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Businesses and organizations join together for Senior Spring Extravaganza

Photos and Article By Traci Little

On May 16, the 2024 Senior Spring Extravaganza took place at the Richland County Fairgrounds to celebrate Older Americans Month and the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging's 50th Anniversary.

In May 1963, President John F. Kennedy and members of the National Council of Senior Citizens designated May as the month to recognize older Americans. This is an opportunity to celebrate their wisdom, experience, and strength while addressing challenges such as healthcare, elder abuse, and ageism.

Guests were invited to groove back into the 1970s! The day was filled with lots of fun, dancing, and laughter with entertainment by Fusion Marketing Group.

There was a brunch, car show with DJ music, popcorn from Kernels By Chrissie (KBCpopcorn.com), door prizes, a vendor and resource fair, bingo and other games. This was a free event with no RSVP required. (See more photos on Page 10)

Madison holds final meeting of school year

The Madison Local School District Board of Education met May 15 in the Madison Middle School Auditoria.

The board recognized retirees Victoria Kasberg, Teresa Hudson and Michelle Weirich.

Melinda Williams, cosmetology instructor, was recognized for receiving the Ohio ACTE Pacesetter Award.

Presentations were given by Renee Neron, curriculum director; and Curt McVicker, director of school improvement, assessment and federal programs.

The donation of 10 Chromebooks was accepted from The Richland County Youth and Family Council. The Chromebooks will be provided to 10 eligible seniors who will be attending college in the fall.

The board approved the monthly financial report as submitted by treasurer Bradd Stevens. The five-year forecast and a transfer of \$10,000 from the General Fund 001 to Permanent Improvement 003-9014 for the turf project were approved.

A transfer of \$25,000 from the General Fund 001 to Adult Ed 012 was also approved.

Resignations were accepted from Natalie Stevens, kindergarten, South; Elaine Beeghly, fifth grade ELA/Social Studies, middle school; Kyna Wright, healthy lifestyles teacher, middle school; Nicole Hamper, Intervention Specialist, middle school; Kobi Johnson, head ninth grade boys basketball coach.

Eric Dillon was hired as CT Auto Technology teacher at the high school and Brian Hicks was hired as the CT Manufacturing Technologies teacher at the high school, both effective for next school year.

Ariel Gough has been awarded the kindergarten position at Mifflin, a new position based on student enrollment. Madyson Blanton has been awarded the third grade math and science position at South, replacing Natalie Stevens who resigned.

Supplemental positions approved for the 2024-'25 school year are Jim Thompson, junior class advisor; Josh Boliantz, junior class advisor; Melissa Brandt, high school FCCLA advisor; Brian Hicks, assistant varsity girls' basketball coach; Lynn Gross, seventh grade cheerleading advisor; Tiffany McCoy, special education building coordinator at Eastview; Mary Thomas, student council advisor at Eastview; and Ryan MacCredie, half high school art club advisor.

Detention monitors approved were Brent Sanders and Matt Godsil at the high school; and Chris Moody, Derek Fisher, Kyle Bishop, Monique Eberst and Lisa Restelli at the Madison Middle School.

Hired for summer school (on an "as needed" basis) were Marlene Brown, Valerie Barnhart, Danielle Wentworth, Jennifer Porter, Brittany Farley, Traci McKinney, Shari McQuate, Jennifer Richards and Katrina Jordan-Donley.

A stipend was approved for OCC Leadership at Madison Comprehensive High School for Jennifer Steffey in the amount of \$700 for the 2024-'25 school year to be paid for through the high school principal's fund.

Volunteers approved for the 2024-'25 school year include Roland McKinney, boys' soccer; Jesse Walker, boys' soccer; Tyler Amos, cross country; David Gilbert, cross country; and Matthew Stancombe, eighth grade football.

Second one-year contracts (2024-'25) were awarded to Cody Barker, Madyson Blanton, Jeffrey Burkholder, Neely Burkholder, Wendy Caperton, Ariel Gough, Nicole Hamper, Katy Lang, Ryan MacCredie, Autumn Moore, Amy O'Connell, Casey Perry, Stephen Phillips, Reba Rice, Madelyn Schlauch, Preston See, Melinda Williams and Krystal Wynn.

Three-year contracts (2024-'27) were awarded to Brianna Barr, Haley Bradfield, John Bruyere, Alexis Carlson, Kelly Carpenter, Emily Crossen, Katherine Darnell, Thomas Deiotte, Kaitlyn Fanning, David Hipp, Laura Parsons, Lauren Perl, Abby Radabaugh, Charlotte

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The Mansfield Riots of 1900

By Bob Carter

Part 3

Things got worse. A story in the *Mansfield Shield* carried this in part: "Indignation runs high in all quarters and if Elder Fockler returns to Mansfield he is in danger of being treated to a coat of tar and feathers, which he rightly deserves. It is stated that Fockler is to return to Mansfield Thursday from Canton."

Fockler came back to Mansfield with another Dowie, E. P. Fisher. A crowd was usually at the railroad station watching for Fockler but it was a bad night for a mob. Most people were at the fairgrounds watching Pawnee Bill's wild west show. Only a few men were at the station.

After the two men registered at the Vonhof Hotel, Fockler and his local attorney A. A. Douglass, went to Mayor Brown's office where Douglas demanded protection for his client.

Folkner then walked to the lawyers office in the Newman Building (South side of the square) and shortly after, a crowd gathered outside. Although Fockler had shaved his beard and mustache to alter his appearance he was still recognized on the streets. As the crowd grew in Central Park, every exit to the building was watched but Fockler made a quick exit out a back door and ran back to the Vonhof ahead of his pursuers.

As the *Mansfield News* was to report, "A number of men climbed up the fire escape of the hotel and gained access to Fockler's room. It is understood that he desired their support to give him safe conduct from the hotel to the railroad depot so he could get out of the city. In the meantime, the crowd around the hotel was growing on all sides. The low building at the rear of the hotel had a hundred men and boys perched on them, all watching for Fockler. A few circulated

about saying Fockler had escaped, but the crowd hung on like grim death. The corridors of the hotel were overrun and Lansford Shonfield demanded the room be cleared.

Chief Clark and Officers McKay and Madden did the job. The crowd outside remained.

"Shorty before 3:00 somebody set up a yell that Fockler was coming. The mob went into the hotel with a rush. Fifty policemen could not have stopped them. The mob took him out in the street. Fockler wanted to talk, but his voice was drowned out by the howls of the mob. There were cries of "tar and feather; hang him; ride him on a rail!"

"When it was seen that Fockler was coming out, Chief Clark and officers McKay and Madden closed in around him and tried to protect him. Officer Goodman arrived and tried to help. It looked for a minute that Fockler was safe. But a crowd of nearly a thousand

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THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

When *The Strangers* was released in 2008, it was an effective home invasion horror film where Liv Tyler and Scott

jump scares that every bad horror movie these days does and then gets put in the bargain bin.

Speedman are trying to figure out how to get away from three masked people who have broken into their home. The sequel, *The Strangers: Prey at Night* was not quite as good though, but upon rewatch, it does have some redeeming qualities.

The most frustrating thing is it seems like they stretched these scenes out to make a 90 minute runtime. There is a scene where the female character is hiding in some leaves as one of the strangers is looking for her. This scene should have been quick but probably took five minutes and it was just agonizing. The number of times I looked at my watch must have been in the double digits. The movie does not even get going until about 30 minutes in.



Director Renny Harlin has directed a new *Strangers* trilogy, the first of which, *The Strangers: Chapter One*, was released into theaters this past weekend and, not to mince words, it's a movie with so many problems.

I can't imagine what a second and third film would be like if the first one is this bad.

Madelaine Petch and Froy Gutierrez play a young couple who become sidetracked on their way to Portland after they stop for lunch at a diner and their car breaks down. They are taken to a local log cabin to spend the night. Soon, the strangers are back to break into their home as the couple fight for their lives.

Maybe like the recent terrible *Exorcist* movie that a trilogy was planned for, filmmakers should just try one and see how it goes.

The first big issue was the way the movie was advertised. The previews said that the origin of the strangers would be explored. There was nothing about that. This is almost a complete remake of the first film and done poorly. The actors who play the young couple are pretty good, but of course they make every wrong decision. There are no real scares, just a bunch of silly

This whole trilogy concept (which started with 2018's *Halloween*) just does not work. If the first film in these trilogies is truly terrible, why would an audience keep coming back.

Between being almost a complete remake of the original, not delivering the audience anything they were advertised and being a complete bore, *The Strangers: Chapter One* is a forgettable movie.



THE ENTIRE Mansfield Police Department was pressed to the limit during the Dowie riot.

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News Briefs

A Memorial Weekend breakfast will be held Sunday, May 26, from 7:30–10:30 am at the American Legion Hall, 77 Bell St., Bellville. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$7 for kids and seniors.

Veterans, widows and widowers eat free and the meal is open to the public. The event is sponsored by The Sons of the American Legion.

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Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9943 Auxiliary and Mansfield Memorial Park will host the 53rd Annual Avenue of Flags Ceremony Sunday, May 26, 2 at 1 pm at Mansfield Memorial Park, 2507 Park Avenue West, Ontario.

Over 200 flags, donated by families of deceased veterans interred at the park, will be up throughout the park.

Eight new flags will be presented during the ceremony.

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, May 25 and 26. 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 Franklin Township Fire Department Ice Cream Social and Hog Roast will be held Saturday, June 8, from 4:30–7 pm at the fire station, 505 Boyce Rd., Shelby.

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The 29th Annual Ruth Lindsey HNCO Charity Golf Outing is scheduled for Monday, June 24, at Westfield Country Club. The annual event is named in honor of HNCO founder, Ruth Lindsey and is sponsored by Mechanics Bank. Last year's outing raised over \$15,000 in support of HNCO.

Registration is limited to 31 teams. For more information or to register, access HNCO's website at: www.myhnco.org, call Ralph Tomassi at 419-289-4859 or send a check in the amount of \$165 (individual golfer) or \$650 (foursome) with golfer names to HNCO Golf Outing, 1021 Dauch Dr., Ashland, OH 44805.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Rev. Will Humphrey to speak on "Meaning Making, Mysticism, and Meditation" at 10:30 am on Sunday, May 19. For more information visit www.allsoulsuohio.org.

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First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Avenue West, will be offering senior boxes of nonperishable food provided by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. This comes with a 15 lb. box of fresh produce and a 2 lb. box of cheese. These items are free to those who qualify by age (60+) and low-income guidelines. Participants must have at least one person age 60 or older in the household.

Senior boxes are available on the fourth Tuesday of each month, year round. They may be picked up between 10:30 am and 12:30 pm.

Due to the volume of clients, distribution is moving to the Mulberry St. parking lot at the corner of Park Avenue West, beginning in May. This is directly across the side street from the church.

Those attending should pull in and follow signs and directions.

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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 11:30 am at Der Dutchman, Rt. 96, Bellville. Meals are \$15. The next meal will be held June 19, and will include roast pork and a program from the Area Agency on Aging.

The group will meet for lunch on June 5 at Red Lobster in Ontario at 11 am.

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

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The Lexington Kiwanis will host the fourth annual golf outing at Twin Lakes on Friday, June 7. Registration is at 12:30 pm and shotgun start is at 1:15 pm. This is a four-person scramble format. New this year is a \$10,000 Hole-in-One Challenge.

Dinner will be served at 5 pm. Those unable to golf can come at

5 pm. Cost is \$300 per team of four includes green fees, cart rental, soft drink, chips and hot dog at the turn, dinner and prizes.

Alcoholic beverages are not included in the cost, but will be available at discounted prices. All teams and money must be in before May 29. Proceeds help support Kiwanis youth services. Register at <https://form.jotform.com/231093806474054>. For more information email lexkiwanispresident@gmail.com.

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The City of Ontario will host Summer Concerts at Marshall Park this summer. The concert admission is free and those attending are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chairs.

Concerts are at the Marshall Park Band Shell from 6–8 pm. The schedule includes June 11, Conne; June 25, Red Ball Jets; July 9, David Perry; July 23, Oolong Gurus; Aug. 13, Soul Town Live; and Aug. 27, Atermath.

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Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, will hold its annual Vacation Bible School July 21–25 from 6–8:30 pm for kindergarten through 12th grade.

The theme of this year's VBS will be the "Great Jungle Journey – an Epic Cruise from Genesis to Revelation."

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A free Shelby community meal will be held at Awake Church, 3616 St. Rt. 39, Shelby, on the second Thursday of each month, from 6–7 pm. Dates are June 13, July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12.

For information visit www.awakeshelby.com or call 419-342-4636.

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The City of Ontario June meeting schedule has been released. The schedule includes:

June 12, 1 pm, Civil Service Commission; 4 pm, Planning Commission; 5:30 pm, Economic Development Committee of the Whole; 6:15 pm, Caucus; and 7 pm, Council

June 26, 6:15 pm, Caucus; and 7 pm, Council

Meetings are held in the Ontario Hellinger Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Rd., Ontario.

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The items are available on the fourth Tuesday of each month, year round.

Boxes may be picked up between 10:30 am and 12:30 pm on the fourth Tuesday. Due to the volume of clients, distribution is moving in May to the Mulberry St. parking lot at the corner of Park Ave West. This is directly across the side street from the church. Those attending should pull in and follow the signs and directions.

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bore the officers and their man to the center of the street in front of the Fashion Saloon and the man's protection was swept away like so much chaff. The mob with Fockler started down the street on a run.

Fockler was scared to death, but they rushed him to the gas house with police mixed with the mob."

"Arriving at the gas house, the first thing the crowd did was take off the man's clothing, except for his trousers. Then they escorted him to the tar pumps. A great crowd gathered outside."

"News that Fockler was being tared and feathered spread like wildfire and people gathered from all directions. The streets were lined with buggies and blockaded with wagons. Employees of one or two shops and the railroad yard left their employment and joined the mob. At least 200 women and children were in the mob."

"After Fockler was undressed he was taken to the east side of the gas works but in the mean time somebody had shut off the tar pumps. A little grease and oil was smeared on Fockler. By this time, the police had recovered their wind and charged into the crowd again. Clark and McKay got the man in charge while Clark held the crowd back. Then the crowd overturned and nearly swept the officers off their feet."

"The police caught their breath and went after their man again

and hustled him into the gas house and guarded the door. Still the crowd yelled 'Hang him.'"

"At that time, the fire alarm was turned in and three fire companies appeared and managed to lay a line from the plug on Sixth Street to the west side of the gas works, opposite where the man was in the middle of a fighting bunch of police."

"Some in the mob thought the water would be turned on and yelled: 'Cut the hose, Cut the hose.' Dodd Dell got his team and hose wagon opposite to where Fockler was standing. By this time, Fockler had lost his trousers, but somebody put a fireman's shirt on him."

"When the horses were sufficiently rested the man Fockler was rushed to the wagon by police. It was a pretty fight, but the blue coats made one last effort and quickly hustled their man to the wagon with nothing on but a shirt. When fockler was in the hose wagon, a couple of men had him by the throat. The police did not stand on ceremony a couple used their fists freely at the heads of those chocking Fockler."

"Just as soon as Fockler was on the wagon, "Dodd" Dell put the whip to the team and away they went, three or four getting on board on the run, but the police and firemen took their man to the city jail. The mob followed but did not attack."

Church Directory

Clay Memorial Lutheran Church

1601 Amoy East Rd., Mansfield
419-747-6882

Pastor Carol Kilgore
Sunday School 9:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville
419-886-4333 • www.clearforkalliance.org
Rev. Matt Merendino

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

Community Bible Church

1043 Springmill St., Mansfield
567-560-8011

www.DiscoverCommunity.org
Pastor Sam Belsterling
10:30 am Sunday Worship
Live stream at <https://www.facebook.com/CommunityBibleChurchMansfield>

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

200 West Third St., Mansfield
419-524-4813 • mansfield1stcc1833@gmail.com
Rev. Gregory Bibler

Office Hours: Tu., W., Th. 9 am to 1 pm
10:30 am Sunday Worship
Christian Builders, Sunday, 9:30 am
www.FirstChristianChurchMansfield.com
FB: FirstChristianChurch,Mansfield,Ohio

First Congregational Church

640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield
419-756-3046 • www.mansfieldfcc.com

Pastor Brad Bunn
8:30 am Chapel • 10:30 am Sanctuary
Sunday School 10:30 am

First English Lutheran Church

53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield
419-522-0662 • www.felc-mansfield.org

Interim Pastor Lisa Peterson
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship
Call about Prayer Groups, Small Groups, Bible Studies, Book Clubs, Pub Theology, Community Meals, Free Produce distribution and Senior Boxes.

Hope Lutheran Church

(Formerly St. Paul & St. Timothy)
2010 Park Avenue West, Mansfield
419-529-4351 • www.lutheranhope.org

Pastor Jonathan Stuftt
9:30 am Sunday Worship
10 am Thursday Bible Study
Free Breakfast 2nd Saturdays 9 am
Free Dinner 4th Sundays 5 pm

Lexington Presbyterian Church

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

Mansfield 1st EPC

399 Trimble Rd., Mansfield
419-756-7066 • www.mansfield1st.com
Rev. Joseph Yerger
9 am Adult & Youth Sunday School
10 am Sunday Worship
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and Children's Programming Available

Mansfield Baptist Temple

752 N. Stewart Rd., Mansfield
419-589-5413 • www.mbt.org
Pastor Rob Kurtz
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am & 5:30 pm Sunday Worship
7 pm Wednesday Service

Ontario United Methodist Church

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

St. John's United Church of Christ

68 Park Avenue East, Mansfield
419-522-2813 • www.stjohnsmansfield.org
Pastor Faith Proietti
10 am Sunday Worship
Office hours: Mon-Fri 9am to 1pm
AA Meetings M & F 10 am & noon;
Wed. noon Brown Bag and Sat. 6 pm
Clothing Ministry by appt: 419-512-9817

Trinity Grace Fellowship

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419-589-5890 • trinitygracefellowship.org
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11 am Sunday School
Bible Study Mondays 2 pm

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Crestview FFA attends state convention in Columbus

By Leyna Gerich and Mackenzie Hoover
Crestview High School FFA Co-Reporters

On May 2 and 3, a group of Crestview High School FFA members attended The Ohio FFA Convention in Columbus, Ohio. The students that attended the convention included Gracie Dinsmore, Bailiegh Cordery, Kiley Gano, Lexa Gano, Hazelle Cordrey, Alivia Dean, Serenity Perry, Shelby Lackey, Jessica Smith, Ella Sanderson, Erica Davisson, Karlee Morrison, Kandyce Abbot, Spencer Calame, Kolton Eicheleberger, Jason Cain, Jerney Esbensahde, Kenneth McGregor, and Brennan Dilly.

While at the state convention on Thursday, the members attended a Columbus Clippers baseball game, took the OSU walking tour, attended an OSU bee and insect lab talk, visited OSU's new innovative technology greenhouse, did leadership workshops, and then, on Friday, were at the convention center all day.

At the convention, Gracie Dinsmore received her state degree, Bailiegh Cordery received gold rated secretary and was in the State FFA choir, Erica Davisson received gold rated treasurer and Kandyce Abbot was in the State FFA band.

We interviewed two members that attended the convention to see how their time was. The two students we interviewed were Gracie Dinsmore and Jessica Smith.

Mackenzie Hoover asked, "How was your time at the state convention?"

Gracie Dinsmore stated "It was very fun, very hot, we went to the Franklin Park Conservatory, and toured OSU. During the tour at OSU, we saw our past student teacher, and it was very nice to see her. We also went to see the bug and bee lab and the greenhouse, and it was very impressive. At the actual convention the president had a very good speech and I think it impacted a lot of people there. It was also very cool to get my state degree. I sat by some really nice people from the other Crestview in Ohio. It was also really cool to watch my officers get awards for doing so well on their books."

Jessica Smith stated, "We went to the OSU greenhouse and got to plant flowers to take home with us. We went to the convention and watched some of our officers get awards for their books. We also watched Baileigh and Kandyce perform in the state FFA band and choir. The State FFA Convention was beneficial to all students that attended and we look forward to attending next year to see the awards and recognition of our students."

Red Cross in need of donors

The American Red Cross asks the public to give blood or platelets during Trauma Awareness Month in May to keep hospitals prepared for all transfusion needs, including emergencies. Type O blood donors and donors giving platelets are especially needed right now.

Book a time to give by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App. Thanks to Sport Clips Haircuts, all who come to donate through May 31 will get a coupon for a free haircut by email.

Friday, May 24, 11 am to 5 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Tuesday, May 28, noon to 5 pm, Berean Baptist Church, 2145 Middle Bellville Rd., Mansfield

Wednesday, May 29, 11 am to 4 pm, Dairy Queen, 309 Ashland Rd., Madison area, Mansfield; and noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Thursday, May 30, 2-7 pm, Community Building, 21555 Pealer Mill Rd., Butler

Friday, May 31, 9 am to 7 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Tuesday, June 4, noon to 6 pm, Saint Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church St., Bellville

Wednesday, June 5, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Thursday, June 6, 1-7 pm, Mohican Wood Products, 20460 Nunda, Butler

Friday, June 7, 11 am to 5 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Saturday, June 8, 8 am to 1 pm, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1951 Middle-Bellville Rd., Mansfield

14th Annual Kingwood 5k Run and Walk planned for June 8

The 14th annual Kingwood 5K Run and Walk will be held on Saturday, June 8th with the race starting at 9 am in front of the Kingwood Hall mansion following the National Anthem.

The chip-timed 5K will allow participants to enjoy a beautiful course within Kingwood's gardens and along the B&O bike trail. The 5K is open to all abilities and ages. Check-in and registration begin at 7:45 am.

Registration is \$25 and can be completed online at ohioraceday.com or by mail to Doug Heestand, 431 Edgewood Rd., Mansfield, OH 44907. Questions may be sent to heest97@hotmail.com. To be guaranteed an official race shirt, register by May 28. Walk-up registration on race day is \$30; cash, check and credit card accepted.

Awards will be presented in the courtyard following the race to the overall female, overall male, and for the top three finishers in age groups ranging from nine years and under, to 70 years and older. A new award for first-time participants will also be recognized.

The 5K benefits Kingwood's mission and vision of providing transformative guest experiences and inspiring enriching connections so that both human and natural communities thrive.

The Kingwood 5K is presented by OhioHealth and is also supported by Contact Industries, F&F Bearing Company LLC, Rancho Fiesta, North Central State College, Clip Joint Barber Shop, Culligan Quality Water of North Central Ohio, Ohio Race Day and the Mansfield Y Run Club.

Celebration of Life will honor Whitney

A celebration of a life well lived in honor of Robert "Bob" Whitney will be held Saturday, June 8, beginning at 3 pm.

The celebration will be held at 3832 Maxwell Rd., Lexington.

Those attending will celebrate with Bob's family while enjoying food, beverages, fun and story telling.

Born October 18, 1935, Bob passed January 1, 2024, at the age of 88. He was a member of the Lexington School Board of 60 years.

He was the longest serving school board member in Ohio. He graduated from Lexington High School in 1953 and was a lifelong resident of Lexington.

Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Kenneth "Ken" Eugene McCrea, May 16

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2024 MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES:



PLACING OF FLAGS IN MANSFIELD CEMETERY

Saturday, May 25, at 9:00 a.m.

Please come help honor our veterans by placing a flag on their grave. Look for our van and trailer at the Veterans Honor Grounds to pick up flags. Starting here avoids traffic congestion at the front gate.

AVENUE OF FLAGS CEREMONY AT MANSFIELD MEMORIAL PARK

Sunday, May 26, at 1:00 p.m.

ANNUAL PARADE

Monday, May 27, at 10:30 a.m.

The parade begins at the 5-way intersection of Park Avenue West and Marion Avenue, and continues down Park Avenue to the gazebo on the square. There is a memorial service at the gazebo immediately following the parade.

PICKING UP FLAGS IN MANSFIELD CEMETERY

Saturday, June 1 at 10:00 a.m.

We will have 2 locations to drop off flags - at the Veterans Honor Grounds and by the Vasbinder Monument near the Old Soldiers Ground. All volunteers are welcome!



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**Richland County Veterans
Service Commission**

597 Park Avenue East
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www.richlandcountyvets.org

Lexington, Troy Township Trustees hold joint meeting

The Village of Lexington Council held a joint meeting with the Troy Township Trustees on May 6.

Attending the meeting were council members Keith Bacin, Adam Gongwer, Aaron Hoptry, Kim Little and Jeff O'Brien. Also attending were Troy Township Trustees Mike Schuster and Luke Wittmer. Other officials present included Attorney John Studenmund, Chief Troy Weaver, Finance Director Jim Banks and Administrator Peter Them.

Schuster thanked all those who worked hard on getting the cemetery levy passed. He also thanked Attorney Studenmund for all his work and assistance with the levy. DiAnn Jamerson has replaced fiscal officer Dean Strohmingier. Monies will be tight until the past levy monies start coming in, which is in 2025.

Schuster noted the disinterment was completed at the cemetery, with the help from Studenmund. It was done very professionally and was completed within 45 minutes. Councilman Bacin asked if the board is confident that this was an isolated incident. Schuster replied that he is unable to tell with certainty, but added that it is not a costly task.

Ken Wolf of West Main Street asked about two properties at Maple and Main Streets. Both are eyesores. The house on Main Street was destroyed by recent fire. The house has sat abandoned since last August. Them stated the house on West Main Street is waiting for electricity to be removed from the property, then will be demolished. He also noted that the bank has taken over the house on Maple Street and will hopefully start on the care of the house.

Charles Comstock of Essex Road noted there are some large dead tree branches located across from Bicentennial Park that could pose a safety hazard. The three dead trees are located in the flood plain and have been dead for many, many years.

Them requested an approval for a "Then and Now" certificate for use for the purchase of goods (AEP). The certificate can be issued if the fiscal officer can certify that both at the time the order was made (then), and at the time the treasurer is completing the certification (now) sufficient funds are available.

The disabled vehicle on Delaware has been moved.

The employee for the water/

sewer department has put in his resignation. They will use one week vacation prior to departure.

Iberia submitted the lowest bid for the chip/seal project for the Bicentennial parking lot at \$58,230.

Councilman Hoptry asked how the village can demand yards mowed and old vehicles removed when they do not hold up to their own standards. Hoptry referenced the street department which has weeds well over two feet and several personal vehicles with old tags abandoned on the property. Them will research the street department's dilemma. Councilman Hoptry said it is only fair that the village cleans up their house first before demanding others.

Councilman Little asked Them to look at a dead tree located on the left-hand side of Steam Corners Road. It is in a ravine and beginning to pose a hazard to the people's safety.

Councilman O'Brien questioned if the corporation limit signs have been ordered. Them reported they are awaiting delivery of the completed signs.

Mayor Bob Jarvis reported that the Ohio EPA and the Federal EPA have requested all service lines within municipalities be non-lead lines. This zoning reg-

ulation was observed in the Village of Lexington, and the village applied the "no lead allowed" standard since the early 1980s.

K.E. McCartney & Associates have offered to help research for village's houses built prior to 1980. Statistics need to be sent to the state no later than Oct. 18, 2024.

As reported by Chief Troy Weaver, the Drug Take Back Day was successful. The department

received 31 pounds of old medication. In 2023, 35 pounds were received.

The Main Street statistics regarding vehicle crashes showed 2024, 46 crashes; 2023, 25 crashes; and 2022, 29 crashes. After researching, it is believed that the cause of the recent climb in accidents on West Main is due to vehicles lining up to pick up students at Western Elementary.

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Oakland hosting Memorial Day ceremonies at local cemeteries

Four 10-minute cemetery ceremonies will be held Monday, May 27, Memorial Day morning, sponsored by Oakland Lutheran Church.

Each ceremony will include a brief reading, prayer, song and playing of Taps.

The first ceremony will be at 7 am at Zeiter Cemetery, at Sheets and Huff Roads, on the north side of Lahm Airport. The cemetery was owned by Oakland Lutheran and its partner Clay Memorial Lutheran, beginning in the 1840s until the end of that century.

It bordered the original Main Street out of Mansfield, until the airport altered Route 13.

Those in attendance will travel along Richland Shale Road to Ohio 545, then across the tracks and left up the former Pavonia Road to Wolford Cemetery for a 7:20 am ceremony, then head east on Pavonia Road to Robinson Road for a 7:40 am ceremony at Pavonia Cemetery.

The group will conclude its tour at 8 am, traveling north to the end of Robinson Road, then right to Franklin Church Cemetery.

All are welcome and veterans and their loved ones will be remembered at each.



THE 2024 RICHLAND COUNTY 4-H YOUTH SAFETY COUNCIL MOCK CRASH safety docu-drama program was held May 7, at the Richland County Fairgrounds for juniors and seniors. Local law enforcement agencies, emergency medical personnel, fire rescue personnel, Ohio State University Extension/Richland County 4-H, local safety leaders and Med Flight helped by staging the 31st annual Richland County mock crash docu-drama and mock funeral. The students participating in the event experienced first-hand the devastating outcome of impaired and distracted driving, along with poor decision making. Dr. Judy Villard Overocker, Extension Educator for 4-H Youth Development and coordinator for the mock crash since its inception states that, "By giving these local youth the opportunity to view such a docu-drama, it increases their awareness to the dangers of multiple teen passengers in a vehicle, driver distractions such as cell phones and text messaging, drinking and driving, drug abuse, the effects of not wearing seat belts and what can happen when youth do not consider the consequences of their action. We want kids to have a great time at the end of the school year, but we also want them to live into and enjoy adulthood. The goal of this program is to reduce the injury or save the life of at least one person in the youth audience and help portray the importance of safety at all times when driving as teens and as adults."

•Madison holds final meeting of school year

(Continued from Front Page)

Ray, Jessica Rush, Julie Skripac, Rachael Sumner, Maggie Thomas, Karlie Utt, Mathew Wade, Danielle Walton and Thomas Wheatner.

Five-year contracts (2024-'29) were awarded to Aaron Akers, Brendan Argo, Jamie Brightbill, Lori Camillo, Cortanee Caugherty, Judy Conner, Patrick McLaughlin, Nicole Norris, Emily Richter, Megan Studer and Jordan Ullman.

Retired employees issued a one-year contract are Mary Jones, St. Mary's, limited; and Matt Godsil, limited.

Administrative contracts for 2024-'27 were awarded to Matt Blankenship, Lindi Holfinger, Curt McVicker, Jacob Grove, Sean Conway, Bruce Gibson and Carolyn Montgomery.

Doug Wilson was hired as the Customized Machining Instructor for the Madison Adult Career Center.

Substitute teachers hired on an "on call" basis, as needed for the 2023-'24 school year are Melanie Bradley and Junior Nollah.

Resignations were accepted from Teresa Hudson, high school guidance secretary (retirement); Ashley Davidson Smith, 2-hour high school cook; Cheryl Fisher, middle school building aide (retirement); Mike Cornell, second shift custodian at Eastview; Carla Martin, Madison Early Childhood Learning Center; Krystal Mayer, second shift custodian at the high school; Crystal Leiter, special education 1-1 aide at Mifflin; and Tammy Harris, accounts payable clerk at the board office (retirement).

Hirings for the 2023-'24 school year include Tom Blust, summer mower (part-time); Jennifer Taylor, assistant MECLC teacher; and Jane Lallathin, custodian part-time floater for the district.

Hired as temporary general summer help for the district were Stacy Foote, Jenny Jones, Beth Conn, Pat McLaughlin and Steve Zellner.

Richele Garand has been awarded the first shift custodian position at Eastview, replacing Tom Williams who is on an unpaid leave of absence.

Amy Childs has been awarded the 10-month secretary position at

the high school, replacing Teresa Hudson who retired.

Limited one-year contracts were awarded to Margie Mosier, Ka-Leyha Utt, Amanda Oswalt, Amanda Henry, April Moore, Matthew Bartlett, Debra Cicolani and Jane Lallathin.

Limited second one-year contracts were awarded to Rebecca Richards, Rona Gushard, Rikki Parker, Ana Moco-Nunes, Sheena Thompson, Shawna Hout, James Ernsberger, Brenda Walker, Shaun Henry, Michelle Keen, Shelly Pogue, Dean Wills, Amy Daniels, Dallas Pettet, Daniel Lashley, Nick Roberts and Ethan Wilson.

Continuing contracts were awarded to Ronald Hairston, Carl Sprague, Deborah Bowling, Julie Neal, Carolyn Carroll, Buddy Es-sick, Jeff Zeigler, Diane Larrick, Andrea Gerich, Dawn Myers, Angelique Amstutz, Laura White, Sarah Johnson, Whitney Roub, Jynnifer Hudson and Christina Bland

Kilie Justice's limited contract was not renewed.

Bobby Neal was hired as a substitute custodian and Brenda Walker was hired as a substitute aide for the current school year.

The Madison Local School District Board of Education hereby gives public notice in accordance with Section 3309.345 of the Ohio Revised Code that Tammy Harris, who is currently employed by the Board of Education as an accounts payable clerk, will be retired and seeking re-employment with the Madison Local School District in the same position (except as a confidential employee, non-bargaining unit member) following her service retirement.

The board of education will hold a public meeting on the issue of re-employing the above-named person at a regular meeting in June, 2024 (date to be determined) at 6 pm at the Madison Middle School Auditoria, 1419 Grace St., Mansfield.

An unpaid leave of absence was approved for Rona Gushard, high school cafeteria worker, effective March 25 to May 22, 2024.

An unpaid leave of absence was approved for Tom Williams through Sept.30, 2024.

The list of 2024 graduates was approved on the condition that they meet all requirements of Madison Comprehensive High School and the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.

An addendum was made to the staffing agreement between the Madison Local School District, Mansfield Christian School and Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center to provide staffing services for Title I Coordinator, Title I Tutors and Paraprofessional Aides to Mansfield Christian School.

An overnight trip was approved for wrestling team to attend a wrestling camp July 11-14, 2024 at Roanoke College in Roanoke, Virginia.

An overnight trip abroad was approved for high school students to Costa Rica in June, 2025.

The board approved the 2024-'25 MECLC Family Handbook and MECLC wage structure effective May 20, 2024.

The stadium bleacher project was approved to include pressure washing, priming and a premium urethane finishing coat from Martin Painting & Coating Co. in the amount of \$68,712.

The board approved the addition of an elementary principal/gifted coordinator position to the administrative salary schedule. It includes 224 contracted days.

An agreement was reached between Madison Local Schools and River Education Services, Inc. for the Leap Program for the 2024-'25 school year.

The board completed first reading and second readings of board policies.

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STUDENTS FROM MISS REICHENBACH'S CLASS at Ontario worked hard to organize and host a pet fair at the middle school. Students and staff brought their furry friends from home to share with other students from the high school, middle school and Stinger Elementary. They also enjoyed the company of some more unique animals from a petting zoo.

Library partnership provides affordable technology

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library (MRCPL) is teaming up with PCs for People to bring computers and internet hotspots to more Richland County homes. PCs for People is a national non-profit social enterprise that provides refurbished computers to eligible customers at affordable prices and low-cost, high-speed internet solutions.

As part of our partnership launch, MRCPL is hosting a pop-up shop on Saturday, June 1 from 10 am to noon in the Main Library Community Room, 43 W. Third St., Mansfield.

This event allows eligible customers to purchase a \$150 laptop, a \$75 desktop computer (with monitor, keyboard and mouse), or a \$60 internet hotspot. Pre-registration for this event is highly encouraged. To pre-register and check the eligibility requirements, visit <https://mrcpl.pcsrefurbished.com/event/registration>.

Chris May, Library Director, said, "This partnership with PCs for People will support the goal of bridging the digital divide in Richland County, but it will also help get essential devices needed for virtual schooling, career assistance, and more into more homes."

By recycling and refurbishing computers, PCs for People provides a valuable service to businesses, families, and the planet by keeping computers out of landfills and repurposing them to advance digital inclusion.

The main library will also host a PCs for People Electronics Recy-

cling Drive as part of the Saturday, June 1 event. Community members can drop off used computers, laptops, tablets, non-tube TVs, and other hardware at the truck parked in the Main Library's east parking lot. For a full list of accepted electronics, go to <https://www.mrcpl.org/services/pc4p/>.

The partnership with PCs for People is more than a one-time event. After the launch event, customers can purchase these low-cost items through the PCs for People website or phone number and pick up their purchases at any of MRCPL's nine library locations. Visit <https://www.mrcpl.org/> for location information and more.

Madison to celebrate 100 years

Madison High School turns 100 this school year. Alumni can be a part of the celebration with events scheduled all year. Events will be kicked-off at the first home football game, Aug. 30. There will be food trucks, alumni performances and alumni recognition.

Honored prior to kick-off will be the alumni band, cheerleaders, Ramettes, majorettes and football players and coaches (who will line the field to welcome the team). All Madison alumni attending the event will be honored throughout the evening, by decades. To register or those who would like an anniversary t-shirt (which includes admission) visit <https://sites.google.com/view/madison-100/home>.

2024 Senior Spring Extravaganza



Lexington named Tree City USA

Lexington has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to its community forest. It is the 39th year Lexington has received this national recognition.

“Trees in our cities and towns help clean the air, conserve soil and water, moderate temperature, and bring nature into our daily lives,” said John Rosenow, President of The National Arbor Day Foundation. “Tree City USA designation recognizes the work of elected officials, staff and citizens who plant and care for the community forest.”

To become a Tree City USA, a community must meet four standards: a tree board or department; a tree care ordinance; a comprehensive community forestry program; and an Arbor Day observance. This year, Lexington’s Arbor Day ceremony was held Friday, May 10, at 10 am at the village square.

The entire class of third graders of Lexington participated in the Arbor Day ceremony and planted a tree in the village square in honor of Carol Parkison who created this celebration/recognition of Arbor Day/Tree City U.S.A.



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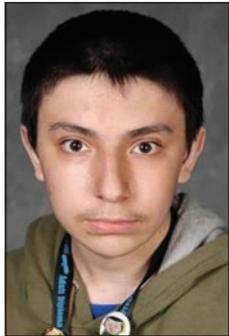
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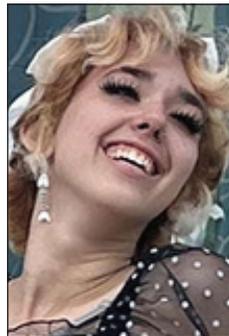
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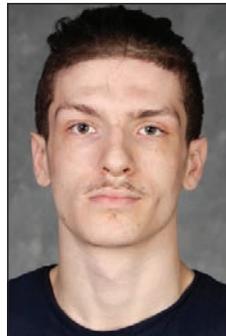
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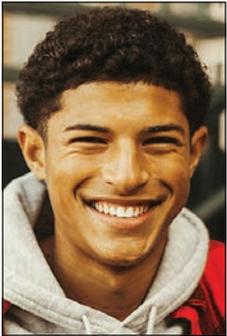
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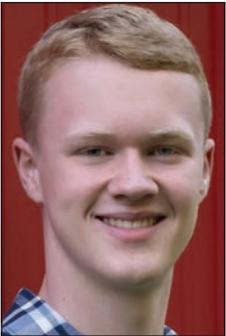
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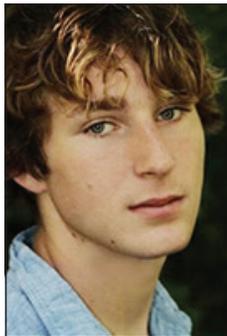
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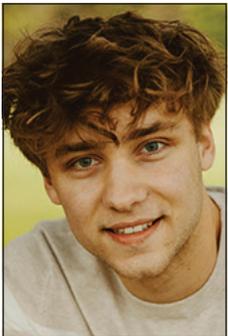
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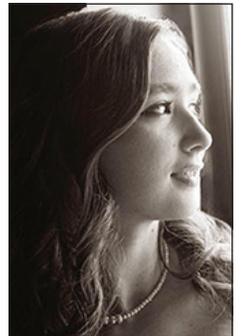
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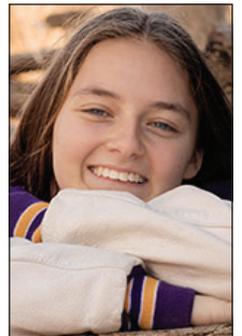
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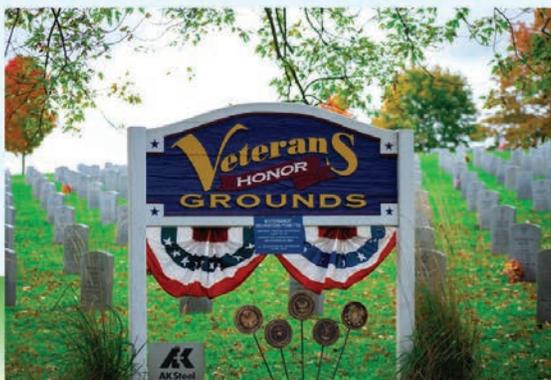
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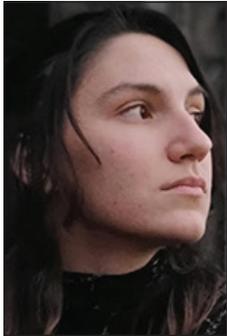
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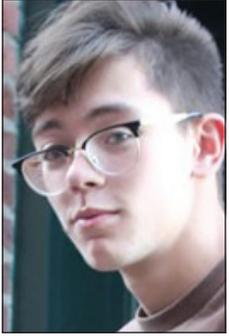
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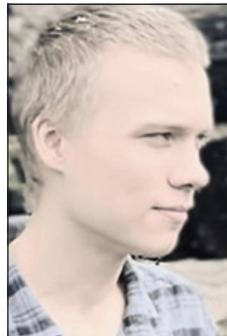
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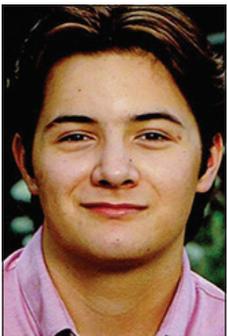
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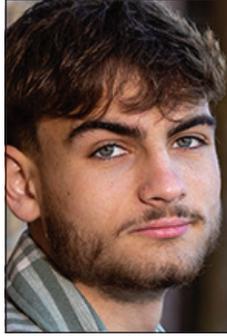
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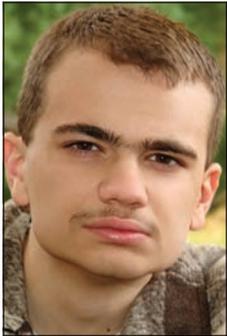


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The Mansfield Rotary Club presented Clarissa Cousart with the McGowan Courage Award at a ceremony at Kingwood Center on Tuesday, May 7. The Rotary Club honored local high school students who have faced life experiences of adversity and hardship with extraordinary courage, tenacity, and fortitude. Lexington High School Band Director Zak Wilkins nominated Clarissa for the award.



Lexington High School senior Cora Palmer and her teacher, Diane Eifrid, were celebrated at the 35th Annual Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Awards Program at the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center. Cora was recognized for her outstanding academic achievements in the classroom. She's ranked #1 in her class and chose Mrs. Eifrid as her person of positive impact.



Lexington High School seniors Kaylie Eichorn, Kylie Galownia and Darcie Reinhart were honored by The Mansfield Noon Optimist Club at a dinner this spring. Kaylie and Kylie were recognized for their outstanding academic achievements and community involvement. Darcie was also recognized and won a \$1,000 Optimist Scholarship. "Many of these recipients not only excel in academics, but also activities like band or sports and volunteering in the community," said Tom Stortz of the Mansfield Noon Optimist Club.

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Four seniors from Lexington High School were honored by the Mansfield Rotary Club at a luncheon held at Kingwood Center. Samantha Morton, Noah Eckstein, Makenna Arnholt and Ivan Prykhodko are at the top of their class academically and doing positive things outside the classroom. While at the luncheon, they listened to a guest speaker from Wayfinders and had an opportunity to meet with area business leaders.

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LEXINGTON CLASS OF 2024 SENIORS attended a Senior Cookout Friday morning, May 17. Although it was raining, their spirits weren't dampened. These students showed up early to spend some extra time with each other on their last day of academics.



Lexington Varsity Softball Class of 2024 Seniors • Photo By Jeff Hoffer
Emily Asher (3), Jillian Morr(7), Kylie Galownia (13) and Kaylie Eichorn(15)



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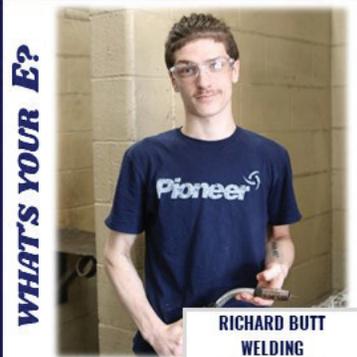


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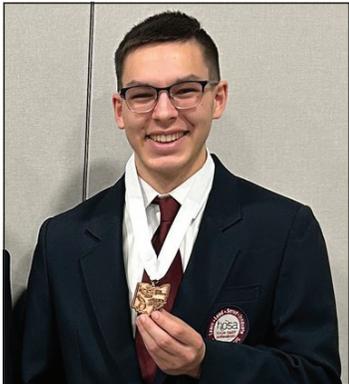
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MASON DIAZ, a Lexington Pioneer student, placed third in Sports Medicine at the Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) State Leadership Conference. This qualified him for the HOSA International Leadership Conference in Houston, TX from June 26-29.



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NATIONAL QUALIFIERS — Aadi Kightlinger, Haylee Breitinger, Olivia Sandwall, Alex McAleer, Leah Bonen, Kennedy Sapp and Gia Gfrer accept their awards in April. They are pictured with two of the state officers.

OMS FCCLA advances to nationals

The Ontario Middle School FCCLA Parliamentary Procedure team is the first in school history to advance to national competition in Seattle, WA.

In April, the Ontario Middle School (OMS) Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Parliamentary Procedure team, competed at the state level and took home the silver medal. Hours of practicing parliamentary procedure, performing the opening and closing ceremonies and studying for the written test paid off as they now have an incredible opportunity to represent Ohio when they attend the National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Seattle, WA, from June 29 to July 3, 2024.

At the NLC the girls will compete in their category against teams from other states. They are the only level one team to compete from Ohio and hope to make their state proud. The OMS FCCLA team is comprised of seven students from eighth and seventh grade, including Aadi Kightlinger, Haylee Bre-

iting, Olivia Sandwall, Alex McAleer, Leah Bonen, Kennedy Sapp and Gia Gfrer.

In another significant first, they are the first Parliamentary Procedure team in the history of OMS to advance beyond districts. This is quite an achievement for a first-year team to qualify for nationals. To say the team is excited is an understatement.

FCCLA's NLC is an event that brings together over 8,000 individuals, including over 6,500 middle and high school students and over 1,500 educators. This conference serves as a platform for members to enhance their leadership skills, participate in various workshops, and connect with like-minded individuals from across the nation. The NLC provides an experience that will enrich attendees' education and contribute to the development of their leadership skills. Learn more at <https://fcclainc.org>.

"We are so proud of these girls and the effort they have put in to make it this far in the competition. This is a rare opportunity for middle school students to

travel across the country to not only represent their school, but also the state of Ohio" says Robin Owen, OMS FCCLA Advisor.

Attending an event like this comes with many expenses, including registration fees, travel costs, and accommodation. The team is working hard to organize a bake sale, a car wash, and other activities to raise money. "We would be very appreciative of additional community support to help offset the costs, which total \$28,800. A donation page has been set up to keep track of all donations - <https://grouprev.com/OMSFCLLA2NLC2024>," says Ms. Owen.

"On top of getting good grades, these girls participate in multiple other school activities and sports. Despite their busy schedules, they chose to be a part of FCCLA, and they take it seriously. They put in the time and effort to learn parliamentary procedure, no easy task! We have no doubt this team and these girls will make OMS and the state of Ohio immensely proud." Chris Miller, OMS Principal.

Premier Bank receives SBA lender award

Premier Bank has been awarded the Top Large Community Bank Lender Award from the U.S. Small Business Administration's Cleveland District Office. The award signifies the Bank's outstanding commitment in providing services and SBA-backed loans to the small businesses in Northern Ohio during SBA fiscal year 2023.

The SBA's Lender Awards recognize the vital role that financial institutions and part-

ners play in supporting access to capital for local entrepreneurs, which is essential for the growth and vitality of the Northern Ohio entrepreneurial ecosystem. "We are thrilled to announce Premier Bank as a recipient of the 2023 Top Large Community Bank Lender Award," said Dr. John Turner, District Director, SBA Cleveland District Office, U.S. Small Business Administration.

"We are pleased to receive this honor from the U.S. Small Business Administration's Cleveland District Office," said Gary Small, President and CEO, Premier Bank. "At Premier, we believe that working with businesses helps strengthen our communities. We value the monumental impact that small businesses have on the communities in which we live and work; and we recognize the opportunity to support these business owners as they continue to grow and prosper."

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News Briefs in Education

In recognition of academic performance, the Office of Academic Affairs at University of the Columbians has announced the students named to the dean's list for the spring 2024 semester.

To be eligible for the list, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours (a full course load), maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50 for the semester, and be in good academic standing.

Abigail Little of Lexington was named to the list for spring 2024.

The university is located in Williamsburg, KY.

★
Ohio Dominican University has named 276 students to its 2024 spring semester Dean's List. Local students on the list are Madeline Heichel of Lexington, Elizabeth Zerby of Lexington and Cameron Todd of Ontario.

★
Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulated students on being named to the winter 2024 president's list. The winter terms run from January to May.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 and above for the reporting term are named to the list. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Local students are Hunter Hemmings of Mansfield, Catherine Sowards Delong of Mansfield, Max Basye of Ontario and Andrew Jones of Mansfield

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Zoe Swanson of Mansfield graduated May 11 from Ohio Wesleyan University. Swanson earned a Bachelor of Arts degree magna cum laude. Swanson majored in Zoology - Pre-Professional.

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Ohio Wesleyan University Dean's List recipients for spring semester 2024 include local students Cooper Christie of Mansfield, Olivia Humphries of Mansfield, Callie Kampe of Mansfield, Ashley Krumlaw of Mansfield, Ava Swanson of Mansfield and Zoe Swanson of Mansfield. To qualify, students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale in all applicable classes.

Ontario's Morando collecting funds for service dogs

By Jim Morando

Some think Memorial Day is just a day off work during a great time of year for a barbeque. While both may be true, Memorial Day is meant to honor military personnel who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Since 1970, this national holiday has been observed on the last Monday in May. Say "Happy Memorial Day," to someone who lost a son, daughter, spouse, sibling or friend, and silence is probably the best response you can expect.

The political polarization in this country overshadows another growing divide — the one between the civilian and military populations. During WWII, about 12 percent of the population served, and most civilians were actively engaged in the war effort in some way: collecting scrap metal, tending a small victory garden, or popping rivets into tanks. Today, the percentage of the population who've served has shrunk to only .5 percent, and there is far less civilian engagement. These two factors make understanding all things military, including the significance of Memorial Day, a bit of a mystery to most of the population. Over one million Americans have made the ultimate sacrifice. My mom's brother, George, was one of them. This story is about him and the struggles of those he left behind.

His life started out hard and did not get easier. His parents put my mom and George into foster care when they were just out of diapers and continued living in the same town, which to me just seems cruel. This was the mid-1930s, just after the Great Depression, and folks were still struggling. Unfortunately, some families took in kids for less than altruistic reasons. The nicer foster families let them eat meals with them, and the not so nice ones gave them whatever was left after everyone else was done.

The siblings spent their formative years living under separate roofs but never more than a few miles apart. George became an accomplished escape artist who was very protective of his younger sister and would frequently run away to see her. By all accounts, he was a tough, strong-willed kid who accepted that his lifelong friend, corporal punishment, would be patiently waiting for his return after each unauthorized visit. Just before George turned 18, he went to a new home. As was his custom, he ran away before he even unpacked to see his sister, ensuring she knew his new address. His new parents beat him severely for this transgression; shortly thereafter, he left Long Island on a bus for the Adirondacks to enlist in the Army.

Two years later, when he was just 20 years old, George, or "Steely" as his Army buddies called him, was classified as MIA in Korea. No other details were provided. The question of what happened to him remained unanswered for almost 60 years until one of my brothers' co-workers told him to ask about George on a Korean War blog. A week later, my brother got a lead and unknowingly dialed George's old battle buddy who promptly hung up on him as he thought the informa-

tion shared was some kind of cruel joke.

I have heard that those who go off to war and had friends that did not come back often ask, "Why did I make it back but they didn't?" For George's battle buddy, the answer was simple; his truck did not start that morning, so George drove up to the Chosin Reservoir in his place just before 120,000 Chinese troops encircled and attacked 30,000 UN soldiers. His guilt became even worse when he found out that after all this time, George's family still did not know what happened to him. He could not bring himself to speak to my brother again. All subsequent communications took place with his daughter, who called my brother later that day to find out what he said to make her father so upset. After understanding the issue, she agreed to talk to her dad.

A few days later my brother received a detailed email from her about the circumstances surrounding George's death. After learning about the old and new guilt her father had accumulated, my brother, who also served in the Army, called to tell her we did not blame her father in any way for George's death and expressed how grateful we were to finally know how he had been killed. A year later, his daughter called a final time to let my brother know her father had passed but that during the final year of his life, he was happier than she ever remembered. While it is important to mourn the dead, it is equally important to take care of the living. We wish we could have given her father peace sooner.

Another decade passed before a much more detailed official Army report corroborated his battle buddy's account. Why had it taken so long? The unit he was assigned to and the unit he was with during the attack both assumed the other would document his death. It appears that neither did.

My mom never recovered from losing George. That meant we never watched war movies when she was out of bed. It also meant we got to see her slip into a deep, dark depression whenever a reporter on the radio or TV would talk about the North Koreans or Chinese torturing US servicemen rumored to still be held in POW camps. George's original Army classification was MIA and not KIA, so she believed he was imprisoned. Imagining what he was going through understandably tormented her soul.

Almost 70 years after hostilities on the Korean peninsula ended, President Trump convinced Kim Jung Un to release the remains of 55 U.S. servicemen. I was asked to submit a DNA sample to see if George was one of them. Unfortunately, we are still waiting for George to come home, so he can receive a proper burial.

My mom, now 91, has no short-term memory but still asks about her brother. When we spoke to the neurologist about how to respond to her condition, he said we could ruin her life in five-minute increments or try to keep her happy. Given the two choices, it is an easy decision, but every time I walk into her nursing home, I pray she does not ask about George. When she does, I give her my

best white lie smile and tell her he stopped in a day ago or came by while she was napping. For her at least, in those fleeting moments, George is finally home and that is enough for now.

George's story is literally one in more than a million. This Memorial Day, take a few minutes to say a brief prayer for all your fellow Americans who sacrificed their lives in service. Please raise a toast to those who never made it back and share the significance of the holiday. I think George, his fellow patriots, and their families and friends would appreciate that very much.

Editor's Note: Jim Morando is the owner of African Sporting Creations. Between now and the end of Memorial Day, he would like to raise \$20,000 (\$1,000 for each year of George's life) to fund a service dog for a combat veteran through Rescue 22, a non-profit that trains and provides service dogs to veterans in need. Jim will match the first \$10,000 of donations. The \$20,000 he hopes to raise will cover the costs incurred during the specialized training the dog receives, which typically lasts more than a year. While he does not know the breed of the dog, a name has been chosen: Steely. Visit <https://www.rescue22foundation.org/in-memory-of-george/> to donate.



ONTARIO'S SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BOYS traveled to the OSU-Mansfield/NCSC campus to participate in the LeaderRichland program on Friday, May 17. The boys attended four interactive presentations. Approximately 60 speakers representing Richland County companies took part in the presentations with each activity lasting approximately 30 minutes. Speakers represented multiple industries including healthcare, manufacturing, hospitality, technology, education and aviation. The goals of LeaderRichland are to strengthen the school district's standing among the community and private sector and encourage students to think about personal goals and aspirations. The event allows students to connect with a network of role models and professionals that demonstrate and reinforce the Ohio Means Jobs Professional Skills to students.



Local middle school boys attend LeaderRichland event

The LeaderRichland RCDG sector welcomed more 1,000 seventh and eighth boys to the OSU-Mansfield/NCSC campus over three days May 16, 17 and 20.

The boys attended four interactive presentations throughout their experience. Approximately 60 speakers representing Richland County companies shared their career journeys and lead an activity during a 30-minute session. Speakers represent multiple indus-

tries including healthcare, manufacturing, hospitality, technology, education and aviation.

Students began their day at 9:30 am in Founders Auditorium/Ovalwood Hall for an opening assembly with an inspirational speaker each day. Thursday's speaker was Brian Skowronski of BS Media/OH Report; Friday's speaker was Jami Kinton-Sluss, of Sluss Realty, Cleveland Guardians and Fu-

sion Marketing Group; and Monday's speaker was Chris Hershberger, of Black Belt Pro Fitness.

The middle schools attending this year were Clearfork, Crestview, Foundation Academy, Galion, Lexington, Lucas, Mansfield, Mansfield-Christian, Ontario, St. Peter's, Shelby, Shiloh, Richland Academy of Academic Arts, and St. Mary of the Snows.

The Rotary Club of Mansfield, Altrusa International of Mansfield, and Kiwanis Club of Mansfield volunteered to help students off their buses and into the auditorium.

Park National Bank, Mechanics Bank and Cleveland Financial Group-Chuck Hahn were event sponsors.

The goals of LeaderRichland are to strengthen the school district's standing among the community and private sector, encourage students to think about personal goals and aspirations, provide a roadmap to achieving success, connect a network of role models and professionals to area students and demonstrate and Reinforce the Ohio Means Jobs Professional Skills to students.

Since female students were hosted in 2023, male students in seventh and eighth grades attended this year's event.

Beginning in Spring 2012, The Ohio State University at Mansfield and North Central State College began hosting LeaderRichland, a program founded by State Representative Marilyn John, where middle school students spend a day sharing dreams, possibilities, and opportunities for their future. A few years ago, a partnership was formed between LeaderRichland, the colleges, and the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development highlighting the connection between education and the region's long-term employment opportunities.



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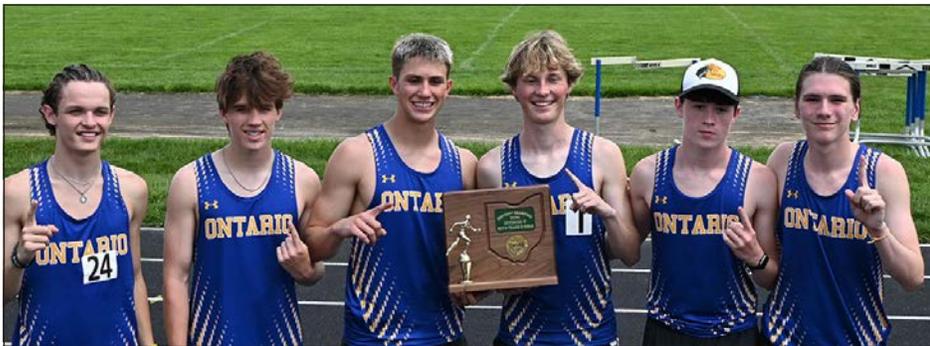
Ontario boys are district champs, girls take sixth

Champions:

- 4x8 relay (Morrison, Trent, Boughton, Young): 8:04.88 (new district record)
- Jace Young: 800m, 1:56.69 (new district record)
- Bodpegn Miller: 200m, 22.14
- Dean Morrison: 3200m 10:03.78
- 4x4 relay (Fox, Trent, Foltz, Young): 3:26.83 (new school record)

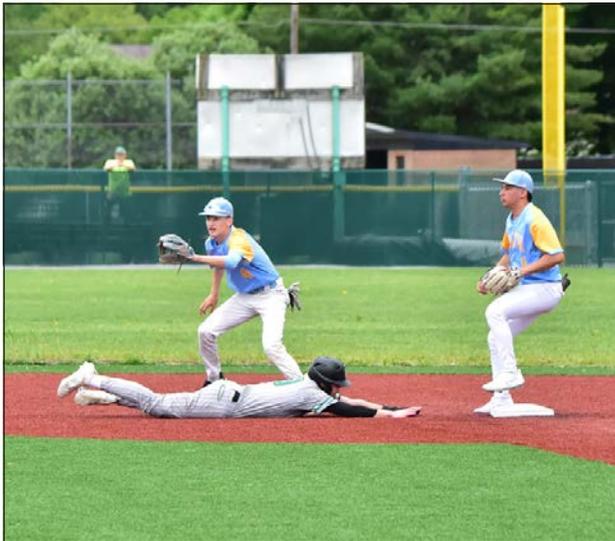
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- Aiden Fox, 110H, 4th, 15.16; 300H, District Runner-Up, 40.13
- Austin Boughton: 800m, 3rd, 2:02.36
- 4x2 relay (Fletcher, Frankhouse, Muncy, Miller): 1:30.06 (1:29.86 in prelims, new school record)
- 4x1 relay (Fletcher, Frankhouse, Muncy, Miller): 3rd, 42.91 (new school record)
- Xavier Trent: 3rd, 1600m, 4:28.68
- Grady Taylor: 3rd, Shot Put, 46'6"
- Carter Roth: 4th, Discus, 137'8"
- Journey Ross: 100H, 3rd, 16.33
- 4x2 relay (Bischak, Bulakovski, Saltzgeber, Mahon): 3rd, 1:45.82
- Sasha Bulakovski: 3rd, 400m, 60.05
- Arialyn Bischak: 4th, 400m, 60.15
- 4x4 relay (Mahon, Bulakovski, Goodlin, Bischak): District Runner-Up, 4:05.90



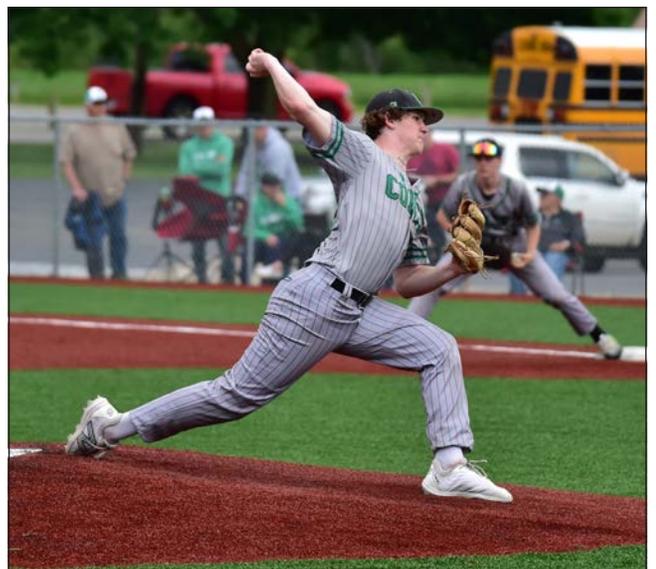
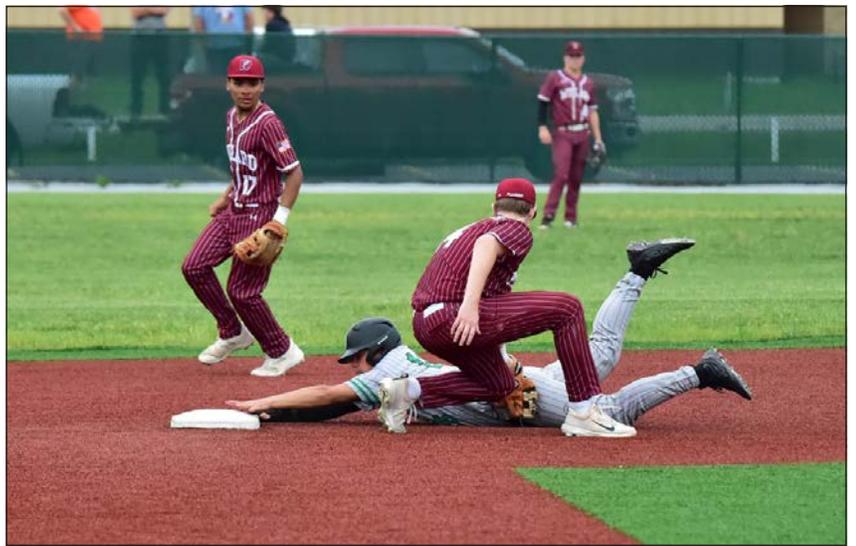
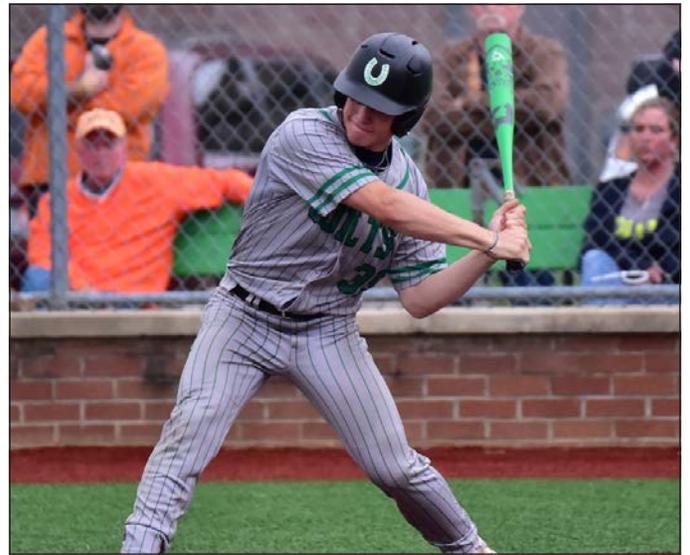
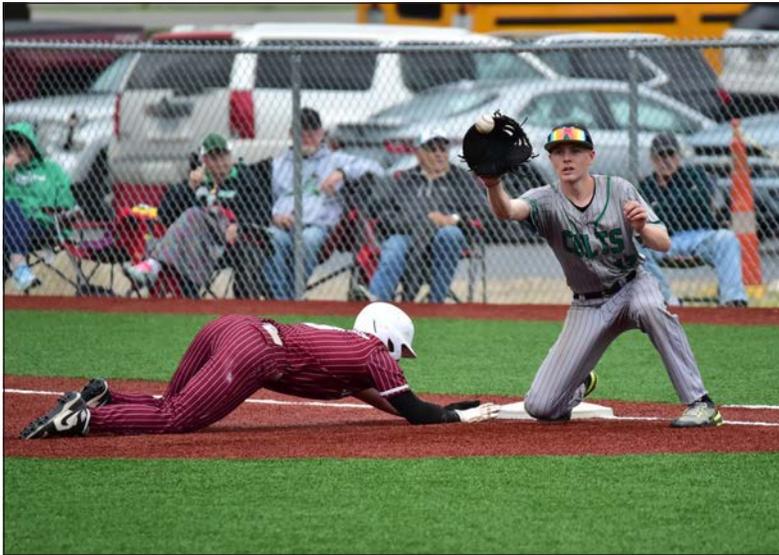
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CLEAR FORK VS WILLARD BASEBALL · MAY 14 · PHOTOS BY JEFF HOFFER





CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATED in the Princess Endowment Field Strong Camp funded by the Foundation learned about reptiles.

RC Foundation supports children's summer activities

The Richland County Foundation is supporting summertime programs focused on children. The Summertime Kids Committee Chaired by Foundation Board of Trustee member Karen Bierly along with members from the community approved \$62,606 in Summertime Kid grants. The grants of up to \$2,500 support creative, educational, and fun-filled activities for hundreds of Richland County children.

The following STK grants were approved: City of Mansfield Parks & Rec. Dept., Summer Fun at North Lake Park; First English Lutheran Early Learning Center, Captivating Nature; Friendly House, Summer Fun Program; Friends of Richland Co. Park District, Critter Camp; Heart City Church, Youth Summer Adventure; Hospice of North Central Ohio, Camp Hope; Independent Living Center NCO, Cultivating Community Connections; K-City Childcare & Preschool, Dream Big; Kingwood Center Gardens, Summer Camp; Lifecare Alliance, CODA Camp; Love On A Mission, Mindfulness and Murals; Mt. Vernon Nazarene University, Academic Summer Camps; My Village Ministries, Lex Center; NECIC, Summer Manufacturing Institute Camp; Ohio Bird Sanctuary, Nature Camp; Ohio State University Foundation, Buckeye Pre College; Recreation Unlimited Foundation, Residential Summer Camp; Richland Academy of the Arts, Summer Film Camp; Richland Newhope, Campership Program; Salvation Army Dewald Center, Summer Zone; Shelby City Schools, Camp Invention; Unstoppable Youth Sports, Youth Sports Baseball; Village of Shiloh, Fun for Preschoolers; and YMCA of North Central Ohio, Y on the Fly.

STK grants funded via Field of Interest Funds: Manfield Playhouse, *Peter Pan Jr.*; Princess Endowment, FIELD Strong Summer Camp; Renaissance Performing Arts, Broadway Camp; and Zoe's Learning Center, Summer Field Trip.

Sports Highlights

Sofball Tournament Update

By Kris Leiter

Division II – Northwest III District

Lady Lex has rung up two wins in their last two tournament outings as they continue marching in unity down the OHSAA tournament trail.

May 14: Lexington (1 seed) vs Ontario (6 seed)

With these two teams being rivals for as far as I can remember, Lady Lex handily defeated friendly foe Ontario 7-1. Lady Lex had runs in every inning except the fifth to notch the win against the Warriors, sending them back to the reservation.

Jillian Morr went a perfect 4-4 at the plate, with two doubles. Kaylie Eichorn went 3-4 with two RBIs and a double.

Makaree Chapman, with an astounding 1.00 ERA, wielded seven strikeouts, facing 28 batters.

May 16: Lexington (1 seed) vs Clear Fork (2 seed)

Lady Lex handily defeated highly anticipated foe Clear Fork 7-1. Both teams scored one run in the first inning, but Lex would show it's true colors in fine fashion as they notch 3ed three runs in the second inning as well as runs in the third and fifth innings.

Makaree Chapman tallied 2-3 hits at the plate with one RBI and one double. Kaylie Eichorn went 1-3 with the bat, with one RBI and one double.

Makaree Chapman, had 9 strikeouts, facing 26 batters.

Lexington's next opponent will be Akron Springfield, on May 22 at Shelby High School at 5 pm. This will be Regional Semi-Final, Division II- Northwest District III.

•Lexington, Troy Township Trustees hold joint meeting

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Considerations for a less hazardous location would be rerouting traffic lanes for student pickup or move cameras used for speed control.

A resolution authorizing the administrative director to enter into a contract with Southeastern Equipment Co. Inc. for the purchase of a backhoe and declaring an emergency was approved.

A resolution to authorize the sale of the village's 2015 Case Western Star TK 47B truck to Morrow County Highway Garage and declaring an emergency was approved. Funds from truck sale will be used to purchase new truck.

A resolution was approved authorizing the administrative director to enter into agreements with Tri-State Ford and Glendhill Road Machinery Co. for the purchase and outfitting of a 2024 F-600 4x4 truck and declaring an emergency.

A resolution to authorize the administrative director to contract S Paving Co. for the resurfacing of certain village streets and declaring an emergency was given approval.

An ordinance providing for permanent budget amendments and appropriations for May for the street department fund was approved as was an ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (Nopec) 2024 Energizes Community grant and declaring an emergency.

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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 2,218 LF of 8 & 12-Inch sewer main along with service laterals. The estimated cost of construction is \$800,000.

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 substantially completed by December 31, 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-

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First Bid Advertisement: May 9, 2024
 Second Bid Advertisement: May 16, 2024
 Bid Opening: May 30, 2024

Kris Knapp
 Service-Safety Director
 City of Ontario, Ohio
 (T-C 5-9, 16, 23 '24) 85L

SEASONAL HELP WANTED

Madison Township Road Department is seeking seasonal help from June 1, 2024 to September 1, 2024. Requirements: valid Ohio drivers license, CDL optional, starting pay is \$18.00 per hour negotiable with experience. This position will aid in the road department operations. Resumes can be sent to clerk@madisontwp.us

Leanna Rhodes Fiscal Officer,
 Madison Twp. Richland Co., Mansfield, OH
 (T-C 5-16, 23 '24) 12L

**OFFICE PERSONNEL
 CIVIL SERVICE EXAM**

The City of Ontario, an Equal Opportunity Employer, currently has an opening for an Office Personnel position in the Administration Department. This position requires skills in general office duties such as data entry, customer service, phone calls, and general clerical work. Starting hourly rate is \$20.49. The successful applicant must be bondable. We offer an excellent benefit package.

Applications may be picked up at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, or online at www.ontarioohio.org, and must be returned by May 31, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. in a sealed envelope addressed to the Civil Service Commission-Office Personnel Position. The Civil Service examination for the Office Personnel position will be held Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 10:00 a.m., in the Ontario Municipal Building Community Room, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio.

Job Duties and Responsibilities
 •The Office Personnel Position shall assist the Mayor, Service-Safety Director, Clerk of Court, Water & Sewer Clerk, Clerk of Council, Law Director, Treasurer, Income Tax, and Recreation Director by providing administrative support.

- Perform general office duties to include, but not limited to, mailing, answering telephones, data entry, and copying.
- Assist customers at the service window.
- Prepares documents as directed by the Mayor and Service-Safety Director.
- Assist Clerk of Council by attending Council meetings, committee meetings, and various boards and commission meetings as needed.
- Receive and protect confidential information.
- Prepare Board of Control minutes and attend meetings as needed.
- Sort and distribute mail.
- Keeps informed of City policies and procedures.
- Must possess and maintain a valid Ohio driver's license.
- Maintains regular and predictable at-

tendance.
 •Performs any other related duties as required.
 •Must be able to work well with other employees, follow directions, and practice safe work habits.

Requirements
 •A high school diploma or equivalent is required.

Cathy VanAuker, MMC
 Clerk of Council
 City of Ontario, Ohio
 (T-C 5-16, 23, 30 '24) 68L

LEGAL NOTICE

The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their special meeting held on May 15, 2024.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-05 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S ROAD SALT PROGRAM FOR THE AWARD OF ROAD SALT NEEDED DURING 2024 AND 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-08 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITION AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF ONTARIO, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-06 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO PAINT CITY FIRE HYDRANTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-07 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO BE NAMED MAYOR FOR THE DAY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker, MMC
 Clerk of Council
 City of Ontario, Ohio
 (T-C 5-23, 30 '24) 41L

**OFFICIAL NOTICE TO CUT
 HIGH GRASS/WEEDS
 AND REMOVE LITTER**

Date: May 22, 2024
 To: THOMAS M & DEBRA S COWELL

**RE Parcel ID Number:
 0386017910000, 2903 MABEE RD,
 ONTARIO, OH 44903**

Please be advised that Chapter 557 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Ontario requires that the owner or person in charge of any parcel of land of less than three (3) acres shall cut all grass, noxious weeds and other vegetation to a length of no greater than eight (8) inches above the ground within five (5) days of this notice. It is required that you come into compliance with this Ordinance within five (5) days of the date of receipt of this notice and remain in compliance throughout the growing season. A recent visual inspection of the above-referenced property indicates that a violation of Chapter 557 presently exists.

Please be advised that Chapter 557

of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Ontario requires that the owner or person in charge of any parcel of land must remove any "litter" from the property within fifteen (15) days of this notice. A recent visual inspection of the above-referenced property indicates that a violation of Chapter 557 presently exists.

Please be advised that one or both of the following may occur if corrective action is not taken:

1. The City will cut the grass/weeds on this property and certify the cost to the County Auditor for collection along with your real estate taxes.
2. You will be cited into Ontario Mayor's Court with a criminal charge as follows:
 - a. A first (1st) offense of Codified Ordinance 557.02 in a calendar year is a minor misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of a \$150.00 fine.
 - b. A second (2nd) offense of Codified Ordinance 557.02 in a calendar year is a 4th degree misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of a \$250.00 fine and 30 days in jail
 - c. Each subsequent violation of Codified Ordinance 557.02 in a calendar year is a 3rd degree misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of a \$500.00 fine and 60 days in jail.

You may review the Code on the City's website (www.ontarioohio.org). If you have any questions about this matter, please contact the undersigned.

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 YOU WILL RECEIVE.**

Michael Morton, Ontario Zoning
 Inspector, 419-529-2530

Michael Morton
 Zoning Inspector
 City of Ontario, Ohio
 (T-C 5-23 '24) 70L

**OFFICIAL NOTICE TO CUT
 HIGH GRASS/WEEDS**

Date: May 22, 2024
 To: BROWN, CORINNE

**RE Parcel ID Number:
 0386015106000, 3448 Park Ave
 West, Ontario, Ohio 44906**

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Michael Morton
 Zoning Inspector
 City of Ontario, Ohio
 (T-C 5-23 '24) 61L

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO CUT HIGH GRASS/WEEDS

Date: May 22, 2024
 To: PIROG, MICHAEL

RE Parcel ID Number: 0386015413000335 SHELBY-ONTARIO RD, ONTARIO OH 44906

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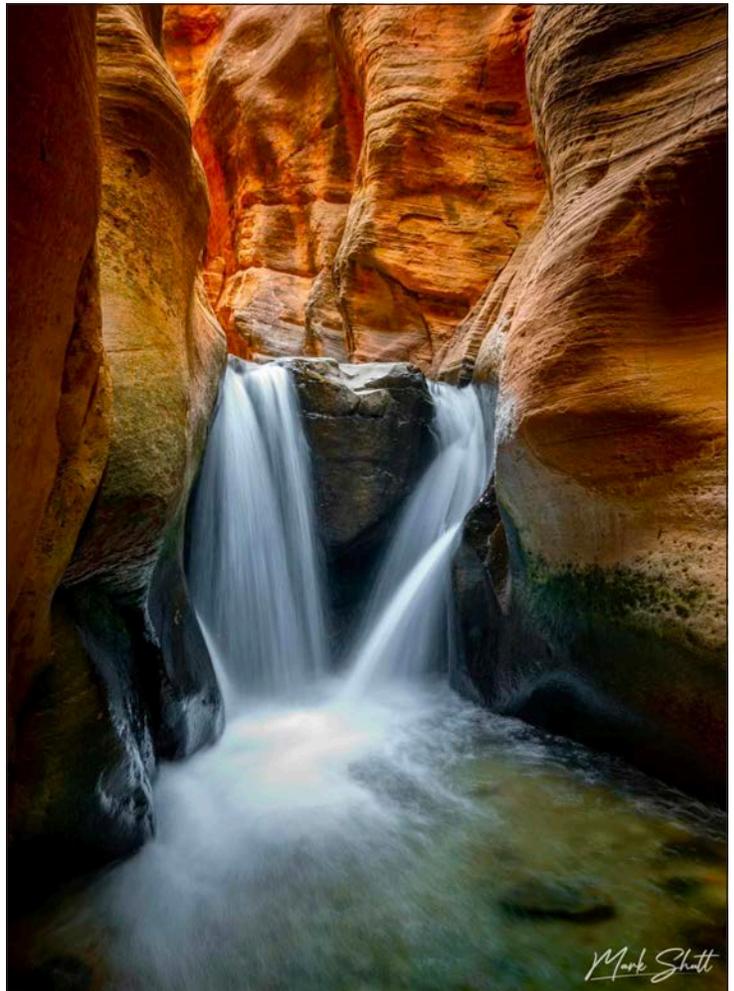


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Branch Manager - Loan Officer