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THE ONTARIO LIONS CLUB peace poster contest winner at Ontario Middle School was sixth grade student Emma Boor. She is pictured with her art teacher Mrs Garberich and Principal Miller. Emma, as winner of the contest, will move on to compete in the Lions Club District competition with a possibility of advancing to state, national and international competition levels.

Board names new executive director

Following a three-hour board meeting, the Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board unanimously elected Sherry Branham-Fonner, former associate director and most recently interim director, to the position of executive director.

A formal interview took place during an executive session. Board President Susan Bemiller said "Branham-Fonner's knowledge and experience with the board, her established contacts with agencies and community leaders, and her vision for the future of the organization led to the decision to promote from within."

Branham-Fonner has served the Richland County community for 31 years with 16 of those years being at the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board. She worked for 15 years at Richland County Children Services and currently serves on Ontario City Council.

Over her 31 year career, she has served on various boards and coalitions. She is currently serving as a board member to the Ohio State Reformatory and Foundation Academy. Branham-Fonner has a Masters Degree in Public Administration which aligns with the leadership needs of the board while offering a strong foundation in public service.

Branham-Fonner stated, "The board of directors has had unrelenting dedication to the Mental Health Board, it's mission and to the people we serve. As community leaders they have handled this challenging time with commitment and integrity."

She plans to build on the strengths of the board by working with community partners to identify areas that need improvement while leading with a team approach to ensure a quality continuum of care.

Ontario Community Craft show is Saturday

The Ontario Community Craft Show will be held Saturday, Dec. 2, from 8:30 am to 3 pm at the Richland County Fairgrounds.

Admission is \$2 per person or a new toy (no stuffed animals). All proceeds will benefit the Ontario Lions Club's community projects and Ontario community events.

All toys will go to the SpringfieldSpringfield Township Fire Department and Ontario Police Toy Drive.

Pioneer Penguin Fund receives donations for those in need during the holidays

At the Nov. 20, 2023 meeting, the Pioneer Board of Education approved revisions to and adoption of a new policy and a Client E-rate agreement with Strategic Management Solutions.

Donations were accepted from Marcus Cosker, Shelby, Washburn Banjo with an approximate value of \$334.98 to the performing arts program which will be used for educational purposes by the students; Steve Gilbert, Mansfield, \$20 which will be deposited in the Precision Machining Technology program and used for educational supplies for the lab; and Gorman Rupp Company, Mansfield, \$350 for the principal's fund, to be used for various student activities through the school year.

Donations also came from Nick Rowe and Abby Sannizzaro, Stanley Black & Decker, Shelby, 34 hand and power tools with a \$1,500 retail value. These tools will be used for educational purposes in the Carpentry Career Tech program; Paige Rex, Nevada, items for the Pioneer Sharing Closet valued at \$300, used for students in need; Mr. and Mrs. Eric Teague, Greenwich, items for the Pioneer Sharing Closet valued at \$600; and Dawn Wright-Smith, Blackbaud Giving Fund, Charleston, SC, \$45, to be deposited in the Alumni Endowment fund and used for annual student scholarships.

Donations to the Pioneer Penguin fund for students in need during the holiday season include John Burgess, Brighton Congregational Men's Group, \$1,360; LeAnne Bauerdick, \$100; Molly Belcik, \$50; Dan and Rene Burtscher, \$100; Mary Cosker, \$50; Karen Donahue, \$50; EAP, \$1,500; Crystal Escalera, \$50; Aaryn Evans, \$25; Dan Foss, \$50; Meghan Haney, \$50; Adam Haymaker, \$50; Beth Heinlen, \$50; Vickie Hunt, \$100; Tina Hurst, \$50; Emma Jenkins, \$25; Brandi Jensen, \$50; Phillip Johnson, \$100; Anne Kurtzman, \$40; Amy Law, \$30; Tasha Lisle, \$100; Jen Magers, \$100; Melinda Meisse, \$50; Jerry Mingus, \$30; Lynn Moritz, \$50; Greg Nickoli, \$100; Mindy Owen, \$25; Matt and Tina Parr, \$100; Don & Melissa Paullin, \$50; Jeff Payne, \$100; Colton Penwell, \$25; Kelly Purvis, \$20; Marianne Ritchie, \$100; Mary Ritz, \$50; Wendy Rodenbaugh, \$50; Morgan Schumacher, \$20; Al Sears, \$50; Ellen Shifley, \$100; Krista Snider, \$50; Amanda Snipes, \$25; Shannon Sprang, \$75; and Sherry Young, \$50.

The board approved the creation of a Career Technical Construction Fund and the revision to the salary schedule for board office confidential staff.

The board approved leave without pay for Shelly Ackley, Language Arts Instructor, for medical reasons.

The board approved Fritz Fagan, reimbursement of unused personal leave pay; Cindy Bodkin, up to 35 days pay for help with ASE Certification for Industrial Diesel lab; and Vickie Hunt, up to 35 days pay for help with ASE Certification for Industrial Diesel lab.

Stipend contracts, chaperone stipends, Google - Level 1 Certification and non-traditional career exploration stipends were approved.

Substitute instructors were employed as was Carolyn Cline, payroll clerk, effective December, 2023.

Stipend contracts for classified personnel were approved.

The resignation of Ellen Zaebs, P/T ECE Parent Coordinator, was accepted, effective Nov. 17, 2023.

The board approved employment of substitute part-time classified staff. Sandra Grau was hired as the Adult Ed Holiday Wreath Making and Spring Floral Design Instructor.

A resolution authorizing the district board to enter into a resolution of acceptance in the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission Career Technical Construction Program, was approved.

An engagement letter was approved for construction counsel services from Desmond J. Cullimore of The Cullimore Law Firm, LLC.

The board adopted a Health Reimbursement Arrangement Plan

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THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER
— By Ian Stumbo —

I loved *The Holdovers*, director Alexander Payne's film about a teacher who has to watch a group of students during the Christmas break of 1970. It is one of the best reviewed films of the year, and hopefully will be remembered at Oscar time.

Paul Giamatti possibly gives his best performance as Paul Hunham, a strict history teacher at a northeastern college. He is asked to be the teacher that stays with students who do not have a way of making it home to their families for the holiday break.

A group of students turns into one student named Angus (newcomer Dominic Sessa). Through their time together, teacher and student find out about each other and grow to an understanding instead of the hostility they have with Angus being a disobedient student who plays by his own rules.

Payne is a personal favorite director of mine, having made such great films as *Election*, *The Descendants*, *Nebraska* and *Sideways*. This is his second collaboration with Giamatti after *Sideways* in 2004 (I am still bitter the Academy snubbed Giamatti that year for a lead actor nomination).

Writer David Hemingson writes a terrific script with Giamatti's sophisticated dialogue moving with ease throughout the film.

Also, few movies immerse you more into the time they are

set than this one. Even from the opening credits, *The Holdovers* puts the audience right into 1970 and holds them there through the run time.

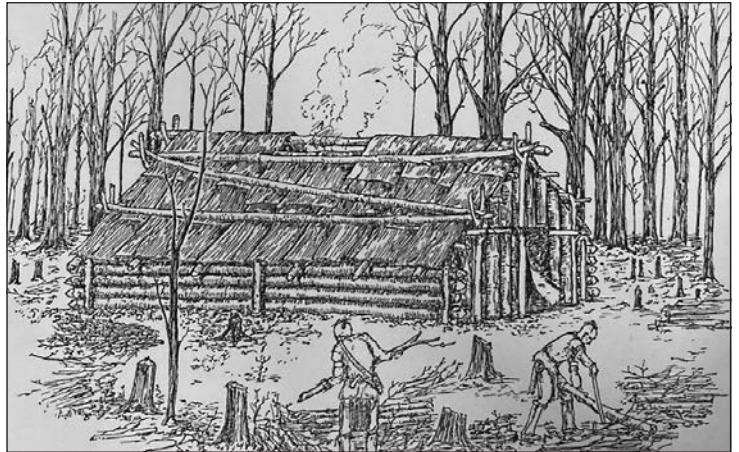
Another stand out is Da'Vine Joy Randolph as Mary, a cafeteria worker at the school who is grieving her son she just lost in Vietnam.

Randolph shows a range of emotions and is equally as good as Giamatti. Mary, Paul and Angus are the core of this film and the three of them are just terrific whenever they are on screen together.

Hemingson and Payne balance the comedy and drama beautifully. The comedy is laugh out loud funny and the dramatic moments are so sweet and tender. There are so many relatable elements to all of these characters that it is hard not to root for all three of them.

The Holdovers is such a well-balanced and terrific movie. Giamatti gives a fantastic performance and I hope the Oscars find a way to fit him in (he has only been nominated once for 2005's *Cinderella Man*).

Randolph should easily get in the supporting actress race and Sessa is a wonderful young actor who brings so much to this movie. Absolutely go see *The Holdovers*. One of the very best of 2023.



Drawings Courtesy of Ohio Historical Society

THESE ARE typical Indian homes or huts in Greentown.

Government causes mass damages to the Delaware

By Bob Carter

During the War of 1812, the military, in fear of the side Ohio Indians would take in the war, left the British cautious. This uneasy feeling led to the decision to remove the Delaware Indians from the Richland County reservations at Greentown and Jeromestown to a new combined Indian reservation west at Piqua, Ohio.

Marching with soldier escort out of Greentown, the tribe was promised that their village would be unharmed and they could return after the war. At Piqua they could be guarded for "their own safety."

As the group was marching towards Mansfield they could look back and see smoke rising from their town. Several soldiers had remained behind and burned and destroyed their homes, live stock and crops.

When the tribe returned after the war, the village was much destroyed as were crops and stolen or killed livestock. A Quaker Committee on Indian Affairs compiled a list of damaged property in hopes the government would compensate the Delawares for damages. You may think the tribe was living in teepees and hunting with bows and arrows. Wrong, they had adapted the ways of the white settlers. A partial Quaker list is as follows: 22 houses with many bark houses and huts, \$880; 5 head of horses and 1 of cattle, \$185; 9 head of young cattle and \$7, \$63; 1 large steer, \$15; 11 head of other cattle, \$55; 100 head of good hogs, \$600; 2 ploughs, 2 chains and 2 set of geers (harness), \$40; 13 iron kettles, \$32.50; 2 large brass kettles (10 gallon), \$14; 2 Brass kettles, 6 steel traps, 18 corn hoes, \$30.50; 1 large stew kettle, one gal. stew kettle, \$9; 1 bushel sugar worth \$15, 2 sets double trees, 1 churn, 1 tin pan, 4 wooden bowls, \$27.50; and one 3 gallon brass kettle, 1 iron pot, 4 axes, \$19.

And the list goes on for a total for Jeromestown and Greentown to the amount of \$3,235.25.

The list was forwarded to Washington by the Quakers and Col.

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News Briefs

The annual Christmas Carol Hymnsing will be Friday, Dec. 1, at New Liberty Baptist Church, Lexington Ave, Lexington. The church is a half mile south of Hanley Rd.

The hymnsing will feature Christmas carols that the congregation will request and the evening will finish up with "O Holy Night," sung by the congregation. It starts at 7 pm, and is free to all. Come join in singing the traditional carols of the Christmas season and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

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First Congregation Church Choir will present The Dawn from on High by Dan Forrest on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 10:30 am in the sanctuary.

This is a five-movement work for chorus and orchestra encompassing ancient chant, shimmering light, unconditional love, heavenly joy and deep peace. The church is located at 640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield.

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The Lexington Area Senior Citizens Inc., invites those 55 and older to attend meetings the third Wednesday of every month.

The December meal will be held Wednesday, Dec. 20, at the Ontario Event Center at 11 am. Reservations are \$20 for members and \$25 for non members. Call Anita for availability at 419-565-3461.

Jane Horton, country/gospel singer, will perform. The group will also meet Dec. 6, at the Reindeer Grill, 10 S. Park St., Mansfield, at 11 am.

For information visit www.lexasc.org. Dues are \$10 per year.

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The Richland County Local Emergency Planning Committee meetings are scheduled for Jan. 24, April 24 and July 24 at 3:15 pm at Richland Public Health, 555 Lexington Ave, Mansfield, in the Corley Room. For information contact Richland County EMA 419-774-5686.

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The Ohio District 5 Corporate Board of Trustees meeting will be held Dec. 12, in the boardroom at 2 pm. For additional information, contact Susie Danuloff at sdanuloff@aaa5ohio.org. The boardroom is located at 2131 Park Avenue West in Ontario.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Wendy Bartlett at 10:30 am on Dec. 3. She will speak on "Hope." For more information visit www.allsoulsuuohio.org.

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•Penguin Fund receives donations

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for Administrative personnel and an online Learning Day Plan for the 2023'24 school year.

A Memorandum of Understanding for Career Coach for FY24 was approved with Crestview Local Schools.

The board approved a Clinical Agreement with Mansfield OPCO, LLC / Arbors of Mifflin for Adult Education Medical programs.



Photo By Mark Shutt

•Government causes mass damages to the Delaware

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Krazer, the officer that had removed them Delawares from Greentown. It was signed by Issac Walker, the Indian Agent.

In a letter later, the Quaker Committee had visited the Delawares and reported that "of Jerometown and Greentown found only one family at the former place without necessary implements for husbandry, and with but few utensils for cookery and only stock they have is two or three hogs having lately lost a valuable milk cow supposed to have been maliciously killed, they're to be in a suffering condition, their com having been destroyed by frost, they have three stacks of hay at the latter place there are two families and several young men, who have a pretty good crop of corn, some horses and plough geer and a few tools to work with, and are endeavoring to make more comfortable buildings, and do not likely to suffer."

It appears the Delawares never received their just compensation and many tribe members moved on. In a new treaty in 1817, the tribe relinquished their claim to Greentown and Jerometown and were moved to a new reservation near Sandusky. And from there to Missouri.

And from there to Oklahoma.

Today we all live on what once were Indian lands.

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ONTARIO COMMUNITY EVENTS
Craft Show

Saturday, December 2 (8:30 am - 3:00 pm) Richland County Fairgrounds
Admission is \$2 per person or a new toy (no stuffed animals please)
*all proceeds will benefit the Ontario Lions Club community projects and Ontario community events. All toys will go to the Springfield TWP. Fire Dept. and Ontario Police Toy Drive.



KNOX COUNTY CAREER CENTER has been recognized as a Heart Safe School through Project ADAM and Nationwide Children's Hospital. KCCC has implemented a sudden cardiac arrest program which includes education, awareness, training, and emergency response to promote a safe environment for students, visitors, and staff; in accordance with the Project ADAM and Nationwide Children's Hospital designation requirements. Pictured are Mr. Fisher, Mr. Moore, Ms. O'Hara, Mrs. Blaney, Mrs. Kight, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Kandel, and Mrs. Jarosz. Not pictured is Mrs. Eisaman.

Church Directory

Clear Fork Alliance Church

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

Community Bible Church

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 567-560-8011
www.DiscoverCommunity.org
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 10 am Sunday Worship

Oakland Lutheran Church

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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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 Pastor Christine Bell
 10:15 am Sunday Worship
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This Week's Pet Looking for A Forever Home



Damien

This handsome boy is a hand-ful. His favorite thing to do is be outside playing with a toy. He absolutely loves sprinting around the play yard of the shelter, throwing a toy in the air as he goes.

Damien does need some leash training. He is absolutely terrified of new people, and Damien hides in the back of his kennel when visitors walk by him, especially men.

After Damien is comfortable with someone, he tries to be as close as possible. Damien loves toys and will happily play by himself throwing the toy in the air and sprinting to catch it.

Damien is also incredibly smart and tries to outsmart humans and keep toys in his kennel with him (shelter dogs can't keep toys, since they clog the drains).

Damien is incredibly sweet and is around a year and a half old. He came into the shelter in January of 2023, and he has no idea why he has been passed over for adoption!

Damien 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.



ONTARIO LIONS CLUB members Randy Hanlon and Howard Harriman took just over 2,200 pairs of eyeglasses to Ashland on Nov. 27, to be recycled and repurposed. The club collected the glasses over the past year.

RRLC adds cookie decorating to Breakfast with Santa this Saturday

The Richland Rural Life Center, 969 Crall Rd. East, Mansfield, will host its Third Annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 2.

The menu includes all you can eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and fruit, orange juice, milk, water and coffee. Santa will meet with children by a wood-burning fireplace and 12 foot Christmas tree. Children are invited to bring a letter for Santa.

Three time slots are available at 9 am, 10 am and 11 am. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 3 to 10 and free for children under 2. Advanced reservations are required but payments will be accepted at the door with cash, check or with the Venmo App. Everyone attending must have a reservation. Space is limited. All children must be accompanied by an adult, no high chairs are provided. Following breakfast, guests can decorate cookies next door in Santa's workshop.

Reservations can be made by visiting <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844AEAB22A0F9C61-45986789-breakfast> or sending an email to richlandrurallife@gmail.com.

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By Kim Sterry

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Ingredients

- 3 potatoes, cubed
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- Long Red Peppers
- Creamy Brie
- Crushed Red Pepper

Instructions

Parboil the potatoes for 10 minutes. In a frying pan, crisp up the bacon and cut in pieces. Save grease from the pan. Cut the peppers long-wise in half and clean out. When potatoes are cooked, drain and quickly throw them in the frying pan with the grease. Line a baking sheet with foil and lay out the peppers. Put a layer of Brie on and then potatoes and bacon and then spread with brie on top. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 20 minutes.

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By Mátiece Thomas

Let me ask you a question, have you ever heard the phrase, “summer bodies are created in the winter?”

The truth is, between the months of December and April, on average, we let our fitness plan hibernate for the winter.

It might not be our plan to fall out of shape, but when the cold weather comes we like to snuggle down, eat comfort foods and hide in our hoodies and flannels.

It is so important to stay active and dial in our nutrition during these winter months. If you let yourself go in the winter, you will regret it when summer arrives when we have to shed the baggie hoodie and put on our tank and shorts.

I don't want you to be shocked by what it looks like to do nothing all winter.

Christmas is coming, its a great time to make your Christmas list of things that you can use during the winter months to stay on track. You can ask for a gym membership, or a class card

to your favorite class or a class you have been wanting to try.

A fitness basket with protein bars, healthy snacks and a cute water bottle is a fun gift idea.

I offer Five Point Fitness gift certificates for personal training sessions. When training with me you can also receive a nutrition plan to help you on your journey. These are just a few ideas for your Christmas list, get creative and make a plan for this holiday season.

The most important decision is to not do nothing — get in your 10,000 steps daily, eat as lean and green as possible and drink at least 64 ounces of water a day. Just doing those three things will help you stay on track.

Personally, my body stores easier in the winter months so I add workouts that I enjoy to my plan. I will be doing a kickboxing class and strength and conditioning class with Melissa Stevens at Wolverine MMAHQ once a week. I will also be adding yoga to my winter routine. I already have a plan — that is the first step!

So I encourage you to take the first step and make a plan for a healthier more fit Summer body you want to create this winter!

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

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Library plans December events

Mansfield Richland County Public Library will host Christmas at the Cabin this Friday, Dec. 1, at 6 pm.

The special event will be held at Pugh Cabin at Malabar Farm. Participants can bring the family for a cozy fire, stories, songs and a craft. There may be a special guest joining in. Light refreshments will be provided.

Registration is required. Call the Lucas Branch at 419-892-2576.

The Plymouth Branch will host a Christmas in the Village book and library materials sale on Friday, Dec. 1, from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm and Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 am to 4:30 pm.

The annual MRCPL Gingerbread House decorating workshops will be held throughout December. All materials are provided and this is a children's program only. Call each location to register, and participants are asked to sign-up for only one program.

Programs are scheduled for:

- Saturday, Dec. 2, 11 am, Main Library
- Saturday, Dec. 2, 10 am and noon, Bellville
- Monday, Dec. 4, 5 and 6:30 pm, Madison
- Saturday, Dec. 9, 11 am and 3 pm, Ontario
- Saturday, Dec. 9, 10:30 am and 2:30 pm, Lexington
- Monday, Dec. 11, 4 and 6 pm, Crestview
- Tuesday, Dec. 12, 4 and 6 pm, Plymouth
- Thursday, Dec. 14, 4 and 6 pm, Butler
- Thursday, Dec. 14, 10:30 am and 3:30 pm, Lucas

Steubenville Nutcracker Village celebration now underway

The Steubenville, OH, Nutcracker Village opened last weekend, displaying over 200 life-size nutcrackers throughout the downtown area and in Fort Steuben Park.

The nutcrackers are placed conveniently so visitors can walk from one to the next, taking advantage of endless photo opportunities.

Now celebrating its eighth year, the free event has become a holiday tradition for many. The nutcrackers are locally produced and depict characters from literature, history, movies, entertainment and the professions. Although the nutcrackers are on display 24/7, weekends offer special activities and events.

“We have people coming from as far away as Florida and Canada, as well as our local residents who return every weekend,” said Judy Bratten, director of the Steubenville Visitor Center.

“The Steubenville Cultural Trust, which created each of these delightful Nutcrackers, also has developed a variety of activities that appeal to a wide audience, from a Nutcracker Viennese Ball to a Nutcracker Tea, Advent Market, hayrides, the Children’s Corner, a Christmas Tree Decorating Contest, a Gluhwein Garden, and a St. Nicholas Lantern Parade. There’s even a Yellow Brick Road for the Wizard of Oz Nutcrackers.”

A holiday market in Fort Steuben Park features more than a dozen booths of artisan crafters surrounding the 30’ Christmas tree. On weekends there are trolley rides, puppet shows, movies, live entertainment and St. Nicholas.

Visitors stroll by nutcrackers through a canopy of multi-colored lights and music to enter the Fort Steuben Visitor Center, the site of the Steubenville Art Association Art Sale, Letters to Santa, Model

Train Village and Christmas Shoppe. The reconstructed 18th-century Historic Fort Steuben is open for a small donation.

The Public Libraries of Steubenville and Jefferson County set up a holiday-themed StoryWalk along 4th Street, and downtown shops will offer special Christmas products including locally produced popcorn and roasted Renaissance Coffee. Students from area schools have decorated many of the storefronts and St. Paul’s Episcopal Church hosts the Sanctuary Garden.

Each nutcracker takes at least 40 hours to design, carve and paint. Every nutcracker was carved by Brodie Stutzman and most are originally painted by Therese Fedoryka. The nutcrackers are created out of polystyrene covered with water-based resin and fiberglass and include roto-cast parts. Each nutcracker has a 60-pound base.

The annual festival runs through Jan. 6 and Steubenville sits near the Ohio/West Virginia line.

Concerts, art exhibits, and other programs are on the schedule at various venues in the downtown. For more information on all the holiday attractions visit www.VisitSteubenville.com or www.SteubenvilleNutcrackerVillage.com.



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The Village of Lexington... Good Things Still Come in Small Towns

By Kris Leiter

The Village of Lexington may be small in number, but it is mighty in good quality people.

I have lived in the village for a number of years. My son graduated from here. I coached youth sports as my son grew up, and good things are still happening in the small, quaint village with almost that "one-stoplight-town" feel, (there's actually three lights in town).

The Lexington Youth Basketball League

Pastor Jesse Rider of Crossroads Church heads up the Lexington Youth Basketball League, which has had another phenomenal turnout. Pastor Rider has been a youth oriented pastor at Crossroads for a number of years.

He seemed pleased with the number of kids wanting to get involved.

"We had a great sign-up campaign and have 30 teams slotted to start play in January. We actually had to close off registration recently, due to the overwhelming response," said Rider.

"The goal of this league is to provide a safe and fun basketball opportunity for young kids. We actually host our games at the Ontario Campus of Crossroads, as well as Lexington. We have a great venue for this type of activity."

"The age groups are grades are first and second, third and fourth and fifth and sixth. We also lower the rim to a suitable level for each age group. Both boys and girls are always encouraged to come out and have fun."

"Our coaches go through a screening process to assure that we are providing a safe environment."

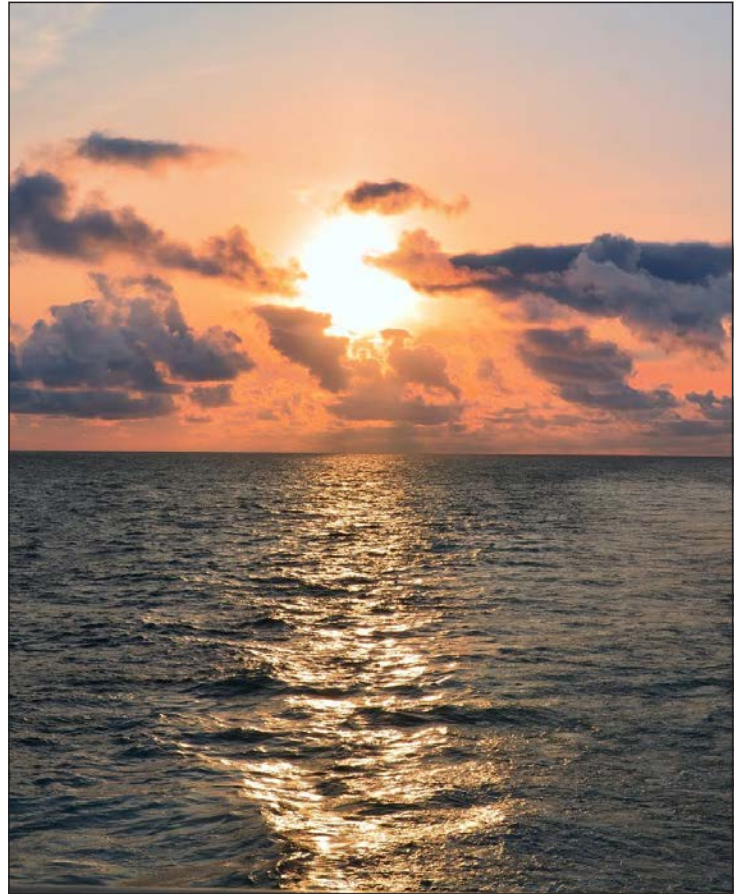
"Registration can be as a team or as an individual player and we

can place students on a team."

"The cost is \$75 per child. We always encourage all skill levels and have coaches available to help the young players hone their skills. The kids will also get a complimentary team t-shirt."

"The coaches practice during the week and games are played on Saturday mornings and afternoons."

Again, isn't it nice to know good things still happen right here in Richland County, as sometimes our world can be chaotic and sometimes stressful.



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Shelby High School 2023-'24 Teams



2023 Shelby Whippet Band (Photos By Brooke Alt at Ridenhour Photography)



VARSITY CHEER members, front, Vanna Burns, Maylin Thurman, Karlie Barnhart and Loran Hockenberry; and back, Katie Cole, Alainah Carmel, Alyssa Thomas and Avery Combs



TENNIS TEAM members, front, Gracie May and Emma Erwin; middle, Courtney Howarth, Allie Vogt, Brooke Rowlett, Payton Stover, Annie Mahek and McKenna Baker; and back, Zada Marquis, Addy Erwin, Cami Wuchich, Karsyn Steele-Adkins, Bella Carver and Payton Bruskotter



MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEER members, front, Piper Norman, Laycie Barnhart and Taylor Winters; and back, Paige Whited, Pruedance Wireman and Payton Kurzen



FRESHMAN CHEER members, front Allie Ray; middle, Chloe Waffan, Maddie Hunt and Lilly Zellner; and back, Bayleigh Stampfer, Megan Adkins and Nadia Mansfield

Ohio introduces new state signs

Drivers entering Ohio are being welcomed with signs bearing the state's new branding and slogan – Ohio, The Heart of it All. The signs will replace older and outdated signs at major entry points to the state.

Governor Mike DeWine and the Ohio Department of Development announced the reimagined Ohio, The Heart of it All brand on May 10, during Ohio Tourism Day. The tagline was previously the state's tourism slogan between 1984 and 2001.

"There is endless fun, excitement, joy, and adventure here in Ohio, but our state is more than just a travel destination," said Ohio Governor Mike DeWine. "There is no better place to live, learn, work, and play, and now, everyone who crosses into Ohio will know that they're entering the Heart of it All."

In total, 36 new signs were made by the Ohio Department of Transportation Sign Shop in Columbus.

"Each letter, each element is put on by hand by our employees, piece-by-piece, letter-by-letter," said ODOT Sign Shop Administrator Joshua Wilson. The ODOT Sign Shop manufactures nearly 100,000 signs each year.

Some of these new welcome signs will be installed by ODOT crews, while contractors will install others. The largest signs, measuring more than 40' wide, will be hung on the arch that spans I-70 at the Indiana border in Preble County.

"These signs act as a welcome mat, inviting visitors in and greeting residents coming home," said State Tourism Director Sarah Wickham. "We want them to be beautiful and to represent our state's pride, setting the tone for what you can expect during your time in our great state."

Visitor spending hit \$53 billion in Ohio last year, a 13 percent increase over 2021. The state recorded 233 million visits in 2022, including 47 million overnight stays.

The total cost of the signs is \$59,990.12. The goal is to have all signs installed by December.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL students had a fun day in the library playing old fashioned, tech-free games.

Events planned at the Renaissance

The Renaissance Theatre has announced a December full of events.

Kickstarting the festive season is "We Wish You a Jazzy Christmas" on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 pm. Led by AJO Artistic Director/Founder Paul Martin, this night of jazz will include big band, ensemble and vocal talent. Tickets start at \$15.

On Sunday, Dec. 3, at 2:30 pm, audiences are invited to don their Christmas pajamas and enjoy the 1990 Christmas comedy classic, *Home Alone*. Tickets are \$8.

A retelling of the classic holiday tale *A Christmas Carol* will be performed Dec. 8, 9 and 10. Angela Ianonne, in a one-person show, will bring the story to life. General admission tickets are available for \$27 for this performance located in Theatre 166.

The Richland Academy of the Arts presents its sixth annual production of *The Nutcracker Ballet* on Dec. 9 and 10. Tickets start at \$15.

On Dec. 16, at 7:30 pm, the Mansfield Symphony Orchestra and Chorus will provide traditional and contemporary holiday repertoire. Tickets start at \$15.

Concluding the holiday lineup on Dec. 17, at 3:30 pm, is the Mansfield Symphony Youth Orchestra, under the baton of Stephen Domka. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

For ticket purchases and further information visit rentickets.org or contact the Renaissance Box Office at 419-522-2726, located at 138 Park Avenue West in Mansfield. The box office is open Tuesday to Friday from noon to 5 pm.

Expo planned for Saturday, Dec. 2

Community members will have a chance to directly talk with employers and gain knowledge at the Urban Entrepreneurial Expo from 11 am to 2 pm on Saturday, Dec. 2, at Mid-Ohio Conference Center, 890 W. 4th St., Mansfield.

This Urban Entrepreneurial Expo luncheon is part of the North End Job Fair and is being presented by the community organization Restored Visions, along with Hope Alignment, which is a group of churches comprised of Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, Providence Baptist Church, Kingdom Grace Fellowship Church, Maddox Memorial Temple COGIC, and Latter Rain Church of God in Christ.

The event is also in collaboration with the North End Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC) and several other community organizations. The purpose of this job fair is to align hope in the North End community, particularly the 14 to 24 year-old demographic, by providing opportunities to explore entrepreneurship, employment, career and educational options.

A free lunch will be provided and potential employees can learn about starting their own businesses and/or learn skills to help you become more employable.

For information call 419-522-1611 or visit www.necic-ohio.org.

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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 November 15, 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. 23-19 – AN ORDINANCE REZONING ONE (1) PARCEL, LOCATED AT WALKER LAKE ROAD FROM R2-MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R3-HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-22 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO 23-25 – AN ORDI-

NANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 23-02 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2023 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, ENTERPRISE FUND, AND THE TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 11-30, 12-7 '23) 38L

LEGAL NOTICE

The Springfield Township Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a Public Meeting at 7:00 PM Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at the Springfield Township Meeting Hall located at 3700 Park Avenue West, Ontario Ohio 44862. The Board will be reviewing an application for a variance for a cell tower to be located at 400 Lexington-Springmill Road. The Public is invited to attend.

Steve Arnett Chairman
Springfield Twp. Zoning Board
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 11-30, 12-7, '23)15L

Daughters of the American Revolution offers scholarship opportunities

Various local, state and national scholarships are available through the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Each has separate requirements.

The Jared Mansfield Chapter local scholarship is open to all students, both genders, who will be attending OSU-Mansfield, NCSC, or the Dwight Schar College of Nursing, Mansfield and pursuing any field of study.

The local Jared Mansfield Chapter Scholarship is open to any student currently enrolled at any of the above schools, as well as high school graduating seniors. Call scholarship chair Joedy Studer at 419-631-1015 for more information. The completed application must be postmarked by April 15.

The Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution awards the "Wings of Eagles" scholarship to graduating high school seniors, including those completing a certified home school program, in the amount of \$1,000 each. Awards are based on academic excellence and financial need.

All applicants must be citizens of the United States and legal residents of the state of Ohio and must attend an accredited college or university in the United States. Visit OSDAR at ohiodar.org to obtain a scholarship application. All applicants must be sponsored by the local DAR chapter and applications must be submitted to the local chapter by Jan. 31.

The National Daughters of the American Revolution also offers scholarships in many different majors. This year all students will submit their applications using an online process. The direct link to the online application submission portal is dar.academicworks.com.

Emailed or mailed applications will no longer be accepted. The deadline for these is Jan. 31.

DAR scholarships can open doors of opportunity to many students. Call scholarship chair Joedy Studer at 419-631-1015 for more information.

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