



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

**MEMBERS OF REACH** and other helpers took advantage of the good weather to get started on landscaping at the newly built cabin at South Park. Among those helping were Tom Pappas, Bob Roberts, Kevin Wappner, Denny Spangler, Bill Hail, John Long and Rich Gramo. Tom Pappas said, "We are still waiting for the okay from city council to proceed on the planned blacksmith shop. Plans are all drawn up and we are eager to get started."

## Lex BOE approves coaching staff

The Lexington Board of Education met in special session on Wednesday, July 28.

Approved as coaching staff for the 2020-21 season were Hayley Davis, JV high school volleyball; Zack Collins, varsity assistant football; Gordie German, JV boys golf; Tricia Brown, seventh grade volleyball; Laila Blackwell, junior high cheer; Herb Harkness, junior high football; Scott Merrick, freshman football; Melissa Fittante, volunteer varsity volleyball; Tim Scheid, varsity football; Ryan Ball, varsity assistant football; Jeff Strickler, varsity assistant football; Jeff Soliday, varsity assistant football; Dave Kaple, varsity assistant football; Mike Wellin, volunteer varsity football; Ryan Knuckles, volunteer varsity football; Jeff Meyer, junior high football; Mark Hoover, junior high football; Vincent Sansalone, junior high football; Greg Smith, varsity boys golf; Mike Kathrein, varsity girls golf; Kevin Morrow, JV girls golf; Pete Them, varsity boys soccer; Scott Potter, JV boys soccer; Chris Parker, volunteer boys soccer; Buck Morton, varsity girls soccer; Alyssa McCready, JV girls soccer; Ron Schaub, varsity girls tennis;

Ron Michels, volunteer girls tennis, Denise Benson, varsity cross country; Anne Petrie, JV girls cross country; Austin Javurek, JV boys cross country; Jake Shramko, volunteer cross country; Ralph Baker, junior high cross country; Allie Hostetler, volunteer junior high cross country; Michelle Smith, eighth grade volleyball; Mistry Taylor, varsity cheer; Alicia Bailey, freshman cheer; and Emily Patterson, weight/strength (Aug.-Oct.).

Supplemental positions were awarded to Zak Wilkins, marching band director; Rick Ruth, assistant marching band director; Kay Heweston, assistant marching band director; Jeff Evans, volunteer assistant marching band director; and Allison Williams, Color Guard.

Bronson Brown, continuing fourth grade student at Eastern; and Benson Brown, new kindergarten student at Western, were approved as tuition students.

The Blended Learning Model was discontinued and in its place the board accepted the Remote Learning Plan from the Ohio Department of Education for the 2020-21 school year.

## Madison makes final plans for reopening

By Bud Motter

On July 29, the Madison Local School Board met in a special session in Madison Middle School's auditoria to discuss the latest plans for school reopenings. Incoming superintendent Rob Peterson told board members that parents will be asked to take student temperatures before leaving for school and all students will have their temperature taken before entering the building. Peterson said, "Since we are unable to keep social distancing on the buses, all riders will be required to wear

mask. They will also be required in school while changing classes and during arrival and dismissal. Students in grades three through 12 must wear a mask at all times except for "mask breaks." The staff must wear a mask while at work.

If a staff member or student is known to have tested positive with COVID-19, Peterson said that it will be handled by Richland Public Health. The school will not release the identity or any information.

"Those who chose not to return to formal classes and decide to take their

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## RPH taking appointments for child and teen immunizations

Richland Public Health will begin taking appointments immediately for immunizations for children age 0-18. The appointments will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis. Appointment slots will be available Monday through Thursday.

Call 419-774-4700 to make an appointment. When making an appointment, a working call back number will be required. Public Health Nurses will call prior to an appointment to verify information about your child to speed the process on arrival. Parents are asked to have child(ren)'s immunization records available during the call. All immunizations will be given in the Corley Room (back parking lot, lower level) at Richland Public Health, 555 Lexington Ave., Mansfield.

To assure safety during the current COVID-19 pandemic, protocols will be put into place including only one family will be seen at a time for their appointed time slot; only children receiving services may attend appointments, parents must accompany children and wear a facial covering (masks); and children over two years old must also wear a mask.

In addition, all clients are asked to observe social distancing whenever possible and all parents and children will be screened at the Corley Room door for COVID-19 symptoms including a non-contact temperature check.

Nurses will wear appropriate PPE and

all immunization stations will be sterilized and wiped down between visits.

Richland Public Health is reminding parents of students just starting kindergarten and those entering seventh grade and 12th grade that certain shots are required and recommended.

Kindergarten requires a complete series of Dtap (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis), polio, chickenpox (Varicella), Hepatitis B, and MMR vaccinations. Recommended are Hepatitis A and a flu shot.

Seventh grade requires the completed series above plus Tdap (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis) or tetanus containing vaccine and Meningitis. Recommended are HPV, Hepatitis A and a flu shot.

Twelfth grade required the second dose (booster) of the meningococcal vaccine (Meningitis) if a first dose was given prior to age 16, or a first dose if there were no prior doses. Recommended are HPV, Hepatitis A and a flu shot.

Richland Public Health participates in the federally-funded "Vaccines For Children" (VFC) program. There is no charge if unable to pay. Medicaid and Medicaid Managed Care are accepted. Most private insurance companies billed. Children must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian or another adult with written permission from the parent. For more information about immunizations, call the Richland Public Health Clinic at 419-774-4700.

## ODA asking Ohioans to send in unsolicited seeds received by mail

After increasing reports of Ohio citizens receiving packages of unsolicited seeds in the mail, the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) is again urging the public to report and submit any unsolicited seed packets to ODA.

In partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Plant Protection and Quarantine Office, ODA is working to investigate the number of seed packets sent to Ohio, what type of seeds they are, and where they were mailed from.

The USDA-APHIS and ODA are asking Ohioans who have received these unsolicited packages not to open, plant or throw them away. Instead, citizens should report receiving seeds at <https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/oda/divisions/plant-health/resources/seed-reporter> and then submit the packages to USDA using one of the following methods:

If possible, place the materials including the seeds, original packaging material and your contact information in a resealable plastic bag and mail them to USDA-APHIS, Attn: USDA -SITC, 8995 E. Main

St., Building 23, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068 or place the materials including the seeds, original packaging material and your contact information in a resealable plastic bag and drop them off at the OSU Extension Office, 1495 W. Longview Ave., #206, Mansfield, during business hours.

Seeds could be invasive species, contain noxious weeds, could introduce diseases to local plants or could be harmful to livestock. Invasive species and noxious weeds can displace native plants and increase costs of food production. All foreign seeds shipped to the U.S. should have a phytosanitary certificate which guarantees the seeds meet important requirements.

The latest information regarding this investigation is at <https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/oda/home>.

## Ontario will close exit

The City of Ontario will close the east-bound exit to W. 4th St. from Rt. 309 on Monday, Aug. 10 through Thursday, Aug. 13, in order to repair catch basins along the roadway. Local traffic should use Lexington-Springmill Rd. to access W. 4th St. eastbound.





**HOSPICE OF NORTH CENTRAL OHIO** will rededicate the "We Honor Veterans" plaque. On behalf of American Legion Post 88 of Ashland, Gordon Conrad and Dave Bowser, said they are pleased that the commemorative gift plaque is being rededicated and prominently placed at Hospice of North Central Ohio's new Ashland headquarters. "We encourage veterans as well as people in the community to learn about our active veterans organizations in this area. Community members should reach out to get involved and support hospice and palliative care through their local veterans organizations," stated Dave Bowser, United States Marines. "I have done my part. I would like to see young veterans get involved in and participate with the American Legion," stated Gordon Conrad, United States Army. "All those who made a commemorative gift to the Hospice House campaign will be permanently recognized in our new facility," stated HNCO Chief Development Officer, Ralph Tomassi. Gordon Conrad, U.S. Army; Ralph Tomassi, HNCO; and Dave Bowser, U.S. Marines are pictured with the new plaque.

## Richland SWCD seeking board supervisors

The Richland Soil & Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) Board is seeking interested, conservation-minded, local leaders to promote conservation of the county's natural resources through education, planning and technical assistance which are key to the success of the District.

Two Board Supervisors will be publicly elected by a special general election held during the District's Annual Celebration on Nov. 5, and begin their term in January 2021. Board supervisors are elected to a three-year term as public officials. Supervisors advocate for the district, participate in monthly board meetings, assist with programs and services, and attend area and state meetings.

Anyone who is a resident of Richland County and at least 18 years old is eligible to run for Board Supervisor. Nominations of candidates for the Richland SWCD Board of Supervisors may be made two ways:

Candidates are nominated by the Richland SWCD Nominating Committee. Nominations are due to the Nominating Committee by Aug. 24.

A Richland County resident may petition

to be a candidate with ten valid signatures on a form obtained from Richland SWCD and completed and submitted to the Nominating Committee by September 18, 2020. Signatures must be from individuals who are eighteen years of age or older who own or occupy land within Richland County.

Nomination forms and more information may be obtained by contacting Lanny Hopkins, nominating committee chair at 419-565-8177 or lannyhopkins@yahoo.com or Erica Thomas, Richland SWCD Administrator at 419-747-8686 or thomas.eric@richlandswcd.net.

Additional information may be found at <https://richlandswcd.net/> or by calling 419-747-8686. Richland SWCD develops, implements and assists landowners, government agencies and partners with a wide range of natural resource conservation programs.

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## KIMMY'S CUCINA

### Grilled Romaine Salad

By Kim Sterry

Have you ever grilled lettuce? Try it, you will be pleasantly surprised at how it changes the dynamic of your salad. This is such a quick and easy salad to make and it can be your entire meal or you can serve it as a side with a nice steak or piece of chicken.

#### Salad Ingredients

Romaine lettuce, cut in half and drizzle with olive oil, salt and pepper  
Grape tomatoes  
Blue cheese  
Bacon, cooked  
Red onion, chopped

#### Dressing Ingredients

1/2 cup sour cream  
3/4 cup mayonaisse  
1/4 cup red wine vinegar  
1/2 cup blue cheese  
Italian seasoning  
1/2 tsp. garlic powder  
1/4 tsp. onion powder  
Salt and pepper  
Olive oil



Sometimes I thin this dressing out a bit by adding some cream of milk.

#### Instructions

Mix all the dressing ingredients together in a blender or food processor. Grill romaine quick to get nice charred pieces. I have done this outside on a grill or just on the grid-dle on the stove top. Assemble your salad on a platter or individual plates. If you have a good balsamic syrup or vinegar, you can drizzle some on as well.

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## Renaissance Theatre adds three shows to August schedule

The Renaissance Theatre has added three August shows to its summer drive-in series called the 'Ren Backlot.' These installations consist of film screenings, sing-alongs and live performances featuring local talent in the back parking lot of the theatre; food trucks and concessions are often on-site.

The added shows are *Newsies: In Concert*, *You Can't Stop the Beat: The Best of the Ren Broadway Series* and *Ain't Misbehavin'*, which are all part of the Avita Innovation Concert Series.

*Newsies: In Concert* will take place on Aug. 7 and 8 at 9 pm. One of the Ren's biggest hits returns in a concert version, reuniting original cast members and featuring video and photo footage from the Renaissance's 2018 production. *Newsies* tells the story of the newsboys in 1901 New York and their struggle for higher wages, better working conditions and the respect they've been denied. The score is by Alan Menkin, (*Little Shop of Horrors*, *Beauty and the Beast*).

*You Can't Stop the Beat: The Best of the Ren Broadway Series* will take place on Aug. 21 and 22 at 9 pm. Some of the most unforgettable moments ever presented on the Renaissance stage will be recreated for this event.

Featuring songs from *Les Mis*, *Hairspray*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Sister Act*, *Avenue Q*, *Matilda*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Always Patsy Cline*, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*,

*Mamma Mia*, *Chicago*, *Sunday in the Park with George*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Annie*, and much, much more! This family-friendly concert has something for everyone.

*Ain't Misbehavin'* will take place on Aug. 28 and 29 at 9 pm. A fully staged revival of the Renaissance's 2018 smash hit, this rollicking revue features the music of Thomas "Fats" Waller and includes such hits as "Honeysuckle Rose," "I Can't Give You Anything But Love," "Mean to Me" and "Your Feet Too Big."

The production includes the original cast of Condrea Webber, Krystal Lawrence, Chantel Ross, Jody Odom and Deon Taylor. These performances will replace the originally-scheduled Hollywood Under the Stars concert.

Tickets for these three shows are \$25 per car and are on sale at [www.RenTickets.org](http://www.RenTickets.org) or by calling the Box Office at 419-522-2726. For health reasons, cash will not be accepted at the gate.

For all Ren Backlot events, gates will open one hour before the designated performance/screening time.

Audio is broadcasted on an FM radio station and outdoor speakers. Renaissance restrooms are open to patrons, who are expected to wear masks when leaving their vehicles. Patrons may bring their own food, though Renaissance concessions and food vendors (depending on availability) will be on-site.

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## MRCPL hosts Ohio Women Vote exhibit

The main branch of the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library is now hosting the "Ohio Women Vote: 100 Years of Change" exhibit in the second-floor lobby of the building, 43 W. Third St., Mansfield. This 12-banner exhibit is presented by the Ohio History Connection and has been made possible with support by Ohio Humanities, an Ohio affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

As Sherman Room Librarian Jason Schlecty explains, "The fight for women's suffrage in the United States is usually traced back to 1848 in Seneca Falls, New York at the first Women's Rights Convention where The Declaration of Sentiments was presented.

This led to a decades-long fight where women like Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Alice Paul fought tirelessly to enfranchise women. Finally, in May of 1919, the two-thirds vote in favor of women's suffrage was achieved in con-

gress and the proposed amendment was sent to the states for ratification.

In July of 1920, Henry Burns cast the deciding vote in the Tennessee House for ratification and on Aug. 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified, enfranchising all American women and declaring for the first time that they deserve all the rights and responsibilities of citizenship." If you're interested in learning more, you can find information on the MRCPL digital resource Explora by searching for "women's suffrage." All MRCPL digital research resources can be accessed anywhere internet use is available by using an MRCPL library card or with an MRCPL eCard.

"We encourage our patrons to come and view this timely exhibit that celebrates such an important piece of history for the women of our community," said Jessica Ney, Community Engagement Coordinator for the library.

The free exhibit is open to all and available for viewing during the library's current hours of operation: Monday-Thursday 10 am to 6 pm, Friday 10 am to 5 pm and Saturday 10 am to 2 pm, through Aug. 31.

Since MRCPL's opening in 1889, the first 700 books, and the first set of the Congressional Record, the library has been a source for free access to knowledge, information, and resources in Mansfield.

Through [www.mrcpl.org](http://www.mrcpl.org), the library provides access to resources for library card holders 24/7 in addition to nine traditional locations. MRCPL is a center for people of all ages to come together to have fun, learn, grow, craft, seek knowledge and understanding, connect and engage.



## Richland County Juvenile Court awarded grant

Judge Steve McKinley of the Richland County Juvenile Court announced that the court's request for Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding was approved. The Office of Criminal Justice Services provided the funds.

These funds will be utilized for prevention, personal protective equipment, and technology for remote communication and program delivery. Having the ability

to conduct a portion of the court's proceedings via Zoom or Google Meet will reduce the number of people in the facility, while allowing cases to be concluded effectively and efficiently.

Judge McKinley has pursued additional funding streams to offset the additional expenses caused by the pandemic, in an effort to avoid any additional financial burden on our local resources.

## News Briefs

City of Ontario Zoning Inspector Adam Gongwer has released the July zoning permit report. Permits were issued to Beverly Wehr, Rosewood, 192 square foot roof over front porch; Todd Sloboda Teakwood Dr., 2,232 square foot each condo; Nathan Coovert, Woodland Pl., 144 square foot shed; CJ Properties, Larry Ct., 1,878 square foot single family, Craig Powers, Ferguson, front porch, roof and rear deck; Adam Martin, Rock Rd., 2,250 single family house; Rodney Rhodes, Victoria Ct., above ground pool; and Eric Young, Homewood Rd., 160 square foot shed.

Ridgeway Church of God, 1380 Park Avenue East, Madison Township, will host a Drive-Thru Summer Grill Dinner on Friday, Aug. 7, from 4:30-6 pm. The meal will include hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill, macaroni salad and potato chips. Cost is a freewill donation. Diners can pull up, place an order and volunteers will bring it to the car. For more information call the church at 419-589-5385.

Those with a heart for older adults in the community can make a difference by becoming an Ombudsman Associate and volunteer just four hours a month with Ohio's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program.

Volunteers are the first contact most older adults and families will have with the program. Volunteers typically visit nursing and assisted living home residents but are unable to do so at this time. Currently, volunteers call several residents and their family members or friends to check on individuals.

Volunteers receive at least 12 hours of training and are certified to perform certain duties, including providing residents with information about the program and resident rights, assisting with handling uncomplicated complaints, being a voice for those who are unable to make their voice heard and enhancing the quality of life of nursing home residents.

For information or an application call Melissa Wilson at 1-800-860-5799 ext. 1107.

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. has announced the expansion of the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) into Richland County. This program helps provide low-income seniors with access to locally grown fruits and vegetables.

Participants will receive \$50 worth of coupons through the growing season to use at participating farmers' markets and stands. Applications may be submitted or downloaded at [aaa5ohio.org/sfmnp](http://aaa5ohio.org/sfmnp) or call 567-247-7101 M-F, from 9 am to 5 pm to request an application by mail.

Ontario Lions Club's BIG Yard & Craft Sale has been rescheduled for Saturday, Aug. 15. The sale will be held rain or shine at Ontario Lions Clever Park, 3708 Snodgrass Rd., Ontario, from 10 am to 4 pm.

Tables and spaces are available including a 16' table (pavilion) for \$30; and 8' table (pavilion) for \$20. Electric is available under pavilions if needed. A 10'x10' space behind the parking area posts is \$10. There is no cover and no electricity available around the parking area. Set-up begins at 8 am on the day of the sale. Vendors are responsible for trash clean-up.

To rent a space or table contact Leslie at 419-565-6389 or Renee at 419-631-4151. A check or money order payable to Ontario Lions Club can be sent by Aug. 8 to 3777 Park Avenue West, Ontario, OH 44906.

The park features restrooms and running water and plenty of parking. Food is available for purchase during the event including hot dogs, sloppy joes, bratwurst, chips, pop and bottled water.

All monies raised go to support Ontario Lions Club Community Projects.

First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, will host a free produce distribution Tuesday, Aug. 11, from 11 am to 1 pm.

This will be a drive through distribution for everyone's safety and social distancing. Produce will be placed into trunks. Boxes of dairy products will also be available to each guest.

The event will be held in the parking lot west of the church at S. Mulberry St. and Park Avenue West in downtown Mansfield.

Those attending will need to bring an ID card. Distributions are held on the second Tuesday of each month. The produce provided is by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. For information contact Jan Fisher at 419-589-2820.

To submit a news brief item, email information to [news@tribune-courier.com](mailto:news@tribune-courier.com). Deadlines are noon Monday for Thursday's issue.

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# August recognized as Breastfeeding Awareness Month

August is Breastfeeding Awareness Month in Ohio and Aug. 1-7 is World Breastfeeding Week (WBW). The last week in August is celebrated as Black Breastfeeding Week. Research suggests that breastfeeding is a key modifiable factor for disease for both mothers and infants.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the World Health Organization (WHO) recommend exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of life and continued breastfeeding with the addition of appropriate

solid food for the first year and beyond.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report that Ohio's 2018 breastfeeding initiation rate of 81.9 percent ranks 36th in the nation. For this year's Breastfeeding Awareness Month, Ohio will adopt the theme "Support Breastfeeding for a Healthier Planet." This theme focuses on the impact of infant feeding on the environment/climate change and the imperative to protect, promote, and support breastfeeding for the health of the planet and its people.

The CDC also states that rates of breastfeeding duration and exclusivity are lower among Black infants than among white infants. Increasing rates of breastfeeding initiation and supporting continuation of breastfeeding among Black women might help reduce disparities in breastfeeding duration. Strategies might include improving peer and family support, access to evidence-based maternity care, and employment support.

"In light of the monetary and life-saving benefits of breastfeeding, all elements of the community must cooperate and support breastfeeding," said Bethany Haring, Richland/Ashland County WIC Supervisor and Breastfeeding Coordinator. "Ultimately, our whole society benefits from having healthier mothers, babies and children

when breastfeeding is promoted, protected and supported."

Breastfeeding is a personal choice, but communities play a vital role in informing and supporting a mother's decision to breastfeed her baby. Returning our communities back into a breastfeeding supportive culture will take efforts by family, friends, employers, educational institutions, hospitals and businesses.

One of the most important things businesses and the community can do is to allow mothers to feel comfortable nursing in public. Hungry babies need to eat and Ohio law (Section 3781.55 of the Ohio Revised Code) allows breastfeeding in public. Businesses can show their support by placing the "Breastfeeding Welcome Here" universal sign for breastfeeding in their windows and educate their staff on the acceptance of breastfeeding in their establishments. They can also encourage their employees and provide a private space (other than a bathroom) to pump. This will increase employee retention and reduce medical costs.

Hospitals can adopt the Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding as an indication that they are dedicated to supporting new mothers who choose to breastfeed. By eliminating formula gifts to breastfeeding mothers, they send the message that they believe mothers can make enough milk to breastfeed exclusively.

Educational institutions can support breastfeeding by presenting age appropriate education on the anatomy and physiology of the human body. Local county fairs can

teach young children about how other mammals feed their young with milk that is made just for them. Childcare providers and libraries can also stock children's books that show breastfeeding as a normal part of family life.

Social media can also provide support to breastfeeding mothers through Facebook and Twitter. Breastfeeding mothers can reach out through groups and chatrooms and get the support they need to feel normal in a formula feeding culture.

For more information about breastfeeding, text keyword localwic + your zip code to 67076 or visit [www.signupwic.com/local](http://www.signupwic.com/local). You can also reach out to the Appalachian Breastfeeding Network Breastfeeding Helpline at 1-888-588-3423.



**WIC BREASTFEEDING PEER HELPER** Ria Rodriguez displays a gift bag and contents which will be distributed to WIC breastfeeding moms during August.

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Pastor Brad Wright • [risensaviormansfield.com](mailto:risensaviormansfield.com)  
9 am Sunday Family Bible Time • 10 am Sunday Worship

### **Southside Christian Church Disciples of Christ**

2055 Middle-Bellville Rd., Mansfield • 419-756-3436  
Pastor Paul Lintern  
10:45 am Sunday Worship

### **Lexington Presbyterian Church**

35 West Church St., Lexington • 419-884-1330  
Reverend James Randas  
10:30 am Sunday Worship  
Bible Study 2 pm Wednesdays

### **Ontario United Methodist Church**

3540 Park Avenue West, Ontario • 419-529-4345  
Rev. Chris Bell  
Grace & Eggs (breakfast) every Sunday 8:30-9:30 am  
Kingdom Kids (Sunday School) 10:15 am  
Adult Sunday School 9:15 am  
Sunday Worship 10:15 am  
Bible Study Tuesdays 6 pm (A study for all: families, singles, seniors)

### **Hillside First Church of God**

2369 Bowman Rd., Mansfield • Pastor Glenn M. Phillips  
Sunday Worship 10 am • Wednesdays 6 pm  
[hillsidefcg@hotmail.com](mailto:hillsidefcg@hotmail.com)

### **Ridgeway Church of God**

1380 Park Avenue East, Mansfield  
419-589-5385 • [RidgewayCOG@aol.com](mailto:RidgewayCOG@aol.com)  
Pastor John Dodds • Associate Pastor Billy Saunders  
9:30 am Sunday School • 10:40 am Sunday Worship  
6 pm Sunday Family Events  
2 pm Wed. Joyful Journey Bible Study • 6:30 pm Wed. Night Kids

### **Mayflower Congregational Church**

548 North McElroy Rd. • 419-589-6612  
Pastor Rev. Dr. Rich Rader  
9:15 am Sunday School • 10:30 am Sunday Worship  
Wednesday Bible Study 11 am  
[www.mansfieldmayflower.com](http://www.mansfieldmayflower.com)

### **Cornerstone Grace Brethren Church**

1905 N. Lexington-Springmill Rd., Mansfield  
Les Vnasdale, Philip Moeller • 419-747-5012  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship 10:30 am  
Tuesday Young Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 6:30 pm  
Wednesday Word of Life (children 4 years through 6th grade) 6:30 pm

### **St. Peter's Catholic Church**

60 S. Mulberry St., Mansfield  
Very Rev. Gregory R. Hite, V.F. • 419-524-2572  
Saturday Worship 5 pm  
Sunday Worship 7:30 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am  
[mansfieldstpeters.org](http://mansfieldstpeters.org)

### **Promise Land Fellowship**

506 Park Avenue East  
Pastor Rick and Shirley Wiseman • 419-512-2435  
Sunday 9:30 am School of the Bible  
Sunday 10:45 am  
Sunday 4:30 pm End Time Studies  
Bible Study Tues. 6 pm  
Advanced Bible Study Sat. 10 am

### **Crossroads Church**

1188 Park Avenue W., Mansfield  
Pastor Dave Vance • 419-529-0750  
Saturday Worship 7 pm  
Sunday Worship 9 am and 11 am  
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Student Ministry High School Sundays 7 pm  
[www.crossroadswired.com](http://www.crossroadswired.com)

### **St. Paul Mansfield Lutheran - ELCA**

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Pastor Jonathan Stuft  
Sunday Worship 9:30 am  
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[www.stpaulmansfield.org](http://www.stpaulmansfield.org)

### **St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church**

1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield • 419-589-2114  
Father Matthew Frisbee  
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## CACY provides useful tips for encouraging healthy friendships

Community Action for Capabe Youth (CACY) celebrated International Day of Friendship on July 30. Friends help to make life more fun, provide support, help deal with stress and make us feel good about ourselves.

In order to have positive friendships, youth must be able to make meaningful connections. Help them develop social skills, including: cooperation, communication, problem solving and conflict resolution. Also discuss healthy friendship qualities; such as, trustworthy, honest, good listener, dependable, loyal, kind and someone who allows you to be yourself.

Once they have developed social skills and understand what makes a good friend, some things you can do to promote development of healthy relationships with friends include:

- Provide opportunities for building friendships. Plan a game night, schedule a "play date," allow a friend to come over

- Ask to meet their friends and friend's parents. This will help you to see the types of friendships they are making. If you feel they are heading in the wrong direction, steer them toward more positive

activities and relationships

- Encourage youth to try new things such as a new hobby, club or sport where they can meet new people with similar interests

Today teens maintain and sometimes develop friendships through social media, online games or texting. It is important to set boundaries and explain the dangers of online relationships. Some tips include:

- Create technology-free or "unplugged" activities such as mealtimes

- Limit data usage

- Set electronic curfews

- Talk about it. Help them understand the importance of having friends when technology isn't around. Also discuss the dangers of meeting people online.

CACY is also offering free resources for both students and caregivers. Lessons include Staying Focused During Home-Based Learning, Regulating and Managing Emotions, Decision Making, Healthy Relationships, Substance Use Prevention Jeopardy, Medication Safety and more.

For information on resources available to the community call 419-774-5683 or email [marquetteteb@cacyohio.com](mailto:marquetteteb@cacyohio.com).



**OVER 40 VOLUNTEERS** from Berean Baptist Church, Linden Road Presbyterian Church, New Jerusalem Progressive COGIC, Heartland Church and Harker St. Warming House came out to help at Berean's ministry blitz. Volunteers spent the morning delivering beds, couches, washers and dryers to neighbors in the community. Anyone wishing to donate gently used furniture, mattresses, appliances, bedding or kitchenware can contact Love INC at 419-522-1432. Love INC is a partnership of churches working together to help the community. Among those helping were Jeff Frank, Ken Geisage and Tony Chirico.

## Cleveland Clinic among the top hospitals in rankings

Once again, Cleveland Clinic has been named the No. 2 hospital in the nation and the No. 1 hospital for heart care in U.S. News & World Report's 2020-'21 Best Hospitals rankings.

This is the 26th consecutive year that Cleveland Clinic has earned the No. 1 ranking in Cardiology and Heart Surgery and the 22nd year in a row that it has earned a Top 5 overall ranking.

"Cleveland Clinic is constantly focused on safety and quality because it's the right thing to do," said Tom Mihaljevic, M.D., CEO and President of Cleveland Clinic. "Rankings like these by U.S. News – along with those by Leapfrog, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and Vizient – are an affirmation of our caregivers' continued commitment to providing patients with the best care anywhere."

In all, 13 Cleveland Clinic specialties were recognized with Top 10 rankings: Cardiology & Heart Surgery (1), Geriatrics (2), Gynecology (2), Rheumatology (2), Gastroenterology & GI Surgery (3), Pulmonology & Lung Surgery (4), Urology (4), Cancer (5), Nephrology (Kidney Disorders) (5), Diabetes & Endocrinology (6), Neurology & Neurosurgery (9), Orthopedics (9), and Ophthalmology (10).

"We are honored to be recognized for the 26th year in a row as the best hospital in the country for heart care," said Lars Svensson, M.D., Ph.D., chairman of Cleveland Clinic's Heart, Vascular & Thoracic Institute.

"This is a direct reflection of our devoted physicians, nurses, mid-level providers and support staff and the trust of our patients and their families. We are also humbly committed to advancing car-

diovascular medicine and surgery through our continued dedication to research and innovation."

In addition to Cleveland Clinic's main campus hospital, three other Cleveland Clinic hospitals earned national rankings from U.S. News:

Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital – No. 48 (tie) in Cardiology & Heart Surgery, No. 47 in Neurology & Neurosurgery, No. 37 in Orthopedics, No. 44 (tie) in Urology

Cleveland Clinic Hillcrest Hospital – No. 43 in Cardiology & Heart Surgery, No. 44 in Gastroenterology & GI Surgery, No. 35 (tie) in Orthopedics, No. 47 (tie) in Pulmonology & Lung Surgery

Cleveland Clinic Weston – No. 29 (tie) in Gastroenterology & GI Surgery

Cleveland Clinic has the No. 1-ranked hospitals in Ohio, and the metro areas of Cleveland, Miami, and Akron.

Of the Top 5 hospitals in Ohio, three are Cleveland Clinic hospitals – Main campus

(1), Hillcrest (4) and Fairview (5).

For the 2020-'21 rankings and ratings, U.S. News evaluated more than 4,500 medical centers nationwide in 16 specialties, 10 procedures and conditions.

Just 134 hospitals were ranked in at least one specialty. In most areas of care, the rankings are based largely on objective measures such as risk-adjusted survival and discharge-to-home rates, volume, and quality of nursing, among other care-related indicators.

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**THE MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** volleyball team held a car wash Saturday, Aug. 1, at Rancho Fiesta. (Right photo) Cassidy Nelson and Elizabeth Watson wash a van for the owner that came to support the event.

## Foundation's Women's Fund welcomes new members

The Women's Fund of the Richland County Foundation has welcomed four new members.

The new members are Elizabeth Daniels, Vice President of Administration at Mechanics Bank; Sarah Horrigan-Ramos, Chair of the Dance Department at the Richland Academy of the Arts; Margaret Lin, Diabetes Prevention Program Coordinator at OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital; and Debra Weaver, Program Director at the Mansfield Art Center.

Kristine Lindeman, Owner of Alumni Roofing was elected the Chairwoman and Heidi Jones, Workforce Development Trainer at North Central State College was elected the Vice Chairwoman.

Outgoing chair Kristie Massa thanked Sally Gesouras, Jill Haring and Edie Humphrey for their dedication after

serving the limit of six years on the Women's Fund.

The Women's Fund is driving a new initiative to make quality childcare affordable and accessible to women facing economic insecurities.

About the Women's Fund of the Richland County Foundation:

The Women's Fund was established in 1996 as permanent endowment to support programs that benefit women and girls in our community.

The fund has grown to over \$1.3 million and has awarded over 411,000 in grants impacting hundreds of lives. In addition, the Women's Fund has awarded over \$50,000 in scholarships to assist women in advancing their education and careers. For information visit [www.richlandcountyfoundation.org](http://www.richlandcountyfoundation.org).



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## Construction continues in Richland County

The following construction projects are anticipated to affect highways in Richland County this week. All outlined work is weather permitting.

State Route 13, at the bridge between Ogle St. and Rt. 97, will have single lane closures as needed for bridge repairs.

The bridge painting is complete and the reduced clearance of 14' 6" has been removed. Single lane closures will be utilized as needed for continued project work. Traffic will be maintained by flaggers. Estimated completion is this month.

U.S. 30, from Rt. 309 to just east of the Fifth Ave. ramps, will have single lane closures for a major rehabilitation project. Traffic will always be maintained.

Crews will be working on the east side of Rt. 545 while maintaining traffic on the west side. Traffic will be maintained using signalized closures on Rt. 545, under U.S. 30.

Eastbound and westbound traffic on U.S. 30 will be shifted onto the shoulders beginning just west of the Route 309 ramps. Two 12' lanes will be maintained on U.S. 30 in this area. This shift is to construct the median crossover.

Crews continue work on the east side of Rt. 39 while maintaining traffic on the west side. Work also continues in the area of the Rt. 39 northbound ramp to U.S. 30 eastbound and Longview Ave. relocation just east of Rt. 39. Traffic will be maintained on the ramp.

S. 30 eastbound and westbound, from Trimble Rd. to Rt. 13, will have nightly, single lane closures from 6 pm to 6 am to complete temporary pavement on the shoulders.

S. 30 eastbound daytime lane closure between Rt. 545 and Fifth Ave. to work on rock cut area.

U.S. 30 eastbound traffic lanes have been shifted over Bowman St. so that crews can complete structure work. Two 11' lanes will be maintained on U.S. 30 eastbound. Crews continue work on the Bowman St. structure work under U.S. 30. Traffic on Bowman St. will be maintained by flaggers.

Earthwork continues at Rt. 39 northbound ramp to U.S. 30 eastbound and Longview Ave. relocation just east of Rt. 39. Traffic will be maintained. Estimated completion is May 2023.

Rt. 61, between Preston Rd. and Dinninger Rd., will close Monday, Aug. 10 for a culvert replacement. The detour route for northbound motorists is state Rt. 61 to Rt. 96/39, west on Rt. 96/39 to Rt. 598, north on Rt. 598 to Rt. 61, and reverse for southbound motorists. Estimated completion is Friday, Aug. 21.

I-71 northbound and southbound, from the Morrow county line to Rt. 97, will have single lane, daytime closures and double lane, nighttime closures for a resurfacing project.

The Rt. 13 northbound exit and entrance ramps at I-71 closed Monday, Aug. 3 for pavement repairs. Estimated Completion is Wednesday, Aug. 12. Northbound detour from I-71 to Route 13: continue on I-71 to Rt. 39, exit and re-enter I-71 southbound to Rt. 13 northbound. Southbound detour from Route 13 to I-71 northbound: continue on Route 13 southbound to Route 97 west to I-71 northbound.

Crews continue night work on I-71 from the Morrow/Richland county line to the state Rt. 13 exit. Work will progress in both zones simultaneously. Estimated completion is this October.

## Graduates earn WGU degrees

The following local residents have earned a degree from Western Governors University (WGU). The online, nonprofit university has graduated over 190,000 students from across the country since its inception in 1997.

Angela Deal of Mansfield received a Master of Business Administration; Craig Foust of Lexington received a Master of Science, Information Technology Management; and Janice Reese of Ontario received a Master of Science, Nursing — Leadership and Management (BSN to MSN).





T-C Staff/Bud Motter

**ADVANTAGE CREDIT UNION'S** Chief Operation Officer Cam Grayson presents a check for \$1,000 to the 2020 Marilyn Archer Scholarship Winner Amelia Carmack while chief executive officer Robert L. Grove, Jr. prepares to congratulate her.

## •Madison makes final plans for reopening

(Continued from Front Page)

classes at home will follow a third party learning plan. Peterson said, "It is a rigorous program and will require discipline." More information will be made at a later date as to how the online academy will work. Madison Local Schools will follow the Ohio Department of Health guidelines for all COVID safety precautions and the board approved the reopening plan.

Troy Schulz, fitness coordinator – fall, resigned his position as did Doug Potts, sixth grade intervention specialist. Connie Cates, fifth grade ELA, retired.

Kara Ohl has been awarded the first grade teaching position at Eastview, replacing Melissa Brandt who took another position. Christine Vermillion has been awarded the fifth grade ELA teaching position at the middle school, replacing Connie Cates.



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**SUPERINTENDENT** Rob Peterson addresses school board during the July 29 meeting.

The purchase of student online learning licenses (all subject areas) from IXL Learning was approved for a cost of \$2,625. This is in addition to licenses approved at the July 15 meeting.

Pending background checks and certification, Sarah Ebinger was hired as the fifth grade intervention specialist and Bruce Gibson will be the assistant seventh grade football coach.

The board approved the service agreement with Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center for 2020-'21.

## Spray schedule announced

RPH has released the mosquito spraying schedule for this week.

Aug. 6: South of Wharton Rd., North of Reynolds Rd., East of Reynolds Rd., West of Franklin Church Rd., Bloominggrove Township; and South of Taylortown Rd., North of Amoy West Rd., East of Plymouth Springmill Rd., West of Bowman St., Jackson Township.

Aug. 7: South of Millsboro East Rd., North of Alta West Rd., East of Wiles Rd., West of Westover Ln., Springfield Township; South of Amoy-Pavonia Rd., North of Osburn Rd., East of Beal Rd., West of Cotter Rd., Weller Township; and South of Windsor Rd., North of Hale Rd., East of Beal Rd., West of Cotter Rd., Mifflin Township.

All spraying will be conducted before dawn. Schedule changes will be posted at [www.richlandhealth.org](http://www.richlandhealth.org).



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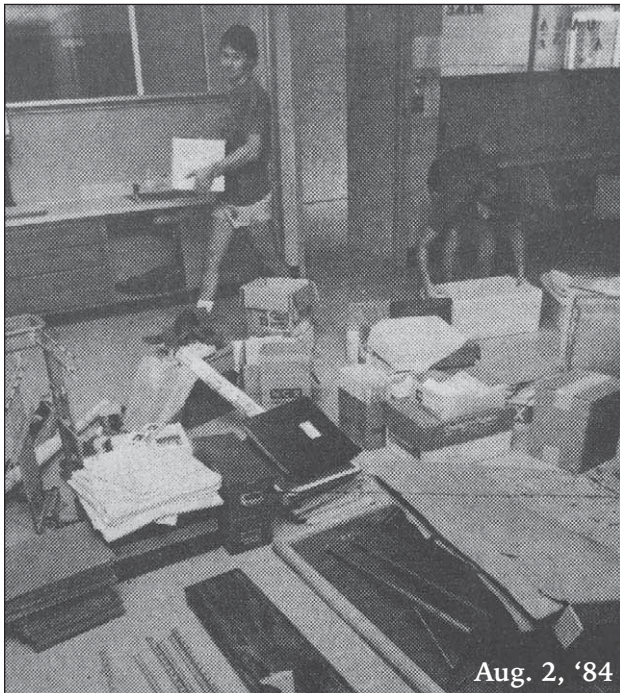
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# LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History



Aug. 2, '84

**MIKE LUDWIG AND MIKE CAMPBELL** helped move the Ontario Board of Education into its new offices in the Bedford building last Friday. The school will also have a new phone number — 747-4311.



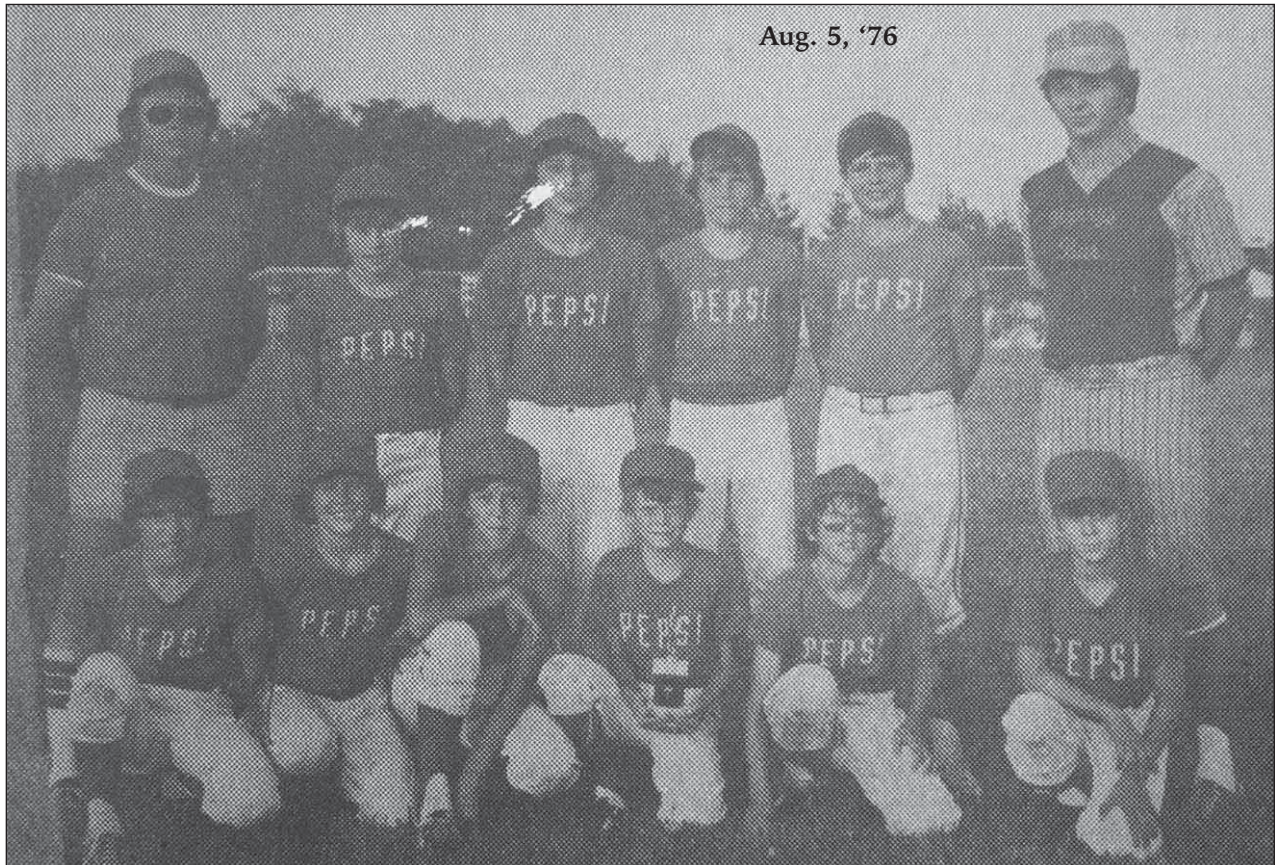
Aug. 3, '95

**MADISON TOWNSHIP DIVISION II GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM** — Front, Breanne McGregor, Amber Poth and April Utt; back, coach Mitzi Murphy, Carrie Ritchie, Kristy Murphy, Jessica Crain, Kim Kline, Stephanie Belcher, Andrea Hallock and coach Marilyn Ritchie. Not pictured are Jessica Ison, Lindsay Grove and Ashley Sorgen.



Aug. 3, '95

**AMANDA BLACKWELL AND BAILEY FURLONG** of Lexington do sponge making at the kids' activities at the Carrousel Arts Festival over the weekend.



Aug. 5, '76

The Ontario "B" League Championship game was contested Wednesday, July 29, at Stowell Field. Trying for the league title were Wonder Gardens, first round champs, and Pepsi, winner of the second round. Pepsi trounced Wonder Gardens 23-2 for the league championship. On the winning Pepsi team are (top row) Coach Ron Charlton, David Campbell, Mark Tadder, Darren Sapp, Duane Brown and Assistant Coach Jim Schmidt. In the bottom row are Jeff Dessecker, Joe Grabill, Matt SESCO, Trent Riley, Rod Charlton and Brian Ruckel. Team members missing from the photo are Steve Riley, Jeff Rummell and Ramone Pelasky.

Photo by Marc Stumbo



Aug. 3, '95

**SLUSS REALTY** has completed its baseball season with a 10-3 record and a league championship. Members of the team are, front, Grant Sluss, Ryan Acklin, Aaron Baumgard, Jeremy Dawson and Tyler Cooley; back, assistant coach Bob Browning Don Basye, Kris Ross, Joseph Baumgard, Kevin Browning, Benji Hall, Seth Cline and coach Dave Coley.



# LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History



Aug. 5, '83

**ATTEND DRILL COMPETITION** — Posing with the trophies won at the All-American Drill competition held at Ashland College last month are front, Tonya Craft, Cathy Profit, Barb Stancato, Carrie Clinage and Staci Solon; back row, Kerria Grassick, Sherri Steward, Kathy Windsor, Kelly Blevins, Dawn Homerick, Sonya Baker and Beth Yoder. Missing from the photo were Amy Olson, Lisa Hughes, Lori Holden, Melissa McQuate, Alexis Petroff and Tina Kendall.



Aug. 5, '66

**"B" LEAGUE CHAMPS** — front row, left to right, Ron Cooper, Ford King, Mark Bishop, Charles Mabry, Steven Dearth, Gary Dinges. Back row, Terry Baker, Mrs. Crider, scorekeeper, Don Baker, Manager, Jeff Hipsher, Randy Crid er, Don Hipsher, co-manager, Bruce Boyce, and Jay Bishop, coach.



Aug. 3, '95

**THE ADELPHIA CABLE TEAM** finished the year in first place with a 9-3 record in the Ontario Grade School Girls softball league. The team was led by strong pitching from Brynn Gleisinger and power hitting by Michelle White, Jordin Bond and Jill Jarvey. Members of the team are, front, Jill Heydinger, Jill Harvey, Brynn Gleisinger, Brittany Bostic and Lindsay Sloey; back, coach Jim Heydinger, Megan Burchett, Maureen Maloney, Jenny Chalk, Michelle White, Jordin Bond and coach Jane Heydinger. Not pictured is Lauren Shaw.



Aug. 5, '66

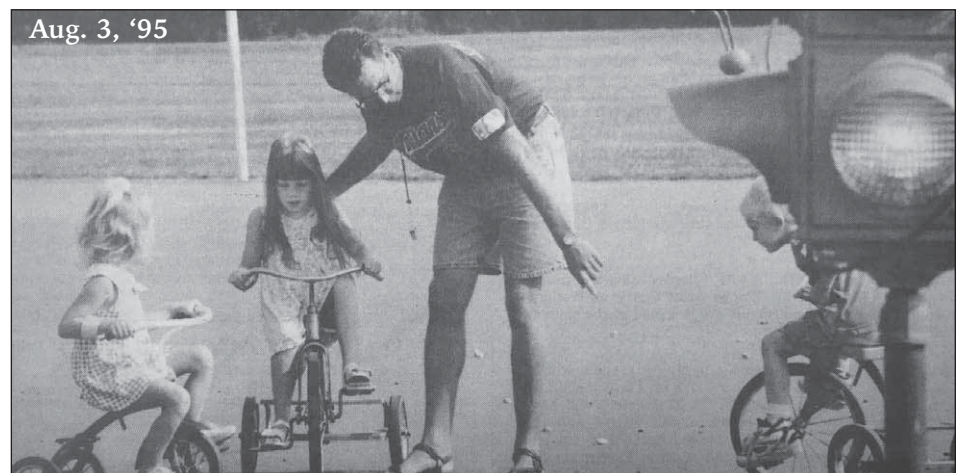
**"B" LEAGUE RUNNER-UP** — front row, left to right, Bob Salter, Larry DeHart, Dick Kaber, Roger Newport and Steve Sapp. Back row, Dave Gerhardt, Doug Henretta, Bob Shafer, David Sunnucks, manager, Marc Sunnucks, and Tim Erick.



Aug. 12, '76

**CLOWNS AND KIDS** naturally go together as shown when the Duster Buster Clowns visited the Richland County Museum in Lexington last Saturday and Sunday. Shevan Walter, two, 46 W. Church St., Lexington, Tahanya Lee Sand, six, Vanderbilt Rd., Rt. 7, Lexington, Tara Michelle Walter, five, 46 Church St., Lexington, Clown Giggles, Jennifer Branthover, nine, Staten Island, N.Y., Clown Crazy Daisy and Juliann Branthover, nine, Staten Island, N.Y., shared laughs and balloons on the museum grounds last Sunday.

Photo by Helen C. Graham



Aug. 3, '95

**CONDUCTING TRAFFIC** — Doug Carr, outside instructor for the annual Ontario Safety Town being held this week at Stengel Elementary School, tries to make some order of trike traffic as he holds off Wayne Volz (right) from interfering with Abby Whitaker's right of way. At left is Brittany Jennings. The youngsters attending the program will have graduation ceremonies this Friday morning. Watch the T-C next week for a group photo and wrap-up of this year's Safety Town.



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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED TOWNSHIP ZONING REGULATION AMENDMENTS

POSTED AUGUST 10, 2020

The Springfield Township Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:45 PM Monday August 24, 2020 at the Springfield Township Hall, 3700 Park Ave West, Ontario Ohio 44862

An amendment to modify Section 405.2 of the Township Zoning Regulation to allow Seasonal Entertainment in the Industrial (I-1) Zoned District will be considered.

An amendment to reduce the minimum rear yard setback from 40 feet to 10 feet in Rural Residential (RR), Residential (R-1/R-2) and Townhouse/Multi-family Districts will be considered.

A draft amendment to update Section 1000 for administrative purposes will be discussed.

A draft amendment to allow seasonal entertainment in the Industrial District as a conditional permitted use will be discussed.

The text of the Section 405 and rear yard setback amendments will be available for public review at the Springfield Township #2 Fire Station beginning August 10, 2020.

The public is invited to attend this hearing. Public comments will be limited to five minutes or less.

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Paul Gleisinger, Trustee Chair  
Anita Kochheiser, Fiscal Officer  
Springfield Township  
Ontario, Ohio  
8-6 '20 (48 L)

### MEETING NOTICE

The Springfield Township Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 PM Monday, August 17, 2020 at the Springfield Township Hall, 3700 Park Ave West, Ontario Ohio 44862

An amendment to add Section 404.21 and Section 405.21 of the Township Zoning Regulation to allow Seasonal Events in the Business (404.21) and Industrial (405.21) Zoned Districts as Conditional Uses will be considered.

An amendment to update Article X, Amendments, Section 1000 for administrative purposes will be considered.

The text of the Section 404.21 and 405.21 additions and the Article X amendment will be available for public review at the Springfield Township #2 Fire Station beginning August 5, 2020.

The public is invited to attend this hearing. Public comments will be limited to five minutes or less.

Don Daugherty, Chair  
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## Willard Hospital cancels lab screenings

Willard Hospital, committed to the safety and security of associates, patients, residents and communities, is taking COVID-19 seriously. The influx of new, daily developments and information regarding this virus has brought many questions. The hospital wants to show that the safety and security of each lab screening participant, volunteer and associate is our top priority, and that is one reason that we are taking COVID-19 seriously.

Out of an abundance of caution, it has been decided to cancel the lab screening on Thursday, Aug. 6, at the Shelby Senior Center and the lab screening on Thursday, Aug. 20, at Mercy Health — Willard Hospital.

Remember to practice every day prevention measures like frequent hand washing, social distancing and proper mask wearing.

Hospital administration apologizes for the inconvenience this may cause, but are confident this decision is the right thing to do for the safety of our community.



### By Kenn Spencer

Bike with the Ontario Police Department will be held Thursday, Aug. 13, at 6 pm. Kids/teens and adults are invited to join the Ontario Police Department and OYS at the soccer field concession. The Ontario Police Department will talk for a few minutes about bike safety and then it is off we go — our plan is to go on a 45-minute casual bike ride through the park. The officers will be leading the way through a course that will take us through the trail and across the street behind the school. Refreshments will be served at the end of the ride.

Fall softball registration is live. OYS will participate in the River Valley Fall Softball League. Teams will play double headers on Sundays starting in September through mid-October. All games will be played in Marion. Practice times and frequency will be at the discretion of each coach. Register now at [www.oysports.com](http://www.oysports.com).

Soccer plans are coming along nicely:

- Aug. 8, teams announced.
- Aug. 10, teams can start safe practice play.
- Guidelines will be posted and sent to each coach. Guidelines will mirror recommendations from the CDC and State of Ohio.
- Aug. 22, schedule released
- Aug. 29, preview/scrimmage day for AYSA teams.
- Sept. 2, start of season
- Oct. 9–12, end of season tournament.
- When registering, do not create a new account unless you have not registered in the past — please use your password and login from previous seasons.
- Follow us on Facebook. Sign-ups are posted regularly.
- Sign up on WMFD OYS text to your cell where we text sign up information on a regular basis.
- Create an account on [www.oysports.com](http://www.oysports.com). Once you are registered, log-in 24/7 and see what sports are available for your athlete.
- Call the sports director at 419-566-8072.

## Greater Cleveland Aquarium celebrating sharks with Fin Fest

The Greater Cleveland Aquarium located in the FirstEnergy Powerhouse, West Bank of the Flats, 2000 Sycamore St., Cleveland, is putting a week-long spotlight on sharks Sunday, Aug. 9–Sunday, Aug. 16, as part of its annual Fin Fest celebration.

“We’re obsessed with these ‘jaw-some’ apex predators 24/7/365 at the Aquarium, but during Fin Fest we’ll be working to build a broader appreciation for the diversity, importance and plight of sharks by sharing shark-themed videos, trivia and more,” said aquarium curator Ray Popik. Popik will even be offering up his expertise during a free “Ask Us Any-Fin” public Livestream event on Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 6:30 pm. Registration for the event can be found at [greaterclevelandaquarium.com](http://greaterclevelandaquarium.com).

Released 45 years ago, *Jaws* returned to the big screen at drive-in theaters in June. National Geographic and Discovery are both devoting a significant chunk of their programming to sharks this summer. “Clearly our fascination with sharks has not diminished, but shark mania can perpetuate lot of shark myths,” asserts Popik.

He hopes that education can turn pop culture shark fans into advocates for shark conservation.

“They have this bloodthirsty reputation, but these are amazing animals that help keep their aquatic ecosystems in balance by removing weak and sick animals and the decline in their populations is alarming.” F

or all the attention that shark/human interactions receive, according to the International Shark Attack File, there are an average of four human fatalities per year while humans — through fishing, finning, habitat destruction and bycatch — are responsible for the deaths of upwards of 100 million sharks annually.

In addition to the livestream Shark Gallery Q&A, Greater Cleveland Aquarium e-news and YouTube subscribers will be treated to the debut of two new shark-focused educational videos.

Aquarium guests (open 10 am to 4 pm daily with pre-purchased, timed tickets) can see and learn more about four different shark residents — brown banded, nurse, sandbar and sandtiger sharks.

On weekdays, children will be given a take-home temporary tattoo and a make-and-take shark craft.

“There’s nothing like standing in the Aquarium’s seatube and looking up into the toothy grin of a sandtiger shark slowly gliding overhead to put you in your place,” says Popik.

During Fin Fest, everyone is invited to test their shark knowledge with a short Fin Fest quiz (coming soon on [greaterclevelandaquarium.com](http://greaterclevelandaquarium.com)) for a chance to win a 12” plush shark and an annual family pass (value \$155). One winner will be randomly chosen and announced by 5pm on Sunday, Aug. 16.

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