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Photo By Jenna Wolford

**ONTARIO LIONS CLUB** members collected toys during the 45th Annual City of Ontario Community Craft Show on Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Richland County Fairgrounds. Patrons could either pay \$2 or bring a new toy for entrance into the show. All Proceeds will go to the Ontario Lions Club Community Projects and the Ontario Recreation Department. All toys will be given to the Springfield Township Fire Department and Ontario Police Department Toy Drive. Pictured are Randy Hanlon, Howard Harriman and Miss Ontario Abigail Kern. *See more photos on Page 7.*

## Madison cantata returns Sunday

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-along will also be featured. This event is sponsored by St. Timothy Lutheran Church Outreach Ministry.

## Generous donors make Richland Gives a success

Richland Gives, an online giving event hosted by the Richland County Foundation, raised \$507,069 via 1,802 donors for 96 Richland County nonprofit organizations during the 2022 campaign. Since its inception in 2015, Richland Gives has raised \$2,476,007.

Richland Gives is designed to encourage people to contribute to local nonprofits they care about through a single giving website. The foundation hosted the day to build capacity, grow philanthropy and make the community stronger. It allows local organizations to raise funds and awareness as well as cultivate new donors and reinvigorate lapsed donors.

The foundation awarded \$100,000 in grants as incentives during the giving event. The nonprofit organizations that had the most donors or raised the most dollars in the small, medium, and large nonprofit categories were awarded \$5,000 for first place, \$3,000 for second place, and \$1,000 for third place. Nonprofits could win only one leader board prize.

The winners in the small nonprofit category for achieving the most donors were 1 Visual Bucket List, 2 Mansfield Richland Area Educational Foundation and 3 Mid-Ohio Guardianship.

The winners in the small nonprofit category for achieving the most dollars were 1 Taking Root Farms, 2 Love in the Name of Christ and 3 Clear Fork Valley Foundation.

The winners in the medium nonprofit category for achieving the most donors were 1 Richland Pregnancy Services, 2 Ohio Bird Sanctuary and 3 Altrusa International, Mansfield.

The winners in the medium nonprofit category for achieving the most dollars were 1 Lucas Community Center, 2 North Central Ohio Land Conservancy and 3 North Central State College Foundation .

The winners in the large nonprofit category for achieving the most donors were 1 St. Peter’s Catholic School, 2 Discovery School and 3 Hospice of North Central Ohio.

The winners in the large nonprofit category for achieving the most dollars were 1 Renaissance Performing Arts, 2 Friendly House

and 3 Salvation Army, Mansfield.

The first 10 organizations to raise \$10,000 via 10 donors were awarded a \$1,000 grant prize St. Peter’s Catholic School, The Salvation Army, Mansfield, Lucas Community Center, North Central Ohio Land Conservancy, Renaissance Performing Arts, Discovery School, Taking Root Farms, Richland Pregnancy Services, North Central State College Foundation and Ohio Bird Sanctuary.

The organizations awarded \$500 grant prizes for raising either the most money or having the most donors during Golden Ticket hours and could win up to two prizes were Time for a Change Diaper Bank, Clear Fork Valley Foundation, Lucas Community Center (2 Golden Tickets), Renaissance Performing Arts, Women’s Fund, Mansfield Playhouse, Visual Bucket List, Altrusa International, Mansfield and St. Peter’s Catholic School (2 Golden Tickets).

The \$2,000 Golden Ticket winner was Friendly House.

Nine nonprofits were awarded \$2,000 video grant prizes for their fundraising efforts during the 2021 #RichlandGives event, St. Peter’s Catholic School, NECIC, Linden Road Presbyterian Church, Love in the Name of Christ, Kingwood Center Gardens, Mansfield Richland Area Educational Foundation, Mansfield Art Center, Pat Kracker Breast Cancer Fund and Starfish Project.

Nonprofits that raised at least \$1,000 between Nov. 14–28 were entered into a random pull prize for a chance to win a \$250 grant prize. Those are Richland Pregnancy Services, OSU Mansfield, Richland Academy of the Arts, Mid-Ohio Guardianship, NECIC, Mansfield Noon Optimist Club, The New Store and Ohio Bird Sanctuary.

The peer-to-peer fundraiser pages that raised at least \$1,000 between Nov. 14–29 were entered into a random pull prize for a \$750 grant prize. Mansfield Community Playhouse Fundraiser set up by Grace Elizabeth Riegel qualified.

NPOs that set up matching grants and achieved a 100% match by donors and met the criteria for their NPO category were entered to

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**HANNA ARMSTRONG PULVER** in a quiet moment rocking and smoking her pipe

## The Weaker Sex?

By Bob Carter

Men are supposed to be the stronger sex. But what about all those women? Were they helpless without a man around?

In early times as today, that might need pause for examination. Hanna Armstrong was one heck of a woman! She came to this country from Ireland when she was a baby. When she reached womanhood, she married Jacob Pulver whose first wife had died leaving him with an infant son. It is recorded that Hanna raised and loved that son as if it were her own and, in addition, gave birth to eleven of her own and raised all twelve to maturity in those often difficult pioneer times. Husband Jacob was a contractor and builder of barns, covered bridges, water powered mills etc. and at times was away for days or a week or more on jobs. Remembered is that Hanna was equal to any man when it came to farm and field work.

Hanna had one slightly peculiar habit. She smoked a pipe! It is recalled in family records that Hanna would never smoke when preparing a meal. Her pipe was carefully laid aside. Her baking of bread, pies etc. was done in a dutch oven out in the side lawn. She canned, smoked and dried large quantities of food to feed the family through winter. Also warmly remembered was the time when she heard a commotion outside and she saw an Indian trying to steal a pig. Men away, should she hide or scream for help? Hell, not Hanna. She grabbed her favorite weapon, a broom she swept her cabin with, and took off after that Indian and beat him, and beat him until he dropped the pig and fled into the forest. On another occasion, a tramp gained access to her home and refused to leave. She threw a chair at him. He left.

Very active in church, many believed she possessed wisdom far beyond her years. People, some total strangers, came to her for advice and consult on martial and other problems. She became well known for this. When she died at 84, it is recorded that the crowd

at her funeral was the largest ever seen in Washington Township. They buried her in the little cemetery on Hanley Road just above the crossroads community of Little Washington, at a place Hanna and her family called Pleasant Valley. Her monument likens her, plain but carved from the strongest granite.

Another woman to be remembered, Mrs. Sarah Brown was born near Stubenville in November 1793, and had lived under all presidents. She was married in 1817 to Robert Brown and moved to Washington Township in 1821. It is recorded that, "She was the ideal type of pioneer, having force of character, strong nerve, athletic and in her pristine days, weighed 208 pounds and wielded an ax with vigor and zest in subduing the forest for her cabin home." It was two miles East of Lexington. She had eight children, four boys and four girls. Her youngest child was Col. R. C. Brown, early volunteer in the Civil War Sherman Brigade and served the entire war though wounded three times. In the last years of her life she lived with him. She did not need glasses until age 70 and at 92 had outlived her husband and two of her children. A tough pioneer woman.

Al Moore, Lexington's news writer, recorded in 1880 Lexington, "Mrs Winters, the female Sullivan, whose exit from here last week, went to Independence (Butler) and for attempting to indulge in the pugilistic art a warrant was issued for her arrest, but she eluded officers and again disgraced Lexington by presence. The Marshall of Independence got on her trail of the depraved female who again eluded his grasp, and now her sinister eyes and massive frame are still a terror in our village."

Well, not all strong women are ladies, are they?



### THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

*Violent Night* certainly lives up to its title but is still pretty entertaining nonetheless.

*Stranger Things* star David Harbour does a great job as Santa Claus. Not your typical Santa mind you, he is a boozy, tired of Christmas, cursing out the reindeer type of Santa. Unfortunately for him, on one of his stops he encounters a home that is being robbed and decides to help the family get rid of the intruders.

This movie has been described as a cross between *Home Alone* and *Die Hard* and that really is a perfect description.

John Leguizamo leads a group of robbers, all with conveniently seasonal names, to rob a rich family who have millions of dollars stashed underneath their home in a very secure vault. The matriarch (Beverly D'Angelo) is tough as nails and her family do not want to let a family secret escape for fear the robbers will use it to their advantage. The one bright spot is granddaughter Trudy (Leah Brady) who is still on the "nice" list and has a special connection to Santa Claus.

Harbour is great as an extremely convincing Santa Claus.

Yes, he is very unconventional but he is in an R-rated holiday film called *Violent Night* after all. He is the best part of the movie and Leguizamo is in fine form as the villain.

There is also an unexpected sweetness to this movie as it really does capture some of that holiday spirit audiences will be expecting at their showing.

This movie is definitely violent at times, maybe a little too much for its own

good and the affect it is going for. Some of the violence seems more over the top instead of the more fun theme it could have gone with. There is a great deal to like though as the cast really sells it and there are some genuine laughs.

For any adults and older children, *Violent Night* may be an unexpectedly fun time at the movies with the title really living up its name to Harbour giving a great performance as Santa and the movie overall being very laugh out loud funny throughout.



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# News Briefs

The Annual Lucas Lion's Craft Show is scheduled for this Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9 am to 2 pm at Lucas High School, 5 First Ave., Lucas. The event will feature over 30 vendors, both new and returning. Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available as well as limited food service.

The craft show benefits Lucas Community Food Pantry.

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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.

Aging Hall of Fame Award.

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

The trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Jan. 23 and 24. Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, broken down cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.

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The 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.

Guests are welcome. 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 Luke Beekman of Mankind Murals, Inc., on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 10:30 am.

He will speak on "The Persistence of Vision with Mankind"

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

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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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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.

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

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

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## Annual Lucas Lion's Craft Show

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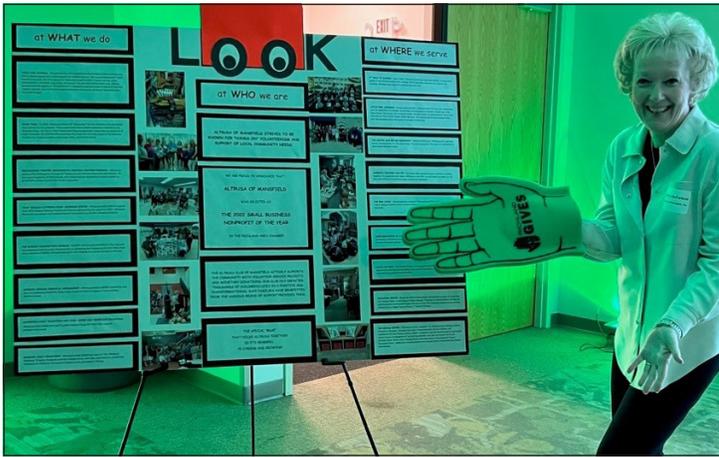
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## RPH investigating potential measles exposure at local mall

As part of the ongoing measles outbreak in Ohio, Richland Public Health is investigating a confirmed case of measles who visited a local public place while infectious with measles.

The measles case was at Richland Mall, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario, on Monday, Nov. 28, from 11 am to 2 pm.

Any unvaccinated individual at this location, during the listed time, is encouraged to watch for symptoms of measles and to go to their health care provider if they are sick. If someone is sick and has symptoms, they should call their health care provider to let them know that they have potential measles exposure before going into the provider's office.

Symptoms of measles appear seven to 21 days after contact with the virus and can include high fever, cough, runny nose and watery eyes. A measles rash typically appears 3-5 days after initial symptoms.

Measles is a vaccine-preventable disease that is highly contagious and spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

RPH representatives said, "The most important thing anyone can do to prevent measles is to get the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, which is safe and highly effective. One dose of MMR is 93% effective at preventing measles and two doses is 97% effective at preventing measles."

"If a child is 12 months of age or older and has not been vaccinated with MMR, they should be vaccinated right away."

Richland Public Health offers measles vaccines for anyone one year and older. MMR vaccines are also available from health care providers.

Learn more about measles at [richlandhealth.org/measles](http://richlandhealth.org/measles). Anyone with questions can call 419-774-4500.

## Richland Gives labeled a success

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win a \$1,000 grant prize. These are small NPOs Taking Root Farms, Mansfield Richland Area Educational Foundation and Clear Fork Valley Foundation; and Medium NPO North Central Ohio Land Conservancy.

The Best Looking #RichlandGives page as judged by Mighty Cause employees which earned a \$1,000 grant prize is Taking Root Farms.

NPOs that brought a poster to the Leader Board Watch Party were entered into a random pull to win a \$250 grant prize. The winner was Catalyst Life Services.

A \$500 grant prize was awarded by random pull for those who attended the educational webinars. The winner was Idea Works.

# 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 Acosta  
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  
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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)  
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She takes treats incredibly nicely. Margret is people oriented. She loves being close and

playing with her friends. Margret is around a year old and came in with two dog friends. One was adopted and one was redeemed by an owner that said she didn't know Margret.

Margret seems to be good with other dogs and likes playing with them. The shelter staff thinks Margret is good with cats. She is wary of children, and the staff think she would do best in a home without small children.

Margret is available at the Richland County Dog Shelter in Mansfield. Those interested in her or any other dog, can contact or visit the Richland County Dog Warden's Office & Shelter. Shelter hours are 11-4:15 Monday-Friday and 10-2 on Saturday.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, volunteers will be hosting an after hours. The shelter will be open until 5 pm and volunteers will be available to assist visitors in finding the perfect dog for their family. Currently, adoptions are \$150, which includes spay/neuter, microchip, dog license and some vaccines.

Current needs are volunteers to walk and play with the dogs, bleach, laundry detergent, and dog treats.



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- Mark W. Stull, Nov. 24
- Phillip Wayne Addington, Nov. 25
- Alan Lee Castor, Nov. 27
- John "Jack" Kenneth Vesper, Nov. 27
- Richard "Dick" M. Roberts, Nov. 30
- Richard Loch, Dec. 1

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# Madison School Board accepts donations, approves employments and volunteers

The Madison Local School District Board of Education held its regular meeting Nov. 30, in the middle school auditoria.

A donation of \$600.46 was accepted from Mifflin PTO towards the purchase of Decodable Books Level K for Mifflin Elementary and Parent/Teacher Conference meals for Oct. 20 and 25 at Mifflin.

A donation of \$100 was accepted from Corey Thayer to be used towards outstanding lunch charges for students who are currently eligible for the National School Lunch Program.

Treasurer Bradd Stevens gave his report and the board approved the monthly financial report as submitted and five-year forecast.

Laurie Dean, CT Cosmetology instructor, will retire effective May 25. Tommy Hill, girls' varsity tennis coach, resigned, effective Sept. 21 and Robin Myers, cross country coach, resigned, effective Nov. 9.

Supplemental positions awarded for 2022-'23 school year include Chad Hutcheson, half assistant varsity wrestling coach; Theodore Haring, half assistant varsity wrestling coach; Kalen Oslie, winter game manager; Tim Niswander, winter fitness coordinator; and Anthony Cole, assistant 7/8 grade wrestling coach.

Michelle Barr was hired as a middle school office specialist testing/Ashland University and April Gregory was hired as a customer and office support technology instructor for Madison Adult Career Center.

Substitute teachers hired on an "on call" basis, as needed for the 2022-'23 school year are Bethany Cetinich, Kyle Ray, Nick Roberts, Jessica Long, Julia Litt, Kathleen Hunt, Vanessa Bell, Angel Stantz, Nicole Shockley, Kaitlin Reese, Rebecca Avery, Dalyn Balliett, Jennifer Bauman, Kade Collins, Hannah Crouch, Alli Dean and Daniel McNulty.

Volunteers approved by the board include Derek Zeiter, seventh grade boys' basketball; and Kathleen Leeper, girls' varsity basketball.

Resignations were accepted from Sheena Thompson, 2 hour cook - Eastview; Kila Stillion, MECLC; and Kayla Marshall, special education aide - South.

Hired for the 2022-'23 school year were Deborah Bowling, 4-hour cafeteria - middle school; Julie Neal, 4-hour cafeteria - South; Whitney Roub, special education aide - middle school; Nicky Cole, 2-hour cafeteria - Eastview; Nick Roberts, special education aide - South; Cheyenne Sumler, assistant teacher - MECLC; and Shyann Bond, assistant teacher - MECLC.

Teresa Neal has been awarded the 4-hour cafeteria position at the high school, a new position.

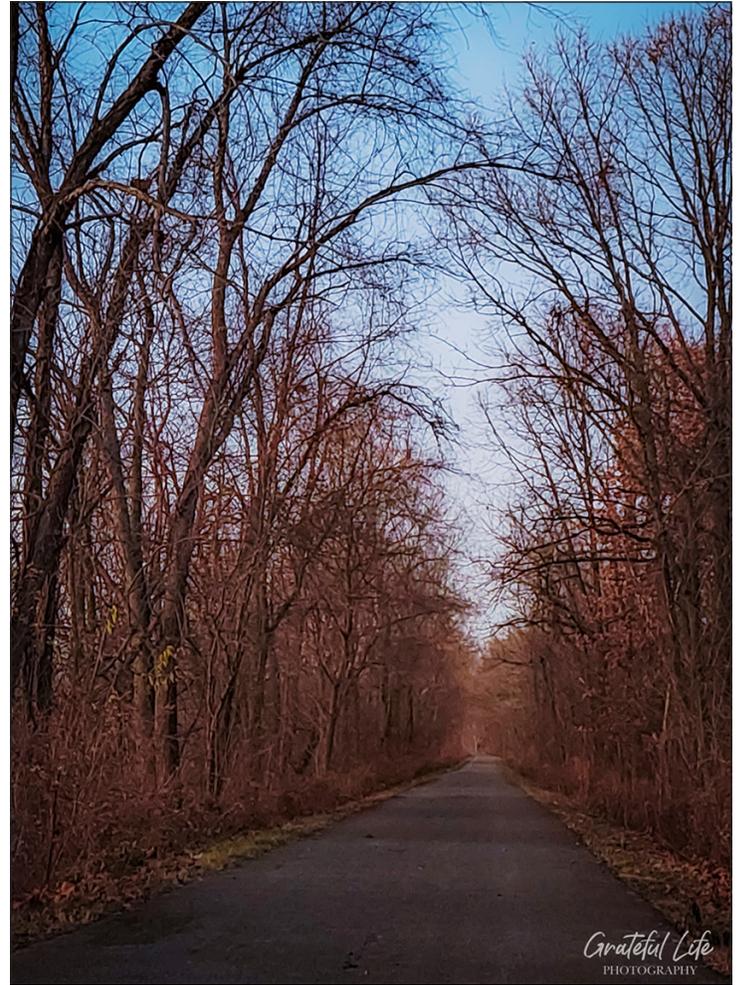
Substitute employees hired on an "on call" basis, as needed, for the 2022-'23 school year were Nicole Shockley, special education aide; Kathleen Hunt, special education aide; Maura Boltz, cafeteria; Alexis Oglesbee, special education aide; and Pamela Jackenheimer, special education aide.

The board eliminated the following classified positions due to reduction in force, for reasons as indicated, effective Nov. 1, 2022: Computer Tech (208 days), replaced with Computer Tech (260 days); 2-hour cafeteria worker (South), replaced with 4-hour caf-

eteria worker (South); 2-hour cafeteria worker (middle school), replaced with 4-hour cafeteria worker (middle school); and 2-hour cafeteria Worker (high school), replaced with 4-hour cafeteria worker (high school).

The board approved the overnight trip for high school band and choir students to Walt Disney World Dec. 26-31, 2022.

The next regular board of education meeting will be Dec. 14, in the Madison Middle School Auditoria



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# 45th Annual City of Ontario Community Craft Show • Dec. 3



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## City of Ontario Christmas Tree Lighting • Dec. 1





THE OHIO DISTRICT 5 AREA AGENCY ON AGING awards were held Dec. 1. Pictured are Diane Ramey, Chief Clinical Officer; Duana Patton, Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging CEO; Rick Crouch, Award of Excellence Awardee; and Nate Roshon, Board President.

## Area Agency on Aging presents awards at annual meeting

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. Annual Meeting was held on Thursday, Dec. 1 at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center in Mansfield. Nearly 250 service providers, Corporate Board, Foundation, Advisory Council members, community partners, staff and dignitaries were in attendance.

Platinum sponsors included Mechanics Bank and ES Consulting. The proceeds from the Annual Meeting will provide scholarships to students in pursuit of a field of study, certification program, or degree benefitting the field of aging.

Chief Executive Officer Duana Patton and President of the Board of Trustees Nate Roshon presided over the program and meeting which highlighted accomplishments of the Area Agency on Aging for 2022.

The Area Agency on Aging also presented annual awards:

The Project Collaboration award was presented to the Focal Points in our service area, including Ashland County Council on Aging, Inc., Crawford County Council on Aging, Inc., Enrichment Centers for Huron County, The Station Break Senior Center of Knox County, Marion Senior Center, Morrow County Services for Older Citizens, Seneca County Commission on Aging, and Wyandot County Council on Aging, Inc.

The Community Partnership award was presented to Schmidt Security Pro. The Advocate of the Year award was presented to the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Volunteers – Region 5. The Award of Excellence was presented to Grant Hollenbach, LPCC-S, and Rick Crouch.

Inducted into the AAA Hall of Fame was John Kastelic.

## Free bus rides offered Dec. 10, 17

Richland County Transit will offer free Saturday Service on Saturday, Dec 10 and 17.

Routes that take an hour are Route 1, Park Avenue, 9:30–3:30, last bus at 2:30 pm; Route 2, Lexington Ave., 9:30–3:30, last bus at 2:30 pm; Route 3, S. Main St., 9:30–3:30, last bus at 2:30 pm; and Route 9, 4th St., 10–4, last bus at 3 pm.

Routes that take a half hour are Route 5 Springmill, 9:30–4, last bus at 3:30 pm; Route 7, Ashland Rd., 9:30–4, last bus at 3:30 pm, Route 8 Glessner, 10:00–3:30, last bus at 3 pm, Transit 13 Shelby 2 trips (first trip leaves transit center at 10 am and second at 2:30 pm).

Holiday Circular trips leave Walmart on the hour (first bus at 10 am) and Meijer on the half hour (last bus at 3:30 pm).

Dial-A-Ride is available with advance scheduling. Catch a bus at the transit center (74 S. Diamond) or anywhere along the route.

Call 419-522-4504 for information.

## Benefits will help local families

The Amvets (Post 26), 1100 W. 4th St., Mansfield, will host a benefit for Robbie Stephenson Saturday, Dec. 17, from 5–9 pm.

Robbie Stephenson is a 5-year-old boy suffering from cancer. This benefit is to help his family with medical bills.

The event is sponsored by Departure-Journey and Classic Rock From OHIO. Also performing will be Paul Allen from 5–6 pm.

There is a \$5 cover charge.

A silent auction and 50/50 cancer benefit will be held for Kevin Wichterman Jan. 21 at the Richland County Fairgrounds Youth Hall.

Doors open at 4 pm and cost is \$15 per person which includes the meal catered by Wicky's Smokin' BBQ and live music by Reckless Highway.

All proceeds will go to Kevin and his family to help with health care expenses during his battle with cancer.

For information call Brendon Wichterman at 419-964-3464.



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# New license option expands nursing care in Ohio

As the need for nursing care continues to grow, the Ohio Board of Nursing and the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) are expanding nursing career opportunities in Ohio with the option for a multistate license (MSL). An MSL allows Ohio nurses to practice in the current 37 NLC states and opens up job opportunities in Ohio to experienced nurses from across the country.

By converting their existing Ohio license to an MSL, Ohio nurses can rapidly provide critical care during a disaster or medical emergency in a nearby NLC state, pursue opportunities in the growing telehealth field, and grow their careers in new and exciting ways. With consistent standards in every MSL state, experienced nurses from across the country can easily join Ohio's nursing workforce.

"Patients will be welcoming new faces onto their care teams soon. That's exciting news for them and Ohio," said Marlene

Anielski, Executive Director of the Ohio Board of Nursing. "A multistate license gives Ohio nurses the power to pursue the careers of their dreams and makes it easier to fill professional nursing jobs in our state. The licensing innovation will give Ohioans more of the high-quality nursing care they deserve."

In addition to opening up exciting career opportunities for Ohio nurses, the new license will also streamline the complicated process of providing care across state lines. That's especially important for nurses like Missy Smith, who works close to Ohio's Southern border and provides care to patients in Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia.

"I am five minutes from Kentucky. I am probably 30 minutes from West Virginia. We do have and service patients in both of those areas," said Smith. "It would be nice to not have to get a separate license every time one of our nurses has to go into that area."

To convert their existing single state nursing license into an MSL, nurses must meet a set of uniform licensing standards, meeting all of Ohio's licensure requirements and clearing state and federal criminal background checks.

The multistate license, offered through the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's Nurse Licensure Compact, is available to Registered Nurses (RNs), Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs), and nursing students, all of whom can begin applying for an MSL on Jan. 1, 2023.

# John Roby appointed to board of trustees

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. announced the appointment of new member, John Roby, to its board of trustees. He will serve as the Richland County representative.

Roby is the CEO of Roby Foster Miller Erick RFME Insurance. His prominence in the community is noted by his involvement in several boards: The Richland County Foundation (past Chair), Catalyst Life Services (Chair), The University Club Education Foundation, Mansfield Memorial Homes endowment advisory Board, and The Rehab Center. He was a former trustee for Mansfield and Richland County Public Library and served on the Mansfield City Schools Financial Advisory Committee.

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., located at Hawkins Corner in Ontario, serves the North Central Ohio area including Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca and Wyandot Counties, providing assistance to aging individuals and disabled individuals. For information call 419-524-4144.

# Donations being collected for local missionary in need of care

Mary Morris is a Mansfield resident who, along with her family, is a missionary in South Asia. Shortly after arriving in June, Mary became extremely sick and has had to walk down a very challenging road. There are many issues but the most significant problems include physical weakness, rapid weight loss and chronic pain.

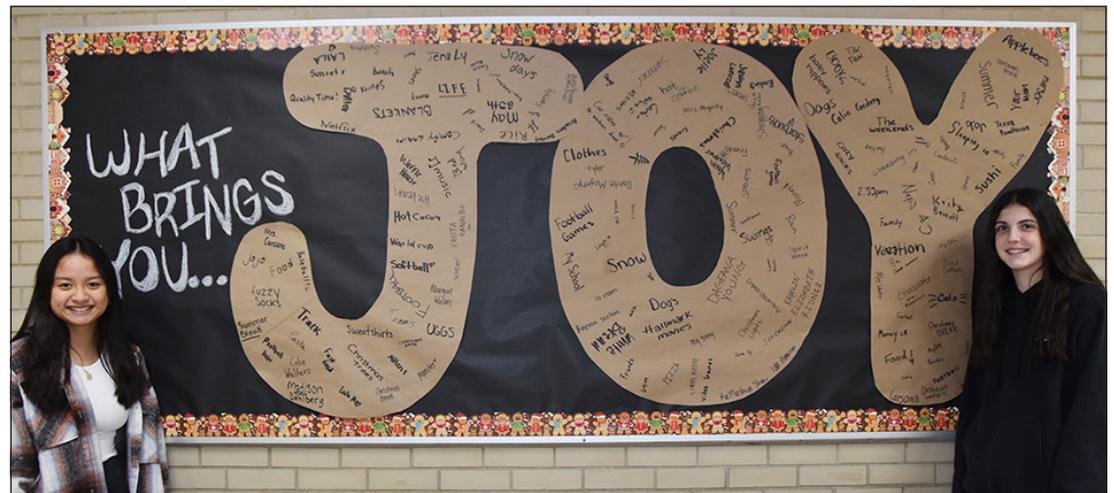
Mary and her husband, Pete, have three small children, the youngest under a year old, and were called into the mission field a few years ago with Adventures in Missions.

An experienced doctor in the USA is willing to treat Mary while she is located overseas but money needs to be raised immediately for plane tickets, testing, treatment, appointments and shipping and custom fees for medicine and formula for their infant child, who Mary can no longer breastfeed because of the treatment.

To donate visit [https://www.gofundme.com/f/marys-health?utm\\_campaign=p\\_cf+share-flow-1&utm\\_medium=chat&utm\\_source=whatsapp](https://www.gofundme.com/f/marys-health?utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1&utm_medium=chat&utm_source=whatsapp). For more information about their organization, visit <https://www.adventures.org>



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL held a "Flannel Day" during spirit week.



A HOLIDAY BULLETIN BOARD was designed by Jena Ly and Kayelynn Risner. Ontario High School students wrote what brings them JOY.



MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH are fifth grade students Jayden Allen Peyton Foote, Faith Metcalf and Reagen Brooks; sixth grade students Lainey Binns, Avery Rust, Arenal Hunsinger and Alden Washington; seventh grade students Chloe Gilbert, Phillip Wiggins, Shiana Elliot and Angel Montanez; and eighth grade students Julie Ann Miller, Kaiden Koch, Lyla Walker and Gage Cyrus.



## News Briefs in Education

Cori Wentz, a graduate of Ontario High School, is one of 47 Baldwin Wallace University to been named to the 2022 Academic All-Ohio Athletic Conference team.

In order to be selected as Academic All-OAC, a student-athlete must be a sophomore or higher in class standing, maintain varsity status and have at least a 3.50 cumulative GPA. A student-athlete may only receive Academic All-OAC on three occasions.

Wentz, who garners her first accolade, carries a 3.675 grade point average in finance.

The university is located in Berea, Ohio.



Will Bolin of Mansfield is among 15 first-gen students selected to be members of Baldwin Wallace University's new First-Gen Student Advisory Council.

According to the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), students are "first-generation" if their "parent(s) did not complete a four-year college or university degree, regardless of other family members' level of education."

Without the benefit of parental experience, many first-generation college students face unique challenges on the road to earning a degree. But with the right support services, BW first-gen students are blazing trails to graduation every year. As a council member, Bolin, a graduate of Ontario High School majoring in finance, is working to build community and pride among first-gen students.

Students will serve as a sounding board and compass for the priority action items, interests and needs of the BW first-gen community.



WARRIOR LEADERSHIP COUNCIL at Ontario High School decorated the halls to kick-off the holiday spirit week. Each class had a hallway to decorate.

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## KCCC recognized for consecutive Landscape Olympics first place finishes

Knox County Career Center's (KCCC) Landscape Design & Management program was recognized recently for their back-to-back first place finishes in the Ohio Green Industry Association's (OGIA) Ohio High School Landscape Olympics in 2021 and 2022.

Mike Kahoe, Northeast Ohio Regional Representative for Lt. Governor Jon Husted, presented a proclamation to KCCC's Landscape Design & Management students and instructor John Campbell on Thursday, Dec. 1. A proclamation is an official announcement that publicly recognizes an initiative or observance.

Proclamations are typically signed and issued by federal officials, governors, state legislators, mayors, or other government officials at the local level.

Roni Petersen, who handles membership & certification at the Ohio Green Industry Association (OGIA), was also on hand for the proclamation given by Mr. Kahoe. Ms. Petersen congratulated the students for this accomplishment.

"Since the Landscape Olympics inception 7 years ago, we have not had back-to-back champions before. The students in the Landscape Design & Management program at KCCC are the first to accomplish this feat. Congratulations to all of you!" said Petersen.

Campbell commented, "Winning the OGIA Ohio High School

Landscape Olympics for a second year in a row is a major accomplishment. I couldn't be more proud of our students for all of their hard work to get to this point."

OGIA's Ohio High School Landscape Olympics tests students' skills through hands-on, competitive events designed by industry professionals. OGIA's Ohio High School Landscape Olympics broadens the high school education experience and introduces students to the many opportunities offered by a career in the green industry.

KCCC's Landscape Design & Management program competed in 15 events against twelve other schools, most of them being career tech schools. KCCC's award winners are listed below.

Award Winners are: Climbing Skills, Mackenzie Ernsberger (Sr) and A.J. Fonner (Sr), 3rd; Compact Excavator, Colton Love (Sr), 1st; Hardscape Installation, A.J. Fonner (Sr) and James Hurlow (Sr), 2nd; Irrigation, A.J. Fonner (Sr) and Terry Kovach (Sr), 1st; Low Voltage Lighting, Isaac Burrell (Sr), 2nd; Maintenance Operation, Logan Dechant (Sr) and James Hurlow (Sr), 1st; Wood Plant Id, John Manning (Jr), 1st; Sales Presentation, Josie Moore (Sr), 2nd; Skid Steer, Colton Love (Sr), 2nd; Turfgrass, James Hurlow (Sr) and Ashton Johnson (Sr), 1st; and Plant Installation A.J. Fonner (Sr), James Hurlow (Sr) and Nick Jackson (Jr), 3rd.

## Sutton Bank sponsors program to keep Shelby Pointe residents safe

Sutton Bank has sponsored a program to keep the residents of Shelby Pointe Nursing Home in Shelby safer and have an even more secure living environment. The bank recently joined with CRA Partners to help vulnerable seniors by funding the Senior Crimestoppers program to protect those who live and work in this local senior care facility.

CRA Partners, powered by the Senior Housing Crime Prevention Foundation, is a national organization that offers banks federally mandated CRA credit through the operation of the turnkey Senior Crimestoppers program providing safe and secure living environments for our nation's low to moderate income seniors. Through flexible funding options such as CRA-qualified community development loans, investments or grants, banks provide the program in senior housing facilities, HUD communities and state Veterans homes while garnering positive public relations exposure in their communities.

Crime against the elderly in our society is a longstanding, constant battle that can be reduced and prevented through the operation of the Senior Crimestoppers program in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Senior Crimestoppers is a coordinated set of components that work together to create a zero tolerance to crime platform in senior housing facilities. Components include cash rewards up to \$1,000 paid anonymously for information about wrongdoing of any kind, personal lockboxes for the residents, and effective, on-going education and training for staff members and residents. Senior Crimestoppers has reduced all aspects of crime in participating facilities by 96%.

"Senior Crimestoppers is a way for an administrator to further enhance the lives of the residents they serve. They all work very hard to provide safe, secure, comfortable living environments and their desire to implement the program is just one more example of this. Implementing this program does not mean that the facility currently has a crime problem, but that the administrator is proactively find-

ing a way to keep problems from occurring in the future," said Terry Rooker, president of Senior Crimestoppers.

"Sutton Bank is proud to provide this program where it's needed most. As a bank, we are acutely aware of financial crimes against seniors in our communities. Educational and safety programs such as this are invaluable to seniors and their families. As a community bank, this is just another way we show our commitment to our communities by giving back, with this investment in critical services and programs such as Senior Crimestoppers." said Rhonda Martin, VP, Marketing for Sutton Bank.



**SCOTT THEM**, Sutton Bank Market Manager; **Greg Carnes**, Shelby Pointe Administrator and **Thomas Showman**, Sutton Bank President celebrate a new program which will help keep Shelby Pointe residents safe.

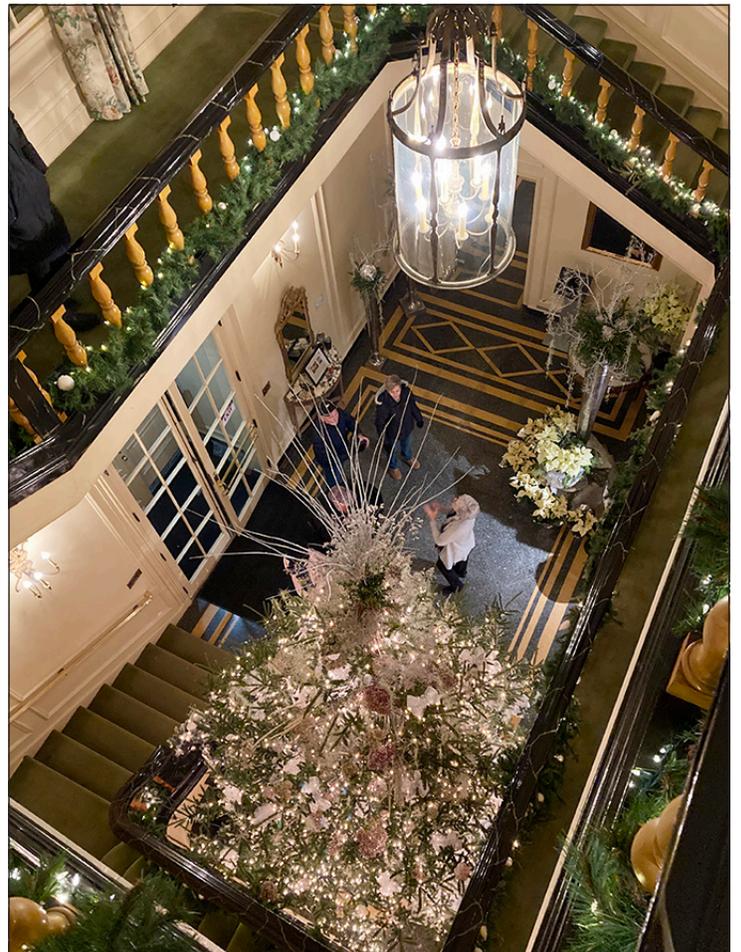


### Kingwood decorated for Christmas

Christmas at Kingwood continues to deck the halls of Mr. King’s former home for the holidays, 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.

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. Christmas at Kingwood will run through Friday, Dec. 30 and is open daily Tuesday through Sunday, 4-9 pm. For information visit [kingwoodcenter.org](http://kingwoodcenter.org) or call 419-522-0211.



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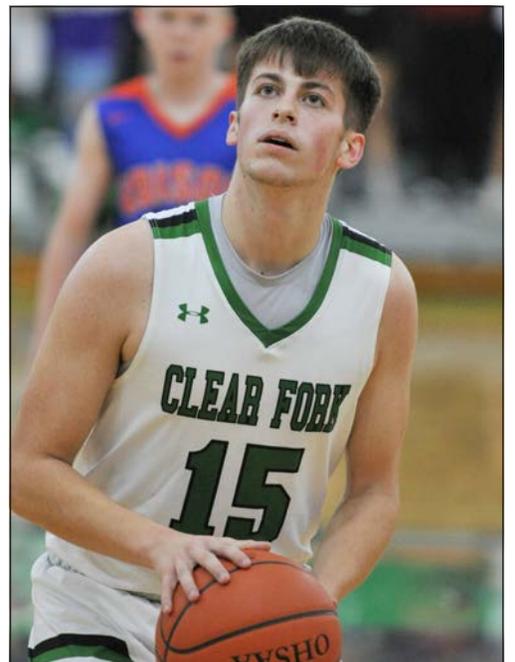
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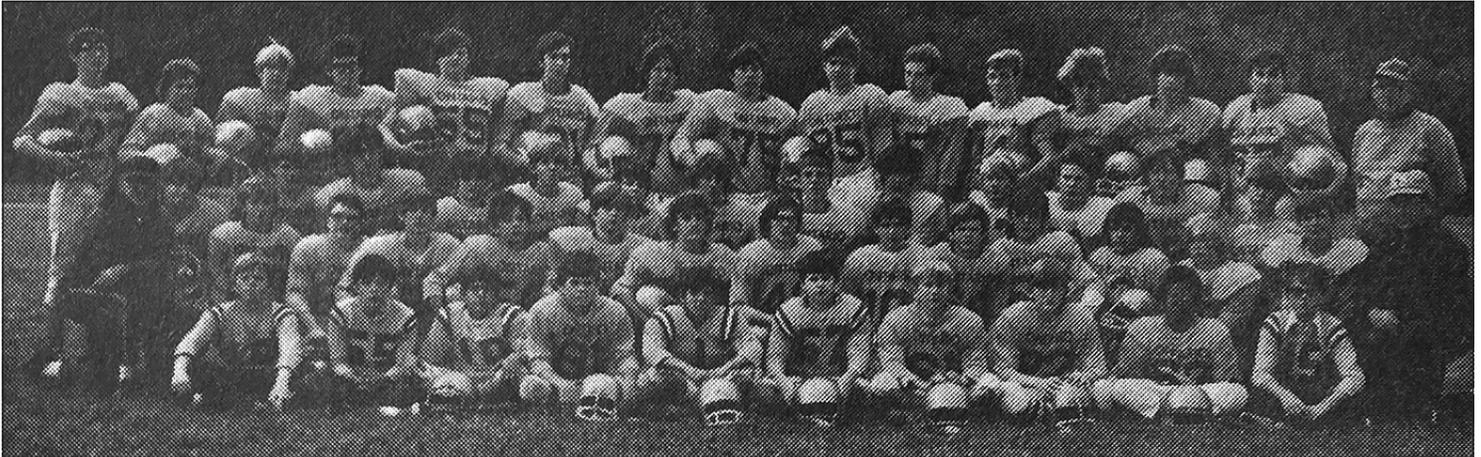


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LOOKING BACK • THIS WEEK IN TRIBUNE-COURIER HISTORY



**THE 1972 ONTARIO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM** finished their year undefeated with a 4-0-1 mark. The Warriors beat John Sherman 6-0, Loudonville 8-0, Madison South 28-6 and Crestview 32-0. Their deadlock game came on a 0-0 encounter with Willard. The following boys participated on the team: bottom row, from left, Coach Giffin, Manager Roger Rhodes, Manager Randy Perry, Dave Yaussy, George Hellinger, Bill Prosser, Steve Lykins, George Bogolis, Steve Wycoff, Mark Shelton, Manager Randy Reeder, Coach West. 2nd Row — Steve Ritter, Pat McBride, Mike Mehaffey, Paul Gleisinger, Jeff Crider, Roger Dailey, Bryan Oswald, Kevin Sapp, Mike Richard, Jerry

Schwall, Mark Carbetta, Marlon Koenig, Al Smith. 3rd Row — Doug Saunders, Don Watson, Kevin Scott, Dan Kreisher, Kirk Ellison, Mike Eckels, Don Posekany, Jeff Strickler, Chuck Spears, Don Mullin, Greg Walter, Dave Butler, Mike Smith, Coach Smith. 4th Row — Jerry SESCO, Chuck Schluter, Dave Carr, Jeff Daugherty, Ray Yancey, Howard Zody, Bud Adams, Ken Perry, Mark Brumenshenkel, Steve Mitchell, Jeff Koozer, Greg Chambers, Ted Mabry, Randy Reed. Absent from the picture — Brian Baumberger, Dan Bowman, Larry Eckert, Steve Miller, Don Ritter, Manager Jeff Rohal.

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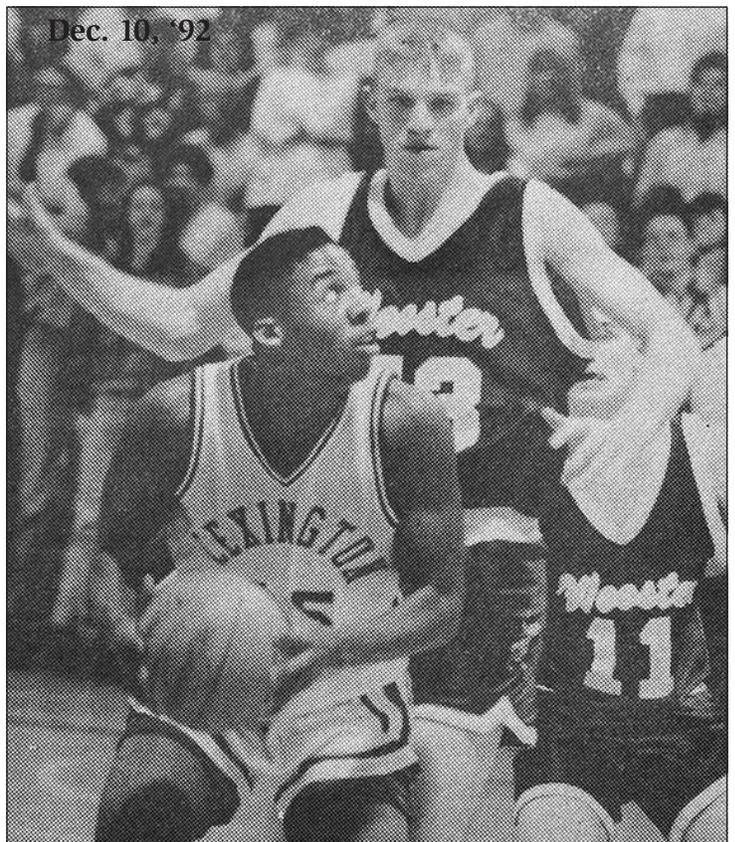
Dec. 9, '82



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**JUNIOR MARC ERICSSON** finished first in the 100-yard butterfly in a time of 1:07.17 in the meet against Colonel Crawford. Both the boys' and girls' teams won.

Dec. 10, '92



George Billman

**J.T. HUNT** (25) of Lexington is hounded by the looming presence of 6'8" Wooster center Greg Grimwood (53) in Friday night's basketball game at Lexington. Hunt was a tower of strength for the Minutemen, scoring 22 points in a losing effort.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB members provided a meal in downtown Mansfield with the organization People Helping People.

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## Southside welcomes community to view large nativity display

Southside Christian Church, 2055 Middle-Bellville Rd., will offer its final open house to display more than 800 nativity scenes during "Come to the Manger," on Sunday Dec. 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.

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## \$28,910 MWCD grant approved for cover crop crimper roller

Members of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) Board of Directors approved up to \$1.1 million in grants to ten organizations at their meeting held Nov. 18.

The Partners in Watershed Management Program (PWM), approved by the Board of Directors in June of 2009, provides funds to assist communities, political subdivisions, government agencies, and not-for profit groups in implementing water quality projects, flood reduction and mitigation programs, and watershed education efforts throughout the 18 counties within the MWCD. Since its inception in 2009 this program has provided over \$12.2 million in grant funding for 177 projects.

20 applications totaling over \$2.5 million for funding assistance were received in the 2022-'23 grant cycle. All applications were initially reviewed by MWCD staff with many applications going through an independent technical review.

In Ashland County funds were released for a cover crop crimper roller. The cost is \$31,910 with \$28,910 requested and granted. For more information visit [MWCD.Org](http://MWCD.Org)