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Local students get creative at Code a Carnival event

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Approximately 30 middle school students from around the area participated in a Code a Carnival experience on June 17 and 18 from 9 am to 1 pm at the North Central State College Kehoe Center in Shelby. North Central State College and the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development co-hosted the camp. School districts represented were Shelby, Lexington, Crestline, Hillsdale, Clearfork, Loudonville and Crestview.

Students had the opportunity to create their own arcade carnival game, such as whack-a-mole, over the two days using Microsoft's MakeCode Arcade and a micro:bit device. The Code a Carnival experience helped students explore coding and computer science as an interest and potential career pathway.

Board members and the media were invited to attend the carnival on June 18 from 12–1 pm at the Kehoe Center. A pizza lunch was provided to students and guests.

I had the privilege of interacting with these inspiring students and got to hear about their camp experience and play some of their creative carnival games. The students were excited to show me their physical games like ring toss and skee ball enhanced with micro:bit devices that shook, lit up or kept the game score.

Code a Carnival camp was funded by a Microsoft TechSpark grant, the North Central State College Foundation, and the Mansfield-Richland Area Educational Foundation.

A special thanks to the outstanding work of Crystal Dean, who led the class; Randy Blankenship; Angie Cirone of the Richland Area Chamber; and Hannah Young. Dean really enjoyed teaching and leading this class.

"It was really neat to see some of the students who were more shy and quiet come out of their shells and get excited about learning to code! I really love working with this age group," said Dean.

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CODING CAMP — Ben Miller, 11, of Lexington; Brian Thomas, 11, of Shelby; and Ezrin Reed, 11, of Shelby were among students attending the Code a Carnival at NCSC's Kehoe Center in Shelby.



Photo By Traci Little

A RESCUE TASK FORCE INSTRUCTOR COURSE was held at OSU Mansfield in Eisenhower Hall on June 24 and 25 from 8 am to 4 pm. This N.T.O.A. (National Tactical Officers Association) course will certify Sgt. Bly, Sgt. A. Alfrey and Firefighter/Medic Mike Wilson (Springfield Twp. Fire Department) as Rescue Task Force Instructors. An invitation was extended to any VIP's, chiefs, captains, sheriffs and public information officers, that were interested in stopping by and checking out the training. The class provided training for people within fire, EMS and law enforcement to become instructors to teach the Rescue Task Force concept that is used in active shooter responses. (See more photos on Page 10)



The Mansfield Riots of 1900

By Bob Carter

Part 9

The four Dowie preachers were gone. There were many eyes watching the railroad stations and any new arrivals in town. Two well dressed strangers appeared at the Vonhof Hotel and one tried to arrange for a room.

The second conferred with him a few minutes and, while a few men bystanders watched, they waited.

Refused a room, the two started up the street towards the Brunswick Hotel. Suspicions arose that they were Dowie Elders and a few more men followed them. Others quickly joined in the march, which soon increased in size to several hundred.

Along the way, a meeting of the Catholic Knights had just let out and they were joined by more when someone finally suggested that they ascertain the identity of the two strangers.

After explaining and showing papers, Catholic priest Father Laskoki and Chicago real estate salesman L. W. Poicechoski identified themselves and a red-faced crowd melted away.

Both men were on their way to Canton to see President McKinley and help 'round-up some Polish Republican voters in New York and New Jersey.

A policeman then escorted them to the Tremont House near the railroad station. The difference between the Vonhof, where they were refused the room, and the Tremont was comparable to the four-star Hilton versus the Motel 6. The saloons and brothels were between the station and the upper part of town. The two travelers were really unhappy about their treatment.

Another small embarrassment reprinted locally from the *Chicago Chronicle* had this to say: "John Alexander Dowie continues to enjoy good luck. He has been favored by fortune in the providence, as he would probably call it, for the last seven years his enemies con-

tinue advertising him free of charge. Just now it is the citizens of Mansfield, Ohio, who are doing promotion and publicity work for Zion. They have mobbed two of his Dowe missionaries and thereby attracted the attention of the State of Ohio to the Dowie cult. At regular advertising rates it would have cost \$25,000 to achieve the wide publicity which has been furnished absolutely free of charge."

A meeting was held by Mayor Brown, consulting with his attor-

A meeting was held by Mayor Brown, consulting with his attorneys and a number of citizens representing both political parties, including a former mayor, and with an opinion from Ohio Attorney General Sheets who wrote the following: "In my opinion they were guilty of provoking a breach of the peace and were clearly guilty of criminal libel against the mayor of your city. And I think now I have examined a copy of *Leaves of Healing*."

"They call this a land of liberty, civil and religious where every man can worship God according to his own dictates of his own conscience"

"Why didn't President McKinley prevent it? He was only 60 miles away in Canton and yet he did not make a move on our behalf. Think of that. A Republican president whom Zion desired to help elect four years ago and we did help him to get elected, for he personally thanked me for the votes I brought him from Zion."

"This Republican President did not raise a finger to help us in our distress. I and Zion were with him four years ago, but he does not get to move onto do something. We will be against him and his fall."

Sheriff Pulver and Mayor Brown received and sent quite a few telegrams in the Western Union Telegraph Company office which must've been a very busy place. Telegrams came from newspapers all around the country wanting information on the troubles and came in like an avalanche.



SHERIFF "BARNIE" PULVER received many telegraphs during the Mansfield Riots of 1900.

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The Omen films have been making money since the 1976 creepy original directed by the

late great Richard Donner and starring Gregory Peck and Lee Remick. There has not been an Omen film made since they remade the original in 2006.

Arkasha Stevenson's *The First Omen* is now available to stream on Hulu. Set in Rome in 1971, Mar-

garet (Nell Tiger Free) wants to become a nun at the church. After meeting several officials, she discovers something sinister at play. There is a baby being born that she is told is not what he seems to be and must find the conspiracy behind this while also uncovering true evil.

Stevenson really brings a certain look to the movie as it is very bleak and dark. Free does great work in the lead as Margaret brings a sense of a real-life person thrust into this situation and her character really evolves throughout the movie.

There are some truly scary images throughout and most of the movie is engaging.

The downfall comes in the latter part of the film where the birth of the child happens. It's not as interesting as it could be and the last part of the film just seems to slow the momentum down from the first half. It's too bad because the movie is pretty interesting until then and the

overall plot regarding Margaret's journey and the antichrist is well done.

As good as the first part of the movie is, it falls just short of a recommendation because *The First Omen* just does not stick the landing as well as it should. The movie has some great elements in terms of its lead performance, direction and spooky elements and fans of the franchise seem to be enjoying it pretty well.



News Briefs

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 on the special date of Thursday, July 18, and will include roast beef and bingo. Those attending are asked to bring a gift marked for a man, woman or either.

The group will also meet July 3 for lunch at O'Charley's in Ontario at 11 am. For information visit www.lexasc.org. Dues are \$10 per year.

Resumes and letters of interest are being accepted for the appointment to the office of mayor of the City of Ontario.

The deadline to apply for consideration in July 10. Those interested should forward letters of interest and resumes to Zoi Romanchuk at zoi@prmachineworks.com

Interviews will be scheduled for the week of July 22.

As part of the Richland County Fair activities, the Junior Fair Bake-A-Rama Auction and Awards will be held Sunday, Aug. 4, at 6:30 pm in the Hartz building.

The 31st Annual Pie Auction will be held at 5 pm on Wednesday, Aug. 7, in the Arts and Crafts Building. To register to enter a pie, visit www.richlandcountyfair.com or call 419-565-5285. The deadline to register is July 26.

The junior fair talent show will be held Wednesday, Aug. 7, at 7 pm in the Hartz building.

Mechanics Bank will host the Live@Lunch 2024 Summer Courtyard Series in the Mechanics Courtyard, 2 S. Main St., Mansfield. All performances will be held from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Performances are free with the opportunity to purchase food.

The schedule includes July 12, music by Ordinary Elephant and food by Black Willow; July 19, music by Tom's Kitchen Table and food by Eshelman's Table; Aug. 2, music by Taylor Schlupp and food by Panchos Tacos; Aug. 16, music by EKG and foof by Pasta by Grunt Grub; Sept. 13, music by Sarah Goff and food by Truckin' Trav; and Sept, 20, music by Tom's Kitchen Table and food by Mr. Bill's Wood Fired Pizza. The courtyard is open every Friday over lunch.

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 July 9, David Perry; July 23, Oolong Gurus; Aug. 13, Soul Town Live; and Aug. 27, Atermath.

The Evergreen Bookstore, 37 N. Walnut St.., Mansfield, will have special sale days for July due to the Independence Day holiday.

The book sale will be held Thursday, July 11 for Friends of the Library (memberships available) and July 12 and 13 to the general public. Hours are Thursday and Friday, noon to 5pm; and Saturday, 10 am to 3 pm.å

The summer sale special will be buy one get one on DVDs, CDs, BluRays and video games.

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.

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 Jouney – an Epic Cruise from Genesis to Revelation."

First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Ave. West offers senior boxes of non-perishable 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. Those receiving food must have at least one person age 60 or older in the household.

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.

The items are available on the fourth Tuesday of each month, year round. The next distribution is July 23.

The Mansfield Men's Garden Club is currently accepting nominations for its annual community beautification awards. To nominate a garden or landscape that enhances the community, contact Rob Nalley at 419-496-3003 or robertnalley2023@gmail.com; Ed Pickens at 419-564-0912 or edpickens48@gmail.com; or visit Mansfieldmensgardenclub.com. Residential and commercial nominations will be accepted through July 26.

Winners will be recognized at the annual Mansfield Men's Garden Club Beautification Awards Dinner held on Sept. 3, in the Kingwood Center Gardens King Ballroom.

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 July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12.

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

The Renaissance Theatre's 2024 Pictures on the Plaza Series will feature classic family films. Movies will be shown in the plaza between the Renaissance Theatre and Theatre 166, on the grassy area visible from Park Avenue West. *Jumanji* will be shown on Wednesday, (Continued on Page 5)

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Romanchuk announces millions more for district projects investment

State Senator Mark Romanchuk (R-Ontario) announced nearly \$5 million for important Capital Budget projects across Senate District 22. This is the second phase of the process following last week's announcement of a \$350 million investment by the Senate in Ohio communities from the One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund.

"The investments made through the Capital Budget process directly serves our community," said Romanchuk. "Our neighborhoods will benefit from improvements in our parks, school playgrounds, recreational trails and more."

Richland County projects include:

- Mansfield Theater "Road to 100" Renovation: \$500,000
- Lexington Depot Park and Trailhead: \$425,000
- Richland Academy of Arts Renovation-Modernization Act Project (RAA): \$350,000
 - Shelby Health & Wellness Renovation Project: \$350,000
 - Wayfinders Ohio Emergency Homeless Shelter: \$250,000
 - Richland County Shelter Renovation Project: \$217,235
 - Mansfield Millsboro Road Trail Project: \$200,000
- Mansfield Domestic Violence Shelter Child Advocacy Center Renovation: \$100,000

- Mansfield Art Center (MAC) Accessibility Project: \$75,000
- Ashland County projects include:
 Davy McClure Outdoor Education Center Site Improvements: \$500,000
 - Foundations Community Childcare, Inc.: \$101,129
 - Ashland County Fair: \$200,000

Statewide Capital Budget Allocations include the Ohio Trails Partnership, receiving \$5,000,000.

The Capital Budget also includes \$600 million for new construction and facility upgrades at Ohio's public schools and \$575 million for local infrastructure projects such as roads and water and sewer projects.

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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.

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(Formerly St. Paul & St. Timothy)
2010 Park Avenue West, Mansfield
419-529-4351 • www.lutheranhope.org
Pastor Jonathan Stufft
9:30 am Sunday Worship
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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;
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Clothing Ministry by appt: 419-512-9817

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419-589-5890 • trinitygracefellowship.org
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July 10, and Shrek will be shown on Wednesday, Aug. 7.

The Renaissance will collaborate with the Buckeye Imagination Museum, Mansfield/Richland County Public Library and YMCA of North Central Ohio for these events. Family-friendly activities will begin at 7:30 pm and movies begin at 8:30 pm.

Those attending should bring lawn chairs and blankets. There

will be free popcorn.

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Reed Richmond to speak on "Wherever You Go, There You Are," at 10:30 am on Sunday, July 7. For more information visit www.allsoulsuuohio.org.

The 57th Annual Firemen's Ox Roast will be held July 28 and 29 in Shiloh. Serving of 10,000 lbs of beef will be from 11 am to 9 pm. Also available for purchase will be fries, corn, pie, cake, potato salad, baked beans and hot dogs. The tri-county tractor pull will be Friday at 6:30 pm and the pedal tractor pull will be Saturday at 11 am for kids ages 3-8. Fireworks will be Friday night. For information visit Shiloh Fire Department on Facebook.

The community is invited to join First English Lutheran, Kingdom Grace Fellowship, Holy Trinity Lutheran, Shiloh Baptist and Oakland Lutheran for a combined vacation Bible school Monday, July 15 through Thursday, July 18.

The VBS will be held at First English, 53 Park Ave. West, Mansfield, A light supper will be served at 5 pm with VBS until 7 pm. Adults can stay for an adult Bible study led by Pastor Paul Lintern. This is free and open to all. Enter the door closest to Walnut Street.

Richland Public Health (RPH), in collaboration with Avita Health Systems, have released the Richland County Community Health assessment (CHA) and the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The CHA results provide essential health information about the community and enable community partners to establish priorities for the Community Health Improvement Plan. The CHA and the CHIP are available to view at www.richlandhealth.org.

Lewis Walker, a new book by Clarissa Beth Gurik of Shelby, has been released by Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc.

Lewis is a lion that lives in the forest. He knows he has a purpose, and he knows it is music. Together with his other furry friends, he travels to New York City looking for adventure. The friends meet a man named Charlie who helps to make their musical dreams a reality.

Clarissa Beth Gurik was born and raised in Shelby. Lewis Walker is a 30-page paperback available on Amazon.

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MADISON COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL was well represented by recent graduates Will Kepple, Callie Cyrus and Grayson Sasis at the Northwest District Awards Banquet at Findlay University on Tuesday, June 18. These three and 37 other scholar athletes in the district were awarded the OHSAA Scholar Athlete scholarship for \$1,000, a \$100 visa gift card and a medal.

Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Lawrence Gordon Cooke, June 19 Nancy Joan Bailey, June 23

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Ontario agenda full of preparations for next school year

The Ontario Board of Education met June 11. At the meeting, there was an introduction of eighth grade poetry contest winners and finalists.

The board approved the employment of certificated staff personnel on a one-year limited teaching contracts, effective with the 2024–'25 school year. These included Melinda Saltzgiver, sixth grade math, \$64,543; Theresa Dutch, Stingel third grade intervention specialist, \$64,543; Kennedie Spencer, Stingel preschool intervention, \$48,522; and Carissa Whitmer, Stingel K–2 cross-categorical resource room, \$44,381.

Administrative staff employed on one-year contracts as returning retire/rehire personnel for the 2024–'25 school year are Deanna Weithman, payroll/accounting specialist, \$76,438; and

Pat Duffner, director of transportation and maintenance, \$86,528.

Roberta O'Day, bus driver, \$24,740, was hired on a one-year contract as a returning retire/rehire personnel for the 2024–'25 school year.

Jerika Davis was hired as a bus aide on a one-year contract for the 2024–'25 school year, \$11,941.

Resignations, effective at the end of the past school year, were accepted from Bryan McHenry, transitional resource teacher; Megan Hiler, OHS/OMS choir; Jane Baker, 2 1/2 hour cook at OHS; Doreen Petit, 2 1/2 hour cook at OHS; and Debra Johnson, Stingel Playground Aide.

Extracurricular/supplemental staff personnel hired for the 2024–'25 school year, were approved. Temporary substitute teachers for the 2024–'25 school year were also approved.

Marilyn Kempf will perform consultation services, as needed, to the new Stingel secretary, at \$25 per hour, not to exceed 24 hours, from July through Aug. 30, 2024. Jane Baker will be a substitute food service worker for next school year.

Kennedie Spencer, preschool intervention, has been approved for extended time, not to exceed a half day, for preschool-based play assessments.

Students hired for summer technology internships for the 2024 summer are Timo Winningham, \$13 hourly; and Parker Willis, \$13 hourly.

2024 summer help for facility and transportation maintenance includes Landon Foltz, Dale Morris, Dalton Haywood, Ronald Crawford and Aiden Ohl, all at \$13 hourly.

The Ontario High School student handbook for the 2024-'25 school year was approved as was the Ontario Local School District cell phone guidelines.

The board authorized 2024–'25 membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association and approved temporary appropriations for the 2024–'25 school year, July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

The board approved extended school year services for two preschool students and four school aged students Haley Eichelberger, 15 hours at \$22.50 per hour; Megan Hefner, 20 hours at \$22.50 per hour; and Hannah Sudduth, 20 hours at \$22.50 per hour.

The board also approved the 2023–'24 appropriation adjustments. A donation of \$300 was accepted from an anonymous giver for the swim team.

The board approved Title 1 Reading Teachers for the 2024–'25 school year including Doreen Givens, Susan Kurtzman (part time), Jennifer Jarvis, Paulette Huber (part-time) and Felicia Montero.

The insurance quote for property, fleet and liability coverage from Ohio School Plan for the 2025 fiscal year was approved. Insurance premiums will be effective July 1, 2024.

Deb Henry will use the Stingel gym for recreational basketball

The board approved Academic Challenge advisors: Roger Nikiforow, high school, \$1,252; James Willis, middle school, \$911; and Tonya Winningham, Stingel- \$1,252.

Also approved were Mike Schwall, Stingel Elementary choir, \$1,252; (Continued on Page 8)

Richland County Fair August 4–10, 2024

Grandstand Events:

Sunday: Harness Racing, 5:30 pm **Monday:** Harness Racing, 5:30 pm **Tuesday:** Touch A Truck, 6:00 pm

Wednesday: Rodeo, 6 pm • \$10 Reserved Seats Thursday: Truck/County Tractor Pull, 7 pm

\$10 Pit or Reserved • \$20 Back Gate

Friday: Motocross 6 pm

\$10 Pit or Reserved • \$20 Back Gate

Saturday: Demolition Derby, 5 pm \$10 Reserved • \$20 Back Gate

Monday Senior Citizens \$5 Tuesday Kids Day (\$10 Ride Wristbands 12–4 pm) Thursday Free for Military & Veterans with ID

General Gate Admission (Includes Grandstand) \$10 Admission for Children 48" and under is free! Membership & Season Tickets (7 admissions) \$40

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Local students get creative at Code a Carnival event

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She taught the students how to code their own game and it was fun to see the kids collaborate and brainstorm with one another.

Explore the MakeCode website at http://makecode.com/. Microsoft MakeCode is a free online learn-to-code platform where anyone can build games, code devices, and mod Minecraft! Learn how to make retro style arcade games with 100+ game mechanics ready to add with your creative style. Learn how to write programs for the micro:bit, a pocket-sized computer that you can embed into any project with no hardware necessary!

The exciting thing is that anyone can learn to code at any skill level. Build up your coding skills as you move from block-based coding to languages like JavaScript and Python.

During the two day camp, most students learned the basics of block-based coding, and kids with a little bit more experience going into the class branched out to Java or python.

Whether at home or in the classroom, MakeCode provides captivating experiences for students to learn computing concepts at their own pace through personally meaningful projects. Explore some of the lessons, tutorials and curriculum available with MakeCode. Each of the MakeCode editors provides you with a library of step-by-step tutorials and skill maps that walk through fun projects while you learn new skills.



DAVID SOUDER, 11, of Crestview wants to be a coder when he grows up. This engaging, knowledgeable and friendly middle schooler told me all about his creative game merging the classic games of skeeball and plinko. He wants to do coding some day so he can work from home, make games and hopefully become an app developer. He knows HTML, block and scratch coding.



JAXSON STEVENS, 12, of Clearfork loves cats and wants to be a marine biologist or storm chaser. He hopes to use coding in his future. Also pictured is Liam Mapes, 11, of Loudonville.





AMANDA DRAPER, 11, and her sister, Alyssa Draper, 13, of Hillsdale are the daughters of the director of robotics at Ashland 4-H. Alyssa started learning in fifth grade and created robots and games using codes. She loves it for the creativity.



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class advisors Melissa Fittante, senior, \$1,252; Kayla Cain, senior, \$911; Matt Wentz, junior, \$911; Jodi Cooper-Wentz, junior, \$1,252; Melissa Fittante, sophomore, \$942; and Melissa Fittante, freshman, \$942.

Competitive Academic Enrichment instructors approved include Lisa Secrist, Stingel Spelling Bee, \$1,568; Roger Nikiforow, High School Science Club, \$1,568; and Kellie Ritchey, Middle School Power of Pen, \$1,568.

Jodi Cooper-Wentz was approved for the district newsletter position, \$1,568.

Homebound Instruction/ Tutors/Extended School Year will be for all certified staff at \$22.50 per hour.

Also approved were Elijah Henkle, marching band director, \$9,764; Melanie Ferguson, Key Club, \$751; and LPDC members Mindy Leach, co-chair, \$1,255; Molly Calhoun, co-chair, \$1,255; Cary Carcione, \$942; and Annalee Stover, \$942.

The board approved Kelly Conn, National Honor Society High

School, \$820; and for school news reporting, Maureen Johnson, middle school, \$300; Jodi Cooper-Wentz, high school, \$300; and Tyler Gates, Stingel, \$600.

The Stingel After School Club will include Lisa Secrist, \$1,198; Tonya Winningham, \$1,568; James Watkins, \$1,198; Logan Leitzy, \$1,198; James Willis, \$1,198; Amanda vanHarlingen, \$1,138; and Amanda Secrist, \$1,138.

Student council advisors will be Jodi Cooper-Wentz, high school (half), \$995; Cathleen Johnson, high school (half), \$995; and Annalee Stover, middle school, \$1,568.

For theater, approved were Jonny King, director, \$2,379; Condrea Mason, assistant director, \$1,568; Jim Buker, set director (half), \$471; and Julie Buker, set director (half), \$471.

Thursday and Friday after school supervisors will be all certificated staff, renhill aides and/or classified staff (with student monitor permit) Thursday, \$50 per day; and Friday, \$75 per day.

Hired as webmasters are Hannah Sudduth, high school, \$2,379; Maureen Johnson, middle school, \$2,379; and Tyler Gates, Stingel elementary, \$1,822.

For yearbook, approvals were made for Jim Buker, high school (half), \$2,269; Jodi Cooper-Wentz, high school (half), \$2,269; and Carrie Murray, middle school, \$2,379.

The board entered into an executive session to discuss the employment and compensation of a public employee or official. No action followed.

The next Board of Education meeting will be held on July 9, 2024.

Red Cross partners with Twisters

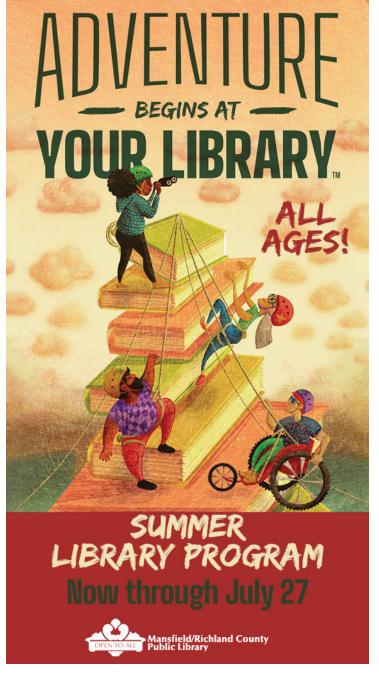
As the busy Fourth of July holiday week gets closer, the American Red Cross asks donors to be a powerful force for good by giving blood or platelets now and in the weeks to come. Donors are critically needed right now after a sharp decrease in donations since late spring. All blood types are needed, especially donors giving type O blood and those giving platelets.

The Red Cross has teamed up with Universal Pictures for the theatrical release of *Twisters* to help avoid a summer blood shortage. All who come to give blood or platelets July 1–31 will get a Fandango Movie Ticket by email.

Plus, those who come to give July 1–14 will also receive a *Twisters* and Red Cross umbrella, while supplies last. Those who come to give blood in July will also automatically be entered for a chance to win a 2025 Ram 1500 Big Horn®.

In just the first five months of the year, the Red Cross has responded to 20 tornado related disasters across 13 states.

To donate download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information.





Alzheimer's Association seeks volunteers across Northwest Ohio

The Alzheimer's Association is seeking volunteers for initiatives across Northwest Ohio, including community education, support groups, fundraisers, advocacy and Walks to End Alzheimer's. The chapter serves 24 counties including Allen, Ashland, Auglaize, Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Knox, Lucas, Mercer, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood and Wyandot.

"Millions of Americans are impacted by Alzheimer's disease, which is a public health crisis with no current cure. The good news is, you can do something to help by becoming an Association volunteer," according to Vince McGrail, executive director of the Alzheimer's Association and Northwest Ohio and Central Ohio chapters. "Our ability to reach and support those affected by Alzheimer's and other dementia depends on people in our communities who are dedicated to the fight against this disease."

Through the tireless efforts of volunteers to spread awareness in the community by leading and delivering education programs, par-

MWCD cost share opportunities available

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) is pleased to announce the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) Cover Crop Cost Share program is accepting applications until July 9.

The goal of the program is to encourage landowners and farmers to plant cover crops to reduce soil erosion, improve soil health, and to increase crop productivity, and farm profitability. Producers who plant cover crops and are accepted in the program will receive a cost share amount of \$12 per acre.

In 2023 the MWCD cover crop cost share program assisted in getting cover crops planted on 140.73 acres of Richland County farmland.

Items of Importance:

•All landowners and producers accepted in the program will receive \$12.00 per acre

•200-acre cap applies across multiple counties if the landowner is signing up in multiple counties

Enrollment is open for those landowners and farmers within the assessment zone. However, any cover crop planted in the watershed of Charles Mill or Pleasant Hill Lakes automatically qualify for funding with no cap on the acres funded.

This program cannot be enrolled in another program to receive funding for the same cover crop such as EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) or H2Ohio.

There are no exceptions to the United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) seedling dates and rates. If a mix is going to be planted, the earliest seeding date of the species within the mix is the date that it must be planted by such as radishes.

Wheat is allowed and can be harvested.

The cost share program for livestock exclusion fencing runs in conjunction with two-thirds United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USF&WS) funds and one-third MWCD funds to pay 100% of actual project costs not to exceed \$15,000 per contract. These projects remove livestock access from the streams permanently to allow a buffered riparian area to become established. Applications are accepted year-round for the livestock inclusion fencing program.

Items of Importance:

•No mowing or grazing of established riparian area. Invasive plants may be removed

•Cannot pay for fencing for property lines and roads

Livestock must be present

•Least cost alternative for stream crossings and water sources may also be eligible

Off-stream livestock watering development projects may also be

To apply or get more information contact Matt Wallace at 419-747-8687 or email Wallace.Matt@RichlandSWCD.Net.

ticipating in advocacy efforts, and driving fundraising efforts, the Alzheimer's Association is able to help many more families and provide hope and assistance throughout Northwest Ohio.

Individuals can use their unique talents to make a meaningful impact in their local community, while connecting with others who share their passion.

Opportunities might include becoming members of the chapter board of directors, being committee members for fundraisers including Walk to End Alzheimer's and The Longest Day, becoming walk team members and walk team captains, community educators, support group facilitators, state advocates and event volunteers and helping with fundraisers and special events.

"We are grateful for every person who dedicates their time as an advocate or volunteer," said Pam Myers, senior director, programs for the Northwest Ohio and Central Ohio chapters. "We are lifted by the strength of the community that surrounds us, and we truly couldn't achieve our vision of a world without Alzheimer's without our volunteers. Every dollar we raise through our fundraising events directly supports the Association's free educational programs and support groups, Alzheimer's care services and advancements in treatment and research."

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, fill out a volunteer interest form or call the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter at 419-537-1999.

There are 236,200 Ohioans 65 and older living with Alzheimer's disease according to the Alzheimer's Association. A total of 414,000 Ohio caregivers provide 624 million hours of unpaid care each year, valued at \$11.4 billion. Those concerned about themselves or a loved one can contact the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter at 419-537-1999 to schedule a care consultation and be connected to free local resources. To learn more about Alzheimer's or other related dementia, or to access free tools and resources, visit alz.org or call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900.

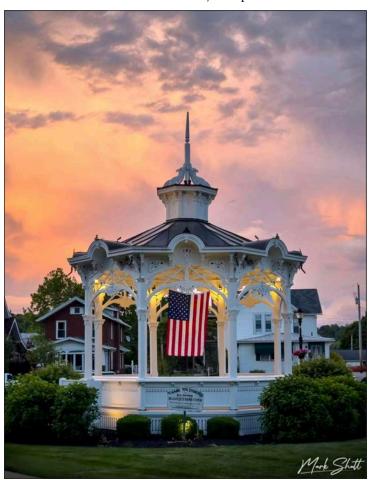


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National Tactical Officers Association Rescue Task Force Instructor Course















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Local Track Teams Advance to State Track Meet

Division III

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Finals: Cooper Brockway, Bransen Hider, Everett Smith, Logan Friges, Boys 4x800 Meter Relay, 8:05.47, sixth place

Finals: Wade Bolin, senior, Boys Discus Throw, First Place, 10 Points, 187ft 10 In.

Preliminary

Cooper Brockway, Bransen Hider, Everett Smith, Logan Friges, Boys 4x400 Meter Relay, 3:31.02, 13th place

Lucas

Finals: Rebekah Case, Pole Vault, 11 Ft - 6 In.





Photos By Mark Shutt

KELVIN-HELMHOLTZ CLOUDS could be seen around the area on Tuesday, June 25. These clouds, also known as billow clouds, or shear-gravity clouds are an rare phenomenon, where a cloud produces a billowing wave pattern. They occur when there is a strong vertical shear between two air streams, causing winds to blow faster at the upper level than at the lower levels.

Hot weather presents danger to those living with Alzheimer's

As summer brings rising temperatures across the country, extreme heat can have a significant impact on everyone's safety, but they can be especially for individuals with Alzheimer's and other dementias. Alzheimer's disease causes a number of changes in the brain and body that may affect their safety and make them vulnerable to dehydration, heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

Of individuals living with Alzheimer's, 60 percent or more will wander at least once, and many multiple times. Becoming lost in unfavorable weather conditions can be dangerous. Taking measures to plan ahead for weather changes like extreme heat can prevent heat stroke and injuries.

Pam Myers, senior director, programs for the Alzheimer's Association Central Ohio and Northwest Ohio Chapters, offers important tips for families and caregivers throughout the hot summer months:

•Schedule regular check-ins. Family and friends should frequently check in on a person living with Alzheimer's during extreme temperatures. Spend time in cooler indoor spaces whenever possible.

•Pay attention at night. Keep people living with Alzheimer's cool by using fans and air conditioning.

•Prepare for behavioral challenges. Heat can increase agitation and confusion. It's common for a person living with dementia to wander or become lost or confused about their location.

•Stay hydrated. Water intake is essential for good hydration and health during warm weather.

•Watch the weather. High temperatures aren't the only cause for concern. Humidity and air pollution can cause breathing difficulties and increased confusion. Anyone with Alzheimer's or dementia should be monitored regularly and given immediate medical attention if symptoms like dehydration, heat exhaustion or heat stroke occur.

Those concerned about themselves or a loved one can contact the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter at 419-537-1999 to schedule a care consultation and be connected to free local resources.



RICHLAND COUNTY PASTURES FOR PROFIT GRAZING SCHOOL

Those new to livestock and forage management are encouraged to join!



LOOKING BACK . THIS WEEK IN TRIBUNE-COURIER HISTORY



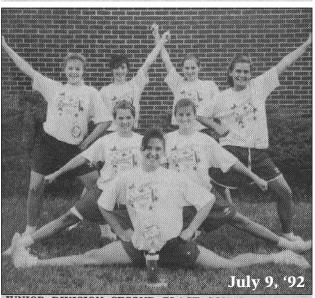
NEW ONTARIO TEACHERS - The Ontario Board of Education hired nine new teachers June 21. The positions were created mainly thru retirements and resignations. The new Ontario teachers are, front, Trisha Kehl, Erin McMullen, Angela Tagg and Mary Roby; back, Lynn Fortman, Meredith Dille, Scott Kreger, Jean McCauley and Lisa Sambaugh. Not in the photo is new teacher Kristina Tomlinson.



GREETED BY POLICE - Office Brian Williams of the Ontario Police Department greeted young Kevin Winkler at the Community Fest and flea market and antique show at the fairgrounds over the weekend. Kevin had perhaps seen too many TV shows and was somewhat intimidated. One of the purposes of the festival was to enable youngsters to get to



THESE GIRLS ARE MEMBERS of Lexington Girl Scout Troops 97 and 440 who were named gold award winners at a special troop dinner Saturday, May 30. From the left are Jenny Unruh, Melanie Shreffler, Jessica Hankinson, Katy Baxter and Tiffany Roberts.



JUNIOR DIVISION SECOND PLACE SQUAD - Ontario eighth graders, front, Jennifer Ralph; middle, Brittany Ellis and Kristy McClaran; back, Melissa Groff, Becky Zakrajsek, Rhonda Ross and Lentcen Burkhardt.



MEMBERS, ADULT ADVISORS and little brothers and sisters of Cub Scout Pack 170 have combined their talents to create a float on the ecology theme for the Ontario Fourth of July Celebration. Joe Callahan, Paula Henson, Doug Myers, Eva Brisker and Scot Taylor prepare to add the letters to the side of the float to read: "Cub Scouts follow Akela. Akela is a leader." The float was constructed in the garage of the James Myers home, 850 Debby Lane. Photo by Helen C. Graham

This Day in History — On July 4, 1911, record temperatures are set in the northeastern United States as a deadly heat wave hits the area that would go on to kill 380 people. In Nashua, NH, the mercury peaked at 106 degrees. Other high-temperature records were set all over New England during an 11-day period. The area from Pennsylvania to Maine was most affected by the stifling heat. The New York City Health Department put out one of its very first heat advisories during July 1911. Mayor William Gaynor tried to make sure that the city's ice dealers could keep up their deliveries; in the time before refrigeration, ice was critical in keeping the food supply from spoiling. Railway tracks buckled, people slept in parks, hundreds died, while others tried to die as the heat and humidity became unbearable. By July 13, New York had reported 211 people dead from the excessive heat. In Philadelphia, 159 people died from the heat. The types of deaths ascribed to the heat could vary quite a bit in 1911, with some authorities including those who drowned while attempting to cool off by swimming. Heat also sometimes bent rail lines, causing train derailments; deaths in any resulting accidents might also be attributed to the heat. Heat stroke, however, is the typical cause of heat-related deaths. The end of the 1911 heat wave was marked by a severe thunderstorm that killed five people.

The history of Independence Day

From History.com

In Philadelphia, PA, on July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, which proclaimed the independence of the United States of America from Great Britain and its king.

The declaration came 442 days after the first volleys of the American Revolution were fired at Lexington and Concord in Massachusetts and marked an ideological expansion of the conflict that would eventually encourage France's intervention on behalf of the Patriots.

The first major American opposition to British policy came in 1765 after Parliament passed the Stamp Act, a taxation measure to raise revenues for a standing British army in America.

Under the banner of "no taxation without representation," colonists convened the Stamp Act Congress in October 1765 to vocalize their opposition to the tax.

With its enactment in November, most colonists called for a boycott of British goods, and some organized attacks on the customhouses and homes of tax collectors.

Parliament voted to repeal the Stamp Act in March 1766. Most colonists continued to quietly accept British rule until Parliament's enactment of the Tea Act in 1773, a bill designed to save

the faltering East India Company by greatly lowering its tea tax and granting it a monopoly on the American tea trade. The low tax allowed the East India Company to undercut even tea smuggled into America by Dutch traders.

In response, militant Patriots in Massachusetts organized the "Boston Tea Party," which saw British tea valued at 18,000 pounds dumped into Boston Harbor.

The British Parliament, outraged by the Boston Tea Party and other blatant acts of destruction of British property, enacted the Coercive Acts, also known as the Intolerable Acts, in 1774.

The Coercive Acts closed Boston to merchant shipping, established formal British military rule in Massachusetts, made British officials immune to criminal prosecution in America and required colonists to quarter British troops.

With the other colonies watching intently, Massachusetts led the resistance, forming a shadow revolutionary government and establishing militias to resist the increasing British military presence across the colony.

In April 1775, Thomas Gage, the British governor of Massachusetts, ordered British troops to march to Concord, MA, where a Patriot arsenal was known to be located.

On April 19, 1775, the British regulars encountered a group of American militiamen at Lexington, and the first shots of the American Revolution were fired.

Initially, both the Americans and the British saw the conflict as a kind of civil war within the British Empire: To King George III it was a colonial rebellion, and to the Americans it was a struggle for their rights.

However, Parliament mained unwilling to negotiate with the American rebels and instead purchased German mercenaries to help the British army crush the rebellion. In response to Britain's continued opposition to reform, the Continental Congress began to pass measures abolishing British authority in the colonies.

In January 1776, Thomas Paine published "Common Sense," an influential political pamphlet that convincingly argued for American independence and sold more than 500,000 copies in a few months. In the spring of 1776, support for independence swept the colonies, the Continental Congress called for states to form their own governments, and a fiveman committee was assigned to draft a declaration.

The Declaration of Independence was largely the work of Virginian Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson drew generously from the political philosophy of John Locke, an advocate of natural rights.

The first section features the famous lines, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." The second part presents a long list of grievances that provided the rationale for rebellion.

On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted to approve a Virginia motion calling for separation from Britain. The dramatic words of this resolution were added to the closing of the Declaration of Independence.

Two days later, on July 4, the declaration was formally adopted by 12 colonies after minor revision. New York approved it on July 19.

On Aug. 2, the declaration was signed.

The Revolutionary War would last for five more years. Yet to come were the Patriot triumphs at Saratoga, the bitter winter at Valley Forge, the intervention of the French, and the final victory at Yorktown in 1781. In

1783, with the signing of the Treaty of Paris with Britain, the United States formally became a free and independent nation.

Premier Bank named among best companies to work for

Premier Bank has announced U.S. News & World Report, the global authority in rankings and consumer advice, has named Premier Bank one of the 2024-'25 Best Companies to Work For.

Premier Bank ranked amongst the top-rated companies in Best in Banking, Best Companies and Best Companies in the Midwest on factors contributing to job seekers' decision-making when choosing a workplace that best meets their needs.

U.S. News' ratings reflect the evolving sentiments that factor into employee decision making when choosing the "best" company to work for. The ratings then analyze that sentiment against other factors, including quality of pay and benefits, work-life balance and flexibility, job and company stability, physical and psychological comfort, belongingness and esteem and career opportunities and professional development.

This year, the ratings expanded to encompass 549 companies across the overall best company list, 24 industry lists and four regional lists. To calculate the list, U.S. News only considered companies that were a part of the Russell 3000 index as of June 2023 and had more than 75 Glassdoor reviews written between 2020-'23. The methodology, developed with the support of a panel of six experts*, also factors in data, including employee sentiment, gathered from U.S. News partners Revelio Labs, Good Jobs First* and QUODD.

"We are honored to have been named to the U.S. News' Best Companies to Work For list. Our outstanding Premier team is the driving force behind our success every day," said Gary Small, President and CEO, Premier Bank. "We are incredibly thankful for their hard work and

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