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**THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION NORTHWEST OHIO** held the North Central Ohio Walk to End Alzheimer's at the North Central State Campus/Health Sciences Building in Mansfield on Saturday, Sept. 16. Participants honored those affected by Alzheimer's with a Promise Garden ceremony — a mission-focused experience that signifies solidarity in the fight against the disease. Amy Crislip and Janny Nauman were event co-chairs. (See Photos Page 26)

## Richland County EMA preparing for influx of visitors for eclipse

The Richland County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) convened elected officials, local school districts, law enforcement, EMS and other community partners for an update on the county-wide planning for the April 8, 2024, eclipse.

Deloris Mlay, president of the Richland County Astronomy Society, reflected on her experience visiting Tennessee during the 2017 solar eclipse. She stated traffic gridlock caused significant delays in their travels and they booked a campsite many months ahead of time to ensure they had overnight accommodations. The Astronomy Club operates the Warren Rupp Observatory located at Friendly House Hidden Hollow Camp.

Committees have been meeting in recent months and provided updates on planning for public safety, public health, community outreach, education, viewing and resource/logistics for the county.

The groups are reaching out to the community early in order for residents to make preparations for the weekend of April 5-8.

Residents are advised to shop early in the week for groceries, medications, avoid scheduling appointments during this time, and fill up their gas tanks.

Over 100,000 visitors are expected to come to our area for the eclipse. Hotels and campgrounds are filling up quickly. Many schools are cancelled for the day. A resource page for locals and visitors is being created on the Richland County website and is expected to go live in the near future. Viewing sites will be included on the eclipse page.

A public meeting on the eclipse is planned for Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 7 pm at Butler Village Hall and Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 6:30 pm at Pioneer Career and Technology Center.

An additional meeting is being planned in the Madison area for later this year.

Anyone with questions on the eclipse should reach out to the Richland County EMA office at 419-774-5686.

## Ontario BOE approves hirings for 2023-'24 school year

The Ontario Local School Board met Sept. 12 and approved the resignation of Linda Cooper, Intervention Specialist, effective at the end of her 2023-'24 contract.

The board approved the employment of classified staff personnel for the 2023-'24 school year including Brandy Vail as a 2.5 hour cook at Stingel, \$8,179; and Amber Dawson as a playground aide, \$4,896.

The resignation of Roger Nikiforow as the high school Science Club Advisor was accepted, effective Aug. 31.

Extracurricular/supplemental staff hired for the 2023-'24 school year were Kayla Cain, senior class advisor, \$876; Tonya Welch, high school Science Club Advisor, \$1,095; Clayton Stevens, football as-

sistant coach (one of three sharing two positions,) \$3,176; Tim Plumley, volunteer football assistant coach; Lisa Schofield, freshman cheer coach, \$1,830; Evan Booker, seventh grade girls basketball head coach, \$3,175; Todd Ivy, eighth grade girls basketball head coach, \$3,175; Troy Sapp, eighth grade girls basketball volunteer coach; Tyler Coley, eighth grade boys basketball head coach, \$4,364; James Nelson, varsity assistant boys basketball coach, \$4,129; Robert Sharrock, varsity assistant boys basketball coach, \$5,164; David Stormont, Jeff Wilson and Kris Thomas, girls basketball assistant coach, \$4,315 (three stipends shared equally among three coaches); Heath Sager, OMS Winter Activity Coordinator, \$2,861; Dan Hall,

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# History of the KKK in Richland County: The Turning Point

By Bob Carter (Part Three of a Series)

1925 was to be the peak year for Klan membership. That year in a drunken orgy, Grand Dragon and Imperial Wizard David Stephenson kidnapped, repeatedly raped and brutally beat and abused a woman to the point of death. His body guards took her back to her parent's home and a doctor and a family attorney were called. She gave a deposition of what Stephenson had done to her. And unable to get away, she had tried to poison herself. Before she died a few days later, she told what had happened.

Stephenson, who once said "He was the law in Indiana," was arrested and jailed. At his trial, the jury was twelve white men and Stephenson bragged to the press that no all white jury would ever find him guilty of anything!

He was tried, convicted of second degree murder and in November of 1925 sentenced to life in prison. He was paroled in 1950, but disappeared by breaking parole and was later caught in 1951 and sentenced to ten more years.

After trying to no avail to get his friend Governor Jackson of Indiana to grant clemency, in 1927 a bitter Stephenson released to news media a list of high elected officials including a governor, judges, mayors, sheriffs, political leaders and police who had been bribed over the years or who were on the Klan payroll. This hit the news papers and the nation like a lightning bolt.

What had the members' dues been used for? Stephenson, an alcoholic, had violated nearly everything the Klan stood for. Klan membership estimated nationwide at near six million in 1925 and dropped to about 10,000 by 1930. The Klu Klux Klan, which was the greatest embarrassment ever to America, quietly died in Richland County.

Michael Cullen inherited his grandfather's extensive 4,000 book library, historical papers and artifact collection. While cataloging the material he opened a box one day and to his astonishment there was Great Grandfather Jacob S. Garber's copy of "Klansman's Creed", a summary of Klan activities, a small brochure "The Klan Today," a handout titled, "Kreed of the Ku Klux Klan, a mimeographed KKK poem and a 32 page booklet, "The Past and Present of the Ku Klux Klan." In addition were a collection of news clippings and letters all relating to the Klan.

One letter addressed to Garber stated "To be sure you may burn crosses on my land any time you like, would like to be there to see it." Jacob Garber's membership in the KKK was a deep family secret which had never before been mentioned to anyone.

Garber was a rural mail carrier out of Butler, led singing schools

or church musical gatherings in the area, was active in his own church and in 1923, was appointed unpaid deputy town marshal for Butler. Being that well known, he would have been a trusted and active recruiter for the Klan.


The last dated letter in the collection invited Garber to a meeting in Mansfield Feb. 27, 1934. The Grand Dragon of Ohio was to be the speaker. The letter carried this request, "If you know of other Klansmen that would care to reinstate be sure and bring them with you."

It is doubtful if any did. Having lost members, respect and influence, the days of the Ku Klux Klan in Richland County were ending as evidently was Garber's association with it.

Like hundreds of thousands of others, former membership in the Ku Klux Klan had become a personal embarrassment and the family secret.



**D. C. Stephenson,  
Grand Dragon of the  
Northern Ku Klux Klan**



## THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

Kenneth Branagh directs and stars in his third adaptation of an Agatha Christie novel with *A Haunting in Venice*.

Based on the novel *Hallowe'en Party*, famed sleuth Hercule Poirot (Branagh) is enjoying retirement until an old friend (Tina Fey) drops by and invites him to a Halloween party at an old mansion owned by a known opera singer played by Kelly Reilly.

A medium (Michelle Yeoh) is invited to try and communicate with the singer's recently deceased daughter. After a sudden murder happens, Poirot secures the house so he can decide which of the party's many guests may be the killer.

Branagh's first adaptation, *Murder on the Orient Express* was a good film and I also enjoyed *Death on the Nile*. Branagh makes the right kind of moves with this third entry. His performance as Poirot is just spot on and he makes a scary story with enough spooky moments but also a captivating mystery. He fleshes his cast out with several capable actors including Jamie Dornan and Jude Hill who were also in Branagh's terrific Oscar winning *Belfast* a couple years ago. Yeoh herself is terrific and the séance scene in particular is worth noting.

The best parts of the movie are putting the pieces together as Poirot (and the audience) never knows if what he is saying is truly real or if there are super-

natural occurrences afoot.

What holds this movie back from being great is it would be nice if there were a few more clues along the way because by the time Poirot reveals what really happened some make sense and other clues should have been more obvious and shown to the audience.



Branagh seems to love playing this part and his chemistry with Tina Fey is really apparent. She provides a couple humorous moments and turns in a fine performance, as does the whole cast.

Branagh also uses some interesting wall eye style camera angles and puts the camera up on the ceiling facing down or down facing upwards that gives the house a very claustrophobic feel that works for what movie he is trying to make.


Branagh has been a personal favorite of mine for a long time. He really brought Shakespeare back in the mainstream with *Henry V* in 1989 and did a brilliant full version of *Hamlet* in 1996. He finally won an Oscar a couple years ago for his screenplay for *Belfast*.

With *A Haunting in Venice*, he makes a very engaging and overall enjoyable film even though a few more details keep it from being truly top notch. It is recommended for being a spooky, effective mystery.



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# News Briefs

Washington Township Fire Department will host a pancake breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 7 am to 11 am, at 2480 Possum Run Rd.

Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, milk and orange juice. Admission is by donation.

Proceeds raised will assist the community and the fire department. All are welcome.

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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 Sept. 21, meatloaf with au gratin potatoes; Sept. 26, marzetti; and Sept. 28, creamed chicken over mashed potatoes/biscuits.

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The Richland Rural Life Center, 969 E. Crall Rd., Mansfield, will host its annual chicken dinner on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 4-6 pm.

The dinner includes chicken slow cooked over an open pit buttered parsley potatoes or Au gratin potatoes old fashioned slaw salad or applesauce and dinner roll, beverage and a scoop of homemade vanilla ice cream.

Adult meals are \$12 for half chicken; seniors and children (10 and under) are \$7 for a quarter chicken.

Carry-out meals are available and extra chicken halves are \$5 each. Homemade ice cream quarts are available for \$5.

The entrance is located between Stewart Rd. and Rt. 545, Madison area. Proceeds go toward facility maintenance for use by Boy Scouts and 4-H.

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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 next date for distribution is Tuesday, Sept. 26.

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Sept. 23 and 24. 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.

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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 Oct. 18 will include roast beef. Josh Dysal of the Crawford County Park District will speak. Guests are welcome.

The group will meet for lunch at 11 am on Oct. 4 at El Campesino, 1593 West 4th St., Ontario.

For information visit [www.lexasc.org](http://www.lexasc.org). Dues are \$10 per year.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Rev. Will Humphrey on Sunday, Sept. 24, at 10:30 am. He will speak at the Autumnal Equinox Service.

The service will be at the home of Joan and Reed Richmond, 6991 Renie Road Bellville. A continental breakfast will be provided by the board. The breakfast to start at 10 am.

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

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The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is hosting a free drive thru Shred-It event for a kick-off to Medicare Open Enrollment in the parking lot of Hawkins Corner, 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario, on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 9-11 am. This event is free and open to the public.

This event highlights the need to securely shred important documents or mail that may contain personal information to help older adults avoid becoming victims of fraud, scams, and identity theft.

For more information contact the Area Agency on Aging at 419-524-4144.

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Richland County Republicans will host the First Monday Luncheon on Monday, Oct. 2, from 11:45 am to 1 pm in the Kobacker Room, DLX Events and Catering, 28 N. Main St., Mansfield.

Speaker will be Megan Shanahan, Candidate for the Ohio Supreme Court. RSVP to 419-528-8223 or [rcohgop@gmail.com](mailto:rcohgop@gmail.com). Optional lunches are \$10.

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The Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center will have free produce giveaways on the fourth Monday of the Month thru October. Remaining dates are 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.

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The U.S. 30 eastbound and westbound rest areas near I-71 closed Sept. 18 for sidewalk removal, curb ramp removal and replacement, painting parking stalls and other auxiliary painting. The rest area reopening is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 22.

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The First Annual Shelter Friends 5K Run/Walk will be held Sunday, Sept. 24 at North Lake Park, 268 Hope Rd., Mansfield.

Sign up online at Ohio Race Day. Cost is \$25 online with a free shirt and \$35 on race day.

Money made from this event goes to help the dogs at The Richland County Dog Shelter. There will be raffle baskets and a 50/50.

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A fall rummage sale will be held Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 9 am to 4 pm; and Thursday, Oct. 5, from 9 am to noon at First Congregational Church, 640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield.

KC Delights food truck will be on the premise.

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



*Sabin*

Sabin came into the shelter after being dumped in a field with his brother and sister in September of 2022. The shelter had to use a live trap to get him,

which took about two weeks, because Sabin would run away if he heard or saw someone approaching.

The first couple of times someone at the shelter attempted to walk Sabin, he would refuse to walk, have to be picked up, and/or coerced with treats.

Since being at the shelter, Sabin has gotten much more confident and friendly with volunteers, employees, and even new visitors!

Recently, some visitors asked if they could play with Sabin. He confidently trotted into a play room and immediately picked up toys to show them! Sabin loves to be loved on. He will jump up to say hi to his friends, and he thinks he is a lap dog.

Sabin can't get enough pets and affection; he is also incredibly sweet. Sabin wants to be the best boy possible and does his best to take cues from humans he is with.

Sabin was recently adopted and returned; the family said he

was uneasy with some of their smaller children. The shelter would prefer Sabin to be adopted by a family with children no younger than 15. Sabin is about two years old and is absolutely phenomenal!

Sabin 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.

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

**Lexington Presbyterian Church**

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

**Mansfield 1st EPC**

399 Trimble Rd., Mansfield  
419-756-7066 • [www.mansfield1st.com](http://www.mansfield1st.com)  
Rev. Joseph Yerger  
9 am Adult & Youth Sunday School  
10 am Sunday Worship

**Oakland Lutheran Church**

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

**Ontario Christian Church**

1029 Lewis Rd., Ontario  
419-529-5684 • [ontariochristian.org](http://ontariochristian.org)  
Minister Steve Broughton  
9 am Sunday School  
10 am Sunday Worship

**Ontario United Methodist Church**

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

**Southside Christian Church  
Disciples of Christ**

2055 Middle-Bellville, Mansfield  
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**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

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**MANSFIELD CHAMBER MUSIC PLAYERS** Steve Domka, Mike Sieberg, Carol Bernhardt, Dave Lenigan, Bob Rashid, Jim Froelich and Jane Price with Maxine, the dog.

## 27th Annual Donald Bernhardt Memorial Concert is Oct. 15

The Mansfield Chamber Music Players will present the 27th Annual Donald Bernhardt Memorial Chamber Music Concert Sunday, Oct. 15 at 4 pm in Riedl Hall at The Ohio State University, Mansfield Campus. Music by John Rutter, George Onslow and Muzio Clementi will be performed by a string quintet, a woodwind quintet and finally with the winds and strings combined.

Carol Bernhardt organized the first Memorial Chamber Music Concert in 1997 in memory of her late husband, Donald Bernhardt, who was a violinist and an avid chamber music player. He would often organize marathon chamber music playing weekends at their house and loved going to Montana for a week of chamber music playing each summer. In the last 26 years the Mansfield Chamber Music Players have performed over 100 different chamber works on these Memorial concerts.

Included on this year's varied program is Woodwind Quintet #3 by George Onslow, Suite for Strings based on British folk tunes by John Rutter, and Nonet by Muzio Clementi.

Performing this year will be: violin, Michael Sieberg and Steve Domka; viola, Jim Froelich; cello, Robert Rashid; bass, David Lenigan; flute, Denise Rotavera-Klein; oboe, Carol Bernhardt; clarinet, Pam Ellis; French horn, Keely Krumweide; and bassoon, Jane Price.

The concert is provided by the Donald Bernhardt Memorial Chamber Music Fund at Chase Bank in cooperation with The Ohio State University - Mansfield Campus.

## Area Agency to host National Preparedness Panel Discussion

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. will host a National Preparedness Panel Discussion at 2131 Park Avenue West in Ontario, on Sept. 28, at 1 pm. Those attending are asked to enter at the west side of the building at the Hawkins Conference Center entrance.

September is National Preparedness Month. Ready, a national public service campaign, has set the 2023 theme for National Preparedness Month as "Taking Control in 1, 2, 3," which will be a campaign focused on preparing older adults for disaster. When it comes to extreme weather or other emergencies, older adults tend to be more at risk than others, especially when living alone, if they are low-income, have a disability, or live in rural areas.

This will be a panel discussion with local experts on how to prepare for disasters. Chelley Kemper, WMFD morning radio and television show host, will facilitate the discussion panel including, Terry Carter, Coordinator with First Call 211, Rebecca Owens, Richland County EMA Director, Erin Schaefer, Clinical Consultant at Catalyst Life Services, and Chief Adam Spellman from the Springfield Township Fire Department. Resource tables will be available. Assistance will be provided to those who want to sign up for Richland County Notification System Alerts.

This is a free event for Richland County residents who are 60 and older. One free weather radio will be provided per household, while supplies last. RSVP is required to attend this event due to limited capacity. For additional information and to RSVP, contact Karen at 567-247-6487.

### Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

- Freda Ann Fidler, September 8
- James E. Smith, September 9
- James Scott Bell, September 10
- James Herman Perry, September 10
- Wayne Edwin Blayney, September 11
- Lawrence "Larry" Lee Alexander Sr., September 13
- Thomas Lee Cantwell, September 15
- Carol Irene Dixon, September 15
- John E. Goodwin, September 15

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**Day Trippin' With Damon**  
- Belle Isle Park is located in Detroit, Michigan. It is a 987-acre island park with the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory, the Belle Isle Aquarium, Dossin Great Lakes Museum, a giant slide, athletic fields, picnic areas, Belle Isle Nature Zoo and the James Scott Memorial Fountain. The park includes three lakes, 150 acres of wooded area and views of the Detroit and Windsor skyline. A Recreation Passport is required for entry.





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By Kim Sterry

**CHICKEN WITH SWISS AND MUSTARD GLAZE**

**Ingredients**

- 2-3 chicken breasts, halved and flattened out slices (serves 4-6)
- Sliced swiss cheese (or shredded)
- 1 cup baby bella mushrooms washed and sliced
- 3 Tbsp. whole grain mustard
- 3 Tbsp. apricot preserves

**Instructions**

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Combine the mustard and apricot preserves. Cover chicken with 1/2 of the mustard sauce. Brown the chicken (you can do this on stove top in frying pan or bake in the oven 10-15 minutes). While chicken is cooking, sauté 1 cup of sliced mushrooms in some butter or olive oil and set aside. Remove chicken from oven, place mushrooms over top of chicken along with the rest of sauce, top with Swiss cheese and return to oven. Cook until cheese has melted for another 10-15 minutes and chicken is cooked through.

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**By Mátiece Thomas**

The cold season has started and it's here to stay. It's very important for you to build up your immune system!

Today I want to share with you natural sources to get an abundance of Vitamin C.

Women need to get a minimum of 75 mg of Vitamin C a day and men require 90 mg.

Yes, you can take a Vitamin C supplement, but I want to encourage you today to find your Vitamin C through fruits and vegetables. This way you will get amazing nutrients that can be a part of your building blocks to wellness!

Oranges are a great source of Vitamin C with one medium orange having 70 mg.

I would suggest eating fresh fruit rather than drinking orange juice, unless you are juicing the orange yourself.

My favorite source of Vitamin C is a fruit not a lot of people know about. And that's the golden kiwi. It has four times the Vitamin C than an orange has and it's yellow, sweet and delicious.

Broccoli is a high nutrient vegetable that you should add into your week whenever you can. A half a cup of raw broccoli has 39 mg of Vitamin C, not to mention it's high in fiber and has a couple

grams of protein.

One cup of strawberries has 49 mg of Vitamin C. The powerhouse of veggies for Vitamin C is actually the red bell pepper. It holds 95 mg of Vitamin C in just one cup.

Something to know if you are trying to receive the most nutrients, eat your vegetables raw, rather than cooked. Grab some red bell peppers, strawberries, some sliced golden kiwi, broccoli and oranges and add them into your meal plan for a healthier fall season!

My last Trainer Girl tip for a healthier year is to stay active and sweat it out. It's important to sweat out the toxins of the body and there is no better way than with a great workout or maybe some Hot Yoga!

So I hope these tips have helped you and you add them to your routine to have a healthier, happier Fall season. Follow me at Instagram-5ptsfitness\_trainergirl for nutrition and workout tips.





# Madison SkillUSA helps with Paint the Town event

Photos and Article By Traci Little

The Madison SkillsUSA officers participated in the Paint the Town event Friday morning, Sept. 15, at the Trimble Road Bridge over the Bike Trail.

The group collaborated with Bethany Cuthbertson and Richland Young Professionals, along with Luke Beekman with Mankind Murals.

“We wrapped up Young Professionals Week by partnering with Madison Adult Career Center and Mankind Murals Inc to “Paint the Town” and cover up some graffiti along the Mansfield Bike Trail! The event was very successful and we completed the two areas in half the time we thought. Those kids came to work! Richland Young Professionals can’t wait to pair up with the Madison SkillsUSA students and Mankind Murals on the next mansfield project!” said Bethany Cuthbertson.

Visit [richlandyp.com/events](http://richlandyp.com/events) for upcoming events and visit them on Facebook at <http://www.Facebook.com/RichlandYP>.

The group painted over the areas with graffiti in preparation for Luke Beekman with Mankind Murals to paint a symbolic mural (hopefully in the coming weeks). It will be called “It’s a Mansfield Thing” based on a pop culture reference of Man Thing, a swamp monster, but he will be made up of local plants.

“I am so glad Bethany contacted us in May to start planning this event. I think our students did an amazing job,” said SkillsUSA Advisor, Karen VonStein. “Near the end, one of our students said that she was feeling emotional, and I, of course, wanted to know why. She stated that she felt like she was involved in something that was bigger than herself and that this would last for years to come. In a nutshell, that’s why we take our students on these adventures, it makes them realize they are involved in activities that are bigger than this moment in time, and the impact will last for years.”

The group that came from Madison included Kyleigh Reiter, Lexi Reedy, Rico Palacios, Grayson Sasis, Cooper Balas, Lucas Stollings, Maggie Jones, Chloe Davis, Ethan Glasgo, CJ Steffey, Gage Masters, Mrs. VonStein (SkillsUSA Advisor) and Mr. Jacob Grove (Career Tech Director).



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Register today by visiting [richlandgives.org](http://richlandgives.org).  
**Registration closes October 31**





## Special ribbon cutting celebrates grand opening of new Shelby bakery and 25 years for Nicole & Co. salon

Photos and Article By Traci Little

On Friday, Sept. 15, there was a double celebration ribbon cutting for the grand opening of Life is Sweet Cakery while simultaneously commemorating Nicole & Co's 25th anniversary in business.

The bakery, owned and operated by Hilary Lester, offers cakes, cookies, brownies, scones, cake pops and cupcakes for all occasions.

Nicole & Co., owned and operated by Nicole Fortman, is a full-service salon located next to the bakery on Mansfield Ave.

"This is the first time that I can remember having a joint celebra-

tion like this," said Shelby Mayor, Steven Schag. "These are good friends that have been a part of one another's history, who are making history here in Shelby today!"

"I believe we see today both sides of the entrepreneurial spectrum. On one side here with Hilary we have anticipation and on the other side with Nicole and Co. we have the spirit of accomplishment. On behalf of the City of Shelby, I would like to congratulate both."

"There are a lot of great things happening on this gateway to our city and a lot of exciting things are in the works. There is momentum on Mansfield Avenue!"

Commissioner Tony Vero said that Senator Mark Romanchuk sent his regards and also two commendations. "I use to work down the road and this is a very unique building. Now I can come and get a cut and a cake!"

Lester thanked family and friends for supporting her and placing orders! "It's been a really great experience and I look forward to seeing what happens next."

Fortman teared up and got emotional as she said "I don't do this at all on my own," as she pointed to her husband and to friends and family in the crowd for supporting her over the years. She thanked everyone for being there for her.

Patrons can get a hair cut and grab something sweet over at 218 Mansfield Ave., Shelby.





# Flanegan named Richland SWCD Cooperator of the Year

William R. Flanegan Jr. was awarded the Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) Cooperator of the Year at the joint Annual Celebration held with Richland County Farm Bureau Sept. 7 at the Kehoe Center in Shelby.

In addition to being recognized by Richland SWCD, State Senator Mark Romanchuk, State Representative Marilyn John and the Richland County Commissioners acknowledged William's Cooperator of the Year award with commendations.

Flanegan was awarded for his work at the Nature Park located at the Richland County Fairgrounds. Over a 10-year period, the life-long master gardener has transformed and maintained the landscaping into a beautiful green area adorned with native plants. He has coordinated the work at the Nature Park with help from other volunteers including his wife, Tonya, Howard Harriman, Linda Bixler, Barb Keller, Vickie Eichof, Doug Versaw, Jim Kulig, Carol Sheppard and Randy Hanlon.

If you go to the Nature Park on most Wednesdays at 4 pm from March through November, you will find Bill and other volunteers mowing, planting, watering, dividing plants, installing landscape art, putting up Nature Park signs, and enjoying each other's company. They are happy to point out pollinators who land on a plant and share their knowledge about the plants. Spotting a pollinator never gets old.

Flanegan's love for native plants was inspired by a book he read by Doug Tallamy, "Bringing Nature Home." Now he inspires others to use native plants for the benefits they provide like having a strong root structure which helps prevent soil erosion, being acclimated to our climate so they require less watering and helping pollinators and other wildlife.

Other projects he has been involved in at the nature park include removing non-native species, reconstruction of a wall and providing plant identification. Have you ever planted a dead tree upside down

on purpose? Bill has and he is unapologetic.

He said, "These are bird attractors and for some reason they just feel safe perching in them. We also planted some dead Black Locust trees upside down to display contorted root systems. I love watching people's reactions to this oddity. I think it is natural "art"."

He is also devoted to educating the public and fellow volunteers about the importance of planting native plants. He invites groups to the Nature Park to learn more about native plants and conducts an annual program highlighting the native plants during the Richland County Fair.

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



**CELEBRATING BILL FLANEGAN** being named Richland Soil and Water Conservation District Cooperator of the Year are volunteers who also help at the Nature Park Barb Keller, Howard Harriman, Bill Flanegan, Tonya Flanegan and Doug Veraw.

## Richland County Recorder Sarah Davis will retire next week

The Richland County Republican Party has announced the retirement of long-time county recorder Sarah Davis, effective Sept. 29. Davis was first elected in 1996, taking office in early 1997.

"I have served my constituency of Richland County as an elected official for 26 years. Know this has been a difficult decision. However, I feel it's time to enjoy life with my family and friends. Also, know I feel confident with my current Recorder's Staff, that I am leaving office in good hands for you. Our office staff looks forward to continuing to serve the county during this transitional time. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me or anyone of our staff." said Sarah Davis.

Letters of interest and resumes are being accepted to fill the upcoming vacancy of Richland County Recorder for the term ending Jan. 5, 2025. Send replies by 5 pm Sept. 25, to Megan Whatman, Central Committee Chair, Richland County Republican Party at [Megan.Whatman@gmail.com](mailto:Megan.Whatman@gmail.com).

Candidates will have the opportunity to speak to the full Richland County Republican Party Central Committee at a meeting on Oct. 5.



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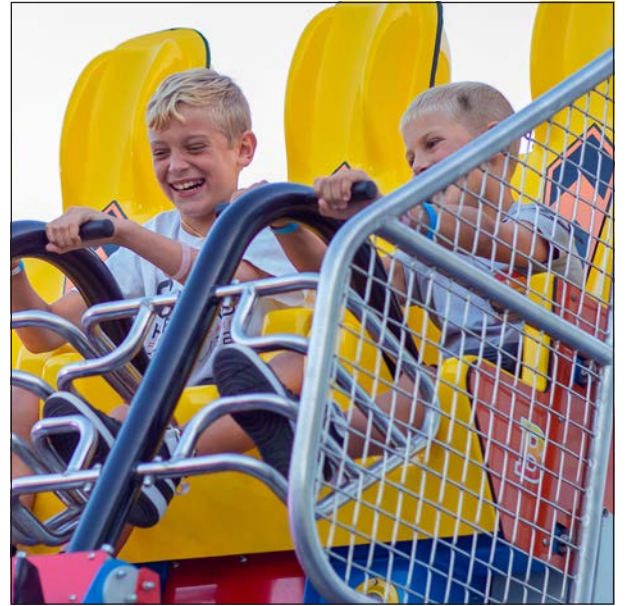
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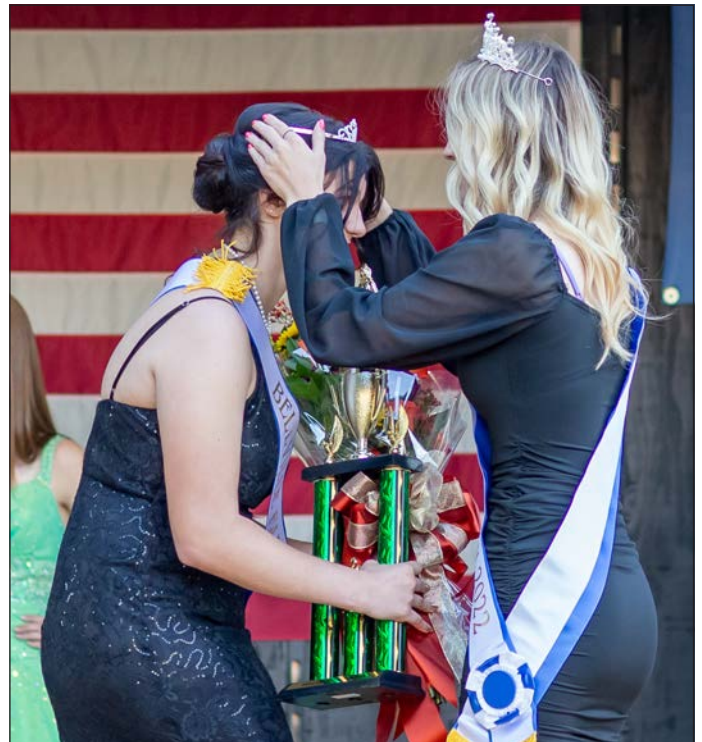
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**GAIL HANDWORK** of Mansfield made a home here from Long Island over 29 years ago. She loves the country and nature, and is a dog lover. She enjoys coming to the Bellville Fair for the variety of food, games and to watch all the people. She was in the movie *Joey & Rex Save The Church* which was filmed in Mansfield.



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**LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL'S HOMECOMING COURT** was recently chosen. (Top photo) Top 10, front, Makenna A, Addison B and Samantha M, Allie P; and back, Olyvia S, Kaylie E, Zoey M, Elyana W, Madilyn H and Eden D. (Bottom photo) 2023 court members Kalie E, Makenna A, Elyana W, Addison B and Olyvia S.

## Shakespeare Showcase is this weekend

The Mansfield Shakespeare Company has announced its upcoming Shakespeare Showcase event on Friday, Sept. 22, at The Mansfield Art Center at 7 pm and Sunday, Sept. 24, at South Park in Mansfield at 2:30 pm.

This free, in-person event promises an enchanting evening filled with drama, intrigue, fantasy, and comedy, featuring scenes from some of Shakespeare's greatest works.

Directed by Scott Leon Smith, with Mary Frankenfeld as Assistant Director, this showcase will transport audiences into the timeless world of the Bard. Guests are encouraged to bring their own chairs, picnic blankets, snacks, and drinks to make the experience even more enjoyable. Donations are gladly accepted to support the Mansfield Shakespeare Company's mission of making Shakespeare accessible to the community.

The Mansfield Shakespeare Company September Showcase will feature six captivating scenes from Shakespeare's masterpieces, including "Romeo & Juliet," "Julius Caesar," "Macbeth," "Much Ado About Nothing," "The Tempest," and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Each scene promises to captivate and entertain, with surprises that will keep the audience engaged throughout the performance.

The showcase company includes both familiar and new performers from The Renaissance Theatre, Mansfield Playhouse, and OSU Mansfield Theatre, all coming together to bring the magic of Shakespeare to life in Mansfield. This event is an excellent opportunity for theater enthusiasts, families, and Shakespeare fans of all ages to come together and enjoy an evening of live theater in a beautiful outdoor setting.

The Mansfield Shakespeare Company is a fledgling non-profit organization dedicated to making Shakespeare accessible to the community in a fun and engaging way. The September Showcase is just one of the many ways the company is working towards this mission, and they invite everyone to join them for this special event.

For more information visit <http://www.mansfieldshakespearecompany.org>.

## Voter registration deadline nearing for primary

The deadline to register to vote or change an address or name for the Nov. 7 General Election is Tuesday, Oct. 10.

The Richland County Board of Elections office will be open that evening until 9 pm. This office is located at 1495 W. Longview Ave. Suite 101 in the Longview Center. After 4 pm, visitors must use the entrance at the lower level back parking area at the southwest corner of the building.

Qualifications for registering to vote include must be either a native U. S. citizen or a naturalized citizen of the U.S., must be a resident of The State of Ohio 30

days before an Election and must be a minimum of 18 years of age on or before the date of the General Election on Nov. 7, 2023.

Registered voters who have moved or changed their name must notify the Board office in writing or in person. Voters currently registered in Ohio may change their address online at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov) but must do so by the October 10th deadline. Online registration is also now available at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov)

In addition to the Board of Elections office, citizens may register or complete a change of address/name at any library

branch, all city and village hall offices, The Bureau of Motor Vehicles Office, The Department of Human Services, The Richland County Courthouse (recorder or treasurer offices) and all area high school offices.

Registration forms may also be obtained from the Board of Elections website at [www.boe.ohio.gov/richland](http://www.boe.ohio.gov/richland) or requested by mail.

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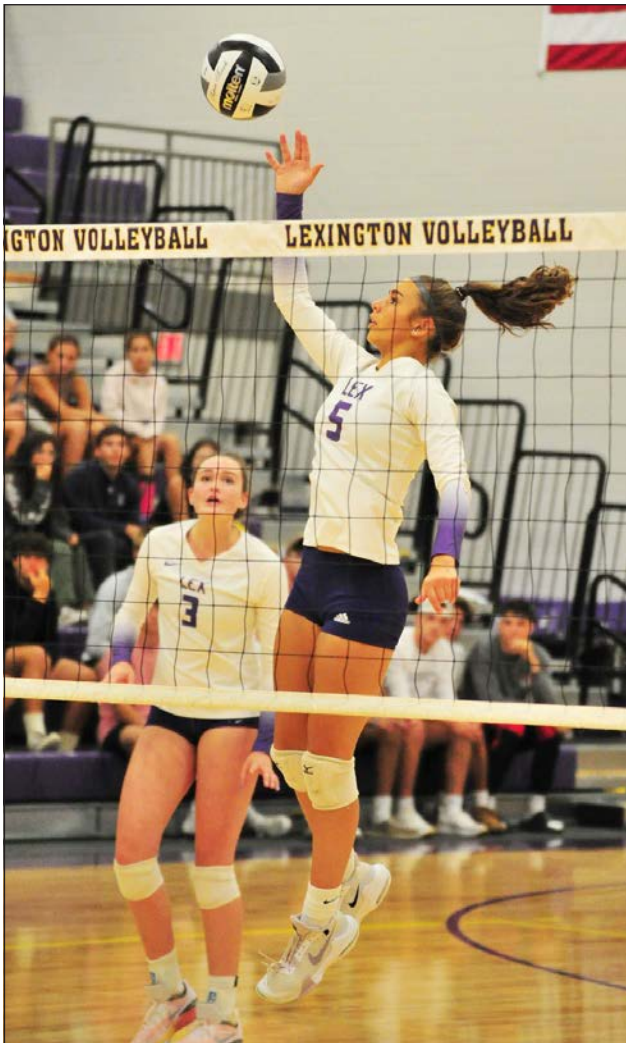
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**STUDENTS** in Mrs. Leach's and Mrs. Calhoun's second grade classroom at Ontario practiced creating and identifying even and odd numbers in math. They started with an activity called "M-ODD-ster or Even" where they "built" a number using monster eyeballs. If the eyeballs all had a partner, they knew the number was even. After learning how to determine if numbers were odd or even, they danced around the classroom during a fun version of musical chairs and when the music stopped they had to show their teachers whether the number they landed on was even or odd.

## Leonard N. Fox named Richland SWCD Volunteer of the Year

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) announced Leonard N. Fox as the 2023 Richland SWCD Volunteer of the Year at the joint Richland County Farm Bureau and Richland SWCD Annual Celebration held Sept. 7 at the Kehoe Center. In addition to being recognized by Richland SWCD, State Senator Mark Romanchuk, State Representative Marilyn John, and the Richland County Commissioners marked Leonard's volunteer award with commendations.



Fox began volunteering with Richland SWCD in 2016. He serves the district as a precipitation monitor and reports daily rain and snow amounts in real-time on the Richland SWCD website. He said, "Being a farmer, you are always interested in the weather. Rainfall is important for so many reasons including crop growth." Leonard enjoys volunteering with the district because he said the precipitation monitor program is easy to use and he is pleased the data helps the county and can be used nationally.

Fox also volunteers with the Richland Area Chamber of Commerce and participates in the Knights of Columbus. Leonard enjoys beekeeping, hunting, fishing, spending time with family at their farm and at the lake in the summer months. He planted butterfly-friendly plants and milkweed plots to help Monarch butterflies and other pollinators. Each fall he collects the milkweed pods and donates them to Richland SWCD for distribution. He is semi-retired from Schumacher Farms, Inc. where he is part owner. He and his wife, Kathy, have two daughters, Theresa and Michele, sons-in-law Jeremy and Michael, and four grandsons Xavier, Calvin, Sam, and Jack.

Richland SWCD plants a tree in honor of the volunteer of the year because Leonard and other volunteers are committed to soil and water health and a tree provides long-lasting benefits. In addition to providing shade and adding beauty to an area, trees reduce the amount of stormwater runoff which helps reduce erosion and pollution in our waterways. Native trees are adapted to our climate, require less watering, and their strong roots help hold soil in place.

Each volunteer of the year picks a public location for the tree planting and Leonard chose Seltzer Park in Shelby, near the gazebo and playscape, because his grandchildren enjoy playing on the playscape.

A Black Gum tree was planted in Leonard's honor in August. Black Gum trees are native to the Eastern United States including Ohio, other than in the drier counties in the northwestern part of the state. A Black Gum tree also goes by the name Tupelo. Each fall the tree will be bathed in beautiful scarlet and orange hues. Although hardly noticed by humans, the flowers and fruit are a good source of nectar for bees and food for birds. As it grows, it will contribute to the beauty of the park to be enjoyed by Leonard and Kathy, their family, our community, and future generations.

The Shelby Park staff, Mayor Schag, and others assisted in the tree planting. Jerry Marshall, Shelby Park Supervisor, and his staff will care for the Black Gum in coming years.

Fox received the Richland SWCD Forestry Award in 2014. Between 2012 and 2014 he developed a forestry management plan to help meet his goals for his woodland. He improved forty acres of woodlands with grapevine removal and culling of mediocre trees. By following his Forest Stand Improvement Plan, Leonard allowed the profitable trees room to grow which improved the woodlands value.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their regular meeting held on September 6, 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. 23-11 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1145-GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 18- OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS, SUBPARAGRAPH (G), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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Separate sealed bids for the Lexington Springmill Road South Waterline Replacement in the City of Ontario, Ohio will be received by Kris Knapp, Service-Safety Director, at 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio 44906 until 10:00 AM, local time Thursday October 26, 2023, and then, at said office, publicly opened and read aloud.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and other contract documents may be examined at KE McCartney & Associates, 52 North Diamond Street, Mansfield, Ohio 44902 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

In order to be a plan holder of record and eligible to submit a bid, bidders 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/>. All documents become the property of the prospective bidder, with no portion of the payment being refunded.

The project includes the installation of 2,210 LF of 8 & 12-Inch water main

along with service lines. The estimated cost of construction is \$907,000.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularity which does not affect the competitive nature of the bidding process or to reject any or all bids. Contract will be awarded based on the lowest and best bid. The City of Ontario 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 City of Ontario.

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. All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will, to the extent practicable use Ohio Products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of the Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123, the Governor's Executive Order of 1972, and the Governor's Executive Order 84-9 shall be required.

The Owner intends and requires that this project be completed by June 7, 2024.

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

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An agreement was reached with River Education Services, Inc. for alternative school placement for a student.

Students hired for preparation and distribution of new district chromebooks at \$12 per hour were Aiden Fox, Remington Higgins, Trenton Mitchell, Najee Morris, Jeremiah Viscioni and Timo Wunningham.

Donations were accepted from Melissa and Sam Weiler, \$1,000, middle school cheer; Dr. Bookwalter and Dr. Skulski, \$50, Stingel school supplies; Mid Ohio Mind Body and Soul and Thrive (Kiley Harriman), \$150, Stingel school supplies; Kyle Roberson, \$50, Stingel bookbags and crayons; Mikayla and Kyle Johnson, \$75, Stingel bookbags filled with supplies; Rogers Enterprises, Inc., \$100, high school FCCLA; Richland/F&H Sealcoating, \$500, Stingel playground stripe & layout of pickleball courts; Pepsi Co., \$2,000, girls soccer; Eldridge Fence LLC, \$2,000, Stingel Archery Club; Cori Kreger Agency LLC, \$250, high school Ozone shirts.

Brian and Michelle Gates donated \$1,000 to the marching band, \$500 for the weight room; \$500 for the football program; \$250 for the Ontario Substance Abuse Prevention Program; and \$250 for wrestling.

The board approved TAP grants from the Richland County Foundation for Science of Reading, \$900.10, Lynda Ditty; Multiplication Facts Mastery, \$875.02, Morgan Schneider; Poke-Math, \$1,000, James Watkins; Books for All Seasons, \$902.78, Tonya Wunningham; Discover the Magic of Reading, \$361.50, Michelle Smith; Foundation Phonics & More!, \$725.97, Autumn Barry; and Fraction Fun, \$673.80, Natasha Jolin.

Teachers to be paid two days, at their current per diem rate, for conducting kindergarten screenings and assessments are Ashley Cooke, Halle Brown, Amanda vanHarlingen, Brittney Hart, Ashley Scott, Julie Shreffler and Lindsey Thompson.

Keith Strickler thanked the City of Ontario for the new sidewalk and curbs from school property to Pearl Street. He gave a Construction Projects Update including the following topics soccer restrooms, soccer building water, soccer bleachers, pool conversion, building envelope, auditorium lighting and track.

The next board of education meeting will be held on Oct. 10, at 7 pm in the Ontario High School Library.

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