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Madison Miller settles into Miss Ohio role

Photos and Article By Traci Little

The reality of Madison Miller's new title as Miss Ohio, has sunk in... to an extent. Another part of it feels like not much has really changed because she's worked really hard to be solid in the person that she is and not waiver from that.

It's been a crazy whirlwind since June, already driving a few thousand miles, and talking to a few thousand people. "It's been quite the experience!" said Madison.



stopped to enjoy a random sunflower patch on the side of the road.

"I've learned to make the long drives a way to decompress. I use to hate driving and would complain if I had to drive ten minutes down the road to Walmart. I'm learning to use the time I have and enjoy it."

Madison enjoys listening to audiobooks on the road and is a "classic rock kind of gal" but she's been listening to the Office Ladies podcast. She's a huge Office tv show fan. Sometimes she gets so into an episode that she misses her exit, but it's all good. She also enjoys the scenery and recently

at the plants in my garden won't necessarily make them grow any faster, but it might be what I need to decompress that particular day."

Madison said she is so caffeinated all of the time. She has her own espresso bar at home and will make herself cappuccinos or mochas every morning, but if she's going to Starbucks she'll have a white mocha. "If I'm at a local diner like I was this morning with Doc Stumbo, I'll just have a black coffee."

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Photo By Amber Cleland

How does she stay grounded and true to herself?

"It's a lot of reality checks to stay grounded in who you are. It takes sitting down and challenging any self-doubt I might have, and it's tricky balancing keeping that competitive edge but also not playing the comparison game. I have to be able to present the most confident version of myself, and that can only happen when you're 100% yourself," said Miller.

Madison's world changed when she was told that "in this moment, you're enough." That is the phrase she now encourages others with! Mentors would speak that over her "you are enough in this moment, and you don't have to be anyone else."

"It took me moving past trying to be the "Pageant Patty" in this program and realizing that it wasn't going to work for me. When I started listening to my mentors and tapping into just being myself, that's when I started winning pageants — Miss Northern Ohio, Miss North Coast and ultimately Miss Ohio. The proof is in the pudding!" she boldly said.

Madison's advice to anyone trying to advance to the next step in school, or a career, is to have three goals that have nothing to do with winning or decided on based on the subjective opinion of others.

"I don't sugar coat anything. I still have mornings where I wake up and think to myself, man, maybe I'm not cut out for this. But we're only human and have to learn to challenge our own thoughts."

Being Miss Ohio doesn't necessarily fit into Miller's 9-5 job lifestyle, but the Miss American organization has been amazing with it and she's taking advantage of it to the fullest.

LEXINGTON BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL 2023 — Front, Baby Miss Blueberry Allie Sluss, age 1, of Ontario; Jr. Miss Blueberry Claire Davisson, 8, from Lexington; Wee Miss Blueberry Willow Hawes, 4, from Mansfield; and Little Miss Blueberry Alexa Shepherd, 6, from Shelby; and back, Miss Blueberry Alli Grace Fisher, 14, from Lexington; Miss Ohio 2023 Madison Miller; and Miss Blueberry Addison Schroeder, 12, from Lexington.

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The Railroad Marches South

By Bob Carter

When the new Sandusky and Mansfield was completed in 1846, there was a push to extend the rails south as far as Newark. It was to be an expensive proposition, but was seen to be a greater way to move freight than the existing canals. Canals froze up in winter, railroads ran year-round.

The April 30, 1850, edition of the *Ohio Times*, a Mt. Vernon newspaper, reprinted an article that originally appeared in the *Newark Gazette*. It gave a report on the progress of building the new railroad south between Mansfield and Newark that is found nowhere else.

“We stated last week that a beginning had been made laying down the iron from Mansfield to Bellville. The engineer is busily engaged with a competent force in putting the finishing strokes on this portion of the road — 14 miles extent — and no energies will be spared to have so much of the road completed and cars running by the 15th of May next.”

“We are further assured on the best authority, that the Directors have made arrangements for the speedy completion of the entire route. Between Mt. Vernon and Newark the road is graded, necessary timber delivered, and all the work that can be safely be done before the work of ironing actually begun, is done. Between Bellville and Mt. Vernon there is nothing lacking but a portion of timber.”

“The contracts made sometime since for the iron chairs and spikes have been filled and enough of these articles for the entire line have been delivered. The iron rails, as our readers know, were purchased last summer, are now ready to be shipped by the first canal boats on the opening of the New York canals. It will be delivered at both ends of the road — at Bellville and Newark — that the work of laying down may proceed rapidly from both ends. The rails were delivered in New York, loaded on canal boats and shipped to Buffalo, reloaded on lake vessels and shipped to Cleveland, then reloaded back onto canal boats for shipment on the Ohio and Erie canal 170 miles to Newark. Rails for the north end arrived by ship in Sandusky and went south by rail to end of the line construction.”

The *Sandusky Mirror*'s October 30, 1849 edition reported, “The portion of iron which Burr Higgins was so successful in purchasing in Europe for the railroad from Mansfield to Newark, is now en-route from New York. 1,000 tons have been shipped and there are



SAM CLARK (front left) with his railroad grading crew. It was nearly all hand labor. This photo is believed to have been taken near Mt. Vernon. Photo courtesy of Carl T. Winegardner.


2,000 tons more being shipped as rapidly as possible. It is of the best quality, manufactured in Wales of superior T-rail pattern, and is the heaviest ever brought west.”

Much of the road south from Sandusky to Mansfield had been across fairly flat land, but from there the land was hilly and forced to follow much of the Clearfork River, which meant crossing and re-crossing the same stream with bridges and culverts often. The road snaked its way south with Butler calming it had the only railroad that arrived from the west and left by the west.

There were other problems. Teamsters being put out of business and farmers having their farm cut in parts by the railroad battled with fists and clubs with track crews at Butler and Anknelytown. A new bridge was set on fire and watchmen had to be hired to guard bridges from Newark all the way to Bellville.

The railroad to Newark didn't open until January 6, 1851. A large rather cold crowd was on hand when the Sandusky & Mansfield's newest engine the “Newark” arrived with four cars.

The new extension was called the Columbus & Lake Erie line but there were problems. The new C&L had not built suitable stations, side tracks and last but not most important, had no locomotives or cars. The result was the merger of the two into the Sandusky, Mansfield & Newark railroad. The new line had cost an estimated \$1,000,000 or \$16,666 per mile. It was never profitable.



THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

The DC movie universe has been really lacking at the box office lately, mainly because fans know that James Gunn has taken over the series and is going to reboot it with a new *Superman* film in a couple years. So, it's no surprise that *Blue Beetle* was another failure at the box office for this fledgling series that has had a huge series of ups and downs.

Xolo Mariduena plays Jaime Reyes, a young college grad who is just trying to get a job with the encouragement of his loving family including his parents, sister and crazy uncle Rudy played by George Lopez.

While working at a cleaning job with his sister, he encounters the powerful CEO Victoria Kord (Susan Sarandon) who is trying to develop a type of robotic law enforcement suit based on a blue beetle alien technology. The beetle falls into Reyes hands and the beetle assimilates itself into Reyes turning him into a superhero.

It's too bad that *Blue Beetle* failed at the box office because this is an origin story worth seeing. The story centers around Reyes just trying to make it and is even more a story of this family trying to figure out what is

wrong with Jaime and help him defeat the evil CEO.

The casting is so perfect for Jaime and his family and director Angel Manuel Soto creates this Latino family that is relatable and heart-felt. They were the soul of this movie.


What keeps the film from being truly great is that Sarandon's CEO is not as menacing a villain as she could have been and at times this seems to be a very run of the mill superhero movie though the action scenes are quite impressive. Another positive is the fact that the audience does not know any more than Reyes does so they get to figure out the suit with him and that is really fun.

It's understandable how worn out people are from the superhero genre and many are passing over the DC films, understandably, if they are just going to be rebooted. Do not sleep on *Blue Beetle* though. This is a really sweet film with a wonderful family dynamic, engaging lead actor and fun action sequences even if the villain is unimpressive and the hero tropes are still hanging around.



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News Briefs

The Lexington Depot's meal schedule for August has been released. Meals are served at the Lexington Senior Civic Center, 67 E. Main St., Lexington, from 11 am to 2 pm. For information call 419-884-1676. Meals include Aug. 24, Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes; Aug. 29, Sloppy joe and potato salad; and Aug. 31, Chicken noodle casserole.

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville will welcome Jacqueline Moore at 10:30 am on Aug. 27. She will speak on "Animals as Divine Messengers of Love." During the service there will be a blessing of the animals. A special part of the service will be held in memory of departed pets.

The service will not be at the church. Join together at Sacred Stones Mystical Farm, 3072 Rt. 430, Mansfield. Pets should be up to date with core vaccines, and brought either on a leash or in a carrier. If a pet is unable to attend, a photo can be brought.

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Aug. 26 and 27. Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, broken down cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.

The Lexington Area Senior Citizens Inc., invites those 55 and older to attend meetings the third Wednesday of every month at Der Dutchman Restaurant. Lunch begins at 11:30 am, followed by the meeting at 12:30 pm.

The meal on Sept. 20, will include broasted chicken. Matt and Melanie Miller will sing and give a freedom talk. A collection will be taken for the Humane Society of Richland County. Items collected will include paper and cloth towels, cleaning supplies, newspapers, wipes, disposable gloves, canned food, and Purina cat and dog food.

Cost is \$15 for the meal. Guests are welcome. For information visit www.lexasc.org. Dues are \$10 per year. The group will meet for lunch Sept. 6, at 11 am at Wishmaker House, 116 Main St., Bellville.

The Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center will have free produce giveaways on the fourth Monday of the Month, April thru October. Dates will be 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.

The Fun Center Chordsmen's 2nd Annual Summer Concert featuring the Chordsmen and Quartets and director Trevor Garrabrant. The concert will be held at Marshall Park Bandshell, 3375 Milligan Rd., Ontario on Monday, Aug. 28, at 6:30 pm. The event is open to the public.

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.

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.

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Pleasant Grove Community Church to host country gospel evening

Pleasant Grove Community Church, Bellville, will host a country gospel evening with leading Irish gospel singer James Kilbane.



The event will be held Friday, Sept. 8, at 7 pm. All are welcome. This will be Kilbane's first time in this part of Ohio.

Kilbane said, "I am so looking forward to joining with the Bellville community and sharing some of the gospel songs that are popular across the pond in Ireland and also many that we all share."

Since 2004 and an appearance on *You're a Star*, Ireland's equivalent to *American Idol*, Kilbane's career has grown. Kilbane has released a total of thirteen albums and numerous singles. In recent months, Kilbane has been working with television broadcaster Shalom World TV, who broadcasts across five continents with *Rewind with James Kilbane* recording 13 music shows.

Kilbane, now a multi-platinum selling artist continues to move with the times on the internet and social media music platforms. He is a well know voice on Irish radio for his country and Christian albums.

In Bellville, Kilbane will include many of his popular song offerings including "There is a place," "Mama's Roses," "Amazing Grace," "One Day at a Time" "The Nazarene Song" and many more.

A love offering will be taken with a suggested offering of \$10 optional. For information 419-892-2951. Concert doors open at 6 pm.



Jordyn Eckert joined the Ontario Middle School team as the Dean of Students. Having recently met the staff, she is ready to get-to-know the students and parents.

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www.DiscoverCommunity.org
Pastor Sam Belsterling
10:30 am Sunday Worship
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First English Lutheran Church

53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield
419-522-0662 • www.felc-mansfield.org
Pastor Miguel Acosta
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Rev. Joseph Yerger
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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

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Lucyfur

Despite his name, Lucyfur is extremely sweet and a ton of fun and arrived at the shelter on Aug. 20, 2022 (he just hit his one year waiting for a family). He was named after the cat in Cinderella (not because he's terrible). He is actually extremely nice and affectionate. Lucyfur is pretty bad on his leash, but he will sit when asked or if he sees a treat. He is super energetic. One volunteer kept giving Lucyfur treats for sitting, and he would immediately drop them out of his mouth, then when they went to pick up his treats, he kissed their face and took off again to explore. He loved look-

ing at himself in the windows and loved jogging back and forth between each window and the door. Lucyfur also loves playing with toys and laying in the shade (depending on the weather). He loves car rides and pup cups from McDonalds. Lucyfur is around six years old. He is absolutely fantastic, although fairly ornery. The shelter staff think he is good with other dogs but not cats.

He 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.

Trinity sale coming in September

Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, (Madison area) will hold its annual rummage sale Sept. 6-9, coordinated and directed by Mary Reynolds.

All net proceeds from the rummage sale and food sales will be used to help people in the community. All sales are by donation and remaining items are distributed throughout the community and to other local ministries.

The sale will be open 4-7 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 6; 9 am to 7 pm Thursday, Sept. 7; 9 am to 2 pm on Friday, Sept. 8; and 9 am to 2 pm on Saturday, Sept. 9.

Dinners, soup, beverages and several types of desserts will be available. The kitchen will be open 4 pm to 7 pm on Sept. 6; 10:30 am to 7 pm on Sept. 7; 10:30 am to 2 pm on Sept. 8; and 9 am to noon on Sept. 9.

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CACY forms new parent support group as school year begins

A new parent support group is being offered by CACY (Community Action for Capable Youth). "Parenting Convos Over Coffee" will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 8:15 am (right after Crestview Schools drop off) at Faith United Methodist Church Café, 1575 OH-96, Ashland, to chat with CACY Parent Educator, Molly Sandvik, connect with other caregivers and learn tips and strategies for handling parenting difficulties.

"Convos Over Coffee" is a free opportunity for parents to get together and connect, form friendships and a vital support network, and gain insight and resources from a local community parent educator.

The church is located across from Crestview Local Schools.

Complimentary coffee, tea and morning pastries will be provided by CACY. For information call 419-774-5683, email sandvilkm@cacyohio.org or visit www.cacyohio.org.

To register by Friday, Aug. 25, visit https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14zP_6fe35CSm-wW-uON2-0mQqG5gM7T-MRPweu5XnLmdo/view-form?pli=1&pli=1&fbclid=IwAR2LrA42dzwir4SndBOU-M6aEGhBfbfTDQb02LhK-F96RvfB0ytmIWz9A4_QY&edit_requested=true

Tree planting will recognize Fox

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District recently announced Leonard N. Fox of Shelby as the volunteer of the year.

To recognize Fox's dedication, a black gum tree will be planted Wednesday, Aug. 23 at 10 am at Seltzer Park in Shelby near the park's gazebo. Fox will also be recognized at the annual celebration on Sept. 7 at the Kehoe Center in Shelby. The public is welcome to attend both events.

The date previously given for the tree planting was Aug. 24.

Fox has been volunteering with Richland SWCD since 2016. He supports the district as a precipitation monitor. He reports his findings on the Richland SWCD website, which helps others in the county make gardening, farming and conservation decisions. He spends time planting and collecting milkweed seeds each year and donates them to the district in the fall as part of the county-wide milkweed seed pod collection.

Call 419-747-8685 or go to <http://richlandswcd.net/> for information.

Fundraiser to help robotics teams

A fundraising event will be held for Stellar Robotics at Texas Roadhouse, 515 N. Lexington-Springmill Rd., in Ontario, on Tuesday, Aug. 29, from 4 to 10 pm.

Those wishing to support Stellar Robotics can dine-in or order to-go. By placing a copy of the receipt in a special box provided, 10% of total food purchases will be donated.

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Wash and cut potatoes. Coat with olive oil, salt and pepper. Roast in 350 degree oven until cooked and just crispy, about 20-30 minutes. Mix rest of ingredients for the sauce in a large bowl. Toss warm potatoes in the sauce and put back on baking sheet. Put back in oven for 10-15 minutes.

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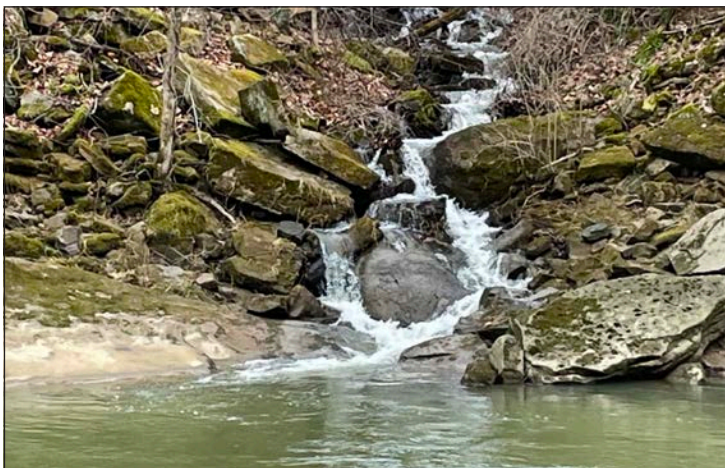


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Day Trippin' With Damon - Honey Run Falls in Howard, Ohio is a 25-foot high waterfall. Visitors have the ability to hike from the waterfall to the Kokosing River. For information visit https://knox-countyparks.org/parks/honey-run-waterfall/

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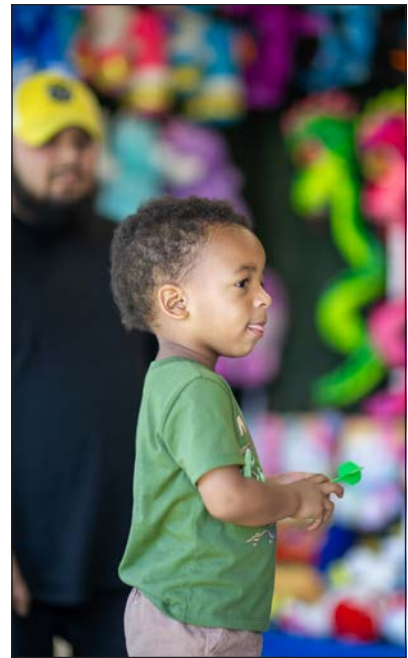
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2023 Junior Miss Blueberry Contestants



2023 Miss Blueberry Contestants



2023 Miss Teen Blueberry Contestants

•Madison Miller settles into Miss Ohio role

(Continued from Front Page)

What's her favorite food? She didn't have to think twice about confessing her deep rooted love for pickles. "My whole garden is dedicated towards making salads and pickles. I sadly just lost my cucumbers to a virus I didn't know existed in plants, so that's a bummer!"

When I asked what the difference between four-year-old Madison and the woman she's grown into today, she replied: "Four year old Madison looked ironically similar to the woman I've grown into today. I was still working with Veterans, even at a young age. I was just as energetic, but that girl didn't believe in herself. I was always the kid that was different, the kid that talked too much in school, and that asked "why" too often. I was told to always settle down and that part of me wasn't good enough. I was even told that I was "too much" by friend groups. But today I feel like Goldilocks. Going through all of those things helped me grow into the person I am today and they were what I needed to achieve the things I want to in life. I'm so grateful for that."

Growing up, watching her mom in marketing and her dad as a funeral director, she learned to value the stories that people had to share and offer. "The more I began to sit down with Veterans over coffee, the more I began to learn about their experiences. The common denominator is always that they're so shocked that a twenty year old would take the time to talk to them and put her phone away to get to know them one on one. Their stories matter and that is the gap I'm really hoping to fill with my Veterans Outreach initiative, called The Veteran Narrative ([https://](https://www.owu.edu/news-media/details/the-veteran-narrative/)

www.owu.edu/news-media/details/the-veteran-narrative/)."

The Veteran Narrative, which advocates for veteran mental health awareness and connects veterans with younger generations. She earned the status with assistance from Ohio Wesleyan's Delaware Entrepreneurial Center, where her nonprofit has its office.

"I grew up in a funeral home family. We have had the opportunity to serve Coshocton, Ohio, through Miller Funeral Home since 2011. Although both of my grandfathers served in the military and instilled that freedom isn't free to me, I also got to experience the Coshocton County Honor Guard through the funeral home."

A recent interaction stands out to Miller. "Last Sunday I was emceeing the Henry County Fair and I was talking about my message with Veterans. I also tell Veterans the same thing I tell everyone else, "you are enough" and "your story matters" and I'm here to make sure that your story is heard. I was able to really connect with a Veteran in the front row. When I was done speaking, he stood up and saluted me. That was one of the coolest feelings and he caught me afterwards and told me how much it meant to him. I know that if I'm speaking to a thousand people and can have an impact on just that one person, it was truly worth it and it was an incredible feeling!"

Madison recently had the opportunity to meet with Ashland University staff to discuss ways they could partner to better serve military veterans, active duty military and the families of service members in the state of Ohio and beyond. Madison said she was incredibly impressed by the dedication that the University has for our service members. Through Jack W. Liebert Military Veteran Resource Center, they offer specialized admission experiences and student mentorship, private luncheons, and personalized resources. She said that it is an integral component to their programming for our blue star families and military members. She is currently taking a peek at their MBA program after her year of service as Miss Ohio. Madison has received over \$20,000 in scholarship awards over the years which has allowed her to pay off her school debt and hopefully be the first in her family to achieve an MBA degree one day.

Follow the newly crowned Miss Ohio on social media. I love watching her insightful stories and reels on Instagram (@missamericaoh). In her recent post she shared about how her overgrown and diseased plants in her garden were calling to her.

Although she had a lengthy to-do-list, she headed out to her garden. She saw overgrowth, disease, and her other plants that were suffering from it. She knew it would take some hard work, but she chose to do the hard thing! It's the same with our own life — sometimes we have to take the time to prune the things around us that aren't providing fruit. Once you remove the things that aren't beneficial, you get better support, and better growth! Thank you for sharing your heart, your true and authentic self, and always encouraging others! We can't wait to watch you compete at the Miss America pageant this year!



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News Briefs in Education

Mylah Davis of the Madison area recently enrolled in the University of Kentucky College of Arts & Sciences for fall 2023 with a prospective major of Psychology.

Montclair State University has named Madeleine Weilbacker of Mansfield to its Spring 2023 Dean's List. Weilbacker is a dance major and was among nearly 6,000 Red Hawks named to the list. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

The next Ontario Local School Board of Education Meeting will be held on Sept. 12, at 7 pm in the Ontario High School Library.

Pioneer CTC has busy agenda as it dives into new school year

The Pioneer Career and Technology Board of Education met Aug. 21 and approved a transportation agreement with Richland County Transit for the 2023-'24 school year.

The board adopted a Resolution to participate in a Workers' Compensation Group Rating program and participation in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program Standards for the 2023-'24 school year.

The board approved nutrition standards for the 2023-'24 school year, adopted the Professional Development Calendar and an approved agreement with MOESC for Title IX Services for the current school year.

The board approved contracted services for Nick Ulery, Performing Arts Adjunct Instructor.

A \$1,000 donation was accepted from Glenna Plotts, Mt. Gilead for the Glenna R. Cannon Scholarship fund used for annual student scholarships.

Donald and Glenna Plotts, Mt. Gilead, gave \$500 for the Howard Koons scholarship to be awarded at end of 2023-'24 school year.

Donald Plotts, Mt. Gilead, gave a donation to the Donald Plotts Scholarship fund, to be used for annual student scholarships.

Kathy Striker, Galion, donated clothing, shoes and jackets with an approximate value of \$200. This donation will be used in the Pioneer Sharing closet for students in need.

The Dawn Wright-Smith Blackbaud Giving Fund, Charleston, SC, donated \$30 for the Alumni Endowment fund which is used for annual student scholarships.

Gavyn Bazley was hired as treasurer effective Nov. 1, 2023.

The board approved stipends for administrators for use of personal cell phones for business and a \$200 increase in mileage allowance for Clay Frye, Director of Operations for Fiscal Year 23.

The board approved conference period pay for certificated personnel and supplemental contracts for Dan Burtscher for additional hours and Al Sears as Success Center Coordinator.

Unused personal leave pay for the 2022-'23 contract year was approved as were stipends for certificated personnel including Kelly Jung, FCCLA National Leadership Conference chaperone; the Master Teacher Committee; John Yohe, Spanish Proctor/Assessor for Edgenuity Students 2023-'24; Pride & Insight Prep for 2023-'24; and van driver certification and re-certification training.

The board approved bus drivers for the current school year and substitute instructors.

Bethany Rachel was hired as a career coach for Ontario Local Schools. Beck Kimmel, Pioneer CTC superintendent's secretary, will retire effective Jan. 1, 2024. Julie Eldridge resigned, effective Aug. 1, and Michael Amick resigned, effective Aug. 17.

Julie White was hired as the full-time adult education secretary, effective Aug. 1.

The board approved supplemental contracts for Molly Kousma and Caitlin Roub, extra help ECE for the current school year.

Catherine Spayde was approved for up to eleven days of extended time for this school year.

Stipend contracts for classified personnel, substitute classified personnel and the 2023-'24 Pioneer Board Goals were approved.

The board approved a Memorandum of Understanding for Career Coach Programs at district schools including Colonel Crawford, Lucas, Northmor, Ontario, Willard and Wynford.

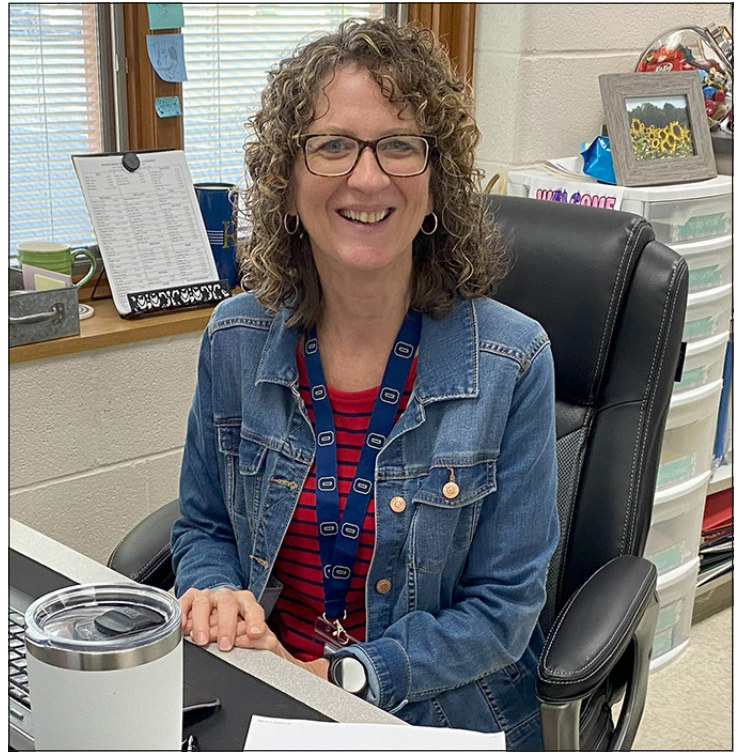
The board approved revisions to the Pioneer 2023-'23 calendar to change make up excess Calamity Days from using "blizzard bags" to online learning.

A resolution of Appreciation was adopted for the donation of materials from Sky Climber LLC, with a value of \$38,957.

These materials and equipment will be used for educational purposes for students in the manufacturing programs.

The board also approved an agreement with Life Steps Counseling Services for the 2023-'24 school year.

The board approved agreements for E-Rates for the fiscal year 2023.



MS. OWEN AT ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL was presented the "Career and Technical Education New Teacher" award by the OATFACS (Ohio Association Teachers for Family and Consumer Sciences) at the annual summer conference this summer in Dublin, OH. This award recognizes a new teacher with up to five years of teaching experience, who has enhanced his/her professional development through collaboration with OATFACS, Office of Career Technical Education and FCCLA to provide quality classroom programs.



ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL students received new Chromebooks in an exchange program. Students returned their used Chromebooks to receive a newer model along with the chargers. Most of the sixth-grade students came without having a previous school device, so this will be their first experience using the technology both at school and while at home. Students will be responsible for maintaining the Chromebooks and making sure to have them fully-charged for school each day. Students will be charged for cracked screens and missing keys, so taking proper care of the devices is a must. Exchanges took place in the library with Mrs. Ellis.

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Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



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TEMPLE CHRISTIAN'S JV AND VARSITY volleyball teams beat Mansfield Senior Aug. 21, in the Tyger's home gym. JV won in two sets and varsity took the win in four sets.



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CLEAR FORK VS BEXLEY GIRLS JV SOCCER · AUG. 15 · PHOTOS BY JEFF HOFFER



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MADISON VS KENSTON GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER · AUG. 19 · PHOTOS BY JEFF HOFFER



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CLEAR FORK VS UPPER SANDUSKY VOLLEYBALL SCRIMMAGE · AUG 15
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LEXINGTON VS ONTARIO FOOTBALL · AUG. 18
WARRIORS WIN 17-14 · PHOTOS BY JEFF HOFFER



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B-DRY CROSS COUNTRY INVITATIONAL AT MADISON • AUG. 21



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High School Boys Results

- 1 Cooper Brockway Crestview, junior 16:59.10
- 2 Marshall Moore, Shelby, senior, 17:25.70
- 3 Indy Mayer, Shelby, senior, 17:36.20
- 4 Luke Lesseuer, Shelby, senior, 17:46.60
- 5 Carson Perkins, Shelby, senior, 18:42.30
- 6 Sean Finnegan, Shelby, senior, 19:25.30
- 7 Terry, Lexington, 19:44.60
- 8 Miles Eberst, Lexington, senior, 19:47.80
- 9 Evan Larsen, Madison, freshman, 19:54.00
- 10 Carson Saurers, Lexington, junior, 20:14.40

High School Girls Results

- 1 Leyna Gerich, Crestview, junior, 20:47.40
- 2 Callie Cyrus, Madison, senior, 21:14.00
- 3 Anna Will, Shelby, freshman, 21:42.70
- 4 Emma Montgomery, Shelby, junior, 21:24.10
- 5 Kailyn Schwall, Shelby, senior, 21:51.50
- 6 Courtney Stiving, Shelby, junior, 22:28.30
- 7 Channon Cundiff, Shelby, senior, 22:29.30
- 8 Alina Durbin, Crestview, sophomore, 22:34.30
- 9 Emma Mahek, Shelby, freshman, 22:47.70
- 10 Audrey Wolford, Crestview, sophomore, 22:36.30

Middle School School Boys Results

- 1 Isaac McFarland, Crestview, 8th, 12:19.80
- 2 Dane Painley, Lexington, 7th, 12:20.00
- 3 Liam Hershberger, Ontario, 8th, 12:49.80
- 4 Jace Dawson, Lexington, 7th, 12:59.10
- 5 Mathias Bender, Lexington, 7th, 13:09.80
- 6 Colten Montgomery, Shelby, 8th, 13:35.10
- 7 Caden Henry, Lexington, 7th, 13:42.70
- 8 Isaac Smith, Crestview, 7th, 13:52.00
- 9 Brandt Leidigh, Crestview, 8th, 14:05.90

Middle School School Girls Results

- 1 Laynie Kemp, Crestview, 8th, 14:12.10
- 2 Jordyn Thauvette, Shelby, 7th, 14:39.90
- 3 Ava Zehe,, Ontario, 8th, 14:42.30
- 4 Arabella Ream, Shelby, 8th, 14:55.10
- 5 Tessa Them, Lexington, 7th, 15:25.80
- 6 Kylie Murfield, Lexington, 7th, 15:26.20
- 7 Raegan Sudol, Clear Fork, 7th, 16:05.30
- 8 Gracie Gallaway, Crestview, 8th, 16:17.6
- 9 Eliana Guertler, Shelby, 7th, 16:43.90
- 10 Adria Sharrock, Lexington, 8th, 16:56.60



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LOOKING BACK • THIS WEEK IN TRIBUNE-COURIER HISTORY



Aug. 22, '96

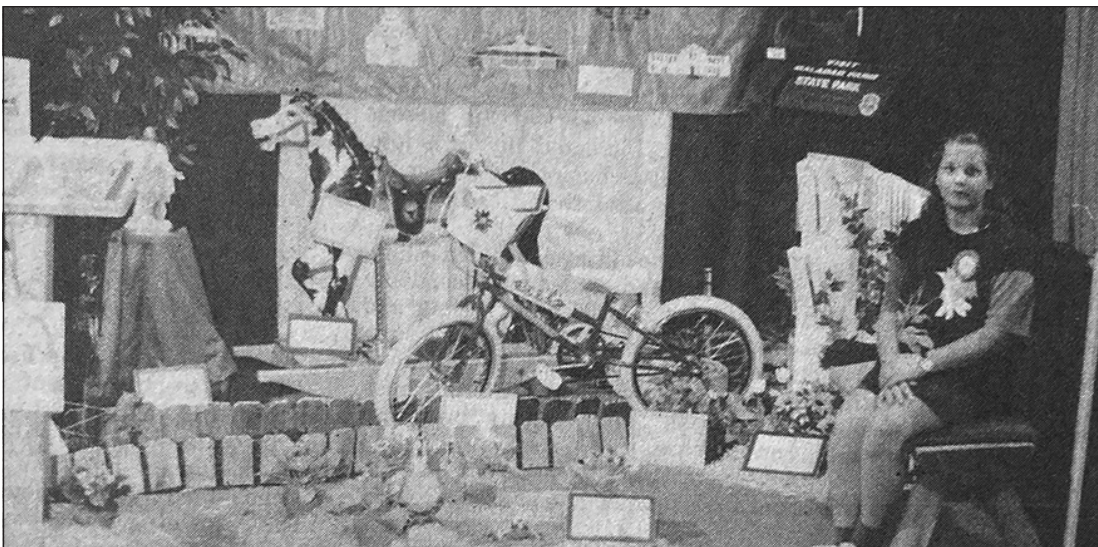
INSTRUCTOR and coach Eddie Noble poses with students Mike Deno and Chris Kallimanis outside the Super Dome in New Orleans after the pair did exceptionally well at the AAU Junior Olympics held there.



AUGUST 15, 1996 — Ontario Safety Town Graduates, first row, Hailey Tussey, David Warholic, Samantha West and Sarah West; second row, Colton Basilone, Kristi Boyce, Austen Conwell, Brandon Deal, Kama Floyd and Brandon Gates; third row, Angelea Harritos, Sarah Hoagland, Kaulen Korody, Drew Mundziak, Jesse Ramey and Joshua Shaum; fourth row, Lindsey White and Emily Wair.

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This Day in History — In Prague on Aug. 24, 2006, the International Astronomical Union votes to demote Pluto from the ninth planet from the sun to one of dozens of known dwarf planets. The vote followed a week of debate by the IAU, who voted on multiple proposals. The ultimate proposal defined the word “planets” supposedly once and for all: planets are celestial objects large enough to be made rounded by their gravitational orbit around the sun and to have pushed away nearby planetary objects and debris. Two years later, the IAU decided on a name for dwarf planets similar to Pluto — “plutoid” — grouping Pluto with Eris. Some influential astronomers were caught off guard by the procedure, questioning the final proposal’s logic and pointing to the low turnout of voters (424 astronomers out of about 10,000 professional astronomers worldwide) at the IAU conference. One astronomer pointed to the contradiction that Earth, Mars, Jupiter and Neptune all have nearby asteroids.



AUGUST 22, 1996 — Bethany Hill of the Lexington Lads and Lassies 4-H Club was at the Ohio State Fair to do a 4-H demonstration and took time out to check out the Richland County booth sponsored by the Convention and Visitor Bureau in the Buckeye Building. Bethany’s demonstration was “Food and Fitness for Fun.”

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The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their regular meeting held on August 16, 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. 23-12 – AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE IMPROVEMENT TO CERTAIN PARCELS IN THE CITY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND EXEMPT FROM TAXATION PURSUANT TO ORC 5709.40(B); AND PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND DEPOSIT OF SERVICE PAYMENTS AND SPECIFYING THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THOSE SERVICE PAYMENTS MAY BE EXPENDED.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-13 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A RECREATION DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN ONTARIO YOUTH SPORTS, INC. AND THE CITY OF ONTARIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AS AMENDED.

Cathy VanAuker, MMC
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 8-24, 31 '23) 36L

CITY OF ONTARIO POSITION OPENING SEWER INFLOW AND INFILTRATION PROJECT MANAGER

The City of Ontario has an immediate opening for the part-time position of Sewer Inflow and Infiltration Project Manager. Applicants must maintain a Class II Wastewater Collection System Operators License. The job description and application are available on the city's website at www.ontarioohio.org.

All applications must be turned in at Ontario City Hall located at 555 Stumbo Road Ontario, Ohio by Friday September 8th at 4:00PM.

Qualified candidates may contact Service-Safety Director Kris Knapp at 419-529-2495 or email kknapp@ontarioohio.org.

Randy E. Hutchinson, Mayor
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 8-24, 31 '23) 20L

Class registration open at Richland Academy

Richland Academy of the Arts online registration opened Aug. 18. Online registration will be ongoing for all group classes and private lessons in dance, music, theatre, visual arts and martial arts.

This fall there are new class offerings along with some returning class favorites. Some

new opportunities include Hip Hop with new instructor Star Henthorn, Pilates with new instructor Erin Ekin, Exploratory Puppetry with new instructor Danielle Szymanski, Kickboxing with instructor Jason Farnsworth, Combo 2 +, Jazz/Tap for Dancers age 5, with instructor Erin Wolford, Wild for Watercolor with new instructor Barbie Waters, and A Journey Through Musical Time with instructor Joann Rudd.

Some returning class favorites include Music Together with instructor Megan Williams, Creative Movement with instructor Sarah Horrigan-Ramos, Ceramics for Kids with instructor Autumn Cadle, Adult Ballet with instructor and Artist in Residence Marden Ramos, and Yoga with instructor Erin Wolford and so much more!

Richland Academy also welcomed new private music instructors, Sharon Grimes, piano; Dr. Chelsea Croke, voice, and pi-

ano; Cody Cramer, strings; Susan Peters, piano, and Alyssa Weitzel, alto saxophone, who will be joining our staff of current music instructors. A private lesson can be scheduled with a new or current music instructor by visiting the website.

There are daytime and evening classes and lessons offered for all ages from birth to 60+. For information visit richlandacademy.com or call 419-522-8224.

Richland Academy is located at the corner of 4th and Walnut St., Mansfield, and was founded in 1991. It is supported by the Ohio Arts Council and 60+ programming is supported by the Area Agency on Aging. There are classes for all ages from birth to 60+. Richland Academy of The Arts is offers a tuition assistance program and is approved Ohio Department of Education Service Provider with the After-school Child Enrichment (ACE) Program.

Free concert is September 16

The Renaissance Theatre will present the Mansfield Symphony Orchestra's (MSO) "Classical Mansfield!" A free community concert is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 pm at the Renaissance Theatre stage.

Under the direction of music director and conductor Octavio Más-Arocas, the MSO will be showcasing a repertoire of four exquisite symphonic pieces.

The concert opens with George Enescu's timeless masterpiece, "Romanian Rhapsody No. 1, in A Minor."

Adding a touch of virtuosity to the evening, the MSO's principal cellist, Alex Glaubitz, will grace the stage for Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's "Variations on a Rococo Theme for Cello and Orchestra, Opus 33."

Continuing the musical odyssey, the MSO will immerse the audience in Claude Debussy's evocative "Prelude a L'après-midi d'un faune" ("Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faune").

The grand finale of the concert features Ottorino Respighi's renowned tone poem, "Pines of Rome."

Free tickets allow audience members to choose their seats and are available through the Renaissance Theatre's website, www.rentickets.org, or by contacting the box office at 419-522-2726.

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