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**THE ONTARIO LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST** was held Saturday, Nov. 5, at Ontario High School. The long line moved steadily as area residents came out for the meal that included pancakes, sausage and milk, orange juice or coffee. Among the many helping to make the event a success was Miss Ontario Abigail Kern. After enjoying their pancakes, many stopped by to see the Sugar Baby Patch & Garden plant and décor table. The Lions host the event twice a year with the next coming in the spring. *(More photos on Page 7)*

## Library card becomes pass to adventure

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library (MRCPL) is now offering the Adventure Pass.

The Adventure Pass program enables MRCPL customers to borrow passes using their library card, just as they would with any other item in the library collection.

Chris May, Library Director states, "We are thankful our community partners see the value of offering Adventure Passes to our customers. As a public library, our role is to ensure equal access to all, which goes beyond books. We hope everyone takes advantage of these amazing experiences."

The Adventure Pass is a one-time pass, which must be checked out in person at the main library, granting customers limited free access to institutions that would otherwise charge admission fees. Adventure Passes cannot be reserved like traditional library items, however, library card holders can check their availability at mrcpl.org by typing "Adventure Pass" into the catalog search bar.

Each participating community partner sets its own rules for how many individuals are covered under their passes and all guidelines for use.

Participating partners include Buckeye Imagination Museum, Kingwood Center Gardens, Ohio Bird Sanctuary, Ohio State Reformatory, Richland Carrousel Park and The Renaissance Theatre

The introduction of the Adventure Pass supports the mission of MRCPL, to connect library cardholders to cultural experiences for people of all ages and support a vibrant quality of life for all residents of Richland County.

The Main Library located at 43 W. Third St., Mansfield, is open Monday through Thursday 9 am to 8 pm, Friday and Saturday 9 am to 5 pm, and Sunday 1 pm to 5 pm.

## Tiny Tim Shoppe opening November 19

Downtown Mansfield, Inc.'s Tiny Tim Shoppe will open Saturday, Nov. 19.

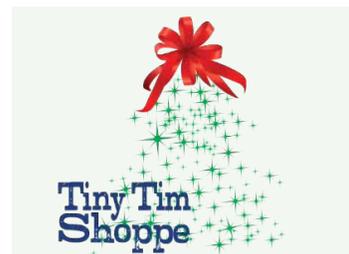
With the assistance of a volunteer, children can shop for and wrap Christmas gifts for family and friends of all ages. Gifts are \$15 and less. Tiny Tim will occur at the Downtown Mansfield, Inc office, 128 N. Main St

The Tiny Tim Christmas Shoppe will be open from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturdays, Nov. 19 and 26 and Dec. 3, 10 and 17.

Additionally, the Tiny Tim Christmas Shoppe will be open from 5-8 pm on Friday, Dec. 2 for Christmas Time in the City, one of the shoppe's busiest days of the year.

Like last year, all shoppers will be signing up for a specific time to shop ahead of time.

There will be no walk-in shopping available. Visit <https://www.shopdineexploreandmore.com/tinytimshoppe> to sign up for a shopping time.



There are two additional opportunities this year at the Tiny Tim Shoppe: Private shopping and photo backgrounds. Those who are interested in shopping on a day the shoppe is not typically open can call the office at

least a week in advance to arrange.

Those interested in using the Tiny Tim set-up as a back drop for photos can call the office for more information.

The Tiny Tim Shoppe is looking for additional volunteers. Whether a company wants to volunteer together, or members of a school group or organization would like to help, they can sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4fcae2fa2f49-2022>. Volunteers will help children pick out gifts for family and friends as well as with gift wrapping and tagging.

For more information about shopping or volunteering call the office at 419-522-0099 or email [Rhyan@downtownmansfield.com](mailto:Rhyan@downtownmansfield.com).

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 **THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER**  
— By Ian Stumbo —

Writer/director Todd Field has only made three movies in his career, and he is certainly three for three with the new release *Tár*.

Featuring an amazing performance by Cate Blanchett, the two-time Oscar winner plays composer/conductor Lydia Tár, the first female conductor of an orchestra in Germany.

Lydia Tár is extremely accomplished and those around her know it. She comes off as abrasive, rude and exceptionally dignified.

Lydia is hiding a dark secret that those around her know best. This secret could threaten and ruin her career.

Cate Blanchett has had an amazing career since her first big role as Queen Elizabeth I in 1998's *Elizabeth*. Since then, she has gone onto great success in the *Lord of the Rings* film series, *Babel*, *Thor: Ragnarok* and her two Oscar wins playing the great Katherine Hepburn in 2004's *The Aviator* and her amazing work as a socialite in Woody Allen's *Blue Jasmine*.

It's interesting to note that Lydia Tár is actually a fictitious character but because Field writes this so much as if she were real it gives the film even more a bit of mystery.

Field's dialogue is so embedded in classical music, and for those who work in it, it's hard to understand if this movie really has mass appeal though the

more *Tár*'s story moves along its hard to turn away.

In fact, Todd Field wrote this role for Blanchett and if she had said no, he would have moved on to another project.

Cate Blanchett plays Lydia Tár as an extremely manipulative woman. She has designed her whole life around her look, her appeal, her abilities and the classical composers she grew up with.

Blanchett is amazing at maintaining all of this and giving us a career best performance that may earn her a third Oscar.

She is in every scene of the movie and there are also fine supporting actors here including Nina Hoss who is terrific as her wife,

Sharon, and Mark Strong as Lydia's manager.

*Tár* is certainly not for everyone and even I was unsure about around 30 minutes into the movie whether I would give it a positive review.

By giving it time and letting Lydia's story unfold, this is a terrific character study and many times a psychological drama that really at its core looks at fame and what it does to someone.

It follows the road to fame's many ups and terrible downs.

Again, Cate Blanchett is mesmerizing.



## Hospice of NCO receives grant

The board of directors at The Energy Electric Cooperative Round Up Foundation, Newark, OH, has approved a grant in the amount of \$1,299.99 to fund the purchase of patient scales and video monitors for Hospice of North Central Ohio's (HNCO) comfort care program.

Brianna Stone, of The Energy Electric Cooperative added, "The Operation Round Up Foundation has supported local organizations for over 15 years, awarding over 4 million in grant dollars. Partnering with organizations to strengthen our communities is an honor, and HNCO/Hospice of Knox County is an excellent example of those partnerships."

"Their passionate teams and dedicated professionals make a difference in the lives they serve, and that's one example of why they were awarded an Operation Round Up grant. Supporting our communities is essential, and we're thankful to HNCO/Hospice of Knox County for partnering to cover these needs."

Ralph Tomassi, HNCO Chief Development Officer stated, "The Energy Electric Cooperative Round Up Foundation, through its grants program continues to provide 'The Margin of Excellence' to HNCO patients and their families. We are grateful for cordial relationship and generous support we have and continue to receive through this remarkable philanthropic program."

The Energy Electric Cooperative Round Up program was established by its board of directors in 2005 The programs 'Rounds Up' member's bills to the nearest dollar and then disseminates those funds to local charities located in the Cooperative's service areas accordingly.

Headquartered at 1021 Dauch Dr., in Ashland, Hospice of North Central Ohio serves more than 200 patients daily. Call 800-952-2207 for more information.

  
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# News Briefs

The Auto Title Office of the Clerk's Office will be closed for training Wednesday, Nov. 9, from 10 am to 1 pm.

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The recycling trailer will not be at Ontario United Methodist Church in the month of November, due to the holiday.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Hayley Young Sunday, Nov. 13, at 10:30 am.

She will speak on All Souls' Day and Life Lessons on Death and Dying. Those attending can bring photos of loved ones who have died — pets as well as humans — for the altar of remembrance.

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The Chancel Choir of First Congregational Church, along with Friends from The Mansfield Symphony Chorus, and orchestra will be performing a memorial concert to honor Dr. Richard Wink.

The concert will be held Sat-

urday, Nov. 12, at 3 pm at First Congregational Church, 640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield. There will be a short organ recital performed by Wayne Fisher at 2:30 pm.

The concert is free to the public but a good will offering will be taken

Dr. Wink found his greatest professional joy from serving for 34 years as Chancel Choir Director at First Congregational Church. Over those years, this talented group of people from throughout the community came together to create inspiring sacred music, bringing beautiful harmony to anthems and major works. The members of this choir were very special to Dick and he counted its members among his dearest friends.

Requiem For An Uncommon Man was commissioned by The First Congregational Church, Mansfield Ohio to celebrate the life and exceptional service of Dr. Wink.

Wayne Fisher, a good friend of Dick's, and former organist at

the Congregational wrote the requiem to honor his friend.

★

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. in collaboration with Richland Academy of Arts will host a free Caregiver Appreciation Event on Nov. 18, at Richland Academy of Arts, 75 N. Walnut S., Mansfield. The day will be dedicated to caregivers of any age who are caring for someone aged 60 and older. Individuals who are being cared for may also attend with their caregiver.

This special event will include a complimentary lunch, entertainment, training, activities, caregiver information, and resources.

Registration is required and space is limited. Deadline to register with Karen Hagerman at 567-247-6487 is Nov. 15.

For additional information concerning Area Agency on Aging services or programs call 419-524-4144 or 800-560-5799.

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First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Avenue West, will offer non-perishable senior food boxes each fourth Tuesday, monthly.

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank has a senior box program available to anyone 60+ who is low income. Participants will receive a 30 lb. box of non-perishable food items. Those receiving boxes will need a current ID, with date of birth and evidence of monthly or annual income. Registration and distribution are from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm on the east side of the building. There is no cost for this food.

The next distribution date is Nov. 22. Beginning in November, a 15 lb pre-packaged produce box will be added.

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Mansfield 1st EPC, 399 South Trimble Rd. (corner of Trimble Rd. and Millsboro Rd.) will host a rummage sale Friday, Nov. 11, 9 am to 4 pm and Saturday, Nov. 12, from 9 am to noon.

This is a semi-annual rum-

mage sale with a huge selection of clothing, toys, housewares, and much more. Items are priced to sell. Proceeds are used for local missions. For more information call 419-756-7066.

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The Lexington Area Senior Citizens Inc., invites those 55 and older to attend meetings the third Wednesday of every month at Der Dutchman Restaurant. Lunch begins at 11:30 am, followed by the meeting at 12:30 pm. The meal on Nov. 16, will be roast turkey and the Pioneer Career Technology Center Performing Arts Program will perform. Cost is \$13 for the meal. Dues are \$10 per year. Guests are welcome. For information visit [www.lexasc.org](http://www.lexasc.org).

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The Madison Local Board of Education will meet for a work session at the Madison Board of Education office, 1379 Grace St., on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 4:15 pm. The agenda includes a new school levy discussion, legal representation and lunch charges.

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## Kahl named new executive director of Richland Pregnancy Services

The Board of Directors of Richland Pregnancy Services has announced that Amy Kahl is the new Executive Director of the local nonprofit. Kahl is a familiar face to RPS, as she has previously served as the organization's Director of Development. Kahl's background of 14 years in nonprofit work, with ten of those years operating within a nonprofit ministry, will bring a continued wealth of experience and knowledge to the organization.

Before Richland Pregnancy Services, Kahl served in leadership roles within homeless gospel rescue missions in Chicago and Flor-

ida. Operating within a leadership capacity is nothing new for her. Kahl received her education at Kentucky Christian University with a bachelor's degree in Bible and Business Administration.

Kahl is replacing Amanda Clark. Amanda states, "Richland Pregnancy Services couldn't be more blessed to have Amy lead at the ministry's helm. Her passion for this work and compassion for the clients' situations shows her clear call to this mission. We could not ask for anyone with more experience in leading within ministries and the education to lead not just a nonprofit organization but this thriving nonprofit ministry."

In looking to the future, new Executive Director Amy Kahl hopes for the ministry's continued success in sharing the gospel, saving the lives of the unborn, and building solid relationships with area churches. Amy states, "I am so grateful to be a part of Richland Pregnancy Services, and I am so excited to work side by side with our friends of the ministry and board of directors."

RPS will continue to offer free services, including pregnancy testing, ultrasound, STD testing, parenting classes, mentoring, and material support.

Richland Pregnancy Services, 1560 W. Fourth St., Mansfield, is a 501 (c) 3 faith-based nonprofit organization. Call 419-522-8863 or visit [www.friendsofrichlandpregnancy.com](http://www.friendsofrichlandpregnancy.com) for more information.



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### Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville  
 419-886-4333 • [www.clearforkalliance.org](http://www.clearforkalliance.org)  
 Rev. Matt Merendino  
 Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor  
 9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship  
 Wednesday evenings: 6 pm Prayer Meeting  
 6:30 pm TeamKID and Youth Group

### Community Bible Church

1043 Springmill St., Mansfield  
 567-560-8011  
[www.DiscoverCommunity.org](http://www.DiscoverCommunity.org)  
 Pastor Sam Belsterling  
 10:30 am Sunday Worship  
 Live stream at <https://www.facebook.com/CommunityBibleChurchMansfield>

### Lexington Presbyterian Church

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

### McElroy Road Church of Christ

297 N. McElroy Rd., Mansfield (Madison area)  
 419-589-2661 • [mcelroyroad.org](http://mcelroyroad.org)  
 Minister Dean Jackson  
 9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Sunday Worship  
 6 pm Sunday Night • 7 pm Wednesday  
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### Ontario Christian Church

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

### Ontario United Methodist Church

3540 Park Avenue West, Ontario  
 419-529-4345 • [www.ontarioumc.com](http://www.ontarioumc.com)  
 Rev. Christine Bell  
 10:15 am Sunday Worship  
 Bible Study: Check website for schedule

### Ridgeway Church of God

1380 Park Avenue East, Mansfield  
 419-589-5385 • [www.ridgewaycog.cggc.org/](http://www.ridgewaycog.cggc.org/)  
 Pastor John Dodds  
 Associate Pastor Billy Saunders  
 9:30 am Sunday School  
 6 pm Sunday Family Events  
 10:40 am Sunday Worship with live stream at [www.facebook.com/ridgewaycog](http://www.facebook.com/ridgewaycog)  
 2 pm Wednesday Bible Study  
 9 am Men's Breakfast 2nd & 4th Sunday



### G & M Body & Paint Shop

1689 West Fourth St., Ontario  
 419-529-2747

### Risen Savior Lutheran Church

1685 Lexington Ave., Mansfield  
 419-775-1175 • [risensaviormansfield.com](http://risensaviormansfield.com)  
 Pastor Brad Wright  
 9 am Sunday Family Bible Time  
 10 am Sunday Worship

### St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church

1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison) 419-589-2114 • [www.mansfieldstmarys.org](http://www.mansfieldstmarys.org)  
 Father Matthew Frisbee  
 Worship: 4 pm Saturday & 11 am Sunday  
 5:30 pm Tuesday Worship  
 9 am Friday Worship • Faith Instruction & Bible Study on Sunday Mornings

### St. Paul Lutheran

2010 Park Avenue West • 419-529-4351  
[www.stpaulmansfield.org](http://www.stpaulmansfield.org)  
 Pastor Jonathan Stufft  
 9 am Sunday Worship  
 10:15 am Monday Weekly Bible Study

### St. Timothy Lutheran Church

1262 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison area)  
 • 419-589-5252 • [sttimmansfield.org](http://sttimmansfield.org)  
 Pastor Jonathan Stufft  
 10:45 am Sunday Worship  
 10:15 am Monday Bible Study  
 Email: [secretary@sttimmansfield.org](mailto:secretary@sttimmansfield.org)

### Trinity United Methodist Church

1592 Grace St., Mansfield (Madison area)  
 419-589-5890 • [trinityumcmansfield.org](http://trinityumcmansfield.org)  
 Pastor Paul Turner  
 9:30 am Sunday Worship

### Wappner Funeral Home

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# Local churches host Godsfield ThanksLiving worship services

Local churches will each host a worship service of praise and prayer, in a nightly series leading to Thanksgiving, Nov. 16–23.

Using the title “ThanksLiving,” the variety of churches will each present worship authentic to its tradition for the benefit of all.

“Each congregation offers its unique gifts and style while focusing on God as the direction of our thanks, through Jesus or Lord,” says Paul Lintern, series coordinator.

“We say that ‘Mansfield is Godsfield,’ as a way of emphasizing our partnership in ministry, one church with another.”

All are welcome to any and all services; these congregations all participate in a much more extensive series of nightly services, entitled “March of Prayer,” which next year will be run March 1 until Easter, April 9.

Of particular note is the Friday service, Nov. 18, at Elijah’s House, marking the first anniversary of the ministry for men seeking growth in faith and financial stability. Preparation was the combined effort of more than 15 congregations that each remodeled a room in the building. The schedule includes:

- Wednesday, Nov. 16, 6 pm, The MAC, 291 W. Cook Rd., Mansfield
- Thursday, Nov. 17, 6 pm, The ARC, 378 Park Ave. West, Mansfield
- Friday, Nov. 18, 6 pm, Elijah’s House, 309 Park Ave. West., led by Fusion Church, Lexington campus.
- Saturday, Nov. 19, 6 pm, Church Requel, 2 Marion Ave., Mansfield
- Sunday, Nov. 20, 6 pm, Open Bible, 1150 Rayfield., Madison area

- Monday, Nov. 21, 7 pm, First English Lutheran, 53 Park Ave. West, Mansfield, with Holy Trinity Lutheran and Kingdom Grace Fellowship.

- Tuesday, Nov. 22, 6 pm, Ontario United Methodist, 3540 Park Ave. West, Ontario

- Wednesday, Nov. 23, 6 pm, Linden Road Presbyterian, 160 S. Linden Rd., Mansfield

On the Saturday following Thanksgiving, Nov. 26, each congregation in the community is invited to send a representative to the 5 pm mass at St. Peter’s Catholic Church, 40 S. Mulberry, to receive a candle during the service, to be offered in worship the next day, as the Advent season begins, as a sign of partnership in the ministry of Jesus.

## Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

- Karen Eichler, Oct. 19
- Betty Bergman, Oct. 25
- Alice Phillips, Oct. 26
- Linda A. Litteral, Oct. 28
- Hazel Leora Brigner, Oct. 29
- Daniel Dean McBride, Oct. 30
- Walter John Weber Jr., Nov. 1
- Kathleen Dreibelbis, Nov. 2
- Janice Annette Hout, Nov. 2
- Virginia Martinez, Nov. 3

View Full Obituaries at [www.dignitymemorial.com](http://www.dignitymemorial.com)



THE UNITED WAY OF RICHLAND COUNTY and Graham Chevrolet hosted a kick-off and press event for their partnered fundraiser “WIN A CHEVY 2022” on Friday, Nov. 4 at Graham Chevrolet, 1515 W. 4th St., Mansfield. Tickets are one for \$30 or 4 for \$100. There are 1,000 tickets available and the winner will be drawn at the Dash to the Goal event on Friday, March 3, 2023. The United Way of Richland County fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in the community. Visit [https://one.bidpal.net/uworcchevy22/search/win\(details:item/1\)](https://one.bidpal.net/uworcchevy22/search/win(details:item/1)) for tickets.

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



*Pepperoni*

Pepperoni arrived at the shelter in June with his friend, Salami. Salami has since been adopted, while Pepperoni is still waiting for a home!

Pepperoni is around a year old. He is incredibly sweet and wants a lot of attention and love from the people he knows well. If your hand isn't on him, Pepperoni will jump to let you know he's still there.

Immediately when someone starts petting him, Pepperoni will sit down, making sure his back is touching his friend while he enjoys the scratches. When Pepperoni doesn't know someone, he is incredibly shy. He will hide from them and give face kisses to the person he knows.

Pepperoni shows no signs of aggression, he is just timid around new people. He would do wonderfully in an active home who can play with him and take him on walks. The shelter thinks Pepperoni is good with dogs and shows no sign of food aggression. The shelter also thinks Pepperoni is scared of cats.

Those interested in meeting any dogs housed at the shelter, the kennels are open 11-4:15 Monday-Friday and 10-2 on Saturday. The shelter is located at 810 N. Home Rd., Mansfield.

The shelter's current needs are volunteers to walk and play with the dogs. The shelter currently has over 80 dogs available for adoption and 15 more in quarantine (where all dogs stay for the first seven days). The shelter uses a lot of bleach, laundry detergent, and dog treats and welcomes donations.

Currently, adoptions are \$150, which includes spay/neuter, microchip, dog license and some vaccines.

## Bloodmobiles scheduled

Paired with busy holiday schedules, seasonal illnesses may make it harder for the Red Cross to collect the blood hospital patients require this winter. Donors - especially those with type O blood and those giving platelets - can help bolster the blood supply now by making an appointment to give in the coming weeks.

There is no waiting period to donate blood or platelets after receiving a flu shot. Schedule an appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Learn more about flu safety and prevention at [redcross.org/flusafety](http://redcross.org/flusafety).

As a thank-you, the Red Cross is offering several opportunities to donors this month. All who come to give Nov. 1-22 will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. Details are available at [redcross.org/perks](http://redcross.org/perks).

Those who come to give over the Thanksgiving holiday, Nov. 23-27, will get a Red Cross knit beanie, while supplies last.

All who come out to help Nov. 28-Dec. 15 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com gift card by email, thanks to Amazon.

Wednesday, Nov. 16, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Saturday, Nov. 19, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2-7 pm, Lexington High School, 103 Clever Ln., Lexington; and 1-6 pm, Crossroads Church, 1188 Park Ave West

Wednesday, Nov. 23, 9 am to 3 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Friday, Nov. 25, 2-7 pm, Community Building, 21555 Pealer Mill Rd., Butler

Saturday, Nov. 26, 11 am to 4 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2-6 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario



# ONTARIO LIONS PANCAKE DAY

Saturday, Nov. 5



Photos By  
Jenna  
Wolford

# VETERANS DAY: HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE – PAST & PRESENT

## Gunther, Havlat, Knauss and Veterans Day

By Joseph Reagan, Director of Military and Veterans Outreach for Wreaths Across America and Afghanistan Veteran

The 11th hour has become synonymous with Veterans Day, originally called Armistice day, in recognition of the document signed at the 11th hour, or the 11th day, of the 11th month.



Private Henry Gunther

In reality, the Armistice ending the war to end all wars was signed around 5 am on Nov. 11. Over the course of the next 6 hours, nearly 3,000 men would lose their lives in the final hours of a war that had already claimed the lives of 20 million military personnel. The final death of WW1 came at 10:59 am one minute before the guns of war would fall silent.

Private Henry Gunther was a German-American drafted in the fall of 1917; most accounts state that his final actions were motivated by Gunther's need to

demonstrate that he was "courageous and all-American." A chaplain from Gunther's unit recounted, "As 11 am approached, Gunther suddenly rose with his rifle and ran through thick fog. His men shouted for him to stop. So did the Germans. But Gunther kept running and firing. One machine gun blast later, he was dead. His death was recorded at 10:59 am.

In every conflict, inevitably a final service member pays the ultimate sacrifice. In World War II, Private Charlie Havlat, the son of Czech immigrants, in the closing days of the war, found himself liberating his parents' former homeland – word of the cease-fire reached his position minutes after he was killed. Officially, the U.S. has never declared a final casualty in the Korean War; since the armistice was signed, nearly 100 U.S. Soldiers have been killed in combat on the Korean peninsula.

On April 29, 1975, Charles McMahon and Darwin Judge were two of a small number of Marines tasked with safeguarding the U.S. Embassy in Saigon. They had been deployed for only 11 days when they were killed by a rocket attack.

The U.S. would complete the process of withdrawing from Saigon the following day. Staff Sergeant Ryan Knauss was the last of the 2,461 Service Members who died in Afghanistan; he along with 12 of his comrades was killed in a suicide attack during the withdrawal from Kabul.

In every war, there is always one that must fill the dignified but dubious role in history as being the last to give the full measure of devotion.

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**Thank You  
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**Randy Hutchinson  
City of Ontario Mayor**

**Mary Ann Hellinger  
City of Ontario Auditor**

### Veterans Day Activities

The Veterans Day Parade steps off from the 5-way light at Park Ave., Marion Ave., Sturges and Bowman in Mansfield at 10:30 am on Veterans Day, Friday, Nov. 11.

Immediately after, a ceremony will be held at the gazebo on the square in Mansfield. This year's guest speaker is Larry D. Moore, Vietnam Veterans of America Service Officer.

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Each year on the 11th day of the 11th month as a nation we pause, not only to honor those that have given their lives but for all those who believed so deeply in American exceptionalism that they were willing to give their lives to defend it.

For most Americans talking about war is conceptual, something learned through history books, news reports, and movies – those that have served do not have that luxury. Not only should we remember that the democratic principles we hold so dear have been defended by generations of Americans whom we honor on Veterans Day, but more importantly we should take inspiration from that sacrifice. Our country, despite all our self-imposed differences, needs to look to our Veterans and see that there are no divisions in a foxhole – there are only those who stand in defense of democracy and those who stand against it.

While we may only celebrate Veterans Day with a few moments of silence each year, we have an opportunity to use those moments to find our own way to serve as part of our commitment to living up to the legacy of our Veterans. When the Armistice was signed in 1918 when the Japanese surrendered, and when the last flights departed Kabul and Saigon – these were not simply endings – they were new beginnings. We honor those who serve by recommitting ourselves to making the sacrifices necessary to preserve our way of life.

As Adlai Stevenson once stated, “Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.” Let this Veterans Day be a new beginning. Go forth and find

a way to serve, our nation, our communities, and each other – we owe it to our Veterans.

*Joseph Reagan is the Director of Military and Veterans Outreach for Wreaths Across America. He has over 10 years’ experience working with leaders within Government, non-profit, and Fortune 500 companies to develop sustainable strategies supporting National Security, and Veterans Health.*

*He served eight years on active duty as an officer in the U.S. Army including two tours to Afghanistan with the 10th Mountain Division. He is a graduate of Norwich University, the oldest private military college in the country.*

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Many countries around the world also celebrate November 11 (but as Remembrance Day rather than Veterans Day or Armistice Day). These countries include the U.K., Canada, Australia, and France, among others.

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# OSU offers special program for veterans

By Traci Little

I spoke with Kendra Boggs and Victoria Pounds at The Ohio State University Mansfield location last week about their student veteran program, the Major Lawrence Miller Military Community Advocate Program. I was pleasantly surprised at the amount of love and support they are currently offering to these well-deserved individuals!

Boggs is the administrative lead and Pounds is the student advocate for the Military and Veterans Service program at OSU Mansfield.

It is an all-year program, and Pounds has regular office hours in a dedicated lounge for veterans. This is a protected area where veterans receive a passcode to enter. The lounge's purpose is to provide a quiet area where these veterans can do homework and decompress.

There is a coffee machine, refrigerator along with information and resources available specific to the needs of veterans. If a person is struggling and needs to find a resource, Pounds is the contact person for that.

There are currently about thirty veteran students at the Mansfield campus. At The Ohio State University as a whole, there are 2,180 current veterans and dependents attending as under-graduate and graduate students. Approximately 1,600 current faculty and staff are veterans and over 400 tri-service Air Force, Army and Naval ROTC program participants.

"We did a welcome back to campus Pizza Party for the veterans," Pounds said. There are emails that we send out to current veterans letting them know about different activities and resources available to them whenever they wish to utilize them.

"We are working really hard to build and expand the program here on campus. Our desire is that the veterans would find the program beneficial and know that we are here as a friendly face and point of contact. Victoria and I are here to help in any way we can,"

Kendra Boggs said.

A huge advantage is that Boggs can help with the military and education benefits, as she is well versed in financial aid services.

Although Boggs is not a veteran herself, both her father-in-law and son-in-law are veterans. Knowing firsthand the sacrifices that veterans and their families make has given her a passion for wanting to help in this manner.

It's both Boggs and Pounds' first year working with the program. Right now, it's mainly about getting the word out and building trust with these veterans.

"You have to build that trust with them. It's about being intentional and persistent to speak to Veterans when I see them in class and around campus and continue to let them know that we are here and ready to help whenever they are," said Pounds.

"It's easy to go to class and keep your head down, especially when you feel like there aren't many people that can relate to you or what you have gone through. That's why I'm hoping that this Veterans Day ceremony will bring us all closer, because it is specifically for us," said Pounds.

There will be a special Veterans Day Breakfast and Flag Ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 10 am. It will take place in the Marketplace – Eisenhower, followed by a flag ceremony. There will be an official changing of the colors, resembling the military traditions (moment of silence for veterans, salute, stand at attention, take old flag off, and raise flag in a slow momentum, a special folding of flag).

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Photo By Traci Little

**KENDRA BOGGS AND VICTORIA POUNDS** are the administrative lead and student advocate for the Military and Veterans Service program at OSU Mansfield.

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“The replacement of the old flags with new flags is symbolic of Ohio State’s unwavering commitment in support of all military members past and present and their continued contribution to the university, our community and this great nation,” said Air Force ROTC Col. Kevin Cullen.

Boggs and Pounds are currently working on gathering veteran spotlight stories. Building community and awareness in a safe space is the overarching goal. There is a wealth of information for veterans navigating Tri Care, education and mental health opportunities, and crisis lines are available if needed.

“It all works together nicely, and Victoria and I work really well together as a team,” said Boggs.

Pounds is a veteran herself. She served four years in the United States Marine Corps. Her academic program is social work with a minor in Sociology. What is the reason she participates in the MCA Program?

“So often I see or hear of so many other veterans that need assistance and/or guidance but they are not familiar with what resources are made available for us. Finishing an active-duty contract and having to transition back into the civilian sector is not an easy task, by

far. I want to be able to help as many veterans as I can at OSU and within our community to ensure that we are all able to succeed in our future endeavors and to make lifelong connections amongst one another,” said Pounds.

Pounds is currently in the middle of her four years of reserved time.

More in details about the program are available at <https://veterans.osu.edu/veterans-resources/community-advocates>.

OSU’s website also wrote about their veterans: *Our students are unlike any others. They approach life with dignity and pride. Their impact is felt across the University and the through the World with their strong work ethic and selfless service. They honor and protect our county. They make sacrifices that allow us the freedom we have each day. Their integrity, loyalty honor and respect, they exemplify the values of the military and what it means to be a Buckeye. We champion our military and veteran students by seeking to provide them the resources needed to help them succeed inside and outside the classroom. It is the least we can do!*

The Major Lawrence Miller Military Community Advocate Program

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is now a national program. I spoke to Jim Miller about why he started the veterans program.

Jim Miller's dad passed away in 2011. Major Lawrence was a veteran in the Navy, and eventually transferred to a program at The Ohio State University that provided him the opportunity to get his undergraduate and graduate degree, where he switched to the Air Force. Why did Jim's dad switch to the Airforce? "Well, my mom was heavily involved in that decision. My mom believed that getting a college education was extremely important for the future of our family," Miller said. They lived in a house on Lane Avenue.

After his dad's passing in 2011, Jim was looking for a way to honor his dad. They decided to renovate the house and turn it into a Veterans living area. Friends and family invested a million dollars into that project. See the Veterans House here - <https://housing.osu.edu/living-on-campus/veterans-housing/>.

Miller quickly realized there was still so much more to be done, due to the vast number of military Veterans out there. As the saying goes, "The sun never sets on Ohio State."

So, he created the military community advocate program in honor of his dad. This allows a student advocate to be empowered through a leadership role of helping other Veterans. They can continue to be of service and help others in this role. It is often a better fit for nontraditional students, and they are giving a service scholarship by

serving the veteran population in this way. They started with seven and now have 38 student advocates through the different campuses. It has turned into a national foundation launched by Jim in 2020 at sixteen universities from California to New York. There currently are forty in the state of Ohio the foundation helps host as well.

Over the last decade, the program has placed 220 student veterans in offices on Ohio State campuses, both in Columbus and on all regional campuses. "The objective is to help the universities know how to do a better job serving those who have served us," Miller said.

Developing a veteran cohort and community is extremely helpful and needed. You can read more about this at [nvlfoundation.org](http://nvlfoundation.org). The sixteen university partners include, Ashland University, Columbus State Community College, Cornell University, Howard University, Indiana University, Norfolk State University, Penn State University, The Ohio State University, University of California Los Angeles, University of Kansas, University of Nebraska - Lincoln, University of Texas - Dallas and San Antonio, University of South Florida, University of Wisconsin -Madison, and West Virginia University.

"Mansfield should be extremely proud to be part of a nationwide organization like this that is making a difference in the lives of veterans!" said Miller.

Although Jim Miller never served in this military himself, he feels that moving twenty-eight times before he was eighteen certainly

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made him part of the military experience! Moving out of the country gave him a unique perspective of the world. It was healthy for him and has allowed him to see the world and appreciate the diversity he has witnessed firsthand. He sees it as a healthy and valuable time in his life. When Jim moved from Germany to Ohio State, it was a culture shock for him as a dependent. Throughout his adolescence, Miller held on to the appreciation he had for Ohio State. In 1983, he graduated from the university himself with a bachelor's degree in communication and followed that by working at Ohio State for the next 35 years.

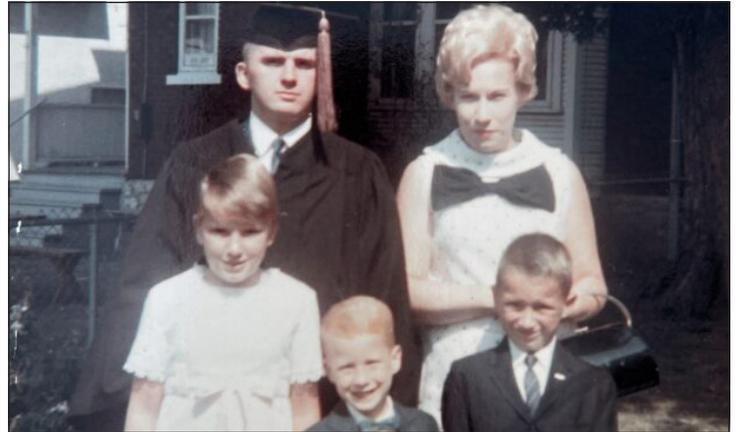
"It is very rewarding and I count it an honor to be able to uncamouflaged these students. The goal is to move from Veteran friendly to Veteran inclusive. We want to change the universities to be able to meet the needs of these veterans. Things like childcare for veterans with families so they can attend class and study. We need to reimagine the University today to think of the Veteran," said Miller.

Those interested in learning more about the National Veterans Leadership Foundation can contact Jim Miller at jim@nvlfoundation.org. Philanthropic gifts from family and friends established the creation of this university-wide initiative including the Major Lawrence Miller Community Advocate Program and the Major Lawrence Miller Flag Ceremony.

"The work leads to more fulfilling career and leadership opportunities for our nation's heroes, ultimately contributing to their success and impact both at work and in the community," states the website. The Military-Veteran offices are strengthened by leader-

ship support, fundraising, programs, the professional development of staff, and highlighting the contributions of military students on campuses.

The Ohio State University says its is especially grateful for their student veterans who selflessly balance their military obligations with their schoolwork, families and so much more.



JIM MILLER'S FAMILY PHOTO: Dad Lawrence Miller, mom Carole, sister Kim, brother Tim and Jim (age 9).



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## Local restaurants offer specials meals for veterans and active military

Richland County restaurants are offering special meals and discounts to veterans and active military members,

**Bob Evans:** Veterans choose from six menu items for free, all day on Nov. 11.

**Denny's:** Free build-your-own Grand Slam Breakfast from 5 am to noon on Saturday, Nov. 12 for veterans and active duty military.

**Golden Corral:** Veterans and active duty military receive a free meal from 5–9 pm on Saturday, Nov. 12. (Call ahead, Date may vary)

**Texas Roadhouse:** Veterans may order a free meal from the early dine menu between 11 am and 2 pm on Friday, Nov. 11

**O'Charley's Restaurant and Bar:** Veterans may choose a free meal from a special menu featuring five entrees Friday, Nov. 11 and Saturday, Nov. 12.

**Applebee's Grill and Bar:** Free meal from a select menu Friday, Nov. 11 for veterans with ID.

**Logan's Roadhouse:** Veterans may choose an \$8.99 meal for free from 3–6 pm on Friday, Nov. 11.

**Brown Derby Roadhouse:** Free meal up to \$15, excludes alcohol, Friday, Nov. 11 for veterans and active duty military with military ID or proof of service; only at Brown Derby Roadhouse in Ontario.

**Steve's Dakota Grill:** Free meal from a special menu from 3 pm to close on Friday, Nov. 11 for veterans and active duty military with military ID or proof of service. Meal includes choice of soft drink, coffee or hot tea. Offer good at Ontario, Marion and Findlay locations. Dine-in, only.

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Volunteering for our veterans: How my grandfather inspired me

By Evan Osgood

My grandfather, World War II Army veteran Bernard "Papa B" Brockmeyer, always told me that the most valuable thing I could learn was how to rally people behind a cause. "When you work together, you can overcome anything," he used to say.

Papa B passed when I was just 7 years old, but he continues to be a guiding force in my life. He was a man who selflessly served his country, and he inspired me to find ways to do the same. So when the COVID-19 pandemic struck communities across the Unit-

ed States in early 2020, I decided to step up the same way Papa B did many years ago.

I remember the news reports about our community members and front-line caregivers getting sick and dying because of the shortage of protective masks, one of our only defenses against the virus at the time. I found a how-to guide from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and started making them myself. I gave my homemade masks to friends and family in need, hoping they could avoid the grim scenes I was watching on TV. Every person who received a mask was extremely grateful and wanted to help make even more. Together, we became a mask-making team. All of us wanted to do something—anything—to fight the virus that was taking over our community.

I still remember a heartwarming experience I had delivering one of our first sets of masks to a veteran couple during the early days of the pandemic. I placed the masks on the couple's front porch, rang the bell and stepped back to my car. A woman answered the door, looked down and burst into tears. It turned out she and her husband had been stuck inside without masks for three weeks and didn't feel safe enough to leave. She couldn't have been more appreciative, calling out to me, "Bless you and bless what you are doing for this community!"

That's what volunteering means to me—something so small having such a meaningful impact for someone else. I'm always grateful for that feeling of making someone's day, of making a difference, one small action at a time.

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Our mask-making team continued to grow, and I eventually founded a nonprofit, created a website, and started shipping mask and face shield assembly kits across the country. We held virtual assembly parties where people would reconnect while making a genuine difference toward slowing the spread of COVID-19. The mask-making team that started out as me and my friends sewing masks in my basement grew to over 10,000 volunteers across the nation.

We focused on reaching underserved communities, including veterans. Of the roughly 800,000 masks created by volunteers, around 40% went directly to veteran communities. Our network also provided a much-needed opportunity for people—including veterans at my local Veterans Affairs medical center—to find purpose during a scary, uncertain time. By volunteering to make and deliver masks, we were empowering each other and our communities. Papa B was right. We were stronger together.

As a result of those efforts, I was honored with the top scholarship from DAV (Disabled American Veterans), the congressionally chartered voice of America's disabled veterans. The DAV Scholarship program awards \$110,000 in scholarships each year to volunteers 21 and younger who give back to veterans in their communities.

To be eligible, hours must be credited to DAV, and the process couldn't be easier. Volunteers can log hours at a local VA medical center or through the Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP),

which can include everything from grocery shopping to yardwork for veterans. When a volunteer selects DAV or DAV Auxiliary to credit the hours, those hours are reported back to the organization. With at least 100 hours, volunteers can be eligible for scholarships ranging from \$5,000 to \$30,000.

The DAV Scholarship money will be a huge help in funding my college education, but the real reward is the chance to reach even more veterans and volunteers.

With a robust volunteer program and more than 1 million members across over 1,200 local chapters, DAV makes it easy to give back to all our nation's heroes. Whether you're looking for a new opportunity or an impactful way to fill your service hour requirements, DAV makes volunteering accessible and effortless.

I always knew Papa B was right about the power of a united front, but the past two years brought that message home for me. That's why I hope you'll join me and thousands of others who donate their time to veterans through DAV. Learn more at [volunteerforveterans.org](http://volunteerforveterans.org).

*Evan Osgood is the top 2022 DAV Scholarship recipient. He began volunteering at 7 years old when he co-founded a nonprofit that brings science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education to his community. He resides in Loveland, Ohio, and will soon graduate from Loveland High School and pursue a degree in computer science and artificial intelligence.*

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VFW POST 9943 donated \$1,250 to Third Street Family Health Services so the clinic can offer free services to veterans on Nov. 10. Pictured are Gui Alves, executive assistant; Bill Myers (transportation porter and veteran); and Jim Dolan, chairman of the board from Third Street Family Health Services, VFW Post 9943 Commander William Myers, and Teri Sumbry from Third Street Family Health Services.

## Free care services available

Third Street Family Health Services will celebrate local veterans' military service and contributions with a day of free dental and health care.

Operation Heal Our Veterans will include free refreshments, giveaways, prizes, gift cards, specialty items, and more. It will also be an opportunity for veterans to connect to social support services and veterans' organizations in the community.

Third Street must charge a nominal fee for its services and donations make it possible to provide free health and dental care for the veterans. VFW Post 9943 in Mansfield donated \$1,250 to Operation Heal our Veterans. Thanks to this post's generosity, Third Street will be able to provide much-needed services to our community's veterans without burdening them with payment.

The event will be held Thursday, Nov. 10 from 9 am to 5 pm at Third Street Family Health Services, 600 W. Third St., Mansfield.

The WWI battlefield was a place where no life could flourish or even survive. After the fighting ceased and the bombings stopped, however, the ravaged land began to heal as nature took its course. During the healing process, red poppies bloomed and gave new life to the death-tainted landscape of WWI.




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## Mansfield Cemetery holds a wealth of local history

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Driving through the Mansfield Cemetery, you'll soon find that it holds an abundant wealth of history. With over 65,000 people buried throughout its 100 acres, it's the largest cemetery in Richland County. It was first established in March of 1845 and in 2025 the cemetery will celebrate 180 years!

Walking through the cemetery's rolling hills filled with all of these headstones, you can almost feel the stories begging to be told.

The cemetery is run by the Mansfield Cemetery Association which is a nonprofit/for-profit entity that is privately owned and funded by those who own burial rights to a lot in the cemetery. I had the opportunity to sit down with Pamela Bautz, administrator, and Matt Cassel, records and genealogy, a couple of weeks ago.

Before the Association was established, there were four graveyards in Mansfield. During this time there was an ad campaign that encouraged people to relocate their loved ones to the Mansfield Cemetery. This makes the record keeping process more difficult, as many of these individuals that were relocated never bought a plot, and therefore don't show up in the death records the same way.

The Mansfield Cemetery is one of Ohio's largest cemeteries. The first purchase was twenty acres from Benjamin Johns. Some well-known internments (among others), were Harold Arlin (sports-caster/educator), Modesai Barley (Governor of Ohio), Thomas Bartley (Governor of Ohio), Robert Henry Bentley (Brevet Brigadier General), Jacob Brinkerhoff (US Congressmen), Joseph Snively Hedges (Civil War US Medal of Honor Recipient), Wilbur "Pete" Henry

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(Professional Football Player), Mary Alice Norton (Science Fiction Author), and John Sherman (US Senator, Presidential Cabinet Secretary). Sherman’s monument is currently the largest in the cemetery. It sits on a 12-ton base, weighing 30 tons and is made of granite from Westerly, Rhode Island.

Bautz said, “Our cemetery has three designated Veteran sections. The first one, not far behind the main entrance, is for early Revolutionary, Civil, and Spanish American War behind Senator Sherman. We don’t have as many in that one. The next section is from 1913 up until the Vietnam War, which is the Old Soldiers Ground. This was Sue’s project that we got on board with. The new one, Veterans Hill, begins in 1992-’93, and that is the one we currently still use at this point.”

“I’ve taken up certain causes over the last few years. Through the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolutionary), if you can prove descendants and prove military record you can help someone from the Revolutionary War get a stone. Back in that day it was a little different and the government weren’t just helping everyone get a stone,” said Bautz.

In May of 2021, they helped five people get a stone and celebrated with a dedication. The Jared Mansfield chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held a grave dedication ceremony for four soldiers, one who served in the Mexican American War. They got their stone and flag holder and did a reenactment ceremony and a mock burial. People walked from grave site to grave site, and there were bagpipe players, color guard and musket salutes. It was a beautiful event. Most of the requests spawned from descendants, but one

of the gentlemen we awarded a stone for, didn’t have any descendants to see this dedication. He was supposed to be our first official burial – first one we sold a lot for, a young guy who died in the Mexican American War.

His comrades buried him for a while, and when they finished their tour, they brought him with them to us. For one hundred and seventy years he didn’t have a stone. His name was Pvt. Robert William Johnston, who was a volunteer to the Mexican American War. He died in Saltillo, Mexico on May 11, 1847, at the age of 19. He died marching from Monterey to Buena Vista. During that time, we would have family members dig up their loved ones from other gravesites and bring them here. It took Pvt. Robert William Johnston a while to get home, and by that time, his two younger brothers had passed away as well. His sister outlived them all, but never had kids, so his whole family line died. He was the only one here that didn’t have a descendant to see this dedication happen.

“Joyce Vanatter with the DAR is wanting to do another dedication like this. So evidently, she has a stone for another soldier in mind,” said Matt Cassel.

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“Due to the large Memorial Day celebration this year, there isn’t an official celebration on Veterans Day. “We’re hoping to get back to doing some of the history tours and we’d like to do a Veteran Tour each year where we can pick and choose different Veterans and have family members send us different stories,” said Bautz.

“Matt Cassel collects our stories for us and puts them up on Facebook. We are continually working to get Veterans stones who have

not received one. To verify a Veteran, it’s a little more stringent of a process. There are grave registrations to look at, a lot of research, making sure we get the right paperwork to get them a stone. They look at things like death certificates, ancestry research sites, military index card that has their enlistment date, discharge date, death, rank and all that sort of information. We need two or three of these types of information to get them a stone. The next thing is proving that they are here in the Mansfield Cemetery.”

“You hope our records are really good, and that’s where we start. It can be tricky for the Civil War and Revolutionary War because people just dug up loved ones and buried them without being entered into the records. We have to go back to obituaries and look at the stories written in the paper at that time. There was an historian at that time, Mr. Vulman, who wrote a lot of the county history back in the day.”

“Articles were encompassing and more personal back then. They would give details like, ‘So and so came to visit this person’s house, etc. They were much broader and deeper which helps is when trying to identify individuals,’ said Bautz. “They also have all of the hand-written records and books from day one. They also have the original board meeting books so they can follow the developments that have happened in our life here.”

“I don’t think our forefathers thought we would be here. They were very lackadaisical with maps, so we try to follow a reasonable deduction and find the general section for these loved ones. They aren’t marked, so we do are best to find the area they would have been. If we can find a family lot, we can locate the general vicinity. We must study the records that are left if they were filled in. The size of the boxes can clue us in if they were a child, or adult. We also can’t probe the ground for concrete, steel, or metal caskets like these days. Back in that day, you just had your wooden casket that is most likely rotted and deteriorated by now. Many people were not even given a casket but just wrapped in shrouds,” said Bautz.

Their record keeping wasn’t the best back then. We’ve progressed and medically we are living longer, and it seems back then that death was more of a common occurrence and maybe it wasn’t such a big deal to be bury people. You see more people interested in history these days, and back then, they were the ones creating the history. A lot of them were immigrants and couldn’t speak our language. I asked my grandma before she passed, “did you not ever ask questions about your grandmother’s past?” And she said, “no, we just lived” said Bautz.

So, what are some exciting things happening in the works? The

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cemetery is hoping to have a big celebration in 2025 where they will celebrate 180 years! There are new developments and renovations in the works, some resurfacing of the old mausoleums and things of that nature.

“I joined the crew here seven years ago, and I’ve been an Administrator for the last couple of years. The gentleman that trained me, who is now passed, said that during my time here, I should focus on making it another hundred years (as a business, and making use of the land),” said Bautz.

“Everything back then was built for full vaults. When you look at the old section, it’s all kind of crazy and sporadic. There are circles and curves, and when you get to the back section, it’s more rigid and lined up. You use the space you have better that way. The design philosophies focused on a more aesthetic quality, that followed the hills. The purpose of this was to make it a pleasing place for everyone, but they didn’t think about saving space. I don’t have any section that is completely empty. We maybe have seven sections that are half full,” said Bautz. When you drive through the cemetery it is looking fuller and fuller. “I do believe I can get another hundred years out of this graveyard though,” said Bautz. Apparently, there are a lot of areas that got abandoned in the 60s and 70s. Development and engineering and maps of the grounds seems to just quit during that time period and the ones following. It picked back up in the late 70s and early 80s.

Before leaving my time with Pamela and Matt, they gave me a map to find three graves of some Veteran Heroes. It was fun trying to track down these graves by following these detailed maps they gave me. I am proud to say, I was able to find all three graves! It felt like I succeeded at a meaningful scavenger hunt through a graveyard!

The first person’s grave I was sent to find was for Captain John Buchanan “Jack” Huggins.

He is buried in section OS-4, he’s within eyesight of many fellow war veterans. Jack was a well-known traveling man and born in Glasgow Scotland on July 19, 1871. In 1882 his family arrived in America where he attended Mansfield Public Schools, prep schools, and was a student at The Ohio State University.

Jack played on the first Ohio State Football team and some credit him for introducing Rugby Football to the school. At the young age of 22, he organized the Company M of the 8th Regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry located here in Mansfield.

He served as its first captain before work took him from the city. Shortly before the outbreak of the Spanish American War, Huggins rejoined Company M as a Private. During his time in Cuba, Huggins contracted typhoid malaria fever that compromised his health and led to his death.

The second grave I was able to visit, was in the Mansfield Catholic section. I was privileged to visit the grave of Pvt. Gonshirski, who was returned here for burial. He was killed in action in the European

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theatre on April 28, 1944. Msgr. R. C. Goebel conducted his service. He was born in Mansfield on Feb. 24, 1921. He was 23 years old at the time of his passing. He was employed by the Westinghouse Electric Corporation before he entered the Service on Oct. 1, 1942. He went overseas in November of 1943, serving with the 462nd Amphibious company at the time of his death.

During that time, the bodies of 15 war heroes returned to the United States. The bodies of six Mansfield service men and nine from the city area were returned from Europe aboard the U.S. Army Transport

Lawrence Victory. The 15 were among 375 Ohioans whose bodies arrived in New York City.

Lastly, I was honored to visit the grave of Navy Veteran Mary Jane Wilson. We remember Dec. 7, 1941, as the “day that will live in infamy”. Mary passed away Jan. 1, 1995. Mary’s time in the Navy was kept a secret. Her family came to the staff at the cemetery, asking why their grandmother’s grave looked like she was a Veteran. She was known for simply being a housewife, but later was found to have served as a Code Girl during World War II. Code girls were secretly recruited and trained during the war to crack code that provided critical intelligence information in the Europe and Pacific Theaters.

When you get a chance, make time to visit the graves of these amazing men and women who bravely fought on behalf of the freedom we have today! It was emotional for me to stand over these graves and think about the sacrifices these men and women made for me long ago! When you read about history in a book, it can seem very impersonal and cold. When you are standing over their gravesite, with their name etched in stone staring back at you, it hits you differently. On this Veterans Day, 2022, I hope these simple stories pay respect to these individuals that put themselves in harms way for the freedom we so often take for granted today! We are better off because they sacrificed so much, and it is the least we can do to continue to honor and remember them.



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MADISON COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL National Honor Society students volunteered at Madison Community Youth Park on April 26. The students and volunteers helped by cleaning up and mulching multiple areas of the park to get it ready for baseball and softball season. The park displays flags donated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Ohio Post 9943.



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# Dan Coy earned purple heart as sergeant in Vietnam

By Traci Little

Daniel O. Coy was born June 1, 1950. As a Sergeant in Vietnam, he made rank fast after graduating from the Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) academy. He served in the Northern I Corp in Quang Tri, Vietnam. At Fire Support Bases Alpha 4 (Con Thien), Charley 2, Khe Sanh, and the Special Forces Camp at Lang Vie on the Laotian Border.



Dan Coy

In those days, if you didn't go to college with a student deferment, you would be drafted around your 19th birthday. Dan was working as a lineman at Ohio Bell, the telephone company. College was not an option for him at the time, as his family couldn't afford it. He volunteered for the Draft in the Army at the age of 19 in 1969. The reason for volunteering for the draft was that he could select his branch of service (Army versus the Marines). The Marines were drafting at that time too and you never knew where you would end up until you reported for duty.

His requested MOS (Military Occupation Specialty) was for army underwater demolition, as he really enjoyed scuba diving. You would fill out a dream sheet for what job you would prefer. No one got their request. He ended up as a combat engineer working as a demolition team leader.

Dan left for the Army Aug. 4, 1969. He remembers having eight weeks of Basic Training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He was then sent to Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, to train for an additional eight weeks, in his specific job, or Military Occupation Specialty (MOS). His test scores qualified him for Officer Candidate School (OCS), The Warrant Officer Flight Training program where he would be trained to fly helicopters, or the Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) Academy. OCS and the flight program meant an extra year of military service and he didn't want to do three years. The NCO Academy (Non-Commissioned Officer Academy) was a six-month program and did not require a one-year extension, so you were out in two years just like a draftee.

The graduates were required to go directly to Vietnam as a Sergeant for a one-year tour of duty. They were referred to as "Shake and Bake Sergeants" like the reference to "90-day Wonders for officers that attended OCS. Al-

most 100% of his AIT class went to Vietnam so this election would defer deployment for another six months. Perhaps things would wind down in Vietnam? The NCO Academy provided extensive training in leadership, combat skills and explosive ordnance.

Dan graduated in the top 5% of class in June of 1970. He enjoyed his time in training and gave it his all. He learned skills that have stayed with him for life. He learned a lot from his drill instructors and sergeants as they were Vietnam Veterans themselves. He was able to learn valuable survival skills and practical knowledge.

The training included combat simulation with live fire and explosives, Escape and Evasion and jungle warfare; but nothing can prepare you for the real thing. Prior to deployment to Vietnam, he served as an Assistant Drill Instructor (DI), which was the On-the-Job Training (OJT) phase of his instruction. Here Dan was able to apply the leadership and training skills he learned since he would oversee other GIs in Vietnam.

"I was excited and highly motivated! For the first time in my life, I had an opportunity on my own to make it or break it and elected to maximize the experience," Coy said.

Dan's faith played a big part in his work ethic and overall outlook on life. He grew up in a Christian home, with a brother and two sisters. Core values of honesty, integrity, and work ethic are things that helped prepare him.

Dan remembers having a 21 day leave before going over to Vietnam. He came home and he and a friend took a 10-day trip down the Mohican River in Loudonville, which was a lot of fun. From there he took his first plane ride to Oakland Army Base in California and waited for his name to be called for his departure to Vietnam. From Oakland he

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flew to Anchorage Alaska, Yokota, Japan, and finally to the Tan Son Nhut Air Base in Vietnam.

He arrived in Vietnam on a stifling hot Fourth of July day in 1970. He served in an area just below the DMZ in Northern I Corp. After arriving at the Repo Depo (Replacement Detachment) at the Quang Tri Combat Base, he was assigned to A Company 7th Engineer Battalion, 1/5th Infantry Division Mechanized. The ugly red diamond patch identified him. He arrived at A-4 or Con Thien about a week later. The Army replaced the Marines in 1969 and resumed the mission of patrolling the area along the DMZ. Dan was deployed as an individual and came home as an individual.

His first memories stick with him to this day! First, the staggering humidity took your breath away. Coy remembers the smells, especially a Vietnamese fermented fish sauce called Nuoc Mam which had a very pungent smell. He never turned down any food and would try anything.

During Lom Son 719, The Laotian Invasion, he ate C-rations for 67 days. They were canned rations from 1941, left over from WW2. He also ate long-range patrol LRRP rations which were freeze dried meals from the Oregon Freeze dried food company. You just had to add water. The Quang Tri combat and the firebases base had hot prepared meals which were pretty good.

“When I had the chance to buy some food from one of the villages, I really enjoyed that,” said Dan.

Also, the smell of rotting vegetation, and fresh dirt takes him right back to the bunkers and tunnels he crawled through. Music also triggers vivid memories which take him back to the music he listened to in the late 60s early 70s.

A lot of people got sick from the Malaria pills they had to take. The big, once a week, pink pill would give most guys diarrhea for four to six days. Come to find out, they were being overdosed with the little white pills (which were 10x the regular dosage we were supposed to be taking).

“I still came down with Malaria during the Christmas of 1970. I was sick in hospital for a week. Tents were set up and we had to get out of bed and go get our own medication. I remember shivering uncontrollably, but still had to make my way to the counter where they administered the meds,” Coy said.

Dan looked forward to receiving letters at mail call. In Vietnam they could get care packages. His Grandma would send his favorite banana cake with coconut frosting. Unfortunately, it was laden with mold by the time it arrived. There was no way he was throwing it

away though! He simply scraped off the mold and ate it anyways.

Dan’s mother kept all his letters he sent home. They also exchanged one another talking on cassette tapes.

“I didn’t go into detail about what I did, and the letters were more like “all is well, I ate this, and it’s sunny today. I didn’t want my mom to worry,” Dan said.

He had to live under ground in bunkers when at the firebase. He remembers going out on the top and recording bits and pieces here and there. Occasionally, artillery fire would echo in the background and be caught on the cassette recordings, so he was pretty sure his mom knew it was bad.

His entire NCO class went over as one unit. There were eighty in his class, and they all were split up and spread out as individuals all over Vietnam.

“It wasn’t like the movie, We Were Soldiers, where the entire unit deployed and were together during the entire tour,” said Coy.

Dan served in the most northern position on the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) in South Vietnam. The Fifth Division is near north Vietnam, and it wasn’t a good place to be. He was put on a C130, and they flew him up to Quantri. After that, he went to another replacement with three days of orientation, before going to his permanent unit.

They worked in small teams. Coy was the demolition team leader and ready reaction force leader as a sergeant. They worked in two- or five-man teams and got to know the demo partners really well.

There were no secure areas outside the wire. Fire bases were smaller circles. There was wire around the perimeter, and the mine field was the outside wire. Most villages were destroyed. They encountered the North Vietnamese Army (who were trained by the Russians and Chinese) more so than the local Vietnamese in the villages, Viet Cong.

Coy was up against a well-established army, and it was a lot more dangerous. The Viet Cong would put mines and booby traps in the road and fields. They were more like a member of a household that went out and did bad things at night and returned to farming rice in the morning.

“Every morning, we had to clear the roads of mines. We would call in before commencing our mine sweep. There were two teams, alpha and bravo, two guys each, one with the mine detector and one

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prober who would probe with his bayonet if there was something in the road. We had to walk up the roads very quickly. We could cover about 4 miles in an hour. Our sole purpose was to find mines and booby traps (called IEDs today). Every step that you took could be your last. It was literally like walking on eggshells,” said Dan.

He would go on search and destroy missions where they would go out in tanks and Armored Personnel Carriers (APCs), searching for enemy sanctuaries and destroy them. They called these “search and destroy” missions but the name was later changed to “search and clear.” Perhaps it sounded less cruel.

“We would always prevail. We didn’t tuck our tails and run, we had helicopters, and crazy support once we would overtake an area. My job and my demo partners job were to clear out the tunnels and bunkers. We would take a flashlight and a 45 automatic pistol, clear them out, take anything out that was in them like mines, ammunition, intelligence information and then destroy them,” Dan remembers.

They were dark, black, and dank, and Dan was completely alone. Once cleared out, he would put explosives in them and blow them up. Being in small places still bothers him and he has recurring nightmares to this day.

At night they would set up in a Night Defensive Perimeter (NDP), where tanks and APCs would be positioned in a circle. When they were in the bush, they had to be alert. All your senses were on hyper drive. Fear was something you trained for and learned to control. He remembers being well trained in doing what he needed to do.

Before entering a bunker or tunnel he would toss a hand grenade into the opening, roll over on his side as it blew out through the opening. After the dirt settled, he would go in headfirst watching for booby traps and always staying alert for the bad guys. All he had was a flashlight and 45.

“I was a big guy, all of 215 pounds, so those tunnels got tight. To this day, over fifty years later, I still have nightmares about Vietnam. In one recurring dream, I am alone in this dark, dank shaft and there is an explosion. I roll over on my back to get out and the bunker collapses. As I holler out for help the earth and dirt collapse in on my face and I can feel the dirt fill my mouth and then I wake up in a sweat,” Dan said.

He would also have to go on ready reaction force missions. They had ten minutes to get to the chopper pad, jump in the chopper and would sit on the floor with their feet hanging out the door.

“That was an exhilarating ride! We would go out in two- or four-man teams. We had no idea where we were going. The chopper would drop us off on a hilltop to clear an LZ – Landing Zone or we would meet up with an infantry unit to perform the mission. We would stay in the bush four to six days and then they would extract us,” Coy said.



“I was hit on two occasions. The first time was on a search and destroy mission in Marketplace right below DMZ. We were sitting in a wide-open area, tanks on a line, similar to a kickoff on a football team. We spent forty-five minutes waiting for artillery to lift. I remember eating a can of fruit cocktail with my M16 lying across my lap. All of a sudden, we started taking fire and one of our tracks, on our left, was hit with an RPG. The can of C-Ration Fruit cocktail was like gold over there, so I sat it down carefully on the cargo deck of our APC so it wouldn’t spill. I picked up my M-16 as we started to roll to assist the guys that were hit. We only rolled about twenty feet and there was a massive explosion. We rolled over a booby-trapped bomb called an artillery round. It blew a huge crater in the ground 15 ft in diameter, and 7 feet deep. Our 17-ton PC was launched into the air. I was blasted off the left side along with the driver, Track Commander (TC) and my demo partner, Baby Green. Green was hit when the eighty-pound, 50 caliber machine was torn off the mount on the track. It flipped up in the air and came down hitting him in the head and shoulder. My other demo partner, Gary Robinson was blasted up and to the right and came down in the bottom of the crater. I dragged myself down in the hole with Rob. I pulled myself over

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to him, and he was bleeding from his mouth and ears, but he had a pulse. I remember laying on my back with so many things running through my mind. I just couldn't believe what had happened. I remember thinking, I can't move my legs. That's when a 17-ton vehicle rolled over and I thought it was going to land on top of me. Thankfully it righted itself back up and stopped," Dan said.

Dan and the others were all medevacked out of there by helicopter, and he remembers waking up in the 18th Surgical Hospital at Quang Tri. That's the event he received a purple heart for.

"The next moment was the most surreal experience I have ever had. I was being wheeled in on a stretcher, and there were triage nurses and doctors, pouring over the area trying to help everyone. I looked up to my left and there was an enemy soldier beside me, and we made eye contact. Nothing else mattered in that moment. We were enemies, but we were both injured, and both desperately needed help to survive," said Coy.

He remembers telling himself it can't be him; it's not going to happen to him, it's always going to be someone else; but sometimes it happens to you.

Dan got out of Vietnam and the Army on June 28, 1971. He left the jungles and three days later he was "back on the block", in Cuyahoga Falls. It was a terrible adjustment, as there was no transitional information. PTSD was not a thing at that time. Before processing out at Ft. Lewis Washington, they received white sidewall haircuts, better known as the buzzed military haircut. There was no wind down period, debriefing, or counseling. He got out of the airplane without any mention of what to expect.

"It was almost like they rushed us out the door to get the next guy processed and set us on our way with our buzzed head," Coy said.

There was a lot of disdain for Veterans at that time. After the war, Dan was very jumpy and his buddies at Kent State in Akron would make a game out of scaring him and watching him jump.

Dan received PTSD counseling through the VA. They do a tremendous job at the Mansfield facility. He filed for disability in 1971 after getting back. He got a returned letter from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) listing injuries: Loss of eyesight, head trauma, shrapnel wounds back, disposition denied: "These injuries were not incurred during your military service." He also served in a heavy agent orange area and has peripheral neuropathy today because of it. He still has nightmares fifty years later but is very thankful that he still has both of his legs and arms.

Dan never joined the VFW or any other veteran organization; he just went on with his life. His family has been excellent and a huge support. But there isn't training for family members to deal with loved ones that suffer from PTSD either. Dan sleeps light, and his startle reflex is always prevalent.

Dan did recently participate in an event that the Wounded Warriors In Action (WWIA) Organization put on. It is a nationwide organization for combat Veterans who were wounded in action. They went on a fishing trip together with nine other veterans.

Tearing up, Dan said, "that was the first and only time in over 50 years that I actually felt welcomed and honored. I really enjoyed talking to other wounded warriors and Veterans who I could finally relate to. There were also Army Veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan, and it was neat to talk to them and hear about their experiences."

They had a parade, where they took them in cars through Ashtabula, and then onto the VFW to have dinner. They had a police escort, and people lined up on the street, waving flags.

"It was a full circle moment and I finally experienced what I missed coming home in 1971," said Coy.

If you want to contribute to the Wounded Warrior In Action Association, all the proceeds go to putting on these special events for the Veterans. <https://wwiaf.org>

Dan has been to Clear Fork High School and done presentations, showing pictures, and doing various talks on Vietnam. That was good for him and gave him an opportunity to speak to the students.

In Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam— there were over 5 million peo-

ple that died as a result of the war. Dan still struggles with the thought, "what did we accomplish in Vietnam?" He's yet to get a good answer. The mission was to "halt the flow of communism aggression", but they didn't do that. They pulled out and the North took over the South in 1975.

"I couldn't wait to get my uniform off. I wasn't aware of what was going on at the time. The Quandary for me today, I don't think we made the world a better place," said Coy.

"I would still do it all over again. I did what I was asked to do," said Dan.

He appreciates when people say, "thank you". It means something after not having a warm welcome home. No one spit on me, but I certainly felt it with their words," Coy said.

Dan had a full circle moment as he watched the plane his son Grant was on, leave the tarmac for Afghanistan. Now he realized the emotions that must have gone through his parent's mind when he deployed.

Dan retired in 1999 when he sold his last business. He and his wife Denise bought a 100-acre farm near Pleasant Hill Lake and built a house on it. His other son Drew opened Smokin' Bros BBQ in 2013. Dan and Denise run the business today. Their recipe model is simple and yummy, and still stick to the same menu today. You pick the meat, sauce, sides, and drink. They are located at 1041 Park Ave West in Mansfield. They were voted # 1 Best BBQ - Baby Back Ribs, Beef Brisket, and Pulled Pork.

Dan describes himself as an ordinary, Purple Heart Combat Veteran. These amazing individuals, who have sacrificed so much, deserve our utmost honor and respect. Dan, you are more than ordinary... you are truly extraordinary!



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Laurel Morton, a 2021 graduate of Lexington High School, graduated from USAF Basic Training Oct. 18-19, 2022, at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Laurel will attend North Central State College starting in January 2023 to pursue an Associates Degree in Business Management.

She will be serving in the 200th RED HORSE Det. 1 in Services at the 179th Air Force Base in Mansfield.

Her parents are Buck and Dawn Morton and siblings are Lucas and Samantha.



Laurel Morton Currently completing her Services Technical Training at Ft. Lee, Virginia



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# Vogt's difficult journey leads him to family life

By Traci Little

Captain Nick Vogt of Crestline has come a long way since the event that caused him to lose both of his legs.

In November of 2011, while leading his Army platoon through the streets of southern Panjwai, Afghanistan, two IEDs exploded. One of Nick's soldiers and himself sustained the blast. At the time, doctors were not sure if Nick would live through it. He received over 500 blood transfusions during his treatments. This used up all of the supply available so more than 300 troops rallied to donate blood to assist him.

Vogt was eventually transferred to Walter Reed National Military medical Center in Maryland where he went through another 30 surgeries. His heart actually stopped twice as he battled a brain aneurysm and many infections.

Vogt has overcome many hurdles since that day in Afghanistan, surviving debilitating injuries including extensive tissue damage which led to the amputation of both legs, along with a brain injury diagnosis and a seizure disorder.

Amidst the hardships, Nick has experienced many blessings along his journey. In 2013, during his recovery at Walter Reed National

Military Center, Nick met and fell in love with a Navy nurse named Lauren. She has been with him every step of the way. The happy couple got married in 2015. Throughout all of the challenging and frustrating times, Lauren and Nick have chosen to cling to hope and trust God. Nick, 35 and his wife Lauren, 32, now have three beautiful children of their own. Lauren is a stay-at-home mom to Nathan, 5, Evelyn, 3, and they recently welcomed a third baby to the Vogt crew, Lucy who is 2 months old. Lauren might return to nursing one day, but she is utilizing her nursing skills daily while helping to care for Nick and her three children.

Despite their beautiful life, Nick still was suffering with debilitating pain. After his amputation, he had a simple skin graft performed to close the wounds. Up until then, it was incredibly painful to sit upright for more than a few minutes at a time. Think of what it would feel like to sit on your elbows; it's not a long-term solution and it creates a lot of wear and tear over time.

With Lauren's nursing background, she started asking around. There certainly had to be something to help her husband live a better quality of life. Someone pointed Nick to Dr. Jason Souza, a Navy Veteran and plastic surgeon at Walter Reed Medical Center. Dr. Souza was able to perform a life changing surgery on Nick in February of 2021. Nick underwent a 12-hour surgery at Walter Reed National Military Center. Dr. Souza removed a flap of skin, fat and blood vessels from Nick's back in order to add more sustainable padding near the bottom area of Nick's body. Since the surgery, it's given him a tremendous amount relief. Dr. Jason Souza spent his previous six years at Walter Reed National Military Center as an active-duty

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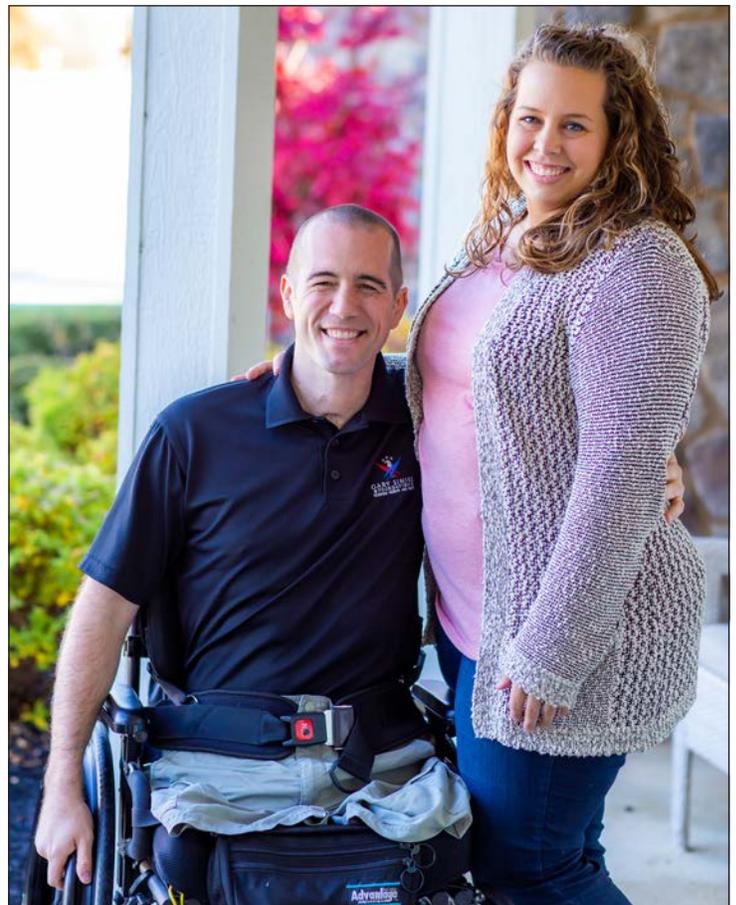


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Nick and Lauren Vogt

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member of the U.S. Navy. "It's been the greatest privilege of my life to serve those that have served us," said Souza.

Throughout his time at Walter Reed, most of the care he provided was dealing with wounded soldiers coming back needing their previous surgeries fixed or repaired. Unfortunately, trauma care is often focused on closing the wound as soon as possible without considering future struggles and follow up surgeries. When a wound is skin grafted it is covered with a very thin, fragile layer that very often breaks down as a result of minor trauma experienced during daily life. By performing more extensive surgeries like Nicks', the damaged area is covered with more durable tissue that is better able to withstand the test of life. By transferring the skin and fat with the blood vessels needed to keep this tissue alive, you allow the skin to heal and repair itself if injured. This tissue can also easily be reopened to allow for revision surgeries to be done if needed. Unfortunately, these necessary surgeries often are avoided when the overlying wound has been skin grafted.

Souza's time as a surgeon at Walter Reed, was mostly spent treating patients coming back with recurring pain and compounding problems; things like nerve uses that weren't addressed and the wear and tear with skin damage. Many of these individuals struggling with daily pain feel they have exhausted all their options. Until they hear stories like Nick's, and their hope is restored.

"What I've learned from caring for hundreds of patients with soft tissue challenges like Nick's is that if you can do the harder surgery upfront, you make everything easier down the road. It's important to be thinking about the next one, three, or in the case of our wounded warriors, the next 20-30 surgeries. The goal is to provide a long-term solution for people like Nick. This type of surgery is a new way of thinking. It's not something a lot of people do. I've modified the surgery model to deal with larger areas of the body. The goal was to provide Nick thicker tissue on his bottom for more padding, that would be more durable, having the ability to repair itself," Dr. Souza told me.

"I'm grateful for the military surgeons that came before me as there was no real textbook on how to treat these patients and providing for their long-term healing. The eye sees what the mind knows," says Souza. Through seeing these types of patients return time and time again, Dr. Souza's passion for this cause grew. His desire was to



Dr. Souza, Nick Vogt and Lauren Vogt meet with Paul Hwang, a plastic surgeon at WRNMMC who cared for Nick during his initial trauma and recovery at Walter Reed.

be able to help more people like Nick. Dr. Souza transferred to Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center in September of 2021. "The infrastructure and collaborative spirit were already here, so it was an ideal place to build the program," said Souza.

"I get the opportunity to do this at the highest level," says Dr. Souza. After arriving in Columbus, his hope and vision has been to continue to perform surgeries like the one he performed on Nick Vogt. Through sharing stories like Nick's, the hope has been to reach other Veterans and Wounded Warriors.

In his first year at Ohio State University Wexner, Dr. Souza has been able to provide care for 20 wounded warriors through word of mouth. Just last week the website went live. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2p9ectry> to see this resource.

Nick represents the miracle of military trauma care, as he survived an injury that most don't survive. Nick owns the record of being given the most units of blood (over 600 units). He was referred to as a walking blood bank. Without so many people coming through to donate blood, Nick would have bled out before the source of bleeding could be controlled.

Dr. Souza performed the same surgery this year on a patient who heard about Nick's story and reached out to Ohio State. The patient, who lost both legs at the hip, was also injured in Afghanistan.

"This is the amazing power of networking and telling our stories. When you've been told, 'there's nothing more we can do for you', and then you hear stories like Nicks', it makes a difference in someone else's life," said Dr. Souza.

Programs like America's Fund are incredible in providing these patients with financial assistance for needs like travel and accommodation but navigating the healthcare system can be overwhelming. This is why the program at OSU Program strives to give these patients the whole package of care. Civilian healthcare is so fragmented, with so many different branches of specialty care, and it's left to the patient to navigate and put it all together. Needless to say, this can be very overwhelming. The program at OSU puts all the resources together into a single, easily accessible package. There is an effort to understand the Veteran's need and then assemble the necessary team to meet it in an efficient and comprehensive manner.

The Military Medicine Program at Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center offers surgical reconstruction and pain management care for our nation's wounded service members. Experts have dedicated their time to serve those who have served us! It's their belief that there is more to living than just surviving. The focus of this Military Medical program is on allowing these Veterans to thrive. The program is a collaborative group of expert surgeons, military specialists, and rehabilitation experts who want to offer a better quality of life to our country's wounded warriors. Too often, service members resign themselves to living in pain or dysfunction. The team at Ohio State Wexner Medical Center understands that complex problems require team-based solutions. Having more than 500 service-connected staff, Wexner has some of its top surgeons.

Many team members have extensive experience caring for injured service members during and after their time in service. Others have dedicated their medical careers to the mission of treating our wounded warriors based on experience with friends and family members who have served. This gives many of the health care providers the understanding of Veterans' unique experiences and needs, which encourages an environment of healing.

According to statistics, Ohio has the fourth largest population of Veterans. Souza feels like he is part of a greater mission and is excited about the opportunities he can have in this way. Souza and the team of doctors at OSU focus on severely wounded military service members from across the country. The ability to get specialized, life-changing care from a team of advanced reconstructive surgeons, military specialists, and rehabilitation experts is truly life changing.

Nick had a second surgery last October to deal with a long scar on

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his chest, which occurred when doctors opened his chest wall and massaged his heart to keep him alive over ten years ago. The success of Nick’s life-changing procedures has helped give his family their sense of normalcy back.

Nick retired from the military in 2015. Last year, he began work as a software programmer with Accent Technology, a company out of Florida. Nick works remotely, adding the job gives him more of a sense of purpose.

In 2018, Nick and Lauren were gifted with a specially adapted smart home, provided through the Gary Sinise Foundation’s R.I.S.E (Restoring Independence Supporting Endowment) program - <https://www.garysinisefoundation.org/rise>.

Nick and his family enjoys life in their smart home across from Sacred Heart Catholic Church, where he attended and went to school as a child. Nick can use his iPad to perform everyday tasks that most of us simply take for granted, like adjusting the thermostat, checking the security system and turning on the lights.

On their website, it states, “through R.I.S.E. (Restoring Independence Supporting Empowerment), we’re building specially adapted

smart homes for our most severely wounded heroes. We’re also providing home modifications, mobility devices, and adapted vehicles to our injured, wounded, ill, and/or aging heroes. We’re constructing one-of-a-kind specially adapted smart homes for our nation’s most severely wounded heroes. These 100% mortgage-free homes ease the daily challenges faced by these heroes and their families who sacrifice alongside them.”

Many wounded heroes lack the means to update their homes and customize their transportation to suit their individual needs. Through R.I.S.E., it provides our heroes with the resources they need to regain their mobility and independence.

The Gary Sinise Foundation has built more than 60 homes for veterans since 2010. Sinise played a double amputee as Lt. Dan in the movie “Forest Gump,” In the movie he leads the title character in Vietnam and loses his legs in battle.

1,000,000 heroes have returned from Iraq and Afghanistan bearing the mental and physical wounds of war. Who will step up to ensure their care? You can donate here - <https://www.garysinisefoundation.org/donate>.

The Vogt home has a fenced-in backyard for the kids and a large cornfield behind the yard. This single-story home offers the family every advantage a house can provide for a Veteran with limited mobility, including mobile control of lighting, security, multi-room audio and video, and even the exterior door locks, all made possible by the ELAN Entertainment and Control System from Nice North America.

“This finally feels like our forever home,” Nick and Lauren said. “We have been able to put down roots and begin raising our family here.” Nick and Lauren are extremely grateful to the community of Shelby and their support of wounded service members like himself.

What does Nick want people to learn from his experience? Well, the tattoo on his arm says it best, Romans 5:3-4 “Suffering and Perseverance”. The verses states: “And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope.” This was always a favorite couple of verses back when he was in Ranger school. He didn’t take ownership of his faith and Catholic background back in those days. He went to church, simply because his family did. But over time, and after his devastating accident, his faith began to become more personal. “After meeting Lauren, she was always so bold and upfront about her faith, and it definitely had a meaningful impact on me,” said Vogt. The verses follow a scar along his arm that the doctors were able to save. It is a daily reminder of how far he’s come, and how suffering and perseverance can breed hope.



Nick Vogt is examined by Dr. Souza at OSU Wexner.

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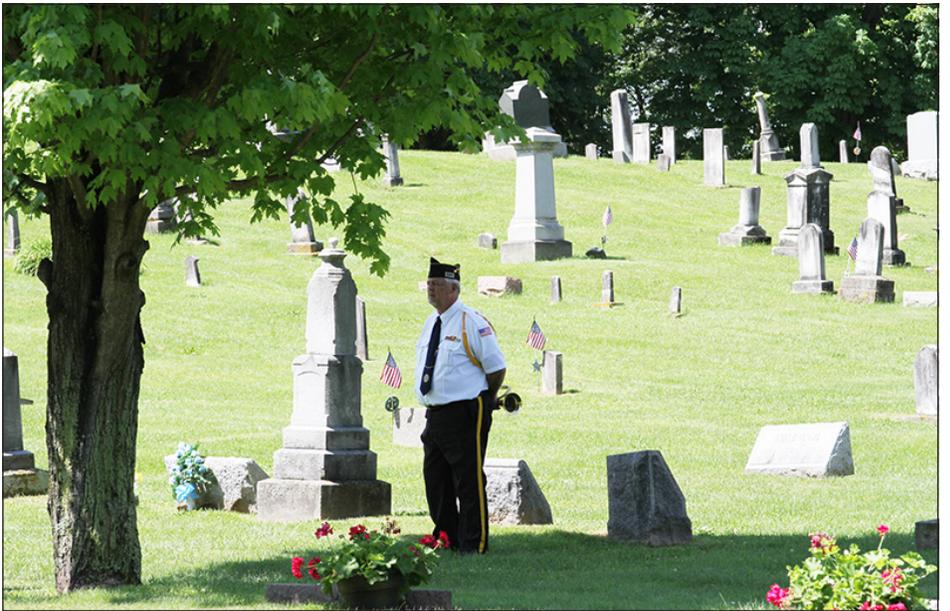
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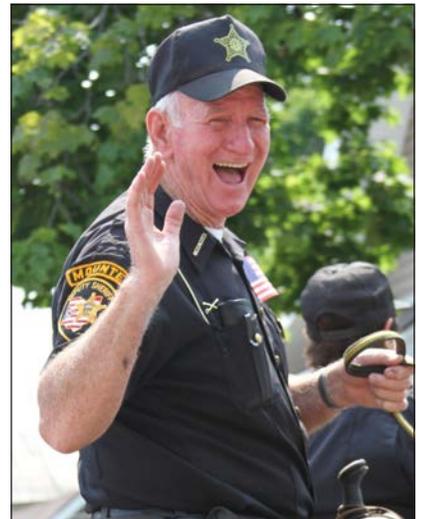
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## Daughters of the American Revolution offering scholarships

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

The Jared Mansfield Chapter local scholarship is open to all students, both genders, who will be attending OSU-Mansfield, NCSC, or the Dwight Schar College of Nursing, Mansfield and pursuing any field of study. Our local Jared Mansfield Chapter Scholarship is open to any student currently enrolled at any of the above schools as well as high school graduating seniors.

Call scholarship chair Joedy Studer at 419-631-1015 for information. The completed application must be postmarked by April 15.

The Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution awards the "Wings of Eagles" scholarship to graduating high school seniors, including those completing a certified home school program, in the amount of \$1,000 each. Awards are based on academic excellence and financial need. All applicants must be citizens of the United States and legal residents of the state of Ohio and must attend an accredited college or university in the United States. Please visit OS-DAR at [ohiodar.org](http://ohiodar.org) to obtain a scholarship application. All applicants must be sponsored by the local DAR chapter and applications must be submitted to the local chapter by Jan. 31.

The National Daughters of the American Revolution, NSDAR, also offers scholarships in many different majors. This year, DAR is pleased to announce that all students will submit their applications using an online process. The online portal can be found on the DAR public website's Scholarship page. The direct link to the online application submission portal is <http://dar.academicworks.com>. Emailed or mailed applications will no longer be accepted. The deadline for these is Jan. 31.

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

## Collection week is Nov. 14-21

Every year, Operation Christmas Child's National Collection Week takes place the third week in November when more than 4,500 drop-off locations are open across the country. Area collection locations include:

Freedom Ridge Church, 2200 Bedford Blvd., Ontario: Monday, Nov. 14, Tuesday, Nov. 15, Wednesday, Nov. 16, Friday, Nov. 18 and Saturday, Nov. 19, 9 am to noon; Thursday, Nov. 17, 5-8 pm; Sunday, Nov. 20, 12-4 pm; and Monday, Nov. 21, 9 am to 3 pm.

First United Methodist Church, 18 S. Gamble St., Shelby: Monday, Nov. 14, Tuesday, Nov. 15 and Monday, Nov. 21, 9-11 am; Wednesday, Nov. 16 and Thursday, Nov. 17, 1-3 pm; Friday, Nov. 18 and Sunday, Nov. 20, 2-4 pm; and Saturday, Nov. 19, 10 am to noon.

Little Flock Fellowship Church, 1149 County Road 30A Ashland: Monday, Nov. 14, Tuesday, Nov. 15 and Thursday, Nov. 17, 4-6 pm; Wednesday, Nov. 16 and Monday, Nov. 21, 8-10 am; Friday, Nov. 18, 4:30-6:30 pm; Saturday, Nov. 19, 9:30-11:30 am; and Sunday, Nov. 20, 12:30-2:30 pm.

Trinity Lutheran Church, 508 Center St., Ashland: Monday, Nov. 14, Wednesday, Nov. 16, Friday, Nov. 18, and Sunday, Nov. 20, 10 am to noon; Tuesday, Nov. 15 and Thursday, Nov. 17, 5-7 pm; Saturday, 9:30-11:30 am; and Monday, Nov. 21, 9-11 am.

Impact Church, 160 Woodruff Rd., Mansfield: Monday, Nov. 14, Wednesday, Nov. 16, Friday, Nov. 18 and Monday, Nov. 21, 9 am to noon; Tuesday, Nov. 15 and Thursday, Nov. 17, 3-6 pm; Saturday, Nov. 19 and Sunday, Nov. 20, noon to 3 pm.

For information on packing a shoe box visit <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>



## KCCC holds mock interviews with local business professionals

Knox County Career Center (KCCC) seniors participated in mock interviews this week with local employers. Students were evaluated on their resume, introduction, appearance, interview questions, and overall employability. Mock interviews are conducted with students each year in preparation for job interviews with future employers.

"Senior Mock Interviews at KCCC provide a great opportunity for collaboration between employers, students, and the KCCC staff. The interviews are a great experience for our students," said Melissa Nowicki, KCCC School Counselor.

Students are able to create relationships with adults that support success through KCCC Mock Interviews. Many students have follow-up shadowing, second interviews, and some of them secure employment.

KCCC would like to thank the following business professionals and businesses who volunteered their time to conduct interviews with our students: Gail Reinhart (Five Seasons Landscaping), Crystal Hook (Manpower Group), Donna Baker (Shannon Staffing), Kevin Langdon (Danville Local Schools), Nate Hudepohl (EWI), Eric Schneider (Salas O'Brien), Evan Shaffer (Kenyon College), Jeremy Biggs (JELD-WEN), Cassandra Hoeflich (Knox County Head Start), Denise Patrick (YMCA of Mount Vernon), Patrick Owens (Ariel Corporation), Bryan Mullins (Strassells Machine Inc), Scott Huvler (T.D. Landscaping), Addie Davis (Bankz Salon & Spa), Bethany Askew (The Beaux Monde Salon & Spa), Connie Oliver (Ohio Means Jobs), Dart Casto (Alcove), Kristi Thomas (KPH), and Austin Thorpe (Thorpe Garage).

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### LEGAL NOTICE

The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their regular meeting held on November 2, 2022.

The complete text of these Ordinances may be viewed and copies obtained at the Office of the Clerk of Council, Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, during regular business hours.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-46 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 22-17 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-15 – A RESOLUTION OPTING-IN TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE MONTHS, PID NO. 117554, AUTHORIZING THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSPECT ALL CITY BRIDGES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-47 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE (RECREATION DIRECTOR) TO DONATE FUNDS TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT VOLUNTEERED FOR THE HAUNTED TRAIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-48 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WAGES AND SALARIES FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THIS CITY, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 22-04, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-49 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT CITY EMPLOYEES, REPEALING ORDINANCE 22-38, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before Council of the City of Ontario, during the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 North Stumbo Road, for the proposed Planned Unit Development to be located at 2577 Walker Lake Road.

Planning Commission has recommended in favor of this development. All persons interested in these issues are invited to attend and express their views.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
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## Anderson inducted into honor society

Tristan Anderson of Mansfield was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Anderson was initiated at The Ohio State University.

Anderson is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year.

Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

## OHS will host assembly Nov. 11

A Veterans Day Assembly will be hosted by the Ontario High School Warrior Leadership Council to celebrate all veterans in the Ontario Community.

The assembly will be held Friday, Nov. 11, at Ontario High School.

Those who would like to attend are asked to call the Ontario High School Office at 419-529-3969 or email Principal Chris Smith at [smith.chris@olsohio.org](mailto:smith.chris@olsohio.org).

The program will include a breakfast reception in the OHS cafeteria from 8:30 to 9:15 am, followed by a Veterans Assembly Program featuring Ontario's choirs, bands and a guest speaker.

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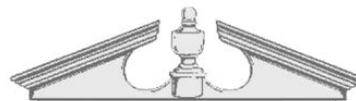
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STUDENTS AT Stingel Elementary School were excited last week as they participated in National Drug Free Red Ribbon Week. This year's theme was entitled, "Celebrate Life, Live Drug Free." One of the themed days was "Wear Red Day," which represented their desire to live drug free. Ontario Stingel kindergarteners Nolan Sequeira, Emerson Haubiel and Isha Sasikumar were all decked out in red for the day.

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