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Jeff Duling, OFSWCD; Justin Ringler, H2OH participant; and Brian Baldrige, ODA Director

## ODA Director Brian Baldrige visits Richland County

The last day of May was sunny and warm for the Ohio Department of Agriculture's (ODA) visit to Richland County. Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) Director Erica Thomas, met new ODA Director Brian Baldrige at the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation District Partner meeting during the winter and afterward extended an invitation to visit Richland County to see examples of conservation practices at work and get a feel of projects Richland SWCD is involved in throughout the county.

The first stop on the tour after a welcome from Commissioner Cliff Mears and Richland SWCD Director Thomas was at Kingwood Center Gardens to meet Executive Director Josh Steffen. He explained how the Garden Gateway project enhances the guest experience through artful and efficient stormwater management. The tour began in the parking lot in front of the Garden Gateway building. Steffen shared how bioswales were added to collect stormwater runoff from the building, parking lot and other hard surfaces to help filter and slow the water going into the Nature Pond.

The Story Book Trail has been enhanced with porous pavement which allows water to infiltrate the soil at a slow rate and prevent erosion. Throughout the tour, guests were treated to breathtaking blooming flowers and trees. Guests also got a sneak peak of Sean Kenney's Nature Connects made from LEGO bricks. Guests were shown how water is filtered and recirculated into the duckpond and Director Baldrige and guests got a behind-the-scenes look at the pumping station. Water is channeled off the Carriage house into a rain garden (planted with native plants to slow down water) and rainwater from rain barrels (used to water carnivorous plants).

To see how an urban farm operates, the tour continued to the NE-CIC Urban Farm in downtown Mansfield. Walt Bonham shared how the Farm is utilizing a former brownfield site located in a food desert area and using the site to produce food. The site formerly housed the Gorman-Rupp Company. High tunnels, greenhouses, raised beds, and some irrigation systems assist the collaborative efforts of

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## Voter registration deadline nearing for August special election

The deadline to register to vote or change an address or name for the Aug. 8, Special Election is Monday, July 10.

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

To register to vote, a resident must be either a native U.S. citizen or a naturalized citizen of the U.S. and a resident of The State of Ohio 30 days before an election.

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](http://VoteOhio.gov) but must do so by the July 10 deadline. Online registration is also now available at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov)

In addition to the board of elections office, citizens may register or complete a change of address/name at Richland County locations that include anylibrary branch, all city and village hall offices, The Bureau of Motor Vehicles Office, The Department of Human Services, The Richland County Courthouse (recorder or treasurer offices) and 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 postmarked 30 days before Election Day.

## Summer library program underway

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library (MRCPL) invites the community to participate in the annual Summer Library Program, All Together Now, from June 5 through July 29 at all nine locations, at the Bookmobile and online at [mrcpl.org](http://mrcpl.org).

This program encourages reading among people of all ages, decreases summer reading loss in students, and engages the community with in-person and passive activities.

The program will conclude with the free, family-friendly, Mansfield Family Festival on Saturday, July 29, from 10 am to 2 pm in downtown Mansfield. This event is sponsored by the Buckeye Imagination Museum, Idea Works, MRCPL, Richland Carrousel Park and Richland Source and features live entertainment, over fifty vendors, bounce houses, carousel rides, food trucks and more.

For information on participating in the MRCPL Summer Library Program visit [mrcpl.org/slp2023](http://mrcpl.org/slp2023).

## Kingwood opens LEGO exhibit

Sean Kenney's Nature Connects Made with LEGO® Bricks, an award-winning and record-breaking exhibition that uses works of art made from simple toy blocks to explore animal endangerment, the balance of ecosystems, and mankind's relationship with nature is open at Kingwood Center Gardens now through Sept. 17.

The exhibition allows visitors to appreciate both nature and the sculptures as something beautiful, and to inspire them to go home and create something wonderful themselves.

Fifteen sculptures will be on display throughout the gardens. Kingwood will offer special features during the exhibit including pop-up educational activities and Community Creations, free-form nature-based sculptures made by community members of all ages. Kingwood Hall will display LEGO pieces by artist Todd Wolf.

Kingwood will be open daily to the public from 10 am to 7 pm. Timed tickets are preferred and are available at [kingwoodcenter.org](http://kingwoodcenter.org) or by calling 419-522-0211. Walk up admission is limited.





A TRAIN LOAD of Altman Taylor threshers leave Mansfield in 1869 on the B&O.

## Mansfield's Altman & Taylor Gas Engines

By Bob Carter

Altman Taylor was, at one time, Mansfield's largest industry. Founded in 1874 as the Altman Taylor Manufacturing Co., the owners were Cornelius Altman and H. H. Taylor.

Steam engines used to power equipment were mostly stationary units but in 1880, Altman Taylor developed the first steam driven traction engine. These became very popular and were the type of steam tractor copied by other manufacturers.

The company bought 28 acres in Mansfield. Three railroads became the Erie, Pennsylvania and the Baltimore and Ohio. This made shipment of incoming materials and out going equipment very convenient. Richland County farms supplied much of the oak, ash and hickory, but soon the volume of thresher production required more.

In 1869, the company built and shipped more than 400 threshers and by 1890 they bought 300 railroad cars of coal, 500 cars of lumber and 300 car loads of iron.

Starting with 150 employees, the company reached a peak of 900 in 1918, becoming one of Mansfield's largest employers. They manufactured a variety of farm implements and were the leaders in design and innovations in farm tool design, often copied by their competitors, John Deere, Case and McCormick.

As steam-powered tractors had a great pulling power, they had one draw back being that they needed a coal or wood fuel and water supply. To counter this, the company designed a gas and kerosene-powered tractor for farm and road work. These were built in a similar size and frame as the steam tractors. The competitor's gas and cheaper fuel tractors were smaller and more maneuverable. They were almost as powerful.

As a youngster, I remember the time after World War II when a man named Baughman, who lived south of Lexington on Route 546, came through town with one of those huge Altman Taylor gas tractors pulling a thresher. It was a sight to behold and I can still remember the thump, thump of the engine. It lumbered on through town leaving a wide eyed kid behind.

The best summer show was held at Malabar Farm where these

whistle tooting snorting giants could strut their stuff to large crowds. But when the State stopped hauling them to the shoe and after one blew up near Cleveland injuring bystanders, the well meaning clown at Columbus passed a law demanding owners carry a \$1,000,000 insurance policy on them. These huge historic engines are seldom seen today.

Altman Taylor closed in Mansfield in 1923 and was sold to a firm in Indiana, and eventually to Allis Chalmers.

*Much of the material in this story was supplied by Richland County historian and writer Timothy Brian McKee.*

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# 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 at the fire house.

★  
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](http://www.lexasc.org). Dues are \$10 per year.

★  
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.

★  
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.

★  
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.

For information or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, contact Jerry Miller at [contact@ncoim.org](mailto:contact@ncoim.org) or 419-528-8107.

★  
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.

★  
All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Rev. Elaine Strawn at the 10:30 am Service on June 11. She will speak on "Mysticism in Real Time."

For more information visit [www.allsoulsuohio.org](http://www.allsoulsuohio.org).

★  
A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, June 24 and 25. 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.

★  
Richland Soil and Water Conservation District is teaming up with Malabar Farm State Park to sponsor Family Fun on the Farm Festival, which will take place on June 24 from 2–6 pm.

The festival returns for the third year at Malabar Farm State Park located at 4050 Bromfield Rd. in Lucas, with the return of popular vendors and exhibitors and the addition of new vendors. The festival is open to the public and admission is free.

Activities aim to bring awareness to locally grown food. Visitors have the chance to plant vegetables and learn how they can cultivate their own garden at home. Various fresh food items such as microgreens, herb and vegetable plants, maple syrup, meat and honey will be available to purchase.

The outdoor festival provides visitors with the opportunity to explore nature, visit farm animals, give archery a try, and go fishing in the pond. Fishing is free for those 15 years-old and younger. There will be an agriculture and conservation trivia wheel for a chance to win prizes. The festival also allows for slower paced activities such as a relaxing ride on the farm wagon and live music and storytelling.

Food trucks and vendors will have tasty treats and beverages for sale to enjoy while at the festival.

For information about the festival, visit <https://bit.ly/3XB7a7N>, e-mail [Contact@RichlandSWCD.net](mailto:Contact@RichlandSWCD.net) or call 419-747-8685.

★  
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.

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## THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

In 2018, *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse* became an instant success due to its unique animation style which combined real-life looking characters with actual comic book panels. It told the story of young Miles Morales who idolizes Spider Man and because of the explosion of a large machine, a multiverse opens up where Morales gets trained by Spider-Man and becomes his city's own superhero.

The movie was a huge hit and won the Oscar for best animated feature. Now, its sequel, *Spider-Man: Across the*

*Spider-Verse* has arrived and I am glad to say it is just as good as the original.

This story centers more on Gwen Stacy/Spider-Woman voiced by Hailee Steinfeld. She has become the superhero of her multiverse. She ventures back to visit Miles (again voiced by Shameik Moore).

He follows her into a whole other universe where he meets another group of spider men and they band together to defend Miles. The film's main villain is really entertaining and voiced by Jason Schwartzman named The Spot who has a connection to Miles and the original



film. He opens portals and his first scene in the movie is one of the most entertaining.

These spider-verse films are so engaging and for being rated PG this is a pretty dark movie and more for older children and adults. There is enough of a recap at the beginning for viewers who did not see the original but seeing that first film is highly encouraged.

The computer animation and storytelling from Phil Lord and Christopher Miller is so engaging. For someone who does not see a bunch of animated films, these movies really excel and become more than just a generic kids flick.

At over a two hour run time, the movie goes at a really fast pace and it will be easy to miss things as they fly by on the screen. These characters are so much fun though and the different spider men are just as enjoyable as the group from the first movie.

*Spider-Man: Across the Spi-*

*der-Verse* is such an enjoyable, funny yet at times quite serious story about these young people being thrust into all of these crazy situations, especially for Miles and Gwen, trying to balance life with their parents and school and everything that comes with growing up. This is a great sequel to an already top notch comic book movie.



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### 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 Acosta  
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship  
Tuesday Bible Study 1 pm (East entrance)

### Lexington Presbyterian Church

35 Church St. West, Lexington  
419-884-1330  
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](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  
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Sunday 10:45 am  
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### St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church

1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison) 419-589-2114 • [www.mansfieldstmarys.org](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  
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*This Week's Pet  
Looking for  
A Forever Home*



*Denver (Skittles)*

Oh, how all the volunteers love Denver. This three-year-old boy had his one year anniversary at the shelter on June 6. This sweet boy was is the shadow of whatever human he is with. He likes to sit right next to them or on their feet. Denver is just happy with people, even if those people are dressing him up, and he loves when people pet him and talk to him.

Once outside, Denver enjoys running around and checking things out. He is such a sweet-

heart and loves giving hugs and kisses but, you have to move slowly with Denver because he is skiddish and tends to flinch. After he is friends with a human, he loves to put his front paws on their shoulders, stare into their eyes, while touching noses together. Denver passed with dogs (male and female), cats and has no food aggression. Denver would need a home without children.

Denver 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; six months, \$100; longer than three months, \$125; and less than three months, \$150. This fee includes spay/neuter, microchip, dog license, and some vaccines.

The shelter needs 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.

**Kingwood 5K is Saturday**

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.

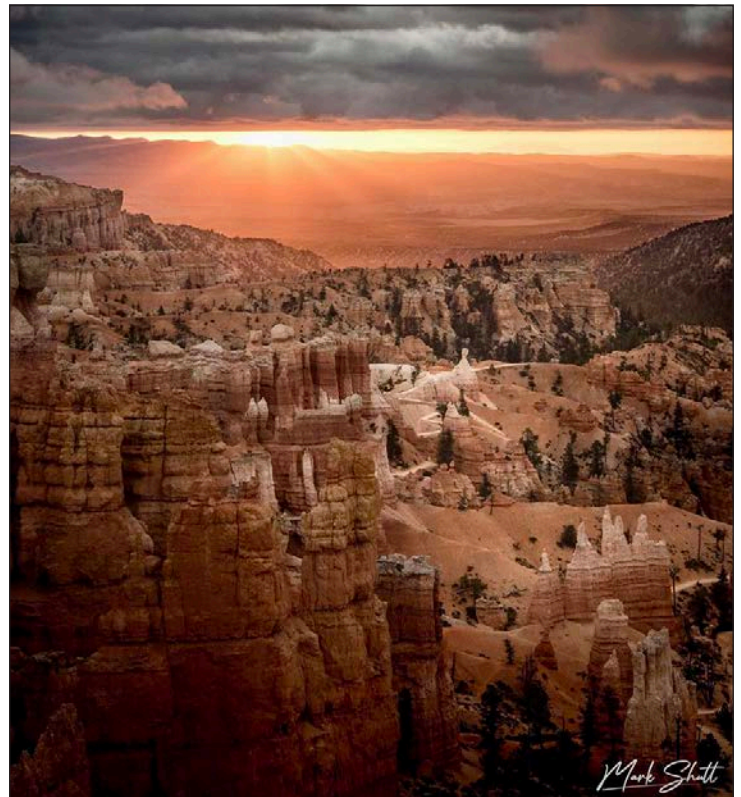
The chip-timed 5K will allow participants to enjoy a course within Kingwood's gardens and along the B&O bike trail. The 5K is open to all abilities and ages. Check-in and registration begin at 7:45 am.

Registration is \$25 and can be completed online at [ohioraceday.com](http://ohioraceday.com). Questions may be sent to [heest97@hotmail.com](mailto: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.



Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah • Photo By Mark Shutt

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- Anton "Tony" Leitenberger, May 30
- David Poland Barnhill, May 31
- L. Jean Jenkins-Wendling-Stevens-Baughman, May 31

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# Frary will retire from Clerk of Courts

The Richland County Republican Party has announced the retirement of long-time Richland County Clerk of Courts Linda Frary, effective June 30, 2023.

Clerk Frary was first elected in 2004, taking office in early 2005 and winning four more consecutive terms. Prior to her election, she was the Court Administrator for the General Division of the Richland County Court of Common Pleas, serving the Honorable Judge James D. Henson, the Honorable Judge James DeWeese and Magistrate Garry Dalbey from 1996 to 2001 and Judge Henson from 2001 to 2004.

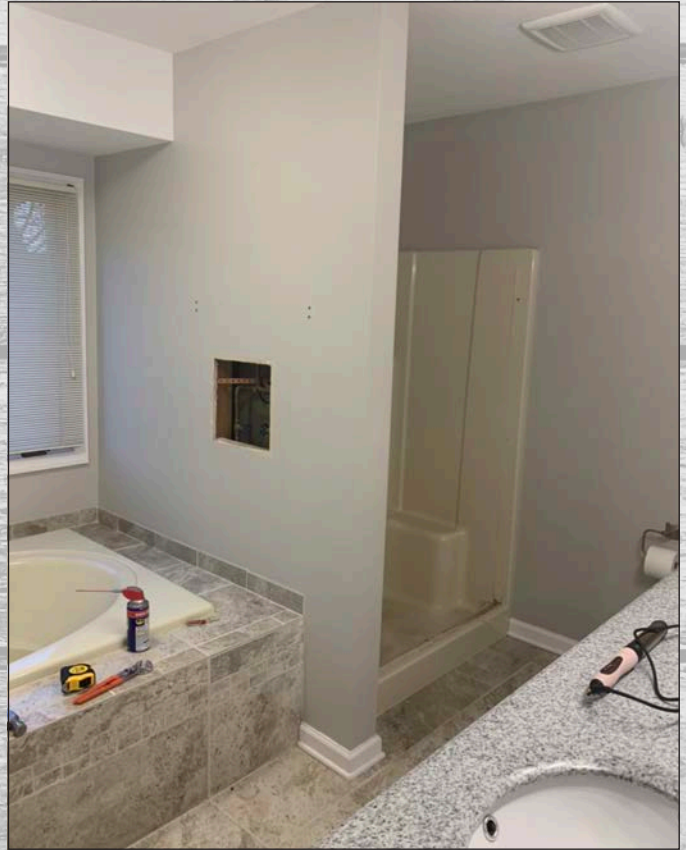
Due to a recent diagnosis of ALS, Clerk Frary has chosen to retire early, prior to finishing her term.

“Lin has been an integral part of the Richland County Court system for almost 3 decades and a loyal member of the Richland County Republican Party. Having worked with her as a County Commissioner, I know very well Lin’s dedication to the constituents of Richland County and thank her for her service. Our prayers continue for her and her family as they deal with her health concerns,” stated county chair, Marilyn John.

“I want to thank the residents of Richland County for their faith and trust over the past 19 years and the many elected officials and public employees with whom I’ve worked and relied upon, including Township Trustees and Fiscal Officers, County Central Services, Maintenance Department, the Law Library and members of the local Bar Association. I am also grateful to my staff for their tireless service to our community, especially my Chief Deputy Clerk, Denise Ruhl, whom I appointed in 2005,” said Lin Frary.

Information regarding the appointment of a new Richland County Clerk of Courts will be released soon.

# Before & After



Thomas & Kayley Boettner



Springfield Twp. Fire Department  
Firefighter of the Year 2022 Dennis Gast



Springfield Twp. Fire Department  
EMT of the year 2022 Mike Wilson





**By Mátiece Thomas**  
 As a personal trainer, I always teach my clients the importance of total wellness. If you have read my articles in the past, you know I believe that total wellness is a healthy mind, body and spirit when you have all three, that is when you can achieve true wellness.  
 I'm really excited to share with you about an event coming up June 30 and July 1 (Friday 7-10 pm and Saturday 9 am to 3 pm) called Soul Scan. It is a women's conference here in Mansfield at Crossroads Community Church. Last year I attended and it was amazing to be a part of such a great group of women empowering each other.

This year, I am honored to be a speaker in one of the break out rooms! I will be speaking on a lot of the same things I write about in my articles. How to achieve true wellness and the importance of having healthy neurological pathways.

This conference will help with the mind and spirit elements of Total Wellness.

I would love for my female readers to attend and we could connect and hopefully you can be empowered and strengthened from the inside. I have found if you are strong on the inside, it's easier to work on yourself on the outside, physically.

Take time today to strengthen yourself, physically, mentally and spiritually!

Feel free to check out the event and register at [Crossroadswired.com](http://Crossroadswired.com), click on events, scroll down to Soul Scan and sign up. I'll see you there!

Follow me at Instagram-5pts-fitness\_trainergirl for nutrition and workout tips.



*kimmy's cucina*

By Kim Sterry

**QUICK AND EASY CORN RELISH**

This was a quick and easy side to accompany your burger. Whether you want to eat it on the side or on your burger is up to you.

**Ingredients**

- 2 cups of corn, frozen or fresh (If you use frozen, heat a bit to defrost)
- 1 lime, zested and juiced
- 1 pepper (orange, yellow or red) chopped small
- 2-3 tsp. sour cream (optional)
- Salt & pepper

Mix all the ingredients together

*I have made this with and without sour cream. I prefer it with sour cream, but if you can't have dairy, leave it out.*

*LIKE Kimmy's Cucina on Facebook & Instagram*



Photo by Damon Callis

**Day Trippin' With Damon** – Millikin / Dublin Road Falls, is located close to Columbus, Ohio. It's one of a set of three waterfalls that are within close hiking range from one another. Alongside Dublin Road there are commercial buildings with parking lots that can be used for a quick picture of the falls. Once you cross Dublin Road and towards the creek is a walking path trail that leads down to the falls.





# Bent Spoons Bakery celebrates reopening with ribbon cutting

Photos and Article By Traci Little

The Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony at Bent Spoons Bakery in Bellville on Tuesday, May 23, at 1 pm. Bent Spoons is celebrating its grand reopening and product line expansion.

Richland County Commissioner, Tony Vero, gave his well wishes. "I work with Commissioner Banks who's from Bellville, and if you've seen him, you know he's going to be here a lot. I think he will keep you in business alone," joked Vero.

Bent Spoons offers a seasonal rotation of sweet and savory menu items that you might not find every day. By the slice or baked fresh to order, celebration cakes to focaccia breads, they enjoy blending local fare with a bit of European flare. Bright flavors and a little whimsy to keep things fun.

Owner of the bakery, Sadie Ehrmantraut, thanked friends and family for attending. "I thought a lot about what I was going to say, and I told myself I'd keep it short because I cry about everything. I love what I do because I grew up in a place that's full of community and we take care of each other. There's potlucks, church picnics, and if someone is sick you take them a pie. To me there's magic in that."

"The ability to make something with whatever you have in your house or pantry and give it to someone and let them know you

thought about them and that you cared; to me that is really special. I love to bake but I love the meaning behind what goes into it and why we bake. I want to thank my family, my husband and my children who are constant motivators, supporters and my best friends - they are the reason that I'm here. "

"Also, my staff, Evan and Destiny - they listen to me ramble all day long. They put up with me and they are wonderful people. I'm so proud to be a part of this community, proud that I grew up here, and I love what I do and I'm really looking forward to this next chapter. Thank you for coming and celebrating with us. "

Bent Spoons Bakery has put a lot of love into their shop over the last couple of years. Their expansion of services includes a selection of boba teas and flavored coffee made to order, as well as the addition of a convenient merchandiser for whole cakes and pastries on the go for any last-minute gifts or dinner plans. They are very excited for customers to try their new Bubble Tea and Coffee Bar. Milk Tea, Taro, and Green Tea are options with a choice of traditional tapioca or popping boba. Sadie's favorite is the "The Peggy Ann," featuring Taro Tea, Raspberry, and Boba. It was named after her mom, who always looked so pretty in purple.

Many thanks went to Alien Roasting Company for partnering with the bakery to bring coffee for both service and retail. Whether customers want it hot, iced, cold brew, or dressed up, they have them covered.

The bakery is located at 18 Mill Rd., Bellville. For information visit [www.bent-spoons.com](http://www.bent-spoons.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/bentspoonsbakery>.



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## 52nd Annual Avenue of Flags honors veterans

The 52nd Annual Avenue of Flags Ceremony was held Sunday, May 28, at Mansfield Memorial Park by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9943 Auxiliary and the Post Color Guard.

Over 200 flags, donated in the past by families of deceased veterans interred at the park, were placed throughout the park.

Five new flags were presented during the ceremony for Joseph I. Bapka; U.S. Army, Richard L. Geog, U.S. Army; Gene A. Hartland, U.S. Navy; Robert G. Keller, U.S. Marines; and Raymond J. Shaum, Jr., U.S. Marines.



## •ODA Director Brian Baldrige visits

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individual farmers. Walt explained in addition to selling at the Farm and the weekly Farmer Market (in season) they supply restaurants and grocery stores with produce. Dan Neef went on to say, "We've been getting anywhere between 60 to 130 pounds of lettuce per week out of our beds." Director Baldrige asked about supply versus demand and was impressed that the cooperative is not able to supply the demand. Walt stated, "I try to over-demand us. If I recruit a farmer, I need to make sure I can sell everything they are growing."

Governor Mike DeWine initiated the H2Ohio program to combat phosphorous runoff. Richland SWCD administers the program in Richland County and were pleased to have Director Baldrige meet one of the participants, Justin Ringler. This gave Director Baldrige an opportunity to hear how H2Ohio is working and get feedback on the program.

Ringler and his family inter-seed a cover crop of wheat with the assistance of aerial seeding. Cover crops are planted to keep the winter soil covered to help prevent erosion. The Director asked Justin what he sees for the future. Justin answered, "We no-till for pragmatic reasons." He went on to suggest that H2Ohio be more representative of the landscapes and farming practices of a particular area, instead of a blanket of practices for everyone to adopt.

The last stop on the tour was an example of a log jam on the Black Fork River. The city of Shelby along with a group of citizens proposed a ditch petition request to remove log jams and debris along an 18-mile stretch of the Black Fork that starts at Mickey Rd. and ends at State Route 13. The ditch petition request is under consideration.

Additionally, Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) approved a grant of \$99,000 to Richland SWCD to clean up 5 logjams downstream of the ditch petition request, from Route 13 to Charles Mill Lake. Director Baldrige was able to view one of the five logjams that is funded by MWCD for cleanup as Richland SWCD explained both projects, and the logjam removal will begin this summer.

The tour ended at the Richland SWCD office after a full day of Director Baldrige, staff, and guests learning about stormwater management, urban farming, H2Ohio practices, and ditch petitions in Richland County. Not a bad way to spend the day.

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

## Colonial Days will be held this weekend in South Park

The 2nd Annual Colonial Days at South Park will be held at Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11, from 10 am to 4 pm.

The Richland Early American Center for History invites the public to discover life in early America during the 18th and 19th Century from living historical reenactors.

Throughout the day there will be crafts, trades, demonstrations and activities including Blacksmithing, games and children's activities, open hearth cooking, demonstrations and civilian and military reenactments.

An opening ceremony will be held at 10 am Saturday followed by Erin Ekin with History of 18th century dance at 11 am, a musket demonstration at 1 pm, Laura Supinger showing 18th century women at 1:30 pm and Chay Gordon with a talk on fat phobia at 2:30 pm.

On Sunday, a musket demonstration will be held at 1 pm.

Admission and parking is free and food trucks will be available.

South Park is located at 100 Brinkerhoff Ave., Mansfield.





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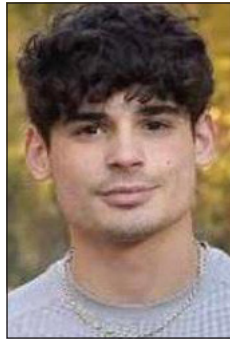
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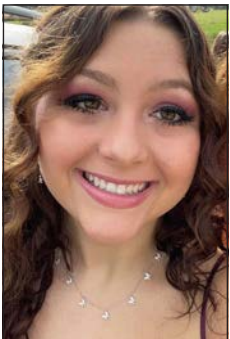
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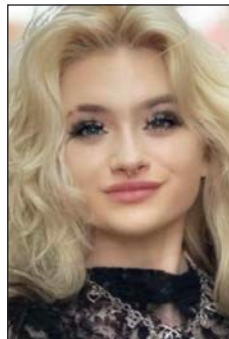
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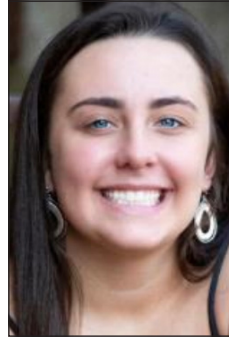
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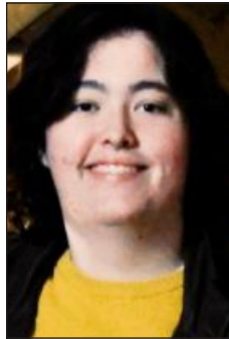
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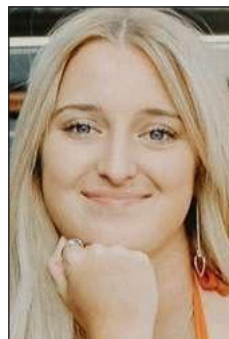
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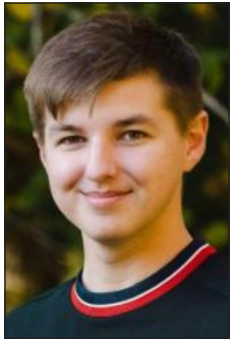
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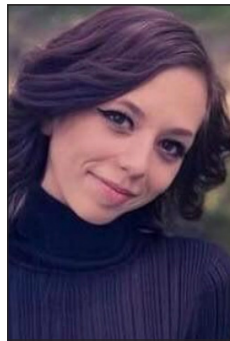
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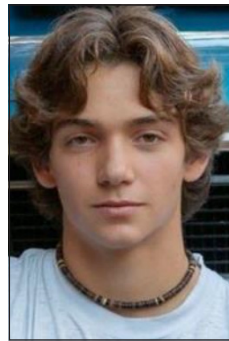
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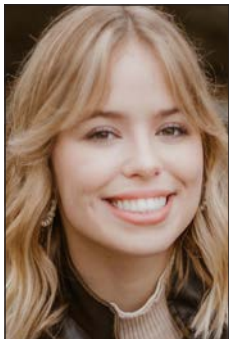
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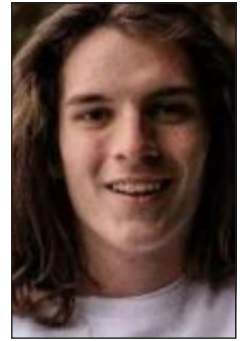
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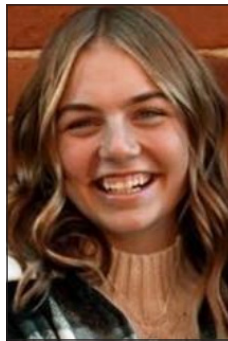
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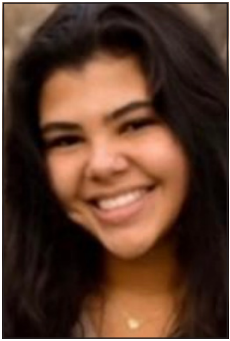


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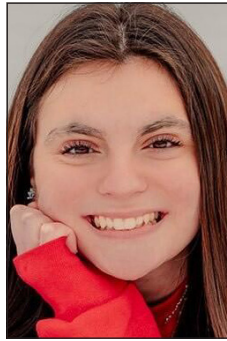
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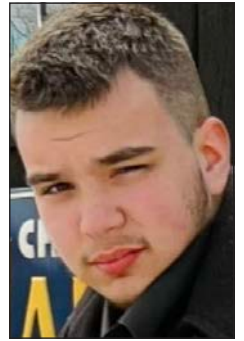
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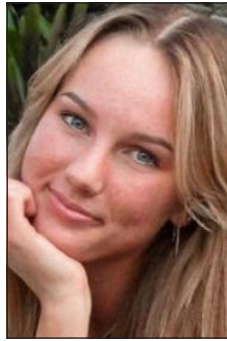
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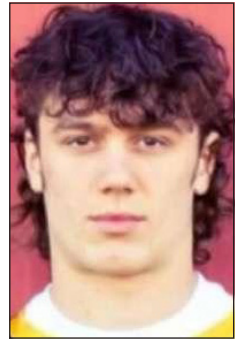
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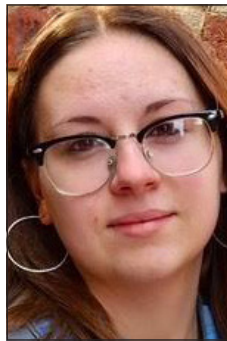
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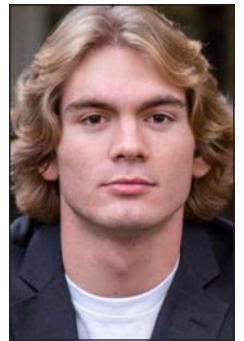
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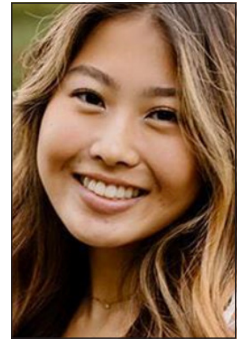
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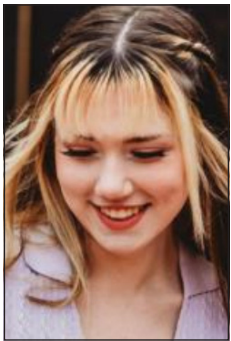
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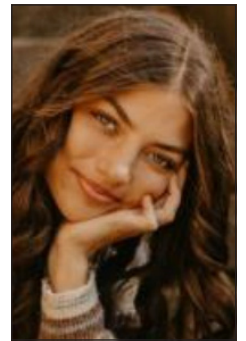
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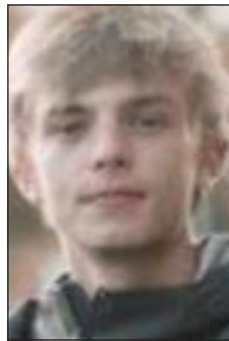
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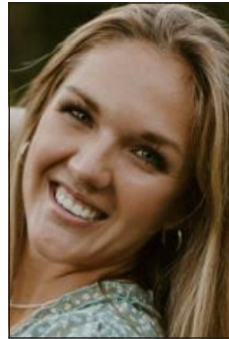
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## Lexington Class of 2023 graduates

By Traci Little

On a balmy, yet breezy evening, over 170 Lexington High School students graduated last Friday evening.

Lexington High School celebrated its high school commencement ceremony on June 2 at 7:30 pm.

Jeremy Secrist, superintendent, welcomed guests. Board of Education President Stephen Domka gave remarks to the class.

The honors activity address was presented by Chloe Dean and the scholar address was given by Hudson Moore.

High school principal Jamie Masi gave remarks to the class and Kristien McPeck and Whitney Eibon, both school counselors, read the class roster.

Alyssa McCreedy, Andrew Saris and Ashley Rebillot presented the diplomas. Jaclyn Jakubick, class president, led the class in the turning of the tassel.

The class of 2023 officers are Jaclyn Jakubick, president; Jacob Brant, vice president; Lucy Bond, secretary; and Amelia Hoffman, treasurer. Samantha Morton and Brandon Walker served as ushers.



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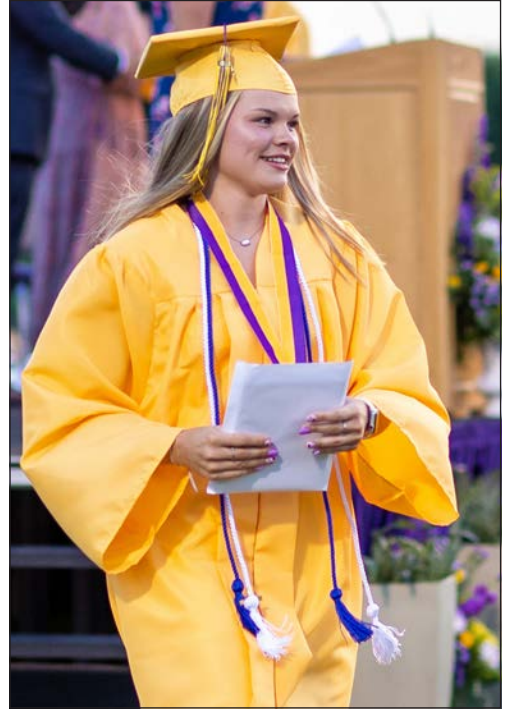
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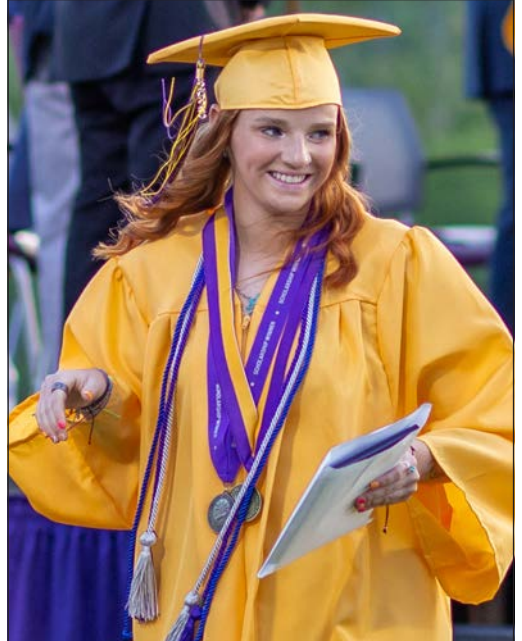


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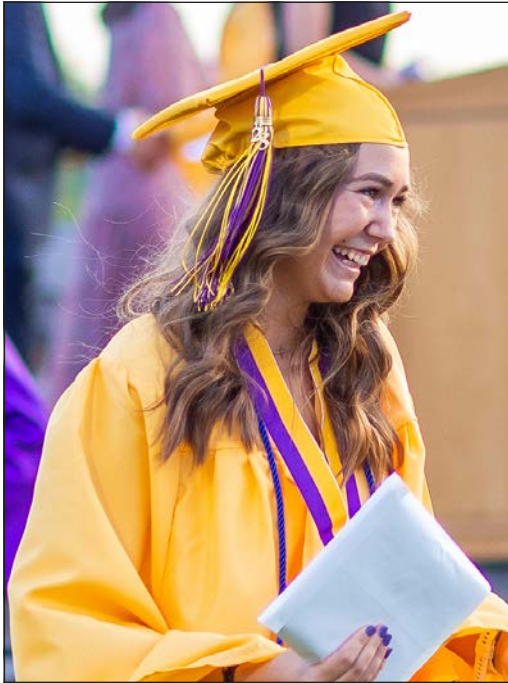






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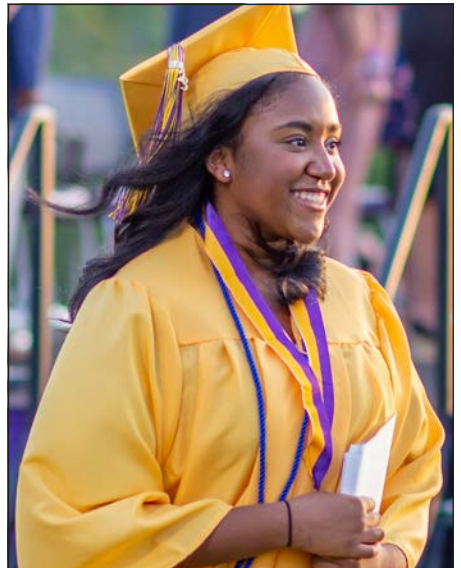


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**LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL** students visited both Central Elementary and Western Elementary to read with the students recently. The younger students were able to ask questions and learn about the high school students who came and visited them.



## News Briefs in Education

Melina Shultz, of Lexington, a student of the Theology & Religious Studies Department, has earned recognition as a Theta Alpha Kappa Inductee and National Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology at John Carroll University, located in University Heights, OH.

★

More than 105 Marietta College students were named to the spring 2023 dean's list, which features any full-time student completing at least 15 credit hours with a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.74.

Local students on the list are Rebecca Phelps of the Madison area, Mansfield, majoring in Sports Medicine and graduate of Madison Comprehensive High School; and Jaekob Conard of the Madison area, Mansfield, majoring in Biochemistry and a graduate of Madison Comprehensive High School.

The college is located in Marietta, OH.

★

Heidelberg University has announced the names of 406 students who have earned academic recognition on the spring semester dean's list. According to Provost Dr. Bryan D. Smith, students must be enrolled full time and meet academic criteria set forth by the university to be named to the dean's list.

Students on the list are Sarah Grosse, sophomore, of Lexington; Amanda Nething, senior, Mansfield; and Kylie Hendrix, sophomore; Jalen Trammell, senior; and Brooklynn Wharton, sophomore, all of Ontario.

★

Capital University conferred degrees at the University's 173rd Commencement Ceremony in May 2023.

Undergraduate degrees conferred were Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Arts (Music), Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Social Work and Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Bre Chatman of Mansfield earned a BA in Political Science; and Latonya Palmer of Mansfield earned a BSW in Social Work.

The university is located in the Columbus, OH.

★

Rebecca Phelps of Mansfield was among more than 270 students who received diplomas at Marietta College's 186th commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 6, in the Dyson Baudo Recreation Center. Phelps completed requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Medicine.

Phelps is also a graduate of Madison Comprehensive High School. Dr. Vicky Wood, President of Washington State Community College, delivered the commencement address to the Class of 2023.

The college is located in Marietta, OH.

★

The University of Kentucky has released its Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester. A total of 8,146 students were recognized for their outstanding academic performance.

To make the list in one of the UK colleges, a student must earn a grade-point average of 3.6 or higher and must have earned 12 credits or more in that semester, excluding credits earned in pass-fail classes. On the list is local student Alexis Johnson, Nursing major.



**National Technical Honor Society Advisor Vickie Hunt and Lexington's Grace Miller**

## Grace Miller awarded \$1,000 Jon H. Poteat Scholarship

Grace Miller was recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the National Technical Honor Society. Grace is a senior in the Medical Technologies Program at Pioneer from Lexington High School.

She has an outstanding volunteer record, serving her community by setting up for the local Veteran's Day parade and Blueberry Festival; both assisting with blood drives and donating blood herself; Participating in the Adopt a Resident Program; transporting Period Poverty donations and assisting in the school's basketball concession stand.

She plans to study nursing at Miami University following graduation. Grace Miller was one of 250 outstanding NTHS members to receive the Jon H. Poteat Scholarship based on their ability to consistently exemplify the seven attributes of NTHS – Skill, Honesty, Service, Responsibility, Scholarship, Citizenship and Leadership.

According to her Government/Economics instructor, Robin Hager, "Grace is bright, articulate, and a hard worker; she is driven to do her best in the classroom. I am confident that she will do a phenomenal job in Ohio University's Nursing Program. Congrats, Grace and Go Bobcats!" Meghan Haney, the Medical Technologies instructor states that "Grace Miller is a wonderful student who has earned her State Tested Nursing Assistant license, as well as her Phlebotomy certification in the Medical Technologies program. She is a hard-working student who has been successful at balancing her job as an STNA and maintaining excellent grades. I have no doubt that she will be successful in her plans to continue her medical training, working towards her future career as a registered nurse at Ohio University."

Since 1984, NTHS has been the honor society for Career and Technical Education (CTE), serving high schools, career centers, community & technical colleges, and universities. Recognizing over 50,000 new members annually, NTHS exists to advocate for and empower all students to pursue the technical and academic skills needed to build their careers and a skilled global workforce.

In partnership with student leadership organizations and industry partners, NTHS has awarded over \$3 million in scholarships to remarkable CTE students. Some of these partners include Business Professionals of America (BPA), DECA, Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA/PBL), HOSA – Future Health Professionals, Law & Public Safety Education Network (LAPSEN), National Center for Construction Education & Research and its Build Your Future initiative (NC-CER/BYF), and SkillsUSA. Visit [www.nths.org](http://www.nths.org) for more information about the National Technical Honor Society.

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## Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

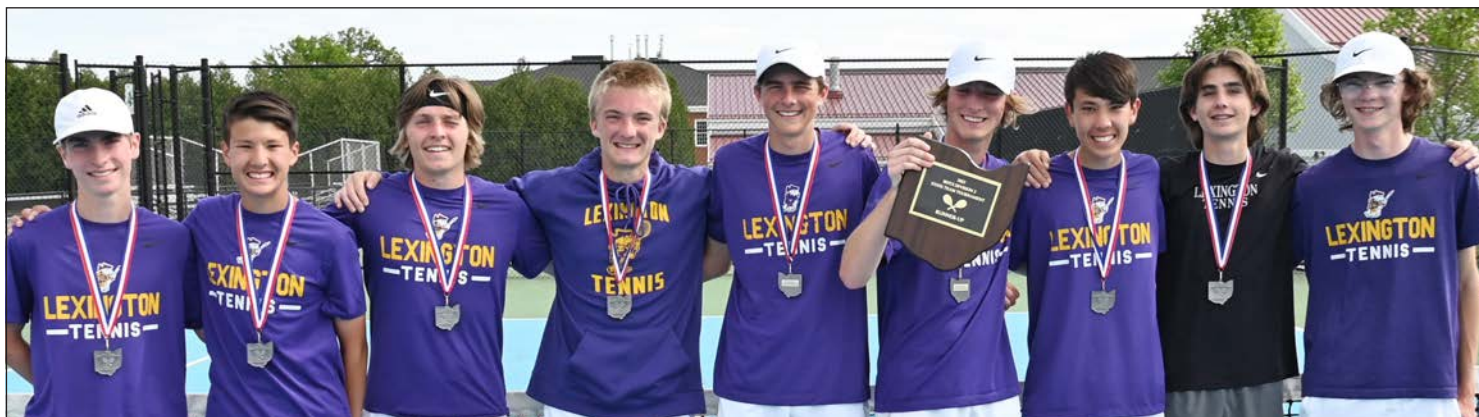


Photo By Linda Remy

Owan Gongwer, Cooper Remy, Jacob Halfhill, Karl Etzel, Dylan Catanese, Jake Chilcote, Ethan Remy, Trevor Mecurio and Ben Wiltanger

## Lexington boys tennis named State Team Runner-Up

By **Gaven Remy**

Over the weekend on May 28, Lexington boys tennis team hauled out to New Albany High School for the State Team Tournament. The top four teams to compete in Division II were Columbus Academy, Orange, Seven Hills and the Lexington boys.

With 159 schools in the division and just four left to compete, there was no doubt the competition would be fierce. Simply having made it to the State Team Tournament was truly a feat of team strength and spirit. Many parents and spectators were proudful in knowing that no matter how the last day of the boys' season would end, the Lexington team had proven itself to be among some of the strongest competitors in Ohio. However, as the day unfolded, any and every expectation would soon be stomped out with nerve racking anticipation.

Lex had their first match of the day against Columbus Academy who were strong competitors against Lex throughout the season. The line up went as follows: Junior Ethan Remy at first singles, Junior Karl Etzel at second singles, Sophomore Owan Gongwer at third singles, Senior Jake Chilcote and Sophomore Dylan Catanese at first doubles, and Junior Jacob Halfhill and Freshman Cooper Remy at second doubles. After the first hour, nearly all of Lex was struggling to score games on Columbus Academy, except for Dylan and Jake having won their first set 6-4. The first two points of the match went to Columbus Academy making the score 0-2.

As the boys fought on, every member of the crowd was cheering on their respective schools. Even though Lex was down 2 points, the boys on the other three courts were far from willing to give up. Ethan Remy lost the first set, but he zoned in, running his opponent side to side, hitting precise winners, scoring the first victory for Lex after winning his second and third set. Dylan Catanese and Jake Chilcote breezed through their first set only to find Academy came back with a vengeance winning the 2nd set. They amped themselves up, smashing good poaches, angling great ground strokes, and chasing down deep lobs to win their third set making the score now 2-2. The crowd went wild cheering as they saw the chance to beat Columbus Academy was well within their grasp.

Now with the team score of 2-2, Owan Gongwer had to pull out one last victory for Lex to move onto the finals. Owan had to work hard after losing the first set. He fought back to win the second set in a nail-biting, heart-pumping, jaw-dropping tie breaker, 7-5. That very moment was the turning point for Lex.

All of Lex's spectators were shouting Owan's name and crying out, "Let's go Lex!" Once Owan scored his final point, to secure the victory, all of the Lex boys and fans rushed out cheering & hugging Owan for securing the match win.

Lex now had time to celebrate and rest. Parents set up a tent, the Wiltangers grilled food and Lex celebrated how far they had come

this year. As the hour of rest came to a close, the boys stretched and walked onto the courts for their warmups.

In the last of match of the season, Lex had to face off against one of the strongest teams in the division, Seven Hills. Most of the Lex boys kept up with their opponents, but once Seven Hills won their third court, the competition was over.

Lex ended their season as State Team Runner-Up. It was quite a journey and a great way to end the season. The team received the State Team Runner-Up plaque, players were given individual medals, and families took pictures of the winners. Heading home that day, the boys were already making plans to start practicing, play tournaments, and to hit every chance possible to get ready to go back to State next year vying this time for #1 in the State.



**THE LEXINGTON LADIES 4X800** team consisting of Brailey Slone, Kenley Miller, Lily Wolfe and Elyana Weaver qualified for the OHSAA Division II State Championship Meet. They placed second at the Lex Regional with a time of 9:37.



# CLASSIFIEDS

## LEGAL NOTICE

PROBATE COURT OF RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO, Kelly L. Badnell, Judge, IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF Emeril Raëmon Adkins to Emeril Rae Crawford CASE NO. 20239042.

### NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE OF NAME

Applicant hereby gives notice to all interested persons that the applicant has filed an Application For Change of Name in the Probate Court of Richland County, Ohio, requesting the change of name of Emeril Raëmon Adkins to Emeril Rae Crawford.

The hearing on the application will be held on the 11th day of July 2023, at 10:00 o'clock am in the Probate Court of Richland County, located at 50 Park Avenue East, Second Floor, Mansfield, Ohio, 44902.

Kyla Crawford  
1814 Walker Lake Rd.  
Mansfield, OH 44903

## LEGAL NOTICE

In the Matter of the Adoption of Charlie Eugene Oliff

Case Number: 20235029 Richland County Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division. Charles Eugene Swearingin, III whose last know address is unknown is hereby notified that on the 16th day of May, 2023, a petition was filed in the Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division, Richland County Ohio, 50 Park Ave., East, Mansfield, OH, 44902, being Case No: 20235029 for the adoption of Charles Eugene Swearingin IV and alleging that your consent as parent of said child is not necessary because you have failed without justifiable cause to provide more than de minimis contact with minor or to provide for maintenance and support of said minor as required by law or judicial decree for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the filing of the adoption petition or placement of the minor in the home of the petitioner. A consent hearing will be held on the 18th day of July, 2023, at 10:00 o'clock AM and the best interest hearing will be had on the 22nd of August, 2023, at 10:00 o'clock AM before the Judge of said Court at 50 Park Avenue East, Mansfield, Ohio 44902.

IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE PETITION WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER THE PROOF OF SERVICE OF NOTICE OF THE FILING OF THE PETITION AND OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING IS GIVEN TO YOU.

IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION, YOU MUST ALSO APPEAR AT THE HEARING AS SET OUT ABOVE.

A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION MAY BE ENTERED IF YOU FAIL TO TIMELY FILE AND OBJECTION AND/

OR APPEAR AT THE HEARING.

KELLY L. BADNELL  
Judge, Court of Common Pleas,  
Probate Division, Richland County, OH  
(T-C 6-8, 15, 22 '23)

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Troy Township, Richland County, Ohio invites asphalt contractors to bid township road work for 2023. Sealed bids will be accepted until 6:30 PM on June 26, 2023 at the Troy Township Office located at 247 S. Mill St., Lexington, Ohio 44904 by appointment only.

All bids will be publicly opened and read by the Troy Twp. Trustees at special meeting on June 26, 2023 starting at 6:45 PM. Improvements with asphalt and "Chip & Seal" will be according to specifications available at the trustee's office upon request by phone or appointment. The Street Superintendent Matt Thayer will be available to answer questions at 419 884-1544.

All bids must be accompanied with Proof of Liability Insurance and BWC active coverage certificate and prevailing wage rate. Each bid will include a 10% bid bond as required by R.C. 153.54 or certified check in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid to guarantee that if the bid is accepted, a contract shall be entered into and the performance of it properly secured. Bids shall be clearly marked "2023 Road Improvement". The Troy Township Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Troy Township. All materials and equipment must meet state standards. The Trustees reserve the right to add or delete roads to stay within budget.

Kevin J. Angle  
Troy Twp. Administrator  
Lexington, OH 44904  
(6-8 '23) 40L

## 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

[mrfufener@kemcca1iney.com](mailto:mrfufener@kemcca1iney.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.

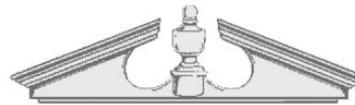
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