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Photo By Traci Little

**THE 16TH ANNUAL BUSINESS EXPO** took place on Thursday, March 23 at 10 am at the Richland County Fairgrounds. The event opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony. There was a Color Guard flag presentation and Glen Miller sang the national anthem. Miss Ohio Elizabetha Nies, Miss Ohio's Outstanding Teen Cassandra Kurek, and the county's elected officials all were part of the celebration. The most creative prize went to Mechanics Bank and the best use of theme prize was awarded to Dream Huge Realty. The food drive was a huge success. All of the food donations went to Catholic Charities of Richland County. The expo is sponsored by Richland Area Chamber of Commerce.

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## Pancake breakfast and egg hunt planned in Ontario this Saturday

The Ontario Lions will host its spring pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 1, from 6 am to noon at Ontario High School, 467 Shelby-Ontario Rd, Ontario. The breakfast will include sausage, drink and all-you-can-eat pancakes for \$6. Children six and under are free.

Door prizes have been donated by local businesses. Everyone who buys a breakfast ticket can enter to win. Proceeds go to support Lions Club projects.

The City of Ontario Recreation Department will host its annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 1 at noon. The hunt will be held at Marshall Park near the splash pad and pavilion 2.

Participants are asked to arrive by 11:45 am and the hunt is for children up to fourth grade. Children hunting for eggs should bring a bag or basket for their eggs.

Those attending will be able to meet the Easter Bunny and Miss Ontario and have a photo taken with them.

The event will be held rain or shine. Special prizes will be available.

## Madison Board has busy meeting agenda

Madison Local School Board of Education met March 15, in the Madison Comprehensive High School Library.

Presentations were given by Nikki Cox, Madison South Elementary Principal and Jennifer Eckenwiler, Madison South Elementary Preschool Coordinator.

The board approved the temporary appropriations for FY 2024, not to exceed 50 percent of the FY 2023 appropriations at fund level.

The board also approved the use of blanket and super blanket purchase orders for amounts not to exceed \$500,000 per order for FY 2024.

A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission for FY 2024 and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor was approved.

The February 2023 Financial Report was given approval.

The board adopted the resolution appointing and approving U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association as calculation and filing agent with respect to the Series 2010B Bonds and authorizing the execution of a Filing Agent Agreement.

Kara Ohl resigned as Mifflin ELA Department Chair, effective Feb. 17 and Derek Fisher resigned as head 7/8 grade wrestling coach, effective Feb. 22.

Non-M.L.E.A. supplemental contracts the board has chosen not renew are Philip Atwel, assistant varsity boys' golf coach; A.J. Beer, ½ assistant varsity football coach; Natalie Bernhard, head eighth grade volleyball coach; Tricia Bernhard, head varsity volleyball coach; Michelle Byus, varsity cheerleading advisor; Anthony Cole, assistant 7/8 wrestling coach; Jeff Cole, ½ assistant varsity football coach; Kyle Conkle, ½ assistant varsity wrestling coach; Bethany Cuthbertson, music assistant (Ramettes); Tim Deel, head seventh grade football coach; Jim Deppen, ½ assistant varsity football coach; Kalvin Gordon, ½ assistant varsity football coach; Teddy Haring, ½ assistant varsity wrestling coach; Ian Harter, ½ assistant varsity wrestling coach; Brynn Holt, head ninth grade volleyball coach; Zachary Huff, head varsity girls' soccer coach; Cheyenne Hunt, assistant varsity cheerleading advisor; Tommy J. Hunt, ½ head ninth grade football coach; Chad Hutcheson, head eighth grade football coach and ½ assistant varsity wrestling coach; Jaicie Krumlaw, head seventh grade volleyball coach; Brian Lowe, ½ head ninth grade football coach and head seventh grade girls' basketball coach; Jordan Monica, ½ assistant varsity (JV) girls' soccer coach; Shane Morrow, ½ assistant ninth grade football coach; Bryan Mosier, head varsity wrestling coach and ½ assistant varsity football coach; Dustin Moysi, assistant varsity (JV) boys' soccer coach; Garrett Nedrow, ½ assistant ninth grade football coach; Kelly O'Brien, ½ assistant varsity (JV) girls' soccer coach; Doug Rickert, head eighth grade girls' basketball coach; Preston See, ½ equipment manager fall; Ryan Stackhouse, assistant varsity football coach; Travis Stantz, head eighth grade boys' basketball coach; Carrie Uhler, assistant varsity volleyball coach; and Carl White, ½ assistant varsity football coach.

The board chose not to renew contracts for senior class advisors Tracey Burden and Jennifer Steffey.

Supplemental positions were awarded for the 2022-'23 school year to Justin Hunt, spring fitness coordinator; and Melissa Stoffer, ELA Department chair at Mifflin.

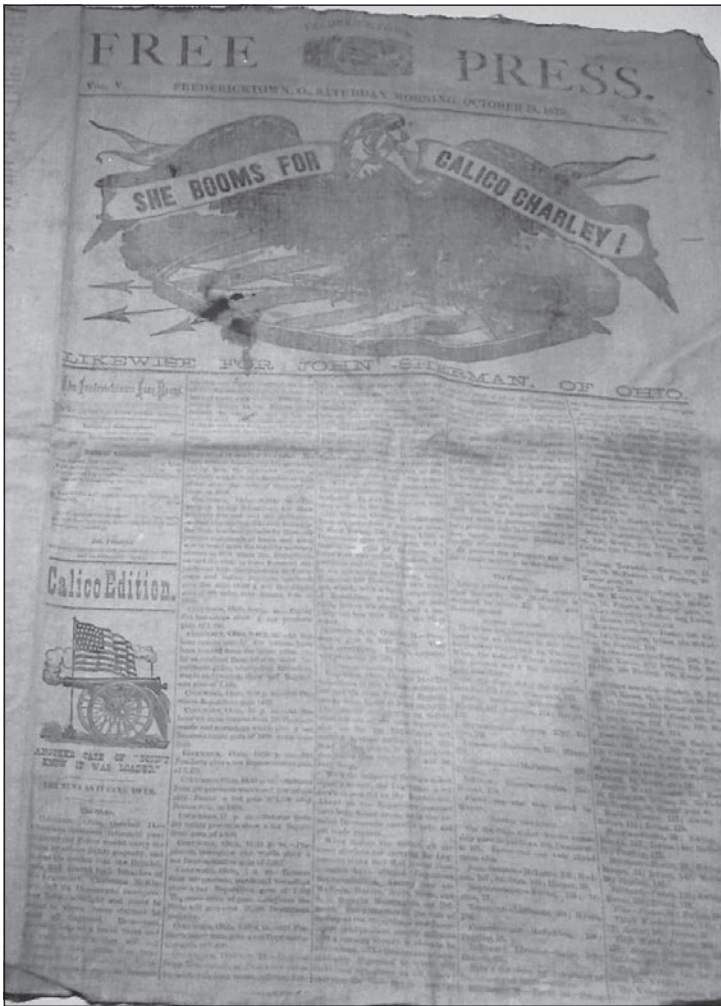
Chad Reynolds, girls' tennis coach, was awarded a supplemental position for 2023-'24.

Hired for Madison Adult Career Center were Diane Schmidt, Beginning Sign Language; Matt Godsil, Landscape Painting; Ginny Walters, Cake Decorating; and Wendy Carter, Quickbooks.

Substitute teachers hired on an "on call" basis, as needed for the 2022-'23 school year are Danielle Day, Richelle Denes, Paige Ray,

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THE OCTOBER 18, 1879, edition of the *Fredericktown Free Press* was printed on Calico cloth.

## Shelby student establishes lawn service

Shelby High School sophomore Ryan Carver, 16, has become an entrepreneur with his R.C. Lawn Care business.

Located in Crestline, the service area includes Crestline, Ontario, Galion and Shelby.

R.C. Lawn Care offers a 25-point Quality Assurance checklist. This shows homeowners exactly what was completed.

Services include lawn care, string trimming, weed control, edging and shrub trimming.

Ryan is a member of Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) which helps students learn about creating a business and how to manage it. The program is sponsored by The Richland Area Chamber of Commerce and instructed by Angela Cirone.

## Calico Charley Foster

By Bob Carter

The Oct. 18, 1879, edition of the *Fredericktown Free Press* carried a front page banner amid the depiction of an American Eagle, that proclaimed, "She Booms For Calico Charley!"

The paper was a Republican publication and editor M. F. Edwards printed a special edition on calico cloth rather than paper. Rare surviving editions are much sought after to collectors of political items and can bring hundreds of dollars.

In a very close election, Charles Foster had defeated Democrat Civil War General Thomas Ewing by a mere 17,000 votes and Republicans also narrowly took control both houses in the State Legislature.

Also depicted on the front page was a booming cannon at the head of a column with election returns with a caption that read, "Another Case of Didn't Know it was Loaded."

Then the editor reported, "The boys then celebrated the Republican victory with a big bonfire on the square. Col. Fink from Mansfield then made a short speech."

Not all citizens were happy with the Foster victory. Ewing bested Foster by 858 votes in Richland County and 154 votes in Knox County. Ewing had a small majority in 76 counties while Foster won all twelve counties in the Western Reserve by a better margin.

Charley Foster's father set up a business in a double pen log cabin in Seneca County in 1822.

When two small adjacent towns merged, the new name was Fostoria in honor of Foster. After limited schooling, Charles went to work in the business at age 12, as a full partner at 15, and at 19 he he took over the business. He did not serve in the Civil War but was well remembered for extending credit to widows of veterans and families during and after the war ended.

He was elected to the U. S. House of Representatives in 1870 and served four terms until 1879 when he ran for governor. His Democratic opponents made fun of his lack of service during the Civil War and he had stayed behind selling Calico dry goods over the store counter.

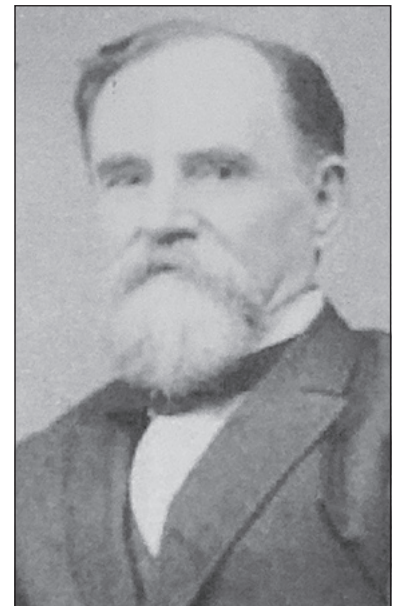
After a while, that backfired when some men started wearing Calico scarves and campaign ribbons.

Foster went on to serve as a good governor. He made appointments on a bipartisan basis and kept the state on a sound financial system. During the temperest movement he lost a third term when he supported higher taxes on beer and liquor. Politicians should never mess with booze.

Most thought his political career was over, but in 1891 President William Henry Harrison appointed him to the post of Secretary of the Treasury (1889-'93).

When "Calico" Charley Foster started working for his father at age 12, did he ever imagine that was the real beginning of his political career? He would be dealing with people and money the rest of his life.

The *Fredericktown Free Press* was published from 1875 to 1922, for many years under the editorship of the Edwards family.



Governor "Calico" Charles Foster

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# News Briefs

Trinity United Methodist Church, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, (Madison area) will hold its annual Madison Community Easter Egg Hunt at 3 pm on Saturday, April 1. The hunt is for all children through grade six.

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The 2nd Annual Senior Citizen Prom "A Night to Remember" is scheduled for Saturday, May 13, from 5:30-8 pm, in the Ontario Middle School Commons, 447 Sjelby-Ontario Rd., Ontario.

The free semi-formal dance is for senior citizens of the City of Ontario and surrounding area. There will be a live band, food, photo booth, raffle prizes and lots of dancing.

An RSVP is required By May 1 to the City of Ontario Recreation Director at [recreationdept@ontarioohio.org](mailto:recreationdept@ontarioohio.org) or call 419-529-2588 ext. 3202. In RSVP, leave full name, number of people attending and their names along with a phone number.

The event is sponsored by the City of Ontario Recreation Department, Ontario Middle School, Ohio District Area Agency On Aging and VFW #7651.

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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 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).

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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 April 19, will include turkey. Those attending are encouraged to bring non-perishable food to donate to the Salvation Army. Cost is \$15 for the meal. Guests are welcome. For information visit [www.lexasc.org](http://www.lexasc.org). Dues are \$10 per year.

The group will also meet for lunch at Chinatown, 238 Ashland Rd., Madison area on April 5 at 11 am.

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The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is now accepting

public comments on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for 2024 to 2027. The program identifies the multi-modal transportation improvement projects that are scheduled for some phase of implementation throughout the state over the next four years.

The draft documents will be available for public review and comment online during the review period through April 10, 2023.

Any comments concerning the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program may be submitted by email to [Natasha.Turner@dot.ohio.gov](mailto:Natasha.Turner@dot.ohio.gov) or postal mail Mr. Tim McDonald, Deputy Director, Division of Planning, Ohio Department of Transportation, Mail Stop # 3260, 1980 West Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43223.

Written comments must be received by April 10.

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The Richland Democratic Party will be hosting candidate luncheons at the McCartney/Reid Building, 16 S. Park St., Mansfield. The schedule includes Chris Brown for Law Director, City of Mansfield April 5, 11:30 am; Rollie Harper for Law Director, City of Mansfield, April 12, 11:30 am; Antoinette Daley for 4th Ward Council, City of Mansfield, April 19 at 11:30 am; and Alomar Davenport for 4th Ward Council, City of Mansfield, April 26, 11:30 am.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Wendy Bartlett Sunday, April 2, at 10:30 am.

Bartlett will speak on "Open Me Carefully: The Marketing of Emily Dickinson." Dickinson had a long-term correspondence with Unitarian, Thomas Wentworth Higginson.

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

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The Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center will have free produce giveaways on the fourth Monday of the Month, April thru October. Dates will be April 24, May 25, June 26, July 24, Aug. 28, Sept. 25 and Oct. 23. Line-up begins at 8:30 am and the giveaway begins at 10 am at Clear Fork Alliance Church (across from Clear Fork High School). A photo ID is required by Cleveland Food Bank.

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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 two 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 a box. There is no cost. Call 419-522-0662 for more information.

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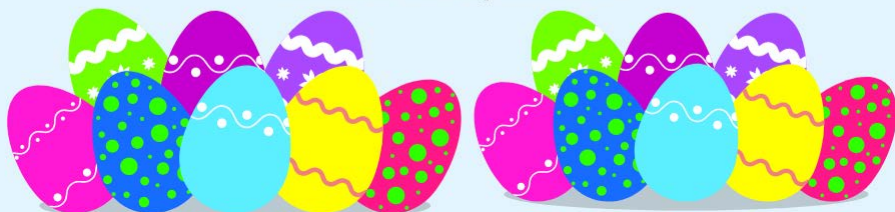


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Day returns April 22

National Medication Take Back Day is Saturday, April 22, from 10 am to 2 pm.

Richland County locations are Richland County Solid Waste, 1125 National Pkwy., Mansfield; Richland Co. Sheriff's Office, 597 Park Ave. E., Madison area; Bellville Police Department, 320 Bell St., Bellville; Lexington Police Department, 44 W. Main St., Lexington; Plymouth Police Department, 48 W. Broadway St., Plymouth; and Shelby Police Department, 31 Mack Ave., Shelby.

Collection programs protect children, water and food supplies, and decrease prescription drug abuse by making it easier to properly dispose of unused or expired medication. This is a completely confidential program. No personal information will be collected. Prescription labels should be removed before arriving.

Accepted items include prescription medicines of any kind, over-the-counter medications, medication samples, pet medications, vitamins, inhalers, medicated ointments and lotions and liquid medications in leak-proof containers.

Items not accepted include needles, syringes, lancets, thermometers, aerosol cans, IV bags, hydrogen peroxide, bloody or infectious waste, empty containers and personal products.

## Church Directory

## Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville  
419-886-4333 • [www.clearforkalliance.org](http://www.clearforkalliance.org)  
Rev. Matt Merendino  
Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor  
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship  
Sunday Evening 6 pm Home Groups  
Monday Men's Group 7:30 pm  
Wednesday evenings: 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting  
6:30-8 pm TeamKID and Youth Group  
Wednesday Ladies Bible Study 6:30-8 pm

## Community Bible Church

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

## First English Lutheran Church

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

## Lexington Presbyterian Church

35 Church St. West, Lexington  
419-884-1330  
Pastor Denny Nezrick  
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 KidsSouthside Christian Church  
Disciples of Christ2055 Middle-Bellville, Mansfield  
Streamed on Paul Lintern Facebook Page  
Sunday 10:45 am  
"A Refuge for Hymn-singers!"

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



### Sullivan

Sullivan came into the shelter after being dumped in a field with his brother and sister in September. Sullivan was extremely scared of new people and did not like approaching them.

As he has become more comfortable with shelter volunteers

and employees, he has transformed. Sullivan loves playing, but he especially loves snuggling. He can't get enough pets and affection. On walks, Sullivan will stop to jump up and get scratches, and he loves giving hugs.

Sullivan is still incredibly wary of new people. He does his best to hide behind his friends (or in their laps) when introduced to visitors. Sullivan does warm up, but it takes him a while! He is a people pleaser and looks to his human friends to make sure he's being a good boy. Sullivan is about a year old and is absolutely phenomenal.

Sullivan 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 am to 2 pm on Saturday.

Adoptions are \$175, which includes spay/neuter, microchip, dog license and some vaccines.

The shelter's current needs are volunteers to walk and play with the dogs. The shelter uses a lot of bleach, laundry detergent, and dog treats and welcomes donations.

## Pleasant Hill adding amenities

Two pickleball courts, a basketball court, playground, cornhole, community firepit and swings with a scenic view of the lake are now under construction at Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District's (MWCD) Pleasant Hill Lake Park in Perrysville.

The amenities, totaling nearly \$1 million, are scheduled to open by Memorial Day, and are part of the MWCD Master Plan investing approximately \$195 million at Atwood, Charles Mill, Piedmont, Pleasant Hill, Seneca and Tappan Lakes to improve infrastructure and construct new campground areas.

"We recently completed a strategic plan which includes the imperative to Reimagine Recreation," said Ryan McCleaster, MWCD Chief of Recreation. "This project is one great example of many amenities that we plan to bring from idea to reality over the next five-years."

To date, 12 projects have been completed at Pleasant Hill Lake Park since 2016. These projects include a boat storage lot, sanitary collection system improvements, activity center improvements, two new campgrounds and four renovated campgrounds, two new and one renovated restroom/shower building, and 10 new log cabins featuring indoor fireplaces and outdoor hot tubs. The total investment at Pleasant Hill to date is \$26.1 million.

## Improv class to offer open mic night

The Renaissance Education Department will present its Annual Improv Underground "Open Mic" night at 7 pm on Thursday, April 20 at the Renaissance Theatre's black-box venue, Theatre 166, 166 Park Avenue West, Mansfield. A free theatre improvisation performance, the show is open to the public and will highlight skills learned by the Ren's 2023 Improv Underground class participants.

Class sessions offer high school and middle school students an outlet for their creativity and the opportunity to develop their stage presence.

Doors open at 6:30 pm and no advance reservations are required. For information call 419-522-2726, ext. 212, or email Dauphne Maloney at: [dauphne@mansfieldtickets.com](mailto:dauphne@mansfieldtickets.com).

## Services scheduled for Holy Week

Holy Week services are scheduled at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1592 Grace St., Madison area.

On Palm Sunday, April 2, the regular service will be at 9:30 am.

The Maundy Thursday, April 6, service will remember the night before Christ's death at 7 pm.

An Easter sunrise service will be April 9, at 7:30 am followed by breakfast. An Easter morning service is scheduled for 9:30 am.

## Pastor Nezrick joins Lex Presbyterian

Lexington Presbyterian Church has announced Pastor Denny Nezrick will be leading worship services beginning April 2 at 10:30 am.

Pastor Denny retired after serving 30 years as pastor at Grace Evangelical Free Church in Mansfield. He follows Rev. James Randas, who recently retired after serving Lexington Presbyterian for 12 years. The church is located at 35W. Church St., Lexington.

## Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Catherine Arlene Poland, March 12

Faye Ann Sauder, March 19

Dickie Carver Sr., March 20

Skylar Jacobs, March 22

Emma Mae Sauder, March 22

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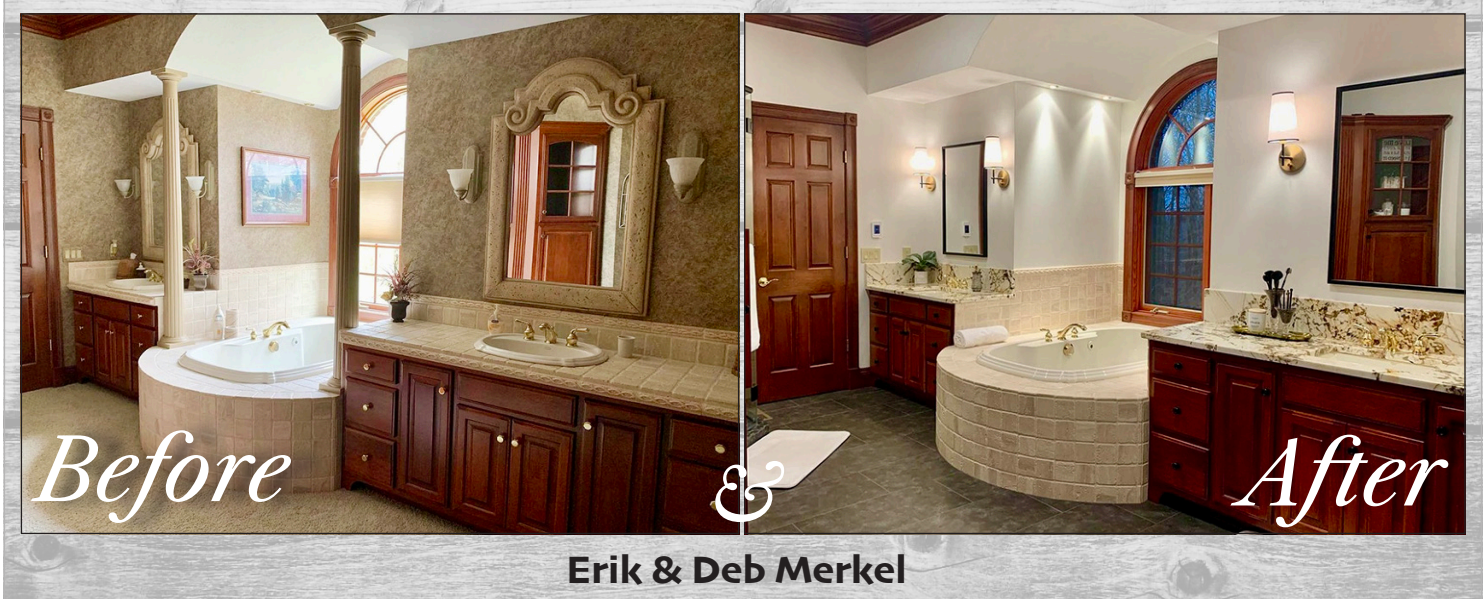
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## Bluescope Recycling transition has been a smooth one

By Traci Little

BlueScope Recycling and Materials, formerly Milliron Recycling, continues the legacy of dedicated community involvement. I met with Jeff DeVito, Plant Manager, and Laura Dankovic, HR Representative, who both shared their appreciation for the seamless transition.

"Overall, it has been a seamless transition. We've added a whole second shift of people in one building, which is good for the community. Overall, everyone out in the yard has continued to work just as they always have," said Laura.

Jeff DeVito went on to say, "my role here is to continue what Grant Milliron built and grab onto the opportunities with BlueScope. That's been very important to me, and a great opportunity to make the transition a good one."

BlueScope continues Milliron's legacy of the business, core values, and code of conduct.

"That's part of what Grant did when he was looking for someone to purchase Milliron, making sure all of that aligned. He took that time to make sure we would all be taken care of, and that speaks to the seamless transition that we've experienced. We continue to operate just as we have always done," said DeVito.

The Mansfield BlueScope site continues to operate its retail trade year around, purchasing copper, brass, aluminum, and steel from the general public.

"BlueScope wanted the community to be able to depend on us just as they always have whether it be bringing their recyclables to us or some of the other things that we support," said Laura.

"When you look at the business model of Grant and his attempt to find a company with likeminded values, I call it vertically integrated. BlueScope ventured into the recycling business in 2021 and the culmination of BlueScope buying us in August of 2022 has been a beautiful partnership. They have a steel mill that makes products for all the different integrated companies within BlueScope, and now they have captured the scrap. Internally we have the scrap and now the steel mill which melts it and makes new steel. The retail side functioning year around is a huge asset to the Mansfield area. A plumber may bring in copper from his job, or we just had an Amishman bring in \$2,100 of aluminum siding. Nothing has changed as we continue the recycling business with customers generating it at their home, business or industry," said DeVito.

BlueScope will continue the Milliron tradition of celebrating Earth Day with a special price of 67 cents per pound for aluminum cans for the month of April!

The success for the original Earth Day program over the years has given them the opportunity to expand it for the entire month of April. It's become a tradition that the community looks forward to all year long.

"The main reason we wanted to extend it to be a whole month was to have the ability to properly take care of our customers and keep everyone safe. In previous years we had lines of traffic down 39 all the way over the bridge where State Patrol had to direct traffic," said DeVito.

Dropoff is a drive through process, where cans are taken out of

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## Happy Earth Month!

Celebrating the whole month of April by paying 67 cents/pound for aluminum cans.



2384 Springmill Road  
Mansfield, Ohio

Closed for Good Friday, April 7th and Saturday April 8th





By Mátièce Thomas

You may have read my articles in the past where I wrote about the importance of total wellness.

Total wellness is mind, body and spirit. So many times when we try to reach a goal, we get in the habit of setting just that physical goal.

Unfortunately, we then let the spirit and mind goals go by the wayside.

I want to encourage you to choose, one thing for your mind, body and spirit to incorporate in each day.

Sometimes I feel that when the weather breaks for spring, it is the perfect time to reset your goals! It is also easier with the beautiful weather, and so many things to do outside to incorporate things in your day that feed

into your mind, body and spirit.

For example, you can go on a nature walk or a bike ride and while doing that you can enjoy nature, clear your mind and search your heart for what you're grateful for. It can be that simple.

This past year I discovered paddle boarding and it is truly going to be my key to total wellness this summer! When I'm on my board in the middle of the lake, it's so peaceful. I'm getting exercise for my body, but it is also a time to just breathe and clear my mind and also, a perfect time to reflect on all I have to be grateful for and just becoming one with nature.

So I can encourage you today to set new goals for spring that will help you create total wellness in your life.

With those three elements you'll be happier and healthier, mentally physically and emotionally so get creative and have an amazing season.

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



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By Kim Sterry

## CARROT APPLE SOUP

### Ingredients

2 Tbsp. Olive Oil	½ cup white wine to deglaze
1 medium onion, chopped	1 tsp. fresh chopped ginger
8-10 carrots, peeled and chopped	1 large clove garlic chopped
2 apples, peeled and chopped	½ t turmeric fresh chopped
2 celery sticks chopped	Kosher Salt and Pepper
Broth to cover (you can use vegetable or chicken)	

### Instructions

Heat oil in pan. Put in onions and garlic and cook until they just start turning brown. Toss in carrots, celery and apple and cook for a few more minutes. Add wine to deglaze the pan until liquid is reduced by half. Add rest of ingredients and bring to a boil. Reduce temperature and simmer until veggies are soft. Remove from heat and carefully add to blender and puree (beware of hot liquid) Hold a dishtowel over blender lid so you don't burn your self when you turn it on. Turn on as low as it will go and slowly blend it. You can use an immersion blender for this but you don't get the smooth consistency we are looking for in this soup.

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**Day Trippin' With Damon** – The American Sign Museum is located in Cincinnati and is dedicated to the art and history of commercial signs and sign making. It is the largest public museum dedicated to signs in the U.S. For information visit <https://www.americansignmuseum.org>.



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## Annual tree seedling sale benefits Clear Fork FFA

Local residents can purchase seedlings from the Clear Fork FFA sale at multiple locations this weekend. Sales will be held at:

•Richland County Fairgrounds Nature Park, Friday, March 31, from 9 am to 7 pm or until all seedlings are sold

•Clear Fork High School back parking lot, Friday, March 31, from 8 am to 1 pm or until all seedlings are sold

•Planktown Market near Shiloh (at inside door), Friday, March 31, from 9 am to 1 pm or until all seedlings sold

If there are seedlings left at 1 pm at Clear Fork High School or Planktown Market, those seedlings will be moved to the Richland County Fairgrounds.

The tree seedlings cost \$10 per bundle of eight. Sales are avail-

able on a first come, first serve basis with cash or checks only being accepted. For orders larger than 20 bundles, call Clear Fork High School at 419-886-2601 or Jim from 4-8 pm daily at 419-564-3881 by March 19. To purchase left-over seedlings call Jim at 419-564-3881.

Tree species include: Norway Spruce, White Pine, Douglas Fir, Balsam Fir, Fraser Fir, Red Mulberry, Ohio Buckeye, Common Pawpaw, Flowering Dogwood, Redbud, White Oak, Sugar Maple, Persimmon, Tulip Poplar, Red Oak, Scarlet Oak, Black Cherry and Black Walnut.

Bluebird, bat and butterfly houses will also be available for \$15.

Visit <https://richlandswcd.net/event/clear-fork-ffa-alumni-tree-seedling-sale-2/> or <https://www.facebook.com/FFAClearFork> for an order form.

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## Free workshop will focus on rain gardens and rain barrels

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) will host a free Rain Garden and Rain Barrel Workshop April 25. The workshop begins at 6 pm at the Ohio Bird Sanctuary, 3774 Orweiler Rd., Mansfield.

This workshop will help those interested in pollinators, gardens, conservation and nature. Attendees will learn about rain barrels and rain gardens, and how they benefit the environment. Information on how to purchase a rain barrel through Richland SWCD and light refreshments will be available.

Parking is limited so those attending are asked carpool if possible and enter through the gate with the Richland SWCD event sign and proceed to the education building for the workshop.

Although the workshop is free, registration is encouraged due to limited seating. Register at <https://richlandswcd.net/event/rain-garden-and-rain-barrel-workshop-2/>. For information call Dan at 419-747-8077 or email [MS4@richlandswcd.net](mailto:MS4@richlandswcd.net).

## St. Peter's hosting Easter bake sale

St. Peter Parish will host its annual Easter bake sale on Tuesday, April 4, from 7 am to 6 pm and Wednesday, April 5, from 7 am to 1 pm. This event will have thousands of baked goods featuring traditional ethnic recipes and sweet treats.

A lunch will also return on Tuesday from 11 am to 1 pm, with many fan favorites on the menu, including fresh cabbage rolls, broccoli and cheese soup, sloppy joes and hot dogs.

"This event continues to be successful thanks to our small army of volunteers who do all the preparations for this event," said bake sale coordinator Ann Brown. "Many of them could not help the last couple of years because of the pandemic, but many familiar faces are back to help make this event a success."

Proceeds from the sale go towards purchasing wine, hosts and other liturgical items the church uses throughout the year. Only cash and checks are accepted.

## Greg Emmons joins HNCO board

Hospice of North Central Ohio (HNCO) has welcomed Greg Emmons, CFP, to the board of directors.

"We are pleased to welcome Greg to our board of directors. He brings a multitude of experience and skill sets to our organization and is a person of high integrity," said Ralph V. Tomassi Jr., Chief Development Officer.

Emmons is a 2007 Ashland University graduate, where he studied business and finance and was a captain on the Varsity Basketball team. He is a Certified Financial Planner (CFP). He has over 13 years of experience in the finance industry. He is a graduate of the 2016 Leadership Ashland class and serves on the board at Associated Charities. He is married to Melissa Emmons, and they have three kids, Georgia, Graham, and Beckett.

In other HNCO news, the trustees of The Milton R. & Beulah M. Young Foundation, Mansfield, have approved a grant in the amount of \$5,000 in support of Hospice of North Central Ohio. The grant will be used to fund the purchase of Vital Sign Logbooks for palliative care patients and protective changing pads for hospice patients.

In addition, a portion of the grant will be directed for the cost of HNCO's annual "Camp Hope" children's bereavement camp, which is scheduled for June 16, 17, 23 and 24 at Pleasant Hill campgrounds.

Ralph Tomassi, HNCO Chief development Officer/Senior Administrator stated, "This grant will have an immediate impact on palliative and hospice patients in our care as well as our bereavement program. These are three very important core mission areas. The Young Foundation, through their grants program has and continues to make a significant impact on the level of care patients in this area receive daily."

Established in 2000, The Milton R. & Beulah Young Foundation focuses its charitable support to non-profit organizations in Richland and Ashland counties whose mission is to help individuals in need in the areas of health, education and welfare.

Hospice HNCO is headquartered at 1021 Dauch Dr., Ashland, Hospice of North Central Ohio serves more than 200 patients daily in Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Morrow and Richland counties.

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**THE MANSFIELD/RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY (MRCPL)** library levy is back on the ballot for Richland County voters on May 2, 2023. Richland County approved a 10 year, 3.9 mill levy in 2012 that will expire at the end of this year. The May 2 vote will extend the current levy for an additional 10 years; this will not be a new tax for residents. MRCPL offers programming for all ages, operating hours that meet the needs of the community, maintains the critical 2-1-1 line for those in need, increases access to materials and digital resources, engages with citizens through outreach initiatives and community events and increases literacy, both reading and digital. MRCPL Director Chris May states, "It is important that this levy be renewed to maintain our current level of service and interaction with our community. The tax dollars allowed by the levy account for 61% of the Library's operating budget. Our staff and board members want to keep offering innovative services and resources at our nine locations and to the outlying areas via our Bookmobile. Still, we need this renewal levy to pass to do so." Today's library is so much more than books. The library is a space in the community that is truly open to all, offering engaging programs for all ages like the annual Summer Library Program, job services, printing services, free WiFi and internet resources, outreach programs, literacy assistance, and much more. For information about this renewal levy or MRCPL visit [www.mrcpl.org/library-levy-2023](http://www.mrcpl.org/library-levy-2023)

## Village of Lexington pursuing Ohio opioid settlements

Lexington Village Council met March 6 with Mayor Brian White presiding.

Village Council members present were Bob Jarvis, Zack Alleshouse, Adam Gongwer, Wynn Kearns, Kim Little, Jeff O'Brien and Todd Wise. Attorney John Studenmund, Chief Brett Pauley, Administrator Andrew Smallstey and Street Supervisor Roger Kilgore were also present.

Residents Steve and Christine Myers requested the usage of front yardage of the Water Treatment Plant, 152 Plymouth St., for a circus performance on May 18.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to Visual Bucket List granted by the Make A Wish Foundation. There will be two shows. Smallstey stated they will build and tear down all supplies and the village will donate the water.

Keith Bacin of Cedarwood noted the portable storage container behind the Chinese restaurant has moved a few yards south of its original site. Bacin thought that made the old ordinance that predated the ordinance was no longer applicable. Attorney Studenmund will review.

Councilman Kearns reported he is currently working on the 2023 budget with water supervisor Brad Ross, for the meeting on March 20. Kearns is clarifying MRO versus true capital items.

Administrator Andrew Smallstey reported the village had a significant water main break on E. Main St., near the entrance to the Infield. Water Department personnel, along with the assistance of other service departments, were able to repair the break without closing E. Main St. Water service was not shut off until 8:30 pm, affecting only Happy House and Buck's. Crews were finished by 11 pm.

He stated, "I have continued the transition from Poggmeyer/Kleinfelder to K.E. McCartney. KEM is preparing some costs as part of the transmission in various areas. These will be discussed later."

"We have retrieved all of our archived records that were stored at Mansfield Commerce Center."

Volz fencing will start installation of decorative fencing at 35 W. Main St., the old Decker's lot.

Councilman Little noted there is no silt fencing on Highridge Rd. A permit has been issued for the site and Richland Soil and Water has recently reviewed the area per Smallstey.

Mayor Brian White said Regional Planning recognized Lexington for "Excellence in Planning" given for the village's "Leverage Lexington 2035 Comprehensive Plan."

He read proclamation acknowledging 'Developmental Disability Awareness Month' at Lex Lanes and met with ODOT and Burgess & Niple to review 2024 street construction program.

Tonight's legislation is the first step to participate in the Ohio opioid settlements.

Dean Strohming has resigned as treasurer/clerk for the cemetery board. The cemetery board has retained Diann Jamerson as the new treasurer and Kevin Angle as the clerk. Council members thanked councilmen Kearns and O'Brien for helping through this transition. Councilman Kearns noted that the cemetery board is a shared event between the Village of Lexington and Troy Township. Kearns also thanked Mayor White and Attorney Studenmund for all their assistance.

Councilman O'Brien asked about recent gun play in the county and if the police has a handle on it. Chief Brett Pauley reported this is all a work in progress and he continues to meet with other law officials weekly.

An ordinance was approved for the mayor to sign documents which must be executed in order to participate in the relevant Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walmart and Walgreens opioid settlements, and declaring an emergency.



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## Backpack Scholarship Program bill draws significant support

State Reps. Riordan McClain (R-Upper Sandusky) and Marilyn John (R-Richland County) had their Backpack Scholarship Program bill up for a second hearing at the Statehouse this week, which drew support from dozens of students and advocates throughout the state during committee testimony.

"I mostly grew up in the inner city surrounded by poverty, crime, and low expectations. I was in a different school almost every single year, and teachers would often write me off before I even stepped foot in the school," said Walter Blanks Jr., a Columbus native working with the American Federation for Children. "School choice gave me an opportunity to live a better life. I support HB 11 and truly believe it will have a positive impact on students as well as the entire state of Ohio."

As joint sponsors on the bill, McClain and John were very pleased with the turnout that came to Columbus to make their voices heard.

"Thank you all so much for being here on what I perceive as a historic day," said John. "This is the first time that your voices get to be heard in the Statehouse, regarding House Bill 11. Thank you to our colleagues who came here today to show their support. Thank you to the parents, the advocates, but most importantly, thank you to the students, because their faces really are the face of the bill."

The two representatives held a press conference before the committee hearing to give some background on the legislation.

"The program would empower families to find the best educational environment for their child," said McClain. "As a father of five, I know how different the needs of each child can be and by giving each child the opportunity to pursue the best path will lead to better outcomes. Education is not a one size fits all model. This program recognizes that and allows educational freedom as well as competition. Parental involvement is one of the most important aspects of a child's education regardless of learning environment."

The bill establishes the program to provide eligible students with an educational savings account (ESA) beginning in the 2024-'25 school year for those enrolling in K-12 nonpublic schools or receiving home education. The program will allow a student's parent to apply, which could result in them receiving \$5,500 for grades K-8, or \$7,500 for grades 9-12.

During testimony, it was noted that the legislation is important as other states have begun or are looking into implementing their own similar program, including West Virginia, Arizona, Iowa, Utah, Texas and Arkansas.

"HB 11 is the next logical step in Ohio's arc toward creating a school choice climate on par with the aforementioned states and continuing to compete with them to remain an attractive home base for businesses and families," said Donovan O'Neil with Americans for Prosperity.

The bill has nearly 30 cosponsors in the Ohio House and awaits further consideration in the Primary and Secondary Education Committee.

## Voter registration deadline nearing for May Primary

The deadline to register to vote or change an address or name for the May 2, 2023 Primary Election is Monday, April 3. The Richland County Board of Elections office will be open that evening until 9 pm. This office is located at 1495 W. Longview Ave. Suite 101 in the Longview Center, Mansfield. After 4 pm, visitors must use the entrance at the lower level back parking area at the southwest corner of the building.

Qualifications for registering to vote include:

- must be either a native U. S. citizen or a naturalized citizen of the U.S.
- must be a resident of Richland County and Ohio 30 days before an Election
- must be a minimum of 18 years of age on or before the date of the General Election on Nov. 7, 2023.

Registered voters who have moved or changed their name must notify the board office in writing or in person. Voters currently registered in Ohio may change their address online at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov) but must do so by the April 3 deadline. Online registration is also now available at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov)

In addition to the Board of Elections office, citizens may register or complete a change of address/name at the following locations in Richland County:

- Any library branch
- All city and village hall offices
- The Bureau of Motor Vehicles office
- The Department of Human Services
- The Richland County Courthouse (recorder or treasurer offices)
- All area high school offices

Registration forms may also be obtained at [www.boe.ohio.gov/richland](http://www.boe.ohio.gov/richland) or requested by mail. Contact the board office at 419-774-5530 to have a form sent by mail. Completed voter registration forms must be postmarked 30 days before Election Day.

Absentee/early voting for the May 2, Primary Election will commence Tuesday April 4, either by mail or in person at the Richland County Board of Elections, 1495 W. Longview Ave., in the lower level classroom.

The closest entrance is in the back of the Longview Center by the "Vote Here" sign and flag. If you enter through the front entrance, you must take the stairs or elevator down to the lower level. Those who have requested absentee ballots by mail will have their ballot mailed out starting April 4. Absentee applications to vote by mail are available online at <https://www.boe.ohio.gov/richland/> or by calling the office at 419-774-5530 to have a request form mailed.

Early voting will be held at the Longview Center, 1495 W. Longview Ave., lower classroom (use rear, lower level parking area, southwest door).

- April 4-21, 8 am to 5 pm, each weekday
- April 24, 26, 27 and 28, 7:30 am to 7:30 pm, each weekday
- Tuesday, April 25, 7:30 am to 8:30 pm
- Saturday, April 29, 8 am to 4 pm
- Sunday, April 30, 1-5 pm, early voting ends
- May 2nd, Election Day. Polls will be open from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm on May 2.

Early voting ends Sunday, April 30, at 5 pm. There will be no early voting on Monday, May 1.

All precincts in Richland County will be open. Voters in the City of Mansfield may request a Republican, Democrat or an Issues Only ballot. Voters in the City of Ontario 2nd ward may request a Democrat or Issues Only ballot, the remaining wards in the City of Ontario will have an Issues Only ballot. The remaining Richland County voters will have an Issues Only ballot.

The only procedure available under Ohio Election Laws to change a party affiliation is to request the party's ballot in a Primary. It does not matter which party a voter is currently affiliated with in their voter registration records. The voter simply states to the poll worker which ballot they want to cast for that election.

To view a ballot online visit <https://www.boe.ohio.gov/richland/candidate-voter-tools/> and go to voter lookup search, enter last and first name and submit. On the right side, click sample ballots and choose which ballot style to view.



# Madison kindergarten registration opens in April

Kindergarten registration for Madison Local Schools will be held April 3–28, 2023. Children are eligible to attend kindergarten during the 2023–'24 school year if they are five years of age on or before Aug. 1, 2023.

The first step in the registration process is to complete the online registration through FinalForms. The registration link can be found at [www.mlsd.net](http://www.mlsd.net) under Madison FinalForms or using the link under kindergarten registration. Those without internet access can schedule an appointment to complete the online forms with the child's assigned building.

Current Madison South Preschool students moving into kindergarten will need to log into their FinalForms account and complete the 2023–'24 forms and schedule an appointment for kindergarten registration.

Once all online forms are completed, parents or guardians can schedule an appointment with the elementary school in which they reside: Madison South Elementary, 419-522-4319; Mifflin Elementary, 419-589-6517; Eastview Elementary, 419-589-7335.

Documents that should be brought to the appointment include the student's birth certificate, parent/guardian driver license, custody papers (if applicable), parent/guardian proof of residency (see FinalForms for approved list) and immunization records.

Required immunizations for school attendance are: four doses of DPT (five doses if four were given before fourth birthday), three or more doses of Polio with final dose after fourth birthday, three doses of Hepatitis B, two MMR's and two Varivax (Chicken Pox) or history of having disease.



**THE ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL PE class** is working on synchronized swimming routines that foster teamwork, creativity, accomplishment and fun.

## News Briefs in Sports & Education

Christopher Hill of Mansfield has earned a Master of Science in Computer Science from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. Hill was among approximately 5,620 undergraduate and graduate students to be presented Georgia Tech degrees during the Institute's 263rd Commencement exercises Dec. 16–17, 2022, at Bobby Dodd Stadium.

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The Division I and II boys basketball All-Ohio teams were announced by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association.

Local athletes are:

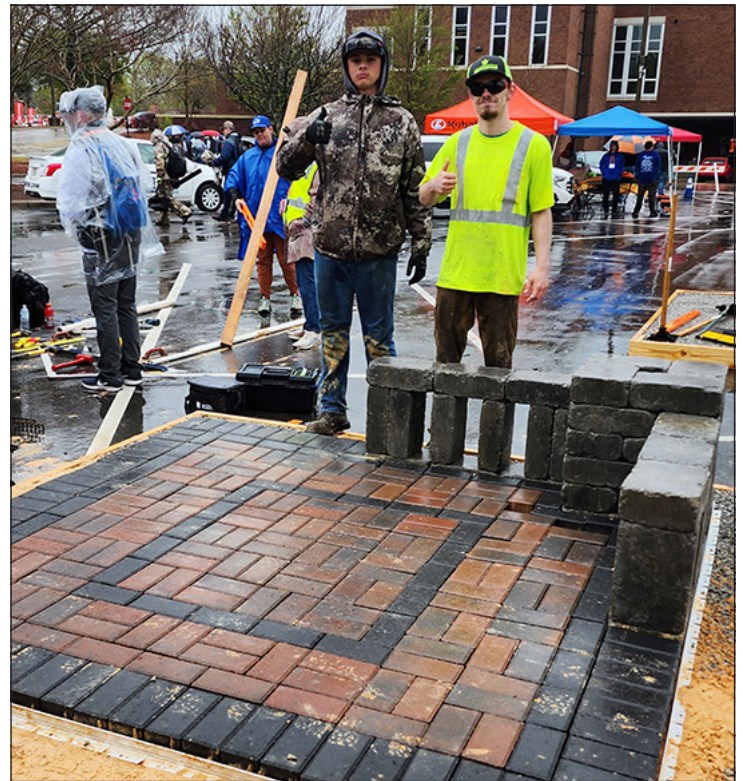
**2023 Division I Boys Basketball All-Ohio Teams**

Second Team: Jayden Jeffries, Mansfield Madison, 6-4, sr., 23.0;

**2023 Division II Boys Basketball All-Ohio Teams**

Third Team: Baden Forup, Lexington, 6-7, sr., 15.0

Special Mention: Brayden Fogle, Lexington, 6-6, fr., 13.0



## KCCC students compete at National Collegiate Landscape Competition

Knox County Career Center's (KCCC) Landscape Design & Management program competed at the National Collegiate Landscape Competition March 15–18.

The National Collegiate Landscape Competition is an annual three-day powerhouse event which brings together the top landscape and horticulture students, top industry companies and dozens of the biggest industry manufacturers and suppliers. This year 46 colleges were represented with more than 800 students demonstrating their skills in real-world, competitive events. Students also had the opportunity to network with top companies at the largest Career Fair in the industry.

The competition was held in Starkville, MS on the campus of Mississippi State University. KCCC had eight students compete in the competition including juniors Tristen Hankinson and Oliver Ruprecht along with seniors Sydnee Lang, Ashton Johnson, AJ Fonner, James Hurlow, Logan Dechant and Mackenzie Ernsberger.

KCCC's Landscape Design & Management students competed in the following events: Compact Excavator Operation (Tristen Hankinson), Compact Track/Skid Steer Loader Operation (Oliver Ruprecht), Construction Cost Estimating (Sydnee Lang and Ashton Johnson), Hardscape Installation (AJ Fonner and James Hurlow), Landscape Maintenance Operations (James Hurlow and Logan Dechant), Mini Track Loader Operation (Mackenzie Ernsberger), Track & Trailer Operation (Logan Dechant and Oliver Ruprecht), and Turf & Weed Identification (Ashton Johnson and James Hurlow).

KCCC's notable placings include Logan Dechant and Oliver Ruprecht with a seventh place finish in Truck & Trailer Operation. AJ Fonner and James Hurlow placed 13th in Hardscape Installation and Oliver Ruprecht placed 14th in Compact Track/Skid Steer Loader Operation.

John Campbell, KCCC's Landscape Design & Management instructor, said, "It was great watching our high school students compete against college students from around the country. Judges and employers are always amazed to learn that they are talking to high school students and to hear that Ohio is the only state to do this competition at the high school level. Students get the opportunity to talk with them and learn about Landscaping companies from all over the country."





**MECHANICS BANK** received the Most Creative Booth Award at the Business Expo held by the Richland Area Chamber at the Richland County Fairgrounds Thursday, March 23. The theme this year was racing.

## Miller will introduce baby products tax exemption bill

State Rep. Melanie Miller (R-City of Ashland) will introduce the Baby Products Tax Exemption Bill, companion legislation to Senate Bill 39. The legislation exempts certain baby products from the sales and use tax. Miller is a joint sponsor on the bill.

"The Baby Products Tax Exemption Bill recognizes the challenges Ohio families face in raising children and aims to alleviate their financial burden," said Miller. "By providing tax exemptions for essential baby products, we hope to encourage people to stay in Ohio as we work to invest in our families."

The bill proposes to create a sales and use tax exemption for certain baby products, including children's diapers, car seats, cribs, strollers, baby carriers, and baby monitors. The exemption will ease the financial burden on Ohio families raising children. Additionally, the elimination of sales tax on these products will help ensure that Ohio families have access to the essential items necessary for the health and well-being of their children.

Miller also notes the bill represents a positive step towards supporting Ohio families and improving the lives of young children with this financial relief when taxes and inflation have been burdensome for Ohioans. The legislation currently has nine co-sponsors in the Ohio House and is also joint sponsored by State Rep. Nick Santucci (R-Howland Twp.).

State Representative Melanie Miller is currently serving her first term in the Ohio House of Representatives. She represents the 67th House District, which includes all of Ashland County and the western portion of Medina County.



## Blue Ribbons will bring awareness to April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Richland County Children's Services (RCCS) encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making Richland County a better place for children and families. By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills and resources they need to care for their children, RCCS can help promote the social and emotional well-being of children and youth and prevent child maltreatment within families in the community.

To help spread awareness for child abuse prevention, RCCS is inviting individuals, churches, organizations, businesses and schools to tie a blue ribbon on their door, mailbox or car antenna during the month of April. The blue ribbon is the international symbol for child abuse prevention. It serves as a reminder that all of us have a responsibility in helping protect children.

In support of this effort, downtown Mansfield is going "blue" in April. The city is tying blue ribbons around lamp posts, and the downtown gazebo in Central Park will be lit with blue lights in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Blue ribbons are courtesy of RCCS, the City of Mansfield, the Mansfield United Lions Club and Tara's Floral. Participants can take pictures of their blue ribbons/blue ribbon trees and send them via email to [Brigitte.Coles@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:Brigitte.Coles@jfs.ohio.gov) for publication on the agency's website and Facebook page.

This year, RCCS is collaborating with Mankind Murals and the RCDG: Mansfield Arts & Culture Sector on the "Through the Eyes of a Child: Painting for Prevention and Adoption," mural project. Artwork installations of artwork in the themes highlighting children, kinship, foster care, adoption to raise awareness about child abuse prevention. The murals will be featured outside the Renaissance Theatre, 138 Park Avenue West and the Buckeye Imagination Museum, 175 W Third St.

"The most important thing we can do to help children thrive is to support families before they reach a crisis. To make child abuse less likely to occur, we need to invest in our community and our families," said Brigitte Coles, RCCS Community Engagement Specialist. "Each year, we educate and raise awareness about the impact child abuse has on children and society. Providing information about comprehensive best-practices that are known to build parental capacity through protective factors is key in helping families become more resilient."

Protective factors are the strengths and resources families draw on during difficult times to shield them from life's stresses. Research shows that when parents possess protective factors, the risk for neglect and abuse diminish and optimal outcomes for children, youth and families are promoted.

Major protective factors include knowledge of parenting, knowledge of child development, parental resilience, social connections, and concrete supports.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month is more than just raising awareness about the reality of child maltreatment. It's about taking action to reduce it. RCCS is helping to reduce abuse and neglect by providing families with the support they need. There are certain issues such as a family's neighborhood, income level, or other societal factors that can make parenting more challenging. By reducing these vulnerabilities through strengths-based approaches that truly support families, we can begin to mitigate child maltreatment and improve the outcomes of children, youth, and families.

RCCS is marking National Child Abuse Prevention Month with several activities:

A Child Abuse Prevention Month Kick Off will be held at the Richland County Courthouse, 50 Park Ave E, Commissioners Board Room, on Thursday, March 30, 9:30 am. The Richland County Commissioners will present a Proclamation in observance of April being National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Proclamations will also be issued by the cities of Mansfield, Ontario, Shelby, and villages of Bellville, Butler, Lexington, Lucas, Plymouth and Shiloh.

Easter Drive-Thru Celebration, April 1, 11 am to 1 pm, at South Park, 100 Brinkerhoff Ave., Mansfield. Mansfield Parks & Recreation,

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A RIBBON CUTTING was held for CAJO Healing Therapies LLC, located on Stumbo Rd., Ontario, on Tuesday, March 21.

## CAJO Healing Therapies LLC celebrates expansion

**Photo and Article By Traci Little**

Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development hosted a ribbon cutting for the expansion of CAJO Healing Therapies LLC on Tuesday, March 21.

CAJO Healing Therapies is a health care clinic owned and operated by nurse practitioners Carrie and Josh Grund. They offer therapies for both men and women, including bioidentical hormone replacement therapy (BHRT), peptide and weight loss therapies, and nutraceuticals. BHRT focuses on testosterone, estradiol, and thyroid optimization.

Common symptoms patients have include fatigue, brain fog, weight gain, hot flashes, anxiety, irritability, muscle and joint pain. Their natural based approach helps both men and women optimize health to live life to their fullest potential.

They have been up and running for a year, and this is their first store front space. Light

refreshments were served, and guests got a sneak peek of their new location.

COO of the Richland Chamber and Economic Development, Jodie Perry, thanked the group of guests in attendance for coming.

Mayor of Ontario, Randy Hutchinson, welcomed Josh and Carrie.

"Carrie is an Ontario graduate, so thank you for coming back and investing in the Ontario area," Hutchinson said. Richland County Commissioner, Cliff Mears said, "you're in a great location here in sunny Ontario. Thank you for your vision and investment."

Jodie Perry thanked Doc Stumbo for coming out. "Thank you for being on Stumbo road," Doc said.

Ohio State Representative, Marilyn John, sent a certificate of proclamation signed by John and Jason Stephens, Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives.

Owner Josh Grund said, "Carrie and I both

have been Nurse Practitioners for about 9-10 years. We've been practicing in emergency medicine and urgent care. Carrie and I met while we were both working in the hospital as nurses. We decided to go into this new aspect of healthcare, the hormone therapy and weight loss aspect."

Carrie said she finds this aspect of healthcare both rewarding and exciting!

They are now offering the weight loss peptide Semaglutide, which helps to reduce food cravings, causes weight loss, slows gastric emptying, decreases appetite and improves insulin resistance.

CAJO Healing Therapies is located in the Ontario Plaza at 2258 Stumbo Rd. The best way to reach them is by phone at 567-333-0848. The website is [cajohealingtherapies.com](http://cajohealingtherapies.com) and you can reach out to them by email at [info@cajohealingtherapies.com](mailto:info@cajohealingtherapies.com).

Consultations are free and patients then have the opportunity to discuss options.

## •Transition has been smooth

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your vehicle for you and weighed. Customers are then given a ticket to come inside and get paid for the material. The same building also takes other household items like tin cans, paper, plastic, and cardboard.

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ONTARIO FCCLA STUDENTS competed at the regional competition recently. Ontario students will advance to state competition in all seven of the events. State competition is scheduled for April 27 and 28. Qualifying in the following categories are: Career Investigation, Roselynn Vanover; Entrepreneurship, Kennedy Sapp; Event Management, Sophia Corwin, Gia Gfrer and Kairi Kearney; Focus on Children, Yuka Mori; Food Innovations, Amelia McCoy and Natalie Sipes; Nutrition and Wellness, Khya Ginn; and Repurpose and Redesign, Aadi Kightlinger and Kadynce Smithberger. FCCLA stands for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.



# •Madison Board has busy meeting agenda

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Desiree Schlund, Chantel Winn and Chantel Pauly.

John Neron was hired as a substitute custodian on an "on call" basis, as needed for the 2022-'23 school year.

James Harris resigned as a bus mechanic, Christopher Brown, resigned as a second shift high school custodian and Randall Kessler, will retire as a bus driver on May 1.

Amy Daniels was hired as a part-time secretary for Madison Adult Career Center, effective April 3; Dean Wills was hired as a bus mechanic, effective March 13; and Teri Argo was hired as a second shift high school custodian, effective March 13.

Mike Cornell has returned to his prior position of second shift custodian at Eastview.

The board approved the 2023-'24 preschool calendar and 2023-'24 Preschool Parent Handbook and Itinerant Services Parent Handbook.

The board approved the Madison music department grades 8-12 to participate in the Cedar Point "Trills and Thrills" competition. The grades 7-8 band and choir students will perform Friday, May 19. High school band students will perform on Saturday, May 6, and the high school women's chorus and chorale will perform on Friday, May 12.

The purchase of a 2022 Dodge Ram 2500 truck for \$51,695 was approved for Career-Tech using Career-Tech weighted funds.

An overnight trip was approved for the SkillsUSA Ohio State Competition April 25-26, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus.

A roof restoration at the high school and replacement of the loading dock roof was approved in the amount of \$103,055.

The board approved roof restoration on the north section of Mifflin Elementary and the gym roof in the amount of \$81,480.

The board eliminated a district custodial position that was created in August 2020 to address needs of district due to pandemic. The need no longer exists.

The contract renewal was approved for Rob Peterson, superintendent, for a period of three years from Aug. 1, 2023 to July 31, 2026.

The next regular board of education meeting will be April 19, at 6 pm in the Madison Middle School Auditoria.

## Fish sale orders being taken

Signs of spring are becoming evident — crocus blooming, daffodils popping up, and the smell of skunk spraying. Another sign is getting ponds ready for summer.

If part of your spring ritual involves stocking a pond, consider ordering pond fish through the Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) pond fish sale now through April 13.

Species for sale are Bluegill, Channel Catfish, Hybrid Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Redear Shellcracker, Yellow Perch, White Amur, and Fathead Minnows.

Pond conditioner, fish food, plastic bags and string may also be ordered through the sale.

This is the only pond fish sale Richland SWCD will sponsor this year. Orders will need to be picked up Friday, April 21 at 10 am at the Richland County Fairgrounds.

For recommendations on stocking rates and to place an order visit <https://richlandswcd.net/event/pond-fish-sale/> or call 419-747-8686.

## Holy week services are scheduled

First Congregational Church, 640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield, has announced it will host a Palm Sunday Worship Service, April 2 at 8:30 am in the chapel and 10:30 am in the sanctuary.

A Maundy Thursday Service will be April 6 at 7 pm in the sanctuary and a Good Friday Service, April 7, will be at noon in the chapel.

Easter Sunday Worship Services will be at 8:30 am in the chapel and 10:30 am in the sanctuary.



Photo by Jenna Wolford

**THE RICHLAND COUNTY FARM BUREAU** hosted the annual Farmers Share Breakfast at Shelby High School on Saturday, March 25. The breakfast included pancakes, fresh whole hog sausage, eggs, orange juice, milk and coffee. The money donated at the breakfast is given to food pantries in Richland County in honor of the FFA chapters who help.

## Pioneer accepts donations

The Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education met March 20. The board adopted a resolution accepting amounts and rates of taxes and adopted the 2023-'24 high school calendar, Early Childhood Education calendar and fee schedule and adult education calendar.

Donations were accepted from Jacob Bush, Celeryville Christian School, Willard, \$160 to pay student costs to attend BPA State Conference in March in Columbus; Bob Halsey, Galion, various tools with an approximate value of \$1,000, to be used in the transportation labs; Debra and Ernie Saltee, Shelby, \$50 for the Robert Janca Scholarship fund; Margie Sebrell, Galion, clothing items with an estimated value of \$100 to be used for the Pioneer Sharing Closet for students in need; and Dawn Wright-Smith, Blackbaud Giving Fund, Charleston, SC, \$30 to be deposited in the Alumni endowment fund and used for annual student scholarships.

The board approved student participation at the DECA International Career Development Conference, April 22-26, at Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, FL. This is for Bucyrus students Noah Burke, marketing; Chris Neale, marketing; Maddison McDaniel, marketing & media communications; Ella Moyer, marketing and media communications; Ella Hoover, marketing; and Adacyn Rister, marketing. Chaperones are Jody Tackett, marketing instructor/DECA advisor; and Jeff Funigiello, media communications instructor/DECA Advisor.

Attending the SPA National Leadership Conference, April 25-30, in Anaheim, CA will be Gabriel Melvin, IT Support, home schooled; Devon Fallen, CyberSecurity, Galion; and Brice Browning, CyberSecurity, Celeryville Christian. The chaperone is Dan Foss, CyberSecurity Instructor/SPA Advisor.

Three-year contracts were awarded to Kris Kowalski, Director of Business; and Jason Fortman, food service manager. One-year contracts were awarded to Kevin Burke, Culinary Arts Instructor; and Skyler Rose, Collision Repair Instructor.

Chaperone stipends for FCCLA Regional Competition were approved for Kris Bruce and Kelly Jung.

The retirement resignation of Juanita Walsh, lead teacher, Early Childhood Education Program, was approved, effective June 1, 2023. Walsh was approved for leave without pay.

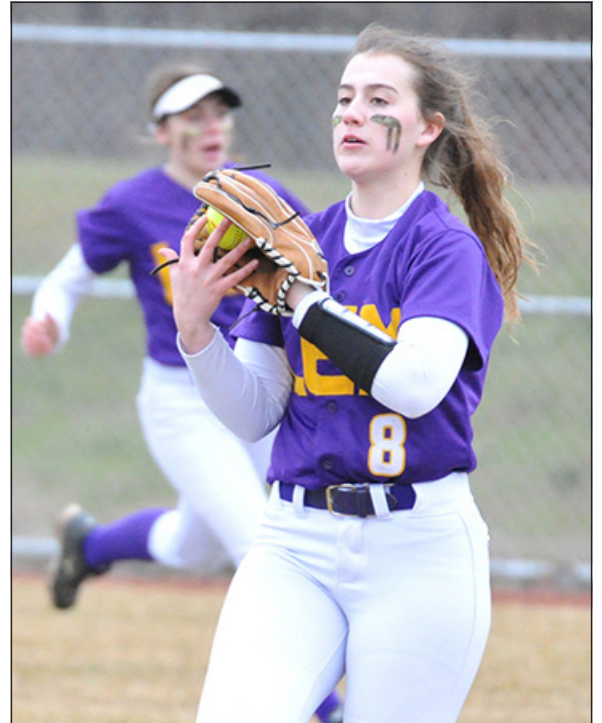
Substitute instructors were employed as was Dameon Dean, substitute custodial/security; and Kayla Rank, substitute secretary.

The board approved employment of Adult Education personnel.

An agreement was reached between Adult Education and Shiloh Medical Services for a clinical setting for phlebotomy students.

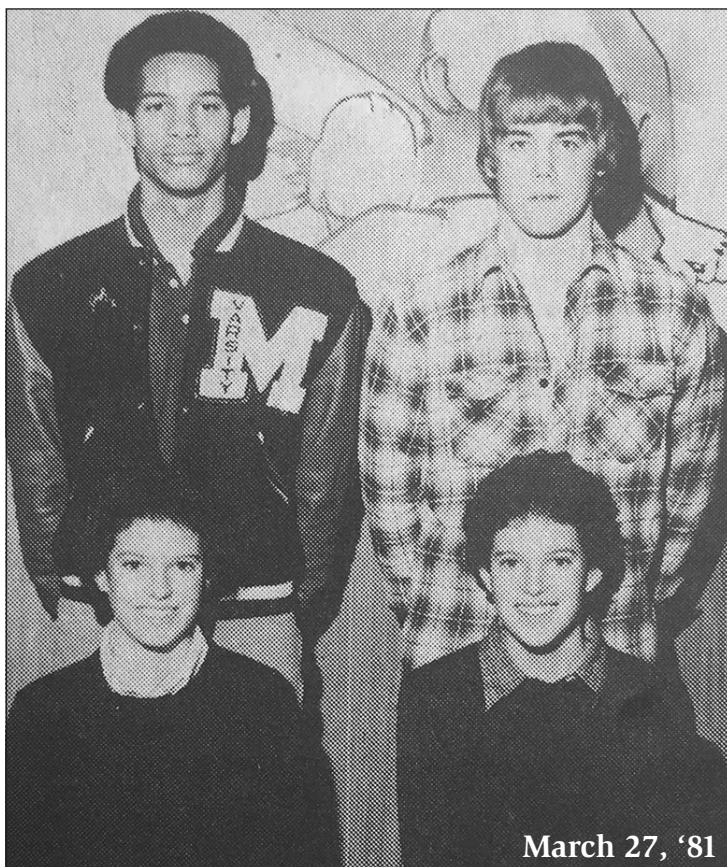


## Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

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



March 27, '81

Photo by Marc Stumbo

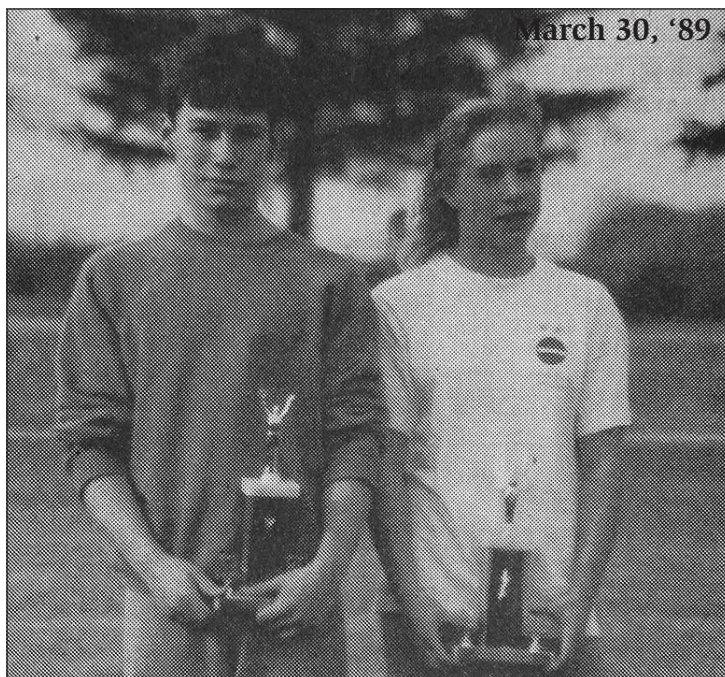
**MADISON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES** were honored last week at the winter sports banquet. Anne and Ellen Carter (seated) were chosen co-MVPs of the girls basketball team. John Bryant (stand, left) was deemed the most valuable on the varsity basketball team, along with a boatload of other honors, and John Graszl was chosen the most valuable member of the varsity wrestling team.



March 27, '86

George Billman

**MARTY CAMPBELL** of Lexington (with plaque) was the first recipient of the Lexington Lions Club "Citizen of the Year" award last Thursday at a dinner meeting at the VFW on Rt. 42 south of Lexington. From the left are Lions Raymond Kinton and Rick Curter, Campbell and his wife. Robert Enskat of the Mansfield-Ontario CPC plant was also on hand to present a \$1,000 check to the club for its athletic scholarship fund.



March 30, '89

**RYAN JULIAN AND JENNIFER MELCHING** were winners of this year's Ontario Middle School Pentathlon. Ryan is an eighth grader and Jennifer a seventh grader. Twenty boys and a dozen girls entered the contest. Story on page six.



March 27, '86

**READY FOR EASTER** — Little Jamie Cox, who will be one year old April 17, is all ready for Easter with her bunny, bonnet and baskets as she posed for our photographer in her finery. She even asked Master Ian Stumbo for the use of his new wagon just for the picture-taking session. Ian wholeheartedly agreed. Jamie is the daughter of Cheryl and Jim Cox who live in Washington Township.



# CLASSIFIEDS

## LEGAL NOTICE

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids for the 2023 Resurfacing Program, Village of Lexington, Ohio will be received by will be received by the Village of Lexington, Ohio at the office of the Administrative Director at 44 West Main Street, Lexington, Ohio 44904 until 10:00 am, local time Thursday April 13, 2023, and then, at said office, publicly opened and read aloud.

Contractors will be required to purchase and download an electronic set of plans and bid documents via the KEM Web Site by visiting <https://kemccartney.com/project-bids/>. If you would prefer a hard copy be mailed, we will do so upon receipt of payment in the amount of \$50.00 per set, along with your UPS or FedEx account number so that shipping charges can be applied to your account. Checks shall be made payable to K.E. McCartney & Associates and all documents become the property of the prospective bidder, with no portion of the payment being refunded. Should you have any questions during the bidding process please contact j burgho lder@kemccartney.com.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities. Contract will be awarded based on the lowest and best bid. The Village of Lexington may reject any or all bids on any basis and without disclosure of reason. The failure to make such disclosure shall not result in accrual of any right, claim or cause of action by any unsuccessful bidder against the Village of Lexington.

Each bid must be accompanied by either an Ohio Revised Code Section 153.571 Bid and Performance Payment Bond in an amount equal to 100% of the bid; or, a cashier's check, bid bond, letter of credit to be duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon, a surety company approved by the Owner in the amount of 10% of the bid.

Each bid must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. The Owner intends and requires that this project be completed by October 13, 2023.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Richland County and Village of Lexington, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Wage and Hour Division, 614-644-2239.

Brenda Wilson  
Clerk of Council  
Village of Lexington, Ohio  
(T-C 3-23, 30 '23) 67L

### 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 March 15, 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-02 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AS AMENDED.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
(T-C 3-23, 30 '23) 25L

### LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL OF QUALIFICATIONS TO DRAFT A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The City of Ontario, Ohio is seeking a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) from qualified consultants to draft a Comprehensive Plan for the City of Ontario, Ohio. Request for Proposal specifications will be available at the City of Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road Ontario, Ohio 44906, or online at <https://www.ontarioohio.org>.

The City of Ontario will receive SOQs at the City of Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road Ontario, Ohio 44906, until 3 PM EST on April 14, 2023. SOQs received after that time will not be accepted.

A contract will be awarded on the basis of ORC Section 153.65 Qualification Based Selection procedure.

Randy E. Hutchinson  
Mayor of Ontario  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
(T-C 3-23, 30 '23) 26L

PROBATE COURT OF RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF Easton Lawrence Palmer to Easton Lawrence Allwardt CASE NO. 20239014.

### NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE OF NAME

Applicant hereby gives notice to all interested persons that the applicant has filed an Application For Change of Name in the Probate Court of Richland County, Ohio, requesting the change of name of Easton Lawrence Palmer to Easton Lawrence Allwardt.

The hearing on the application will be held on the 4th day of May 2023, at 10:00 o'clock am in the Probate Court of Richland County, located at 50 Park Avenue East, Second Floor, Mansfield, Ohio.

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**THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE** class at Ontario High School modeled how carbon dioxide emissions can raise atmospheric temperatures. Students performed a simulation using Alka Seltzer as the source of carbon dioxide, a common greenhouse gas.

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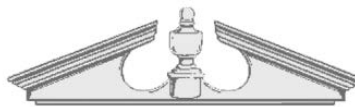
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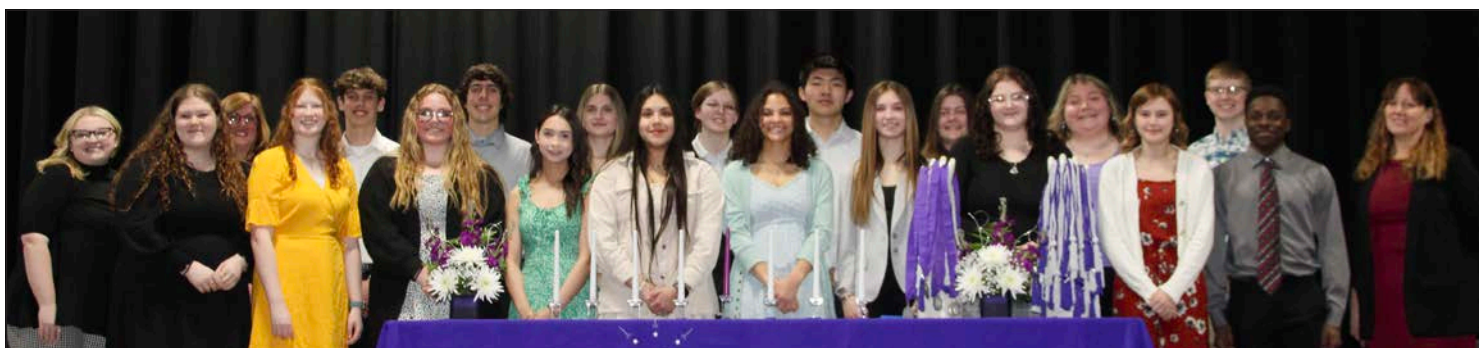
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**PIONEER NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY** members are front, Alexis Parr (Lexington), Elisha Burson (Ontario), Kenadee Bivens (Willard), Marysol Cuevas (Willard), Abby Del Angel (Willard), Mia Felder (Galion), Natalie Frye (Willard), Lorelei Reed (Shelby), Anderson Roll (Shelby) and Kalyn Stichler (advisor); and back, Emma Jenkins (Advisor), Vickie Hunt (Advisor), James Stewart (Ontario), Max Aichholz (Buckeye Central), Allison Wright (Buckeye Central), Natalie Kline (Ontario), Richard Ye (Ontario), Jazmine Jaeckin (Willard), Reagan Mundy (Lexington) and Wesley Madison (South Central).

## Pioneer's National Technical Honor Society hosts ceremony

Pioneer celebrated 26 recipients in the National Technical Honor Society. The Induction Ceremony was held Wednesday, March 22. Students participated in the program of events and lit candles to signify the seven key attributes; Skill, Honesty, Service, Responsibility, Scholarship, Citizenship and Leadership. Each member received their certificate of award and National Technical Honor Society Honor Cord.

In order to meet the criteria of this honor, students should be good, honest, responsible student-citizens who have made a personal commitment to excellence and who agreed to uphold the NTHS Standards of Conduct. NTHS members must also meet the requirements that include; GPA, Attendance, Recommendations, and more. Pioneer NTHS Advisors are Vickie Hunt, Kalyn Stichler and Emma Jenkins.

**Two-Year Members:** Maxwell Aichholz, Buckeye Central; Leah

Blay, Ontario; Marysol Cuevas, Willard; Mariabella Davila, Willard; Abby Del Angel, Willard; Kamryn Gill, Lexington; Wesley Madison, South Central; Grace Miller, Lexington; Reagan Mundy, Lexington; Belicia Salas, Ontario; Audrey Spearman, Ontario; and Alexandria Stollings, Crestview.

**2023 Inductees:** Elisha Burson, Ontario; Kenadee Bivens, Willard; Alexis Parr, Lexington; James Stewart, Ontario; Mia Felder, Galion; Natalie Frye, Willard; Natalie Kline, Ontario; Lorelei Reed, Shelby; Anderson Roll, Shelby; Jamie Wilson, Northmor; Allison Wright, Buckeye Central; and Richard Ye, Ontario.

Pioneer Career and Technology Center has been providing quality career-technical education to high school juniors and seniors for over 50 years.

Visit [www.go2pioneer.com](http://www.go2pioneer.com) or call Pioneer at 419-347-7744 for more information.



**MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** second graders celebrated March Madness by dressing like their favorite book character.





**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL** held a Mental Health Wellness Day sponsored by the Warrior Executive Council. There was yoga classes, a therapy dog, chess, sculpture, coloring, puzzles, journaling and video games for students to enjoy.

## •Blue Ribbons will bring awareness to April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

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Families are invited to come out and see the Easter Bunny. Each child in attendance will receive an Easter bag, small toys and treats. Participants will be required to stay in their vehicles during their visit.

Wear Blue Day Wednesday will be April 12. Wear Blue Day is an annual statewide event to spread awareness on the important issues of child abuse, neglect, and dependency. On this day local businesses, offices, schools, agencies, factories, retail outlets and media partners are asked to Wear Blue to show unity against child abuse and neglect. Participants can take pictures of themselves, their group, classmates, or co-workers wearing blue and send them via email to [Brigitte.Coles@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:Brigitte.Coles@jfs.ohio.gov) for publication on the agency's website and Facebook page.

A free blue-ribbon cookie will be available on Wear Blue Day, April 12 at Buckeye Bakery, 21 E. 4th St., Mansfield. RCCS has teamed up with Buckeye Bakery to give the first 100 customers wearing blue a free cookie in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at the Painting for Prevention Murals, Wednesday, April 26, at 4:30 pm at The Renaissance Theatre, 138 Park Ave. West, Mansfield. The community is invited to join RCCS, Mankind Murals and the RCDG: Mansfield Arts & Culture Sector to celebrate the unveiling of a new mural, 'Through the Eyes of a Child - Painting for Prevention and Adoption,' at the Renaissance Theatre, at 138 Park Ave. West and the Buckeye Imagination Museum, at 175 West Third St., followed by a reception from 5-6 pm at Theatre 166, at 166 Park Ave. West.

The 24th Annual Minority Health Fair will be held at Oasis of Love Church, 190 Chester Ave., Mansfield, Saturday, April 29, from 10 am to 1 pm. RCCS will be participating in the longest-running minority health fair in Richland County by participating as a community partner.

For more information about child abuse prevention programs and activities go to [richlandcountychildrens-services.org](http://richlandcountychildrens-services.org). Call the Richland County Children Services 24-hour child abuse hotline at 419-774-4100 to report child abuse and neglect.



**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL'S** Anatomy and Physiology students went to The Ohio State University to see the campus and tour the cadaver lab.

## Recycling trailer coming April 29 and 30

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, April 29 and 30. 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.