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**NATIVITY SCENE DISPLAY** — Students in Cynthia Brenneman's sixth grade class at Mansfield Christian School celebrate after helping to set up more than 800 nativities at Southside Christian Church, 2055 Middle-Bellville, in preparation for "Come to the Manger," Dec. 4 and 11, from 2-4 pm.

## Southside welcomes community to view large nativity display

Southside Christian Church, 2055 Middle-Bellville Rd., will offer open houses to display more than 800 nativity scenes during "Come to the Manger," on Sundays, Dec. 4 and 11, 2-4 pm.

"Our sets show the love and wear that comes from serving as family Christmas decorations for generations," says Pastor Paul Lintern, organizer. "Many have been rescued from thrift stores, some have been donated from personal collections and many reflect the variety of figures and materials that can be used artistically in displays."

Of special note are the rooms for individual figures in nativity scenes — Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise men, angels, and, of course, the Baby Jesus. Nearly 250 sets were separated by figure and each room shows remarkable variety in one figure or another.

This year, special help in setting up the displays came from Cynthia Brenneman's sixth grade class at Mansfield Christian School, as a service project. Additional help came from residents of Elijah's House and the Community Alternative Center.

The open houses, free and open to all, will allow the displays to be explored at leisure, children to make crafts and dress up to make their own nativity scene photos. There will also be music by local musicians and those attending can learn some of the distinctions between biblical accounts and traditions that have developed.

## Pioneer board accepts donations for Penguin Fund

The Pioneer Board of Education met Nov. 21 to approve a contract with Mansfield City Schools for a tutor for students at OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital.

A donation of \$500 was accepted from Lane and Marissa Kleilein, Delaware. This donation will be deposited in the Art Barr Scholarship fund and used for annual student scholarships.

The Dawn Wright Smith, Blackbaud Giving Fund, gave a donation of \$45. This donation will be deposited in Alumni Endowment fund and used for annual student scholarships.

Sean and Vicki Walters, Ontario, donated \$250 in memory of Ron Eddleblute. This donation will be used for educational supplies for the students in the Industrial Diesel program.

Tom and Mary Weaver, Westlake, donated \$50 to the Art Barr Scholarship fund, to be put towards annual student scholarships.

Donations to the Pioneer Penguin fund, a fund used for students in need during the holiday season, included:

Anonymous, \$186; Mary Lee Barr, \$100; Paul Brown, \$50; Molly Belcik, \$50; Darlene Daugherty, \$50; Heather Fighter, \$100; Kathleen Fiske, \$50; Dan Foss, \$20; Meghan Haney, \$50; Beth Heinlen, \$50; Phil Johnson, \$50; Jen Magers, \$100; Melinda Meisse, \$50; Rebecca Nicols, \$50; Matt & Tina Parr, \$40; Colton Penwell, \$25; Marianne Ritchie, \$75; Al Sears, \$25; Amanda Snipes, \$50; Catherine Spayde, \$25; and Kip Stevens, \$50.

The board approved students and chaperones who participated at the National SkillsUSA Convention on Nov. 10-11, 2022.

The board accepted the retirement resignation of Chris Hicks, effective June 1, 2023 and the employment of Lisa Kilgore, P/T STNA Instructor for high school medical programs.

The board approved a revision to the "leave without pay" request of Jordan Studer. They added one additional hour on Dec. 14, 2022.

Stipend contracts were approved for certificated personnel for chaperone stipends, non-Traditional career exploration stipends and Google Docs & certification stipends.

The board approved employment of substitute instructors and supplemental contract for mileage for Ken Papay, substitute instructor.

The resignation of Laurie Metzger, P/T ECE Aide, was accepted, effective Nov. 9, 2022.

A "Leave without Pay" was approved for Jacque Arnold, high school education aide, Dec. 12-16, 2022.

The board adopted a Resolution of Appreciation of Donation for Pepperidge Farm with an approximate value of \$5,000. This donation included assortment of individual wrapped chessman and milano cookies and cheddar goldfish crackers for the Sharing Closet and distribution in the student services department.

The board entered into executive session to consider the discipline of a public employee or official.

## Tree lighting Thursday, craft show Saturday in Ontario

The City of Ontario will host its annual Christmas Tree Lighting from 5:30-6:30 pm on Thursday, Dec. 1.

The lighting will be held at Marshall Park, Ontario, and is sponsored by Ontario Local Schools, Ontario Lions Club and Ontario Youth Sports.

The night will feature an Ontario High School Jazz band performance at the pavilion at 5:30 pm with hot chocolate and cookies at pavilion 2.

Santa will arrive at pavilion 2 at 5:45 pm and the Rhapsody in Blue Show Choir will perform at the band shell at 5:50 pm.

City of Ontario Mayor Randy Hutchinson will give the welcome greeting and begin the lighting ceremony at 6 pm.

At that time, the winners of the Ontario Lions Club coloring contest will be announced at the band shell.

At 6:10 pm the band auxiliary will perform at the band shell to wrap up the event.

The City of Ontario Recreation Department will host its annual craft show Saturday, Dec. 3, from 8:30 am to 3 pm at the Richland County Fairgrounds, 750 N. Home Rd., Mansfield.

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

All toys will go to the Springfield Twp. Fire Department and Ontario Police toy drive.

# The End of War – Smallest Parade

By Bob Carter

It was a warm summer day. Dad had done something unusual. He brought our table top small radio out on our side porch, and with extension cords, plugged it into a kitchen outlet. I was playing with a toy or something on the floor not paying attention to much of anything, when all at once dad yelled to my mother, “Bring me my shot gun!”

Being the only one present, the first thought that hit my mind was the fear that dad was going to shoot me! I thought I was a darling child but knew better. I was a rotten little kid no stranger to trouble.

Then dad loaded the gun full of shotgun shells and started to shoot up in the air. “BOOM, BOOM, BOOM” went the gun and from all around I could hear other gun shots go “boom, boom boom.” Then the bell on the Presbyterian Church began to ring followed by the smaller bell on the Congregational Church.

At that time old Mrs. Sowash, who lived just across the street, came out on her back stoop and asked what was going on? Dad yelled, “The War’s Over!”

A short time later, three little kids came marching down the middle of Frederick St. and turned right down Church St. towards Mill St. There was a little brown haired girl wearing a red, white and blue scarf and carrying a small American flag. In the middle was a boy with a rope or binder twine around his neck that was attached to the handle of a metal pan on his chest which he was beating with a drumstick-like object. The third kid had a small tin whistle which he continued to “toot, toot” but not with any musical tune. They were all about the same age, three or four or so. I didn’t know them. I was older, I was nine.

I had been witness to the smallest parade ever to march the streets of a little burg called Lexington. What happened on that Aug. 15, 1945, VJ Day, will be remembered in the history books forever. The thousand of lives lost, the damaged cities and lives upset or ruined is beyond calculation. It was a terrible war, supposed to be the end of all wars. It wasn’t.

But unrecorded will be the smallest parade ever to march the streets of little Lexington.



Even a little kid can carry a flag.



## THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

If I had to point to one person that influenced my love of movies that would certainly be Steven Spielberg. I remember when I was young, I had a book about him and was fascinated by the diverse list of movies he had tackled from *Jaws* to *Close Encounters*, *Indiana Jones*, *E.T.* and *The Color Purple* to, the newest movie at that time, *Jurassic Park*.

Spielberg’s new movie, *The Fabelmans*, is the story of Spielberg’s childhood told through a fictional family. This is the story of a young boy named Sammy Fabelman, growing up in a Jewish family with his eccentric concert pianist mother Mitzi (a wonderful Michelle Williams) and his father Doug (an equally good Paul Dano).

Young Sammy develops an interest in filmmaking after seeing *The Greatest Show on Earth* in theaters and tries to recreate the train crash sequence in stunning fashion using his father’s video camera.

While his mother sees that her son has a potential gift, his father, an engineer and all-around math guy, sees it as a passing phase. Along for the ride is Doug’s best friend Bennie, played very well by Seth Rogen and Sammy’s sisters. The movie explores Sammy’s life as he develops into his high school years, honing his craft and eventually going to film school in Los Angeles getting his first big break.

*The Fabelmans* is a wonderful movie and I highly encourage everyone see it. Spielberg makes such a captivating family story told from his own life experiences. Some have said the movie

moves slowly at first, but I was captivated by the opening scene where Sammy and his parents are standing in line at the movies and he tells his father the people on screen will look like giants.

The film turns into dramatic territory as Sammy discovers a family secret he discovers through his home movies. All of the actors turn in Oscar nomination worthy work, even Judd Hirsch who is only on the screen about 10 minutes, steals the couple of scenes he is in as Sammy’s great uncle with a past career in showbiz. Gabriel LaBelle who plays the teenage Sammy is a terrific young actor and you can really see a young Spielberg in him.

Spielberg co-wrote the script with playwright and now frequent collaborator Tony Kushner. One thing I did not expect from *The Fabelmans* is how light and funny at times it is. Young Sammy does everything he can to make these short films he wants. There are big laughs that come out of the situations and the last scene and shot of the movie had me cheering inside.

If you have ever had an interest in filmmaking, love a fine coming of age story or just curious about how one of the greatest directors of all time got his start, absolutely see *The Fabelmans*. I was not sure going into the movie if I would enjoy a film about Spielberg’s upbringing, but it is so much more than that. Go see this one in the theater.



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# News Briefs

A senior citizen luncheon will be held at Madison Comprehensive High School's Ramble Inn, 600 Esley Ln., on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 12:30 pm. The cost is \$4.25 per lunch. Call 419-589-2600, ext. 65001, to make a reservation.

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The final Hymnsing of the year will be held Friday, Dec. 2, at 7 pm. This hymnsing will feature Christmas Carols with the last song of the evening "Oh Holy Night" sung as the final song for the year.

The Hymnsing will be held at New Liberty Baptist Church, Lexington Ave, Lexington (half mile south of Hanley Rd.)

Everyone is welcome. There will be no Hymnsign in January and February.

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Richland Public Health announced that Sarah Humphrey has officially resigned from her position as health commissioner to pursue other opportunities. The Board of Health accepted her resignation on Nov. 23, and appointed medical director, Dr. Daniel Burwell, to serve as interim health commissioner.

The Board of Health's personnel committee will begin to search for a successor in the weeks to come.

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Christmas at the Ren continues with the film *The Muppet Christmas Carol* on the big screen Sunday, Dec. 18.

The afternoon of Christmas magic begins behind the Renaissance Theatre with an opportunity to post Letters to Santa and meet live reindeer. Inside of the auditorium, families will enjoy hot chocolate and the movie event. Christmas pajamas are highly encouraged.

Activities begin at 2 pm and the film starts at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased in person or by visiting [renticket.org](http://renticket.org) or calling the box office at 419-522-2726.

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The Area Agency on Aging will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, Dec. 1, at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center in Mansfield beginning at noon. Nearly 300 seniors, dignitaries, service providers, Board and Advisory Council members, and staff will be in attendance.

The program and meeting will highlight accomplishments of the Area Agency on Aging for 2022. Awards will be given for Project Collaboration, Community Partnership, The Advocate of the Year, Award of Excellence and the Area Agency on Aging Hall of Fame Award.

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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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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 Dec. 21, will be a Christmas luncheon with special musical entertainment. Cost is \$13 for the meal. The Christmas meal will be at the Ontario Event Center.

The group will also meet Dec. 7, at Applebees, 145 Stander Rd., at I-71 and Rt. 13. Guests are welcome at both meals. For information visit [www.lexasc.org](http://www.lexasc.org). Dues are \$10 per year.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville, 25 Church St., will welcome Rev. Dr. Elaine Strawn on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 10:30 am. She will speak on "Three Old Rich Guys Visit the Baby."

For more information visit [www.allsoulsuuohio.org](http://www.allsoulsuuohio.org).

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Madison Local School District will hold its regular school boarding Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 6 pm in the Madison Middle School Auditorium, 1419 Grace St., Mansfield.

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The Mansfield Symphony Orchestra and Chorus will present its "Holiday Pops" concert at the beautiful Renaissance Theatre in Mansfield, Saturday, Dec. 17 at 8 pm.

Under the direction of Octavio Más-Arocas, the concert features a variety of holiday music and beloved Christmas carols.

Tickets are on sale now for this concert at the Renaissance Box Office, via phone at 419-522-2726, and online at [RenTickets.org](http://RenTickets.org). The

Box Office is open by appointment only.

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# Kingwood grounds, mansion decorated for Christmas

Christmas at Kingwood opened last Saturday and will run through Friday, Dec. 30. Kingwood is open daily every Tuesday through Sunday, 4–9 pm. Kingwood will again be featured on the Ohio Holiday Lights Trail.

Christmas at Kingwood continues to deck the halls of Mr. King’s former home in timeless elegance, including the tradition of the 18-foot foyer tree. Rooms and hallways are decorated by volunteers and staff and music by local performers will provide the backdrop for the mansion tour.

Christmas at Kingwood is a walking tour experience and has

grown to include outdoor lighting displays that allow guests to stroll glowing pathways through the garden estate.

Hundreds of string light trees that range from 2-feet to 28-feet high illuminate the grounds with vibrant color. Nearly seven linear miles of lights set the gardens aglow including a new area in the Woodland Garden.

Limited shuttle service will be available between event venues – Garden Gateway, Kingwood Hall, and the Courtyard Complex for the Community Tree Walk and Display Greenhouse.

Advanced ticket purchase is required with reservations needed for all guests. Tickets are \$8 for 13 years and older; free for Kingwood members and children 12 years and under. Learn more about special dates for Santa, carolers, trains, and reindeer at [kingwoodcenter.org](http://kingwoodcenter.org) or call 419-522-0211.

Daytime Shop and Dine hours will be 10 am to 3 pm, Tuesday through Sunday to shop for gifts, plants and holiday décor at the Garden & Gift Shop or to enjoy lunch and treats in the Gateway Café operated by Buehler’s Fresh Foods. There is no garden admission fee for shop and dine.

The presenting sponsor of Christmas at Kingwood 2022 is Mechanics Bank; also sponsoring are Directions Credit Union, RFME Insurance, Smile Doctors, Schmidt Security Pro, Staffing Partners, and Startek.

Kingwood Center Gardens is an historic garden estate on 47 acres in Mansfield that once was the home of the innovative industrialist, Charles Kelley King. Kingwood is renowned for its distinctive floral displays, unique plant specimens, woodland trails, historic mansion and gardens, display greenhouse, duck pond and peacocks. Signature events like Wine Walk, the Great Pumpkin Glow, and Christmas at Kingwood delight tens of thousands of guests annually and provide vital support for this non-profit organization.

## Library sale scheduled for this week

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library (MRCPL) Evergreen Bookshop will be open for the monthly Friends’ Used Book Sale on Friday, Dec. 2, from 2–6 pm and Saturday, Dec. 3, 9 am to 1 pm. A preview sale will be held for Friends of the Library members on Thursday, Dec. 1, 2–6 pm. Memberships can be purchased on Thursday at the sale (\$3 individual).

This sale is sponsored by The Friends of the Mansfield Richland County Public Library. Materials (adult, teen and juvenile items) are library discards and public donations offered for sale at discount pricing. The library has been fully stocked for this sale with over 4,000 “new to the store items”. In addition, this sale will feature holiday books and CDs available free to shoppers as a seasonal gift from the Friends of the Library.

Follow the sales at Evergreen Bookshop on Facebook. For information, contact the Bookshop at 419-526-4352. Evergreen Bookshop is located at 37 N. Walnut St (at the corner of W. Third next to the main library).

# Church Directory

### 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  
Sunday Evening 6 pm Home Groups  
Monday Men’s Group 7:30 pm  
Wednesday evenings: 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting  
6:30–8 pm TeamKID and Youth Group  
Wednesday Ladies Bible Study 6:30–8 pm

### Community Bible Church

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

### First English Lutheran Church

53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield  
419-522-0662 • [www.felc.mansfield.org](http://www.felc.mansfield.org)  
Pastor Miguel Acasta  
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship  
Tuesday Bible Study 1 pm (East entrance)

### 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>

### Mansfield 1st EPC

399 Trimble Rd., Mansfield  
419-756-7066 • [www.mansfield1st.com](http://www.mansfield1st.com)  
Rev. Joseph Yerger  
9 am Adult & Youth Sunday School  
10 am Sunday Worship

### Oakland Lutheran Church

2045 Olivesburg Rd.  
419-571-9920  
Pastor Paul Lintern  
9 am Sunday Worship

### 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

### Southside Christian Church Disciples of Christ

2055 Middle-Bellville, Mansfield  
Streamed on Paul Lintern Facebook Page  
Sunday 10:45 am  
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### St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church

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

### St. John’s United Church of Christ

68 Park Avenue East, Mansfield  
419-522-2813 • [www.stjohnsmansfield.org](http://www.stjohnsmansfield.org)  
Pastor Faith Prioretti  
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## Christmas in the Village begins Dec. 1

The "Christmas in the Village" will be held in Plymouth's historic square Dec. 1, 2 and 3. This is the seventh annual Christmas street market and outdoor holiday festival.

Visitors can shop over 60 small businesses, artisans and craftspeople selling unique handmade goods.

In addition, there will be eight food trucks and beverage vendors. Other popular features include the signature 2,000 square foot ice-less skating rink, a carousel, the Plymouth Polar Express Model Train Exhibit, a live reindeer exhibit, trackless train rides, carriage rides, ice carving, the Little Buckeye Children's Museum's traveling exhibit and appearances by many familiar characters. Live entertainment will occur all three days.

The market is open 4-9 pm on Thursday, Dec. 1, 12-10 pm Friday and 10 am to 9 pm Saturday. Detailed information is available on the Facebook event page: Plymouth's Christmas in the Village.

## Madison cantata returns December 11

The Madison Community choir will perform "Noel & Alleluia! Jesus Is Born, a Christmas Cantata" created by Tom Fettke and orchestrated by Russell Mauldin.

The free performance will be Sunday, Dec. 11, at Madison Middle School, 1419 Grace St., Mansfield, at 3 pm.

Music selections are by some of the Christian music world's most popular artists, including a new version of "Carol of the Bells" by Tom Fettke, Michael W. Smith's "Christmas Angels," "Jesus, Joy of Highest Heaven" from contemporary hymn writers Keith and Kristyn Getty, and "Hallelujah Jesus Is Born!" This is a narrated musical experience about the Christmas story.

The Madison High School Jazz Band and a carol sing-a-long will also be featured. This event is sponsored by St. Timothy Lutheran Church Outreach Ministry.

## READERS' FORUM

The Ontario Lions Club would like to thank the following donating businesses who made our pancake day on Nov. 5, another special day.

These businesses include ABC Warehouse, Alta Florist and Greenhouse, Brian and Michelle Gates State Farm Insurance, Charter Next Generation, Cleveland Cavaliers, Goodyear, Lion Randy Hanlon, Harbor Freight, Knapp's Landscaping, Mid-Ohio Mind, Body, & Soul Salon, Millie's Music Studio, Olive Garden, Park National Bank, Reflections Salon, Sugar Baby Patch & Garden, The Cap Place, Thrive Nutrition Studio, TSC/Tractor Supply, *Tribune-Courier*, Vineyard Printing LLC and Walmart.

Again Thank You to all the businesses and to all the customers and we hope to see all of you Saturday, April 1, 2023, from 6:30 am to noon.

Jim Henry  
Ontario Lions President

## Santa coming to RRLC breakfast Dec. 10

The Richland Rural Life Center, 969 E. Crall Rd., Mansfield, will host a Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, Dec. 10.

The event will be held at the main lodge surrounded by woods and wildlife preserve. Children can bring a letter for Santa and meet him beside the 12-foot Christmas tree.

Time slots available are 9 am, 10 am and 11 am. The breakfast includes all-you-can-eat pancakes as well as scrambled eggs, pork sausage and fruit and choice of beverage. Children age 2 and under are free, 3-5 are \$3, 6-9 are \$5 and age 10 and up \$10. To reserve tickets visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EAEA62EA2F-CC70-2022>

Payment will be taken at the event. Reservations are required.

### Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Eva Louise Shultz, Nov. 13  
Jack Conrad Daum, Nov. 18  
Laura Mladineo, Nov. 19  
Belva Jane Harfman, Nov. 20  
Sondra Joan Spicer, Nov. 21  
Clarissa (Castillo) Aban, Nov. 22  
Barbara Helm, Nov. 23  
Elva "Bob" Foreman Jr., Nov. 24

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# Mifflin Elementary nationally recognized as ESEA Distinguished School

The National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators (NAESPA) has announced that Madison Local School District's Mifflin Elementary School has been named a National ESEA Distinguished School by the state education agency in Ohio.

Mifflin Elementary School is one of up to 100 schools throughout the country that is being nationally recognized for exceptional student achievement in 2022 and is one of two school buildings in Ohio to be awarded this recognition.

Specifically, Mifflin Elementary is being recognized for exceptional student performance and academic growth, as determined by the Ohio Department of Education. During the 2021-2022 school year, 4th grade students earned an 86.4% passage rate in ELA and 90.9% in math during the 2021-2022 school year with 29.5% of students scoring advanced in 4th grade ELA, 22.7% of students scoring accelerated in 4th grade ELA, 38.6% scoring advanced in 4th grade math, and 38.6% scoring accelerated in 4th grade math. Progress showed that the average growth with an affect rate of +1.15 above one year's growth for ELA and +5.17 above one year's growth for math, bringing the school average growth to 4.04. All student subgroups also met their performance index goal for both subjects with students who are economically disadvantaged exceeding the goal by 16.7 performance index points in ELA and by 33.0 points in math.

The greatest contributing factors that promoted positive change within the school was an agreement between all levels of stakeholders that the expectations would remain high for all students and forming relationships built on our school motto "Lead, Learn, Love" would increase both student motivation and staff morale. Guarding high expectations has allowed all staff to effectively communicate what students need to be successful, and parental stakeholders underlines the desires that they wanted their children to be held to high standards of achievement and growth. As a school team, Mifflin staff understood the assignment: students needed to be successful at school in all domains from a holistic perspective. This common understanding underlined every decision that staff made in order to promote the universal interests of Mifflin students.

The community has proven to be a vital component to the success of Mifflin Elementary where its input and desire for positive student outcomes has laid the foundation upon which staff has built learning opportunities for all students. Creating a structure through Title supports has brought the community into the learning process where the value of reading each night at home fosters a love of reading and positivity and welcoming families into the school for events such as Literacy Night shows that reading is both enjoyable and inclusive for everyone. The community has, in turn, provided support for activities that enhance the holistic educational perspective of our students including multiple field trips for every grade level, children's author visit, and experiences where hands-on learning is brought into the building for all students to enjoy. All of these opportunities would not be possible without the support of the Mifflin community.

A project of NAESPA, the National ESEA Distinguished Schools Program publicly recognizes qualifying federally funded schools for the outstanding academic achievements of their students. It highlights the efforts of schools across the country making significant improvements for their students. The program has been in place since 1996, showcasing the success of hundreds of schools in one of three categories exceptional student performance and academic growth, as determined by each state; closing the achievement gap between student groups, as determined by each state; and excellence in serving special populations of students (e.g. homeless, migrant, English learners, etc.)

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) provides additional resources for vulnerable students and federal grants to state educational agencies to improve the quality of public elementary and secondary education.

More information about all National ESEA Distinguished Schools is available at [www.ESEAnetwork.org/ds](http://www.ESEAnetwork.org/ds).

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



*Elam*

Elam is a super sweet fellow who is wonderful to hang out with. On walks, Elam is the perfect boy. He loves just walking slow and sniffing everything.

He also LOVES rolling around the place where the dryer vents; he will do this for several times before continuing to explore.

Lately, he's even started to sprint and play in the play yard.

Elam does also enjoy the occasional back scratches and being told what a good and handsome boy he is. Elam is dog friendly; he lets other dogs jump on him and play with him. He normally looks at them, then continues on his way.

Elam also doesn't show well in his kennel; he is so loud to make sure people know he is there. Going back into the shelter is always very hard on Elam. Most of the time, volunteers have to squat down every few steps to get him to walk towards them. They then have to love on him, then take a few more steps.

Sometimes the volunteers and Elam just sit outside his kennel and reassure him they will be back to see him again and that he'll get a great home soon. Stop out and meet this sweet boy and give him the chance he deserves. You'll be happy you did (and please ignore his kennel behavior... That's not him).

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.

## Donors needed during holidays

As many gather for Thanksgiving celebrations with family and friends, the American Red Cross urges donors to plan a time to give blood or platelets in the coming weeks. Blood and platelet donations tend to drop more than 20 percent during holiday weeks, including the days around Thanksgiving.

Seasonal illness and the threat of winter weather can add more concern during a time of year that is traditionally hard on the nation's blood supply.

All donors who come to give blood Nov. 28 through Dec. 15 will receive a \$10 Gift card by email.

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

Thursday, Dec. 1, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, St. Peter's High School, 111 West First St., Mansfield

Wednesday, Dec. 7, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Thursday, Dec. 8, 11 am to 5 pm, Heartland Church, 2505 S. Lexington-Springmill Rd S., Lexington; 8 am to 1 pm, Shelby High School, 1 Whippet Way, Shelby

Friday, Dec. 9, 8 am to 2 pm, Pioneer Career & Tech Center, 27 Ryan Rd., Shelby

Saturday, Dec. 10, 8 am to 1 pm, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1951 Middle-Bellville Rd., Mansfield

Wednesday, Dec. 14, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario; 7 am to 1 pm, K of C Hall, 208 Vernon Rd., Shelby; and 1-6 pm, Planktown Country Market, 1921 Free Rd., Shelby



**By Mátiece Thomas**

When you are grocery shopping are you a label detective?

It is so important to look at the clues on your label to know if it is truly a healthy choice or not. When shopping, do not go off the front of the package where the marketers of the company have all those "buzz words".

If you see words like, "LOW FAT" or "NO FAT," put it back!

If you see the word "ENERGY" on your "protein" bar box, run! Last but not least if you see the words "NO SUGAR ADDED" this is the product I would avoid the most.

Low or no fat means that they need to add sugar or chemicals for it to taste good. The simple fact is that we get a lot of flavor from fat and fat is a macro our body needs. People correlate eating fat with getting fat, and that is just not true.

Energy bars are not clean energy, you will crash about an hour later and feel worse.

Energy promising products are usually high in sugars and/or carbohydrates. It's best to get your energy naturally, with healthy carbs and proteins like veggies, fruits and protein smoothies.

Please do not go looking in the cooler section at your store for those smoothies either, instead

of looking at the fruit and veggies on the front, flip it over and read your label, they are usually processed and high in sugars.

Last but not least, let's discuss the buzz words "NO SUGAR." If there isn't any sugar, then what is in it? Artificial sweeteners, sugar alcohols?

I am going to share with you the Dirty Dozen, if you see one of these in the first five ingredients, put it back!

Dextrose, Sorbitol, Sucrose, Maltose, Multi Syrup, Maltitol, Corn Starch, Modified Corn Starch, High Fructose Corn Syrup, Invert Sugar, Mannitol and Corn Syrup.

My last label tip is that the further down the ingredient label you go, the less that ingredient is in your product. The first five ingredients are what your product is mostly made of. That is why we do not want the Dirty Dozen in those first five ingredients.

I hope my Trainer Girl's Tips make you a better Label Detective. Do not let those buzzwords draw you in, read your labels and then decide what's healthy.

Follow me at Instagram-5pts-fitness\_trainergirl for nutrition and workout tips.

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By Kim Sterry

**TOMATO BASIL SOUP**

**Ingredients**

- 1 Onion
- 3 Tbsp. Olive oil
- 1 can crushed tomatoes
- 1 can tomato puree
- 1 32 ounce chicken broth
- ½ cup whipping cream  
(or if you want it "lighter" use milk or ½ and ½)
- 2 Tbsp. chopped basil

**Instructions**

Heat olive oil in soup pot. Add chopped onion and sauté until onions are soft and done "sweating." Add tomatoes and broth and bring to boil. Reduce heat to low and add basil. With an immersion blender blend until smooth (if you like chunks of tomatoes you don't have to do this step. Add whipping cream (or substitute/don't add any dairy if you don't want to). A great variation to this recipe is to throw in some small raviolis or even tortellini.

**BAKED BREAD CROUTON**

**Ingredients**

- Loaf of bread sliced
- Olive oil
- 1 stick butter
- 2 tsp. minced shallot
- Kosher Salt and Pepper
- Blue cheese



**Instructions**

Add butter and shallot in food processor and combine to a paste. You can also do this in a bowl and mix well. (Depending on how soft your butter is will depend on how easy this is to mix.) Brush slices of bread with olive oil and put on cookie sheet. Sprinkle with kosher salt and pepper and put in oven on 325 for 10 minutes turning to make sure they are browned on both sides. Spread the butter/shallot mixture onto the bread slices and then top with blue cheese. Put back on cookie sheet and put in oven until blue cheese melts. If you are not a blue cheese fan you can substitute with whatever cheese you may want. NO RULES.

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## Sutton Bank donates \$10,000 to Domestic Violence Shelter

On Wednesday, Nov. 16, Scott Them, VP Market Manager of Sutton Bank in Ontario, presented a check for \$10,000 to Domestic Violence Shelter Executive Director Katherine Ezawa.

This donation is part of the shelter's corporate sponsorship program for the 2023 program year. The shelter has been providing emergency shelter and related services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking in Richland County since 1978.

In 2021, the shelter provided emergency shelter to 185 survivors for a total of 3,225 days of care. Additionally, the Sexual Assault Services Program of The Shelter provided hospital advocacy and related supportive services to a total of 120 survivors. Funds from the corporate sponsorship program will be used to support survivors and their children who are seeking safety and self-sufficiency.

Rhonda Martin, VP of Marketing for Sutton Bank stated "Sutton Bank is committed to our communities and to being good corporate citizens. We are blessed to be able to make impactful contributions to our communities and support vital organizations like the Domestic Violence Shelter."

Sutton Bank is an independent, community bank established in 1878, headquartered in Attica, Ohio, and serving a 4-county market area, including Mansfield.



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### Domestic Violence Shelter Wish List

The Richland County Domestic Violence Shelter is always looking for donations of food, clothing and gift cards, but currently have a great need for monetary donations of any amount, monthly donors, any item on the Amazon Wishlist (be sure to select for your items to be delivered to Kathy Ezawa), diapers of all sizes, feminine products, culturally specific hair products, cleaning supplies, paper towels, bath towels, face and hand towels, wash cloths, facial tissue, toilet tissue, hand sanitizer, freezer meat, canned meats, ravioli, Spaghetti o's, cereal, gas cards and department store gift cards.

To make donation arrangements email [TheDomesticViolenceShelter@mailman.bloomerang-mail.com](mailto:TheDomesticViolenceShelter@mailman.bloomerang-mail.com)



Photo By Brandon Chambers



Photo by Damon Callis  
**Day Trippin' With Damon** – Perhaps the most spectacular sandstone ledges in all of Northeast Ohio, The Twinsburg Ledges are part of Liberty Park, a large county park in the city of Twinsburg. These massive ledges rise up nearly 70 feet at some points and pass by small caves and cuts in the rocks. The Ledge trail walks around the base of the ledges before ending at Glacier Cave. The Ledges are located at 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg.

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# ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL OSU VS MICHIGAN DAY





**MRS. SECRIST'S** third grade students have been discussing immigrants, tradition and culture. They got a chance to compile it all together and complete a literacy/STEM/social studies project. Students read *Balloons Over Broadway*, which is an informational narrative about the history of the Macy's Day Parade. The pioneer of the parade was an immigrant and an incredible design engineer, so they took part in a balloon float challenge! Students started by thinking about the design process, planning, creating and questioning. They created their balloon floats and made contraptions to keep their balloons free standing without helium.

## Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation launches 'First Step Fund' to help families

On average, Ohio is losing 1,700 individuals to suicide each year. That's 1,700 families that must endure the grief and hardships of loss, which are only further complicated by the social stigma that still comes with a death by suicide. To alleviate these challenges and reduce the stigma that so many still face when talking about suicide, the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation (OSPF) is launching the First Step Fund.

The First Step Fund will support families in the immediate aftermath of a suicide loss. This fund can be applied to a portion of funeral expenses, trauma scene restoration, or grief support.

"We work in every corner of the state, so we know that in many communities, individuals and families are not provided the resources they need after a suicide loss to take the first step in healing," says Tony Coder, Executive Director of OSPF. "We are hopeful that this fund can be that first step after such a tragic loss."

The fund will launch in 2023 and families will be able to apply for support. The goal is to make the process as simple as possible so that families can begin healing.

Sheryl Weber, who lost her daughter to suicide, shares that this fund would have had a profound impact on her family's journey and introduced them to a community of people who understood the reality of suicide loss earlier on.

"As a mother whose 19-year-old daughter died by suicide, I know firsthand the tremendous loss and emptiness that never goes away," Weber says. "Organizations like Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation provides support for those who are left to pick up the pieces and provide essential education to prevent suicides. Your dollars will help in the fight to prevent suicides, so no family has to endure our pain. Please join me in contributing to the First Step Fund to help families following a loss."

All donations collected now through Nov. 29 will go directly to the First Step Fund. Anyone who would like to support this effort can give on OSPF's website at [www.ohiospf.org/donate](http://www.ohiospf.org/donate).

OSPF is a non-profit 501 (C) (3) whose mission, since 2005, is to serve Ohio as a focus and a catalyst for suicide prevention efforts and to bring about change in attitudes and perceptions regarding the stigma attached to suicide, mental illness, alcohol and drug abuse, and addiction. The foundation does not provide direct services to people but is a resource for professionals and agencies that do.

## Kingwood toy drive underway

The 4th annual Stuff the Sleigh toy drive at Kingwood Center Gardens is Nov. 26 through Dec. 4. Community members are invited to bring new, unwrapped toys to donate to area children. Toys will be distributed to the Domestic Violence Shelter, Wayfinders Ohio (formerly Harmony House), New Mercy Outreach, Richland County Children Services, and The Salvation Army to help them serve families in our community this holiday season.

Toys can be dropped off in the Garden Gateway visitor center during Christmas at Kingwood 4-9 pm or during daytime shop and dine hours, 10 am to 3 pm, Tuesday through Sunday.

During Christmas at Kingwood, the Gardens will be closed to the public on Mondays.

Guests wanting to enjoy the holiday lights display should plan to pre-purchase tickets on the Kingwood website. Tickets are \$8 for 13 years and older; 12 and under and Kingwood members are free. Members and children must also reserve tickets on-line.

Christmas at Kingwood is one of Kingwood's longest standing traditions. To learn more about Christmas at Kingwood, holiday workshops and activities, visit [kingwoodcenter.org](http://kingwoodcenter.org).

The presenting sponsor is Mechanics Bank; also sponsoring are Directions Credit Union, RFME Insurance, Smile Doctors, Schmidt Security Pro, Staffing Partners, and Startek.

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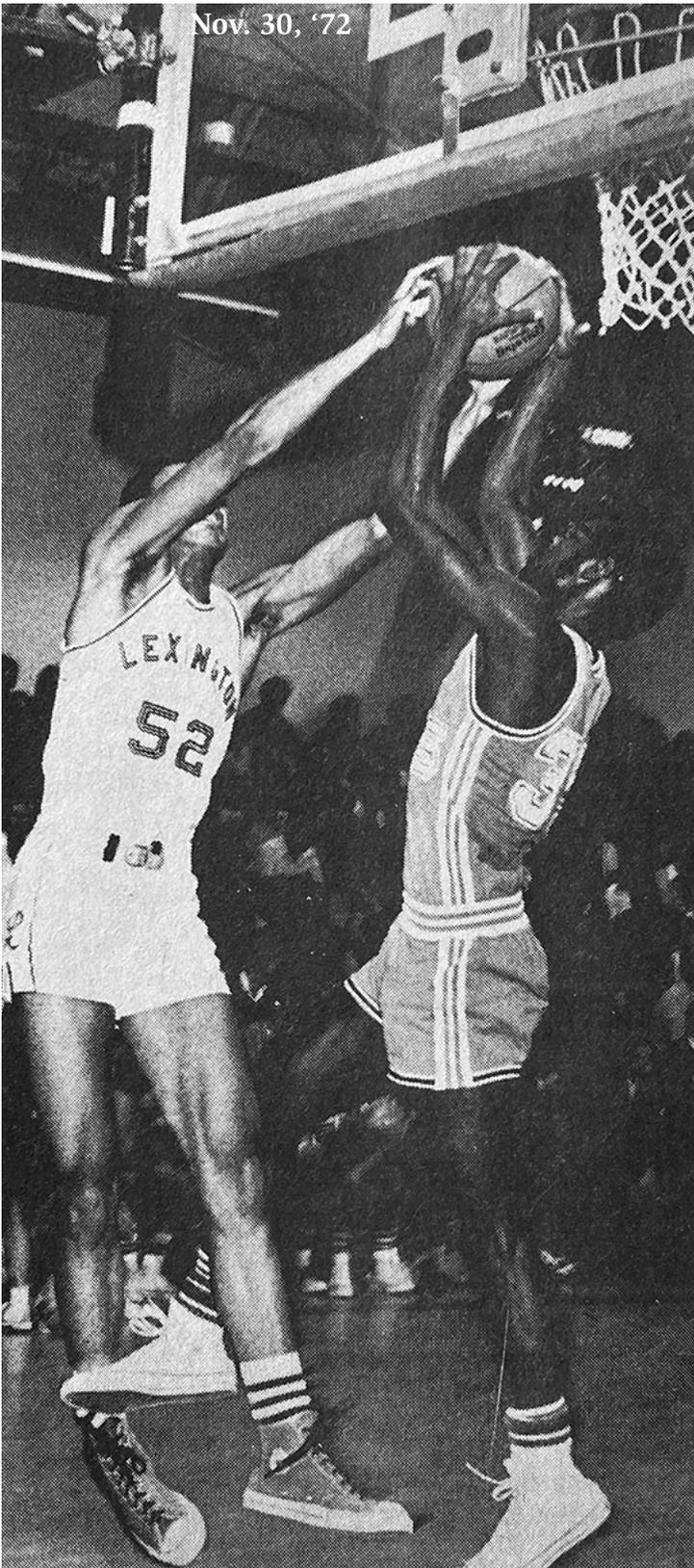


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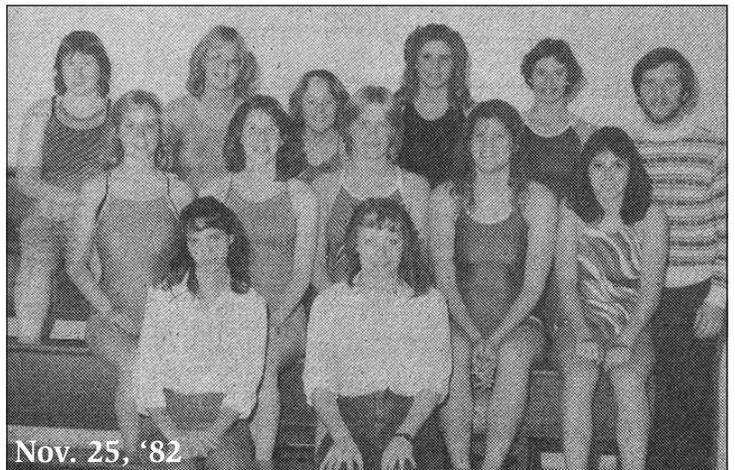
**BIG MEN TANGLE** — Lexington center Jim Corley (left) and Spartan center Greg Givens (right) go after a rebound in final period action in the game Saturday night. Lexington continued its dominance of the Spartans with a 35-34 win in the season opener for the Minutemen. Photo by Rick Cicolani



**THIS CREW IS GLAD** that football is over before the bad weather comes. They are the managers and ball boys of the Lexington varsity football team. They are Dusty Sheiber, Billy Paton, Matto Otto, Sam Boggs, Ricky Ford in the first row and in back are Mark Hoffman, Scott Gerthering and Scott Hoffman.



**1982-83 ONTARIO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' SWIM TEAM** — Front, Managers Chris Coy and Jean Carman. Second row, Brian Zucker, Doug Myers, David Dominick and Coach Mark Roseberry. Third row, Terry Olson, Doug Cooper, Jamie Newcomer, Dennis Anderson, Tim Burns and Greg Schwartz. Back row, Tom Newcomer, Marc Ericsson, John Knipp, Mike Bartholomew, Dennis Kreutzer, Mike Shorder and Rick Mahan.



**1982-83 ONTARIO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' SWIM TEAM** — Front, Managers Jean Carman and Chris Coy. Middle row, Pam Orosan, Amy Bowman, Dee Shoenfelt, Becky Cassel and Tracy McCall. Back row, Eva Brisker, Joyce Jones, Denise Kreutzer, Betsy Rakestraw, Shelly Foss and Coach Mark Roseberry.

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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 16, 2022.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-54 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 22-17 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2022.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
(T-C 11-24, 12-1, '22) 19L

### QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENT FROM INTERESTED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING FIRMS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The City of Ontario, Ohio requests qualification statements from interested professional engineering and

surveying firms to provide professional design, construction administration or field survey services. The purpose is to pre-qualify firms for a period of 5 years starting in 2023 in the following areas for possible City contracts:

- City Engineering Consultant
- Storm Water Improvements
- Sanitary Sewer Improvements
- Waterline Improvements
- Street Infrastructure Improvements
- Water Treatment Improvements
- Construction Admin. and Inspection
- Field Survey Services
- GIS Services

If interested in submitting a Qualification Statement, please email Service Safety Director Kris Knapp at [kknapp@ontarioohio.org](mailto:kknapp@ontarioohio.org) for guidelines for submittal.

Statement of Qualifications can be emailed to [kknapp@ontarioohio.org](mailto:kknapp@ontarioohio.org) or by mailing a hard copy by December 2, 2022, at 3:00 PM to:

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## Art mural installed in downtown Mansfield

Mankind Murals Inc., 88 N. Diamond St., Mansfield, held a ribbon cutting Thursday, Nov. 10. The celebration also included the illumination at “Luminous City” a photographic mural installation.

“Luminous City” is a collaboration between local photographer, artists, and organizations that are invested in creating public art.

Braxton Daniels III, photographer, artist, and owner of the 3rd Cup Tea on Main St., had created a series of long exposure photographs at night in the Richland County area and in this landscape specifically along 603. The headlights and taillights in a 30-second exposure cast a stream of light across a long exposure photograph.

As the initial part of the mural process, the landscape photograph at night was printed on a 3ft x 4ft canvas where artist Robin Wilson created an array of colorful northern lights. This composite photographic artwork was then photographed at high resolution, printed and enlarged on exterior vinyl and installed.

The final size of the art installation in the studio lot is 20’6” tall and 57’2” wide.

The project has been years in the making, and no small feat. Originally conceived by artists and organizers in 2019, where Luke Beekman, Mansfield downtowner and director of local nonprofit Mankind Murals Inc commissioned the work. A collaboration that might represent the bright possibilities and express multiple artistic mediums and lighting in a downtown parking lot.

Matching sponsorship was made through the Richland County Foundation, Mansfield Rising Plan which is currently assisting matching funding through the RCDG Public Arts and Culture Sector, for public art installations and mural projects specifically in the downtown Mansfield area between 1st & 6th Street, and Adams to Bowman Street.

This project at the Mankind Murals lot was the first mural project to apply for and be approved of the new Mural Certificate process with the recently formed Mansfield Public Arts Commission. The project required additional permitting and construction to the commercial building, and all certificates and permits were applied for and completed by the Commission and Codes in March 2022.

The artwork is the largest public art installation in Mansfield to date, complete with colorful spotlighting and nearly 400 feet of cafe lights stringing end to end of the lot.

It took years of public art surviving the pandemic, and time to forge the foundations of the process in place, but the proof of concept is finally coming to light. The method of installation required local and Ohio companies, utilizing the local Lind SignSpring and BannerFrame system, with some in-kind donation from John Siegenthaler. Local engineering on the additional construction was donated in-kind from Matthew Stanfield, of FIELD9: architecture. Midwest Strut provided some in-kind for steel materials required for the additional construction. Andrew and Brittany Poehler of Hursh Pharmacy gave use of the lot for the purposes of public art.

The installation itself was relatively quick in comparison to developing the process and getting all the pieces into place. The additional construction, the artwork, and lights, were installed in a matter of days in the final weeks of October.

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