



The New Miss Ontario 2023 Jaslyn Lopez is crowned by Miss Ontario 2022 Abigail Kern during the pageant held Saturday, June 24 at Ontario High School.

## Jaslyn Lopez crowned as new Miss Ontario

Photos and Article By Traci Little

This year's Miss Ontario Pageant was presented by Ontario Community Events, the Ontario 4th of July Festival Committee and Spherion Mid Ohio. The event took place in the Ontario Auditorium on Saturday, June 24 at 7 pm.

The event was free to the public, but donations were accepted, enhancing the Miss Ontario Pageant Scholarship Fund. Once again, the Mistress of Ceremonies was Jami Kinton-Sluss. The National Anthem was sung by Emily Legenza, who was selected as the first runner-up in the Miss Ohio 2023 pageant.

Contestants this year were Scarlet Rehberg, Jenessa Rehberg, Brailynn Webb, Jaslyn Lopez, Davanna Parks, Katherine Bolin, Anzaya Estep, Victoria Sheppard and Ava Dean.

The evening was full of impressive and talented entertainment including Tony Morris and Ashley Pindel from Studio 65 and Joseph Litao and Adam Kern. Guests were encouraged to send a note, or a flower to their special contestant via the Froggy Gram table.

Jaslyn Lopez won the Interview Award and Jenessa Rehberg won Miss Congeniality. Anzaya Estep won the Talent Award and was also second runner up. Davanna Parks won first runner up.

The title of Miss Ontario 2023 was given to Jaslyn Lopez. Jaslyn is looking forward to representing Ontario as the newly crowned queen. She would like to show the younger generation that you can be whatever you set your heart out to be. Being visible and promoting her community is something she's looking forward to as Miss Ontario. Her extracurricular activities include Show Choir, Key Club, FCCLA Member, Warrior Leadership and Council Executive. She also works at The Cove Coffee Shop and Pizza Company in Ontario.

Jaslyn told me that Anzaya and Davanna have been two of her closest friends since middle school and that it was so special that it was the three of them at the end. Jaslyn is looking forward to serving her community and is especially excited for the upper teen level of the Buckeye Imagination Museum to be complete and celebrate with a ribbon cutting.

*(Continued on Page 6)*

## Ontario 4th of July Festival is this weekend

The Ontario 4th of July Festival has been a staple of the community for over 20 years and will be held in Marshall Park in Ontario on 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.

On Friday, the car show, presented by Brian & Michelle Gates State Farm Insurance, will be held from 5:15-9 pm.

Band performances will be from 6-9 pm, a corn hole contest will be held from 6-9 pm, a beer garden will be open from 6-10 pm and concessions will be available from 6-9 pm.

The cost for a corn hole two-person team is \$30. Limited registrations will be taken.

On Saturday, there will be an expanded parade including a pets division and old favorites such as The Ontario Lion's Club Frog Jumping contest at 5 pm and food eating contests throughout the day.

The Ontario Liberty 5K Run will begin at 8:30 am. Registration ends June 29, at 8 pm. The entry fee is \$25 and cash prizes and gift cards will be awarded.

A kids area will be open from noon to 10 pm and will include inflatables and jump houses.

The first ever sky diving show will be added Saturday at 6 pm as well as a craft show from 11 am to 5 pm.

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 will join in the parade.

Both parades will run down a portion of Shelby-Ontario Rd. and go through the park.

County Line will perform on the main stage at 8 pm Saturday night. Entry to Pour One Nine is 21 and over with an ID required.

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

The most extensive raffle in festival history will take place this year. Raffle prizes include TVs, area restaurants and even a car from New Haven Auto Sales.

Tickets can be purchased at New Haven Auto Sales, Sutton Bank and the studios of WVNO FM/WVNO TV and at the festival to benefit Ontario Youth Sports.

For full festival information and to register for various events visit <https://ontario4thofjulyfestival.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/Ontario4thJuly>.



# Butler's Mormon Miller

By Bob Carter

Jacob Myers was a millwright, a trade he had learned from his father. Sometime in the 1810s Myers moved to Jefferson Township just outside of Butler.

As part of a bargain, Myers built a water-powered grist mill near Applecreek which took a year and then received the future Butler land. There he built a large gristmill of his own in 1819 with an added saw mill and cooper shop for barrel making. A brother in law also opened a blacksmith shop. It was a profitable center of operation.

Sometime during either 1832 or 1833, Myers joined the newly created Church of The Latter Day Saints. This did not set well with his father, his wife or older children. Neither did it go well with many of his friends or mill customers.

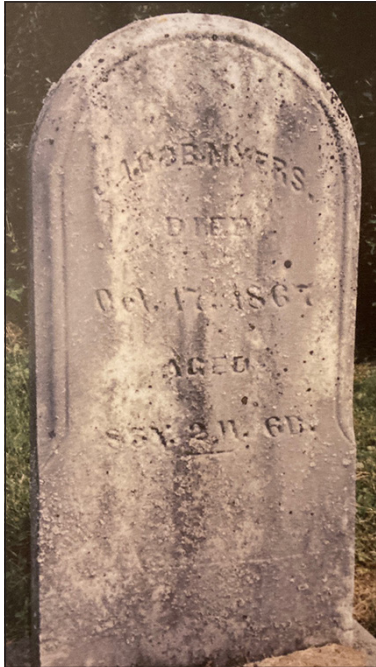
New congregations were being formed in Worthington, Perry and Green Townships with Myers soon elected as Presiding Elder. As members of other mostly Protestant denominations began loosing members, ministers pounded their pulpits in condemnation of this "new" sinful church. It divided friends and families, some of the hatred and disconnect would never heal.

Myers, rather well off, was called upon to donate and borrow funds for the construction of the new Mormon Temple at Kirtland, where a wagon train of saints had settled after leaving New York. Myers not only gave what he could, but being a mill wright, went there to help.

Hated and angered by some friends and family, in 1836 Myers led a wagon train of Mormons mostly from southern Richland County congregations, to Missouri and settled at Shoal Creek in Caldwell County.

Along the nearly three month trip they were threatened and harassed. He built a grist mill for David Hawn and the place became known as Hawn's Mills.

The Mormons settled together in an area and worked and helped one another. Soon the settlement dominated the local population, economy and elections. This led to big trouble and even murders. It got to the point that Governor Boggs of Missouri ordered all Saints out of Missouri and had the leaders arrested. A few scattered but most went back east across the Mississippi River and settled in the Navoo, Illinois area. One again the



**JACOB MYERS** was buried in the very corner of the Ankenytown Cemetery because of his Mormon faith and the fact that his daughter was married to the Leedy family.

same trouble erupted and the Mormon leader Prophet Joseph Smith was murdered while in jail.

In 1846, Myers in Illinois would lead a wagon train of fifty west and north through Iowa to settle near Council Bluffs. There he would build more mills including one for Jacob Haun and the settlement became known as Haun's Mills. As had happened before, the population of Caldwell County grew to an estimated 5,000 with 4,900 being Mormon. Threats and violence occurred and with those threats the settlement armed themselves.

Again, Mormons were ordered out by the Iowa governor but the next day, Oct. 30, 1838, a mob of an estimated 200 to 240 armed men attacked the settlement and seventeen men and a twelve-year-old boy were killed or died days later of their wounds. Thirteen men and one woman were injured. The attackers plundered and pillaged everything they could and left after two hours. One leader of a pack of the gang was a Methodist minister. Much was the hatred.

Jacob Myers was three miles away when the bloody attack was made, but arrived and helped with the wounded.

Fearing the attackers would return and desecrate the slain, Myers with two survivors and a woman put the bodies on a plank and carried them to a dug well that had not reached water and slid them in. Myers son had dug the well. Straw and dirt covered the dead.

Most fled the area. Myers stayed in Iowa a while, building mills and then then went back to Illinois, where he was a Presiding Elder of Freedom, Adams, County. Then back to Iowa.

Myers wife died in 1861 and her remains are buried in Bertram, Iowa. The loss of his wife of over fifty years and mother of his fifteen children and his advancing age caused him to slow.

He returned to Richland County a downcast old man and lived the rest of his life with daughter Delilah Myers Leedy, not in Butler, but a few miles away in the Knox County village of Ankenytown.

He died in 1867 a Mormon and because of his daughter being a Leedy, was allowed to be buried, but in the very south-east corner of the Brethren (Dunkard) Church Cemetery, in Ankenytown.

Jacob Myers lived a useful and colorful life. It started in Butler.



**JACOB MYERS** built this water-powered grist mill in 1819. It ran with various owners until 1944 when the dam washed out after 125 years.

Vol. 62  
No. 39

**Tribune-Courier**



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

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

© All Rights Reserved

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

Get Those  
**MAMMARIES**  
Grammed

SHIRLEY PAT KRACKER  
1950  
**BREAST  
CANCER  
FUND**  
We Can Help

helpmepat.org

# News Briefs

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).

★

Little Flock Fellowship Church invites all kids ages preschool through sixth grade to attend a Vacation Bible School July 24–28 from 6–8 pm nightly. The church is located at 1149 County Road 30A, Ashland, just outside of Mifflin. There will be songs, games, snacks, Bible teaching, crafts and prizes with a cookout on Friday evening to wrap up the week. For information call the church at 419-368-7705.

★

First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Ave. West, Mansfield, offers senior boxes on the fourth Tuesday of each month, year 'round. The Greater Cleveland Food Bank has a program called "Senior Boxes" whereby anyone 60+ who falls in the "low income" guidelines can register and then pick up a 30 pound box of non-perishables including two pounds of cheese and a 15 pound box of pre-packaged produce.

Age is a qualification, so those attending should bring a current identification card complete with date of birth and proof of income. Distribution is on the east side of the building between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm to get registered and pick up a box. There is no cost. Call 419-522-0662 for more information.

★

The 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](http://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.

★

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 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 July 24, Aug. 28, Sept. 25 and Oct. 23. Line-up begins at 8:30 am and the giveaway begins at 10 am at Clear Fork Alliance Church (across from Clear Fork High School). A photo ID is required by Cleveland Food Bank.

★

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

★

The Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education will hold its regular July Board of Education Meeting at 6 pm, Wednesday, July 12, in the Pioneer Board of Education Conference Room at the Pioneer Career and Technology Center, Shelby.

★

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville, 25 Church St., will welcome Rev. Sam Byrd on Sunday, July 2. He will speak on "Be Happy No Matter What – 2 Steps to Inner Freedom."

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

★

The Richland Country Korean War Veterans, Chapter 51, will be hosting a gathering with dignitaries, veterans and families to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice. 300 guests are expected.

Donations are being accepted to help fund the event. Funds collected will help pay for the event space, snacks and drinks, gas money for entertainers and decorations.

The Han Wool Traditional Korean drummers and dancers from Columbus and pianist Miss Lee from Michigan will entertain.

The event will be held July 27, from 2–5 pm at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center, 890 W. 4th St., Mansfield. Veterans and the public are invited to attend but limited seating is available. RSVP to 419-989-0580. To help donate, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/i/70th-anniversary-ohio-korean-war-veterans>

## 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.

**MECHANICS SAVINGS BANK  
CIVISTA BANK, SHELBY, OHIO  
Night Depository at Treasurer's Office**

**BART W. HAMILTON  
RICHLAND COUNTY TREASURER**

PHONE 419-774-5622

Office Hours: 8 am to 4 pm MONDAY THRU FRIDAY



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



Ethan

Ethan is available for adoption at the Richland County Dog Shelter. He will be at the shelter for a year on July 5.

He is potty trained and loves playing. When he is in the play yard, he quickly does his business, then waits for someone to come hang out with him. The minute he sees them, he picks up a toy and runs.

When he sees a treat, he will happily put down his toy, sit, and patiently wait. When he plays with toys, he happily jumps into the toy bin.

His only flaw is that sometimes he bumps the volunteers, but no one has taught him manners, yet.

He likes other dogs and the shelter thinks he is good with cats. Sometimes he gets really excited to play and is a little much, so the shelter thinks he shouldn't go home to a family with small children.

He is very clean in his kennel and around seven years old.

Ethan is available at the Richland County Dog Shelter in Man-

sfield.

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.

## 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 Eschelman'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 which is open every Friday over lunch. In the event of inclement weather, visit MyMechanics.com/LiveatLunch for updates. Mechanics Bank is located at 2 S. Main St., Mansfield.

# Church Directory

### Clear Fork Alliance Church

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

### Community Bible Church

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

### First English Lutheran Church

53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield  
419-522-0662 • [www.felc-mansfield.org](http://www.felc-mansfield.org)  
Pastor Miguel 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  
Streamed on Paul Lintern Facebook Page  
Sunday 10:45 am  
"A Refuge for Hymn-singers!"

### St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church

1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison) 419-589-2114 • [www.mansfieldstmarys.org](http://www.mansfieldstmarys.org)  
Father John Miller  
Worship: 4 pm Saturday & 11 am Sunday  
5:30 pm Tuesday Worship  
8 am Friday Worship • Faith Instruction & Bible Study on Sunday Mornings

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

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

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

Wappner Funeral Home

Mansfield • Ontario • Ashland • 419-522-5211

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

G & M Body & Paint Shop

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

# Area Agency on Aging awarded funding to provide vaccination outreach to older adults and people with disabilities

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. received funding from USAging’s Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative (AD-VC).

This funding will keep individuals informed of the importance of vaccination benefits. The focus will center on older adults and people with disabilities who are most at-risk for negative health consequences and the underserved populations and disadvantaged communities. The grant will support vaccine accessibility, public health events, vaccine clinics, community outreach and education, and more. Together with other Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative grantees, the Area Agency on Aging will deliver vaccines and supportive services to more than 2 million older adults and people with disabilities.

“Older adults need to prioritize vaccinations, as research shows that as we age, our immune system slows down, chronic conditions become more common, and the body may be less able to fight off infection and more vulnerable to its complications. We are very thankful at the Agency to receive funds that will allow us to help older adults navigate the health system and stay up to date with recommended vaccines, including boosters for enhanced protection,” Nicole Williams, Chief Operating Officer of the Area Agency on Aging.

USAging’s Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative is funded by the U.S. Administration for Community Living. The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging will host and sponsor vaccine clinics

and potentially partner with community organizations, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and public health departments in Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca, and Wyandot counties.

“This grant will give us the opportunity to expand our reach into communities and to promote the importance of vaccines. We are proud to be a grantee of the USAging ADVC grant and look forward to partnering with community organizations, public health departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers, pharmacies, and other medical entities to encourage individuals to receive their vaccinations. Together, we can help reduce illness, hospitalizations, and even death in older adults,” Duana Patton, CEO of the Area Agency on Aging.

Vaccine outreach events and clinics will be posted on the Area Agency on Aging’s Facebook page at [www.aaa5ohio.org](http://www.aaa5ohio.org). Gift card incentives will be provided to individuals who receive vaccinations at a clinic sponsored or hosted by the Area Agency on Aging.

This press release is supported by the Administration for Community Living (ACL, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)) through USAging as part of a financial assistance award to USAging totaling \$74,999,835 with 100 percent funding by ACL/HHS. The contents are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official view of, nor an endorsement, by USAging, ACL/ HHS, or the U.S. Government.

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is located at 2131 Park Avenue West in Ontario, provides leadership, collaboration, coordination and services to older adults, people with disabilities, their caregivers & resource networks that support individual choice, independence, and dignity.

## Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

- George Bont O’Neill, June 15
- Helen Joyce German, June 18
- Michael G. Truax, June 18
- Anthony “Tony” Ray Gilliam, June 19
- Jerry Dean Roseberry, June 19
- Linda Sue Strickland, June 19
- Debra Ann Stewart, June 20
- Kaye Jay Keiser June 21
- Rose Mary McKean, June 23
- Carlene Joann Gaubatz, June 24

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

The Tribune-Courier office will be closed June 29-July 7



## Guaranteed CD rates are looking great

11 month<sup>1</sup> **4.90%** APY<sup>2</sup>      19 month<sup>1</sup> **4.95%** APY<sup>2</sup>

Contact me to earn more on your savings with competitive Certificate of Deposit (CD) rates from U.S. Bank.



**Michelle Gates ChFC®**  
Agent

2021 Park Ave W Ste 100  
Ontario, OH 44906-2259  
Bus: 419-756-5010  
[michelle@michellegates.com](mailto:michelle@michellegates.com)

Rates effective as of June 7, 2023. CD specials require a \$1,000 minimum opening deposit up to a maximum of \$250,000. Subject to certain conditions and qualifications. Deposit products offered by U.S. Bank National Association. Equal Housing Lender. Member FDIC.

1 Offer good for the initial term only. CD is automatically renewed for the same term. The rate is determined based on the published rate for the CD, excluding CD Specials, that is closest to but not exceeding the term of the CD. Advertised rate and APY are offered at the bank’s discretion and may change daily.

2 Annual Percentage Yield (APY) assumes principal and interest remain on deposit for the term of the certificate. All interest payments for the APY will be made at the end of the term or annually, whichever occurs first. Penalty will be imposed for early withdrawal. Fees could reduce earnings on the account.

State Farm and the State Farm logo are registered trademarks of State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company.

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



**WAPPNER**  
Funeral Directors & Crematory

Three Locations to Serve You

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

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





# • Lopez crowned

*(Continued from Front Page)*

She loves flowy, summer sun dresses that make her feel confident and beautiful. Being part of the Ontario Pageant community has shown her how loving they are, especially the Gallo family.

“They are so welcoming, and they genuinely care,” Lopez said. Jaslyn’s goal for becoming part of these pageants was to meet new people. She thinks this will be her best Senior year ever fulfilling this new role. She hopes to attend The Ohio State University after graduating and eventually be able to work at the Columbus Zoo because she loves animals.

The Miss Ontario committee would like to thank the following sponsors for their support: Spherion, the Ontario 4th of July Festival, Ontario Lions Club, State Farm – Brian and Michelle Gates, Randy and Jamie Hutchinson, Studio 19 Salon & Spa, Beyond Esthetics, Omni and Sutton Bank.

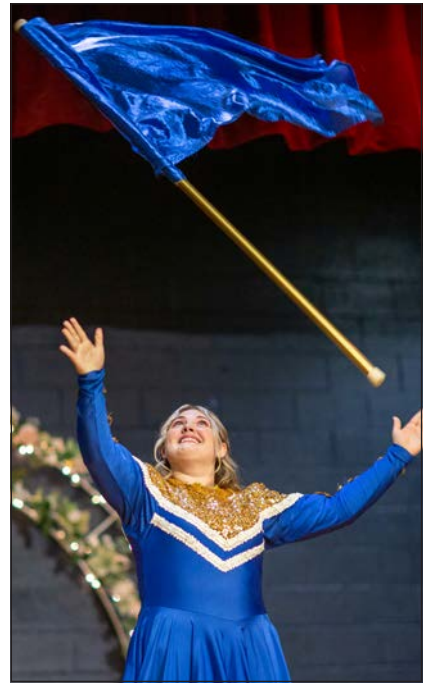


Photos By Traci Little



A blue banner celebrating the winner. On the left is the logo for Buckeye Imagination Museum. In the center, the word "Congrats" is written in a large, gold, cursive font, with "JASLYN LOPEZ" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font below it. On the right side of the banner are three small, square photographs: the first shows the winner in a colorful, patterned dress singing; the second shows her being crowned by another woman; the third shows her in a white, sequined dress.





Photos By Traci Little



# Miller, Schoonover awarded Little Miss, Junior Miss titles

Photos and Article By Traci Little

The Ontario Pageant held its very first Little & Junior Miss pageant last Friday evening, June 23 in the Ontario Auditorium at the high school. The program was presented by Ontario Community Events, the Ontario 4th of July Festival Committee and Spherion Mid Ohio.

The National Anthem was sung by Aryn Williams who is an Ontario High School alumna. She's been dedicated to music her entire life and actively sings at her home church, Maddox Memorial Church of God in Christ. She also was a four-year member of the Rhapsody in Blue Show Choir.

The evening began with the outfit of choice and onstage questioning. Abigail Kern, Miss Ontario 2022, and Ashley Blevins, Miss Ontario 2015, were the Mistresses of Ceremonies. The contestants showed off their personality during the beauty wear competition and further onstage questioning as the evening progressed.

Contestants in the Little portion of competition were Anna Salyers, Mila Morrison, Paisleigh Lane, Hadley West, Breckelle Miller and Piper Festge.

Breckelle Miller won the first ever title of Little Miss Ontario 2023 and first runner up was Hadley West. Breckelle said, "I've made so many new friends and I'm excited to be a role model, show kindness and tell everyone about the Warrior Way, which is to be re-

spectful, responsible, and ready to learn!" She is thrilled to represent the city of Ontario in this new role.

Contestants in the Junior portion of competition were Saorise Santry, Mae Clark, Chloe Crushing, Maleah Wells, Kaelena Katchmark, Jylian Ramey, Rylee Schoonover, Leighanna Lane, Logan Scott, Arizona Horsley, Aryanna Estrada, and Gia Knipp.

Rylee Schoonover won the first ever title of Junior Miss Ontario 2023. "I am looking forward to all the new things I get to experience. I also want to let kids know they can do anything they want to if they work hard," said Rylee.

Her mom, Megan, said, "She is the most humble, selfless, Jesus loving girl and I'm so proud of her. She is the perfect mix of sass and firecracker. Be sure to look for her at future community events, especially next weekend at the Ontario 4th of July festival."

Aryanna Estrada won first runner up.

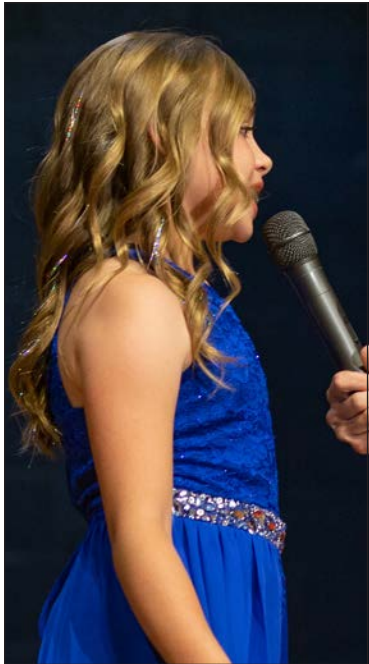
A special thanks went to Keith Strickler (sound and lights), 2023 Miss Ontario Contestants (Froggy Grams), Lions Club (greeters and donation table), Madison Rehfeldt (backstage manager), Maria Caporini (backstage assistant), Miss Ontario Board and Committee, and Leah Gombosch (program supervisor). Also, a huge thank you to the event sponsors: the Ontario 4th of July Festival, Ontario Lions Club and Ontario Youth Sports.



2023 Junior Miss Ontario Rylee Schoonover, 2022 Miss Ontario Abigail Kern and 2023 Little Miss Ontario Breckelle Miller







Photos By Traci Little





Photos By Traci Little

OTC ONTARIO TRUCK CENTER  
*Congrats*  
Rylee Schoonover







Junior Miss Ontario Rylee Schoonover and runner up Aryanna Estrada; and Little Miss Ontario Breckelle Miller and runner up Hadley West



Photos By Traci Little

HEART OF OHIO Films  
*Congrats*  
 Breckelle Miller



# Ontario Middle School Seventh Grade Honor Roll Award Winners



## Science Center offers free youth admission day July 1

The Great Lakes Science Center will offer free general admission for youth ages 2–12 from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday, July 1.

The science center will feature special activities for July's STEM theme, NASA. Guests also will have access to a special temporary exhibition "Dinosaurs of the Sahara."

The July 1 event is the second of five free youth days that are funded through a gift from the Joan P. Wenk Charitable Fund over the next several years.

"The Wenk family is a wonderful partner of the Science Center," said President & CEO Dr. Kirsten Ellenbogen. "Their gift is really a testament to their commitment to creating opportunities that promote wellbeing for children and their families. We look forward to more free youth days in the years to come thanks to their generous support."

Special activities for Free Youth Day will highlight July's STEM theme, NASA, including the Liftoff: Math in Space Science Show, a hands-on foam rocket activity, and a special "Capsule Chat" that delves into the history of the Apollo Command Module.

Guests can also take a trip back to the prehistoric era in Dinosaurs of the Sahara, a world-premiere special exhibit open now through Sept. 4. Created by Dr. Paul Sereno and the team at the University

of Chicago's Fossil Lab, Dinosaurs of the Sahara brings the unique world of African dinosaurs to life with original fossils, one-of-a-kind mounted skeletons and flesh models, and real footage from the field.

Guests can touch real fossils, including a SuperCroc skull, and relive the excitement and adventure of Dr. Sereno's recent ground-breaking Saharan expeditions with an interactive dinosaur dig site.

Guests can get an up-close look at Africa's greatest predators, including Spinosaurus and Africa's T-rex-sized predator, Carcharodontosaurus. Meet some of the most unique plant-eating dinosaurs imaginable, like Nigersaurus, nicknamed the "Mesozoic cow," and see where they were discovered.

The Great Lakes Science Center is located at 601 Erieside Ave., Cleveland. For information call 216-694-2000.

Great Lakes Science Center is one of the top ten museums in the nation as celebrated by the 2023 *USA Today* 10 Best Readers' Choice travel award for Best Science Museum. The center is home to the NASA Glenn Visitor Center and hundreds of hands-on exhibits, temporary exhibitions, the Cleveland Clinic DOME Theater, historic Steamship William G. Mather, daily science demonstrations, seasonal camps and more.



# Ontario Middle School Seventh Grade Honor Roll Award Winners



Honor Roll Awards



Merit Roll Awards



Merit Roll Awards

## Ontario Lions collect eyeglasses

The Ontario Lions Club collects eye glasses for its recycling program. Refractive errors can be easily corrected with eyeglasses, yet millions living in low and middle income countries lack access to basic eye care services.

Lions have recognized the urgent need for corrective lenses and collect usable glasses in their communities to support the Lions Recycle For Sight Program.

Local eye glass box locations include, Dr. Harold Ballitch, MD, 1991 Park Avenue West, Ontario; Dr. Kevin Brown, OD, 1260 Lexington Ave. Suite 2, Mansfield; Park Avenue Vision Clinic, 484 Park Avenue West, Mansfield; Shawnee Optical, 803 N. Lexington-Springmill Road, Ontario; First Federal Bank of Ohio, 1728 W. 4th Street, Ontario; Sutton Bank, 863 N. Lexington-Springmill Road, Ontario; Wappner Funeral Directors, 98 S. Diamond St., Mansfield; Wappner Funeral Directors, 100 S. Lexington-Springmill Rd., Ontario; VA Outpatient Clinic, 1025 S. Trimble Rd., Mansfield; G & M Body & Paint Shop, 1689 W. 4th St., Ontario; Ohio Health Fitness Center, 1750 W. 4th St., Ontario; Stingel Elementary, 426 Shelby-Ontario Rd., Ontario; Ontario Middle School, 447 Shelby-Ontario Rd., Ontario; Ontario High School, 467 Shelby-Ontario Rd., Ontario; Ontario Senior Civic Center, 3777 Park Avenue West, Ontario.

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





**RICHLAND ACADEMY OF THE ARTS** held a ribbon cutting for the new dance studio floors on Monday, June 26. The Robert and Esther Black Family Foundation Fund through the Richland County Foundation made the project possible. Among those attending the celebration were the newly crowned Miss Ontario Jaslyn Lopez, Junior Miss Ontario Rylee Schoonover and Little Miss Ontario Breckelle Miller.

### Picnic planned for July 29 in Shelby

TFC Global Ministry will host a picnic at Shelby Senior Center July 29 from 6-7:30 pm.

TFC Global has been supplying chaplaincy services at the Central Ohio Industrial Park for more than a year. The ministry has met with company contacts to provide chaplaincy services to employees and staff at the COIP complex on a weekly basis.

The ministry also is involved in converting old curbside newspaper boxes into magazine stands that are helping to get the Highway News Magazine into the hands of drivers and others.

The picnic menu is hamburgers, hotdogs, potatoes, coleslaw, chips and drinks. A freewill offering will be accepted to keep the Shelby chaplaincy services open and growing. Ministry highlights will be provided by Stanley Wertz, head chaplain with FC Global Ministry.

All community members are invited. Wertz may be reached at 717-947-8800 or stanleyw@tfcglobal.org.

Donations will help pay for TFC Global's mission to reach professional drivers and the trucking industry for Jesus Christ. Donations may be made to TFC Goobal, Box 293 Mansfield, OH, 44901.

For information visit <https://www.facebook.com/tfcglobalohio>.



Photo By Mark Shutt

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, July 29 and 30. Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, number 1 or 2 plastic, broken down cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps and rinse all containers.



*Stacy Wampler*

REAL ESTATE AGENT

---

- 📞 419-565-5184
- ✉️ wampler.sta@gmail.com
- 📍 1641 Park Ave. West, Mansfield, OH 44906
- 🌐 [www.slussrealty.com](http://www.slussrealty.com)






# Honor and Merit Rolls

## Ontario Middle School

Fourth Grading Period

### ALL A

**Sixth Grade** — Sabrina Bilyj, Leah Bonen, Haylee Breiting, Trevor Breiting, Jackson (Jack) Buttil, Savannah Byler, Aleiya Cantey, Vincent (Vince) Caudill, Noah Coley, Nicholas (Nick) Crawford, Bryce DeWees, Madelyn (Maddie) Egnor, Callie Fagan, Emryn Fanello, Avi Featheringill, Alayna Foltz, Leah Gorrell, Ava Guevara, Jace Hale, Parker Hale, Aiden Harley, Rylan Heston, Madelynn (Maddy) Hocker, Ava Julian, Kyleigh Kanouse, Kairi Kearney, Noah King, Christy Kline, Zachary LaCroix, Parker Laymon, Tianyi Liu, Taelix Lucanegro, Ella Manns, Kileigh McLaren, Parker Metzger, Reese Miller, Grace Mills, Alexander (Alex) Morabito, Nicholas (Nicky) Morabito, Jaria (Mia) Moton, Kendyll Mullins, Connor Myers, Frank (Frankie) Nemeth, Sadie Neumann, Gatlin OBrian, Natalie Peace, Clayton Petty, Kasen Pittman, Keith Pollock, Emma Preuninger, Otto Rietschlin, Olivia Sandwall, Alayna Secrist, Zoey Shaffer, Alexander (Alex) Simmering, Trevor Studer, Graham Thurber, Nguyen (Que) Tran, Layla Van Harlingen, Bella Viola, Carter Viola, Corbin Walter, Levi Walter, Emerson Weiler, Penelope (Penny) Wilging, Samantha (Sammy) Wilging, Gordon Wilkerson, Zahrana Woods and Ayuta Yoda

**Seventh Grade** — Elias (Eli) Baumgard, Myles Born, Ellie Dawson, Nadia Eberst, Anna Faith, Ava Farinacci, Luke Genders, Maxwell (Max) Gfrer, Jilyinn (Jily) Grayson, Briella Hall, Adelina Hines, Lincoln Jovani, Elise LeHew, Tony Mell, Braxton Michalovich, Yuka Mori, Carson Moritz, Kamryn Pelphrey, Camila Perez-Archuleta, Conner Perry, Norah Potter, Roxy Purvis, Kennedy Sapp, Daycee Schlotterer, Vaydie Schroeder, Kaelin Scott, Sofia (Sofi) Shields, Maddix Smith, Alexis (Lexi) Them, Ella Them, Mason Wilkerson, Tanner Winningham, Molly Wirick, Ava Zehe and Leeah Ziegler

**Eighth Grade** — Emma Bell, Bryant Born, Kaylei Chandler, Braedyn Currier, Connor Dawson, Brennan Fields, Eliana Fittante, Lilly Gorrell, Eva Hadsell, Emerson Jovani, Rylee Kegley, Yuchen Lin, Sydney McManes, Tatum Mottayaw, Skyli Salmons, Maja Seibel, Kadynce Smithberger, Ava Spearman, Lin Angel Tan, Elton Toska, Lauren Uhde, Owen Walter, William Wang, Braedon Watson, Timo Winningham and Mitchell Ye

### HONOR ROLL

**Sixth Grade** — Sriram Akkina, Aiden Armstrong, Alexa (Lexi) Conrad, Jaxon (Jax) Craze, Gianna (Gia) Gfrer, Evan Gorrell, Sophia Hamilton, Wyatt Herold, Liam Holden, Madeline (Maddy) Kennedy, Alexander (ALEX) Kern, Mason Kiser, Aven Knapp, Dana Messer, Hunter Miller, Braylee Morehead, Daniel Moritz, Zane Reynolds, Logan SESCO, Oliver (Oliver Landon) Shaw, Jacob Simms, Peyton Smith, Natalie Wonorski

**Seventh Grade** — Ayden Adams-Thompson, Ally Bell, Raegan Boughton, Yvette Carrizal Ramos, Grace Click, Alexee Conkle, Grant Domyan, Stella (Gray) Durbin, Aria Edgell, Lillian Gray, Alexander (Alex) Hohman, Owen Hunt, Tra'von (Tra) Jackson, Addysen Jacobsen, Aadiyenne (Aadi) Kightlinger, Lillian (Lilly) Ladner, Alexandra McAleer, Amelia McCoy, Ryann Messer, Marisa Moffo, Ian Morrison, Tulsii Patel, Atlee Price, Kolbe Ramion, Morgan Rose, Emily Simms, Addison Smith, Garrett Smith, Kendall Thomas, Tyler Turnbaugh, Rylee Vandenberg, Zane VanTilburg, Henry Yugovich and Antony Zhu

**Eighth Grade** — Ryleigh Ames, Alexander (Alex) Bilyj, Olivia Brinker, Aaliyah Caldwell, Brody Cheek, Lillian (Lily) Chitwood, Robert (Rob) Faith, Alexandria (Alex) Fender, Maia Fox, Lily Garn, Logan Goldbach, Nolan Grider, Garrett Hagerman, Camryn Hanning, Patrick Hart, Vincent (Vinny) Hocker, Grace Horning, Brylie Ireland, Jazlyn Johnson, Kennedy Johnson, Braelyn Llewellyn, Madison Mabry, Owen Meligan, Caden Meyers, Grace North, Isla Peachee, Gavin Reiver-crew, Sophia Sandwall, Cooper Schroeder, Carson Smith, Mariah Smith, Paxton (Pax) So, Isabella (Bella) Sorrenti, Piper Studer, Alandria Thomas, Paige Weiler, Jordyn Yeager, Madelyn (Mady) Yoha

### MERIT ROLL

**Sixth Grade** — Elliot (Elliot Or E.J.) Bechstein, Shiloh Blevins, Mason Boyd, Landon Breiting, Wyatt Carpenter, Logan Chase, De'Aadreon (De) Chatman, Sophia (Sophie) Corwin, Jalynn Craze, Abigail (Abby) Crouch, Peyton Eshelman, Peyton Eshelman, Peyton Eshelman, Luke Fletcher, Cory Garn, Makenna Greene, Arabella Horning, Paxton Jeffery, Chassity Keaton, Joshua (Josh) Mabry, Tatum Owens, Autumn Porter, Mark (Markie) Porter, Marisa Rodriguez, Briar Samuels, Wade Schraedly, Kaleb Sipes, Mason Unger, Conner

Warfel and Nathan Xiao

**Seventh Grade** — Alayna Arter, Abigail Balasabas, Isobel Boorum, Max Ciroti, Kihanna Clark, Ieyanna David, Jackson Dean, Brandy Demaison, Daulton Dials, Charity Dickson, Miles Doehla, Owen Drexel, Noah Durfee, Parker Eshelman, Haydon Gaines, Izayah Hatcher, Desmond Hefner, Liam Hershberger, Matthew Jenkins, Colton Joseph, Caleb Kelly, Kooper Kilgore, Talan Mathison, Kylee Mcdaniel, Michael Muir, Jamarr Norris, Mason Richardson, Jack Rietschlin, Samuel Santos, Carlie Schnittke, Caiden Smith, Lillian (Lily) Smith, Liam Uk, Haiden Ulery, Peyton Vance, Emily Vermillion, Gavin Wagner, Molly Weaver, Parker Willis, Jonathan Winans and Kevin Zickefoose

**Eighth Grade** — Jaxson Anderson, Natalia Bise, Christopher Bradford, Courtney Brafford, Morgan Crubaugh, Shaun Gilbert, Abigail (Abby) Hart, Andrea Hart, Kiera Hughes, Trinity Kareff, Dane Kearns, Riley Krzeminski, Taylor Lambert, Mia Micheli, Gavin Miller, KayVion (KayVi) Norris, Hem Patel, Het Patel, Ashton Pfeifer, Le (Phuong) Phan, Jermel (JP) Powell, Hazel Rau, Scarlet Rehberg, Anna Saltzgeber, Kaitlin (Katie) Seymour, Khloe Studer, Dominick Tilton-Cantrell, Hayden Valdry, Ashlynn Viers, Brayden Woods and Dakota Yunker

## Clear Fork High School

4th Nine Weeks

### ALL A

**Seniors** — Brooklyn Black, Claire Blubaugh, Alexis Dunham, Zachary Hotz, Emily Mansfield, Audrey Mason, Gracie Palmer, Charles Penney, Jordan Pfeifer, Benjamin Pryor, Kaitlyn Schneider, Keegan Wilson, Lillian Wortman and Adrian Wuertz

**Juniors** — Heather Atherton, Christina Carroll, Carter Coile, Zoe Daniels, Emma Dormaier, Jackson Dudley, Saylee Fowler, Caden Freitag, Kiley Howell, Collin Johnson, Abigail Kern, Abigail Kitzmiller, Nate Lind, Kadynce Muntain, Macy Ousley, Evan Picchioni, Madison Ruhl, Abigail Sauder, Stephen Schlosser, Jonah Sharp, Taya Shultz, Aria Stage, Andrea Swainhart, Kasey Swank, Kayleigh Walker, Avery Wine and Savanna Wolfgang

**Sophomores** — Melodie Blubaugh, Jayden Bowman, Merista Brown, Damon Hoskins, Garrett Hotz, Jay Jackson, Sienna Johnson, Kylie Lorentz, Bailey McKee, Fisher McLaughlin, Madison Merendino, Leah Mortimer, Madison Oswald, Mackenzie Palmer, Rebecca Pryor, Albert Ross, Mason Sansom, Kaybria Sims, William Stewart, Haylee Swank and Claire Wallis

**Freshmen** — Ethan Beck, Alyson Brokaw, Milee Carillon, Taylor Carpenter, Ava Carr, Nicholas Coker, Mattie Colegrove, Leonard Copeland, Tristan Cromer, Xander Cyphers, Caroline Dill, Abigail Geary, Lucas Goodman, Liam Hamilton, Iona Hickerson, Brenley Higgins, Madelyn Hite, Jasmine Johnson, Gwyneth Jones, Zoe Lamp, Jozie Lloyd, Austin McFerren, Kenadee Muntain, Lucy Myer, Callie New, Hunter Rahall, Selena Ross, Matthew Shutt, Mary Stupka, Lilianna Trunzo, Sophia Wharton, Mia Wilson, Sophia Wilson and Ashtyn Wine

### HONOR ROLL

**Seniors** — Payton Bailey, Lyvia Davis, Luke Drockton, Benjamin Gehrisch, Monae Leedy, Chloe Lewis, Collin Reed, Aaliyah Rogers, Madelyn Shields and Victor Skoog

**Juniors** — Renee Anders, Kylie Belcher, Zain Brown, Milo Burgholder, Beau Dornbirer, Alton Jeffries, Summer Kinnard, Mikka Knapik, Jada Lamp, Emma McCoy, Madison McKenna, Angelina Ross, Ariel Stage, Grace Weikle and Linzy Weyhmeller

**Sophomores** — Nicolas Allen, Ava Beard, Lexie Colegrove, Jessica Hecht, Brooklyn Lutzmann, Kylie McGinty, Emily Montgomery, Isabella Oswald, Alexander Ousley, Regan Pore, Reina Rehberg, Katrina Rogers, Peyton Salisbury, Baylie Salkovick, Carson Shields, Anna Taylor, Christian Walker and Lillian Weikle

**Freshmen** — Tobin Amos, Jacob Brokaw, Kaiden Dettmer, Hansen Dornbirer, Caleb Duncan, Tyler Evans, Deliah Henry, Rowyn Lang, Clayton Lewis, Bryar Ousley, Emma Parsons, Eliana Pelkey, Landen Perry, Bailee Riddle, Kaiden Schlosser, Landon Schlosser, Porter Schmidt, Myles Sharp, Shelbi Sullivan, Michael Tokar, Audrey Vanausdale, Adam Wallis, Ava Wharton, Nathaniel Wine and Patrick Zirkle

### MERIT ROLL

**Seniors** — Hayden Bateson, Keith Beard, Cooper Conkling, Aiden Perry, Luke Sparks and Madeline Stallard

**Juniors** — Champ Delancy, Emilee Greene, Victoria Haas, Sydney Kime, Allison Montgomery, Sophia Perry, Taylor Ramey-Wolf,

(Continued on Page 16)



# Honor and Merit Rolls

(Continued from Page 15)

Hayden Roberts, Piper Stepp, Braxton Stillion, Joseph Stupka, Alexandra Welshans, Katelen Wimer and Kendall Windsor

**Sophomores** — Chandler Ball, Liam Beer, April Berry, Addison Blakley, John Carey, Venessa Eicher, Christopher Fenton, Bobbie Fliger, Grant Keep, Carter King, Trevor Kinnamon, Brennen Lloyd, Hunter Martin, Chloe Mowry, Lauren Perry, Alexis Rodriguez, Jazmine Spayde, Dawson Staley, Allyson Walls and Dillion Wheeler

**Freshmen** — Jhayda Ammons, Brinley Barnett, Kailyn Bowman, Alyssa Burger, Benjamin Campbell, Sabree Caudill, Trayse Crider, Laiken Eith, Xander Frederick, Evan Hamilton, Jason Hamilton, Ethan Hull, Jayden Kaylor, Andrea Kehl, Nikolas Kinkel, Cameron Lanker, Nicholas Martin, Gavin Ocheltree, Rhett Peterson, Hadley Slaughter, Faith Smith, Rozalyn Stover, Seth Vail, Gavin Walker, Mason Walls and Jacob Zack



## 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](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.



## Hammered flower notecard workshop planned for July 11

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) will be hosting a Conservation Creation workshop on July 11 from 6–8 pm at the Ohio Bird Sanctuary Education Building, 3774 Orweiler Rd., Mansfield.

All are invited and encouraged to attend the workshop. Participants will be making a hammered flower notecard using natural dye from flowers to create a design. They can then keep the notecard or gift it to a loved one by adding a hand-written message.

Mark Hoover from Kingwood Center Gardens will provide a program on flowers. All materials for the workshop will be provided by Richland SWCD. The cost to attend the workshop is \$12 per person and reservations may be made at <https://richlandswcd.net/event/conservation-creation-arts-crafts-workshop/>.

For more information on this workshop and future events visit <https://richlandswcd.net/events/> or call 419-747-8685.

**THE 13TH ANNUAL KINGWOOD CENTER GARDENS 5K** was held Saturday, June 10. Top placers were Overall Female Winner Jamie Tate, 00:20:21.20; and Overall Male Winner Caleb Satterfield, 00:20:17.42. Full results are available at <http://ohioraceday.com/DisplayResults.php?race=484> or Ohio Race Day’s Facebook page. Next year’s race will be June 8. (Top Photo) Jamie Tate

**MISSED AN ISSUE?** Visit [www.tribune-courier.com](http://www.tribune-courier.com) to view, print and save past issues of the Tribune-Courier.





The Clear Fork Middle School Lady Colts team came home runner-up in the league tournament.

### Final Friday concerts continue in Mansfield

The next Final Friday Concert will be held in the Brickyard in Downtown Mansfield on June 30. The concert will feature music by Jeff Ritz, 45 Spider and Zack Attack.

The Brickyard will also host food trucks from Mad Meltz, De-ja Food, Miss Lil's Fish, Panchos Tacos, Smitty's and Truckin' Trav.

Remaining Final Fridays will be held July 28 with performances by Kim & Dougie, Sweet Umbra and the Red Ball Jets; Aug. 25 with Mike Riser, Michael Weber and Terry Lee Ridley; and Sept. 29 with David Berry, Triad and Crying Out Loud.

Shows begin each night at 5:30 pm with band changes at 6:30 and 8:30 pm.

Refreshments are available for purchase.

Those attending the performances are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

For more information call 419-522-0099 or visit <https://www.brickyardmansfield.com/events>.



ON THE ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS' last day, Tonya Welch took the Environmental Science class outside for a nature scavenger hunt.

**African Safari WILDLIFE PARK**  
Celebrating 50 WILD Seasons

**THE OHIO SAFARI PARK**

Drive-thru Safari  
Educational Animal Programs  
Rain or Shine

**\$3.00 OFF** General Admission (Ages 7 years+) TRC3

**\$2.00 OFF** Children's Admission (3-6 years) TRC2

Valid for up to 6 people with coupon. May not be used in combination with any other offer. Expires 12/4/2023.

**267 S. LIGHTNER RD, PORT CLINTON, OH**  
**17 MILES WEST FROM CEDAR POINT**  
**1-800-521-2660**

**AFRICANSAFARIWILDLIFEPARK.COM**  
Get Ready for a WILD Time!

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



# Pioneer Board of Education approves hirings to prepare for upcoming school year

At the June 19, meeting the Pioneer Board of Education approved temporary appropriations for the 2023-'24 fiscal year.

The board approved medical, dental, vision and life insurance rates. The board also approved liability, fleet and property insurance coverage through SORSA consortium.

The Local Professional Development Committee members will be Molly Belcik, Anne Kurtzman and Matt Parr, from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

Administrators were approved as evaluators for the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES). Clay Frye was approved as an evaluator for the Ohio School Counselor's Evaluation System.

Greg Nickoli and Clay Frye will be evaluators for the Ohio Principal's Evaluation System (OPES).

The Crawford County Local Interagency Agreement for the 2023-'24 School Year was approved as was a work site agreement with the Richland County Summer Youth Employment program.

The board approved the Mid-State Multimedia Group Agreement for marketing and the North Central Ohio Media Group Agreement for marketing in 2023-'24.

The board adopted a resolution for a Calamity Day Alternative Make-up Plan for the 2023-'2024 school year.

The discontinuation of District Blended Learning for the 2023-'24 school year was approved.

A contract addendum was approved to the Adult Education contract with Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

Donations were accepted from Linda Bender, Altrusa Intl. of, \$75 to be deposited into the Horticulture Career Tech Program's Rotary account to be used for educational supplies; Greg Dodge, Shelby, various items with a value of \$30 to be used in the Contraction labs and Power Equipment lab; Shantah Fry, Bucyrus; 115 tubes of Matrix SoColor, two swatch books and five bottles of developer with an estimated value of \$600, for the Cosmetology Career Tech Program; Alex Goff, Park National Bank, Mansfield, \$500 to sponsor the Summer Camp 2023 t-shirts for June Summer Camp; Charles Kaylor, Willard, donation of drill bits, blind hole spotters, allen wrenches and precision measuring tools and layout tools with a value of \$4,000 to be used in the Precision Machining Technologies program; Kari Maglott, Gorman Rupp, Employees Civic Fund, Mansfield, \$200 for Pioneer's STEAM Summer Camp; and Dawn Wright-Smith, Blackburn Giving Fund, Charleston, SC, \$65 to be deposited in the Pioneer Alumni Endowment fund and used for annual student scholarships.

The board approved student participation in competitive events including the FCCLA National Conference, July 2-7, in Denver, CO, for Shelby student Haylie Gushard and chaperone Kelly Jung, FCS Instructor/FCCLA Advisor; and the FFA Officer's Retreat, June 13-15, Hocking Hills, for Wyncord students Elaina Korner, Addie Lust, Seth Pope, Marly Schuster, Nate Sciefer, Mallorie Williams, Ivy Schifer, West Prenger, Keke Rohhaar, Brock Saam, Summer Tuck, Emi Schuster and Marlie Hoseny with chaperones Mike Hoffman, Ag Instructor/FFA Advisor and Tessa Martin, Ag Instructor/FFA Advisor.

The resignation of Kyle Burris, Intervention Specialist, was accepted, effective at the end of the 2022-'23 contract year.

Gabriel Kennedy hired as a social studies instructor on a one-year contract beginning with the 2023-'24 school year.

Preston Foy was hired as an Intervention Specialist on a one-year contract beginning next school year.

Supplemental contracts, extended service, prep day and professional development for certificated personnel was approved.

Stipend contracts were awarded to Kathleen Fiske, Amanda Glessner, Jeremiah Howe, Emma Jenkins and Jenifer Stewart for Google Level 1 Educator Certification.

The Discipline Co-Hort/Classroom Management Committee was chosen for the next school year, as was Professional Development.

The Making Schools Work Summer Conference will be held July 18-20, and Summer Camp was held June 12-15. Bus driver in-service stipends for Aug. 1, 2023 in-service was approved.

The board approved the employment of Jerry Mingus, in-school detention aide, effective Aug. 14; Karen Rowe, distribution sales asso-

ciate/bus driver, Aug. 1; and adult education instructors for 2023-'24.

A change in meeting date and time for the July board meeting was approved for Wednesday, July 12, at 6 pm in the Pioneer Board of Education Conference room.

A resolution to purchase a school bus as a single source procurement was approved and a resolution to approve the abolishment of the Webpage Design/Programming program was approved, effective with the next school year.

The board entered into executive session for the evaluation of the superintendent, treasurer and self-evaluation of the board.

## CACY provides free quitting tools

CACY offers free quitting tools and support to help smokers stick to a plan to reduce or quit.

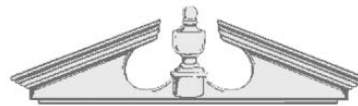
Each time someone meets with a CACY quit specialist, they will receive a new tool to help meet their goals. Meeting just 4--times for 15-30 minutes can increase the success of kicking the tobacco habit and having a healthier life. Contact CACY at 419-774-5683 or andersont@cacyohio.com to schedule individual or group sessions.

## Students receive degrees at Miami University

Miami University awarded degrees to students during spring commencement of 2023. Local students receiving degrees were Caleb Benton of Mansfield; and Eli Laser, Katie Gouge, Kayla Lynskey, Madie Ticoras, Mason Hardman and Morgen Conn, all of Lexington.

Miami University is located in Oxford, Ohio.

## BUSINESS DIRECTORY



### LIBERTY Nursing Center of Mansfield

535 Lexington Avenue  
Mansfield, OH 44907

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

**419-756-7111**



THE RIGHT LOAN. THE RIGHT BANK.

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

landerson@firstfederalbankofohio.bank



**Lisa Anderson**  
NMLS 618735

Branch Manager - Loan Officer



# CLASSIFIEDS

## LEGAL NOTICE

### 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  
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 Lahmer 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 no 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.

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 6-22, 29, 7-6 '23)

### 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

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Council of the City of Ontario, Ohio, at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 North Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, for the proposed 2024 Tax Budget of the City of Ontario. All persons interested in this issue are invited to attend and express their views.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
(T-C 6-29, 7-6 '23) 14L

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Council of the City of Ontario during a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, upon a proposal to amend City Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 1145.18 Off-Street Parking Requirements.

The City of Ontario Planning Commission has recommended in favor of these changes.

All persons interested in these issues are invited to attend and express their views.

Cathy VanAuker, MMC  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
(T-C 6-29, 7-6 '23) 20L

### 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 21, 2023.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 23-09 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE SERVICE DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, AMENDING JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE STREETS DEPARTMENT HEAD AND PARKS FOREMAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

### LEGAL NOTICE

The Springfield Township Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 PM Thursday, July 20, 2023 at the Springfield Township Hall, 3700 Park Avenue West, Ontario Ohio 44862. Minor changes to Section 200.1 "Definitions", Section 600.6.3 "General Requirements for all Signs and Districts", Section 600.6.14 "Maintenance" and Sections 404.21, 404.21 "Conditionally Permitted Uses, Seasonal Events" will be considered. The text for these changes will be available for public review at the Richland County Regional Planning Commission office, 19 N. Main St., Mansfield, Ohio 44902. The public is invited to attend this hearing. Public comments will be limited to five minutes or less.

Carl Neutzling, Chairman  
David Siebold, Secretary  
Springfield Twp., Ontario, OH  
(6-29 '23) 23L

### 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 10:00am, local time July 20, 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://kemccartney.com/project-bids/>. If you would prefer a hard copy be mailed, we will do so upon receipt of payment in the amount of \$50.00 per set, along with your UPS or FedEx account number so that shipping charges can be applied to your account. Checks shall be made payable to K.E. McCartney & Associates and all documents become the property of the prospective bidder, with no portion of the payment being refunded. Should you have any questions during the bidding process please contact [mrufener@kemccartney.com](mailto:mrufener@kemccartney.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.

Brenda Wilson  
Clerk of Council  
Lexington, Ohio  
(T-C 6-29, 7-6 '23) 58L

## Pioneer CTC students earn certifications

Pioneer Career and Technology Dental Assisting Students who passed RDA certification are Kenadee Bivens, Willard; Jarrett Griffith, Galion; Bayge Horner, Colonel Crawford; Xena Janeczek, Lucas; Anna Jones, Ontario; Brooklyn O'Brien, Galion; Belicia Salas, Ontario; Maelyn Shaarda, Willard; Jayden Spurlock, Ashland; Lacey White, Ontario; and Autumn Wilson, Plymouth.

Medical Assisting Students passing the Certified Clinical Medical Assistant exam are Cari Adkins, Willard; Quinn Backensto, Crestview; Shellie Bourne, Crestview; Libby Diaz, Willard; Kadence Fairchild, Galion; Ella Lehman, Galion; Aubrey McFadden, Crestview; Camryn Montgomery, Plymouth; Silus Rettig, Northmor; and E'mari Stewart, Colonel Crawford.

Medical Tech and Health Assistant students who earned their STNA license are Colby Crawford, Lucas; Brooke Dawson, Crestline; Cody Griffin, Crestline; Sam Hunt, Clear Fork; Bobbi Kent, Plymouth; Zach Krupa, Lucas; Finn McCumbers, Ashland; Katelyn Messmore, Plymouth; Bethany Olvera, Willard; Chelsea Phillips, Bucyrus; Lorelei Reed, Shelby; AJ Roll, Shelby; Eli Sherman, Galion; Kennedy Sipes, Crestline; John Wahl, Shelby; Addyson Whitesel, Lexington; Khayla Yeager, Shelby; Madelyn Barker, Shelby; Michael Barnhill, Ontario; Eleanor Cotter, Ontario; Jaylen Curry, Ontario; Trinity Eshelman, Colonel Crawford; Nevaeh Gallagher, Northmor; Arissa Green, Wynford; Meagan Meadows, Ontario; Emma Rinehart, Northmor; Emma Swanson, Ontario; and Brooklyn Swain, Ontario.



LOOKING BACK • THIS WEEK IN TRIBUNE-COURIER HISTORY



June 27, '85

Marc Stumbo

**SAFETY TOWN** — Lexington's annual Safety Town has been underway since last Monday at Western Elementary School and will continue thru tomorrow. Under the direction of Karen Pasheilich, the program enrolls five-year-olds for instruction in school and fire safety, pedestrian and traffic safety as well as preparation for children to get to and from school either by walking or riding the school bus. Richland County Litter Control puppets presented a program and Lexington

Police Department representatives explained to the youngsters that children should not talk to strangers and should look for the "helping hand" in windows of houses where they can seek help if they need it. Teaching the 117 students enrolled in this year's Safety Town are Theresa Wagner, Stephanie Wagner (pictured above), Tammy Strickler, Mary Roston, Katie Wehinger, Diane Mott, Darrel Strickler and Rob Pasheilich.



**JUNE 20, 1985** — These three local students were various winners in the annual county-wide Soil Stewardship Poster Contest sponsored by the Richland County Soil and Water Conservation District. Students are pictured with Richland County Commissioners Ed Olson, Terry Wolf and Paul White. Displaying their award winning posters are Charity Teeple of Lexington Central Elementary School, Jason McKenzie of Ontario Stingel Elementary School; and Shane Fox of Ontario Stingel Elementary School.

**This Day in History** — On June 29, 1995, the American space shuttle Atlantis docked with the Russian space station Mir to form the largest man-made satellite ever to orbit the Earth. This historic moment of cooperation between former rival space programs was also the 100th human space mission in American history. With millions of viewers watching on television, Atlantis blasted off from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in eastern Florida on June 27. Just after 6 am on June 29, Atlantis and its seven crew members approached Mir as both crafts orbited the Earth some 245 miles above Central Asia, near the Russian-Mongolian border. Over the next two hours, the shuttle's commander, Robert "Hoot" Gibson expertly maneuvered his craft towards the space station. To make the docking, Gibson had to steer the 100-ton shuttle to within three inches of Mir at a closing rate of no more than one foot every 10 seconds. The docking went perfectly and was completed at 8 am. It was only the second time ships from two countries had linked up in space; the first was in June 1975, when an American Apollo capsule and a Soviet Soyuz spacecraft briefly joined in orbit. Once the docking was completed, Gibson and Mir's commander, Vladimir Dezhurov, greeted each other by clapping hands. *history.com*