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Katherine Bolin
Junior, Age 16



Ava Dean
Senior, Age 17



Anzaya Estep
Senior, Age 17



Jaslyn Lopez
Senior, Age 17



Davanna Parks
Senior, Age 17



Jenessa Rehburg
Senior, Age 17



Scarlet Rehburg
Freshman, Age 14



Victoria Shepherd
Junior, Age 16



Brailynn Webb
Sophomore, Age 15

Ontario BOE awards numerous contracts

The Ontario Local School Board held a meeting June 13. The eighth grade poetry contest winner and contest finalists were introduced at the start of the meeting.

The board approved the employment of certificated staff personnel on a one-year limited teaching contract, effective with the 2023-'24 school year. Hired were Aubrey Cardwell, eighth grade literature, \$64,280; Megan Hefner, Stingel MD Intervention Specialist, \$51,452; and Michelle Smith, second grade, \$63,149.

The board approved the five-year forecast as submitted by the treasurer.

Resignations were accepted from Hannah Beh, Stingel kindergarten teacher; and Leigh Ann Patterson, middle school intervention specialist, both effective at the end of the 2022-'23 school year.

Resignations were also accepted from Barb Etzwiler, 2 1/2 hour cook at Stingel, effective May 25, 2023; Marilyn Kempf, Stingel secretary, effective Dec. 31, 2023; and Jane Lallathin, Stingel custodian, effective Oct. 13, 2023.

Employment was granted to extracurricular/supplemental staff personnel for the 2023-'24 school year, pending the completion of PAP requirements.

Contracts were awarded for boys basketball, Jerry Moton, head varsity, \$7,852; boys soccer, Jacob Brown, varsity assistant, \$4,364 and Doug McPeck, freshman assistant, \$4,364; cheerleader advisors Mindee Leach, varsity, \$2,288; and Mindee Leach, reserve, \$2,288.

Cross country coaches will be Megan Willeke, head varsity, \$5,164; Charlie Ridenour, varsity assistant, \$4,364; Janey Fulk, middle school (50%), \$1,430.50; and Karen Kaufman, middle school (50%), \$1,430.50.

Contracts were also awarded to flag director, Haley Foss, \$1,664; majorettes director, Darcie Broom, \$1,095; summer/fall strength coordinator, Jonny King, \$5,164; ticket manager, Deb Eddleblute, \$1,508; girl tennis, Todd Friend, head volunteer, \$0; and Golden Girls director, Mindee Leach, \$1,830.

Football contracts went to Aaron Eckert, head varsity, \$9,388; Ted Mutti, varsity assistant, \$5,164; Jeremy Muncy, varsity assistant, \$5,164; Doug Basham, varsity assistant, \$5,164; and Ryan Oliver, varsity assistant, \$5,164.

Girls soccer contracts were awarded to Larry Atkinson, head varsity, \$5,418; Stacy Seif, varsity assistant, \$3,333; Brian Weaver, freshman assistant, \$4,364; and Greg Atkinson, volunteer, \$0.

Golf contracts went to Jake Stimpert, head boys varsity, \$4,364; Sam Grauer, boys varsity assistant, \$2,185; Phil Jackson, boys varsity assistant, volunteer, \$0; and Mike Ellis, head girls varsity, \$3,494.

Volleyball contracts were awarded to Natalie Shell, head varsity, \$5,418; Taylor Heiby, varsity assistant, \$4,364; Elizabeth Hatfield, JV, freshman, \$3,175; Morgan Groscost, eighth grade, \$2,185; and Whitney Fanello, seventh grade, \$2,185.

2023-'24 extracurricular/supplemental contracts went to Academic Challenge advisors: Roger Niki-forow, high school, \$1,204; James Willis, middle

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Ontario pageants are this weekend

The Miss Ontario 2023 pageant will be held on Saturday, June 24, at 7 pm in the Ontario High School Auditorium.

Little and Junior Miss Ontario pageants will take place on Friday June 23, at 7 pm in the Ontario High School Auditorium. This will be the very first ever pageant for the Little and Junior Miss Ontarios.

Little Miss Ontario contestants are Anna Salyers, Mila Morrison, Paisleigh Lane, Hadley West, Breckelle Miller and Piper Festge.

Junior Miss Ontario contestants are Saorise Santry, Mae Clark, Chloe Crushing, Maleah Wells, Rylee Schoonover, Leighanna Lane, Logan Scott, Arizona Horsley, Kaelena Katchmark, Aryanna Estrada, Jylian Ramey and Gia Knipp.

One Time Lucky Indian

By Bob Carter

His Indian name was Kaschates, a Delaware word for Tobacco, but he took a name from a white man he admired, Tom Lyons. The source of that meeting is unknown.

However, the Indian was to evoke terror in the minds of settlers during the War of 1812. He could speak broken English and was seen wearing a red coat made from an old blanket. Was he a British spy? Settlers feared him.

Lyons story begins in Pennsylvania, not far from Reading. The Delaware were being forced out by oncoming settlement. Tension rose and Indian attacks became more frequent.

On the evening of Sept. 19, 1757, after a social gathering at the cabin of Jacob Hochstetler, the family retired only to be aroused by their barking dog. Outside were seen eight or ten Indians in consultation, but those inside the darkened cabin could not be seen. Shots were fired.

The Indians set fire to the house. As the fire progressed, the lightly armed family sought shelter in a basement while the Indians stood guard outside. When the fire advanced to start burning through the floor, cider was used to douse the spots. The family kept quiet in their retreat until the Indians were seen leaving one after the other.

Believing the enemy left, the family started to climb out a small basement window.

"The mother, being a fleshy woman, was, with difficulty, extracted. The wounded Jacob had to be assisted, and by the time the family members were all out, a young warrior, Tom Lyons, about eighteen years old, who stayed behind gathering peaches, sounded the alarm.

All except the son Joseph, who was fleet of foot and ran away, were murdered and scalped. The family included a son also named Jacob, and a daughter. The mother, whom the Indians had a particular spite, was stabbed through the heart with a butcher knife and also scalped.

The bloody work being finished, they took father Jacob and a captured son, Christian, prisoners and later found Joseph hiding in the woods. What part Tom Lyons took in these killings is unknown but, in coming years he would later boast about the slaughter in great detail.

Tom Lyons was lucky he was not held for his part in the murders of the Hochtstetler family. He roamed a wide area of north central

and western Ohio during the War of 1812. As he roamed, he was with the early settlers of Holmes County, living near Berlin.

As writer Paul Kaufman was to write in his wonderful book, *Indian Lore of Muskingum Headwaters of Ohio* (1973) he detailed Lyons' luck for a while. "Into this setting, Lyons had erected his camp, sometime before the white settlers arrived. It seems strange that Tom Lion (Sic) would live nearby the descendants of the family he caused to be slaughtered. Many of the descendants of Jacob Hochstetlers family were now numbered among the first residents of Holmes County, especially in Walnut Creek. It's very likely that Tom did not realize that these folks were living close by."

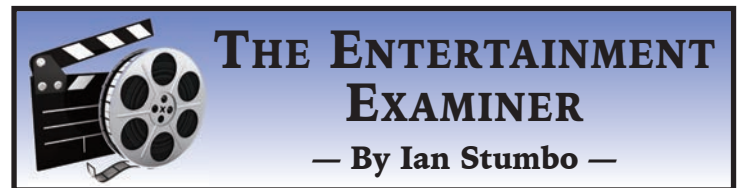
In another story, one day Solomon Hochstetler was in Shanesville in Tuscarawas County, when he saw Lyons on the street, and in pioneer style, had his gun with him. Taking a bead on old Tom he was about to shoot when Lyons turned around and said, "Ah, musn't do that."

It is quite certain however, that Lyons did not realize, at the time, that the man who almost shot him was one of the descendants of the Hochstetler family he helped murder in 1757, more than 50 years before.

But Tom Lyons was to meet his fate. According to county history books and sources, Lyons was murdered twelve times and died once of old age among his own people. It's all in the history books!



Timothy Brian McKee made this imagined photo of the aged Delaware Indian Tom Lyons from written descriptions



The Flash combines laughs, thrills and a heartfelt story in this adaptation based on the DC character.

Ezra Miller stars as the title character (a character already introduced in the Justice League movie) who gets transported to an alternate universe where there is another version of Barry Allen (The Flash's alter ego). Soon, both Barry's have to find a completely different Bruce Wayne in order to stop a relentless General Zod (Michael Shannon) from destroying this universe.

The opening action sequence is really engaging and fun. Director Andy Muschietti combines the thrill of Ben Affleck's Batman chasing down the bad guys with the Flash who has to save a group of young children. It's really a thrill to watch.

When in the alternate universe, the alternate Batman is of course the great Michael Keaton, who is such a welcome return to the role. He is weathered and retired though agrees to one last adventure to help the two Barry's save the world.

It gave me chills to see the old bat cave, batmobile and hear the legendary Danny Elfman score from the two Tim Burton films. Keaton is great and his scenes are so fun.

A negative for the movie and what brought it down a bit was

the last fight sequence and how it could have been a little more thrilling and a scene where the Flash's see all these different universes (including nice nods to legendary Superman actors like George Reeves and Christopher Reeve). It just went on too long. The ending of the movie had another nice callback though.

Ezra Miller has been in quite a bit of legal trouble lately and that is too bad as he does fine work in this movie.

It's also unknown what is going on with the future of DC since writer/director James Gunn has taken over and is reportedly recasting many actors and rebooting many franchises. Maybe that is why early box office receipts are certainly not what the studios expected.

The Flash is one of the better DC movies, which have been quite disappointing overall.

While not perfect and certainly has its flaws, Ezra Miller, Michael Keaton and the whole cast (along with a well cast Supergirl played by Sasha Calle) do enough to hold the audience's attention and make for a better than average movie in this series.



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News Briefs

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. The next date for distribution is Tuesday, June 27.

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 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 July 19 will include roast beef. The group will play bingo and those attending are asked to bring a gift marked for a man, woman or either.

Cost is \$15 for the meal. Guests are welcome. For information visit www.lexasc.org. Dues are \$10 per year.

On July 5, a lunch will be held at 11 am at O'Charley's in Ontario. 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 and will be held at The Ohio State Reformatory, 100 Refor-

matory 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 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.

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.

Letters of interest and resumes are being accepted to fill the upcoming vacancy of Richland County Clerk of Courts for the term ending Jan. 5, 2025. Send replies by 5 pm June 30, to Megan Whatman, Central Committee Chair, Richland County Republican Party, at Megan.Whatman@gmail.com.

Candidates will have the opportunity to speak to the committee at a meeting on July 13.

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.

The Richland Rural Life Center, 969 E. Crall Rd., Mansfield, will host an ice cream social on Saturday, July 22, from 4-6 pm. The entrance is located between Stewart Rd. and Rt. 545.

On the menu are shredded chicken, sloppy joe, all beef hot dogs, coneys, cole slaw, potato salad, baked beans, applesauce and homemade ice cream.

All items are sold A' la Carte. Homemade Ice Cream Quarts available for \$4. For information call 419-544-2418 (leave message).

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Third Annual Family Fun on the Farm Festival is this Saturday

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, 4050 Bromfield Rd., Lucas, with the return of popular vendors and exhibitors and the addition of new vendors. The Family Fun on the Farm Festival is open to the public and admission is free.

The festival welcomes visitors to the farm to celebrate summer's bounty of locally produced food. These days knowing where your food comes from is a challenge so the activities at the festival 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 treats and beverages for sale. For more information about the Family Fun on the Farm Festival, visit <https://bit.ly/3XBX7aN>, e-mail [Contact@RichlandSWCD.net](mailto>Contact@RichlandSWCD.net) or call 419-747-8685.



The Bellville Bandstand is lit after a recent makeover. This photo was taken shortly after the area received its first rain in weeks. Photo By Mark Shutt

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 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
Rev. Joseph Yerger
9 am Adult & Youth Sunday School
10 am Sunday Worship

Oakland Lutheran Church

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

Ontario Christian Church

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

Ontario United Methodist Church

3540 Park Avenue West., Ontario
419-529-4345 • ontarioumc.com
Pastor Christine Bell
10:15 am Sunday Worship
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St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church

1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison) 419-589-2114 • www.mansfieldstmarys.org
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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
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Kingwood Presents Live on the Lawn Summer Concert Series

Kingwood Center Gardens will host its free concert series, Live on the Lawn, on Thursday evenings in July. Concerts begin at 7 pm, with free admission beginning at 6:30.

The 2023 concert line-up includes: July 6, Tom's Kitchen Table; July 13, Conne; July 20, Steve Brown and Friends; and July 27, Just Jazz Live.

Guests should bring their own lawn chairs or blankets. Food and beverage options will be available for purchase. All attending must be 21 years or older to consume alcohol, and all alcohol must be purchased and consumed on the grounds. No outside alcohol is permitted.

Live on the Lawn 2023 is presented by Modern Woodmen of America Fraternal Financial and sponsored by Pacific Impressions Landscaping, Inc. The media sponsor is North Central Ohio Media Group.

For additional information, including inclement weather location, visit www.KingwoodCenter.org.

Zoning report released for May

City of Ontario Zoning Inspector Michael Morton has released the May 2023 zoning report.

Permits were issued to Delphos Tent (Ashley Furniture), N. Lexington-Springmill Rd., temporary tent; Richard Baker, Shelby Ontario Rd., 160 square foot shed; Caleb Channy, W. Fourth St., new home; Brandon Orren, Ferguson Rd., deck; Charter Next Gen, Stumbo Rd., ground sign; Sign Stop, Sycamore Dr., license; Anchor Sign Inc., Discher Ave., license; Mansfield Water Tower, Lexington-Springmill rd., demolition; Farm Credit, Lexington-Springmill Rd., demolition; Danial Niss and Bob Vetter, Park Avenue West, office service to business; CJ Donley Corp., Walker Lake Rd., R-2 to R-3; Mr. Bill's Wood Fired Pizzas, Hime Rd., concession stand; and Grunt Grub, Olivesburg Rd., concession stand.

Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Helen Lucile (Willie) Rush-Ludwick, June 10

Kalman Toth, June 10

Theora Jean Sponseller, June 14

George Robert Weimer, June 14

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Wertz ordained at Trinity UMC

Stanley W. Wertz of Mansfield was ordained as a United Methodist Deacon in The East Ohio United Methodist Conference on June 9, 2023. Stanley serves as the Head Chaplain for TFC Global ministry at both the Lodi TA Travel Center and the Central Ohio Industrial Park in Shelby. TFC Global is a ministry to the commercial trucking community.



Wertz completed his Masters in Practical Theology at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio at Delaware, OH. He has been a 30 year member at Trinity United Methodist Church on Grace Street in Madison Township.

Wertz was a Correctional Teacher at Mansfield Correctional Institute from 2000 to late 2014 and prior to that he worked with the Richland Soil and Water Conservation District for over 6 years. He has education and past experience in Agriculture and Educational Technology prior to entering into ministry.

He has been married for 30 years to Cathie Wertz and has two adult daughters, Amanda and Sarah Wertz.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Wednesday, July 12, 2023,

WILL BE THE LAST DAY FOR PAYMENT OF **Second HALF 2022** REAL ESTATE TAX WITHOUT PENALTY AND INTEREST

The County Treasurer is not legally responsible for your failure to receive proper bills — Sec. 323.13 R.C. Failure to receive a tax bill does not void interest and penalty — Sec. 323.08.

The following financial institutions and their branches are authorized agencies for receiving **Second HALF 2022** real estate tax payments.

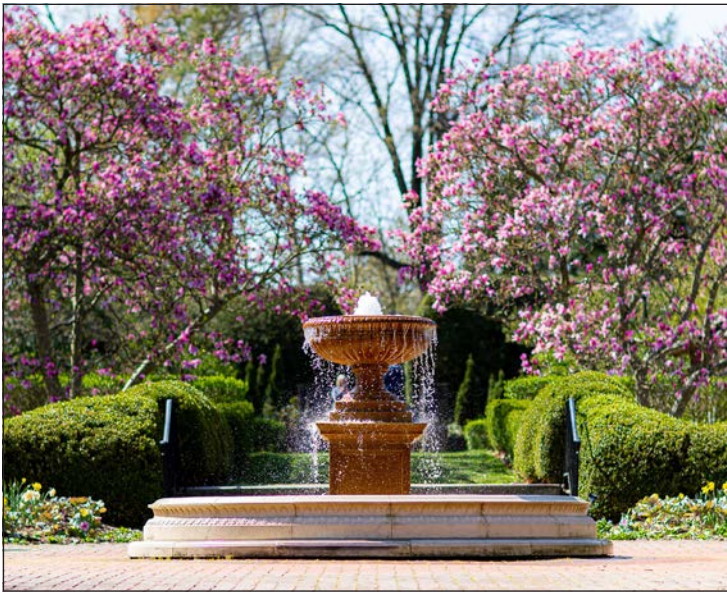
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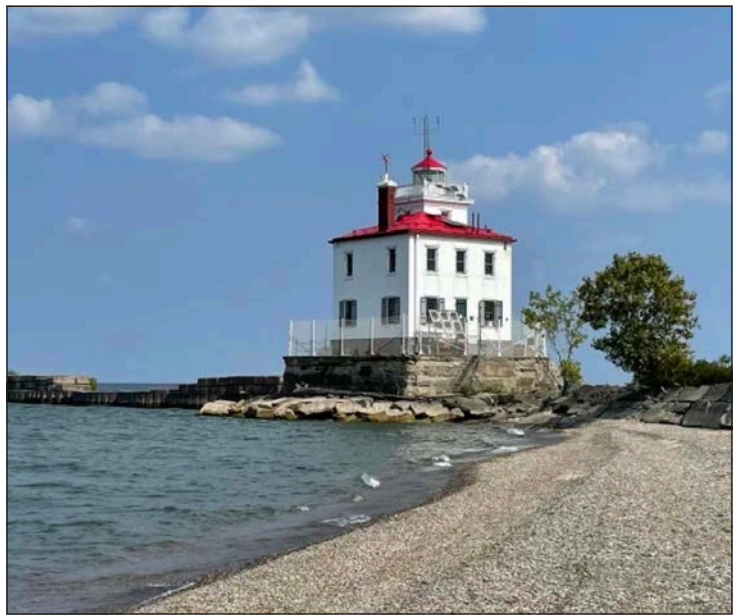


Photo by Damon Callis

Day Trippin' With Damon – Mentor Headlands Dunes State Preserve is located in Mentor, OH on Lake Erie. The preserve is open a half hour before sunrise to a half hour after sunset.



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By Kim Sterry

AVOCADO SERRANO "MAYO"

Ingredients

- 1 Avocado
1 Serrano pepper, roasted and seeded
1/4 cup lime juice
1/4 cup honey
1/2 cup plain greek yogurt
Salt & pepper

Instructions

Place all ingredients in blender and blend. You should get a nice thick "mayo" like consistency. The honey and yogurt balance out the heat from pepper beautifully.

Note: When I made this I used two serrano peppers and it had some really good heat. So if you like things spicy, add another pepper

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By Mátiece Thomas

It's finally summertime and one of the things I love about summer is all of the amazing things that you can do in the water.

As a lot of you know, I personally love to paddleboard, which is a sport that keeps me in shape. There are also other water activities like, kayaking, canoeing, swimming and tubing. All of these are amazing fun activities you can do in the summer that can help keep you in shape on your fitness journey. But unfortunately, the average person forgets about the most important thing to do when it comes to water. We need to drink it and stay hydrated.

The average person is dehydrated and they don't even realize it. We should always shoot for a minimum of 64 ounces of water a day.

The more active you are, the more you need to drink. Whenever my daughters say they have a headache, my first question is "Have you drank any water today?"

Headaches are one of many signs of dehydration. You can also experience fatigue, light headedness, an increased heart rate, muscle cramping, dry skin and the loss of skin elasticity. These are just a few of the most common side effects to dehydration.

I want to encourage you to find ways to get your water intake every day.

Being hydrated helps your body on your weight loss journey. The more hydrated you are, the easier it is for your body to let go of body fat.

Feel free to get creative with your water by infusing it with fruits or vegetables.

One of my favorite combinations are cucumbers, lemon and mint. The night before, you can make up mason jars, infusing them with your favorite fruit and water to sit overnight and enjoy all of its amazing nutrients the next day. Water does not have to be boring so get creative!

So this week's Trainer Girl's Tip is to drink — not just play in — water this summer and be the healthiest version of you!

Follow me at Instagram-5pts-fitness_trainergirl for nutrition and workout tips.



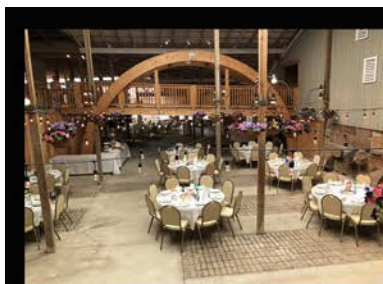
Wishes and Weddings



*Mr. & Mrs. Justin Leach
(Melina Connell)
May 28, 2023*

*Venue: Little Creek Barn • Forest, OH
Officiant: David Connell, Father of the Bride
Photographer: Michael Marhefka
Florist: Forget Me Not Flower Shop
Gown: Special Moments Bridal
Residing: Mansfield, OH*

*Mr. & Mrs. Blake Chirdon
(Brilynn Baugh)
September 24, 2022
Officiant: Terry Garrett
DJ: Beach Boyz
Photographer: Ashley Escola
Gown: David's Bridal
Residing: Wooster, Ohio*



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(Ana Marquardt)

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Venue: Kingwood Center

Reception: Mid Ohio Conference Center

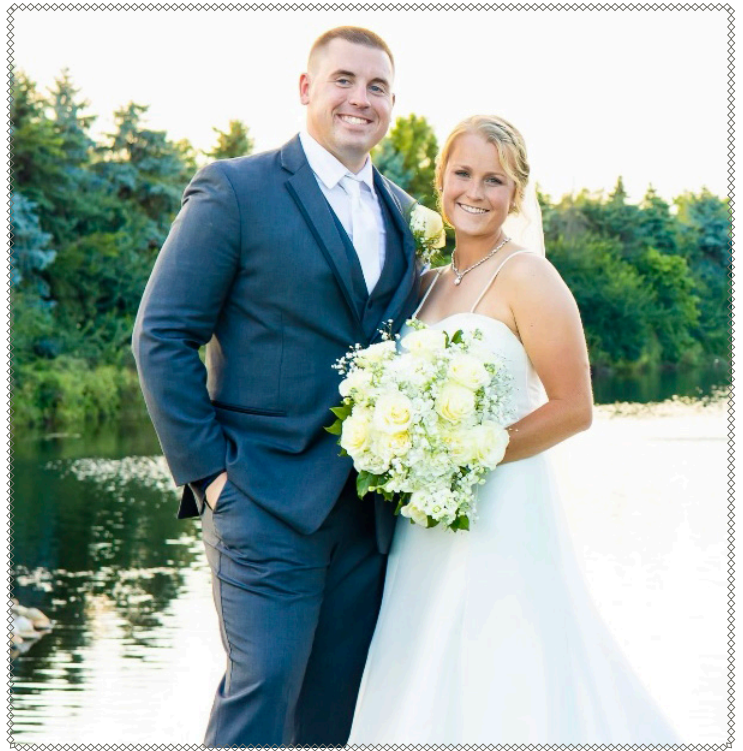
Officiant: Corey Bishop

Photographer: Benjamin Britton Photography

Florist: Forget Me Not Flower Shop

Gown: Kuhn's Bridal & Formal

Residing: Lucas, Ohio



Mr. & Mrs. Blake Bammann

(Megan McMenemy)

September 9, 2022

Officiant: Dr. Rich Rader

Venue: Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center

(Columbus, OH)

Photographer: Simply Madison Photography

Florist: Connells Maple Lee

Gown: Luxe Redux Bridal

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Madison Miller crowned Miss Ohio 2023

The Miss Ohio Festivities took place last week in Mansfield. The newly crowned Miss Ohio 2023 is Madison Miller who won a \$10,000 scholarship.

Miller is a 23-year-old advocate, entrepreneur and scholar. She's from her hometown of Coshocton, and her major is in psychology and business administration: marketing.

Miller's talent was piano and her hobbies include baking bread, her vegetable garden, roller blading, fishing for bass, learning about coffee and listening to Defying Gravity on repeat.

Her secret dream is to have her very own library with floor-to-ceiling bookshelves stocked with adventure novels, a grand piano in the center of the room and a reading nook by the windows just big enough to snuggle with her cats.

Her proudest accomplishment is conducting the pinning ceremony as a Guardian at the Vietnam Wall in D.C. for two very special veterans during their Honor Flight.

She loves volunteering with the Honor Flight Network and founded her own non-profit, The Veteran Narrative, which supports veterans by sharing their stories and fostering connections with younger generations.

Her mission is to empower United States military veterans to share their courageous experiences; capturing their stories; and educating others to honor and say, "Thank You!" to our heroes.

Madison's nonprofit is already hitting the ground running. She has several interviews scheduled with Veterans after Miss Ohio, a fishing trip tournament in the works later this year, and she will be an MC at the honor flight each year that she goes.

Miller has been competing since the age of 19.

"My first year, I learned about myself and the program. The second year I found out who I was and this year I'm confident in both," says Miller. I came into this wanting to be a better woman; leader and I want to change the world!"

Miller walked away with \$12,000 in scholarships during Miss Ohio and will compete in the 102nd Miss America competition this coming year.

First Runner Up Emily Legenza was presented with a \$4,500 scholarship, followed by Second Runner Up Caroline Trennepohl with a \$4,000 scholarship, Third Runner Up Baylee Joy Martin with a \$3,500 scholarship and Fourth Runner Up Olivia Kentner with a \$3,000 Scholarship.

The Caroline Grace Williams Spirit Award was presented to Kalli Gregory. This is a \$250 scholarship.

Caitlin Seifert won the Cheryl J. Oliveri memorial award (\$500 scholarship) and Bryn Hasenaur received the Terri Mitchel Memorial Award (\$500 scholarship).

The Paul Herilhy Spirit Award (\$500 scholarship) went to one new and one returning contestant. Receiving it were Grace-Ellen Rison and Madison Miller.

Madison Miller received the Betty and Jim Estep Memorial Award (\$500 Scholarship) and the Semifinalist Interview Award (\$500 scholarship) went to Emily Legenza.

Outgoing Miss Ohio 2022 Elizabetta Nies said, "Although I won't be your Miss Ohio anymore, you'll always have a very, very special space in my heart."

"I will miss working alongside you! Your impact on me and countless other women is immeasurable. I hope you recognize the incredible difference you make and how truly wonderful you are."

Portsmouth's Outstanding Teen, Paisley French, was crowned Miss Ohio's Teen 2023 on June 14. French, 18, is from Wheelersburg and this was her first try on the Miss Ohio stage.

Paisley's social impact is bringing awareness to the struggles of dancers' families dealing with a cancer diagnosis.

"As someone who has grown up loving dance and knowing the joy that it can bring to so many, I believe it is extremely important to spread awareness of this cause. As a title holder, I hope to use my passion for dance and the positive influences of the Dancers Against Cancer organization to help make a difference in the lives of those affected by cancer," said Paisley.

She has been dancing since she was two years old and started competing at the age of five. It quickly became her love and passion and she knew it was what she wanted to do for the rest of her life. She can't wait to travel the state as Miss Ohio's Teen and showcase all of the wonderful things about Ohio.

Paisley just graduated from Wheelersburg High School as the valedictorian of her class and will attend The Ohio State University in the fall.

Paisley's hometown is at the very southern tip of Ohio. She comes from a singing family and grew up singing in church. Her secret dream is to become a Radio City Rockette.

Outgoing Miss Ohio's Outstanding Teen 2022 Cassandra Kurek said, "Ohio, thank you for letting me be your girl. I never imagined I would have the opportunity to represent this great state, but I'm so thankful for everything I've gotten to experience this year. I will forever cherish these memories. Signing off as your last Miss Ohio's Outstanding Teen."



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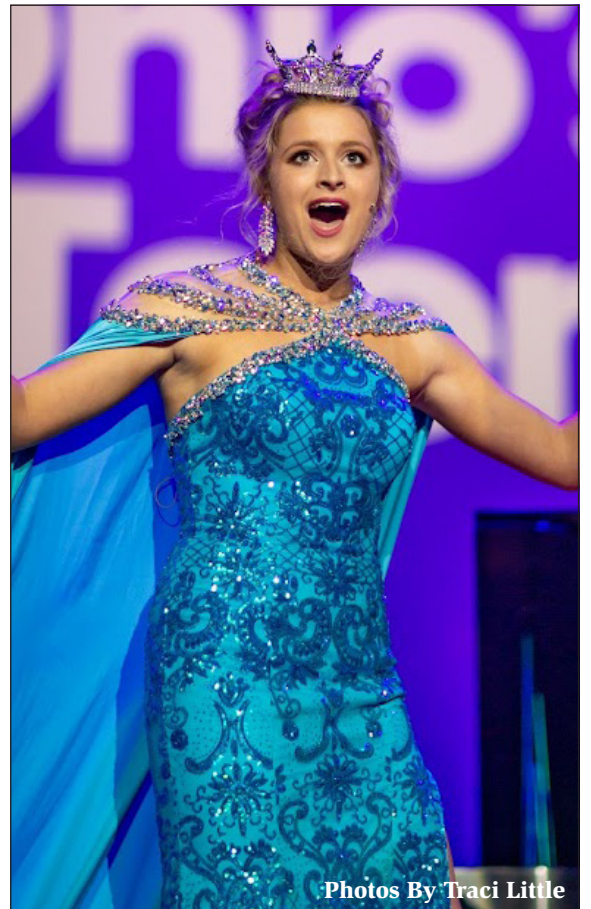
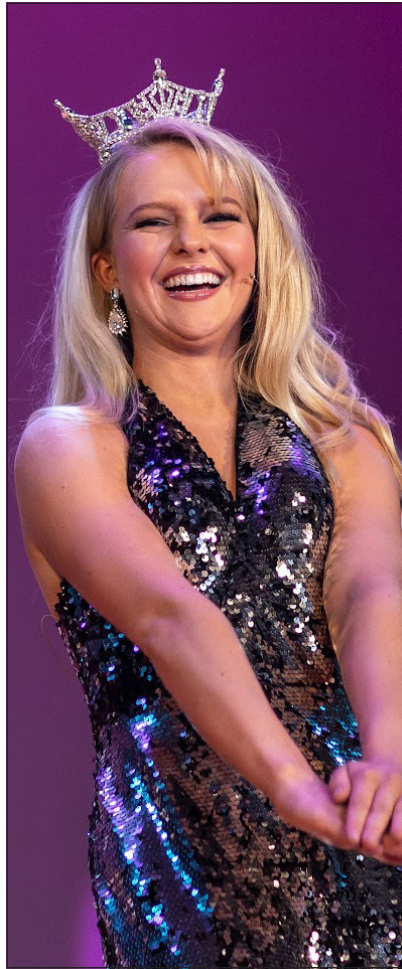
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Mansfield Dairy Queens celebrate 75 years in Richland County

Some Richland County residents may remember Aug. 11, 1948 when John and Winnie Mulherin opened a Dairy Queen store at the corner of Glessner Avenue and Wood Street to sell a new “soft serve” ice cream. One of the first 100 stores in the nation, they sold cones for 5 cents and sundaes and milkshakes for 25 cents.

In 1955, Mulherin’s Snack Bar was built next to the DQ and was known for sloppy joes, french fries and root beer served in a frosted mug by car hops. The second generation, Jed and Mary Mulherin, ran the Snack Bar and operated the DQ from 1966 to 1987.

The Mansfield franchise grew in 1987 when third generation Mike and Stephanie Mulherin built the second location on Ashland Rd., in the Madison area. At the same time, siblings Pat and Maureen Mulherin took over operations of the original store. Pat and his wife, Jana, operated the Glessner Avenue location for over 30 years and in 2020, passed on the baton.

The fourth generation, Joe Mulherin and his wife Angela, look forward to continuing the legacy with their children. The Mansfield locations now make up part of the 7,000+ Dairy Queens operating in 20 countries.

“We’re grateful for the people of Richland County who have supported us over the past 75 years,” said Joe Mulherin. “Whether you have childhood memories of coming to the DQ after a baseball victory or held your first job here, we love hearing people’s stories and are proud to play a small part in bringing joy to our hometown.”

As a proud community partner, Mansfield Dairy Queens was selected as a finalist for Small Business of the Year from the Richland Area Chamber and recently participated in the West End Neighborhood Development project resulting in a new outdoor patio for the public to enjoy on Glessner Avenue.

The community is invited to celebrate Saturday, June 24 at both the Glessner Avenue and Ashland Road locations. The locations will be raffling off DQ swag and gift certificates, and a Grand Prize winner will get six months of DQ treats.

There will also be several 75th Anniversary specials including 75 cent Dilly Bars and DQ Sandwiches, 75 cents off all Sundaes and 75 cents off all Royal Treats (Banana Splits, Peanut Buster Parfaits, Pecan Mudslides, S’more Galore Parfaits, and more). And from noon to 2 pm there will be free hot dogs and chips.

Stewardship celebration continues

The Earth Stewardship Steering Committee will host the 27th Annual Earth Stewardship Celebration through Aug. 1. This celebration is an opportunity for community residents, churches, businesses and organizations to conduct litter clean-up, beautification, recycling and other events to promote a sustainable community.

The 12th Annual Earth Stewardship Take Pride Contest allows participants to take before and after photos of a project and submit the photos by August 4.

A project may include but is not limited to: Litter clean up, tree plantings, beautification projects, butterfly gardens, rain gardens, energy efficiency project, recycling project, native plant/pollinator gardens, removal of graffiti, paintings, park projects and more.

Projects are “judged” by a panel of judges who include leaders in our community, businesses and residents.

Awards are given to the top three places in each category. (Businesses, Government Neighborhood, School, Church/Non-profit organizations). Voters get to choose the People’s Choice Award by casting their “vote” via the Facebook page.

Groups can register their project until Aug. 1 and submit photos until Aug. 4. All participants will be entered into a drawing to win prizes. For information call Kim Hildreth at 419-755-9702 or email khildreth@ci.mansfield.oh.us.

Visit the Earth Stewardship Celebration Facebook page to see some past projects and participants.

Register projects at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1p-TyCUzZX14Et1a3oY69PykIfGA-cTxB2m0W7G5aFvRU/view-form?pli=1&pli=1&edit_requested=true

All volunteers will be entered into a drawing for prizes at the Earth Stewardship Celebration Awards Ceremony on Sept. 7.



HEATH SAGER’S Introductory Technology Systems students at Ontario High School launched rockets before the end of the school year.

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Ontario Board awards numerous contracts

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school, \$876; and Tonya Winningham, Stingel, \$1,204; choir directors: Mike Schwall, Stingel Elementary, \$1,204; Megan Hiler, middle school, \$1,204; and Megan Hiler, high school, \$3,494; class advisors: Melissa Fittante, senior, \$1,204; Chris Smith, senior, \$0; Matt Wentz, junior, \$876; Jodi Cooper-Wentz, junior, \$1,204; Melissa Fittante, sophomore, \$906; and Melissa Fittante, freshman, \$906.

Contracts were awarded to Lisa Secrist, Stingel Spelling Bee, \$1,508; Kellie Ritchey, middle school Power of the Pen, \$1,508; Wendy Wilgong, middle school Power of the Pen, \$1,095, Roger Nikiforow, high school Science Club, \$1,508; Jodi Cooper-Wentz, district newsletter, \$1,508; Elijah Henkle, marching band director, \$9,388; Megan Hiler, assistant marching band director, \$3,494; Melanie Ferguson, Key Club advisor, \$692; Debra Johnson, latchkey supervisor, \$16 hourly; and Kelly Conn, high school National Honor Society, \$757.

Homebound instruction/tutors/extended school year certified staff will earn \$22.50 hourly.

LPDC approved members are Mindy Leach, co-chair, \$1,207; Molly Calhoun, co-chair, \$1,207; Cary Carcione, \$906; and Annalee Stover, \$906.

School news reporting contracts went to Maureen Johnson, middle school, \$300; Jodi Cooper-Wentz, high school, \$300; and Tonya Winningham, Stingel, \$600.

Contracts also went to Stingel After School Club: Lisa Secrist, \$1,095; Tonya Winningham, \$1,508; James Watkins, \$547.50; James Willis, \$1,095; and Logan Leitzky, \$547.50; Student Council Advisors: Jodi Cooper-Wentz, high school (half), \$915; Cathleen Johnson, high school (half), \$915; and Annalee Stover, middle school, \$1,508; theatre: Condrea Cannada, director, \$2,288; Jonny King, assistant director, \$1,508; and Jonny King, set director, \$906.

Thursday/Friday After School Supervisors will receive \$50 per day on Thursday and \$75 per day on Friday.

Webmasters are Hannah Liska, high school, \$2,288; Maureen Johnson, middle school, \$2,288; and Tyler Gates, Stingel Elementary, \$1,752.

Yearbook advisors are Jim Buker, high school (half), \$2,182; Jodi Cooper-Wentz, high school (half), \$2,182; and Carrie Murray, Middle School, \$1,997.

Contracts were awarded to Melissa Fittante as resident educator facilitator, (two teachers, \$300) and district resident educator coordinator, \$1,500.

One-year mentors are Tonya Winningham for Logan Leitzky, \$750; Mark Johnson for Holly Hale, \$750; and Mindy Leach for Ashley Scott, \$750. Two-year mentors are Amanda Secrist for Maggie Voytko, \$750; Mindy Leach for Amanda VanHarlingen, \$750; and Molly Calhoun for Megan Hefner, \$750.

The board approved MOU for an additional assistant varsity football coach for the 2023 season and the employment of temporary substitute teachers for the 2023-'24 school year.

Students employed for summer technology internships for the 2023 summer at \$12 per hour are Najee Morris and Alex Switaj.

The board approved five extended days for Heath Sager at his daily per diem rate for summer engineering lab renovation.

Extended time, not to exceed one day for Preschool Play Based Assessments (SPED), was approved for Emily Bogner, speech; Ally Morrison, psychologist; Haley Ingle, Preschool Intervention Specialist; and Nicole Carney, Preschool Intervention Specialist.

The board amended the latchkey supervisor hourly wage from \$15.50 to \$16 per hour.

Substitutes hired are Lisa Beard, substitute cook, custodian and secretary aide; Nicole Mills, substitute cook, latchkey and playground aide; and Steve Arnett, substitute bus driver.

The board authorized the 2023-'24 membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association and approved temporary appropriations for the 2023-'24 school year, July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

A Lease-Purchase Resolution with Veregy was approved to upgrade a pool filtration system, acquire bleachers and make building weatherization improvements.

A resolution for a written post-issuance compliance policy in connection with the issuance of tax-exempt and tax-preferred obligations by the school district was approved.

Extended school year services were approved for Hailey Ingle, preschool, 8 hours at \$22.50 per hour; Nicole Carney, preschool, 10 hours at \$22.50 per hour; and Hannah Liska, school age, 10 hours at \$22.50 per hour.

The board approved an agreement with LLA Therapy for extended school year therapy services as well as an agreement between ABA Therapy and Ontario Local Schools for a summer registered behavior technician and a board certified behavior analyst effective from May 22, 2023-Aug. 16, 2023.

The board approved the Lotus BCBA contract for ABA therapy for the 2023-'24 school year and 2022-'23 Appropriation Adjustments.

Donation were accepted from the Booster Club, Wish List Donation, \$34,500; Brian R. Gates Insurance Agency, Field Day at Stingel, \$700; Brandon and Tara Hall, baseball donation, \$1,000; and Scott and Kelly Purvis, basketball donation, \$1,000.

Title 1 Reading Teachers approved for the 2023-'24 school year are Doreen Givens, Susan Kurtzman, Jennifer Jarvis and Paulette Huber, part-time. Airika Freeman will be an ESL tutor for the next school year, \$22.50 hourly. Julia Prokopchak was approved for summer tutoring for students who have not passed the third grade reading guarantee, four hours per week at \$22.50 per hour.

An insurance quote for property, fleet and liability coverage from Ohio School Plan for the 2024 fiscal year was accepted. Insurance premiums will be effective July 1, 2023.

Facility requests were granted to Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator (Cathleen Johnson) for use of football field for a Powder Puff football game; Susan Jacox for use of high school commons for a Celebration of Life service for Rick Jacox; and Blue Marlins (Brooke Trumpower) for use of pool for swim conditioning.

Mr. Them gave a Legislative Liaison Report.

The next Ontario Board of Education Meeting will be held on July 11, at 7 pm in the Ontario High School Library.



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Construction continues as summer officially begins

The following construction projects are anticipated to affect highways in Richland County this week. All outlined work is weather permitting.

U.S. 30, from the 5th Ave interchange ramps to just past the Ashland County Line, will have lane closures for pavement repairs. One lane of traffic with a minimum lane width of 12' will be maintained in each direction at all times.

The U.S. 30 east exit ramp to U.S. 42 south closed Monday, June 19 for six days for pavement repairs. The detour route will be to continue east on U.S. 30, transition to U.S. 30 west at the Reed Rd. interchange, and follow U.S. 30 west back to the U.S. 42 interchange and exit at the U.S. 42 south ramp. Estimated ramp reopening Sunday, June 25.

The U.S. 30 east exit ramp to U.S. 42 north will close Monday, June 26 for five days for pavement repairs. The detour route will be to continue east on U.S. 30, transition to U.S. 30 west at the Reed Road interchange, and follow U.S. 30 west back to the U.S. 42 interchange and exit at the U.S. 42 north ramp. The ramp will reopen on Friday, June 30 for the 4th of July weekend. It will close again on Wednesday, July 5 for three days to complete repairs.

The U.S. 42 entrance ramp to U.S. 30 east will close Monday, June 26 for five days for pavement repairs. The detour route will be to take U.S. 30 west and transition to U.S. 30 east at the 5th Avenue interchange. The ramp will reopen on Friday, June 30 for the 4th of July weekend. It will close again on Wednesday, July 5 for three days to complete repairs.

Estimated completion of entire project is October 2023

U.S. 30, between I-71 and SR 603, will have single lane closures when necessary for an environmental mitigation project. Project work includes excavation and embankment within the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District.

The eastbound driving lane will be closed at Trout Drive using concrete barrier for earth work. Estimated completion is July 2023.

State Route 430, between Trimble Rd. and Brookwood Way, will have intermittent single lane closures as needed for bridge repairs. The majority of the work will be performed underneath the bridge and will not have an impact to traffic. Estimated completion is October 2023.

Hospice of NCO receives grant

The United Fund of Shelby upon successful completion of their annual fund-raising campaign has allocated a grant in the amount of \$1,500 in support of HNCO's Camp Hope Children's bereavement Camp which is scheduled for June 16, 17, 23 and 24 at Pleasant Hill Outdoor Camp.

Becky Fister, HNCO Social Services Supervisor stated, "Gifts and grants have allowed us to expand and enhance our bereavement camp giving children the opportunity to engage in a multitude of activities and programs that are not funded through the annual budget."

Ralph Tomassi, Chief Development Officer/Senior Administrator added, "This camp has and continues to resonate with practically everyone while meeting the needs of grieving children throughout our service areas."

Hospice of North Central Ohio has served thousands of families with compassionate end-of-life and Palliative care, bereavement programs and services since 1988.

HNCO is headquartered at 1021 Dauch Dr., in Ashland, Hospice of North Central Ohio serves more than 200 patients daily in Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Morrow, and Richland counties who are living with chronic and terminal illnesses.

Additionally, free continuous bereavement services are provided for hundreds of families of hospice patients and to anyone in the community experiencing grief. HNCO also operates the What Goes "Round Thrift Shoppe located in downtown Mansfield.

Call 800-952-2207 for more information. HNCO is a 501 c3 non-profit organization with years of experience and a community partner of United Way of Ashland and Knox County.

Romanchuk praises historic tax relief is Senate's balanced budget

State Senator Mark Romanchuk (R-Ontario) strongly supports the final version of the \$85.8 billion budget plan passed by the Ohio Senate, especially the historic \$3.1 billion in tax relief that returns this hard-earned money to the taxpayers.

"Each budget that I have been a part of, we have cut Ohio's income tax. I'm proud to continue that record of working for the benefit of every Ohioan," said Romanchuk. "I'm equally proud that almost 90% of Ohio's businesses will no longer have to pay any Commercial Activity Tax. And now that we've extended the August sales tax holiday to two weeks, I think we have delivered big-time for all Ohioans, especially families."

The senator praised the move toward a fair and simplified flat tax approach, as the budget reduces the number of tax brackets to only two over the biennium. The marginal rates will be 2.75% over \$26,050 and 3.5% over \$92,150. Ohioans making \$26,050 or less pay no income taxes.

Romanchuk detailed how the budget provides significant tax relief to businesses by implementing considerable reforms to the Commercial Activity Tax. Businesses will pay no taxes on the first \$3 million of gross receipts in tax year 2024, and will pay no taxes on the first \$6 million of gross receipts in tax year 2025. After the year 2025, those businesses with a revenue above \$6 million will also see continued tax reductions.

The Senate's budget plan includes historic funding and policy improvements to K-12 funding that is focused on accountability and options for parents.

The Senate school funding plan maintains the updated 2022 salary and spending criteria used for determining the base cost, and then adds an additional \$1.3 billion to school funding. Total foundation funding for students in public schools under the Senate plan is a record \$9.3 billion in FY24 & almost \$9.6 billion FY25.

The budget now moves to the Ohio House, and must be balanced and signed into law by June 30.

Family Fishing Day will be held in North Lake Park this Saturday

A Family Fishing Day will be held Saturday, June 24, from noon to 4 pm in North Lake Park, 625 Hope Rd., Mansfield.

The free event will allow families to spend an afternoon enjoying the great outdoors. Activities will include, catch and release fishing, a petting zoo, a bird sanctuary, kidz zone, hawg trough and many demonstrations.

Those attending are encouraged to pack a lawn chair and fishing gear to spend a couple of hours of catch and release fishing at North Lake Park.

This event is available to guests 15 years old and younger accompanied by an adult. Tackle, rods, reel and bait will be provided to registered participants. Volunteers and staff will be on hand to assist first-time anglers. There will also be a fishing contest for participants.

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Madison Adult Career Center Graduation

Students graduate from MACC during annual ceremony

Madison Adult Career Center (MACC) held its annual graduation for students completing Career Development Programs during the 2022-'23 school year on Friday, June 16.

MACC holds its annual graduation ceremony to recognize students upon successful completion of their training programs. Special recognition was given to students earning perfect attendance and outstanding attendance.

Five graduates were nominated by their instructors for Student of the Year: Nicole Carter, Nail Technician; Tasha Dombroff, Dental Assisting; Jilliam Hennes, Medical Assisting Technologies; Felicia Perkins, Customer & Office Support Technology; Noah Schenk, Welding Technology. Jilliam Hennes was selected as the 2022-'23 Student of the Year.

Students graduated from Advanced Cosmetology, Cosmetology, Customer & Office Support Technology, Dental Assisting, Industrial Electrical Maintenance, Medical Assisting Technologies, Nail Technician, Phlebotomy/EKG, Precision Machining/CNC Technology, State Tested Nurse Aide, Welding Technology, and the Adult Diploma Programs. Programs range from 96 to 1,800 clock hours of training.

Graduates earn or soon will earn industry-recognized certifications, such as: Registered Phlebotomy Technician (RPT); Registered Medical Assistant (RMA); Registered Dental Assistant (AMT); Dental Radiography certification; Ohio State Board of Cosmetology Licensure in Cosmetology and Advanced Cosmetology; State Tested Nurse Aide (STNA); American Welding Society (AWS); National Institute for MetalWorking Skills (NIMS); The National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER); OPAC certification in Word and Excel; Nail Technician Licensure; and Basic Life Support (BLS) and HeartSaver First Aid certifications. All graduates of Career Development programs also earn an ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Credential (NCRC).

Madison Adult Career Center graduated 110 adult students this school year from the above Career Development programs with 32 of them also earning their adult diploma.

Students graduating from Career Development programs who successfully meet graduation requirements receive a Certificate of Completion and a Career Passport in addition to their industry credentials.

To qualify for graduation, students must, complete at least 90 percent of scheduled hours and 100 percent of required coursework, achieve a 2.0 minimum grade point average, complete required externship, clinical or job shadow and complete Bring Your 'A' Game employability/work ethic curriculum.

Madison Adult Career Center's 2022 Accreditation Annual Reporting Disclosures include an overall completion rate of 81% with the following results for completers: 93% having positive post-program placement; 72% working in a related field of their training; and 99% earning an industry credential.

Madison Adult Career Center provides training to individuals who are unemployed, underemployed, dislocated workers, and employed individuals gaining new skills and/or upgrading their current skills. Programs enable students to complete their training, earn certifications and enter the workforce quickly.

Madison Adult Career Center is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC), an approved provider of post-secondary career technical education by the Ohio Department of Higher Education and a member of the Ohio Association of Career Technical and Adult Education (ACTE).



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LEXINGTON WESTERN ELEMENTARY celebrated five educators who retired from the building. There are over 159 years of experience between the five of them. Pictured are front, Tracy Andrews; and back, Twyla Chalk, Sandy DeLuca, Jacki Gaither and Melissa Hassmann.

News Briefs in Education

University of Mount Union Spring 2023 Dean's List recipients are Jacob Hathaway of Lexington, Andrew Hathaway of Lexington and Lucas Starling of Mansfield.

To be eligible for the dean's list, students must have completed at least 12 credit hours of traditionally graded coursework while achieving a grade point average of 3.550 or better with no letter grade below a B.



College students from our area graduated from Baldwin Wallace University in Berea, Ohio, in May.

Will Bolin, a graduate of Ontario High School, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts: Finance.

Cori Wentz, a graduate of Ontario High School, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts: Finance.



University of Findlay graduates were recognized for earning degrees for the academic year 2022-'23 and were invited to walk in the University's commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 6.

Local students include:

Robin Eyerly, of Ontario, received a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science. She graduated from the university with the academic designation of magna cum laude.

Keandre Marlow, of Mansfield, received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Ethan Pensante, of Ontario, received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

The university is located in Findlay, Ohio.



The Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education will hold a special meeting of the Board Sub-Committee for Hiring of Treasurer on Friday, June 23, at 10 am at the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center Conference Room. This meeting will be held to review applications received for the treasurer position at Pioneer.



To submit your college or university student's information for publication in the Tribune send to news@tribune-courier.com. News items can include dean's list recipients, special recognition and graduation information.

Golf scramble will benefit RPS

A Senior Scramble Golf Tournament is being planned for Saturday, July 15, at Little Apple Golf Course in Bellville.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Richland Pregnancy Services in Mansfield and Heartbeat of Morrow County in Mt. Gilead.

The event is open to men, women and mixed foursomes age 65 and older.

Prizes will be awarded for first and second place teams and for longest drive, longest putt and closest to the pin. Mulligans and skins available for purchase.

Registration is open for golfers and teams. Cost for a four-person team is \$240 which includes 18 holes of golf, cart and food after the scramble.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 per hole.

Registration forms for golfers and hole sponsors are available at www.friendsofrichlandpregnancy.com/golf

For more information contact Ron Cass at 419-722-1748.



CALEB TATE PERFORMING ARTS will present "Swingin Jazz Night" on Sunday, June 25, from 4-6 pm at Knights of Columbus Hall, 1114 Park Avenue, West, Mansfield. The evening will feature swing-style jazz music, dancing and tacos. The event will feature Standard Time Jazz. This is the last event for the year as Caleb is starting college at Baldwin Wallace University.



Ontario Middle School Seventh Grade AR Top Ten Readers



ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL students Adelina Hines and Julien Ford were recently recognized for their outstanding citizenship in the seventh grade.



ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL students William Wang and Madelyn Yoha were recently recognized for their outstanding citizenship in the eighth grade.



TOP PBIS CHARACTER TRAITS for eighth grade student at Ontario Middle School are Respectful: Emma Bell, Integrity: William Wang and Yuchen Lin, Responsible: William Wang, Self-Discipline: Christopher Bradford, and Compassionate: Kaydence Smithberger.

Madison Safety Town hosts annual graduation ceremony

Photos and Article By Traci Little

The Madison Local Schools Safety Town Graduation ceremony took place last Friday, June 16, at 10:30 am. The program lasted for nine days and was free for all children.

The program's goal is to promote safety education. Forty-one kids enrolled in the program which is headed up by Jennifer Eckenwiler, Preschool Coordinator at Madison South, and Natasha Repp, Madison Early Childhood Learning Center Principal.

The children had a blast learning all sorts of things and especially enjoyed the Madison Township Fire Department for coming to teach them about fire safety. They explored the fire truck and ambulance and loved getting a chance to spray the hose! Some other things the children learned about throughout the program were bus safety, first aid, car safety, learned from the Richland County Sheriff's Department about being a police officer, water safety, stranger danger, medication safety and how to be prepared for an emergency from the American Red Cross.

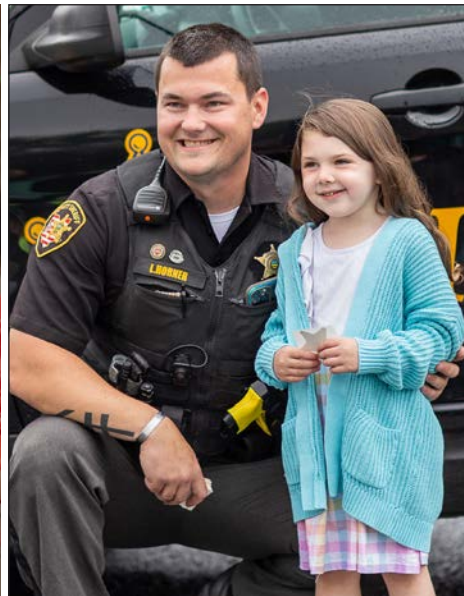
The children sang "The Traffic Light Song" and diplomas were handed out to the children. Refreshments followed and the children enjoyed getting their photo taken outside in Safety Town with Deputy L. Horner in front of his cruiser.

Miss Kilie and Miss Kylie's class graduates included Kensley Adams, Nora Anderson, Dawson Bowling, Aven Brown, Lillian Brownwell, Amaya Dean, Ryan Fisher, Kayden Harris, Barrett Hendrickson, Bensen Hicks, Remington Hoeflich, Thorin Howell, Braxton Kopp, Harper McElroy, Zara Meehan, Rinoah Morris, Holden Parsons, Archer Pool, JJ Renfro, Eva Sasis, Gemma Shepherd, Ke-Asia Slaughter-Adkins, Adaline Stevens, Savannah Umstead, Audrey Wade, Aleena Ward, Jaxson Wellman and Liam Woodruff.

Miss Brooklyn and Miss Riley's class graduates included Audrey Anderson, Courtney Ballard, Emery Bishop, Maddox David, Khilynne Dillon, Will Eckenwiler, Samuel Fellure, Haylee Hershner, Kaila Kuac, Zion Lloyd, Journey Mack, Averi Mitchell, Piper Morrow, Braxton Murray, Myles Oslie, Aria Parker, Austin Pearce, Asher Pennywitt, Bryson Pennywitt, Emmalyn Ruckman, Kinsley Schultz, Kinsley Settles, Ellie Slone, Aurora Stoots, Isaiah Strohm, Avoreigh Toon-Kegley, Arsis Webb, Jayvion Weir and Carmen Will.

The Safety Town Staff would like to thank Baker's Collision, Brandt's Custom Machining, Fraternal Order of Police - Mike Bammann, Gorman-Rupp Employees Civic Fund - Kari Maglott, Kiwanis, Mechanics Bank, Richland County Safety Council, Sons & Daughters of Herman Benevolent Fund of Mansfield, Southern Title of Ohio, LTD, and Tucker Brothers Auto Wrecking.

This was the second year for the Safety Town program, and they look forward to providing it again for the children in the Madison community for years to come.





Veterans, pups welcome to join in Ontario parade

The Ontario 4th of July Festival has been a staple of the community for over 20 years and will be held Saturday, July 1.

This year there will be more Friday night activities on June 30, including a live band, car show, music and kids' activities.

There will be an expanded parade including a pets division and old favorites such as The Ontario Lion's Club Frog Jumping contest and eating contests will be back.

The first ever sky diving show will be added Saturday at 6 pm as well as an all-day craft show.

The Ontario 4th of July Pup Parade will be held at 3 pm Saturday, followed by the Ontario 4th of July Parade at 3:30 pm.

The Pup Parade will help support the Richland County Dog Warden's Office. The warden and her volunteers will be on hand with pups that are up for adoption.

Local dogs and their owners are invited to join in the parade. Pups can be dressed up for the parade and judging will take place directly after the parade.

A \$10 donation with entry will go directly to the Richland County Dog Warden. Register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0948a9ab2ea2f9c43-ontario1#/>

All Ontario Veterans are welcomed to join in the annual parade. All veterans will be walking as a group together. Line-up will be behind the Ontario schools. More information will follow upon registration. To register contact Kim Wells at 419-341-7801 or Kenn Spencer at 419-566-8072.

Lexington's Sorellé, stars on NBC's "The Voice," will sing the National Anthem to kick off the largest firework show in North Central Ohio.

To sign-up for the 5K Saturday morning, visit https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Mansfield/OntarioLiberty5KRun?fbclid=IwAR1x-22w5yjWcFeAtsYdV__9ZjEDxI8BHD0Ke3eSVy3GDc0WnFxmE8PkGb_4

Anyone wishing to volunteer or donate to the Ontario 4th of July Festival Committee can call 419-566-8072.



ONTARIO STINGEL students enjoy lunch before school let out for the summer.

The City of Ontario's Recreation Department held its annual Summer Recreation Camp the past two weeks. One hundred and fifty kindergarten to fifth grade students attended each week. Many high school workers helped to make this camp a success.



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



Ben

Ben might look intimidating in his kennel since he is so big, but he really is just the sweetest. Ben enjoys long walks around the shelter, exploring the play yard, smelling all the other dogs, back and head scratches, sitting for treats, and being told what a good boy he is. Ben is practically perfect in his leash and rarely pulls. When he is asked to sit for a picture, he doesn't hesitate to pose. He loves the camera. Ben is also incredibly good at

giving love to his human friends. He absolutely loves toys and makes sure he has a stuffy on all of his walks. Ben is scared of cats.

Stop out and meet this big handsome fella and spend some time with him. You will definitely see what we see in him. Ben came into the shelter on July 6, 2022, and will be at the shelter for almost a year very soon.

Ben 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.

Teachers can apply for grants

Local educators are invited to submit grant applications to the Richland County Foundation.

Teacher Assistance Program (TAP) grants of up to \$1,500 each are selected by a community committee for classroom projects not covered by school funding. The grants are given to K-12 teachers in public or private Richland County schools to encourage them to carry out effective programs for their students.

Teachers also can apply for a Harry and Lois McCullough Fund grant. The grants are available for the purpose of promoting writing, literature appreciation, music and Ohio history through creative, innovative, and effective methods and programs.

Mansfield City School teachers have two additional opportunities: Field Trip and Family Involvement Activity and Fine Arts Fund grants.

Applications are available on richlandcountyfoundation.org with a June 25 deadline. For information contact Siera Marth-May at smarth@rcfoundation.org or 419-525-3020.

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Branch Manager - Loan Officer

Summer Courtyard Series continues

This summer, the downtown courtyard at Mechanics Bank will be a lunchtime destination for live music, food trucks and more.

All performances will be held 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. The schedule includes music from Tom's Kitchen Table with the Pancho Tacos food truck on June 30; Emily Raff and Truckin' Trav on July 14; EKG and Cell Block Café on July 28; Taylor Schlupp and Grunt Grub on Aug. 11; Milo's Music and Mr. Bill's Wood Fired Pizza on Aug. 25; Josh Vanderzyden and Eshelman's Table on Sept. 8; and Tom's Kitchen Table and Pasta by Grunt Grub on Sept. 22.

Guests can come early or stay later and enjoy the courtyard. The courtyard is open every Friday over lunch.

In the event of inclement weather, visit MyMechanics.com/Live-atLunch for updates. Mechanics Bank is located at 2 S. Main St., Mansfield.

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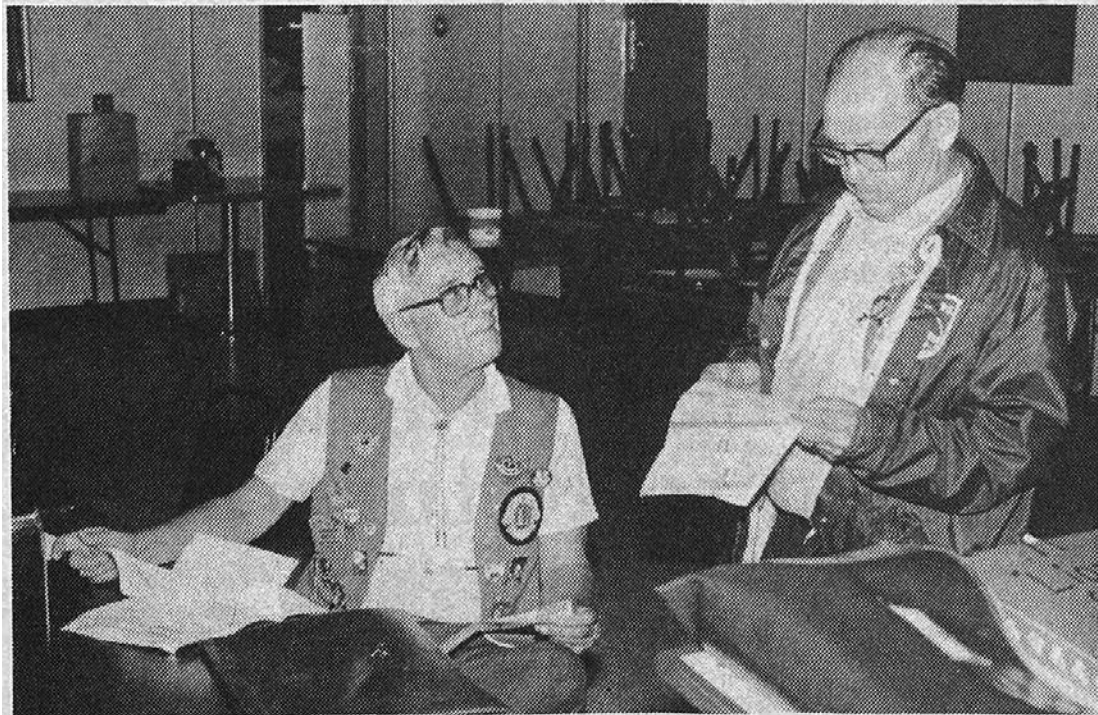
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LOOKING BACK • THIS WEEK IN TRIBUNE-COURIER HISTORY

June 20, '85



LIONS ENTER NEW YEAR — These three Lexington Lions Club members will work closely together as the Lex Lions plan for the Lion year which begins in July. From the left are Virgil Cooper, treasurer; president-elect William Schureck and out-going Lex Lions president Harold "Donk" Dailey.



CHECK RECORDS — Harrison Rettig, a Lexington Lions Club member and zone chairman, and Lex Lion Larry Hannon check over some of the Lexington Lion records as the club enters a new year in July with the theme "We serve."

This Day in History — On June 22, 1944, U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the G.I. Bill, an unprecedented act of legislation designed to compensate returning members of the armed services for their efforts in World War II. As the last of its sweeping New Deal reforms, Roosevelt's administration created the G.I. Bill (officially the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944) hoping to avoid a relapse into the Great Depression after the war ended. FDR particularly wanted to prevent a repeat of the Bonus March of 1932, when 20,000 unemployed veterans and their families flocked in protest to Washington. The American Legion, a veteran's organization, successfully fought for many of the provisions included in the bill, which gave returning servicemen access to unemployment compensation, low-interest home and business loans, and — most importantly — funding for education. By giving veterans money for tuition, living expenses, books, supplies and equipment, the bill effectively transformed higher education in America. Before the war, college had been an option for only 10–15 percent of Americans, and university campuses had become known as a haven for the most privileged classes. By 1947, in contrast, vets made up half of the nation's college enrollment; three years later, nearly 500,000 Americans graduated from college, compared with 160,000 in 1939. As educational institutions opened their doors to this new group of students, overcrowded classrooms and residences prompted widespread improvement and expansion of university facilities and teaching staffs. An array of new vocational courses were developed across the country, including advanced training in education, agriculture, commerce, mining and fishing — skills that had previously been taught only informally. The bill became one of the major forces that drove an economic expansion in America that lasted 30 years after World War II. Only 20 percent of the money set aside for unemployment compensation under the bill was given out, as most veterans found jobs or pursued higher education. Low interest home loans enabled millions of American families to move out of urban centers and buy or build homes outside the city, changing the face of the suburbs. Over 50 years, the impact of the bill was enormous, with 20 million veterans and dependents using the education benefits and 14 million home loans guaranteed, for a total federal investment of \$67 billion.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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 known 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 AN 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)

CITY OF ONTARIO GENERAL LABORER POSITION

The City of Ontario, an Equal Opportunity Employer, currently has an opening for a General Laborer in the Service Department. Duties may require operation of hand and power tools, heavy equipment, capable of lifting 50 pounds or more, working in inclement weather or other unpleasant conditions and call-in on short notice. Overtime is likely. A valid driver's license is required. We offer an excellent benefit package.

Applications may be picked up at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, beginning June 9, 2023, and must be returned by July 12, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., in a

sealed envelope addressed to the Civil Service Commission-General Laborer Position. Applications are available online at ontarioohio.org. The Civil Service examination for General Laborer will be held Sunday, July 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m., at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, 44906.

Cathy VanAuker, MMC
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 6-15, 22, 29 and 7-6 '23) 31L

LEGAL NOTICE

In the Matter of the Adoption of Axl Gene Marain Case Number: 20235039 Richland County Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division.

Marie Elizabeth Lahrmer whose last known address is unknown, is hereby notified that on the 8th day of June 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: 20235039, for the adoption of Michael Axl Young 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 26th day of July, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock A.M. and the best interest hearing will be had on the 30th day of August, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. before the Judge of said Court at 50 Park Avenue East, Mansfield, OH 44902.

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KELLY L. BADNELL
Judge, Court of Common Pleas,
Probate Division, Richland County, OH
(T-C 6-22, 29, 7-6 '23)

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 June 7, 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 Stum-

bo Road, Ontario, Ohio, during regular business hours.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-08 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ONTARIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SHAMBAUGH CLEANING AND RESTORATION FOR A NEW INDUSTRIAL ADDITION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 5709 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE- ENTERPRISE ZONES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-08 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 513 DRUG ABUSE CONTROL, BY ADDING SECTION 513.18 ILLEGAL DISTRIBUTION OF OR PERMITTING CHILDREN TO USE CIGARETTES OR OTHER TOBACCO OR ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker, MMC
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 6-15, 22 '23) 33L

LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL OF QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE IT SERVICES

The City of Ontario, Ohio is seeking a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) from qualified IT Service Companies to furnish IT Services to the City of Ontario. Length of term of agreement is 3 years.

The City of Ontario will receive SOQs at the City of Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road Ontario, Ohio 44906, until 3 PM EST on June 30, 2023. SOQs received after that time will not be accepted.

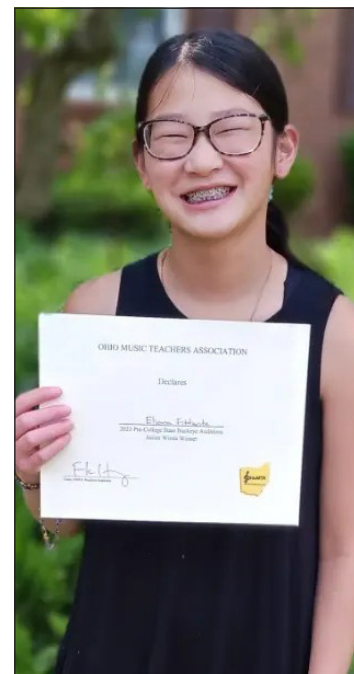
An agreement will be awarded based on Qualifications and pricing.

Randy Hutchinson, Mayor
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 6-22, 29 '23) 20L

The Tribune-Courier office will be closed the week of July 3-7

The deadline for
news to be placed in
the June 29
and July 6 Issues
is Monday, June 26.

News can be sent
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ELIANA FITTANTE, Ontario High School oboist, received first place in the Junior Winds at the State Ohio Music Teachers' Association Buckeye Auditions Saturday, June 17 at Miami University in Oxford, OH. Before the state competition, she had placed first at the Central East District Buckeye auditions. The State award is a cash award plus the opportunity to perform on the Winners Recital held at the OhioMTA Convention in October. In addition to her school band, Eliana is a member of the Mansfield Symphony Youth Orchestra, the Ashland Community Band, and beginning in the fall, she will be a member of the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra. She is the daughter of Melissa Fittante. She studies oboe with Carol Bernhardt and piano with Dr. Michael Benson. She is pictured with her first place certificate.

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