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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY members from Madison Comprehensive High School participated in the second annual Spring Clean-Up Day at the Madison Community Youth Park. Beds were mulched, signs were hung and fields were readied for the upcoming baseball/softball season. Many members grew up playing on these fields and were excited to be able to help the members of the MCYP Board and serve the Madison Community. NHS is founded on the four pillars of service, scholarship, leadership and character. (See more photos on Page 12)

Workshop will focus on native plants

As gardening season gets underway, Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) encourages residents to choose native plants when planning a garden or landscape. Native plants are more suited to our climate and soil and typically do better in our gardens than non-native species. They also provide excellent habitats and food for insects, pollinators and wildlife. Because they have a strong root system, more soil is held in place which slows storm-water runoff and filters pollutants before they enter rivers, lakes and streams.

Richland SWCD is hosting a free workshop on native plants Wednesday, May 3 at 6 pm at the Longview Center, 1495 W. Longview Ave., Mansfield. Gale Martin of Natives in Harmony will provide a brief introduction on native plants and then open the floor for a question and answer session. This workshop is suitable for those considering and those already using native plants. Options to consider before purchasing plants is planting in the right place, blooming times, and desire to attract butterflies, bees and other pollinators.

A native plant sale will be held after the workshop. Plant plugs cost \$4 each and are subject to availability. Flats of plants may be ordered during the sale for \$128. Garden gloves and native seed packets will be available to purchase, also. To register for the workshop visit <https://richlandswcd.net/event/native-plant-workshop-and-sale/>, call 419-747-8685 or e-mail Contact@Richlandswcd.net.

Ontario's cardboard boat regatta honors Weirich

The Ontario Board of Education met April 11 for the regular board meeting.

Greg Nicholi, Clay Frye and Matt Parr recognized Bruce Weirich. The Pioneer Middle School Cardboard Boat Regatta was held at Ontario is now named after Weirich for his 47 years in education and impact on thousands of students.

The board approved Tracy Baxter as the head girls basketball coach and the employment of Craig Crawford as a bus mechanic, effective Monday, April 3, \$13,148.

Certificated staff personnel hired on one-year limited contracts for the 2023-'24 school year are Nicole Boles, preschool special needs/itinerant; Brooke Breiting, fourth grade; Brittney Hart, Stingel Intervention Specialist; Amy Kurtz-Nagel, school wellness coordinator; Kaylynn Mowry, fourth grade; Mackenzie Wolfe, preschool; Lyndsey Thompson, kindergarten; Maggie Voytko, kindergarten; Tara Puckett, third grade; Hallie Brown, kindergarten; Stephanie Cole, fifth grade; Amanda VanHarlingen, kindergarten; Tesla Gray, Stingel Intervention Specialist; Logan Leitz, fifth grade; Devin Osko, Stingel Intervention Specialist; Melanie Ferguson, high school social studies; Elijah Henkel, instrumental music; Allison Haver, high school chemistry; Tim Mergel, student services coordinator; Vincent Sansalone, high school P.E./health; Paige VanCura, high school mathematics; Jaclyn Shaub, high school English; Tonya Welch, high school English; and Eric Wellman, high school intervention specialist.

The board voted to employ certificated staff personnel on three year contracts beginning with the 2023-'24 school year. Hired were Bayleigh Allen, third grade Jordan Eckert, middle school dean of students; Michele Hasten, Stingel Intervention Specialist; Caitlyn Horst, second grade; Mike Schwall, Stingel music teacher; James Watkins, fifth grade; James Willis, fifth grade; Justin Weber, fifth grade; Janey Fulk, middle school science; Megan Hiler, music; Karen Kaufman, middle school health/P.E.; Leigh Ann Patterson, middle school intervention specialist; Lauren Reichenbach, middle school intervention specialist-MD; Jennifer Shaver, middle school language arts; Kelly Conn, high school guidance counselor; Adam Kime, high school English; Hannah Liska, high school intervention specialist-MD; Bryan McHenry, transitional resource teacher.

The board employed classified staff personnel on their first year of a two-year contract beginning with the 2023-'24 school year. Hired were Lauren Kehl, Stingel custodian; Kim Bell, middle school secretary; Barbara Etzwiler, Stingel cook; Jackie Gerhart, Stingel cook; Sandy Toth, middle school cook; Doreen Petit, high school cook; Jane Baker, high school cook; Jessica Lambert, bus driver; Julia Robbins, bus driver; Craig Crawford, bus mechanic.

The board approved the 2023-'24 English Department reading material for the summer and the school year.

One-year extended time contracts for the 2023-'24 school year were approved for Jim Buker, 10 days; John Boyd, 15 days; Robin Owen, 5 days; Jordan Eckert, 10 days.

The board approved a three-year extended time contract for the 2023-'24, 2024-'25, and 2025-'26 school years for Kelly Conn, 15 days.

The resignation of Kami Haubiel, Stingel Intervention Specialist - MD, was accepted, effective at the end of the current school year. John Boyd was hired as Ontario Middle School's online summer school supervisor at \$30 per hour (not to exceed 80 hours).

Non-renewal tutoring staff contracts, effective June 30, 2023, include Doreen Givens, Jennifer Jarvis, Susan Kurtzman, Paulette Huber, Julia Prokopchak, Tami Smith and Airika Freeman (ESL Tutor).

Donations were accepted from an anonymous donor, \$1,000, OHS Swim Team; Matern Metal Works, \$100, Camstrong Fund; Lori A. Day, \$150, Camstrong Fund; Avita, \$3,000, Sports Med; Pepsi Co.,

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Jedediah Strong Smith, trapper and mountain man

By Bob Carter

When the Smith family arrived in 1817 on land near the Village of Perrysville which had been laid out in 1815, the land was virtual all forest. Infant Perrysville only had a population of nine in 1830.

The Smiths cleared the land for a farm and young Jedediah Strong Smith grew up among the pioneer surroundings. It is said he knew Johnny Appleseed and had at one time had either met or had a book by Patrick Gass and his Lewis and Clark Expedition. That life would aid him in what would be a history making career.

A family relative taught him how to read and write. A wanderlust, Smith's first job at 13 was a clerk on a Great Lakes freighter where he learned business practices.

Arriving at manhood, he cleared off a plot along the Blackfork and raised a good crop of pickles. These were packed in barrels filled with whiskey and placed on board a home fabricated raft as he set off down the Blackfork, the Mohican and on to the Ohio and Mississippi to New Orleans. There he quickly sold his tasty cargo of whiskey pickles and the raft for lumber. He then went back upriver to St. Louis and answered an ad in the Feb. 13, 1822, edition of the *Missouri Gazette* where William Ashley wanted 100 men to trap for a fur trading expedition.

The six foot tall 26-year-old with a commanding presence was hired. The beaver fur trappers started up the Missouri and its tributaries and Smith demonstrated his leadership to the point he later became a partner. They encountered three unfriendly Indian attacks and over time suffered from weather, lack of horses and water. Some men went back with horses loaded with beaver fur and did not return. The fur was a very popular fashion in Europe.

Smith led the first documented exploration from the Salt Lake to the Colorado River. From here, Smith's party became the first to cross the Mojave desert into California, which at that time was part of Mexico. There, his men were jailed because they did not have permission to enter that country. After several weeks, Governor Echeandia let them go on condition they were never to return.

Strangely, they headed northeast. This would happen twice and they were jailed twice.

Smith and his men were the first to cross the Sierra-Nevada and great dangerous Basin Desert. His travels were shared from the journal he always kept with the early military forts, generals and officers. His report of Indian tribes and attitudes was most helpful. He had traded with some to get fresh horses.

In 1823, when crossing their way to the southern black hills through what is now South Dakota, they were looking for the Crow tribe to obtain fresh horses and get westward directions when Jedediah was attacked by a grizzly bear. Smith was tackled to the ground by the grizzly, breaking his ribs. His party witnessed him fighting the bear which ripped open his side with its claws and took his head in his mouth. When the bear retreated, Smith's men found part



Smith • 1799–1831

of his scalp and one ear ripped off. Following his instruction, friend Jim Clyman loosely sewed his scalp back on!


After bandaging his wounds and ribs, he later recuperated and moved on. With the scar from his left eye to past his ear, he always wore his hair long on that side. During his long sojourn he sent money home to family in Perrysville, and instructed brother Ralph to buy a farm for him. He would never see that land.

Smith lost his life while heading west to California in what is now western Kansas. They went several days with no water for men and horses. It was a searing drought. In May, 1831, Smith went in search of water and was attacked by 20 Comanches and killed. When he didn't return after three weeks, his men learned of his fate. His body and the journal he always kept were never found.

Two books were written about this western explorer and American, first by Maurice L. Sullivan, a comprehensive biography of Jedediah Strong Smith in 1936. A second book by Dale Morgan was published in 1953. Both books started when Smith joined the Ashley party in St. Louis but nothing was known of his early life.

It was Richland County Historian D. W. Garber who unearthed the missing link and found Smith and family were from Perrysville, and was able to detail his beginning as a fur trapper and explorer. Smith became an American Hero. The University of The Pacific and its Jedediah Strong Smith historical group published Garber's research.

And it all started with a raft loaded with 20 barrels of whiskey pickles.



THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

Dungeons and Dragons: Honor Among Thieves is such a pleasant surprise. It's a self-aware comedy that provides true laughs and a fun story as we see thieves and adventurers travel through different lands to defeat an evil wizard and former friend, now turned enemy, named Forge (Hugh Grant).

Chris Pine as Edgrin and Michelle Rodriguez as Holga play the two main characters and they are terrific together with great chemistry. Pine with his sarcastic humor and Rodriguez is a great foil for him as well as providing some fun fight sequences.

Justice Smith as a not-so-great wizard and Sophia Lillis as a shape shifting creature (resulting in one of the movie's most engaging scenes) round out this team and provide great supporting work as does Hugh Grant as the central villain.

It's also nice to know the audience does not need to have played or been a fan of the famous *Dungeons and Dragons* game to be able to understand

or appreciate this movie.

Standout scenes are where the team is running through a deadly maze and also sequences involving this mysterious wizard and her society that all so elevate the film from being a run of the mill buddy adventure.

Writers and directors Jonathan Goldstein and John Francis Daley also wrote one of the better Marvel films with *Spider-Man: Homecoming* and they bring a great deal of adventure and a terrific knack for humor to make this movie really shine.

There are not many films that I personally come away from and say I would watch a sequel to, but *Dungeons and Dragons: Honor Among Thieves* is one of them. With a fun cast, group of characters, terrific sense of humor and adventure, this movie is definitely one to sit and enjoy with a large popcorn and drink.



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News Briefs

Mansfield 1st EPC, 399 S. Trimble Rd., Mansfield, will host a rummage sale on Friday, April 21, from 9 am to 4 pm; and Saturday, April 22, 9 am to noon.

The semi-annual rummage sale will offer a selection of clothing, toys, housewares and much more. Proceeds are used for local missions. The church is located at the corner of Trimble Rd. and Millsboro Rd. For information call the church office at 419-756-7066.

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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 Shelby-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 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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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.

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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 May 17, will include chicken and the 48th anniversary will be celebrated.

Sunda Peters of the Ohio Genealogical Society will speak. Cost is \$15 for the meal. Guests are welcome. For information visit www.lexasc.org. Dues are \$10 per year.

On May 3, the group will meet at Buck's Bar and Grill in Lexington for lunch at 11 am.

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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.

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The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is hosting a Shred-It event in the parking lot of Hawkins Corner, 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario, on Saturday, April 22, from 9-11 am. This event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Karen at 567-247-6487.

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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-per-

ishables 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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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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Trinity United Methodist Church, 1595 Grace St., Mansfield, will hold its annual Vacation Bible School from 6-8:30 pm the week of July 16-20 for ages kindergarten through sixth grade.

More details will be forthcoming as the date approaches.

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Construction projects are anticipated to affect highways in Richland County.. All outlined work is weather permitting.

U.S. 42, just north of Barr Rd., will be reduced to one lane of traffic on Monday, April 24 for culvert repairs. Traffic will be maintained by flaggers. Estimated completion is Friday, April 28.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Chirstopher Reynolds Sunday, April 23 at 10:30 am.

Reynolds will speak on "Karuna, the Breath of the Grandmothers and Grandfathers, and the Holy Spirit." For information visit www.allsoulsuuohio.org.

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Dear Madison Residents,

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On May 2nd, please vote Yes
for our school levy.



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Employers and students can register for reverse job fair

In just a few weeks, high school students from across the county will be showcasing their skills and interest with the hopes of getting employed.

This collaborative effort, spearheaded by the Richland Area Chamber of Commerce and Ohio Means Jobs (OMJ) Richland County invites local employers to meet high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are seeking internships, seasonal work, part-time and full-time work after graduating.

These students will have their own booths and the employers will come to meet them. EmployMEpalooza is a "Reverse Job Fair".

Faculty members and mentors are currently working with students who are preparing to tell you about their interests, skills, and aspirations. These students are crafting resumes and gathering items to display on their tables so that employers can get an idea of what they would be like as an employee.

The event will take place on April 27, from 10 am to noon at Mid Ohio Educational Service Center, 890 W. 4th St., Mansfield.

There is no cost to employers or students, but both need to register for the event prior to attending. The registration can be found on the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development website under the "Events" tab.

For more information contact Clint Knight, Director of Workforce Development at cknight@chooserichland.com



Photo By Brandon Chamber

Church Directory

Clear Fork Alliance Church

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

Community Bible Church

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

First English Lutheran Church

53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield
419-522-0662 • www.felc-mansfield.org
Pastor Miguel 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
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
Rev. Joseph Yerger
9 am Adult & Youth Sunday School
10 am Sunday Worship

Oakland Lutheran Church

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

Ontario Christian Church

1029 Lewis Rd., Ontario
419-529-5684 • ontariochristian.org
Minister Steve Broughton
9 am Sunday School
10 am Sunday Worship

Ontario United Methodist Church

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

Southside Christian Church Disciples of Christ

2055 Middle-Bellville, Mansfield
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1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison) 419-589-2114 • www.mansfieldstmarys.org
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5:30 pm Tuesday Worship
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\$3,000, girls soccer; Merv and Penny Rasmussen, \$100, Academic Challenge; Edward and Madeline Sauer, \$25, Academic Challenge; and Mark and Deanna Weithman, \$50, Academic Challenge.

The board approved a payment of a stipend of \$125 to board member Jerod Them for his attendance at a March 21 Legislative Conference. A payment was approved for the registration fee for Amy Hiner to attend a Leadership Unlimited.

Student handbooks approved for the 2023-'24 school year included Stingel Elementary School and Stingel Preschool.

Ohio Health-Mansfield was approved as the agency to provide physicals for bus drivers for the 2023-'24 school year.

Employment was granted to temporary substitute teacher Lynn Wechter, Stingel/middle school, for the current school year.

Extracurricular/supplemental personnel hired for the 2022-'23

school year are Samantha Landon, middle school volunteer assistant track coach; and Achilles Litao, high school volunteer boys tennis assistant coach.

The board approved revised board bylaw and policies.

Lunch prices were approved for the 2023-'24 school year.

Ontario Recreation Department (Heather Hendrix) will use the high school auditorium, band room and choir room for the Miss Ontario Pageant and rehearsals.

The board entered into executive session to discuss the employment and compensation of a public employee or official. No action followed. The next board of education meeting will be held on May 9, at 7 pm in the Ontario High School Library.

Correction

Last week, the front page caption ending was cut-off. We apologize and have included the full caption below.

THE ONTARIO POLICE DEPARTMENT held its annual awards banquet on Thursday, March 23. Due to COVID and other factors, this year recognized all awards from 2019-2022. Awards were presented to 2022 Officer of the Year Amanda Lawhorn, 2022 Dispatcher of the Year Derek Metzger, 2021 Officer of the Year Shelley Dehart, 2021 Dispatcher of the Year Derek Metzger, 2020 Dispatcher of the Year Ian Metcalf, 2019 Officer of the Year Dylan Bailey and 2019 Dispatcher of the Year Ian Metcalf. Other awards included Safe Driving, Years of Service, No Sick Leave, Life Saving and individual performance awards. Receiving Life Saving Awards were Officer Dylan Bailey, Officer Amanda Lawhorn, Officer Rod Roose and Sgt John Mager. Certificates of Appreciation were also awarded to Sheriff Steve Sheldon, Mayor Randy Hutchinson, Service Safety Director Kris Knapp and Chaplain Jill Waite. Donating to the event were Mayor Hutchinson, Service Safety Director Kris Knapp, Brown Derby Roadhouse, Brian and Michelle Gates State Farm Insurance, Area Agency on Aging, Chaplain Jill Waite, Texas Roadhouse, Skyline Chili, Altitude Trampoline Park, Hobby Town, Jennerate Fitness, Norwex by Gwen Malone, Walmart, Cinema 14 Ontario and Sam's Club. Picture are (top left) Rod Roose, (top right) Derek Metzger and (bottom left) Amanda Lawhorn.

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Jeffrey "Jeff" Daniel Ling, April 11

Bruce Clinton Dunlap, April 12

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Nascar

This four year old came into the shelter on Dec. 3 and quickly became an employee and volunteer favorite. Nascar can sit for treats and can shake also. He loves laying on blankets and walks pretty well on a leash, although the longer the walk, the

better he gets. Nascar may need some additional training to be perfect on a leash. He is wonderful and incredibly sweet!

Nascar loves being told he is a very good boy and will sit nicely while his picture is being taken. Nascar can be a little timid when meeting new people, but a few treats will quickly rectify that and he will immediately realize the person bearing treats is a good friend. Nascar may also be scared of small children and may need a home without them. The shelter thinks he is good with cats and dogs and takes treats nicely. Come meet Nascar!

Nascar 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.

Senior Spring Extravaganza to be held for Older Americans Month

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. will hold a Senior Spring Extravaganza on May 11 at 10 am at the Richland County Fairgrounds in Mansfield.

This free event, hosted by the Area Agency on Aging, is held in recognition of Older Americans Month, and offers guests entertainment, refreshments, resources, information regarding aging issues, and a chance to win door prizes.

There will be an on-site classic car show and entertainer Randy Velez will sing the oldies. There will be a free lunch and BINGO.

Sponsorships, Vendor Booths, and Car Show slots are available but must register. To become a sponsor visit www.aaa5ohio.org/events/senior-spring-extravaganza/.

The event will be held in two buildings and the parking lot. For information contact the Area Agency on Aging at 567-247-6487.

Wreaths Across America announces 2023 Youth Service Project

Wreaths Across America (WAA) announces the 2023 Youth Service Project as part of its year-round TEACH program. The project will tie into the national nonprofit's 2023 theme, "Serve and Succeed."

The Youth Service Project encourages young people of all ages and grade levels to develop, organize and execute a community service project to improve the lives of veterans or others in their local community.

By participating in, and successfully completing the Serve and Succeed project of their choosing, students will receive a certificate of community service award and commemorative bracelet from WAA. Each participant will be entered into a random drawing for the opportunity to visit the National Wreaths Across America Museum, Gold Star History and Hospitality House and the tip land monuments where replica dog tags from thousands of service men and women are hung in remembrance. The service project needs to be completed by Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2023.

Throughout the year, the WAA TEACH program provides educational opportunities for people nationwide to engage with veterans in their communities. In 2022 generous supporters made it possible for WAA to launch a K-12 curriculum that is aligned with the National Council on Social Studies and state Common Core standards. The free, downloadable lesson plans ensure stories of service, sacrifice and valor are passed down to future generations while building good character and self-worth through service to others.

WAA also launched its first Youth Service Project in 2022, where students participated in an oral history project interviewing veterans. The contest winner, randomly selected from among the participants, was recently selected and will be publicly acknowledged at the organization's annual Stem to Stone event held in Maine each summer.

"Teaching younger generations the value of freedom and the importance of honoring those who sacrificed is a core part of our mission, but we want our young people to know you do not have to be in the military to serve," said Cindy Tatum, WAA TEACH Curriculum Developer and Gold Star Mother.

"The WAA 2023 Youth Service Project encourages America's youth to create, develop, and execute a community service project that will benefit Veterans or others in their local community or the global community. No act of service is too small, and we look forward to the impactful projects students will submit."

To learn more about the TEACH program and participate in the service project visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/teach.

Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992.

The organization's mission - Remember, Honor, Teach - is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as thousands of veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond. For more information or to sponsor a wreath visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org.

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MADISON COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL National Honor Society members participated in the second annual Spring Clean-Up Day at the Madison Community Youth Park. Students completed numerous projects during the special day.

Presentation will help explain Medicare

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., in partnership with the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program, will host a "Welcome to Medicare" event for Ohioans new to Medicare on Thursday, May 4, from 2-4 pm at Hawkins Corner, 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario.

This is a free informative event. Area Agency on Aging staff will be available to assist with additional outreach resources.

For information about this or other events contact the Benefits Enrollment Center (BEC) at the Area Agency on Aging at 419-525-6749 and your call will be returned. No registration is required to attend the event.

To access the free in-person and virtual Welcome to Medicare events schedules, visit insurance.ohio.gov. OSHIIP representatives are also available at 800-686-1578 and oshiipmail@insurance.ohio.gov to answer Medicare questions.

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ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL'S KEY CLUB sponsored a campaign to support the United Way of Richland County. Mr. Kreger's class contributed the most money and won a trip to the Columbus Zoo and lunch at Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers.



THE DRUG FREE SENIORS at Ontario High School have been enjoying their time with the Stengel kids. The seniors and the Stengel students love the time they have together. Students are also reconnecting with past teachers during their visits to the elementary.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL students Jena Ly and Kayelin Risner decorated the bulletin board using cut outs of students' hands written with their names and things they like about themselves.

Richland SWCD named 2023 District of the Year

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) was named District of the Year for 2023 at the February 21, 2023, Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation District Partner Meeting in Columbus. Richland SWCD was selected from a field of 88 Ohio districts.

"We were excited and honored to be named Soil and Water Conservation District of the Year for 2023 because we know that so many other Districts are worthy of this award, too. We are fortunate to be part of such a knowledgeable, trusted, and passionate community of dedicated people who are working to conserve our precious soil and water resources in our own local communities," stated Erica Thomas, Richland SWCD Director.

Erica went on to say, "As our name implies, we have "Rich" land in Richland County--rich with diversity, plentiful natural resources, and people committed to being good stewards, and it makes our work very meaningful and personal for each one of us at Richland SWCD."

The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding and innovative Soil and Water Conservation District education initiatives that have proven successful in reaching out to a variety of audiences (including nontraditional and underserved), involving new partnerships, and spreading the soil and water conservation message. District programs honored will serve as models of excellence for other SWCD education programs.

"We value the relationships and friendships we have made over the years and this award wouldn't be possible without the support from Board Supervisors, volunteers, the elected officials in Richland

County (especially Richland County Commissioners, Ohio Senator Mark Romanchuk, and State Representative Marilyn John), Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA), United States Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS), Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District, the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the public, numerous partners, and the interns funded by the Richland Foundation who are all working toward the common goal of protecting, preserving, conserving, and promoting soil and water health. We are very blessed to work with this tremendous group of folks who genuinely want to make a difference in the world and community we live in," Erica Thomas said.

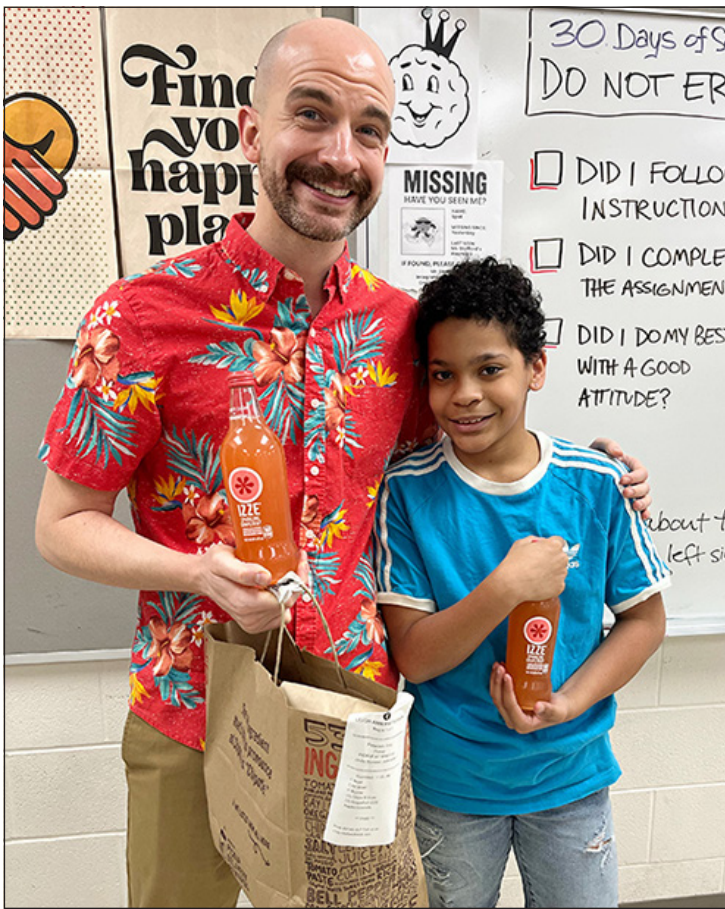
"Richland SWCD has grown in staff and programs during the last several years and with this new energy and funding, the district has been able to get involved in new and exciting ways to engage with residents in Richland County to promote conservation. Staff put in a lot of sweat equity with passion and dedication during 2022."

"It was a very busy year and the District was active and present in a variety of programs in the county with new partnerships and growth. The attached sheet outlines four programs among many programs Richland SWCD offers that highlight new partnerships and engagement in spreading soil and water conservation messaging."

"This award is especially meaningful because we are celebrating our 75th anniversary this year and this award further encourages us in the importance of the work we are doing and services and programs we provided," said Erica Thomas.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL students earning All A's were treated to a breakfast in honor of their achievement.



ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A MIDDLE SCHOOLER? Sixth grade Industrial Technology teacher Mr. Stafford and his sixth grade student Khy Cunningham answered 10 questions from the sixth through eighth grade curriculum during the Spring Break Warrior Way Day. The also answered the million dollar ninth grade level question. Instead of a million dollars, they chose to share a Chipotle lunch together for their prize.

Annual report highlights significant achievements for Ohioans with developmental disabilities

The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (Ohio DD Council) has released its 2021-'22 annual report providing an overview of the council's work and specific grant projects that aim to improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities.

Driven by the council's Five-Year State Plan, the council funds grant projects that aim to promote independent living in an inclusive community for Ohioans with developmental disabilities.

This annual report highlights over 20 projects in the areas of outreach, children and health, community living, employment, public policy, and technology and communication.

Amongst many of its projects, the Ohio DD Council provided a second year of funding for the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio and the SOAR (SSI/SSDI) Outreach, Access and Recovery Ohio program. The program, executed by SOAR Ohio Project & Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council, helps move some of Ohio's most vulnerable community members into better housing opportunities through access to the Social Security benefits application process.

Amy Lamerson, SOAR Ohio and Housing Now for Homeless Families (HNHF) Director said "We feel the more professionals and family advocates learn about the free certification training being offered and the positive impact of the SOAR methodology; this will facilitate expert-level benefits knowledge, self-advocacy, and Social Security knowledge that is power when it comes to our community members living with disabling conditions."

The project worked with 11 individuals (58% approval rate) for SSI in the monthly award amount of \$7,868. Annually, this equals \$94,416 in SSI benefits to provide stability for those individuals over the next year. Eight individuals received SSDI or both SSI/SSDI in the monthly award of \$8,761. Annually, this equals \$105,132 in benefits to provide stability with those individuals over the next year. Of these claimants, 10 individuals were awarded back pay for their disabling condition totaling \$76,319 in financial resources for housing and health stability.

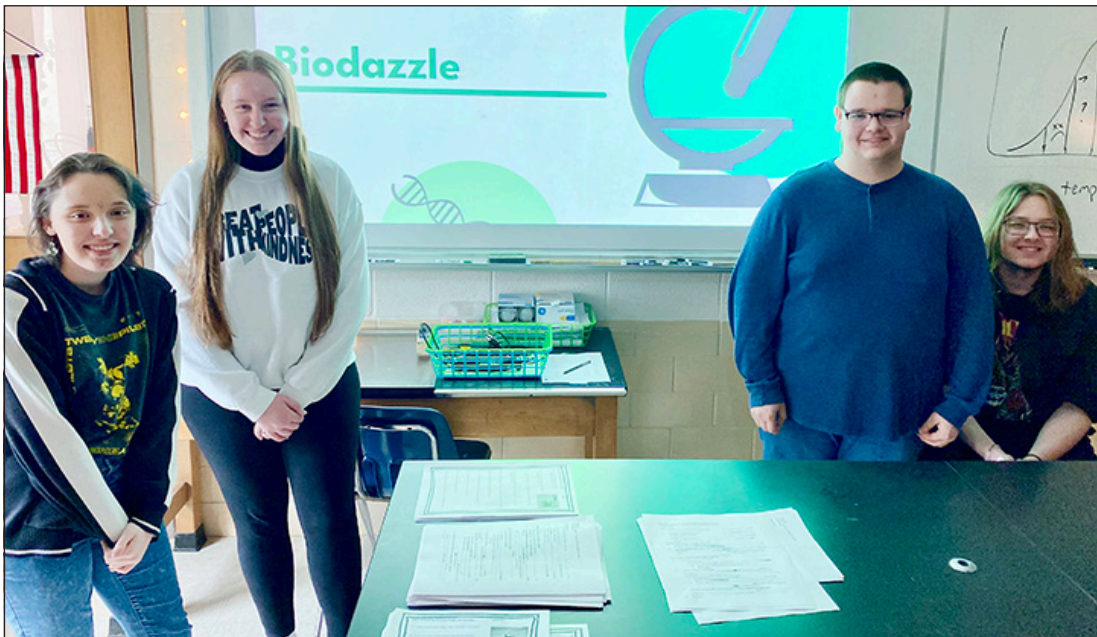
Another project focused on Family Support in Early Intervention. Awarded to the Ohio County Board Association, two effective tools were developed with the funding from this grant for Early Intervention (EI) professionals.

First, an on-demand video series, Conversations That Connect, was developed to provide information on engaging and building relationships during virtual EI visits. The overall goal is to advance the field and practice of EI providers in their ability to maximize their relationship-building skills with families using a virtual platform.

With much of the EI work being done today via virtual methods, providers need to understand how powerful they can be, whether in person or on screen. A discussion guide was also developed and available for use along with each video segment.

The report also highlights its Council Members, staff, and other significant projects that continue to impact Ohioans with developmental disabilities.

Council members, staff and stakeholders work together to identify problems or needs that should be addressed.



THE "BIODAZZLE" COMPANY (Abigail Bechstein, Mia Strong, David Reedy and Ryan Watts) was voted "Best Shark Tank Pitch" in Environmental Science class at Ontario High School. The assignment was to convince Mrs. Welch and their classmates that their renewable energy resource was the best option to invest in. "Biodazzle" members were awarded with Dairy Queen gift cards for their biomass proposal.

Metal Exteriors celebrates one decade of business

Photo and Article
By Traci Little

One decade is in the books for Metal Exteriors out of Shiloh. They would like to thank everyone that has been a special part of their journey.

From humble beginnings with only three employees, the company has grown to become a thriving business with over thirty employees and with projects in over thirty states.

Jennifer Wagner of the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development held a ribbon cutting on Thursday, April 14 at 10 am.

"This journey began with two brothers who had a passion for serving their local community with quality roofing and wall systems. Their commitment to excellence and dedication to their craft quickly caught on as they are now receiving inquiries from all over the United States. Today we celebrate their hard work and determination that has led to this tremendous growth that you see here before us. We are so proud to call them a success story and offer our sincere congratulations on all of your achievements on behalf of the Richland Area Chamber, our board members, and the Richland County community," said Jennifer.

Josh Chamberland of Metal

Exteriors went onto say, "We've grown since the day Metal Exteriors started and we are super excited for what the future holds. We are thankful to our community and for all the people who have supported us and look forward to another ten years of doing business here in Northern Richland County. It's been a great adventure to go from only three employees to thirty plus employees, so thank you!"

Ten years ago, they embarked on a journey to provide the highest quality metal roofing and siding solutions for the community. Facing many challenges along the way, they have not only overcome those obstacles but have grown and thrived! They could not have done it without the hard work, dedication, and expertise of their amazing team.

Metal Exteriors would like to express their deep gratitude to their customers, partners, suppliers, and their talented and committed staff. Without everyone's trust, support, and contributions, Metal Exteriors would not be where it is today. The team has invested hard work, expertise, and passion into the business, and they are truly the backbone of the company. Without their dedication and commitment to excellence, the growth could not have been possible.

Faithful customers have en-

trusted Metal Exteriors with their projects, and they find loyalty and satisfaction in the work that's been done.

Partners and suppliers have chosen to collaborate with Metal Exteriors by providing the best materials, tools, and resources. The hope is that the valued relationships created will be strengthened for years to come.

As Metal Exteriors reflects on the past ten years, they are filled with pride, gratitude, and optimism for the future. There is an excitement to continue serving their clients, innovating in the industry, and making a positive impact within the community and environment.

Along with the ribbon cutting ceremony, Metal Exteriors held an open house until 2 pm. The celebration featured activities including product demonstrations, a speed fastener competition, booths from industry experts, and guided tours of the facilities. Attendees had the opportunity to network and learn more about the latest trends in the metal roofing and siding industry.

As part of a year-long rebranding effort, you can now find them online at MetalExteriors.com. They are located at 8511 Shiloh-Norwalk Rd., in Shiloh. The business can be found on facebook at www.facebook.com/metalexteriors.

Countdown begins to total solar eclipse

On April 8, 2024, Shores & Islands Ohio (representing Erie and Ottawa counties, including Sandusky, Cedar Point, Put-in-Bay, and more) will be in the path of totality for a solar eclipse. The moon will completely block out the sun for approximately four minutes, which is one of the longest durations in the path.

With unobstructed views on Lake Erie or in the acres of greenspace throughout the area and special viewing parties in coastal communities, Shores & Islands Ohio is an ideal location to witness the celestial event.

The destination marketing organization has launched a webpage, one year ahead of the big event, as a resource to help visitors safely enjoy the solar eclipse while providing information about local events and activities related to this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The last total solar eclipse in Ohio was in 1806 and the next total solar eclipse in Ohio will not be until 2099.

The site, SHORESANDISLANDS.com/solar-eclipse, will provide information on all solar eclipse-related events and promotions in the area as well as information to help visitors plan their stay such as lodging, restaurants, attractions and things to do. There is even a chart included that provides information on the destination's communities, exact time the totality will start in the community, and the duration of the totality so guests can make an informed decision on where to best enjoy the view. The site will also include information on how visitors can pick up complimentary solar eclipse viewing glasses from our welcome centers and other area partners.

The site will be continuously updated throughout the upcoming year as new events and promotions are planned. It even includes an online form for local businesses and communities to add their eclipse event information. Event information will include dates, times, and a link to the event organizer website.

With the total solar eclipse happening on a Monday, festivals and events are encouraged to host events throughout the entire weekend to encourage visitors to arrive early and stay late.





Colorado in the Fall • Photo By Mark Shutt

Ohio hosts are still needed for international high school students

In an age when international relations are often tenuous, AFS-USA, a leader in international high school student exchange for 75 years, is focused on providing opportunities for intercultural exchange that can help lead to a more just and peaceful world.

AFS-USA invites families and individuals from the Columbus area and surrounding communities to become hosts for international students for 12 weeks, a semester, or an academic year.

Hosting provides individuals, families, high schools, and communities with opportunities to learn about the unfamiliar by exploring a diversity of cultures, all while sharing their own culture with a young person from a different country.

Exchange students represent nearly 80 countries and cultures, including Kenya, Ukraine, Egypt, Türkiye, Italy, Germany, Chile, Thailand and more. They are among the more than 1,000 international AFS students hosted in the U.S. each year.

AFS-USA host families represent a broad range of U.S. cultures, including individuals and families of multi-national/ethnic backgrounds, those with and without children, those who are members of the LGBTQ+ community, and more.

In addition, AFS-USA has a more than 50-year partnership with the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), which offers numerous sponsored scholarships for international students to study abroad in the U.S. including the following programs:

Hosts are expected to provide their student(s) with a bed, meals and support and encouragement throughout their program. Students arrive with their own spending money and medical coverage.

Those interested in hosting an AFS Exchange Student are encouraged to contact 1-800-AFS-INFO or visit www.afsusa.org for more information. For those interested in studying abroad please browse our programs and apply now to start your journey. You can also get involved as an AFS-USA Volunteer. Visit www.afsusa.org/volunteer to get started or learn more about opportunities to make a difference.

National Work Zone Awareness Week presents reminder to drivers

The Ohio Department of Transportation is joining other departments of transportation across the country to mark National Work Zone Awareness Week. The week of April 17–21 is set aside each year to remind drivers of the need to pay extra attention in work zones to keep both themselves and workers safe.

"It's important that drivers remember to look out for the safety of our road crews as they work hard to keep our streets and highways safe," said Ohio Governor Mike DeWine. "Paying attention, slowing down, and giving crews room to work are simple steps that all drivers can take to prevent tragedies in our work zones."

Because everyone has a role to play in work zone safety, this year's theme is "Work With Us." The national event is being hosted by the Missouri Department of Transportation.

Nationally, 857 people, including 117 workers, were killed in 774 fatal work zone crashes in 2020, the most recent data available. In Ohio, there were 4,628 work zone-related crashes last year. Of those, 21 were deadly resulting in 23 deaths. Fortunately, no workers were killed. Our partners at the Ohio State Highway Patrol wrote 4,477 work zone citations in 2022 with 35% of them for speeds in excess of 20 miles per hour over the speed limit.

What many fail to recognize is most people killed in work zone crashes are motorists and their passengers.

"Too many of these work zone crashes are the result of drivers not paying attention, speeding, or following the vehicle in front of them too closely," said ODOT Director Jack Marchbanks. "It is imperative that drivers give extra attention to the road in work zones and obey the speed limits and other signs so that everyone makes it home safe at the end of the day."

Wednesday is Go Orange Day. The public is encouraged to wear orange to show awareness for work zone safety and support for road workers. Photos can be shared on social media using hashtag #NWZAW and #Orange4Safety.

Thursday will feature a push on social media. Organizations, companies, institutions, and individuals are asked to share safety messages and use hashtags #NWZAW and #WorkZoneSafety.

The week concludes with a moment of silence on Friday.

"I have a family that I want to go home to. It takes just a few extra seconds to move over or slow down," said Tim Felton, a highway technician at ODOT's Washington County Garage.

In April 2002, Steve Lafferty was working with an ODOT crew along Rt. 115 near U.S. 30 in Allen County when he was hit by a truck that went off the road to avoid traffic stopped by a flagger at the work zone.

"We were almost at the end of the day, maybe 15 or 20 minutes," Lafferty recalled. "He was just going at such a high rate of speed that we had no time to react." Lafferty survived with critical injuries, but never returned to work at ODOT. "I loved my job at ODOT. It was the best job I ever had," Lafferty said. "To not be able to continue doing that, that's a hard pill to swallow."

The last ODOT employee killed on the job, John Pasko, was hit on March 15, 2018, while clearing brush along I-680 in Mahoning County. His is the 162nd name added to the memorial.

Registration open for golf outing

The Lexington Kiwanis will host its 3rd annual golf outing at Twin Lakes Friday, May 12.

Registration is at 12:30 pm and a shotgun start is at 1:15 pm. This is a 4-person scramble format.

Dinner will be served at 5 pm. Those unable to golf are invited to come out at 5 pm to hear more about the Lexington Kiwanis.

Twin Lakes Golf Course is located at 2220 Marion Ave., Mansfield. Cost is \$275 per team of four and includes green fees, cart rental, soft drink, chips & hot dog at the turn, dinner and prizes. Alcoholic beverages are not included in the cost of the outing but will be available at discounted prices. All teams must register and pay by May 1.

Sponsorship opportunities include a \$100 company hole sponsor and a \$350 team of four and hole sponsor.

Money raised at the outing will go to help support youth services. For more information email lexkiwanispresident@gmail.com.

Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



THE ONTARIO TENNIS TEAM won the Jim Grandy Tournament in Bucyrus. Ontario first place finishers were Joseph Litao at first singles; Alex Ellis at second singles; Pablo and Hector Sanchez Vidal at first doubles; and Brody Phillips and Hunter Petit at second doubles. Lance Miller came in fourth at 3rd singles. Grandy Tournament in Bucyrus. Ontario first place finishers were Joseph Litao at first singles; Alex Ellis at second singles; Pablo and Hector Sanchez Vidal at first doubles; and Brody Phillips and Hunter Petit at second doubles. Lance Miller came in fourth at 3rd singles.

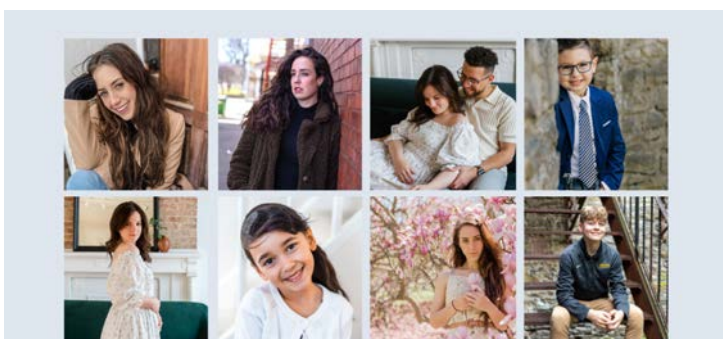


Ontario Middle School track teams place second and third

The Ontario Middle School Track teams traveled to Clear Fork last Friday to compete in the Clear Fork Middle School Invitational. The boys team placed second out of five teams and brought home a trophy. The girls team placed third, only 1.5 points away from second.

Top performances were given by the following male athletes: Liam Hershberger, Tanner Winningham, Demetri Parsons & Caden Meyers finishing second in the 4x800 meter relay; Trindon Flenoury and Jermel Powell finishing second and third in the 100 meter dash; Garrett Hagerman, Izayah Hatcher, Gavin Wagner and Dillon Schunatz finishing third in the 4x200 meter relay; Elton Toska, Max Grfer, Jermel Powell and Zane Curry finishing second in the 4x100 meter relay; Jermel Powell and Dillon Schunatz finishing third and fourth in the 200 meter hurdles; Demetri Parsons finishing fourth in the 800 meter run; Connor Dawson, Elton Toska, Henry Yugovich and Max Grfer finishing fourth in the 4x400 meter relay; Zane Curry and Trindon Flenoury finishing second and fourth in high jump; Trindon Flenoury and Zane Curry finishing second and third in long jump; Lincoln Ginn and Dillon Schunatz finishing first and fourth in discus; and Lincoln Ginn finishing first in shot put.

For the girls, top performances were given by Eliana Fittante, Kamryn Pelfrey, Ella Them and Tatum Mottayaw finishing second in the 4x800 meter relay; Anna Saltzgiver and Ieyanna David finishing second and third in the 100 meter dash; Anna Saltzgiver, Reagan Boughton, Grace Click and Grace North finishing second in the 4x200 meter relay; Ava Zehe and Ella Them finishing third and fourth in the 1600 meter run; Anna Saltzgiver, Ryleigh Ames, Ieyanna David and Kaylei Chandler finishing second in the 4x100 meter relay; Jordyn Yeager finishing fourth in the 400 meter dash; Reagan Boughton finishing fourth in the 200 meter dash; Grace North, Ryleigh Ames, Jordyn Yeager, and Kaylei Chandler finishing third in the 4x400 meter relay; Jordyn Yeager finishing third in long jump; Isabella Sorrenti finishing fourth in discus; and Isabella Sorrenti finishing second in shot put.



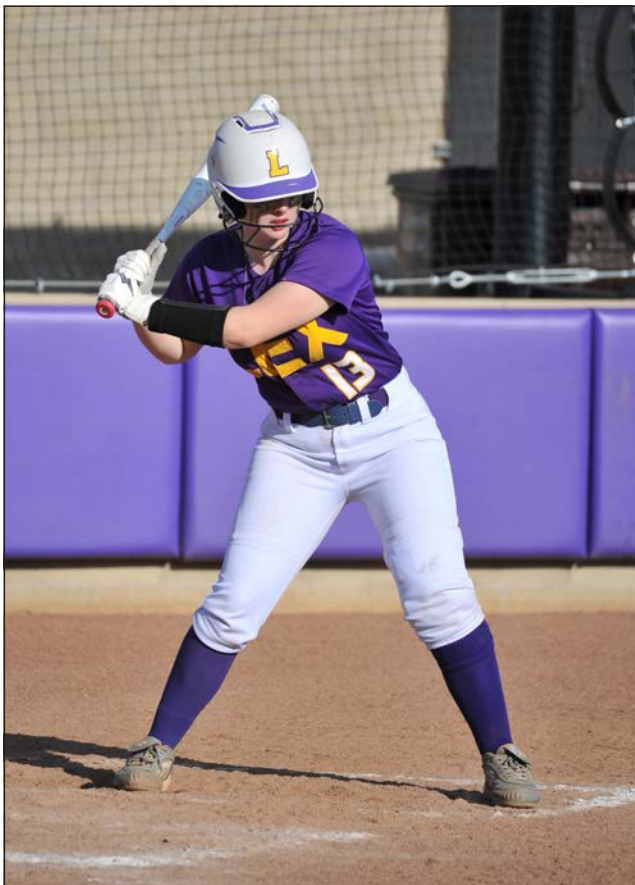
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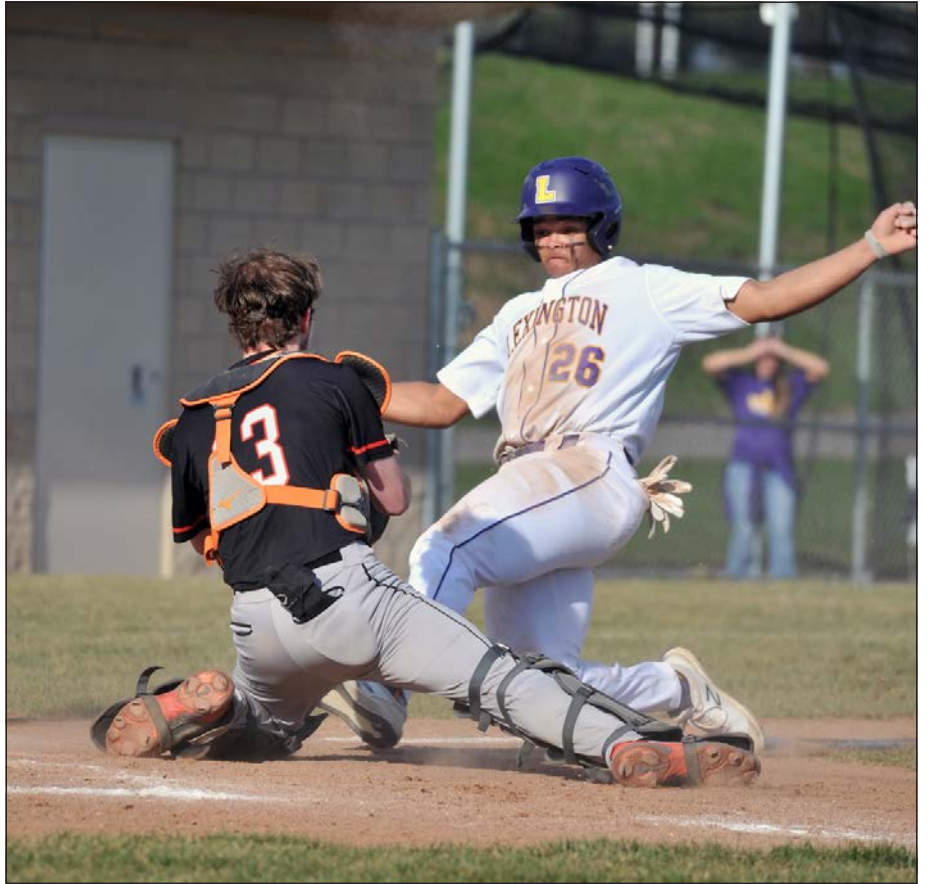
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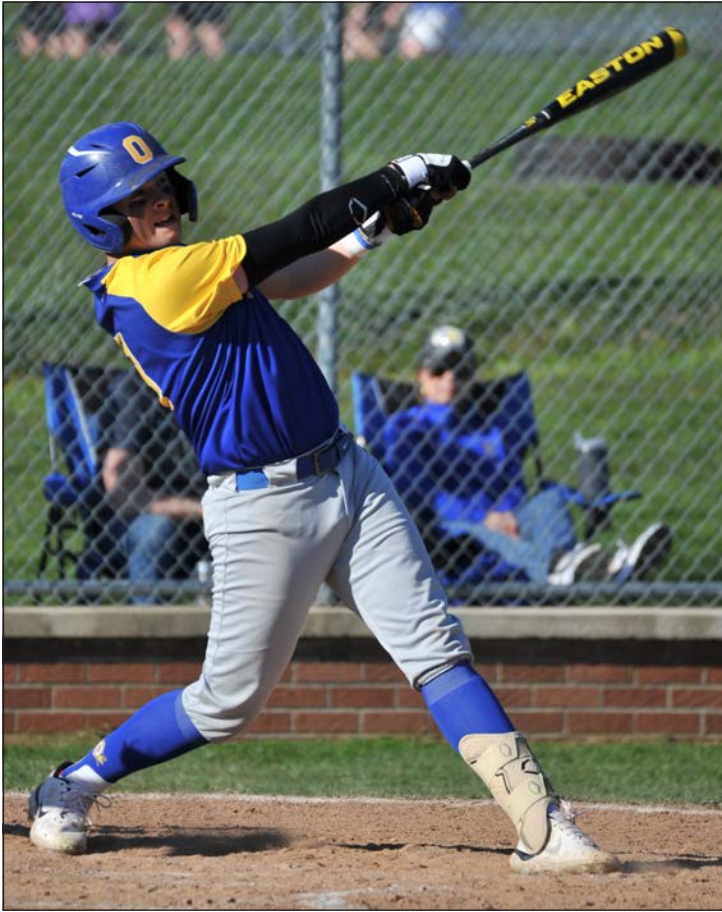
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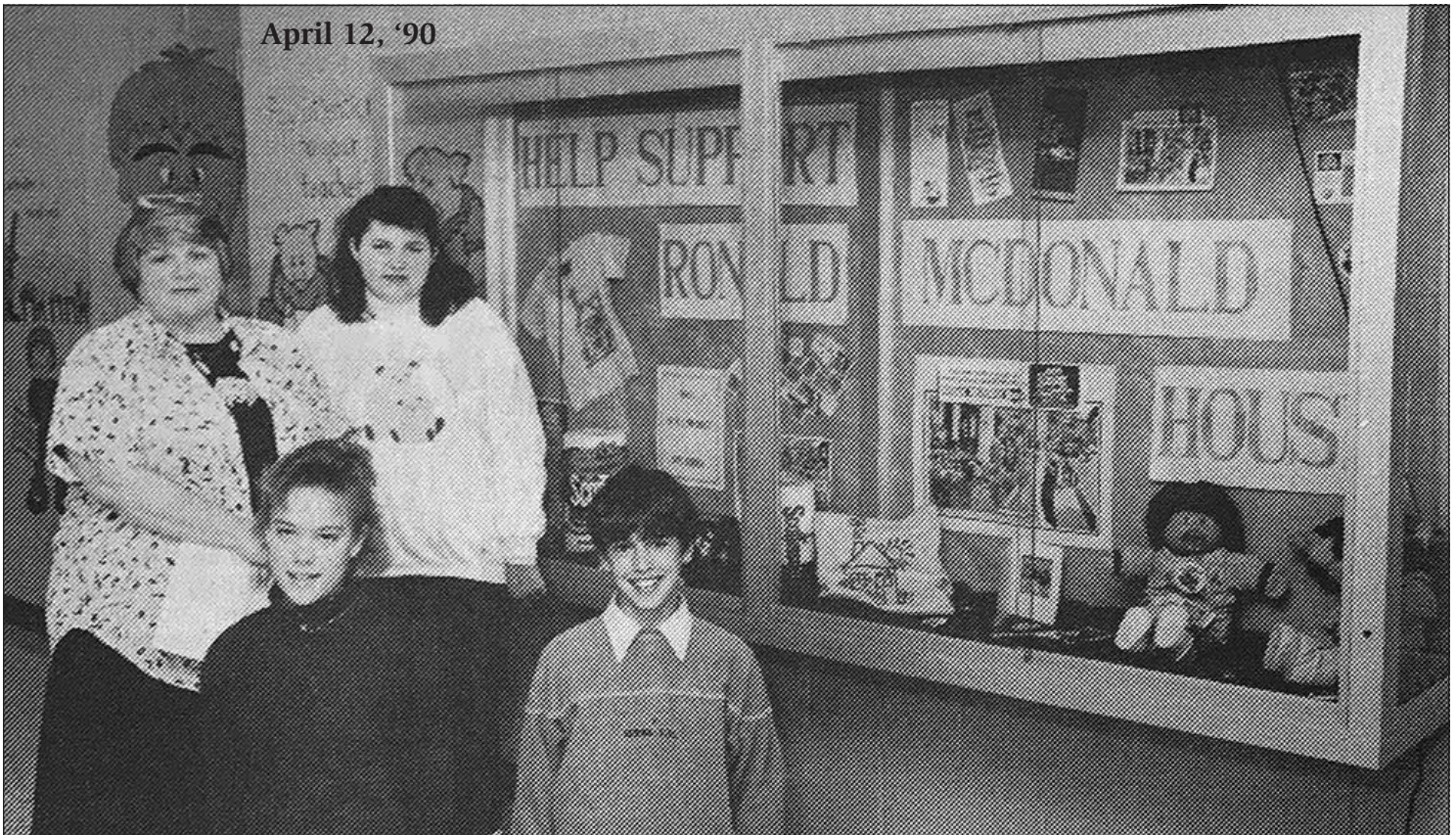


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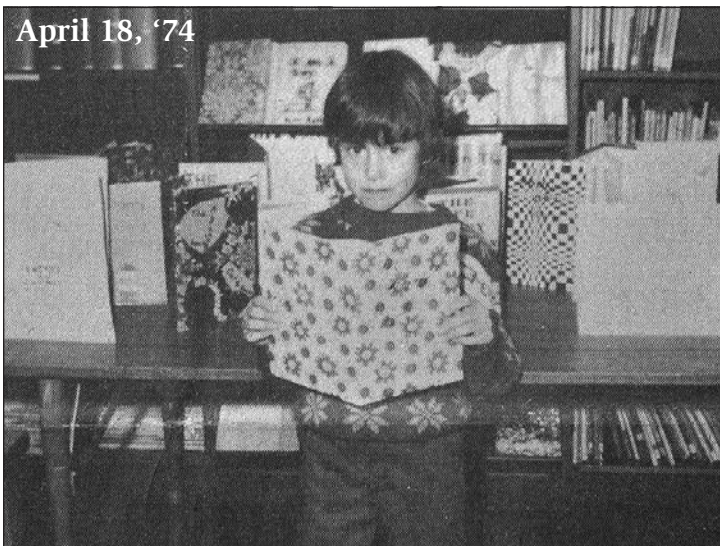
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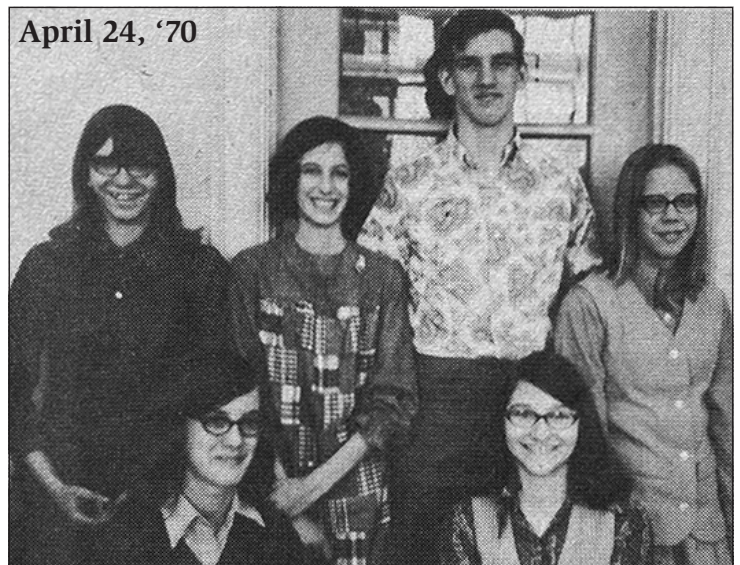
Marc Stumbo

STUDENTS COLLECT SYMBOLS — Students at Eastern Elementary School in Lexington are joining grocers and consumers throughout northeast Ohio to help raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland thru the collection of UPC symbols from Scott Paper products this spring. Individuals and groups interested in supporting the local campaign are urged to contact Tonya Houser (back left) at Eastern school for more information. Pictured with Miss Houser are students Jackie Owens (back right) and (front) Holly Hamilton and Nathan Stein.



April 18, '74

TIM WOODCOCK, 7, a second grade pupil at Bedford Elementary School, won an honorable mention on his book, *The Animal Book*, that he wrote for the Literature Festival. He wrote about animals because he has a dog named Jolly and used to have another dog, fish and a parakeet.



April 24, '70

LEX SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS — Above are winners in the Lexington Science Fair. Seated are Julie Betz and Carla Kalinoff. Standing are Kathy Thomas, Sharon Shaughency, Kurt St. Clair and Holly Walter.

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Separate sealed bids for the RIC-CR144-6.50: Ontario Sidewalks in Ontario, Ohio will be received by Kris Knapp, Service-Safety Director, at 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio 44906 until 10:00 am, local time, on May 4, 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 jburgholder@kemccartney.com.

The project description is as follows:- Construct 450 feet of new sidewalk along the west side of Shelby Ontario Road (C.R. 144) starting at the intersection of Pearl St. and extending north to the existing walk at the school. The project includes new curb and gutter, curb ramps, sidewalks, traffic control, and drainage improvements.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities. Contract will be awarded based on the lowest and best bid. The City of Ontario 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 City of Ontario. Bidders must be ODOT prequalified. This project does not include a DBE Goal.

Each bidder is required to furnish with its bid, a Bid Guaranty and Contract bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond Form shall be issued by a Surety Company or corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety.

Each bid must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will, to the extent practicable use Ohio Products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of the Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123, the Governor's Executive Order of 1972, and the Governor's Executive Order 84-9 shall be required.

Bidders must comply with the Davis Bacon prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Richland County

and Ontario, Ohio as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor.

The Owner intends and requires that this project be completed by October 27, 2023.

Kris Knapp
Service Safety Director
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 4-13, 20, 27 '23) 83L

CITY OF ONTARIO GENERAL LABOR POSITION CIVIL SERVICE EXAM

The City of Ontario, an Equal Opportunity Employer, currently has an opening for a General Laborer in the Service Department. Duties may require operation of hand and power tools, heavy equipment, capable of lifting 50 pounds or more, working in inclement weather or other unpleasant conditions and call-in on short notice. Overtime is likely. A valid driver's license is required. We offer an excellent benefit package.

Applications may be picked up at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, beginning April 17, 2023, and must be returned by May 10, 2023 at 3:00 p.m., in a sealed envelope addressed to the Civil Service Commission-General Labor Position. Applications are available online at ontarioohio.org. The Civil Service examination for General Laborer will be held Sunday, May 21, 2023, 9:00 a.m., in the Ontario Service Building, 3375 Milligan Road, Ontario, Ohio 44906.

Cathy VanAuker, MMC
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 4-20, 27 '23) 32L

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Separate sealed bids for the 2023 Resurfacing Program, Village of Lexington, Ohio 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 10:00am, local time Thursday May 11, 2023, and then, at said office, publicly opened and read aloud.

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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 August 31, 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
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