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RICHLAND SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT celebrated its 75th anniversary with a ribbon cutting at the Richland SWCD office.

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District celebrates 75th anniversary with ribbon cutting

Photo and Article By Traci Little

Jennifer Wagner welcomed guests to the celebration of Richland Soil and Water Conservation District's 75th anniversary.

"On behalf of the Richland Chamber of Commerce, congratulations and we are so happy to be a part of this celebration," said Wagner.

Elected officials present were welcomed, including acting mayor and City of Mansfield Council President, David Falquette, who said, "Seventy-Five years is a phenomenal accomplishment and I know the team does so much for Richland County with protecting our waterways and so many other things!"

Lexington Mayor Brian White, said "Many of you may not know but we get our storm water from this group. It's well received, and they do a great job."

Richland County Commissioner Cliff Mears, said, "I have the good fortune of being the liaison with the Soil and Water Conservation and the Board of Commissioners, and I've been able to work with this group for the last couple of years. There are so many initiatives on the board with a long list of accomplishments, and it's just been a delight to work with Erica Thomas and her staff. They get so much done and have such an outstanding presence in the community."

Miss Ontario Abigail Kern expressed her excitement in celebrating 75 years and how absolutely amazing it was.

RSWCD Board Chair, Brian Alt, said, "I would like to welcome everyone and thank you for coming this morning, and for Jennifer Wagner of the Richland Chamber and Economic Development for hosting this ribbon cutting today. When the Dust Bowl hit in the 1930s, there was massive devastation to land, crops, livestock and human health. It was a period of severe storms throughout the 1930s caused by a combination of natural and manmade factors. Today, it's often referred to as the dirty thirties."

"On May 12, 1934, the worst dust storm hit in our nation's history swept eastward across the great plains to the Atlantic Ocean. This storm served as a catalyst for public outcry congressional action for soil and water conservation throughout the nation."

"Although the Dust Bowl was a tragedy, good happened as soil and water conservation districts began to form throughout the country. Richland Soil and Water Conservation District was created in 1948 with the board of local farmers and residents to work with agricultural residents of Richland County for educational and technical assistance. It has been a resource to voluntarily adopt management

practices that better protect and preserve soil and water health with the goal of preventing another Dust Bowl."

"Since our inception, Richland Soil and Water has evolved in spreading this mission to include urban, rural, commercial, woodland and residential areas by providing education and technical assistance to all Richland County residents. Having a solid soil and water infrastructure is important to our health and wellbeing. The economic impact is far reaching. It fuels our recreation, business development, and is a beacon to those seeking an area to raise a family or build a business. It also encourages those who grew up here to stay. It also leaves a long-lasting legacy for future generations!"

"We also want to share that we are unveiling our new website, which can be found at <https://richlandswcd.net/>. The hope is that it's brighter, more user-friendly and informative."

"On behalf of board supervisors, Fred Cooke, Lanny Hopkins

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RCCS offering free training classes

Richland County Children Services (RCCS) will host expedited pre-service training classes on Saturdays to become a foster-to-adopt parent. Free classes for foster, adopt and respite will be offered four times this year.

To become a licensed foster or adoptive parent through RCCS, participants need to complete 36 hours of pre-service training including online classes. The classes are held at Richland County Children Services, 731 Scholl Rd., Mansfield.

The 2023 Pre-Service Training Classes will be held:

Pre-Service Group 1 Trainings: Feb. 25, 9 am to 3:30 pm; March 4, 9 am to 3:50 pm; March 11, 9 am to 4:30 pm; and March 28, 6-9 pm

Pre-Service Group 2 Trainings: June 3, 9 am to 3:30 pm; June 10, 9 am to 3:50 pm; June 17, 9 am to 4:30 pm; and July 11, 6-9 pm

Pre-Service Group 3 Trainings: Aug. 12, 9 am to 3:30 pm; Aug. 19, 9 am to 3:50 pm; Aug. 26, 9 am to 4:30 pm; and Sept. 6, 6-9 pm

Pre-Service Group 4 Trainings: Oct. 14, 9 am to 3:30 pm; Oct. 21, 9 am to 3:50 pm; Oct. 28, 9 am to 4:30 pm; and Nov. 6, 6-9 pm

Call to RSVP, as classes fill up fast. For more information about training and to register for class contact Susan Curatti at 419-774-4158 or Susan.Curatti@jfs.ohio.gov.

Mayor's Court was a Problem

By Bob Carter

Being an elected small town official might leave one with the thought of being proud of the position. However, being elected mayor had one minor kink in it. It was the mayor's court.

As such, it was required to hold court on the cases of town law-breakers. Then came the rub.

What if the person is a next door neighbor or good friend and arrested for being drunk or disorderly. Letting the lawbreaker off the hook would bring an outcry of favoritism and fining or jailing that person would end a friendship. There was no easy way out.

Lexington Mayor's Court was always busy. Between 1884 and 1891 20 people were arrested for being drunk and disorderly. From 1891 to 1920, 30 more were before the desk with the same charge. And then there were all the other cases from saloons being kept open after 9 pm, cows wandering in the town square, drunk driving with a horse or driving horses faster than eight miles an hour. A barber shop was open on Sunday. What? The list goes on.

In June of 1894, Kinsey Prosser was arrested for urinating in the town square. Perhaps he was on his way home and thought the trees needed fertilizer? Two saloons were just down the street and with a full load maybe he couldn't make it home.


John Stiegler was arrested for disturbing the peace at a Negro Camp Meeting in what is now the front lawn of the cemetery. R. C. Brown and others had John Maher, saloon keeper, arrested for selling liquor to minors. What a mess Lexington was and the correct punishment fell on the mayors shoulders.

In another eye opening Lexington case, James Blair was elected mayor in April 1861. He didn't even run, but lacking no other candidate, town folks just wrote him in! James refused to serve which was against the law. He was hauled into mayor's court and fined \$10 by the mayor he was supposed to replace. He may have thought it was the best money he ever spent.

When the Village of Ontario was created the late Frank Stumbo, who also established the *Tribune-Courier*, once told me that as the first Ontario Mayor, he had to hold mayor's court. He had no training and had no idea what to do. So he went home and watched the Perry Mason TV show. That was the foundation of Ontario's law enforcement. And it worked!



**Frank Stumbo,
First Mayor of Ontario**



THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

All Quiet on the Western Front is one of the best war films in recent memory. This German made film will hopefully be nominated for several Oscars including international feature.

It already made many Oscar and BAFTA short lists for its sound and visual effects and even the film itself.

With a harrowing opening sequence in the trenches of WWI, Paul (Felix Kammerer) and his friends are excited to join the forces fighting and to help their country hopefully be part of winning the war. What these friends discover are the horrors of war and everything that that encompasses. The movie also intersperses scenes with Daniel Bruhl's character, a high up military official, as they are trying to negotiate a cease fire.

This movie is very engaging from beginning to end. Director Edward Berger deserves awards considerations for these fantastic battlefield sequences he and his team coordinates into making them look as real as possible. The performances are also very good and even at two and a half hours, the film really goes at a good pace with a gray and dark feel throughout capturing the feeling of these young men,

especially Paul who becomes our main character, as the audience is shown their excitement turn to anxiety and fear.

The original source material is the 1929 novel and the original movie won the Best Picture Oscar in 1930. There is much in this movie that is not in the original book or film though that is welcome as it is good to update films that are remade so they resonate with current day audiences. This movie is absolutely well worth seeing for Kammerer's lead performance and the battle sequences, which are expertly shot.

All Quiet on the Western Front has already made the Oscar shortlist for international feature and will hopefully be nominated in that category along with many others. This movie is available to watch on Netflix. It is subtitled and dubbed. I watched it dubbed and while I usually prefer hearing the native language the film is made in, the dubbing was quite well done. This is a terrific war picture and one of the best I saw in 2022.




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Library will host annual Black History Celebration on Feb. 4

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library invites the community to the annual Black History Celebration at the main library, 413 W. Third St., Mansfield, on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 10 am to 1 pm.

This free, family-friendly event will offer activities, games, history, giveaways and a free meal from The Food Tour.

The meal will be provided from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, while supplies last.

Several local community organizations, including NAACP Mansfield, North End Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC), Richland County Transit and Third Street Family Health Services, will be participating and offering activities and information.

Guests of all ages will have the opportunity to participate in various curated activities throughout the library.

When guests arrive at the event, they will be offered an Activity Pass that, once completed, will serve as an entry into a grand prize drawing that will include four ticket vouchers to a performance at the Renaissance Theatre and a \$100 restaurant gift card.

For more information and a full list of Black History Celebration activities and programs visit mrcl.org.

News Briefs

A senior citizen luncheon will be held at Madison Comprehensive High School in the Ramble Inn, 600 Esley Ln., on Thursday, Feb. 2, at 12:30 pm. The cost is \$4.25 per lunch. Call the board office at 419-589-2600, ext. 65001, or email rlyons@madisonrams.net to make a reservation.

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First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Ave. West, Mansfield, will be offering senior boxes on the fourth Tuesday of each month, year 'round.

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank has a program called "Senior Boxes" whereby anyone 60+ who falls in the "low income" guidelines can register and then pick up a 30 pound box of non-perishables including 2 pounds of cheese and a 15 pound box of pre-packaged produce. Age is a qualification, so those attending should bring a current identification card complete with date of birth and proof of income. Distribution is on the east side of the building between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm to get registered and pick up your a box. There is no cost. Call 419-522-0662 for more information.

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Jan. 28 and 29. 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 Feb 15, will include broasted chicken. Guest speaker is Jennifer Jeffrey of the Mansfield YMCA. Those attending are encouraged to wear red.

Cost is \$15 for the meal. Guests are welcome. For information visit www.lexasc.org. Dues are \$10 per year.

The group will also meet for lunch at Olive Garden in Ontario on Feb. 1 at 11 pm.

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Ohioans who need help with winter heating bills can contact the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). HEAP benefits are applied to an individual's energy bill after Jan. 1. Applications for the

HEAP program must be received by May 31, 2023.

HEAP helps Ohioans at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines pay their heating bills. Anyone age 18 and older may apply for this assistance. Those 60 and over can get assistance with filling out the application. All heating types are eligible, including electric, wood, coal, natural gas, propane and kerosene.

For information about HEAP, including a list of required documents, contact the Area Agency on Aging at 419-524-4144 or 800-860-5799 Monday-Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. To be connected to a local energy assistance provider, call 800-82-0880 (hearing impaired clients may dial 711) or visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov.

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The Fun Center Chordsmen invite all area men who love to sing and need a place to use their voice to join them. The group meets every Monday night from 7-9 pm at First Congregational Church, 640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield.

The Fun Center Chordsmen perform throughout the community at various events and concerts during the year.

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Due to the resignation of Jim Hairston effective Jan. 1, a vacancy has occurred for the treasurer position for the City of Ontario.

Potential candidates must be a registered voter in the City of Ontario and affiliated with the Republican Party. Consideration of qualified non-partisan electors will also be accepted.

Submit a letter of interest and resume to Zoi Romanchuk at zoi@prmachineworks.com by Jan. 27, 2023.

Buckeye Imagination Center is offering half price admission with a donation of hats, mittens and/or gloves for those in need on Friday, Feb. 3.

Crafts will be from 5-7 pm and guests can play from 5-8 pm.

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ONTARIO LIONS CLUB inducted two new members during a dinner meeting, Tuesday Jan. 17. Lions Millie Keith and Howard Harriman welcome new members front, Darlene Hendrix and Deb Newmeyer.



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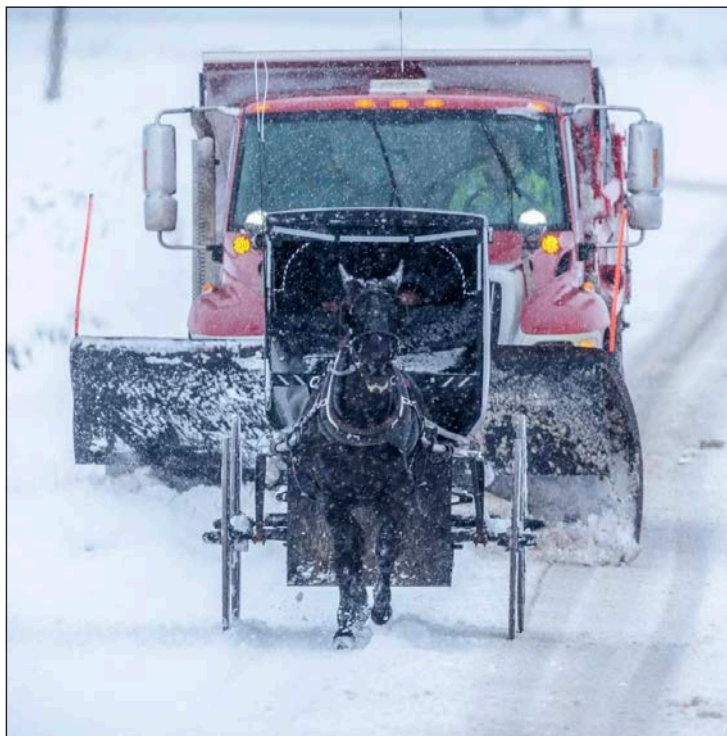


Photo By Mark Shutt

New visitors guide released for Zanesville and Muskingum County

Zanesville and Muskingum County's new Visitors Guides are hot off the press. 80,000 guides are printed and ready for distribution throughout the year to leisure travelers, group tour planners, meeting planners, and local citizens throughout Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Michigan.

Designed to attract visitors and help build the local economy, the Visitors Guide includes information about accommodations, restaurants, shopping options, calendar of events, attractions, and parks and recreation, as well as entertainment and nightlife options. The 2023 has a brand-new look featuring Capture the Moment, Go Wild in Muskingum County, Stay and Save and Shop 'til You Drop!

The Zanesville and Muskingum County Visitors Guide is one of the various marketing tools used to attract travelers. In addition to the guide, the Convention and Visitors Bureau also distributes Trail Guides, Motorcycle Brochures, Education brochures, Antique Guides, National Road brochures, Downtown and Putnam Walking Maps, Lorena Sternwheeler brochures and other various themed brochures.

For a free copy of the new visitors guide call 740-455-8282 or email a request to jchurch@zmchamber.com.



Church Directory

Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville
419-886-4333 • 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
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
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
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
Minister Steve Broughton
9 am Sunday School
10 am Sunday Worship

Ontario United Methodist Church

3540 Park Avenue West., Ontario
419-529-4345 • ontarioumc.com
Pastor Christine Bell
10:15 am Sunday Worship
10:15 am Kingdom Kids

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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
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

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Forget-Me-Not Flower Shop ready to provide floral arrangements for any occasion

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Forget-Me-Not Flower Shop first opened its doors in 2004. Former owner, Larry Keifer, owned both Bellville Flowers and Gifts and Lexington Floral. When he retired, two of his employees, Kim Schrack and Connie Homerick, bought the Lexington business.

Kim and Connie purchased and renovated an old home down the street and Forget-Me-Not Flower Shop was born. The business is still located at 146 E. Main St. in Lexington.

If you are looking to brighten someone's day, give them a gift of flowers! There's no better way to express emotion whether it's romance, sympathy, affection, joy, love or appreciation.

Most of their work is for weddings and funerals, including some special events like homecoming, prom and Valentine's Day.

They also have a small selection of non-flower gifts like fruit baskets, engraved stones, personalized blankets, candles, potted and blooming plants, jewelry, wind chimes, chocolates, candy and more! Customer service is a top priority, and Kim stresses the importance of buying at flower shops like hers, and not a last-minute bouquet picked up at your local grocery store.

"There is no comparison," Kim said. "Our flowers are purchased fresh from the farm and are processed immediately. They last so much longer, and the quality of our blooms are far superior. When you decide to buy last-minute flowers at your local grocery store, many times they are at the end of their life cycle. It's all about quality and getting a longer lifespan compared to truckloads of florals that sit around for days in the open. My clients tell me all the time that our flowers are so much better."

In my opinion, surprise flowers are the best! There's nothing like receiving a bouquet on a normal Tuesday. I tell my husband all of the time, I'd rather have flowers on those days instead of my birthday or Valentine's Day! A spontaneous flower purchase tells your loved one that you were thinking of them just because.

Some ideas for your next flower purchase – a housewarming gift, surprising your favorite customer service employee, a gift for your boss, or your child's teacher.

Forget-Me-Not Flower Shop is open M-F, 8:30 am to 5 pm and Saturdays, 8:30 am to pm. There's something for everyone's budget and price point! Local delivery includes the towns of Lexington, Mansfield, Ontario, Bellville and Lucas.

The forget-me-not flower symbolizes true love and respect. It represents a promise that you will always remember them and will keep them in your thoughts. Most of the time, people are looking for faithfulness, respect and security. Flowers are a wonderful way to represent this with a simple gesture.

The next time you are second guessing making that special flower purchase, remember you won't always have that loved one in your life. Now's the time to give them those beautiful flowers and show them you care! They aren't a waste of money; they are a way to spread love and kindness. When's the last time you received flowers? I bet you are smiling right now just remembering how they made you feel special and loved!



Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

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Gary Lee Zeigler, January 14
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and Jane McClintock and the entire soil and water staff, thank you for your support of soil and water health in Richland County. We look forward to putting more conservation on the ground in the coming years and working with you on this worthy endeavor.”

Alt went on to give commendation from Senator Mark Roman-chuk to The Director of Richland Soil and Water, Erica Thomas.

Some interesting things you might find out by visiting the new website included that Richland County has a total area of 318,080 acres (497 square miles). The Continental Divide goes through Richland County. It separates the runoff that goes to Lake Erie from the runoff that goes to the Ohio River.

Richland County has 18 Townships, and three cities (Mansfield, Ontario and Shelby) and six villages. Everyone lives in a watershed. If you're in Richland County, the water from your watershed travels to either Lake Erie or the Ohio River.

Residents can also get involved by incorporating some easy conservation practices at home, sponsoring local conservation efforts, volunteering and learning about internships and career opportunities.

After the ribbon cutting, guests enjoyed some treats and signed the ribbon. Richland Soil & Water Conservation District is located at 1495 W. Longview Ave., Mansfield, and you can reach the office by phone at 419-747-8686.



Photo By Brandon Chambers



THE ONTARIO Power of the Pen teams competed at the Northeast District II competition held at Ashland Middle School on Jan. 21. Ontario's eighth grade team (photo below) of Bryant Born, Eliana Fittante, Eva Hadsell, Yuchen Lin, Tatum Mottayaw and Angel Tan won first place in the team competition. They are pictured with volunteer helper Kaitlin Seymour. The eighth graders also had three students place in the top 12: Eliana Fittante placed eleventh, Yuchen Lin placed eighth and Tatum Mottayaw placed sixth. The seventh grade team did not have a full team, but Adelina Hines, Rylee Vandenburg and Lee-ah Ziegler competed in their first tournament. Finalists await results for all regional qualifiers. (Photo at left) Seventh and eighth grade team members.



Madison BOE hosts first meeting of the new year

The Madison Local Board of Education met for the regular meeting at Madison Middle School on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

Natasha Repp, MECLC Principal, gave a presentation and treasurer Bradd Stevens gave his report.

Supplemental positions were awarded for the 2022-'23 school year to Tim Niswander, head varsity softball coach; Nick Melton, head varsity baseball coach; Kobi Johnson, fitness coordinator - spring; Brent Sanders, head 7/8 grade track coach; Tyler Amos, assistant 7/8 grade track coach; Kim Boehm, assistant varsity track coach; and Bill Roth, assistant varsity track coach. Matt Wade was named head cross country coach for 2023-'24. Wendy Carter was named Quickbooks Instructor for Madison Adult Education.

Substitute teachers hired on an "on call" basis, as needed for the 2022-'23 school year are Brevin Balliett, Mary Barber, Elizabeth Harvey, Taylor Linkous, John Lyons, Drena Miller, Jessica Risner, Mia Sgambellone, Delaney Wilson, Todd Wynn, Krystal Wynn and Abigail Zirzow. Diana Roub was hired as a substitute bus aide.

Resignations were accepted from Scott Valentine, head varsity football coach, effective Jan. 17; Shyann Bond, MECLC personal, effective Dec. 13; Troy Schmidt, first shift custodian, MF SERS disability, Dec. 31; and William Whatman, second shift custodian - EV, Jan. 3.

Mary Ousley has been awarded the first shift custodian position at Mifflin Elementary, replacing Troy Schmidt whose disability was approved. Tom Williams has been awarded the first shift custodian position at Eastview Elementary, replacing Ousley.

Mike Cornell has been awarded the second shift custodian position at Eastview Elementary, replacing William Whatman who resigned.

A sick bank was approved for 60 days for David Adams, middle school custodian, for medical reasons.

An unpaid medical leave of absence was approved for Derek Dawson, middle school custodian, beginning Dec. 21, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

A cell phone allowance was approved from January-December 2023 for Steve Crist, Mike King, Joshua Miller, Jeremy Thoman and Mike Yost.

The Board of Education approved the notification to the M.L.E.A. President of the Board of Education's decision to consider a Reduction in Force.

The board approved the first reading of the Wellness Policy.

The board approved release time for religious instruction (per Board Policy 5223) for third and fourth grade students effective with the 2023-'24 school year. Religious instruction is to be provided by Lifewise Academy. Parent/guardian consent is required, and this program will be at no cost to the board.

A resolution was approved to place a levy on the May 2 ballot. On Jan. 10, the county auditor certified that the total current tax valuation of the district is \$392,034,030 and that the levy of eight (8) mills would generate \$3,136,272 in revenue per year.

The next regular board of education meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 6 pm in the Madison Middle School Auditoria.



MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL NOVEMBER R.A.M.S. (Respectful, Accountable, Motivated, Successful) students of the month are fifth grade students Emma Lewis, Kathryn Myers, David Elliott and Aryan Spencer; sixth grade students, Dylin Cyrus, Hannah Evans, Jenna Bebout and Jack Foster; seventh grade students, Amerah Hapin, Jaxson Henry, Adalyn Jordan and Victoria Neal; and eighth grade students, Kaylea Cole, Bryan Burns, Nathaniel Minder and Izabel Wamsley.

This Week's Pet Looking for A Forever Home

This three year old was absolutely terrified when he first came into the shelter. He was worried people would hurt him, and Bishop didn't want anyone to touch him.

In the six months he has been at the shelter, he has opened up with people he knows, although no visitors have come to meet him, so he may act differently with them.

Bishop loves playing with people. If he is in a play yard by himself, he lays on the ground

and watches a human approach. After a leash is put on him, he



Bishop

jumps up ready to go.

Bishop has become affectionate and will give one single kiss on the face to let his friends know he loves them.

He does jump up on people, but it is incredibly gentle. He also loves scratched. Bishop does act crazy in his kennel, but it is because he is so excited to get out on a walk. Come meet this gorgeous boy!

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

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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News Briefs in Education

Heidelberg University has announced the names of students who have earned academic recognition on the fall semester dean's list.

According to Provost Dr. Bryan D. Smith, students must be enrolled full time and meet academic criteria set forth by the university to be named to the dean's list.

Local students on the list are freshmen Ryleigh Gorman and Sarah Grosse, both of Lexington; and senior Jalen Trammell and sophomore Brooklynn Wharton, both of Ontario.

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Tavion Harris of Mansfield, a graduate of Mansfield Senior High School, has graduated from Baldwin Wallace University in Berea, OH, with a Bachelor of Arts: Criminal Justice.

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Sage Moore of Mansfield was named to the University of Evansville Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester. Moore is studying nursing at UE.

The University of Evansville is a private university located in Evansville, Indiana. Students are named to the dean's list every fall and spring semester. To merit the honor of being placed on the list, a student must carry a full academic load of 12 hours or more and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

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Sophomores from Pioneer Career and Technology Center's 14 partner schools of Buckeye Central, Bucyrus, Colonel Crawford, Crestline, Crestview, Galion, Lexington, Lucas, Northmor, Ontario, Plymouth, Shelby, Willard and Wynford will visit Pioneer on Wednesday, Feb. 1 and Thursday, Feb. 2. These new dates are due to winter weather the week of Jan. 23.

Open house is rescheduled for Thursday, Feb. 2, 6-8 pm.

During sophomore visits, students choose three labs from over 35 career-tech programs to observe options that are available for the students' junior and senior years of high school. Lab programs help students earn industry certifications and college credits while providing a hands-on education. There are also many College Credit Plus classes offered at Pioneer, enabling students to graduate with

additional college credits.

Students at Pioneer Career and Technology Center participate in clubs, activities and sports at their home school, as well as activities and clubs at Pioneer including Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), Student Council, National Technical Honor Society (NTHS), Business Professionals of America (BPA), Future Farmers of America (FFA), SkillsUSA and more.

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Kylie Raegan Diehl has been named to the dean's list for the 2022 fall semester at Mount Vernon Nazarene University. The dean's list includes all students who carried a minimum of 12 credit hours and have maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or above for the semester.

Diehl, a freshman majoring in Communication Sciences and Disorders, has attained the dean's list for the Fall time. She is a 2022 graduate of Lexington High School, and the daughter of Robert and Jennifer Diehl of Mansfield.

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Lincoln Memorial University (LMU) has announced that Abigail Dawson, of Lexington was placed on the dean's list for the fall semester of 2022.

A total of 556 undergraduate students were honored for high academic achievements. To be placed on the dean's list, the student must be a full-time undergraduate and have a 3.5 or higher, grade-point average for the semester.

Lincoln Memorial University's main campus is located in Harrogate, Tennessee.

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Madison Ram Booster Bingo is held every Wednesday and Sunday evening at the Eastbrook Center. On Wednesday the doors open at 4 pm with bingo at 6:15 and on Sunday doors open at 4 pm with bingo at 6:45 pm.

The center is located off of Fifth Ave. near the Route 30 eastbound ramp. For more information call 419-526-4300 or email madisonath-booster@embarqmail.com.



ONTARIO STINGEL LEGO CLUB second and third grade students completed the challenge of building their name and favorite food and introducing themselves to club advisor Mrs. Winningham.

Honor and Merit Rolls

St. Peters

Second Quarter Honor Roll

St. Peter's School has announced the names of the students who achieved honor roll status for the second quarter of the 2022-'23 school year. Students with an asterisk after their name achieved straight "As." Students who achieved a 4.0 grade point average are also noted in the list.

Twelfth Grade

First Honors: Adrian Allen* (4.0), Erin Belmer*, Mahala Boothe, Alyssa Carroll, Audrey Couch* (4.0), Griffin Crutchfield, Grace Dix*, Kanija Green, Sarah Hahn* (4.0), Kiersten Pitcher and Logan Rhodes
Second Honors: Peyton Bodnar, Gianni Bonham, MaKenna Coontz, Zhoimarea Hill, My'Kia Letlow, Mik'a Letlow, Gavin Mawhor, Hailea Montanez, Andrew Wendt and Dominic Wendt

Eleventh Grade

First Honors: Caelyn Brubaker*, Tamera Lindsay* (4.0), Analina McCabe* (4.0), Zora Mills* (4.0), Josephine Reef* (4.0), Jerry Thompson, Gisele Ward* (4.0) and Trinity Withrow-Gremling* (4.0)
Second Honors: Elijah Evege, Nathaniel Hart, Shariya Owens and Jonathan Zartman

Tenth Grade

First Honors: Amelia Auchard, Kaylee Bond, Magnolia Chamberlin* (4.0), Calina Francis, Elina Gilland* (4.0), Joshua Laux* (4.0), James Thompson, Navaeh Trammell and Kelly Wolboldt
Second Honors: Rayden Baltazar, Emerson Barlow, Civante' Catchings, Lillian Colarosa, Rakayla Smith, Jack Thompson and James Thompson

Ninth Grade

First Honors: Aidan Boothe* (4.0), Tiffany Clemons* (4.0), Nadia Devall*, Conner Fournier* (4.0), Grady Heichel* (4.0), Ahzirrea Hill*, Brooklyn Jackson*, Ni'Ahana Lane*, Olivia Laux* (4.0), Tai Pickett*, Ian Pitcher*, Viviana Rucker and Heaven Taylor*
Second Honors: Gavin Dodd, Sir'Geon Lang and Ariyaun West

Eighth Grade

First Honors: Callahan Cavanaugh, Michael Mabe and Is'Zabell Wilson

Second Honors: Keeli Barry, Zaidyn Calix and Abigail Farragher

Seventh Grade

First Honors: Quinn Chamberlin* (4.0), Kenzingtyn Couch, David Crundwell* (4.0), Isabella Deel*, Savanna Francis, Jordon Lewis, Madeline Levron, Skylar Pitzen, Trinitee Taylor* and Julianna Williams*

Second Honors: Janessa Elliott, Esten Lee and Nylah Lindsay

Sixth Grade

First Honors: Landon Jones*, Kristin Prendergast and Elle Whatman
Second Honors: Benjamin Cuttitta and Azariyah Robertson

Fifth Grade

First Honors: Sophia Deel, Liam Jones, Liliana Richlovsky, Rayna Smith, Angel Taylor and Amelia Unger

Second Honors: Laura Dauterman, Scout Moore, Connor O'Neil, Bobby Smith, Aidyn Stoner, Arianna Vega-Gibson and Israel Yeboah

Fourth Grade

First Honors: Brayden Anderson, Kaitlyn Baker, Brynleigh Ball, Timothy Blamer, Silas Blamer*, Jacob Bonte*, Nolan Bramlage, Kendra Corl, Katharine Crundwell*, Bentley Jones, Morgan Lee, Amarie Minard, Chloe O'Neil, Gianna Rohl and Madilynn Zickefoose*

Second Honors: Isabella Boor, Ethan Schwab, Raya Smith and Zoey Thomas

Third Grade

First Honors: Thalia Fulk*, Aire'yanah Jones, Jay'Sean Lindsay*, Aubrey Stafford*, Jacob Taylor and Vincent VanBuren

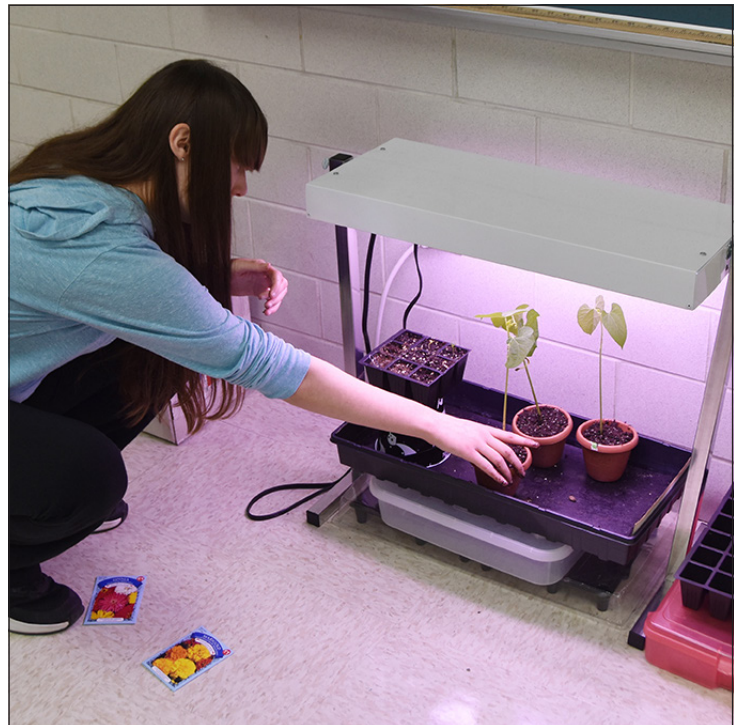
Second Honors: Ella Odom, Lucas Keinath, Brea'on Reynolds and King Spivey

Students in grades 7-12 are also being recognized for their efforts in achieving their personal best and improving their overall grade point average from the previous grading period.

Seventh Grade: Adonis Bryant, Nylah Lindsay and Damien Walker
Eighth Grade: Zaidyn Calix, Brayden Madden, Daniel McGuire and Davon Smith

Ninth Grade: Gavin Dodd, Viviana Rucker, Romell Taylor and Jordan Lindsay

Eleventh Grade: Shariya Owens



MRS. KRICHBAUM'S class at Ontario have been working on spring planting. They are starting flowers and peppers.

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Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



Warrior swimmers excel at MOAC Championships

The Ontario Warrior Swim Teams split this past weekend at their MOAC Champs. The boy's team won easily taking every first but one in the events. Alex Rose broke the 100 fly meet record while Grantham Trumpower broke the 200 IM. Alex also took first in the 50 free and Grantham in the 100 free. All three relays swam to new meet records. MOAC honors went to the following swimmers on the boys team:

1st team

Alex Rose, 100 fly, 50 free, Medley relay, 400 free relay
Colin Cordrey, 200 free, medley relay, 400 free relay
Hunter Petit, 200 and 400 free relay
Grantham Trumpower, IM, 100 free, 200 and 400 free relay
Duncan McLean, 500 free, medley relay
Evan Ruhe, 200 free relay
Logan Bernat, 100 back, medley relay

2nd team

Evan Ruhe, 200 free, 100 back
Hunter Petit, 50 free, 100 free
Colin Cordrey, fly

Honorable Mention

Canaan Wentz, 500 free



Alex Rose, Hunter Petit, Colin Cordrey and Grantham Trumpower

The girls lost to Shelby by only three points. Brie Trumpower was a four-time winner with meet records in the 50 and 100 free. She was also part of the winning 200 and 400 free relays. MOAC honors went to the following girls:

1st team

Brie Trumpower, 50 free, 100 free, 200 free relay, 400 free relay
Katie Boli, 200 free
Grace Them, 200 free relay, 400 free relay
Joie Simmering, 200 free relay
Tessa Crum, 200 free relay, 400 free relay
Haley Damron, 400 free relay

2nd team

Grace Them, fly
Katie Bolin, 500 free
Tessa Crum, back
Joie Simmering, breaststroke

Honorable Mention

Lily Secrist, 200 free
Grace Them, IM
Haley Damron, fly
Joie Simmering, 100 free

Academy to offer theatre classes

Maria Beery teaches theatre classes to all ages at Richland Academy of the Arts. This spring her class offerings include Playwriting and Improv Olympics for ages 12 to 18, along with musical theatre for ages 13 to 18 in collaboration with instructor, Erin Wolford.

Megan Williams will be teaching Little Black Box Theatre, Act I and Act II for ages 4 to 11 this spring, classes will begin in February.

She first taught drama at RAA in 1997 while still a student at Ashland University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theatre and Philosophy. Continuing her education, she earned both a Master of Art in Theatre and a Master of Education from Bowling Green State University.

Williams created The Little Black Box Theatre program at Richland Academy for young students seeking training in theatre arts.

Erin Wolford will be teaching musical theatre for ages 13 to 18 in collaboration with instructor Maria Beery. She joined the RAA staff as a dance and musical theatre instructor in 2018 while also managing her own choreography business. She is a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College with a Bachelor of fine arts in musical theatre and a minor in dance.

There are classes for all ages from birth to 60+. Register online at www.richlandacademy.com or call 419-523-8224.

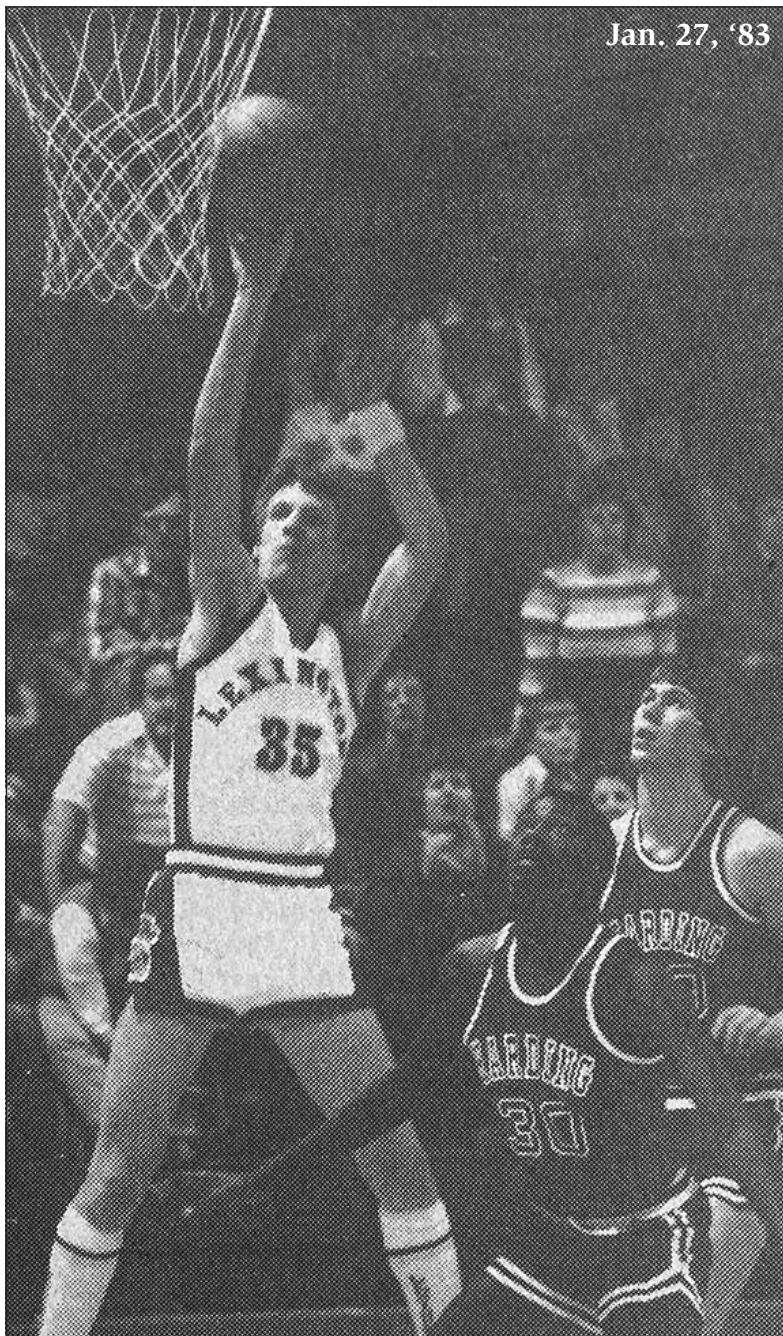
Richland Academy of The Arts is proud to offer a tuition assistance program and to be an approved Ohio Department of Education Service Provider with the Afterschool Child Enrichment (ACE) Program. To find out more about the qualifications and benefits of these programs visit www.richlandacademy.com.

Richland Academy is located at the corner of 4th and Walnut St. The academy was founded in 1991 and is supported by the Ohio Arts Council and 60+ programming supported by the Area Agency on Aging.

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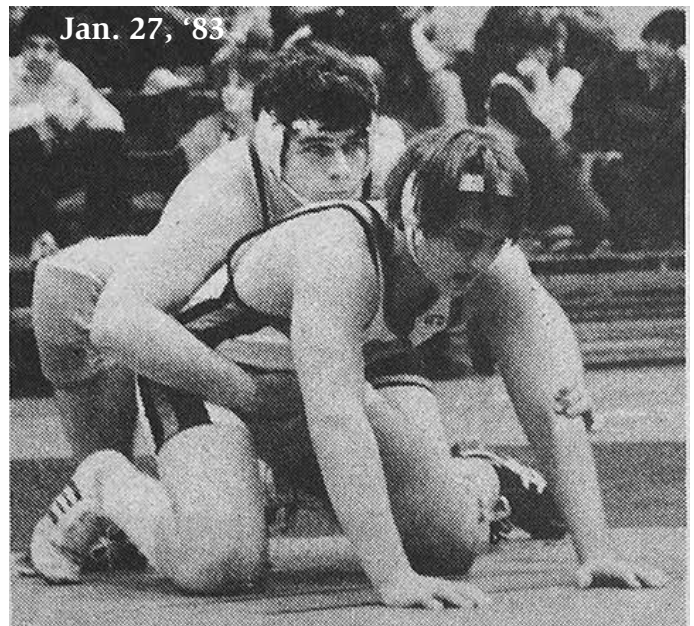
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WARRIORS WIN 51-21

LOOKING BACK • THIS WEEK IN TRIBUNE-COURIER HISTORY



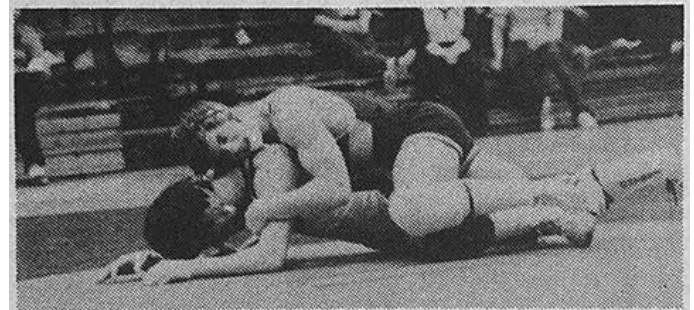
Jan. 27, '83

Photo by GB
LANKY TERRY SMITH of Lexington popped in this short jumper against Marion Saturday night. Smith scored 13 in Lex's narrow 53-52 defeat of the Presidents.

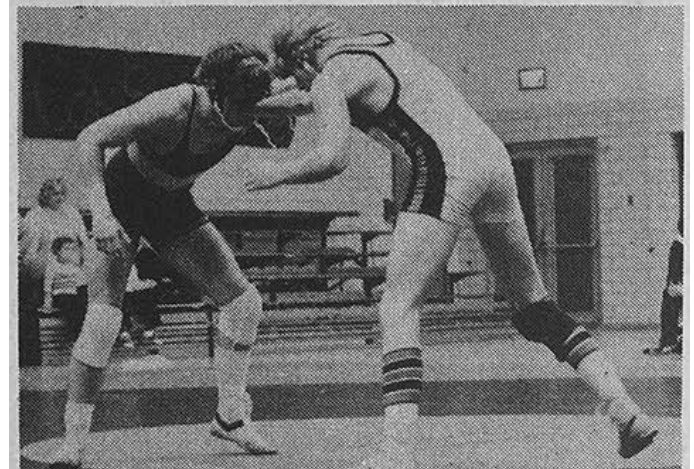


Jan. 27, '83

ONTARIO'S NICK ROW (top) won the unlimited weight class, defeating New London's Tom Perkins in a 2:36 pin last Tuesday at New London. Ontario won the match 38-27 giving the Wildcats only their second loss.



VINCE REHBERG (on top) of Ontario attempts to turn over New London's Toby Nestor during their 145-pound match. Rehberg took a close 2-1 decision.



Photos by JM
DAVE CAMPBELL (left) of Ontario defeated Ken Rose of New London 10-1 last Tuesday in the dual meet against New London.

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LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF ONTARIO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION PATROL OFFICER EXAM

The City of Ontario will conduct a Civil Service examination for the position of entry level police officer on Sunday, March 5, 2023, at the Ontario Municipal Building Community Room, 555 North Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio 44906. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. and the exam will begin at 9:00 a.m. No admittance after 9:00 a.m.

Candidates must be U.S. citizens and present a valid driver's license at the time of the examination. Must be at least 21 years of age (unless the candidate qualifies for the OPOTA exception) but not more than 34 years of age and must possess a high school diploma or GED equivalence. Passing Candidates who qualify in the top ten will be required to complete a physical strength and agility test. Candidates that are selected will be subject to psychological, polygraph, drug and alcohol screening along with a comprehensive background check.

NOTICE: Applicants must have their Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) Certification to apply. Applicants currently enrolled in an Ohio Basic Peace Officer Training Academy are allowed to test but Certification must be complete by time of appointment.

The City of Ontario is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on any basis prohibited by law including military status. However, if you are applying for a civil service examination and elect to claim military service credit either as an honorably discharged veteran or as a member of the National Guard or a Reserve component as provided in R.C. 124.23, then please attach a copy of your honorable discharge from active duty, DD 214 or other proof of eligibility for this credit. Applications will be avail-

able at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, beginning January 12th, 2023, at the Police Department window or online at www.ontpd.com. Applications will be accepted until Thursday February 23, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at the Police Department window in the Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road. Those with questions may call the Division of Police at 419-529-2115 and ask to speak with a recruiter.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 1-19, 26, 2-2 '23) 63L

PUBLIC NOTICE

The annual financial report for Springfield Township, Richland County, Ohio, for the Year 2022 is available upon request at the office of the fiscal officer, Springfield Township Hall, 3700 Park Avenue West, Ontario, Ohio.

Anita I. Kochheiser
Springfield Township, Fiscal Officer
AKochheiser@springfieldtwp.org
(T-C 1- 26 '23) 10L

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 January 18, 2023.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-02 – A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A REVOCABLE PERMIT TO OCCUPY THE RIGHT-OF-WAY IN A MANNER THAT WILL NOT IMPEDE THE CITY OF ONTARIO SIDEWALKS PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-03 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR (OR HIS DESIGNEE) TO APPLY FOR A PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM EQUIPMENT GRANT FROM THE OHIO

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-04 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR (OR HIS DESIGNEE) TO DONATE UNNEEDED AND OBSOLETE T-6 LIFT STATION PUMP PARTS TO THE RICHLAND COUNTY MAINTENANCE DIVISION OF WASTEWATER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 23 – 01 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR (OR HIS DESIGNEE) TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH IGS ENERGY (INTERSTATE GAS SUPPLY, INC) FOR THE GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM, AT A RATE OF LESS THAN OR NOT MORE THAN \$0.625 PER CCF, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 22-44, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 1-26, 2-2 '23) 49L

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL UNNEEDED, OBSOLETE OR UNFIT MUNICIPAL PERSONAL PROPERTY BY I NTERNET SALE/AUCTION DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2023

Notice is hereby given that the City of Ontario intends to sell unneeded, obsolete or unfit municipal personal property by internet sale/auction during 2023. All sales shall be for cash, shipping or delivery shall be the responsibility of the purchaser, and the sales shall be made through websites as determined to be most effective and efficient in obtaining the best price. The representative of the City for the purpose of internet sales is:

Kris Knapp
Service-Safety Director
555 Stumbo Road
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419-529-2495
servicesafetydirector@ontarioohio.org

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 1-12, 26 '23) 26L

Donors have a few more days to be entered into contest

As National Blood Donor Month continues this January, the American Red Cross celebrates those who give blood and platelets to help save lives.

The start of the new year is one of the most challenging times to collect enough blood products, despite the constant demand. One in seven patients entering a hospital will need a blood transfusion — yet only 3 percent of the public gives blood.

Book a time to give blood or platelets by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

In partnership with the National Football League (NFL), those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma through Jan. 31, will be automatically entered to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LVII in Arizona, Feb. 10-13. The prize includes access to pre-game activities, tickets to the official Super Bowl Experience, round-trip airfare to Phoenix, three-night hotel accommodations and a \$500 gift card for expenses.

Bloodmobiles are scheduled:
Friday, Jan. 27, 11 am to 5 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario; and noon to 5 pm, The Avenue Church, 1756 Park Avenue West, Ontario
Monday, Jan. 30, 8 am to 2 pm, Clear Fork High School, 987 State Route 97, Bellville

Tuesday, Jan. 31, 9 am to 3 pm, Mechanics Bank, Downtown, 2 S. Main St., Mansfield

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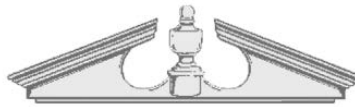
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