

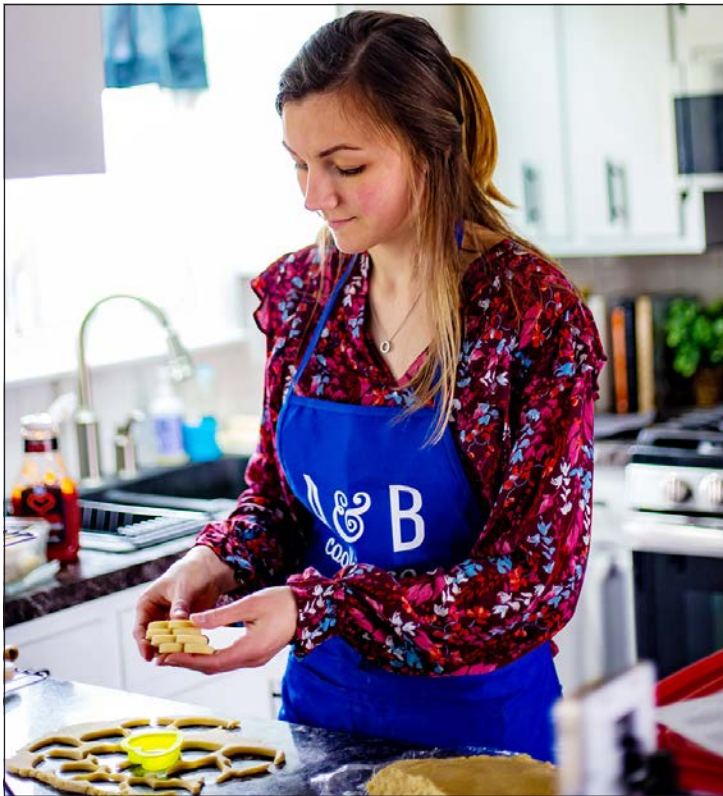


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**ALAYNA BRATER** of A&B Cookie Co. makes cookies which can be found in local coffee shops.

## Local baker establishes A&B Cookie Co. business

Photos and Article By Traci Little

What do you get when you combine pounds of butter, sugar, flour and eggs? Well, you get a messy kitchen and beautifully made sugar cookies by Alayna Brater.

Alayna and her husband Brandon own A&B Cookie Co. This LLC business operates under Ohio's cottage baking laws. They offer one-of-a-kind sugar cookies to the Richland County and surrounding communities (Ontario, Bellville, Lexington, Mansfield, Galion and Ashland).

You can now find their cookies in local coffee shops like Gold-berry Roasting Company in Ashland and Fresh Grounds in Ontario. Nickel & Bean carries them for special occasions. Recently she's done some Valentine's Day pop-up events at Village Roots in Plymouth and Nickel and Bean.

"I started baking and selling from our home after we got married in June of 2020 and it officially became a business in May of 2022 after a long break," Alayna said.

What's Alayna's favorite part of owning a cookie business? Eating the cookies! Kidding, but not kidding of course.

"I mean, I love eating cookies, but the best part is the creative process! It makes me happy to be able to take an invitation or party decorations and create custom, edible art along with the theme."

If Alayna had a favorite cookie to create, it would probably be baby shower themed cookies.

"I remember how excited I felt for my baby shower, and it's a privilege to get to be a small part of someone else's special day."

Alayna would love to have a dedicated area in her home for cookies

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## RPS programs fill gap as emergency SNAP benefits end

SNAP emergency allotments for Ohio residents will end in March, going back to pre-COVID allotments. Richland Pregnancy Services offers programs to fill the gaps for families struggling to provide for their infant up to two years old as these allotments end.

Richland Pregnancy Services' Mom-to-Mom and Dad-to-Dad mentoring programs are free to anyone, regardless of income level.

The mentoring programs allow participants to earn "mommy money" or "dad dollars" by attending mentoring appointments, doctor visits, WIC appointments and more. Mommy money and dad dollars are special certificates that can be spent in the Richland Pregnancy Services Boutique.

The Boutique offers a pack of diapers or can of formula for as little as one dad or mom dollar. The Boutique also stocks baby and maternity clothing, new car seats, high chairs, strollers, crib sheets, baby hygiene items as well as accessories that may be needed to care for a baby. All of which can be purchased with mommy money or dad dollars earned through the program. Moms and Dads earn five dollars in mommy money or dad dollars just by enrolling in the program.

According to the USDA Food & Nutrition Service, SNAP emergency allotments were a temporary strategy authorized by Congress to help low-income individuals and families deal with the hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 law recently passed by Congress ends emergency allotments after the February 2023 issuance. This means by March 2023, all SNAP households' benefits will return to normal amounts, without the added supplement.

Richland Pregnancy Services also offers free services including pregnancy testing, limited ultrasound, STD testing and treatment, parenting classes, abortion recovery and material support.

For more information or to make an appointment for any free service at Richland Pregnancy Services call (419) 522-8862. Walk-ins are also welcome.

## Richland County gearing up for Developmental Disabilities Month

During Developmental Disabilities Month this March, activities are scheduled throughout Richland County.

The first event will be Richland Newhope's Annual Bowling Awareness Event Wednesday, March 1, from 10 am to 12:15 pm at Lex Lanes, 60 St. Rt. 97, Lexington.

Richland County public and private school eighth grade students have been invited along with county leaders. The teams will be unified with students that have a disability, general education students and county leaders as the team captain. Richland Newhope is providing bowling, lanyards, awards, team photos and lunch. The purpose of this event is to help bring awareness and inclusion to students with developmental disabilities.

Richland Newhope's Annual Community Awareness Day will be celebrated Thursday, March 9, from 8 am to 1 pm. An event will start at The Longview Center, 1496 W. Longview Ave., Mansfield. Twenty-six participants will travel to several locations around Richland County to visit and meet with individuals Richland Newhope supports.

This activity is designed to create a better understanding of people with disabilities and how Richland Newhope and its provider partners support them.

The Fourth Annual Step into Spring, a free, fun walk will be held Thursday, March 16 at Richland Mall in Ontario. Registration opens at 10 am and the walk begins at 10:30 am.

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# THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

I remember being 12 years old when *Titanic* was originally released into theaters in 1997. It stayed number one at the box office for months. I remember it being difficult to get tickets for quite a while because every showtime was sold out.

This past week, the James Cameron classic that won 11 Oscars was re-released into theaters and I decided to revisit the film.

The movie is the story of Jack and Rose, played by Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet. Rose comes from the privileged upper class of the ship and Jack, after winning a ticket, saves Rose one night and the two become inseparable until the fateful night when the ship hits the iceberg and goes down.

Cameron was already a terrific filmmaker before *Titanic* making *Aliens*, *True Lies*, *The Abyss* and my personal favorite action movie *Terminator 2*.

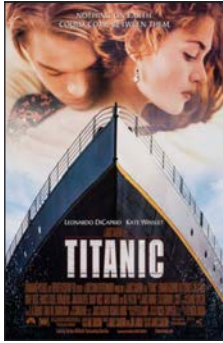
Cameron makes this film with so much respect for those that lost their lives and also makes a compelling movie with special effects that still look great 25 years later.

The performances are also well done from Winslet's snobby upper class lady who is in a loveless relationship with Billy Zane's character to DiCaprio, who at the time was very much overlooked at the Oscars, who delivers fine work as Jack as this movie really jump started his career.

Gloria Stuart also was nominated for playing the older Rose who tells her story to Bill Pax-

ton, an explorer who is searching for a priceless necklace in the wreckage of the ship.

Upon *Titanic*'s release it got very mixed reviews from critics though audiences loved it as it is still one of the highest grossing movies of all time.



Watching it 25 years later, some of the dialogue and scenes between Jack and Rose seem a little hokey and forced, though Winslet and DiCaprio are so fine together it's pretty easy to overlook that. The special effects are still terrific as so much time and care was done to make everything right and also pull at the audience's heartstrings to honor all the lives lost.

Recently, I went to the Titanic museum in Orlando, FL, and it was quite a sight to see so many of the recovered artifacts and to ask questions about the ship.

It's amazing everything that has been recovered and there are a few Titanic museums around the country, including a traveling one, and it was fascinating to see.

Cameron did such fine work with the film even though the relationship elements at times seem a little too modernized for the early 20th century setting. There are several films from 1997 that I think hold up better just in terms of story (*L.A. Confidential*, *Wag the Dog*, *Ulee's Gold*, *Good Will Hunting* and *Mrs. Brown* come to mind), though in terms of sheer spectacle, *Titanic* certainly holds up as one of the best films of that year.

## Gun Shots In Lexington

By Bob Carter

Newspapers and television report the never ending accounts of murder and gun shots on almost a daily basis. It was never like that in the old days or was it?

Lexington, January 1877, Al Moore, news correspondent reported: *"Burglaries and depredations of various kinds have been rife in Lexington and vicinity. A few nights ago, burglars gained entrance to the H. P. Maxwell grocery by wrenching the door from its fastenings and abstracting \$2 from the till and otherwise raided the establishment to the extent of five dollars. The same night an unsuccessful attempt was made to burglarize the drug store of Wilson Bros., the burglars being foiled by Wallace Wilson who was sleeping in the store. More recently, two attempts were made in one night to burglarize the residence of Rev. Protor, during the absence of Rev. and Mrs. Protor. The members of the family discovered the burglars and the sharp report of a pistol in the hands of John Protor Jr., which rang out on the night air, causing them to vacate the premises."*

*"They had the temerity, however, to return in about three hours and make a more audacious attempt. Mr. Protor, who was upstairs, peered out into the darkness and decried two men beneath him, and fired, the ball passing near their craniums, which thoroughly intimidated them, and caused them to rapidly recede from the spot."*

Lexington had it's full share of drunks. There was a distillery just north of town and beer and whiskey arrived regularly at the railroad station. Al Moore was to detail this incident in May of 1883;

*"Nicholi Jarvi on day last week imbibed to excess of whiskey and menaced with death all who would question his knowledge of the abstruse sciences, and without provocation he dealt an inoffensive citizen a blow to the right optic, for which diversion he was confined to the village Bastille. After his incarceration, strange hallucinations entered his brain and he discharged the contents of his revolver at objects which were fantasies of his imagination, the missiles passing in dangerous proximity of the craniums of bystanders."*

Why would the town marshal put a drunk caring a gun in jail is a pause for thought, but that was Lexington. The wooden jail was on Short Street, which at that time had no houses and was on the town plat or map. It went nowhere so rather than buy a lot for the new Bastille, they built it in the middle of the unused street they already owned. The low cost jail must have kept the taxpayers happy.

The original plan was to put it in the town square but many thought that would reflect on the character of the town when strangers passed by.

In a need for fourth of July noise, there were gun shots and fire crackers but several felt the need for something bigger, so lacking a cannon they decided to use the ends of the two inch pipe hitching rails along the park.

Packing a wad of gun powder in the open end rail worked just fine, except as one might expect, a few more beers and more powder meant louder. That worked until the end split from a thunderous explosion. That was enough of that!



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# News Briefs

A pancake supper to benefit Rubie's Outreach, a service to women who have been the victims of sexual exploitation and abuse, will be held Feb. 21, from 4:30-7 pm at First Congregational Church, 640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield. The meal cost is by donation only.

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 March 15, will include roast beef. The Strutt Your Stuff dancers will perform. Those attending are encouraged to wear green. Cost is \$15 for the meal. Guests are welcome. For information visit [www.lexasc.org](http://www.lexasc.org). Dues are \$10 per year.

On March 1, the group will meet for lunch at Cracker Barrel, 100 Stander Dr., at 11 am.

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 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 dial 711) or visit [www.energyhelp.ohio.gov](http://www.energyhelp.ohio.gov).

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.

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville, 25 Church St., will welcome Rev. Elaine Strawn on Sunday, Feb. 19, from 10:30 am. She will speak on "The Unmistakable Benefits of Awe." For more

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

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Feb. 25 and 26. 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.

The annual Road Apple Run 5K race is scheduled for Saturday, March 4 at 10 am. Taking place on a scenic country road in northern Richland County, the course will pass several Amish farms and is mostly flat with wome slight upgrades. The race gets its name form the "exhaust" from frequent travel of horse drawn vehicles.

All proceeds will support the cross country and Track teams at Crestview Local Schools.

Awards are given to top male and female, along with first and second place male and female of each age group.

Register by Feb. 23 for a guaranteed t-shirt. Race day registration begins at 8:30 am at Crestview High School.

Register for \$25 at [https://registration.midohiorm.com/events/2023-road-apple-run-5k-road-race-01092023313?fbclid=IwAR3sP9qF\\_YGj8QFNMRxRzKEEJaQdA3d6ZjhEQ-IQt-b3qN-QX1IF2egU0TMI](https://registration.midohiorm.com/events/2023-road-apple-run-5k-road-race-01092023313?fbclid=IwAR3sP9qF_YGj8QFNMRxRzKEEJaQdA3d6ZjhEQ-IQt-b3qN-QX1IF2egU0TMI)

First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, will celebrate Fastnacht on Tuesday evening, Feb. 21, beginning at 5 pm in the Undercroft. A pancake dinner complete with sausage and applesauce will be served. Please enter at the red door on S. Mulberry St. The church will celebrate the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday communion service at 7 pm, Wednesday, Feb. 22 in the church sanctuary.

Altrusa International, Inc. of Mansfield will be holding its 12th annual Spring Bash on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center. Doors open at 6 pm, with dinner catered by Port-A-Cook from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Live entertainment by the SWAGG Party Band will fill the night with music from 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm.

Tickets are \$30, and can be purchased from any member of the Altrusa Club of Mansfield or online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/altrusa-spring-bash-2023-registration-511195368107>.

With a St. Patrick's Day theme of 'Lucky Stars and Shamrocks,' wear your greens and yellows! Round out the fun-filled evening with a chance to bid on silent auction baskets, try your luck with a 50/50 raffle, enter purse and/or liquor wagon auctions and purchase a Mystery Bag for \$10 while they last.

All money raised supports Altrusa's community service projects.

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



Trevor

This guy is a volunteer favorite. Trevor was found as a stray in August as an 8 month old,

potty trained puppy.

It was assumed he would be quickly adopted. And yet, he's still here. Trevor is so incredibly sweet. He doesn't walk well on a leash, but that's mostly, because he wraps his legs around the dog walkers legs and hugs as he is walked.

He is super friendly with everyone he meets. He loves playing and running. Trevor likes snuggling. When playing, if he accidentally gets a person's hand or arm while playing he immediately drops it. He is also so soft! Anytime Trevor is introduced to someone, they absolutely love him. He has been the second choice for so many families. Trevor is really hoping he is soon someone's first choice. Come meet and fall in love with Trevor!

Trevor 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 and

Shelter. Hours are 11 am to 4:15 pm Monday-Friday and 10-2 on Saturday.

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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Rev. Matt Merendino  
Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor  
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship  
Sunday Evening 6 pm Home Groups  
Monday Men's Group 7:30 pm  
Wednesday evenings: 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting  
6:30-8 pm TeamKID and Youth Group  
Wednesday Ladies Bible Study 6:30-8 pm

## Community Bible Church

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

## First English Lutheran Church

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

## Lexington Presbyterian Church

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

## Mansfield 1st EPC

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

## Oakland Lutheran Church

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

## Ontario Christian Church

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

## Ontario United Methodist Church

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

## Southside Christian Church Disciples of Christ

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## St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church

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

## St. John's United Church of Christ

68 Park Avenue East, Mansfield  
419-522-2813 • [www.stjohnsmansfield.org](http://www.stjohnsmansfield.org)  
Pastor Faith Prioretti  
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TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 1592 Grace St., Madison area, had a Sunday Funday get-together Feb. 5, to play games, enjoy fellowship and have dinner.

## Voting schedule announced for May 2 Primary Election

The Richland County Board of Elections has announced the voting schedule for the May 2 Primary Election.

Military and overseas absentee voting begins March 17 and the deadline to register to vote is April 3.

Early in-person voting begins April 4 and includes the Saturday and Sunday before Election Day. Absentee voting by mail begins April 4.

Election day is Tuesday, May 2, with polls open from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm.

Tuesday, April 25 is the final day for absentee ballot applications to be received by the board of elections. They must be received by 8:30 pm.

Early in-person voting hours are:

April 4-7, 8 am to 5 pm

April 10-14, 8 am to 5 pm

April 17-21, 8 am to 5 pm

April 24, 7:30 am to 7:30 pm

April 25, 7:30 am to 8:30 pm

April 26-28, 7:30 am to 7:30 pm

April 29, 8 am to 4 pm

April 30, 1-5 pm

Mailed absentee ballots must be postmarked by May 1. Absentee ballots may be returned by mail or personally delivered to the board of elections. If not returned by mail, absentee ballots must be received by the board of elections by 7:30 pm.

The last day for boards to receive mail-in ballots that have been postmarked on or before May 1 is May 6.

## Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Kimberly Faye Contrascere, Feb. 3

Mary Helen Soria, Feb. 4

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Melinda Sue Oney, Feb. 6

Bonnie Louise Cantrell, Feb. 7

Ardath Joan Ford, Feb. 7

Barbara J. Waffan, Feb. 7

Elmer "Moe" Melvin Wilcox, Feb. 7

Roy Dale Wells, Feb. 8

Blanche I Myers, Feb. 10

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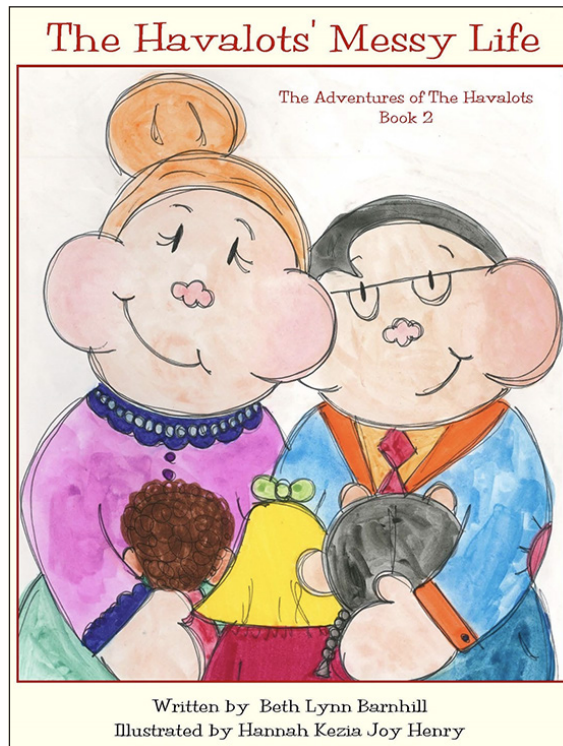
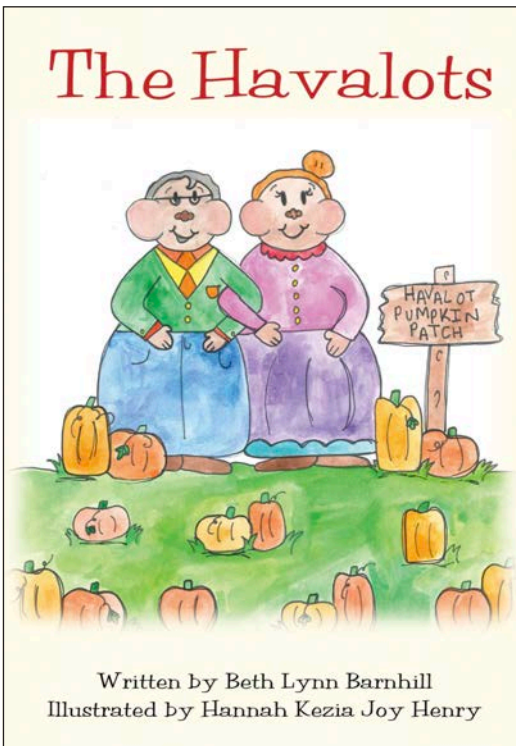
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Photo By Brandon Chambers



**FORMER ONTARIO RESIDENT** Beth Lynn Barnhill and illustrator Hannah Kezia Joy Henry have released two books about the characters, The Havalots. The first book, *The Havalots (The Adventures of the Havalots)*, is the first in a series of books which takes the Havalots on life adventures meant to focus and stimulate young minds. Their adventures lead them into situations which cause them to question their life choices and ultimately learn what is truly important. Children can identify with the lessons the Havalots learn from their experiences and help them to understand that living beyond themselves makes the most beautiful, rewarding and inspirational life. Book two, *The Havalots' Messy Life*, follows the highly organized couple as they meet the neighboring children. Their eyes are opened to a wide world of reckless energy and they are forced to come to the conclusion that it sometimes takes a little mess to clear things up. In this book, children will be introduced to the terms foster care and adoption. The books are available on Amazon.com in paperback, hardback and Kindle. Connect with the author on Facebook @vineyardprinting.

## Medina Ice Festival is this weekend

The 29th Annual Medina Ice Festival opens at 5 pm on Friday, Feb. 17, with over 120 sculptures on display in and around the Historic Medina Square and South Town District through Monday, Feb. 20 (Presidents Day).

During evening hours and overnight, sculptures are highlighted by color-changing, LED lights. The event is free to attend and open to everyone. Pets on leashes are allowed, at your own risk.

On Friday, Speed Carvings will take place at 5:30 pm, 6 pm, and 6:30 pm with lighting of the Fire & Ice Tower at 7 pm.

On Saturday, Individual Ice Carvings Competitions will take place and the hundreds of carvings will be on display throughout the Square the entire weekend.

On Sunday, Team Ice Carving Competitions will take place.

Uptown Medina is home to over 50 shops and 35 restaurants, pubs, bakeries, and snack shops, the majority of which are financial sponsors of the event. There are over 1,000 free public parking spaces in and around the Districts.

The festival is produced by Elegant Ice Creations.





### By Máiece Thomas

It's that time of year — race season is starting! Whenever I mention signing up for a 5k to one of my clients, for something to work towards, I am usually met with the response, “nah I'm not a runner.”

Well honestly that's the point, do something new, challenge your body. It's so important to push yourself outside your comfort zone to see progress and change. If you stay in your comfort zone you will stop growing and changing and become stagnant, and that's no way to live this one life God gave us.

The challenge comes in trying something new and teaching your body a new way to train.

When I started racing in my late 30s I did several races before I could actually run the whole 5k without having to stop. I

walked/ran a whole race season. It wasn't until the following year that I completed it without stopping and I won first in my age group! If I would have stopped that first season because I couldn't run a full race, I would never have experienced the pride and joy in winning that medal.

So I challenge you today to find a race, sign up, train for it and complete it! If you do that you are already a winner, no matter where you place in your race. You did it, you tried something new, you chose to live this life and not watch it go by stuck in your comfort zone.

I plan to sign up for more, but so far I've committed to two. The Road Apple Run is the first race of the season. It is March 4 at Crestview High School. (See more details News Briefs: Page 3).

I am also signed up for the Shawshank Hustle 7K on Aug. 12. Visit <https://shawshanktrail.com/events/shawshank-hustle/> for information.

So pick a race, make a plan, do your best and forget the rest!

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



## kimmy's cucina

By Kim Sterry

### PANCETTA AND GORGONZOLA TART WITH PICKLED RED ONIONS

#### Ingredients

1-2 cups cubed pancetta	¼ cup red wine vinegar
1 red onion, sliced thin	Kosher salt and pepper
1-2 cups Gorgonzola cheese	1 Pie Crust
¼ cup sugar	

#### Instructions

Combine sugar, vinegar, salt and pepper and stir until well mixed. Add red onion and let sit for at least 2-3 hours or even overnight. In a sauté pan cook the pancetta until crisp and set aside (this can be done a day ahead as well).

Prepare pie crust: Spread a piece of parchment paper on cookie sheet spread pie crust out and pre-cook. Brush pie crust with olive oil. Evenly distribute pancetta, gorgonzola and red onion on tart, this is where there really are NO RULES, you can add more or less depending on how much you want. Put back in oven for 10-15 minutes at 350. Slide parchment off cookie sheet and cut tart in triangles, and serve.

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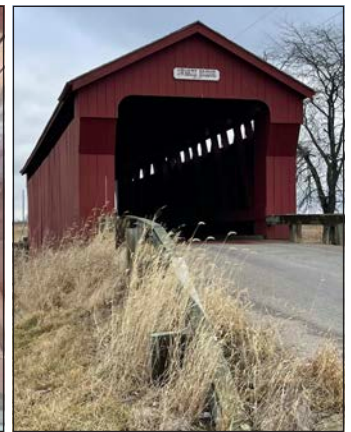


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**Day Trippin' With Damon** – Swartz Covered Bridge is located on County Road 130 near Harpster, Ohio. This bridge crosses the Sandusky River and was built in 1878 with Howe trusses. It is 96' long and was restored in 1992-'93.

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## •Local baker establishes A&B Cookie Co. business

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one day. To be able to have a commercial oven, baking racks, decorating table, and more would be an absolute dream! There are business goals she desires to achieve for 2023. Alayna and Brandon plan to give a portion of what they make to new churches and to missions!

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Orders should be placed at least two weeks ahead of your pick-up date. Don't forget about the Cookie Bucket List (Two the Moon, Chick Fil A, Fiesta, Here Comes The Son Baby Shower, Camping, Travel, Mountains). If you place an order for 2023 with one of these themes, you'll receive 15% off!

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## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

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**LEXINGTON STUDENTS** Ethan C and Odin S took first and second place at the Tri County Bee. The bee took place on Feb. 9 at Mid Ohio Educational Service Center in Mansfield. Ethan is a eighth grade student and Odin is in sixth grade. There were 30 students competing from three different counties.



**ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL** cafeteria workers Sandy Toth, Jen Rainey, Stephanie Hall, Sue Wentz and Anna Whittaker provide meals for students each school day.

## Scholarship program announced

The Area Agency on Aging Board of Trustees elected to provide three scholarship awards this year to individuals for higher education or certification programs benefiting the field of aging network.

Scholarship award amounts for the academic year 2023-'24 are one \$2,000 for a student attending a 4-year university; one \$1,000 for a student attending a 2-year college or technical school, center of education, or is pursuing a certification; and one \$1,000 for a student attending any type of higher institute of learning or certification and is a child, grandchild, or stepchild of an actively employed (full time or part-time) Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. staff member.

Applicants must be a high school graduate (graduated in 2022 or earlier or hold a GED) and reside in Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca or Wyandot County.

Details about the scholarship program, eligibility requirements, and the application, can be found at <https://www.aaa5ohio.org/education/scholarship-program/>.

The deadline for applications is March 17, 2023. For more information, contact Susie Danuloff at the Area Agency on Aging at 567-247-7105 or [sdanuloff@aaa5ohio.org](mailto:sdanuloff@aaa5ohio.org).



**MR. STIMPERT'S** seventh grade science class at Ontario Middle School had a guest speaker were from Gorman Nature Center recently. Students were given the opportunity to hold a snake.



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Ontario Middle School Eighth Grade All A • Second Quarter



Ontario Middle School Seventh Grade All A • Second Quarter



Ontario Middle School Sixth Grade All A • Second Quarter

## Pond clinic set for March 7

Ponds can create a sense of serenity, a focal point and a source of recreation on a property. They can also be used as a source of drinking water, fire suppression and watering source for crops and livestock.

Many people think creating and owning a pond is as simple as digging a hole and letting it fill up with water. There are a lot of factors you must consider which include how to stock and manage a pond.

Those with questions about a new or existing pond can attend the free pond clinic on March 7 from 5-7 pm at the Cooke Family Wildlife Conservation Park, 4774 Rt. 13, Shiloh.

The Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) is hosting the Pond Clinic in partnership with Morrow, Knox and Ashland Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Steve Fender of Fenders Fish Hatchery is the guest speaker and will be available to answer pond questions.

Register for the Clinic at <https://richlandswcd.net/event/pond-clinic-3/>.

For more information call 419-747-8697 or visit <https://richlandswcd.net>.

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## Tips for preparing your finances for a possible recession

As Americans assess their financial situations following a challenging year, several economic signs — including continued high interest rates and lingering inflation — are still warning of a possible recession sometime in 2023.

“Nobody knows for sure whether we’ll see a recession or not,” said Amy Maliga, financial educator with Take Charge America, a nonprofit credit counseling and debt management agency. “But the possibility of one provides a perfect opportunity to assess your own financial situation and make

preparations that will help you weather any possible economic slowdown.”

Several ways to prepare for a recession include:

**Prepare a bare bones budget.** In a recession, you’ll likely cut back on unnecessary expenses. Prepare ahead of time and create a bare bones budget that includes only your essentials — think food, shelter, clothes, transportation and insurance — so you have a plan in the event that you experience a loss of income or need to cut expenses suddenly.

**Prepare for the unexpected.**

An emergency fund is vital regardless of the larger economic climate. But in a recession, you’ll want to consider padding your existing savings — especially due to recent inflation that has pushed the cost of living higher. Assess your emergency savings today and explore ways to bolster them through possible side hustles or gig work. Generally, you want to aim for an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses.

**Pay off debt.** Hatch a plan to tackle your debt, particularly high-interest balances, to help you free up more cash. Consid-

er strategies such as the debt snowball or avalanche methods or explore credit counseling to get a personalized action plan to attack your debt. Depending on your situation, you may qualify for a debt management plan.

**Prepare your resume.** Recessions often mean layoffs and higher unemployment. Get ahead of a possible job loss by punching up your resume today. Explore professional development opportunities and courses that can add new or enhance existing skills to improve your marketability and value to potential employers.





Ontario Middle School Eighth Grade Honor Roll • Second Quarter



Ontario Middle School Seventh Grade Honor Roll • Second Quarter



Ontario Middle School Sixth Grade Honor Roll • Second Quarter

## Buckeye Card includes Ohio camping discounts

The Ohio Department of Aging has announced that Golden Buckeye Card holders receive 50 percent off camping fees at Ohio State Parks Sunday through Thursday and 10 percent off camping fees Friday and Saturday.

Requirements include that reservations must show the cardholder as the occupant of the site. The cardholder must be present and show the card at check in.

The customer must provide a valid Golden Buckeye Card number at time of reservation to apply discount.

The discount may be applied up until arrival date either by doing a modification online or through the call center.

To learn more about the program and requirements visit <https://bit.ly/3RzFjKO>



**ROBIN EYERLY**, a 2019 graduate of Ontario High School, was recently named to the University of Findlay Dean's List for the Fall Semester of 2022. To earn this distinction, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Robin is in her senior year majoring in animal science/pre-veterinary medicine. She is the daughter of Dave and Angela Eyerly of Ontario.

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**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS** Second Quarter Highest Honors: Jillian Ambrose, Isabel Baker, Katelyn Bauerdick, Elisha Burson, Antia Casao, Elizabeth Corn, Jayden Dechert, Hugo Estrada Gomez, Joslyne Frazier, Destini Gottfried, Jayla Hall, Madaline Henderson, Marisa Horton, Kayen Huvler, Scott Kern, Colin Kmetz, Kayla Kurtz, Keely Kurtz, Joseph Litao, Robert Mangan, Noah Marsh, Grace Mcclenathan, Duncan Mclean, Miles Meisse, Abigail Mink, Thomas Montgomery, Kavon Moxley, Kylee Mullins, Taylor Mullins, Elizabeth Nagel, Hunter Petit, Brody Phillips, Natalie Reid, Adam Renchen, Reese Ritchie, Ella Ritter, John Rose, Belicia Salas, William Saltzgiver, Hadley Schultz, Elijah Selser, Lauren Sexton, Alexis Shaver, Chandler Spognardi, Alexandria Switaj, Brienne Trumpower, Brooklyn Ward, Erica Ye and Laprina Young.



**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS** Second Quarter Highest Honors: Ida Asmussen, Michael Barnhill, Taylor Bistline, Carson Bricker, Amari Caddell, Hailey Crabtree, Charles Danuloff, Gabrielle Davis, Makayla Dickson, Alexander Ellis, Autumn Ervin, James Fetzer, Kate Fetzer, Rachel Foss, Ouinton Frankhouse, Trista Jewell, Olivia Kreger, Jocelyn Lehw, Jena Ly, Joshua Maz-zocco, Lydia Mcchirsty, Willa Morris, Kavya Patel, David Reedy, Brayden Robinson, Carter Roth, Grady Schroeder, Ella Shaffer, Jonah So, Sarah Strickler, Carter Weaver and Brooklyn Weinandy.



**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES** Second Quarter Highest Honors: Jack Belding, Katherine Bolin, Madison Carpenter, Taylor Dille, Brooke Everly, Blake Gregory, Natalie Hall, Zoe Hampton, Parker Henderson, Vanessa Liu, Zachary Mcchirsty, Rowan McManes, Emma Mies, Claire Morrison, Alan O'Blisk, Preston Orewiler, Camden Platner, Ethan Radojcsics, Evan Ruhe, Claire Shaw, Landon Sowards, Grady Taylor, Jakiah Trammell, Mason Turnbaugh, Morgan Turnbaugh, Anna Ward, Kennedy Weiler, Brayden Wendling and Jack Zahn.



**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN** Second Quarter Highest Honors: Jillian Ambrose, Darbie Broom, Sasha Bulakovski, Serena Caudill, Marcus Crabtree, Drake Gerber, Mackenzie Goodlin, Shaun Gould, Kailey Hale, Emma Henderson, Nicholas Huml, Paradise Jeru, Brinlee Kreger, Joelle Ly, Kaylee Lynch, Delaney Moritz, Madeline Mullins, Alexis Ogle, Elaina Owens, Jacob Palmer, Raiden Rhinehart, Madeline Saltzgiver, Remington Schroeder, Payne Schwartz, Lily Secrist, Alexia SESCO, Hayden Sexton, Joe Simmering, Alexis Swank, Nora Swanson, Grace Them, Addison Thurber, Jaxson Tinkham, Michael Ward, Reese Wilkerson, Jace Young and Hattie Yugovich.

## Bloodmobiles are scheduled

The American Red Cross urges donors to give blood at local bloodmobile locations. All who give in February will get a \$10 Amazon.com gift card by email and will be entered to win a trip for two to Clearwater Beach, FL.

Book a time to give by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App or calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

Thursday, Feb. 16, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, St. Peter's High School, 111 W. First St.

Friday, Feb. 17, 10 am to 3 pm, YMCA, 750 Scholl Rd., Mansfield

Saturday, Feb. 18, 9 am to 2 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2-7 pm, Lucas Community Center, 252 W. Main St., Lucas

Wednesday, Feb. 22, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario





**MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL** December R.A.M.S. (Respectful, Accountable, Motivated, Successful) Students of the Month are fifth grade, Ethan Wingo, Kwintyn Chan, Alissa Rush and Jah'Kai Taylor; sixth grade, Conner McQuillen, Leanna Lawrence, Makena Berkshire and Bryleigh Jordan; seventh-grade, Ayden McGlasson, Kaley Bowman, Rachel Porter and Landon Stone; and eighth grade, Zoey Rachel, Christopher Manley Jr., Jordan McWilliams and Jaselle Clark.

## News Briefs in Education

The dean's list for the fall 2022 semester at the University of Findlay has been announced. To earn this achievement, a student must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Local students include Skylar Ambrose, Ontario; Robin Eyerly, Ontario; Abigail Hawkins, Mansfield; Alexandra Jacobs, Ontario; Aidan McGunigal, Lexington; Natalie Reid, Mansfield; Cooper Schurig, Mansfield; and Aurel Toska, Mansfield.

The university is located in Findlay, OH.



Students from the University of Findlay are completing spring internships.

Ethan Pensante of Ontario is an intern for Ontario High School. Pensante is pursuing a degree in sport business strategy.

Keandre Marlow of Mansfield is an intern for Johnson Plastics Plus in Findlay. Marlow is pursuing a degree in marketing.

## Ohio State Mansfield Theatre showing short works

The Ohio State University at Mansfield Theatre is showing *Poof* by Lynn Nottage and other short works, for, by, and about strong women.

The production is sponsored by the Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc. of Mansfield, and the Ohio State Mansfield Office of

Diversity and Inclusion.

There will be two showings: Friday, Feb. 17 and Saturday, Feb. 18, at 7:30 pm.

Some of the content in the short works feature graphic content such as domestic violence.

The production will be hosted at Founder's Auditorium at Ohio

State Mansfield. Tickets can be purchased by visiting [go.osu.edu/MansfieldTheatreTickets](http://go.osu.edu/MansfieldTheatreTickets) or contacting the box office at 419-755-4045.

A portion of the concession proceeds will be donated to the Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc. of Mansfield.

## Mansfield Family Festival returns July 29, remains a free event

The annual Mansfield Family Festival is coming back July 29, from 10 am to 2 pm, in Downtown Mansfield.

The date for the event coincides with the last day of Mansfield/Richland County Public Library's Summer Library Pro-

gram, which has thousands of participants each summer.

Although the 2023 location has yet to be confirmed, it is anticipated that the 2023 event will again block Walnut St. between W. 4th St. and W. 3rd St. from Walnut to Bowman. This

location will allow the partnering food trucks to utilize the Idea Works Food Truck lot. It is planned to move the entertainment tent to a more centralized location at the MRCPL public parking lot at Mulberry and W. Third St.

The event is completely free, therefore, the sale of goods and services is not permitted (except for the contracted food vendors.)

Organizations would like to participate can email Jessica Ney at [jney@mrcpl.org](mailto:jney@mrcpl.org).



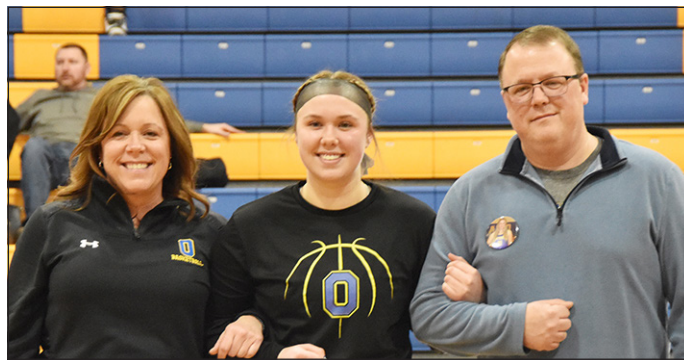
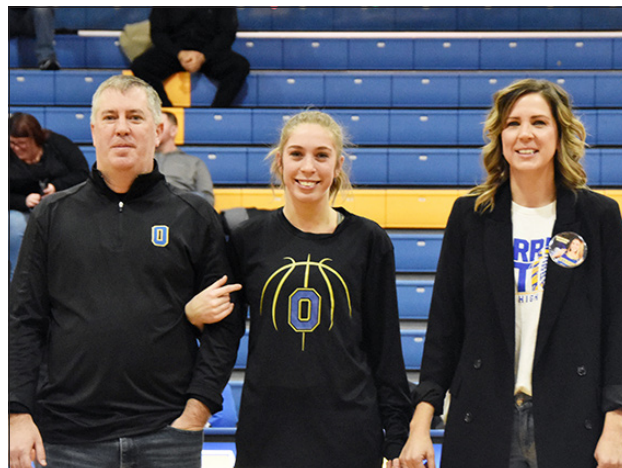
**ANATOMY STUDENTS** at Ontario High School are studying the spine and nerves. Students hooked up an electromyography device (EMG) to their Chromebook to measure electricity and time of a triceps reflex was initiated. After measuring the distance the impulse traveled from their triceps to spine, the students could calculate the speed of their nerve reflex by using a simple formula they learned in physical science (distance/time=speed).





## Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL SENIOR NIGHT  
FRIDAY, FEB. 3 AGAINST MARION HARDING • ONTARIO WON 39-38**





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THE ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL seventh grade boys defeated Marion Pleasant 45-17 to take the MOAC Championship Feb. 11. The team had an undefeated season.



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**ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL** eighth grade students Olivia Brinker and Braedayn Currier, have both made it to the State-level Special Olympics swim meet at Bowling Green University, March 4. They are coached by Coach Spurling.

### Warrior swimmers perform well at sectionals with many best times

The Warrior swimmers entered their post season tournaments by swimming their Sectional meet this past Saturday at Malabar Middle School.

Almost every swimmer had their season best times.

The girls qualified nine on to Districts this Friday at BGSU. The girls were led by senior Brie Trumpower who set a Sectional meet record in the 200 free as well as winning the 100 free.

Freshman Grace Them also placed first in the 100 butterfly. Grace and Brie were joined by Tessa Crum and Joie Simmering and won both the 200 and 400 free relays.

Freshman Grantham Trumpower took firsts in the 200 IM and the 100 free. He was joined by Colin Cordrey, Alex Rose and Hunter Petit to win the 200 and 400 free relays.

The boys qualified eight swimmers to Districts. The Warriors will be swimming 36 times at Districts.

Other District qualifiers are Logan Bernat, Aiden Fox, Duncan McLean, Evan Ruhe, Katie Bolin, Lily Secrist, Elaina Seif, Sasha Bula-kovski and Haley Damron.



**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL'S** Colten Ramion, son of Machele and Shawn Ramion, signed his Letter of Intent on Feb. 1 to play baseball at Lakeland Community College in Kirtland, OH, following graduation.

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## ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL SWIM SENIOR NIGHT VS ASHLAND · WARRIORS WIN





## LOOKING BACK • THIS WEEK IN TRIBUNE-COURIER HISTORY

Feb. 13, '97



DREW MILLER OF LEXINGTON contends with an Ashland player for a rebound in the game Friday night at Ashland. The Arrows surprised the Minutemen 47-44 in a packed Arrow Arena, knocking them out of a share of the conference lead. Watching the action are Lex's Adam Howell (36) and Ashland's Andy Platt (24).  
George Billman



Feb. 13, '97

THESE MADISON MIFFLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL students are accomplished computer users already. Seated are Adam Meade, Morgan Kullman and Whitney Zimmerman; standing are Seth Cooper, Joshua Applegate and Rebekah Wigton.

Feb. 18, '81

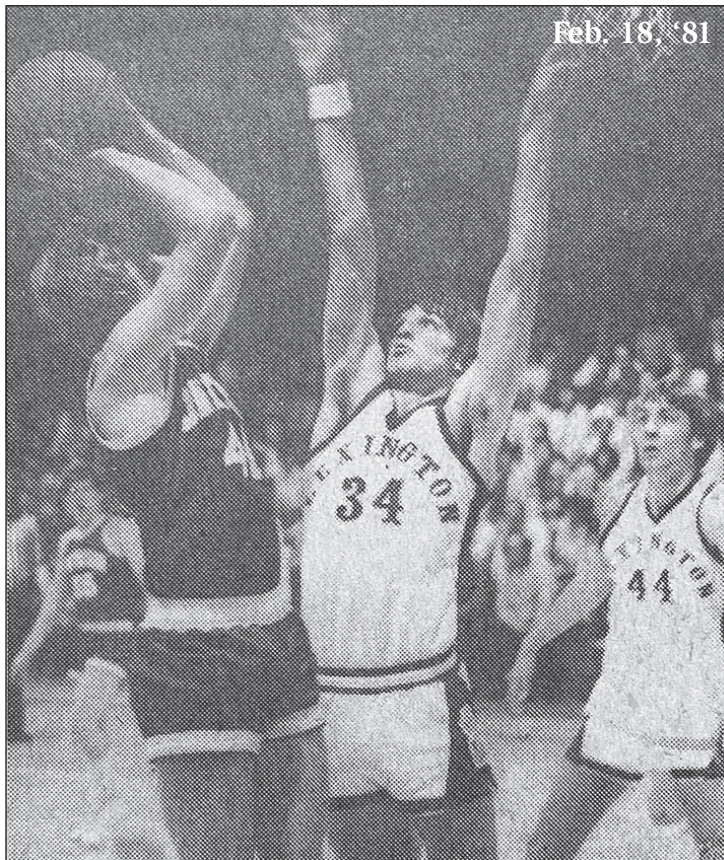


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CHAFFINS FOR A PAIR — Duane Chaffins of Ontario (41) put this shot up over Eric Huffman (34) in the Lexington-Ontario game Friday night, won by Lexington 64-54. Huffman's teammate Greg Junk (44) blocks out an unidentified Ontario player. Chaffins had seven points in the losing cause.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### LEGAL NOTICE

The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their regular meeting held on February 1, 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. 23-05 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE ONTARIO SIDEWALKS PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
(T-C 2-9, 16 '23) 21L

### LEGAL NOTICE ANNUAL REPORT

The Madison Township, Richland County, Ohio, 2022 Annual Financial Report is available for review at the Madison Township Hall, 817 Expressview Dr., Mansfield, Ohio 44905. You may call 419-589-9999 or email clerk@madisontwp.us

Madison Township Trustees  
Leanna Rhodes, Fiscal Officer  
(T-C 2-16 '23) 11L

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Council of the City of Ontario during a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, upon a proposal to amend City Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 1146 Signs.

The City of Ontario Planning Commission has recommended in favor of these changes.

All persons interested in these issues are invited to attend and express their views.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
(T-C 2-16, 23 '23) 19L

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ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL students came together to create a bulletin board in observance of Black History Month, a time to honor the history and contributions of African Americans. Pictured are Justin Douglas, Landon Foltz, Ka'Mashya Shaw, Hattie Yugovich, and Aryn Williams. Not pictured are Jakian Trammell and Kavon Moxley.

## Mansfield Art Center featuring special exhibit

By Jennifer Beavis,  
Marketing & Development,  
Mansfield Art Center

"The world is a dense, dense place if you took a microscope to it. All space has something in it. The exact spot that we exist in has a history of paths crossing with overlapping experiences that intersect." (artist Deborah Griffing)

As we stood in the upstairs gallery at The Mansfield Art Center having this discussion, we contemplated the moments that had occurred over the last fifty years where we were standing. We envisioned the evolution of time, back through nature, down to a single mosquito once buzzing where we stood in the vastness of the universe. In the grand scheme, our time here is short, but the ripples of what we contribute will be felt.

Barb Vogel, Eileen Woods, Deborah Griffing and Sue Cavanaugh were all grappling with similar thoughts during the isolating days of the global pandemic. It's impossible to talk about Passages, without acknowledging the heavy influence of this time period on the artists. Their thoughts and emotions come through in many artworks, but it also sparked larger conversations beyond covid. Passages is about transition.

These four powerful female artists examine the delicate landscape of life's procession with reflection, creation, humor, pathos, and irony. They delve into the movement through life and death, the dance of experiences that connect us all, and the individual perceptions that set us apart. Passages features a collection of work in a variety of mediums; photography with encaustic painting, interdimensional

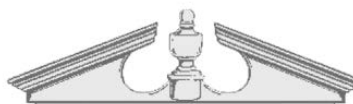
embroidery, collaged and painted panels, transparent portraits, and a large tent with a message that only becomes visible when seated inside.

Our atrium space features an expansive fabric installation; the swan-song of prolific artist Sue Cavanaugh. Created as an elevating singular focus during her final months, Let's Dance is a celebration of life and the friend-

ship that unites the artists. This work hangs from floor to ceiling, inviting visitors to walk through delicately hand stitched panels, with vibrant "dancers" and small mobiles swaying overhead. At almost thirty feet in height, it is a compelling invitation from the late Sue Cavanaugh to appreciate the moment.

The exhibit is free and open to the public through Feb. 26.

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## Richland Academy welcomes new visual arts instructor

Richland Academy of the Arts has announced visual arts classes will be offered by new instructor Barbie Waters.

Barbie Waters has a Bachelor of Arts in Fine Art, with a painting and graphic design focus. She has worked as a graphic designer for 15+ years serving small businesses and many area non-profits. She enjoys inspiring people of all ages to engage in creativity and believes we are all born to reflect and express creativity in some capacity.

Waters will be offering two visual arts classes that have been designed with the homeschool student in mind, but all students are welcome to join. She will be instructing Introduction to Visual Arts, for grades three through five and Visual Art through Drawing for grades six through nine. Both classes begin on Feb. 27.

For more information or to register visit [www.richlandacademy.com](http://www.richlandacademy.com) or call 419-522-8224. Richland Academy is located at the corner of 4th and Walnut St., Mansfield. It was founded in 1991 and is supported by the Ohio Arts Council and 60+ programming supported by the Area Agency on Aging.

There are classes for all ages from birth to 60+. Richland Academy of The Arts offers a tuition assistance program and is an approved Ohio Department of Education Service Provider with the After-school Child Enrichment (ACE) Program.



## •Richland County gearing up for Developmental Disabilities Month

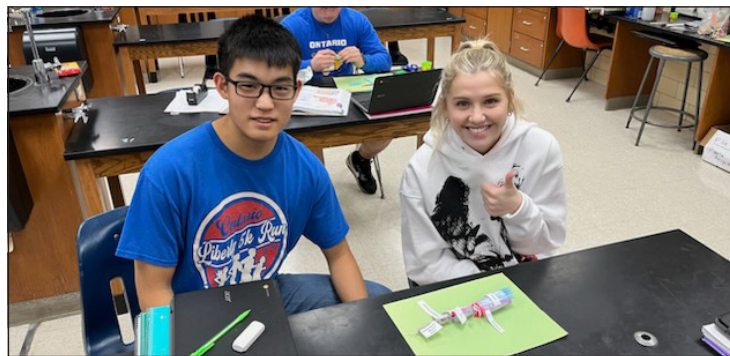
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Richland Newhope, Richland Public Health, Richland County Children Services, and the Richland Mall are sponsoring this free event open to the public as a way to wrap up Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and to promote community inclusion. In addition to the walk, there will be several informational displays by walk sponsors and Richland Newhope provider partners.

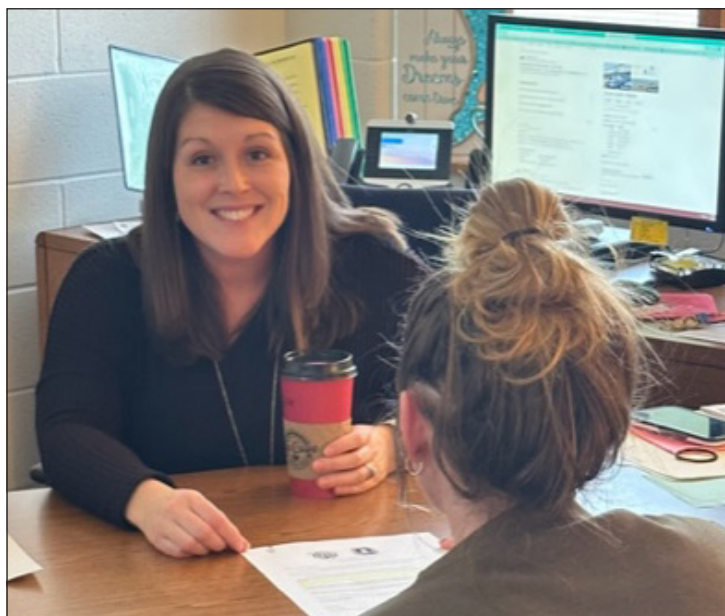
Kid's Day is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, from 4:30–6:30 pm at Buckeye Imagination Museum.

Families enrolled in the Early Intervention program will be welcomed to the Buckeye Imagination Museum to connect and play as a family. The Buckeye Imagination Museum will allow the children and families to connect, express themselves, and explore the museum.

For more information contact Troy Smith manager of Community Education and Special Projects, at 419-774-4215 or [tsmith@rne-whope.org](mailto:tsmith@rne-whope.org).



**THE ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY CLASSES** at Ontario High School are learning about muscle structure and function. Students were given certain materials and requirements and instructed to build a muscle with correct anatomical structures. This activity helped students conceptualize the different levels of muscle fibers and how they go together to function as a whole.



**DURING** National School Counselors Week Ontario's Mrs. Conn and Mrs. Cain were recognized.

## McConnell earns Ameriprise Client Experience Award

Brian McConnell, Financial Advisor with Sutton Investments and Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC, has earned the Ameriprise Client Experience Award for 2022.

McConnell was honored with this award because of his ability to consistently deliver personalized, goal-based advice and exceptional client service. Award recipients earned an overall client satisfaction rating equal to or greater than 4.9 out of 5.0\* and maintained stellar business results.

The award represents an elite group of Ameriprise advisors recognized as leaders for their commitment to making a difference in the lives of their clients.

As a financial advisor, McConnell provides financial advice that is anchored in a solid understanding of client needs and expectations and is delivered in one-on-one relationships with his clients.

For more information contact Brian McConnell at 419-747-8883 or visit the Ameriprise office at 863 N. Lexington-Springmill Road, Ontario, or by appointment at any full-service office of Sutton Bank. Visit [suttonbank.com](http://suttonbank.com) for locations.

