corn

Elizabeth Corn is the daughter Anna Corn and Larry Corn.

She is a member of Key Club, National Honor Society, Drug Free Seniors, Warrior Leadership Committee, Girls Varsity Tennis and the jazz, marching and symphonic bands.

Elizabeth is a 4-Year Varsity Athlete, 4-Year Scholar Athlete and earned the 2022 Girls Tennis Coach's Team Captain Award, Patrick S. Gilmore Band Award and John Phillip Sousa Band Award.

She is a member of the Mansfield Symphony Youth Orchestra, Cleveland Youth Wind Symphonies Group 1 and Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra.

She plans to attend Capital University in the fall to pursue a bachelors degree in Music Performance and Music Technology.



Jayden Dechert

Jayden Dechert is the daughter of Jennifer Dunn and David Dechert.

She is a member of the swim team, Key Club, National Honor Society, The Buddy Mentoring program and Drug Free Seniors.

She is an Academic All American and 4-Year Scholar Athlete.

She has life-guarded for the past two summers and worked at Westbrook for a year.

Jayden plans to attend Capital University to obtain a degree in Chemistry and Pre-PA.



Joseph Litao

Joseph Litao is the son of Rowena Litao and Achilles Litao.

He is a member of National Honor Society (2021-'22 and 2022-'23), Drug Free Seniors and Key Club (2021-'22 and 22-'23).

He was the Ontario Boys tennis team captain for the 2022-'23 season.

He worked at Athena Greek Restaurant in downtown Mansfield. As a black belt instructor in Shurite Kempo, he helps teach the lower belts the foundations of karate school, and in the summers he gives tennis lessons to little kids.

He plans to attend Miami University to major in Nursing and minor in violin performance.



Robert Mangan

Robert Mangan is the son of Annette Mangan and Robb Mangan.

He is a member of National Honor Society and the golf and baseball teams. He is also an Ozone Leader.

Robert is Academic All-Ohio and a Scholar Athlete.

He volunteered at Spanish Immersion, worked at Amcrete, and is currently working at Champs Sports.

He plans to attend The Ohio State University and major in Finance.



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Grace McClenathan

Grace McClenathan is the daughter of Katy McClenathan and Phil McClenathan.

She is a member of the tennis team, Science Club and Key Club.

She worked at Gionino's Pizzeria for one year, worked at Mechanics Bank for a year and a half and is working at JPB Professional Marketing.

She has volunteered at basketball games and for The United Way.

Grace plans to major in biology at The Ohio State University in Mansfield.



Miles Meisse

Miles Meisse is the son of Jennifer Meisse and Robert Meisse.

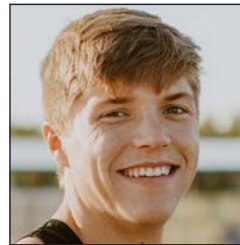
He is a member of student council, Rhapsody in Blue, Drug Free Seniors and Leadership. He is cross country captain and a member of the indoor and outdoor track teams.

He is a 4-Year Scholar Athlete and Academic all-Ohio 2022.

He has earned Scholar Athlete (4 years), Academic All-Ohio 2022, National Honor Society Award, Mansfield Noon Optimist Club (top students of the year), Rotary Club (top student) and was named to the dean's list at North Central State College for three semesters. He was MOAC 1st team three times 2021, sixth place at regionals in 800 2021, MOAC 2nd team cross country 2021, MOAC 2nd team two times in track 2022, District Champion in 800 2022, Regional Champion in 800 2022, 6th place all-Ohio in 800 2022, MOAC 1st team in cross country 2022 and 3-time National Qualifier.

He has been the manager at The Cove Coffee Shop and Pizza Company since 2019 and helped pack over 35,000 food packages for "Kids Around the World." He helped set-up and played as an actor for Haunted Trail at Marshall Park, tutored in Algebra, and helped in the second grade classroom.

He plans to attend John Carroll University majoring in Business Administration and Political Science. He will continue to run cross country and track at John Carroll.



Thomas Montgomery

Thomas Montgomery is the son of Sara Montgomery and Daniel Montgomery.

He was a member of the middle school's orchestra, Science Club, and Academic Challenge.

He earned the Academic Boosters Award. He is a WLC and National Honor Society member and Ohio Bird Sanctuary volunteer.

Thomas plans to major in mathematics and minor in philosophy with the goal of getting a PhD in mathematics and becoming a college professor.



Duncan McLean

Duncan McLean is the son of Terra Timmer and Jeremy McLean. His step-father is Brad Timmer.

He is a member of the swim team, marching band, symphonic band, jazz band and Warrior Leadership Committee.

Duncan is class president and a member of Executive Committee, Academic Challenge, Drug Free Seniors and National Honor Society.

He is All-Ohio Athletic, All-Ohio Academic, MOAC 1st Team and a Scholar Athlete.

He is a Summer Recreation Instructor, swim lesson instructor, lifeguard and volunteers with NHS.

He plans to attend the University of Toledo and double major in Entrepreneurship and Visual Arts.



Kylee Mullins

Kylee Mullins is the daughter of Heather Hurrell and Josh Hurrell.

She is a member of the marching band, Drug Free Seniors and National Honor Society. She is on the Honor Roll and volunteered for Matthew 25 and Celebrate Recovery.

She plans to attend The Ohio State University and get a start in performing arts and acting.



Elizabeth Nagel

Elizabeth Nagel is the daughter of Amy Nagel and Bill Nagel.

She is a member of Leadership, Buddy Mentoring, Student Council, Drug-Free Seniors, the volleyball and basketball teams, Show Choir and



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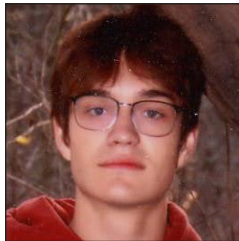
National Honor Society.

She earned the Scholar Athlete Award four times and is a classroom volunteer. She is a Summer Recreation volunteer and works at Arnolds Garden Center.

She plans to attend Ohio University to pursue a degree in Marketing.

Brody Phillips

Brody Phillips is the son of Cindy Phillips and Robert Phillips.



He is a member of the tennis team and earned four years of Highest Honors and is a Scholar Athlete.

Brody is a soccer referee, concessions stand volunteer and does landscaping.

He plans to continue his education at Bowling Green for Computer Science.

Natalie Reid

Natalie Reid is the daughter of Jeannie Reid and Mendel Reid.

She is a member of Academic Challenge, Key Club, National Honor Society, Buddy Mentoring, Drug Free Seniors, Warrior Leadership Club and Family Career and Community Leaders of America.



She was awarded a scholarship from National Honor Society and will receive a full academic scholarship from Andrews University.

Over the summers, she worked as a camp counselor at Camp Mohaven. During the school year she teaches piano lessons. She volunteers at Kingwood Center, mentors a buddy from Stingel Elementary and provides food to the local community through People Helping People.

She will attend Andrews University and major in Psychology.

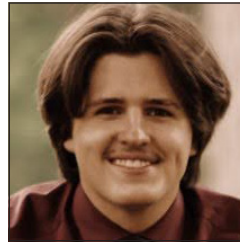
Logan Rhodebeck

Logan Rhodebeck is the son of Trisha Rhodebeck.

He is a member of the baseball and basketball teams, National Honor Society and FCCLA.

He is an Honor Student and works full-time at Interstate Optical.

Logan plans to attend the University of Cincinnati for aerospace engineering.



Hadley Schultz

Hadley Schultz is the daughter of Dollie Schultz and John Schultz.

She is a member of the cross country team, indoor and outdoor track teams, marching band, cheerleading squad, Drug Free Seniors, Warrior Leadership Council, National Honor Society and Writing Center.

She earned the Scholar Athlete Award.

Hadley worked at Snow Trails for three years and American Eagle. She volunteered through the school in the writing center and also volunteered for Ontario Recreation's Haunted Trail and the concession stands. She is also a tutor.

She plans to attend the University of Findlay to major in psychology and to run track and field.



Elijah Selser

Elijah Selser is the son of Karis Selser and Richard Selser.

He is a member of the marching band, tennis team, Buddy Mentoring, Science Club, Drug Free Seniors and National Honor Society.

He earned the Scholar Athlete Award and First Honors.

He volunteers at the school's various activities.

He plans to study Computer Science at The Ohio State University.



Lauren Sexton

Lauren Sexton is the daughter of Crystal Weiss and Quinn Sexton.

She is a member of the basketball team, Warrior Marching Band, the volleyball team, Academic Challenge, Warrior Leadership Council, Warrior Leadership Executive, Drug Free Seniors and National Honor Society.

She earned the Ontario Board of Education Scholarship and volunteers around three hours a month for National Honor Society.

She plans to attend The Ohio State University for Exploration in Health Services to eventually enter the medical field.



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Alexis Shaver

Alexis Shaver is the daughter of Aimee Shaver and Scott Shaver.

She is a member of National Honor Society, Warrior Leadership Committee, Rhapsody in Blue and Drug Free Seniors.

She earned the National School Choral Award.

She volunteered for three hours each month for National Honor Society and she works in retail.

She plans to attend the Mansfield campus of The Ohio State University and study psychology.



Audrey Spearman

Audrey Spearman is the daughter of Julie Spearman and Tom Spearman.

She is a member of the marching band, symphonic band, pep band and National Honor Society.

She earned the 100 Percent Credential Award for Pioneer Career Center, Tuition Freedom Scholarship, Gorman Family Scholarship and Walter and Mary Kumm Scholarship.

She worked at Besta Fasta Pizza for two years and currently works at Rue 21. She has volunteered at Cedar Point and the Haunted Trail. She also picks up trash in her neighborhoods.

Audrey will be getting some credits in Graphic Design at NC State, then getting a Bachelors in Digital Cinematography and a Masters in Film at Full Sail University.



Kylie Snow

Kylie Snow is the daughter of Pam Snow and Sean Snow.

She is a member of National Honor Society, Student Council, Key Club, Family Career and Community Leaders of America, varsity softball and varsity volleyball.

She has earned Scholar Athlete five times and is a three-time MOAC 2nd team. She earned the Honorable Mention District Award and is two-time Defensive Player of the Year Award winner.

Kylie earned the Most Improved Award for volleyball.

She is a Gorman Rupp summer help employee, works at Rue21 and the Army National Guard. She is a volunteer at Ohio-Health Hospital and the New Store.

She plans to complete advanced individual training for the Army National Guard this summer, then attend Heidelberg University majoring in education and playing on the softball team. She would like to become a high school teacher and softball coach.



Chandler Spognardi

Chandler Spognardi is the daughter of the late Amanda Chastang and Nicholas Spognardi.

She is president of National Honor Society, treasurer of Key Club and a member of the Executive Warrior Leadership Committee, Buddy Mentoring and Drug Free Seniors.

She is also a member of the varsity volleyball team, cheer squad, track team and Golden Girls.

She earned All As for four quarters, Scholar Athlete, Optimist Award and Academic "O".

Her membership in National Honor Society and Key Club requires monthly volun-



teer participation. Through those clubs, she has mainly volunteered with People Helping People, the New Store Dressing Day, the Clean Up Ontario project, a nursing home, Stingel Elementary School, and other community-based organizations.

She plans to further her education in Media and Broadcasting.

Alexandria Switaj

Alexandria Switaj is the daughter of Amy Brunell and Kenneth Switaj.

She is a member of the varsity softball team, marching band/drumline, concert and symphonic bands, Varsity Academic Challenge, Warrior Leadership Committee, Science Club and National Honor Society.

She earned the Honor Roll and Scholar Athlete Award.

Alexandria is employed as a camp counselor at Ontario Summer Recreation Camp and as an umpire for Ontario Youth Sports. She is currently employed at Sol Froyo.

She volunteers around the community in different events such as Cleanup Ontario, the Greek Festival and the Ontario Easter Egg Hunt. She also been a peer tutor at Ontario High School. She has been volunteering since elementary school.

She plans to pursue a masters degree in Cybersecurity, and then pursue a career in a government agency as a cybersecurity analyst.



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Brienne Trumpower

Brienne Trumpower is the daughter of Brooke Trumpower and Jeffrey Trumpower.

She is a member of Warrior Leadership Council, Drug Free Seniors and Buddy Mentoring. She is National Honor Society Vice President.



She earned the OHS Scholar Athlete seven times, Academic All-Ohio, Academic All-American, MOAC Runner of the Year, OHS Most Valuable Runner, All-Ohio (16), OHS Most Valuable Swimmer (3), National Scholar Team Gold Award, IHeart Radio Athlete of the Week, Avita Athlete of the Month, MOAC Swimmer of the Year, *Mansfield News Journal* Swimmer of the Year and OHS Most Running Points.

She has worked as a lifeguard for several local pools and given group and private swim lessons. She volunteered for many service projects organized through the school, her favorite being packing christmas presents for families in need at Crossroads church.

She plans to attend the University of Akron to major in Business Administration and compete on the swim team.

Elanor Wilging

Elanor Wilging is the daughter of Wendy Wilging and Chris Wilging.

She is a member of the varsity volleyball team, Warrior Leadership Committee, Key Club and Drug Free Seniors.



She has worked for five years at her family's local business.

Elanor plans to attend The Ohio State University Columbus to study Marketing.

Erica Ye

Erica Ye is the daughter of Rongsheng Chen and Huawei Ye.

She is a member of Warrior Leadership Council, Key Club, National Honor Society, Buddy Mentoring, Guidance Office Aid and Drug Free Seniors.

She earned academic awards for a 3.67 grade point average or higher.

She volunteered for Key Club and National Honor Society and helps out at her family's restaurant.

Erica plans to attend The Ohio State University for further education.



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The Ontario High School Senior Honors Night Program was held May 24. Awards and certificates were presented to:

Senior Class officers: Duncan McLean, president; Alexis Shaver, vice president; and Lauren Sexton, secretary

English: Kayen Huvler
Social Studies: Mercedes Vandenberg
Visual Arts: Duncan McLean
Instrumental Music: Elizabeth Corn
Vocal: Kayen Huvler

Foreign Language: Reagan Wilkerson
Science: Thomas Montgomery
Mathematics: Alexandria Switaj
Family and Consumer Science: Elisha Burson
Onarama: Kayla Kurtz and Keely Kurtz
Tech Systems & Design: Elijah Selser

Warrior Leadership Cords: Duncan McLean, Lauren Sexton, Alexis Shaver and Chandler Spognardi

Military Cords: Lauren Morehead and Kylie Snow

Pioneer CTC Quality Performance Award: Elisha Burson, Ella Ritter and Audrey Spearman

The President's Education Certificates are for the seniors with at least a 3.5 GPA/85th percentile or higher in math or reading or two teacher/staff recommendations. They were presented to Omar Abdelaziz, Jillian Ambrose, Hayden Baker, Isabel Baker, McKenzie Barnhart, Leah Blay, Elisha Burson, Elizabeth Corn, Wyatt Dean, Jayden Dechert, Lillian Fetzer, Joslyne Frazier, Easton Frost, Cole Gremling, Jayla Hall, Madaline Henderson, Marisa Horton, Kayen Huvler, Olivia Justice, Adrienne Kearns, Colin Kmetz, Kayla Kurtz, Keely Kurtz, Joseph Litao, Brandon Litteral, Robert Mangan, Noah Marsh, Grace McClenathan, Duncan McLean, Miles

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Student Aides: Kayla Kurtz, Keely Kurtz, Jayden Leach, Elizabeth Nagel, William Saltzgiver, Alex Switaj, Gage Weaver and Erica Ye

Scholar Athlete Awards (second semester): Drew Barnes, Alexander Bayes, Caden Boebel, Jayden Dechert, Joslyne Frazier, Madaline Henderson, Marisa Horton, Adrienne Kearns, Jayden Leach, Duncan McLean, Miles Meisse, Lance Miller, Elizabeth Nagel, Brody Phillips, Colten Ramion, Jordan Reed, John Rose, Hadley Schultz, Joseph Litao, Elijah Selser, Lauren Sexton, Kylie Snow, Chandler Spognardi, Alexandria Switaj, Brienne Trumpower, Adison Turnbaugh, Gage Weaver and Laprina Young

Scholar Athlete: Omar Abdelaziz
Archie Griffin: Miles Meisse and Laprina Young

Courageous Student: Taylor Mullins
NFHS: Miles Meisse and Adison Turnbaugh
Grit Street Award: Brandon Litteral, Kayla Kurtz and Keely Kurtz

Ontario High School Senior Athlete Awards: Drew Barnes, Bralen Boone, Braxton Hall, Marisa Horton, Ellie Malone-Martinez, Miles Meisse, Lauren Morehead, Taylor Mullins, Elizabeth Nagel, Jordan Reed, Hadley Schultz, Chandler Spognardi, Gage Weaver, Drew Yetter and Laprina Young

Outstanding Athletes of the Year: Brienne Trumpower and Gage Weaver

OHSAA State Award: Ted Mutti
Ontario Basketball Scholarship: Gage Weaver
Eric J. Grove Scholarship: Kayen Huvler
Marcia Baer Scholarship: Elizabeth Corn
Girls State: Hadley Schultz

Richland County Foundation Scholarships
University Club Interview Participation Scholarship: Elisha Burson, Brody Phillips and Jordan Reed

University Club Educational Foundational Scholarship Recipients: Elisha Burson, Jayla Hall, Lance Miller, Hunter Petit, Brody Phillips, Allison Potter, Jordan Reed, James Stewart, Mercedes Vandenberg and Laprina Young
University Club Scholarship: Mercedes Vandenberg

Earl H. Goetz Scholarship In Honor Of Vern Stover: Jayla Hall

S.N. and Ada Ford Scholarship: Lance Miller and Allison Potter

University Club Educational Foundation James P. Weldon Scholarship: Lance Miller Bee and Frank Ackard Memorial Scholarship: Elizabeth Nagel and Brienne Trumpower
Fran and Warren Rupp Scholarship: Hunter Petit

Joseph W. Elrod Scholarship: Hunter Petit and Laprina Young

Marilyn J. and David P. Eckstein Memorial Scholarship: Lauren Sexton

Paul and Adelyn Shumaker Scholarship: James Stewart

Mark S. Fisher Memorial Scholarship: Brienne Trumpower

Bill and Eleanir Cassel Kline Scholarship: Jayla Hall and Joseph Litao

Betty Devore Scholarship: Kayen Huvler

Franklin Withrow Scholarship: Jordan Reed
Linda Fulmer Kindness Initiative Award: Aryn Williams

Medical Mutual Scholarship: Marisa Horton

Ontario Federation of Teachers: Elizabeth Nagel, Hunter Petit and Elanor Wilging

Safety Patrol Scholarship: Alexandria Switaj

Academic Boosters Scholarship: Joseph Litao, Miles Meisse, Natalie Reid, Lauren Sexton and Alexandria Switaj

Music Booster Scholarships
Mr. David Leyerle Scholarship: Elizabeth Corn and Kayen Huvler

Mrs. Rebecca Arnold Scholarship: Isabel Baker and Lance Miller

Shiloh Baptist Church Bernice Geneva Cline Cash Scholarship: Belicia Salas

Sutton Bank: Miles Meisse

33 Forever Scholarship: Elizabeth Corn
McGowan Courage Award: Nicholaus Shaum

Strive Award: Destini Gottfried and Madaline Henderson

Rotary Club Scholarship: Mercedes Vandenberg

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The Robin B. Milner Life Scholarship: Jayla Hall
 Franklin B. Walter All Scholastic Award: Omar Abdelaziz

National Merit Commended Student: Natalie Reid
 Junior Achievement Scholarship: Caden Boebel
 National Technical Honor Society (Pioneer): Leah Blay, Elisha Burson, Belicia Salas, Audrey Spearman and James Stewart

National Honor Society Tassels: Jillian Ambrose, Isabel Baker, Leah Blay, Elisha Burson, Elizabeth Corn, Jayden Dechert, Kayen Huvler, Olivia Justice, Colin Kmetz, Joseph Litao, Brandon Litteral, Robert Mangan, Noah Marsh, Duncan McLean, Miles Meisse, Thomas Montgomery, Kylee Mullins, Elizabeth Nagel, Natalie Reid, Logan Rhodebeck, Reese Ritchie, Belicia Salas, William Saltzgiver, Hadley Schultz, Elijah Selser, Lauren Sexton, Alexis Shaver, Kylie Snow, Audrey Spearman, Chandler Spognardi, Alexandria Switaj, Brienne Trumpower, Mercedes Vandenberg, Elanor Wilging, Erica Ye and Laprina Young

Honors Diploma: Omar Abdelaziz, Jillian Ambrose, Isabel Baker, Elisha Burson, Elizabeth Corn, Jayden Dechert, Jayla Hall, Marisa Horton, Kayen Huvler, Adrienne Kearns, Colin Kmetz, Kayla Kurtz, Keely Kurtz, Joseph Litao, Robert Mangan, Noah Marsh, Grace McClenathan, Duncan McLean, Miles Meisse, Thomas Montgomery, Kylee Mullins, Elizabeth Nagel, Natalie Reid, Logan Rhodebeck, Reese Ritchie, Belicia Salas, Hadley Schultz, Elijah Selser, Lauren Sexton, Alexis Shaver, Audrey Spearman, Chandler Spognardi, Alexandria Switaj, Brienne Trumpower, Adison Turnbaugh, Mercedes Vandenberg, Elanor Wilging, Erica Ye and Laprina Young

Cum Laude (3.67 GPA and above): Jillian Ambrose, Joslyne Frazier, Marisa Horton, Olivia Justice, Noah Marsh, William Saltzgiver, Adison Turnbaugh, Mercedes Vandenberg and Grace Voelp

Magna Cum Laude (3.83 GPA and above): Leah Blay, Elisha Burson, Kayen Huvler, Colin Kmetz, Brandon Litteral, Reese Ritchie, Belicia Salas and Laprina Young

Summa Cum Laude (4.0 GPA): Omar Abdelaziz, Hayden Baker, Isabel Baker, Elizabeth Corn, Jayden Dechert, Joseph Litao, Robert Mangan, Grace McClenathan, Duncan McLean, Miles Meisse, Thomas Montgomery, Kylee Mullins, Elizabeth Nagel, Brody Phillips, Natalie Reid, Logan Rhodebeck, Hadley Schultz, Elijah Selser, Lauren Sexton, Alexis Shaver, Kylie Snow, Audrey Spearman, Chandler Spognardi, Alexandria Switaj, Brienne Trumpower, Elanor Wilging and Erica Ye



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Miles Meisse to John Carroll University for Track and Cross Country



Brienne Trumpower to Akron University for Swimming



Allison Potter to Mount Vernon Nazarene University for Track and Field



Jayden Leach to Terra State University for Baseball



Drew Yetter to Ohio Dominican University for Football

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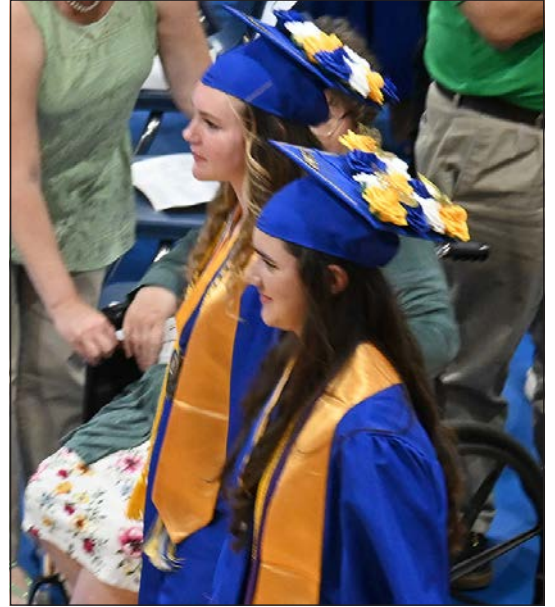
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Ontario Performing Arts hosts first annual signing day

The Performing Arts Department of Ontario High School, with the support of the Ontario Music Boosters, celebrated the first annual Signing Day May 15, in the high school library. Four seniors have auditioned, been accepted and signed committals to perform at their prospective colleges.

Director of Bands, Elijah Henkel stated, "I am very proud to have four Ontario student musicians continue into collegiate ensembles and music programs. I am excited to attend their concerts and marching band shows and watch them grow."

Lance Miller is attending Ashland University as an Ashbrook Scholar and will be playing bass trombone in the Eagle Marching Band this Fall.

He will also participate in AU's concert band and plans to join jazz or brass ensembles in the future.

Miller stated, "Music has impacted my life in so many ways. It has taught me how to keep working at something and to not give up and how to improve at something through my work. I have experienced the payoff of hard work and improvement at something I love. It has brought me many friends and experiences I'll never forget and gives me a lifelong passion for trombone."

Payton Schisler a five-year Ontario Marching Band member, joining the high school program as an eighth grader, will also be joining the Ashland University Marching Band and Symphonic Band.

Schisler states, "I also plan on spreading my love for music and encouraging others to give it a chance."

Elizabeth Corn has been a part of the marching, jazz and symphonic band for all four years of her high school career.

Since her sophomore year, she has held the leadership position as the Principal Clarinet and Section Leader and has dedicated an extensive amount of time to helping individual students as well as the overall program these past few years.

As a member of the jazz band, she has participated in Cabaret for three years and this year she had a few small solo features within some of the pieces.

In the symphonic band, she has had the opportunity to perform at OMEA Large Group Contest twice. Her freshman year, they received a 1 rating at Districts. This year, she played two cued solos for both the District and State judges.

She has been awarded both the Patrick S. Gilmore Award (junior year) and the John Phillip Sousa Award (senior year). Corn has also participated in OMEA's Solo and Ensemble for three years and has received a superior rating each time in Class A.

In the fall, Corn will be attending Capital University to pursue an undergraduate degree in Clarinet performance with a possible double major in Music Technology. After that, she will likely pursue a graduate degree to further refine her music knowledge and experiences. Her long-term goal is to become a professional clarinetist and either work full-time performing/teaching or take on a career in audio tech. depending on where her education leads her.

Corn says, "Since I found my passion for music in eighth grade, I have been following it ever since and it has impacted and changed

every aspect of my life. Through my freshman year, and especially through the quarantine season, I was practicing and doing everything I could to improve as a musician and young clarinetist on my own. It reached a point where I was practicing 3-4 hours daily, completely unprompted by anyone else, and in turn, it has reflected extremely positively in my chair placements, extracurricular ensembles, and accomplishments outside of Ontario's music program alone."

"Music initially was just an outlet for me to focus on apart from my academic stress. But as I continued to improve rapidly and outgrow Ontario's program, is when I realized how much more meaningful and special music is to me. Over the years, I have completely restructured my entire education to revolve around music. I spent my junior and senior years taking my academic classes year-round so that I could make time for all of my extracurricular music opportunities."

"In my senior year alone, I attended weekly rehearsals as a member of the Mansfield Symphony Youth Orchestra, Cleveland Youth Wind Symphonies Group 1, and Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra, and on top of this, I participated in annual OMEA events, all while also going through my college search and audition process. At this level of involvement in music, I've found myself in a position of being everything but a typical high school student. Aside from just growing as a clarinet player, music has also caused me to grow significantly as a person. I find myself now with communication skills, maturity, leadership skills, time/schedule management skills, and so much more, unlike many other students I know. Music has had a major, positive impact on my life, and it has even become the pathway that the rest of my life will revolve around."

Kayen Huvler, the only student of the four who has been a part of vocal and instrumental ensembles explains, "Throughout my high school career, I have participated in the Warrior Marching and Symphonic Band for four years, Rhapsody in Blue Show Choir for two years, and the jazz band for one year. In band, I have co-led as a clarinet section leader for two years, and throughout that time, I've learned essential leadership skills and formed memorable bonds with my fellow clarinetists and band members."

"In choir, I've been a soloist for both years of my involvement. At Cabaret, I have previously showcased a piano and vocal solo and this year a duet. I was one of two Ontario students to participate in this year's solo and ensemble, in which I received a superior rating for my vocal solo of Scarlatti's "Le Violette." Outside of school events, I've previously participated in the Honor Choir Day and Music and Theater Summer Camp at Heidelberg University in 2022, where I also performed a solo. In the jazz band, I was the only pianist and had many great opportunities to increase my knowledge of improvisation and jazz performance."

Huvler, will be attending The Ohio State University this fall majoring in music education with a choral specialization. She is most excited to improve her singing abilities through voice lessons, as well

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Lance Miller and his mom, Misty Miller



Payton Schisler

Ontario hosts signing day

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as learning how to play new instruments and understanding music theory. Huvler has been accepted into the Arts Scholars Program at OSU, where she hopes to meet many talented musicians and artists who will encourage her to practice and meet her performance goals. While studying at OSU, Huvler intends to audition for the Women's Glee Club; she has previously attended one of their classes as a prospective student and states, "I was blown away by their talent."

Huvler may also join Ohio State's Athletic Band, she enjoys the marching band setting and would love to make memories with fellow musicians across campus. As a side project, she hopes to continue performing vocally and, on the piano, to make extra money by sharing my passion.

Following the completion of her bachelor's degree, Huvler would like to teach music at the secondary level.

"More than anything, I wish to inspire my future students the way my music directors have inspired me and to become a better person along the way. My music classes have provided me and many others with a safe space for self-expression and education, and I hope to pay this experience forward to future generations." Huvler said.

Megan Hiler, the Vocal Director and Assistant Band Director, at Ontario Local Schools has taught all four of these students the last three years.

Hiler boasts, "I am so proud to see many Ontario musicians continuing their passions in college. I can't wait to see what all they achieve in their next ensembles!"

Boebel awarded Junior Achievement of North Central Ohio Scholarship

Junior Achievement of North Central Ohio (JANCO) partners with graduates as they take their first steps into the future.

Thanks to generous supporters, the JA of North Central Ohio Scholarships were offered this year to graduating seniors with previous JA program involvement. Students shared future goals and the impact of JA's financial- and career-focused curriculum on these plans.

"Today's students are truly in a different class," said Lori McCleese, President of JANCO. "Their dedication to personal improvement shines through their resilience in challenges, response to adversities and overwhelming community engagement. All the recipients highlighted what it means to be enterprising, civic-minded individuals in their high school careers and extracurricular activities. In short, they exemplify what Junior Achievement programs strive to foster."

JANCO awarded Caden Boebel of Ontario High School a scholarship as he prepares to attend the Ohio Fire Academy this fall.



Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their future, and make smart academic and economic choices.

JA programs are delivered by corporate and community volunteers, and provide relevant, hands-on experiences that give students from kindergarten through high school knowledge and skills in financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship.

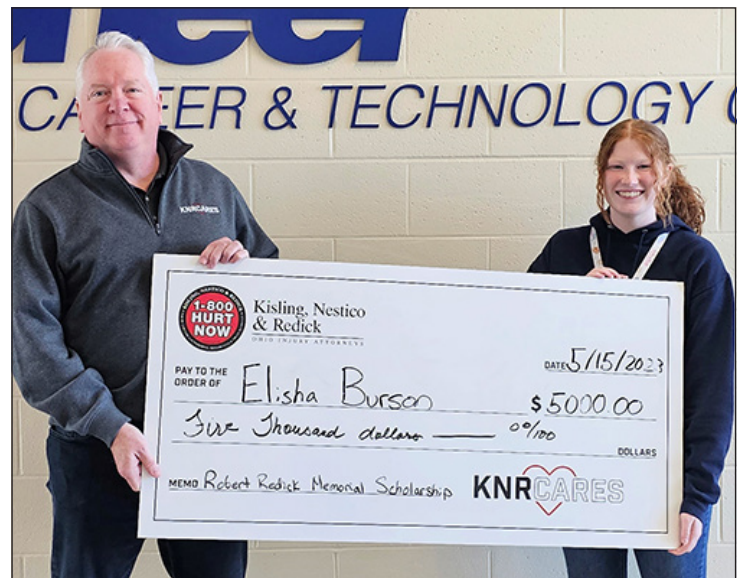
JA reaches 4.8 million students per year in more than 100 markets across the United States, with an additional 5.6 million students served by operations in over 100 other countries worldwide. JA of North Central Ohio operates in 16 Ohio Counties, impacting 21,870 students in the 2021-'22 academic year. Discover the JA promise for today's students and opportunities to get involved at jaofncjo.org.



Elizabeth Corn



Kayen Huvler



THE ROBERT REDICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP awards \$5,000 to the creative student who develops a new and engaging ad that promotes KNR to Ohio injury victims by highlighting a problem, bringing awareness to an issue, and offering a possible solution related to car accident victims. KNR, Kisling, Nestico, & Reddick Law Firm representatives made a trip from Akron to award Elisha Burson with a \$5,000 scholarship. It is a nationwide scholarship and Elisha was selected based on her presentation. Elisha is an Ontario High School senior that attends Pioneer Career and Technology Center.

Ontario High School Powder Puff Football • Junior Class (Pink) Wins



News Briefs in Education

Sage Moore of Lexington has been named to the University of Evansville Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the Spring 2023 semester.

More than 640 students at UE were named to the list. To merit this honor, a student must have carried a full academic load of 12 hours or more and have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

The University of Evansville is located in Indiana.



Ryan Brophy, of Ontario, was named to the dean's list at Capital University for the spring 2023 semester.

In order to be named to the list, full-time, degree-seeking students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.69.

The university is located in the Columbus.



Capital University has announced its president's list honorees for the spring 2023 semester. The president's list indicates the highest level of academic distinction. To be named to the list, students must have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.85

On the president's list are local students Bre Chatman and Thomas Secrist of Mansfield.



Clay Sturts of Lexington graduated May 13 from Ohio Wesleyan University. Sturts earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and majored in Psychology and Zoology. OWU is located in Delaware, OH.



In recognition of academic performance, the Office of Academic Affairs at University of the Columbians has announced the students named to the president's list for the Spring 2023 semester.

To be eligible, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours (a full course load), maintain a minimum term GPA of 4.0, receive an "A" grade in UC Engage, and be in good academic standing.

Spencer Hall of Ontario was named to the president's list.

University of the Columbians is located in Kentucky.



Ohio Wesleyan University has announced its dean's list for spring semester 2023. To qualify for the recognition, students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale in all applicable classes. Local residents recognized for their academic achievements include Cooper Christie, Callie Kampe, Ashley Krumlaw, Arianna Morris, Clay Sturts, Ava Swanson and Zoe Swanson.



Local students were named to the Dean's List with Distinction for the spring 2023 semester at Grove City College. Students eligible for the list have a GPA of 3.60 to 3.84. On the list are Isabel Golias and Mary Golias, both of Lexington.

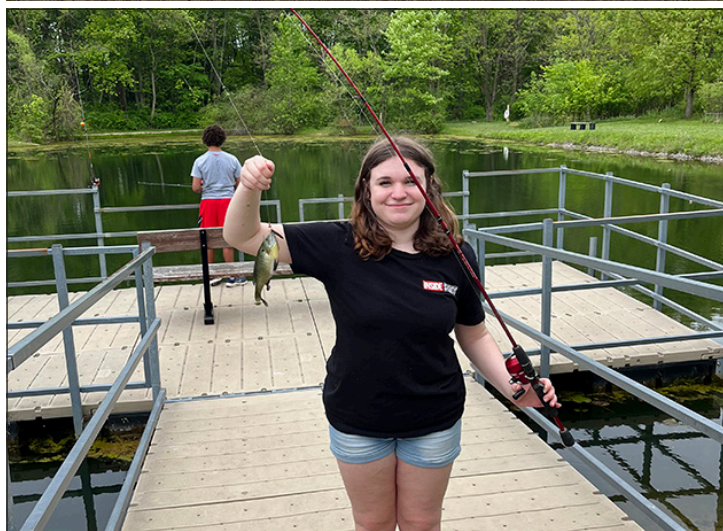
Isabel Golias is an English major and Mary Golias is a Design and Innovation major. Both are 2022 graduates of Mansfield Christian School and the daughters of David and Andrea Golias.



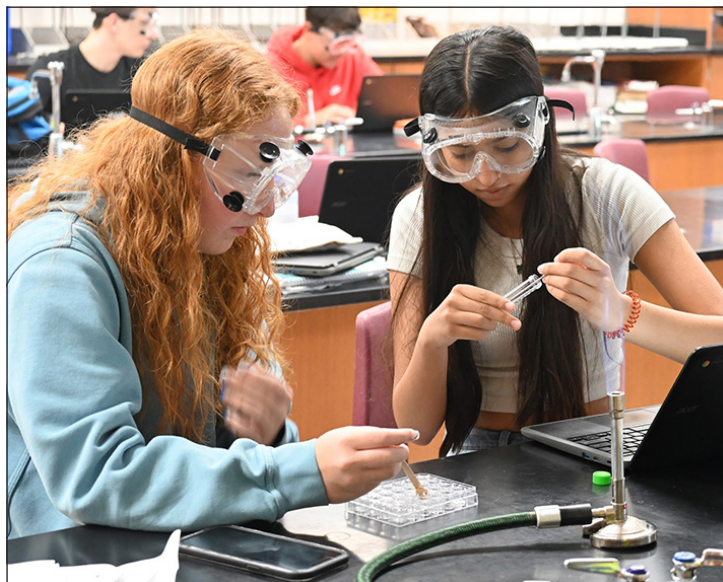
Local students are members of the graduating Class of 2023 at Heidelberg University.

A total of 230 undergraduate students received bachelor's degrees and 70 graduate students received degrees in counseling, business administration and the first-ever graduates in athletic training.

Local graduates are Amanda Nething, Bachelor of Arts, Education, from Mansfield; and Jalen Trammell, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration and Economics, Cum Laude, from Ontario.



THE ONTARIO SCIENCE CLUB traveled to Lowe-Volk park for their end of year field experience. The group hiked along the Sandusky River, explored new wetland areas, visited the nature center and fished in the pond. Despite only catching one fish, the group had a beautiful day and observed a lot of geological and biological diversity.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL chemistry lab students of Ms. Havers worked on many projects, experiments and lessons this year.

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STUDENTS IN LAUREN REICHENBACH'S middle school class at Ontario organized a classroom pet fair. All kinds of family pets came to be part of the fun. Students were able to showcase their pets to various classmates from OMS and Stingel Elementary. Additionally, students learned about personal traits that are required of successful pet owners, including responsibility, compassion and flexibility.

Richland County 4-H members compete in public speaking contest

The Richland County 4-H program held its spring public speaking contest at the Richland County Longview Center on Thursday, May 11.

Extension Educator, Dr. Judy Villard Overocker, welcomed youth participants, parents and 4-H volunteers to the event.

Villard Overocker remarked that "Each division of this public speaking contest focuses on refining public speaking skills for the 4-H members. The skills learned and practiced today will benefit all of these youth when they become adults".

Winners of the 4-H Pledge are 1st, Emmalyn Kleman (Shelby); 2nd, Mary Thompson (Shelby); and 3rd, Mariah Barciz (Mansfield). Winner of the 4-H Creed is Marissa Barciz (Mansfield).

Winners of the 4-H Prepared Speaking is 1st, Elizabeth Enix (Mansfield); and 2nd, Sofia Johnson (Mansfield).

Winner of the Intermediate Demonstration Contest is Sawyer Eshelman (Shelby). Sawyer will be invited to participate at the Ohio State Fair in August.

Outstanding Speaker Award (special judges award) for the overall contest included Emmalyn Kleman, Mary Thompson, Marissa Barciz and Sawyer Eshelman.

Judges for the 4-H event included Mary K Steele, Diane Larrick, Karen Reith and Brenda Dininger.

Major donors for this public speaking contests were the Greenslade Family, Charles Miller & Associates, Auctioneers, Abbott Family,

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Public speaking skills are one of the important abilities 4-H members learn through study and practice in the Richland County 4-H program. Many current 4-H club members go beyond the club level and participate in Richland County's spring public speaking contest. In addition, some youth will be invited to participate at a state level competition.



ONTARIO TEXTILE DESIGN students in Brittany Rhodes' class wrapped up the school year with a recycle redesign project. They upcycled the wrappers from their favorite candy bars into useful candy wrapper zipper pouches.



PIONEER PRESCHOOL hosted its annual preschool graduation recently for the Class of 2023. Among the graduates are Toby (left photo) and Markus (right photo).

Former Buckeyes to attend benefit dinner June 23

Richland County Foundation President Brady Groves will be the guest speaker at the Doug Castle Legacy Fund benefit dinner Friday, June 23, at 5:30 pm at Kingwood Center Gardens, 50 Trimble Rd., Mansfield.

Proceeds will go to the Doug Castle Legacy Fund of the Richland County Foundation for community grants. Tickets are \$45 and are available on Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/3N6G5yG>.

Former Ohio State Football players running back Antonio Pittman, defensive tackle Doug Worthington and offensive guard Ben Person will be at the benefit dinner to meet and greet guests.

Since its inception in 2018, the Doug Castle Legacy Fund has awarded three college scholarships to Mansfield Senior High School graduates.

This year the Doug Castle Legacy Fund awarded grants to the North End Community Improvement Collaborative for its new community center and to the Blessed to Run Track organization for scholarships for student athletes.

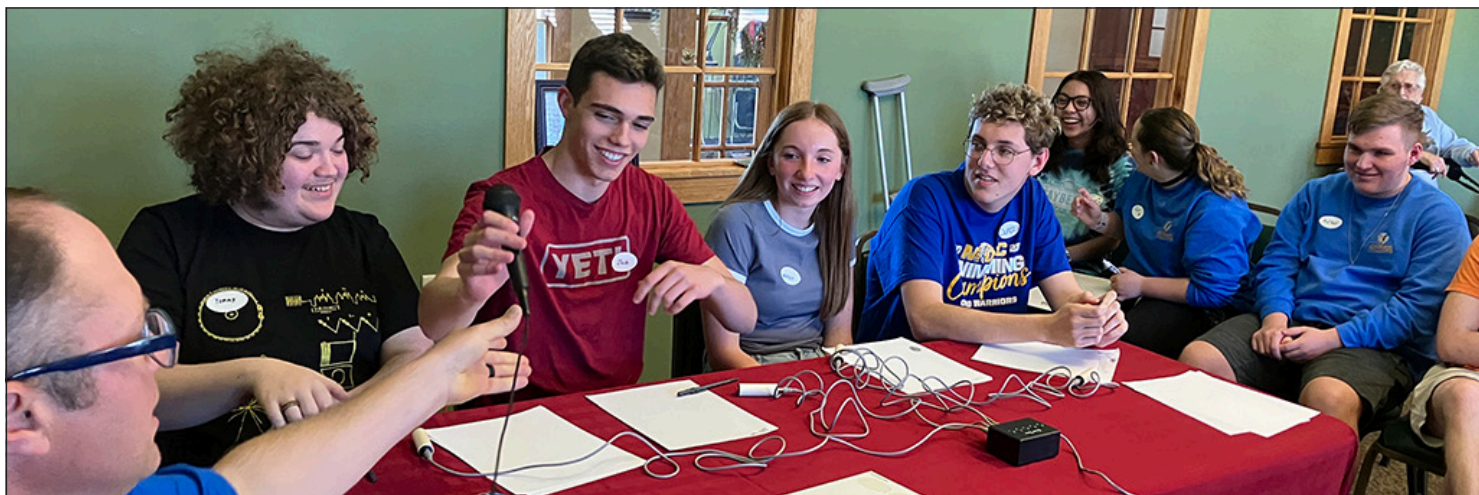
During the program, three people will be recognized for their service and dedication to the athletic programs at Mansfield City Schools and their names will be added to the Castle Wall at Arlin Field.

Castle was a local educator whose 50-year career spanned all aspects of education in Richland County.

He had a special place in his heart for the underdog. When he died of brain cancer his family established the Doug Castle Legacy Fund at the Richland County Foundation to continue his work and honor his life.

His wife, Liz; son, Michael, and daughter, Beth, want to support education programs, racial equity and inclusion, mentorship, and community building.

Anyone can donate to the Doug Castle Legacy Fund online at richlandcountyfoundation.org, click the donate button and select the Doug Castle Fund. Or checks can be written to the Richland County Foundation with a note for the fund on the memo line.



THE ACADEMIC CHALLENGE TEAM of Ontario High School traveled to Primrose Retirement Home for the Dan "The Trivia Man" Henige Memorial Trivia Challenge. The students and residents had a friendly trivia match. The residents beat the students in the match.

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A part-time position is available for Ontario Recreation Department Director. The director is responsible for coordinating community events, such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Summer Recreation Camp, Touch a Truck, Haunted Trail and the Craft Show. If interested, please email your resume to Mayor Randy Hutchinson at Mayor@ontario-ohio.org by June 2, 2023 at 4 pm.

Randy Hutchinson, Mayor,
City of Ontario, Ohio
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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 May 17, 2023.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 23-06 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 921 WATER, SECTION 921.17 MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE FEE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-07 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 23-03 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2023.

Cathy VanAuker, MMC
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids for the Bicentennial Park Courts, Village of Lexington, Ohio will be received by the Village of Lexington, Ohio, at the office of the Administrative Director at 44 West Main Street, Lexington, Ohio 44904 until 10:00 am, local time June 22, 2023, and then, at said office, publicly opened and read aloud.

Contractors will be required to purchase and download an electronic set of plans and bid documents via the KEM Web Site by visiting <https://kemcca1iney.com/project-bids/>.

If you would prefer a hard copy be mailed, we will do so upon receipt of payment in the amount of \$50.00 per set, along with your UPS or FedEx account number so that shipping charges can be applied to your account. Checks shall be made payable to K.E. McCartney & Associates and all documents become the property of the prospective bidder, with no portion of the payment being refunded.

Should you have any questions during

the bidding process please contact mrufener@kemcca1tney.com.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities. Contract will be awarded based on the lowest and best bid. The Village of Lexington may reject any or all bids on any basis and without disclosure of reason. The failure to make such disclosure shall not result in accrual of any right, claim or cause of action by any unsuccessful bidder against the Village of Lexington.

Each bid must be accompanied by either an Ohio Revised Code Section 153.571 Bid and Performance Payment Bond in an amount equal to 100% of the bid; or, a cashier's check, bid bond, letter of credit to be duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon, a surety company approved by the Owner in the amount of 10% of the bid.

Each bid must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. The Owner intends and requires that this project be completed by October 31, 2023.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Richland County and Village of Lexington, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Wage and Hour Division, 614-644-2239.

Brenda Wilson
Clerk of Council
Lexington, Ohio
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BLOCK SALE

TAYLORTOWN ROAD., MANSFIELD
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Retiree lunch planned at museum

North Central Ohio Industrial Museum's Friends of Manufacturing will host its First Annual Manufacturing Retirees Lunch on Friday, Sept. 1, from 11 am to 1 pm.

The lunch is free to the first 200 retirees from the area who are 65 and older.

The lunch will be held at The Ohio State Reformatory, 100 Reformatory Rd., Mansfield, in the main guard room. Tours of the museum will be given from noon to 1 pm. The meal will be provided by Port-A-Cook. Dress is casual.

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