



## Madison's Winterfest celebrates musical and visual arts

Article and Photos By Traci Little

The Madison School District celebrated its Musical Arts Day, Winterfest, on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 9:30 am to 4 pm at Madison Middle School.

Winterfest was a great day dedicated to each amazing student's hard work and talent. Admission was \$2, or one canned food item per person. Children under five were free.

Winterfest serves as the main winter concert performance for all bands and choirs, grades 5-12. Band and choir performances ran throughout the day in the gymnasium.

Bands performed under the direction of Alexis Carlson and Kaitlyn Fanning. High school choirs were under the direction of Craig Green with sixth, seventh and eighth grade choirs under the direction of Judi Freytag.

Fifth grade choir is under the direction of JoNell Aron and Judi Freytag. All choirs were accompanied by Colleen Mowry.

Student artwork was displayed on the stage in the auditoria. Several vendor booths were set up selling crafts and various products.

The concession stand was open, and several raffle baskets were set up, and a place to buy clothing and merchandise was available.

In addition to student performances, Winterfest is a very important fundraiser for the music program. All of the proceeds go to support the students and help pay for things such as instruments, new music, uniforms and even travel.

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## Madison, Mansfield City join together for charities

By Traci Little

The SkillsUSA chapters of the Madison Local School District and the Mansfield City School District are putting their crosstown rivalry on hold and joining together for a greater cause.

The high school chapters have adopted the Harmony House and Domestic Violence Shelter of Mansfield this December.

From Dec. 1-16, donations will be accepted at both schools. Contact the Madison Career Tech Assessment Coordinator Karen VonStein at 419-545-1502 or Greg Morris of Mansfield City Schools at 740-390-9399 regarding where to drop off donations.

Karen VonStein says they have been working with these types of organizations for years, but this is the first time they have joined forces to make it an even larger impact!

"After all, this is what the Christmas and holiday spirit is all about! At our November leadership conference, we were brainstorming what we could do, and this is what we came up with. It's been a blessing to see all the donations come in already," VonStein said.

Right now, they have 49 blankets, one for each resident based on age. On behalf of the two adopted locations, the schools are accepting donations like food, laundry detergent, toys, clothing, toiletry items and more! Donors can also give gift cards from local grocery stores.

Last Thursday, Mansfield City Schools held its Christmas Bizarre where they helped raise money and collect items for this amazing vision.

Greg Morris of Mansfield City Schools said, "This sprung out for me because Madison has a fantastic chapter of SkillsUSA that's up and running and has been doing events like this for a long time. Karen has been extremely gracious in getting our chapter up and running, and as I started talking with her about ways we could get together as schools, she immediately jumped up with this event and said that it would be a great way to partner."

He went on to say, "Even though we have crosstown school rivalry, ultimately all these students are working in the same places of employment, and they are going to have to figure out a way to work together. Rivalries are fun and good, but I'm excited to see these students work together and collaborate and I think it's going to be a wonderful way for the community to see these schools' partner together."

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### A December To Remember!

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Ideas of Items You Can Donate - Grocery Store Gift Cards, Food, Laundry Detergent, Toiletries, Toys, Coats, Crayons, Crafts, etc.

Madison Advisor - Karen VonStein (419-545-1502)

Mansfield Advisor - Greg Morris (740-390-9399)



**MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL** held a spelling bee on Dec. 8. Lena Sasis was named champion. Lena and Adrianna Alexander, Kory Baldrige, Joselle Clark, Trenton Ford, October Gieseman, Lawson Gray, Amerah Hapin, TJ Hicks and Bryson Smith will be representing Madison Middle School at the Richland County Spelling Bee in Jan. 26, at Mid-Ohio ESC.

## Funding will expand Area Agency on Aging programs

CareSource, a nationally recognized nonprofit health plan, has donated \$1,000,000.00 to The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (AAA5) The gift will provide AAA5 the opportunity to expand the programs that will reach vulnerable individuals of all ages, demographics, and communities within Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca, and Wyandot Counties. The AAA5 understands CareSource’s mission is one that involves the heart; eliminate poverty, provide much-needed services to low- and moderate-income families, encourage healthy communities, develop innovative approaches to address critical health issues, and enhance the lives of a diverse array of children, adults, and families.

AAA5 will expand the current Helping Elderly Meet Essential Needs (HEMEN) program under this funding. HEMEN is designed with the intent to provide one-time essential items needed to help individuals remain safe and independent in the home that are often not covered by other programs and/or funding sources. “Everyday items that some may take for granted are life-changing for others. Providing a vacuum or an air conditioner unit could help them remain safe, independent, and healthy in their community and homes,” stated Diane Ramey, Chief Clinical Officer.

AAA5 has also realized the great need for the work of a Community Health Worker (CHW) in the counties we serve. The goal of a CHW is to improve health and social equity. CHWs can work with individuals to identify individually modifiable risk factors (spanning medical, social, and behavioral health needs) and address those risk factors by capitalizing on the strong, trusting relationships CHWs develop over time with the individuals and families they serve. Many risk factors hinge on changes in individual behavior related to things like nutrition, education, parenting, or compliance with medical care. CHWs, who regularly visit clients in their homes, are in a unique role to be able not only to support coordination of care, but

to also coach and support individuals to learn new skills, get access to needed services, and make vital behavioral changes to improve their health and social outcomes.

The work of the CHW assures focus on our communities’ most at-risk populations and through evidence based and outcome focused steps, assuring individuals connect to primary care and prevention services, behavioral health, housing, food, clothing, adult education, and employment. It has been the vision and passion of AAA to continue to grow this program. This funding opportunity would allow us to expand and hire a full-time CHW to reach vulnerable individuals of all ages, demographics, and communities within our nine-county region.

The funding from CareSource will provide an opportunity to hire an additional CHW to the current team of four CHWs at the Agency.

“The Area Agency on Aging is honored and privileged to receive this gift. Many times our traditional state, federal, and local funds do not cover all the needs for whom we serve. This gift will allow us to provide essential services to individuals who want to remain safe, independent, and in their own home. This is not just a gift to the Area Agency on Aging, it is a generous gift to those we serve. I’m grateful for the relationship we have with CareSource and appreciate their support,” stated Duana Patton, Chief Executive Officer.

“CareSource knows the importance of partnering with local organizations who are already doing great work for Ohioans,” said Steve Ringel, president of CareSource Ohio. “We are proud to support the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. as they work to expand their programs to help vulnerable individuals.”

CareSource is a nonprofit, nationally recognized managed care organization with over 2 million members. Headquartered in Dayton, Ohio since its founding in 1989, CareSource administers one of the largest Medicaid managed care plans in the U.S. The organization offers health insurance, including Medicaid, Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicare Advantage and dual eligible programs.

For information about signing up for a Social Isolation program, contact the Area Agency on Aging 419-524-4144.

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.

The agency’s website is [www.aaa5ohio.org](http://www.aaa5ohio.org).

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# News Briefs

Trinity United Methodist Church, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield (Madison area), will hold a Christmas Eve service at 7 pm on Saturday, Dec. 24.



Community Bible Church, 1043 Springmill St., Mansfield, will host a Christmas Eve service on Saturday, Dec. 24, at 10:30 pm. There will be no service on Christmas morning.



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.



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



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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.



The recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Dec. 24 and 25. 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.



All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville, 25 Church St., will welcome speaker Christopher Reynolds, leader Hayley Young and a music trio on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 10:30 am.

Reynolds will perform his "Remembrance of the 1914 Christmas Truce: It's Our Turn Now," an account of a pilgrimage to no man's land to renew the spirit of peace on Earth, even among enemies.

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



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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**DONATION** — Kurt Stimens and Stacy Pickering from Stimens Apartments donated over 100 Squishmallows to Richland County Children Services on Tuesday, Dec. 6. The Squishmallows will be distributed at upcoming agency events. The donation was made possible through a collaboration with RCCS Caseworker Michele Stiggle and Stimens Apartments. Pictured are Michele Stiggle, RCCS Caseworker; Kurt Stimens and Stacy Pickering from Stimens Apartments and Dawn Kershner, RCCS Support Staff. Richland County Children Services (RCCS) has created a new Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100080506645854](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100080506645854).

## Mid-Ohio Civic Opera to perform “Amahl and the Night Visitors”

Mid-Ohio Civic Opera will perform the beloved American opera, “Amahl and the Night Visitors,” by Gian Carlo Menotti, at 7 pm on Friday, Dec. 16 and Saturday, Dec. 17 at Grace Episcopal Church, 41 N. Bowman St., Mansfield.

Admission is free and open to the public because of sponsorship from The Carl and Annamarie Fernyak Fund of The Richland County Foundation and Haring Realty.

Commissioned in 1951, “Amahl and the Night Visitors” was played on TV for decades on Christmas Eve.

The opera is the fictional story of the three kings stopping by the house of a poor widow and her son, Amahl, to rest for the night during their journey to follow a star to Bethlehem. It is full of memorable music, beautiful melodies and is a heart-warming holiday story.

The cast includes professional singers from all over the country and a small local chorus.

Sophia Pavlenko Chandley will accompany and the conductor is Dr. Paul Chandley, both from North Carolina.

The opera is in English and is about 45 minutes long.

For more information, follow Mid-Ohio Civic Opera on Facebook and Instagram, call 419-610-6011 or email [jvega@midohiocivicopera.org](mailto:jvega@midohiocivicopera.org).

Another holiday favorite, Handel’s Messiah will be performed Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 7 pm at First United Methodist Church on the Square, 12 N. Diamond St., Mansfield.

The free performance is a sing-along and includes professional soloists.



# 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  
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10 am Sunday Worship

### Southside Christian Church Disciples of Christ

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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  
10 am Sunday Worship

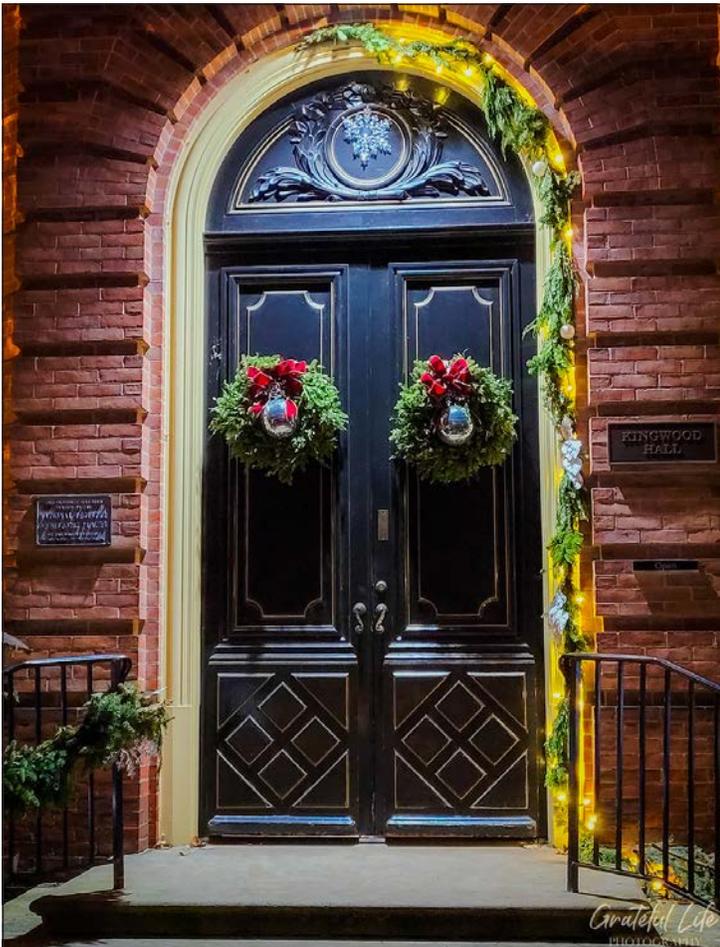
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By Brandon Chambers

## Free bus rides continue Saturday

Richland County Transit will offer free Saturday Service one last Saturday, Dec 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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- Barbara Marie Scott, Dec. 6
- John M. Aungst, Dec. 8
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**By Mátiece Thomas**

I am always excited when I learn new things that I can put in my fitness tool box to help me on this journey called life.

Recently I had my yearly blood work done, and I found out my cholesterol is high. Immediately I started looking into natural ways to lower my cholesterol. In my research, I found that black tea can lower your cholesterol 10 percent in three weeks if you drink it daily. So you guessed it, I started exploring the tea world.

My friend and I found an amazing tea house in downtown Mansfield, 3rd Cup Tea. We not only had an amazing black tea French vanilla latte, we also met an amazing human, Braxton Daniels. He is the recent owner of 3rd Cup Tea and he knows all things tea.

Braxton taught this Trainer Girl about one type of tea that has an abundance of health ben-

efits.

Matcha Tea, has eight amazing health benefits. Did you know Matcha has 137x more antioxidants than green tea, 17x more than blueberries and 6x more than gojiberries?

It also can boost your metabolism to burn calories 4x faster than normal.

Matcha can increase your focus and give you energy throughout your day. It has the best source of catechins which prevents cancer and can cut risk of breast cancer in half.

Matcha has the amino acid, L-Theanine which calms the mind. Matcha is also a natural detox and it has a high concentration of chlorophyll which eliminates chemicals from the body.

It can lower your bad cholesterol, and last but not least, Matcha is a natural anti-aging tea and reduces inflammation and oxidation.

Matcha tea has too many health benefits to not give it a try and if you want the best tasting Matcha latte or cookies, go visit Braxton at 3rd Cup Tea, tucked in downtown Mansfield.

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



*kimmyscucina*

**By Kim Sterry**

**CUT OUT COOKIES**

*This is a recipe I have made for so many years. When our children were small I always had such a struggle with sugar cookies, they would stick or be too thin and burn. When I began making this recipe our cut outs were always perfect. The dough is great to roll out and easy to work with. And such an easy recipe to throw together.*

**Ingredients**

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup karo syrup (light corn syrup)
- 1Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 egg
- 4 cups flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt

**Instructions**

Put first 5 ingredients in a bowl or mixer and combine well. Add flour and salt and chill 1 hour. I like to split dough in half and wrap in plastic wrap to chill. Take one out at a time to roll out. This is a great dough to work with, just flour surface and roll out and cut out your shapes and place on greased cookie sheet, bake at 350 for 10-12 minutes.

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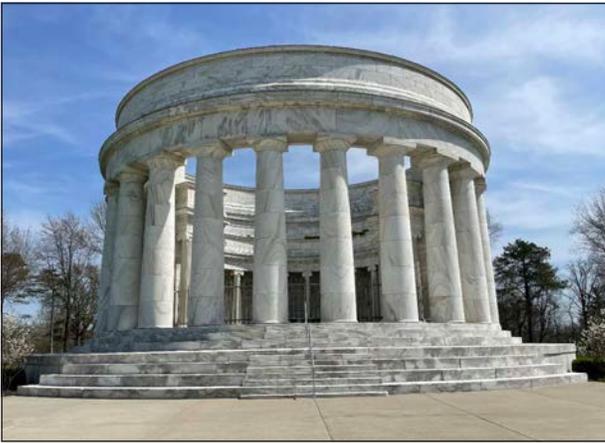


Photo by Damon Callis

**Day Trippin' With Damon** – Marion Harding Memorial is the final resting place of President and Mrs. Warren G. Harding. Built in 1927, it is the largest presidential memorial outside of Washington D.C. The memorial is open year-round.

*Laura Copeland of Shelby*

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MRS. KROLL AND MRS. KRICHBAUM'S students enjoyed designing and constructing graham cracker houses at Ontario High School.



MRS. WELCH'S ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE students at Ontario High School learned how to calculate the approximate amount of lumber in a tree for their Forestry & Resource Management unit.

## Stock the Trailer contest donates more than 169,000 lbs. of food

Farm Credit Mid-America and Rural 1st<sup>®</sup> announce the winners of the second installment of the Fight the Hunger Stock the Trailer Contest. Junior county fair boards from 55 Ohio counties, gathered 169,456 pounds of food for 73 food banks over the course of fair season. The Fight the Hunger, Stock the Trailer Contest is hosted on a regional basis, award money goes directly to Junior Fair Activities.

In the Northeast Ohio Region, county junior fair boards from Ashland, Ashtabula, Carroll, Columbiana, Erie, Geauga, Huron, Jefferson, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Morrow, Portage, Richland, Stark, Trumbull and Wayne collected food during their respective fairs. This year, Lorain County came in first place collecting 13,480 pounds of food. In second place collecting 4,920 pounds of food is Ashland County and coming in third is Huron County, with 4,160 pounds of food.

"Fight Hunger, Stock the Trailer's success in the second year is astonishing," says Evan Hahn, Regional Vice President of Agricultural Lending for Farm Credit Mid-America. "that success can be attributed to the enthusiasm our team members, youth leaders and fair goers have for the rural communities we live in and serve."

Farm Credit Mid-America and Rural 1st created the Fight the Hunger, Stock the Trailer contest to further engage county fairs to collect food donations for local communities.

Junior county fair boards were invited to participate in the challenge to fight hunger and had the opportunity to get creative with their food drives.

"Being part of this contest has been inspiring and shows the connection Farm Credit Mid-America's mission has to our rural communities," says Lindy McLaughlin, an Associate Financial Officer for Farm Credit Mid-America and one of the team members who leads the Fight Hunger, Stock the Trailer initiative. "The contest encourages youth leaders to come up with fun ways to engage their communities and drive donations."

Prizes include a \$500 award for each county fair that participates, followed by a \$5,000 donation to the fair that raises the most food, followed by \$3,500 for second place and \$1,500 for third place within each respective region.

In total, Farm Credit Mid-America and Rural 1st<sup>®</sup> awarded more than \$60,000 to junior fairs.

# •Madison, Mansfield City join together for charities

"We are here following Karen's leadership in this, and we're excited to be a part of it! It was really encouraging to see our kids be so interested in this event and it was extremely appealing to them. They were eager to jump in and help the community, and that was a blessing for me to see happen."

For those who may not be able to have a Christmas, this is a meaningful way to come together and share and be a blessing to these two amazing locations.

"We're showing the light of what it looks like for us to be able to say, 'Let's do this together, and show everyone what that looks like.' That's what the holiday spirit is all about," said VonStein.

"I truly believe that this will be A December to Remember for the Harmony House, Domestic Violence Shelter and for our students," she continued.

At the Fall Leadership Conference, leaders began brainstorming about what these two schools could do to work together. There were so many ideas like a cookout on the square and this and that, but they kept saying, "it's Christmas, so let's adopt these organizations."

When Madison does their big kick-off in September, they donate all of the extra food to Harmony House. The first time Karen ever went in there, it touched her heart.

"When I think about some of these women and children who have no place to go, who have no place to call home, this is the perfect opportunity for us to have a part in helping them," said Karen.

Karen was provided with all the information about the residents' ages, how many children, and such and now has blankets for every one of the residents at Harmony House. The 49 blankets are all boxed up and ready to go. There is a lady who is pregnant, so they are making a fleece blanket for her baby.

They label the items that come in and organize them according to what will best fit the need for each location.

"We just keep crossing them off our lists and adding things to it. Hopefully we have more than what they need, but some things that really want," said Karen.

Some local businesses like B.E. Humble and AK Hair Collective have jumped on board and have donated items to the cause.

Madison has always done their Merry Madison where they adopt families in need within the Madison district. The Skills USA, National Honor Society and business and career tech programs join together and adopt these families. "We've focused on making Madison Merry for many years now, and it's such an honor to work with Mansfield City School District to help make Mansfield Merry," said Karen.

Madison's Junior Officers are Kyleigh Reiter (President), Lexi Reedy, Rico Palacios, Neveah Stevey, Michael Thomas, Maggie Jones, and CJ Steffey.

Kyleigh Reiter said, "I love that we can make a big impact on the community. No one has ever done this before. I love that we can come together with Mansfield to be like one big family and share with those that are less fortunate than we are."

Madison's Senior Officers are Owen McGregor (President), Trevor Adkins, Owen Hoffman, Wyatt Rivers, Jaylynn Davis, Liz Enix, and Piper Lindecamp.

Owen McGregor said, "It's not just about us, but it's about making a difference in our community. I enjoy being a part of Skills USA because it helps us change the future, but this allows us to make some changes now!"

To be in Skills USA you need to be in a Career Tech program. Officers are elected to represent the different programs and they have a voice within their career tech program, district, and school.

Stacey Wampler, who teaches health science at Madison, is also a Registered Nurse. She is on the board at the Domestic Violence Shelter, and it was her idea to have that be one of the locations adopted.

"It's been very enlightening to be on the board at the shelter. I know that many of us know people in our lives that have needed this type of service before, and it has been neat to be a part of this to see what we can give to these survivors," Stacey said.

She went onto say, "we're Madison strong, and once Karen and Mr. Thompson set their minds on something, it's full go, 100%. I truly believe they will make it the best Christmas that anyone in the shelter has ever had. It's not just about gifts but truly having the everyday things that they need in order to hopefully get on their feet and be able to leave the shelter one day. They left home with nothing and came to the shelter so it's an awesome privilege to be able to provide some of these items," said Stacey.

"I hope we have a convoy next Friday when we drop all of these items off! I told our career-tech director, 'I hope we have so many vehicles pulling into Harmony House and the Domestic Violence Shelter that we need a police escort! That's my goal for us to shut down the streets to deliver all of the things we need to deliver. I'm going to be like Santa Claus and so is Mr. Thompson,'" said Karen.

## Bloodmobiles scheduled to help with supply as holidays approach

As more people make travel plans to celebrate with family and friends this year, the American Red Cross asks donors to set aside a time to give blood or platelets for patients waiting for care over the holidays.

Throughout the season, several factors can disrupt the ability of the Red Cross to collect enough blood for patients across the country.

It's important for donors – especially type O blood donors and platelet donors – to give now to ensure hospitals have the blood they need through the end of the year. Schedule an appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Those who come to give Dec. 16–Jan. 2 will get a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 7 am to 1 pm, K of C Hall, 208 Vernon Rd., Shelby; and 1–6 pm, Planktown Country Market, 1921 Free Rd., Shiloh

Saturday, Dec. 17, 9 am to 2 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Tuesday, Dec. 20, noon to 6 pm, Saint Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church St., Bellville

Friday, Dec. 23, 10 am to 3 pm, YMCA, 750 Scholl Rd., Mansfield

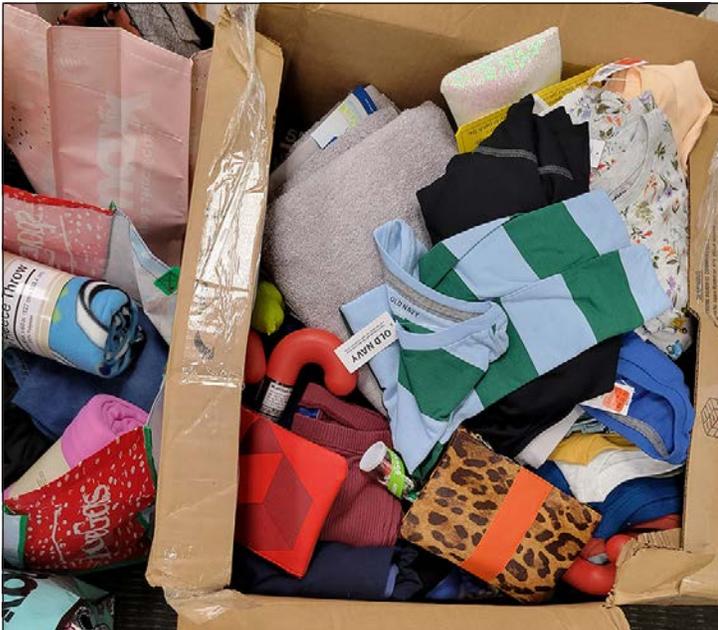
Saturday, Dec. 24, 8 am to 2 pm, 1 Richland Mall, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Tuesday, Dec. 27, 9 am to 1 pm, OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital, 335 Glessner Ave., Mansfield

Wednesday, Dec. 28, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

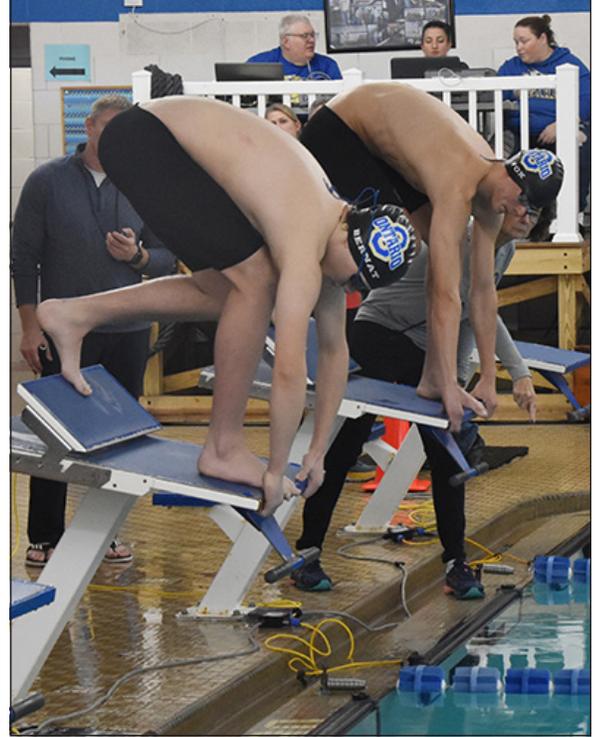
Thursday, Dec. 29, 9 am to 3 pm, Mansfield Engineered Components, 1776 Harrington Memorial, Mansfield

Saturday, Dec. 31, 9 am to 2 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario



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## Kingwood decorated for Christmas

Christmas at Kingwood continues at Mr. King's former home. Rooms and hallways are decorated by volunteers and staff and music by local performers will provide the backdrop for the mansion tour. An 18-foot foyer tree will also greet visitors.

Christmas at Kingwood is a walking tour experience and has grown to include outdoor lighting displays. 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.

## Donations being collected for missionary

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.

A 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).



**CHRISTINE GFRER**, who resides in Ontario and works for Warren Rupp as a marketing manager, has been volunteering an hour each Wednesday to teach Mrs. Winningham's second grade class social studies lessons with the Junior Achievement program. The program is titled "Our Community" and students have learned about needs versus wants, taxes, voting, money, running a business and how businesses work together for the betterment of our community.



**MRS. WELCH'S** environmental science class at Ontario High School created sustainable living communities.



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**CLEAR FORK ALLIANCE CHURCH** presented Experience Bethlehem Dec. 9 and 10. The event featured live reenactments of the birth of Jesus. Guests walked through the scenes of the Christmas Story and ended their travels in the Bethlehem market. Coins were given to each visitor and could be spent in the various shops.

## Nutrient Management Plan grant applications due by December 31

Time is running out to apply for a grant with Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) to have 50 percent of the cost covered to have a Nutrient Management Plan created for a farm. Benefits to a Nutrient Management Plan:

- The plan is tailored to land owner's needs
- The plan will help achieve farm and environmental goals
- The plan will help manage nutrients more efficiently
- The plan may result in a cost and time savings
- The plan helps prevent nutrients running off fields into streams, lakes, and rivers, which can cause algae blooms and are harmful to aquatic life.

The grant is funded by a Richland County Foundation grant and applications are due by Dec. 31. Don't miss this opportunity. What better gift to yourself and your farm during the holiday season!

To apply or get more information, visit <https://richlandswcd.net/services/agriculture/richland-swcd> or contact Matt Wallace at 419-747-8687 or [AgTech@richlandswcd.net](mailto:AgTech@richlandswcd.net) for more information.

Richland SWCD develops, implements, and assists landowners, government agencies and partners with a wide range of natural resource conservation programs.

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**THE RICHLAND RURAL LIFE CENTER**, 969 E. Crall Rd., Mansfield, hosted a Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, Dec. 10. The event was held at the main lodge surrounded by woods and wildlife preserve. The breakfast included all-you-can-eat pancakes as well as scrambled eggs, pork sausage and fruit and choice of beverage. (Left photo) Local scouts helped to greet and serve guests. (Right photo) Peyton Peterson of the Madison area visits with Santa.

## Mansfield Kiwanis Club to host Talkin' Cleveland Guardians event

The Kiwanis Club of Mansfield will host a Talkin' Cleveland Guardians Baseball Brunch featuring a live auction of baseball items and keynote speakers Bob DiBiasio, Cleveland Guardians Senior Vice-President of Public Affairs, Radio Broadcaster Jim Rosenhaus and Television Broadcaster Matt Underwood on Monday Feb. 13 at Der Dutchman Restaurant, 720 State Route 97 W., Bellville, OH 44813.

Doors open at 10am and the program begins at 10:30am. Tickets are \$20 and include brunch and celebrity program. Available online now at <https://www.thekiwanisclubofmansfield.org/Guardians>. Tickets also available now at WMAN Radio 1400 Radio Lane, Park National Bank Main Office Downtown Mansfield and Park National Bank Ontario Office Lexington-Springmill Rd. Donations will be accepted and 100% of the money donated will benefit The Friendly House.

The Kiwanis Club of Mansfield was chartered in June 1920. It's partnership with the Friendly House dates back to 1924. Founded in 1915, Kiwanis International is a global organization of clubs and members dedicated to serving the children of the world. Kiwanis and its family of clubs, including Circle K International for univer-

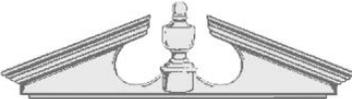
sity students, Key Club for students age 14-18, Builders Club for students age 11-14, Kiwanis Kids for students age 6-12 and Aktion Club for adults living with disabilities, dedicate annually more than 18 million service hours to strengthen communities and serve children.

## 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)

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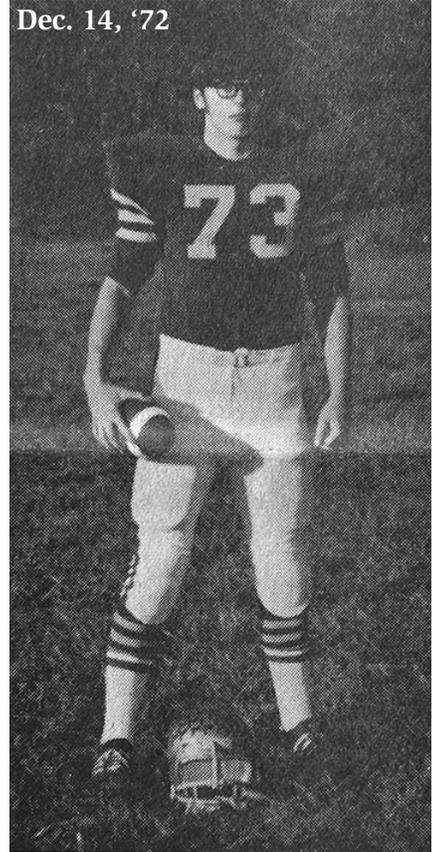
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**1972-93 ONTARIO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS** — The 1972-73 8th grade cheerleaders who led the “77” cheers are: bottom from left, Sherry Terman, Sue Carlson and Steph Rapp. Top, Chanda Albright. Chanda and Steph are back for their second year while Sherry and Sue are new on the squad. The girls helped the football team this summer by timing the boys and writing down the times. The girls will also help the track team this spring at the home meets.

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GARY THOMPSON

## Thompson Named to All State

Gary Thompson, a senior at Ontario Senior High School, has been awarded the top honor in Ohio high school football by being named to the First Team All—Ohio Class AA.

Gary was the only player in this area to be so honored.

Last year he was named to the first team all-league in the Johnny Appleseed Conference. This year he was voted to the first team all-league on both offense and defense. He was also voted to first team all-district of Northwest Ohio. His teammates selected him as the team’s outstanding defensive lineman.

According to his coach, Roger Copeland, Gary is an outstanding school citizen who leads by example with complete dedication and hard work. “He is an extremely humble young man who has developed into the best lineman in the history of Warrior football. The coaching staff hopes that the younger players will follow his example of dedication and determination,” Copeland added.

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Gary also participates in basketball and track. His favorite hobby is hunting. His parents are Leonard and Mary Thompson who reside on Beam Road.

At the present time Gary’s college plans are incomplete although he plans to attend college and play football. He has received inquiries from numerous schools so far.

“All of the Warriors from Warrior country are wishing him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors,” Copeland concluded.

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**RANDY HUTCHINSON** (left), Ontario Police Department, and **Stan Hoptry**, (right), Lexington Police Department, were among police officers and deputy sheriffs from throughout the state recently completing the 17th DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) training program held in Ohio. The intensive two-week course, taught at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy in London, is part of the statewide DARE program sponsored by Attorney General Lee Fisher, the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police and the Department of Education. The officers are shown with **Charles Smith** (center), Attorney General Fisher’s law enforcement director.