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**MADISON COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR** Owen Hoffman attended the EmployMEpalooza reverse job fair on April 27. He is looking to get lab experience in the medical field.

## High school students attend EmployMEpalooza

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Last Thursday, April 27, high school students from across Richland County showcased their skills and interest with the hopes of becoming employed. These ambitious students stood at their own booths, where employers came to meet them at this "Reverse Job Fair" called EmployMEpalooza. The event took place from 10 am to noon at Mid Ohio Educational Service Center.

The Richland Area Chamber of Commerce and Ohio Means Jobs (OMJ) collaborated to give local Richland County employers the opportunity to meet high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are seeking internships, seasonal work, part-time, and full-time work after graduating.

These students worked with faculty and mentors who helped them prepare for this event. It was inspiring to hear everything about their interests, skills, and aspirations. These students had resumes prepared and gathered items displaying their achievements, interests and goals, which gave employers an idea of what they would be like as an employee.

Clint Knight, Director of Workforce Development, had this to say, "I am working to create talent pipelines between our local education partners and employers. This work includes K-12 education, Career Tech Schools, Colleges and Universities, and Adult Education. It's important that we partner with all levels of education and training so that we meet the needs of both the job seekers and the companies who want to employ them. Workforce Development is a large-scale effort in our region that involves many partners who are working together for the same goal. Our regional Chambers, economic development entities, social services, and educators are frequently at the table together. They work together to ensure that resources align so that we can properly support the economic health of our region."

"EmployMEpalooza is an event that aims to create an efficient resource for our high school students to explore opportunities and get employed. The event is made possible by the partnership of Richland County Job and Family Services, The Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development, Catalyst Life Services, and the Career Coaches in local High Schools. By bringing the employers to the students, it raises the bar of expectations. The students prepare themselves to meet multiple employers over the course of two hours and share their skills and interests. It's a great opportunity for students to learn more about the available careers in our region, as well as a chance for the employers to get a better understanding of what our young people want to do - and how they communicate," said Knight.

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## Students invited to open mic night this Thursday in Ontario

Community Bible Church's youth group will host its very first CBC Youth Open Mic Night this Thursday, May 4, at 3 pm at the Cove Coffee Shop, 325 Shelby-Ontario Rd., Ontario.

Middle and high school students are invited to come and showcase their talent and skill as they take the stage.

The cove is located near Ontario Schools at the corner of Shelby-Ontario Rd. and Rt. 309.

This will be a safe environment for students to express their creativity and spend time with friends after school. This is open to all area students from surrounding schools.

(See Page 3 for Ad)



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## The Big Noise In Little Washington

By Bob Carter

In the late 1800s, neither Bellville or Lexington had a town band. When Decoration Day (now Memorial Day) rolled around, a parade was held with veterans and families marching to the local grave yards and placing flowers on loved ones grave. This was a solemn occasion without music, so what was needed was a band.

As both towns at the time were destitute of brass and drum groups, at times they were forced to hire outside musicians. Thus the Little Washington Band came to the rescue.

The 12-member band unit was all drum and fife with a member carrying an American Flag. Only two members are identified in the above photo. In the back row, second from the left is A. B. "Barney" Pulver. He would later be elected as Richland County Sheriff and, with no police training, went into office just as the 1900 Dowie riots rocked Mansfield. At far right is his son, Clayton T. Pulver, with the big drum.

The band members must have come from the area as many of the Pulvers, Banks, McFarlands, Pierces and Harings in Pleasant Valley were inter-related. Who organized the group is unknown.

Whether they were paid by the veterans groups or not is also unknown. Perhaps they were paid in free meals and quite a few drinks.

Little Washington wasn't the only crossroad community with a band. Steam Corners also had its own group of horn tooters. The band was also hired to do a march in Lexington on Decoration Day by the Conger Post of the GAR. This must have embarrassed both Bellville and Lexington.

In the decades that followed, Bellville grew a great band and built the magnificent Victorian band stand on the town square, which is

still the pride of the community.

Lexington also acquired a great band complete with uniforms and also erected a band shell, although not as beautiful as Bellville. It was torn down in the 1950s when thoughtless officials had it condemned by the state.

Lexington High School is now known for its musicians and music programs but, alas no band stand in the park. Bellville still uses theirs.



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# News Briefs

First Congregational Church, 640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield, will host a large rummage sale Wednesday, May 3, from 9 am to 4 pm; and Thursday, May 4, from 9 am to noon.

The sale will include electronics, boutique items, plate sets, vintage items, linens, purses, accessories, books and men's, women's and children's clothing. Thursday will feature reduced prices.

The Ontario Local Schools Board of Education will meet May 9, at 7 pm, in the Ontario High School Library, 467 Shelby-Ontario Rd., Ontario.

Richland County residents can join a notification system to learn of water breaks, traffic and police alerts, weather alerts and more by text, call or email.

Visit [https://entry.inspironlogistics.com/richland\\_oh/wens.cfm](https://entry.inspironlogistics.com/richland_oh/wens.cfm).

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library (MRCPL) Evergreen Bookshop will be open for the monthly Friends' Used Book Sale on Friday, May 5, noon to 5 pm; and Saturday, May 6, 10 am to 3 pm. A preview sale will be held for Friends of the Library members only on Thursday, May 4, noon to 5 pm. Memberships may be purchased at the preview sale (\$3 per year for individuals).

This sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library. Materials (adult, teen and juvenile items) are library discards and public donations offered for sale at discount pricing. The bookshop is stocked with "new to the store" items each month. Proceeds sponsor enrichment activities provided by the Main Library and its branches throughout the year.

Evergreen Bookshop is located in downtown Mansfield at 37 N. Walnut St. (at the corner of W. Third and N. Walnut next to the main library). For more information call 419-526-4652.

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](http://www.lexasc.org). Dues are \$10 per year.

Letters of interest and resumes are being accepted to fill the position of Richland County Prosecutor for the term ending Jan. 5, 2025. Send replies to [Megan.Whatman@gmail.com](mailto:Megan.Whatman@gmail.com). by 5 pm on Friday, May 5. Whatman is the central committee chair of the Richland County Republican Party.

Candidates will have the opportunity to speak to the full Richland County Republican Party Central Committee at a meeting on May 10, at 6 pm, and the Central Committee will vote on May 16, at 6 pm.

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.

Friday, May 5, will be the next Mansfield Area Community Hymnsing. It will be held at 7 pm at New Liberty Baptist Church, Lexington Ave, Lexington (half mile south of Hanley Rd).

This is a free community hymnsing and everyone is welcome. The songs will be chosen by the congregation from the hymnals and all will join in to sing together.

The Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center will have free produce giveaways on the fourth Monday of the Month, April thru October. Dates will be 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.

A free produce distribution to the community is held the second Tuesday of each month, April through November. The distribution is held in First English Lutheran Church's west parking lot at 53 Park Ave. W., at S. Mulberry St. Hours this year are 10:30 am to 12:30 pm and the food is free to anyone. Bring a valid ID. The fresh produce is provided by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. For information call the church at 419-522-0662. The next distribution will be May 9.

Ron Boyd will speak on "The Modern-Day Shaman" at All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, Sunday, May 7, at 10:30 am.

Boyd will talk about his own journey in exploring and understanding shamanism. He will delve into the history of shamanism up to the present time, and also discuss how it is evolving in the modern era.

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## 4-H News Report

Country Champions 4-H met on April 16, 2023. All members were handed out their project books for them to complete.

We discussed about all members that are taking live animals to the fair have to attend a Quality Assurance meeting and the times and dates were given.

Several members gave their Health and Safety Talks as well as demonstrations during this meeting. The next meeting will be held at the Richland Fairgrounds where we will be doing trash pickup as well on Sunday, May 7.

News Reporter, Annalise Trovato

## RRLC country rib BBQ is May 6

The Richland Rural Life Center, 969 E. Crall Rd., Mansfield, will host its annual country rib BBQ on Saturday, May 6, from 4-6 pm.

The menu will include ribs slow cooked over an open pit, potato or macaroni salad, baked beans, roll, beverage and homemade vanilla ice cream. Meals are \$12 for adults and \$7 for children age 10 and under. Homemade ice cream quarts will also be available for \$4. Tickets are sold at the door and carry-out is available.

The entrance to the center is located between Stewart Rd. and Rt. 545 in the Madison area.

For more information Call 419-544-2418 and leave a message. The Richland Rural Life Center is a non-profit organization that supports 4-H and Boy/Cub Scout troops. Proceeds from dinners and events help maintain the RRLC land and facilities.

## “Prayed Parade” will celebrate National Day of Prayer on May 4

A parade leading to a worship service on the square Mansfield will highlight the National Day of Prayer in Mansfield, Thursday, May 4. The “Prayer Parade” will begin at 6:30 pm from the five-way light at Marion Avenue and Park Avenue West, following a festive hour of music, food and preparation.

The service, which will begin about 7 pm at the gazebo in Central Park will feature music and prayers for local and national leaders, First Responders and schools and families.

The parade is coordinated by Amanda Nichols, director of Project One and the ARC Empowerment Center, 378 Park Ave. West, culmination of a vision she first had nearly 20 years ago.

Congregations, church groups, Christian schools and local businesses have been invited to enter the parade.

Worship coordinator is Rev. El Akuchie, who with Ben Mutti has led the Richland Community Prayer Network for more than a quarter century. This is the first year the National Day of Prayer event has been in the evening.

“After a lively festival, we expect a time of fervent prayer, inviting all to join in at different times. This is an event for young and old, traditional and contemporary, for all Americans to lift up this time and place to the Lord,” Akuchie says, adding. “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.”

The National Day of Prayer has its roots in proclamations by Presidents Washington and Lincoln, and at various times by others presidents, but became an annual observance in 1952 when President Harry Truman responded during the Korean War.

# 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 Nebrick

10:30 am Sunday Worship

<https://www.facebook.com/Lexington-Presbyterian-Church-117768414915815>

### Mansfield 1st EPC

399 Trimble Rd., Mansfield  
419-756-7066 • [www.mansfield1st.com](http://www.mansfield1st.com)

Rev. Joseph Yerger

9 am Adult & Youth Sunday School

10 am Sunday Worship

### Oakland Lutheran Church

2045 Olivesburg Rd.

419-571-9920

Pastor Paul Lintern

9 am Sunday Worship

### Ontario Christian Church

1029 Lewis Rd., Ontario  
419-529-5684 • [ontariochristian.org](http://ontariochristian.org)

Minister Steve Broughton

9 am Sunday School

10 am Sunday Worship

### Ontario United Methodist Church

3540 Park Avenue West., Ontario

419-529-4345 • [ontarioumc.com](http://ontarioumc.com)

Pastor Christine Bell

10:15 am Sunday Worship

10:15 am Kingdom Kids

### Southside Christian Church Disciples of Christ

2055 Middle-Bellville, Mansfield

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Sunday 10:45 am

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### St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church

1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison) 419-

589-2114 • [www.mansfieldstmarys.org](http://www.mansfieldstmarys.org)

Father John Miller

Worship: 4 pm Saturday & 11 am Sunday

5:30 pm Tuesday Worship

8 am Friday Worship • Faith Instruction &

Bible Study on Sunday Mornings

### St. John's United Church of Christ

68 Park Avenue East, Mansfield

419-522-2813 • [www.stjohnsmansfield.org](http://www.stjohnsmansfield.org)

Pastor Faith Prioretti

10 am Sunday Worship

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Milky Way over the Canadian Prairie • Photo By Mark Shutt

## Ohio District 5 Senior Spring Extravaganza is May 11

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/](http://www.aaa5ohio.org/events/senior-spring-extravaganza/).

The event will be held in two buildings and the parking lot. For information call 567-247-6487.

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## Renaissance Theatre welcomes "The Music of Motown" May 12

The Music of Motown, a collaboration with Alice Bond, (The Temptations, The Four Tops), and Condrea Cannada, (At Last: An Evening with Etta James, Ohio Idol, Sister Act), is a retrospective of the all-time greatest hits that ever came out of the Motor City. This one night event will take place on the Renaissance Stage on Friday, May 12 at 8 pm.

Tickets begin at \$15 and include a "date night" option that includes wine and a dessert for two.

Alice Bond (arranger/musical director and keyboards) and Condrea Cannada (vocals) will be joined by singers Deon Taylor, Najee Rawls, Jody Odom Jr., and Genell Hudson.

The concert will feature such two dozen songs, including: 'Ain't No Mountain High Enough,' 'I Heard It Through the Grapevine,' 'Please Mr. Postman,' 'My Guy,' 'It's a Shame,' 'Baby Love,' 'I Hear a Symphony,' 'Heatwave,' 'Midnight Train to Georgia,' 'Never Can Say Goodbye,' 'I'll Be There,' 'How Sweet It Is To Be Loved By You,' 'Second That Emotion,' 'Tears of a Clown,' 'My Girl,' 'Just My Imagination.'

The event will be held in the Rand Smith Auditorium of the Renaissance Theatre, 138 Park Avenue West, Mansfield.

Tickets can be purchased in person at the Renaissance box office, by phone at 419-522-2726, or by visiting [rentickets.org](http://rentickets.org).

## Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

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# Mansfield Linens and Events fills local rental need

By Traci Little

Deborah Mount has been a Mansfield resident ever since she was a baby. She started her own business during the Spring of 2022 called Mansfield Linens and Events. It is an event linen, table and chair rental service. She saw that there was a need for this service in our community. She strives to serve the Mansfield area with excellence by providing quality products with good customer service.

All of the rentable linens and napkins come pressed and hung, ready to go for any event. There is also a laundry bag provided where clients can put their dirty linens in at the end of their event. Consider taking the hassle out of your next event by using this amazing service!

Many customers rent linens for wedding receptions, venues, funerals and graduation celebrations. There is now an option to rent china and place settings as well.

The tablecloths and napkins are 100% polyester, stain and wrinkle resistant, with mid to floor-length options available. Prices are for a 3-day rental and are available in black, white, ivory and more. There is also a variety of tablecloths and linens for serving tables, head tables, cake tables, cocktail tables and more.

Additional services such as set-up and napkin folding are subject to calendar availability. The various napkin colors can be viewed at [www.mansfieldlinens.com/napkins](http://www.mansfieldlinens.com/napkins).

There is a limited supply of chairs and tables for weddings and events, up to approximately 200. The white folding chairs are indoor/outdoor and rated for up to 650 lbs static weight. There are twelve 8' heavy duty white plastic resin banquet tables available (seats 8-10) as well as fifteen 6' white resin folding tables (seats 6-8). Please check the website for the various 3-day rental options.

Deborah was first inspired to start Mansfield Linens after attending her brother's wedding in 2017. They had trouble finding quality linens for the reception.

"I thought, we can't be the only ones that need this type of service. Good customer service is a huge deal to me, and I feel like my

organizational skills help me run an efficient business," Mount said.

Need those last-minute chairs and tables for your graduation party? Give Deborah a call as soon as possible to secure a rental.

Visit [www.mansfieldlinens.com](http://www.mansfieldlinens.com), email questions to [mansfieldlinens@gmail.com](mailto:mansfieldlinens@gmail.com) or call at 419-512-5371. You can find the business on facebook at [www.facebook.com/MansfieldLinensAndEvents](http://www.facebook.com/MansfieldLinensAndEvents).



## Ohio Education Association celebrates House-passed budget

In response to the Ohio House passing its version of the FY 2024-'25 state budget on Wednesday, Ohio Education Association (OEA) President Scott DiMauro issued the following statement:

"The Ohio Education Association applauds the Ohio House for prioritizing the students of our state in the budget bill passed in that chamber this week.

This budget includes significant investments in public schools — including a plan to increase the minimum teacher salary to address growing teacher shortage issues—and it promotes a number of sound public education policies, like repealing the punitive mandatory retention provision of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee while maintaining an emphasis on the importance of literacy for our children.

Additionally, this budget proposal makes school breakfast and lunch accessible to more children by having the state cover the difference in the cost between free and reduced-price meals.

More importantly, the House has demonstrated its commitment to working to fully and fairly fund the public schools that serve 90 percent of students in our state.

This budget measure increases state funding to public schools by nearly \$1 billion over the biennium by ensuring updated data is used in the Fair School Funding Plan (FSFP) formula to determine the actual costs of providing an excellent education to every child while continuing to provide more of the funding necessary to fulfill that promise, when the FSFP is fully implemented. OEA thanks the House for taking this important step forward.

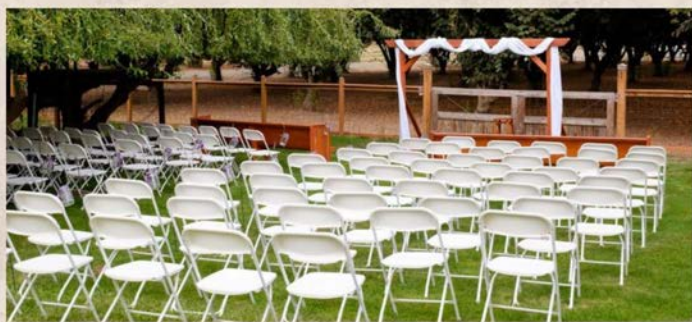
The budget bill now moves to the Senate for consideration, and OEA urges our state Senators to build on the positive momentum of the House's work and pull back on the proposed expansion of voucher schemes that would amount to near universal eligibility in our state.

The Senate must do the right thing for Ohio's 1.6 million public school students, and OEA looks forward to working with lawmakers from both parties to ensure the best budget bill possible is adopted for the next biennium.

OEA would like to thank House Speaker Jason Stephens, Leader Allison Russo, House Finance Committee Chair Jay Edwards, and Ranking Member Bride Rose Sweeney for their bipartisan efforts to bring the budget to this point. The budget proposal they produced puts Ohio students first and shows that the House supports what Ohioans believe so strongly, that public education matters in our state."

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## •High school students attend EmployMEpalooza

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Knight believes that this year's EmployMEpalooza was another success. He told me that several of the students have already received job offers and at least one student has already accepted an internship. The energy in the room was great and all of the students were excited when they debriefed following the event. The skills that the students brought to the table covered a wide range from musician, phlebotomy, medicine, to marketing. It is great for the employers to see this variety. Students from seven different Richland County High Schools participated in the event, and 65 different businesses came to meet them.

There was no cost to employers or students, but registration was required on the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development website. Please contact Clint Knight with any questions on how your student could participate in the coming years!



**LEXINGTON SENIOR** MacKerstyn Renner is fluent in Spanish and has worked at Elite Car Wash in Mansfield this year. She is interested in the healthcare field. She has certifications including RiseUp Retail Industry Fundamentals License, Penn Foster, RiseUp Customer Service and Sales License, Penn Foster, RiseUp Business of Retail License, Penn Foster, National Healthcareer Association (NHA) Phlebotomy Certification, NHA Patient Care Technician Certification, American Heart Association CPR/First Aid Certification and NHA Certified Medical Assistant (CMA).



**CANDEN DORSEY**, a junior at Shelby High School is open to working in an office setting. He says he is motivated, optimistic, reliable, intelligent, hardworking, coachable, productive and honest. Some of his work experience includes being an usher at Cine-mark in Ontario, Food Champion at Taco Bell in Shelby, and landscaping with TDR Landscaping in Shelby. Activities he's been a part of include football, bow hunting, FFA, baseball, day trading and youth group. He is a church volunteer and Young America Foundation Officer/Founder in Shelby.



**MANSFIELD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL** junior Ja'Ontay O'Bryant is looking for a job in landscaping. He's worked in greenhouses watering and weeding. He also has some landscaping experience. He's volunteered his time to the community by picking up trash around the city, donated his time helping out at Kingwood Garden Center, and loves to help coach kids in sports. His interests are playing football, basketball and track. He states that some of his key skills are that he's trustworthy, patient and flexible.



**LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL** junior Tyler Duckworth is looking for a job in machining/tool and die/CNC and is available full-time in the summer. He would love to obtain a position with a manufacturing company using his knowledge and skills on manual and CNC machines. Some of his job experience and activities include working at Snow Trails, participating in the Morrow County Jr. Fair Board, being a 4-H member 2011-'23 and treasurer this year, competing in the SkillsUSA CNC Mill 2023 competition and being a 4-H Camp Counselor and shooting instructor.

Photos By Traci Little



**NOAH STUART**, a senior at Crestview High School, is open to different types of work. His interests and hobbies are cooking, track (shot put and discus), basketball, hanging out with his family and friends, Star Wars and cats. He will be graduating from Crestview this year and planning to go to Ashland University. He is willing to learn and grow. He shows up on time and works great with others.





**IN AN EFFORT TO PROMOTE** conservation practices by landowners, Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) is providing cost-share grants to offset some of the cost of installing a rain garden, purchasing a rain barrel or having soil tested. These practices help prevent stormwater runoff, protect the health of soil and water resources and conserve water. The application period is open until May 30. For further details and an application visit <https://richlandswcd.net/>, call 419-747-8685 or email [Contact@RichlandSWCD.net](mailto:Contact@RichlandSWCD.net).

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



*Heller*

This big guy is around three years old and has been living in the shelter for a full year on May 6. Heller likes playing and sprinting, but he especially likes cuddling. Despite his size, Heller sometimes attempts to sit on volunteer's laps while he is scratched.

Heller is very energetic and likes running and playing with toys. The shelter thinks Heller is okay with other dogs, but he

is not okay with cats. Frequently volunteers will use Heller to test other shelter dogs, because he is pretty good on a leash, too! Heller also tolerates being dressed up by volunteers.

Sometimes Heller looks scary in his kennel, but that's mostly because he is stressed (it's loud). Heller knows how to sit and shake and is potty trained!

Heller 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.

Currently, adoptions are on a schedule, based on the time the dog has been at the shelter. Dogs that have been at the shelter for more than a year are \$50, dogs there more than six months are \$100, dogs at the shelter longer than three months are \$125, and dogs there less than three months are \$150. This fee includes spay/neuter, microchip, dog license, and some vaccines.

The shelter's current needs are volunteers to walk and play with the dogs as well as fill kongs for the dogs to play with when they are in their kennel, help with laundry or dishes, or clean the yard. The shelter uses a lot of bleach, laundry detergent, and dog treats and welcomes donations.

## Middle and high school students to pitch to local investors May 9

On Tuesday, May 9, student entrepreneurs will take the stage at the North Central State College Kehoe Center in Shelby to present their business plans before a panel of local business leaders and a public audience.

Four students in grades 8-12 from the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA! Richland) will have five minutes to pitch their business plans to prominent local members of the business community, during the program's annual YEA! Investor Panel Event. The students are Ryan Carver, R.C. Lawn Care, sophomore, Shelby High School; Soren Fox, Taste Protein (protein bars), sophomore, Ashland High School; Olie Francis, Olie's Outlook (art), senior, Pioneer Career and Technology Center; and Josiah Walsh, Deathrow Airsoft (airsoft gear, courses and events), eighth grade, Mansfield Christian School.

Based on the appeal and merit of the students' plans and presentations, representatives from Alumni Roofing, KeyBank, Mechanics Bank, Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center, Park National Bank, Richland Source/Source Brand Solutions, and Spherion Mid Ohio will determine the amount of funds to allocate to each business.

The participating investors will also select the one business that will advance to the Young Entrepreneurs Academy Saunders Scholars National College Scholarship competition, where they will compete for cash awards and hundreds of thousands of dollars in college scholarships.

The event is free and open to the public. Registration is encouraged: at <https://portal.richlandareachamber.com/events/details/young-entrepreneurs-academy-2023-investor-panel-6014>

A reception and networking will take place at 5 pm, and the pitch presentations begin at 5:30 pm.

Interviews with young entrepreneurs or members of the judging panel can be arranged.

The emcee for the evening will be Drew Steensland, owner of Mo-to Recycling and 2017 YEA! Alumnus.

Since the 2015-'16 school year, 54 students have graduated from YEA! Richland and launched 52 businesses with \$34,655 invested from local sponsors.

## Richland Pregnancy Services plans annual Walk for Life

Richland Pregnancy Services will host the annual Walk for Life on Saturday, June 3, at Mansfield's historic North Lake Park, and the start of the Richland B&O Bike Trail, at 268 Hope Rd., in Mansfield.

The walk is two miles long and the path is stroller friendly. Registration opens at 9 am and the walk begins at 10 am.

The Walk for Life is a community focused, family-friendly event to show support for life. All proceeds from the event will support Richland Pregnancy Services in providing free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, STD testing, parenting classes, mentoring, material support and more.

Upon registration, each participant will receive access to their very own fundraising page that they can use to raise funds for Richland Pregnancy Services by asking family and friends to sponsor them as they walk. Walkers will be eligible to win prizes from local businesses and attractions from across the state! Some of these prizes include Cedar Point tickets, a YMCA membership, skiing passes for Snow Trails and more.

Walkers who register by May 10 and raise funds for RPS will receive a free Walk for Life t-Shirt. The first 200 walkers who register will also receive a free goody bag.

Richland Pregnancy Services aims to raise \$50,000 to continue to meet the needs of women facing an unplanned pregnancy.

Corporate sponsorship opportunities are available and sponsors are eligible for various levels of promotion leading up to and during the walk. Reach out to Raelene at [raelene@richlandpregnancy.com](mailto:raelene@richlandpregnancy.com) if interested in partnering with Richland Pregnancy Services.

Richland Pregnancy Services is a faith based 501(c)3 non-profit organization. For more information call 419-522-8863, ext. 203 or email [raelene@richlandpregnancy.com](mailto:raelene@richlandpregnancy.com).





**MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL R.A.M.S.** (Respectful, Accountable, Motivated, Successful) February Students of the Month are fifth grade students Mikah Massey, Carson McQuillen, Gabriel Salyers and Alyse Emery; sixth grade students, Isabella Childs, Rylan Rush, McKenna Crank and Colten Hollar; seventh grade students, Hudson Bays, Cadence Gushard, Isaiah Blust and Zaylynn Ball; eighth grade students Chase Hunsinger, Layla Krizan, Kennedy Hofer and Thomas Cox.

## Summer events planned

The Mohican Area will once again be buzzing with visitors from all over as warmer weather draws outdoor enthusiasts and summer events take place.

Mohican State Park and Forest are home to many recreational trails, including the only IMBA EPIC mountain biking trail in Ohio. Whether hiking, biking or by horseback, the Mohican trails are full of scenic views and year-round beauty.

Nearby Malabar Farm is the home of Pulitzer Prize-winning author, screenwriter and conservationist Louis Bromfield. Malabar Farm State Park is a true working farm.

The Mohican, a state scenic river that runs along the Wally Road Scenic Byway, is known to be "Ohio's Largest Recreational Complex," the Wally is the heart of this famous camping and canoeing industry.

Downtown historic Loudonville has numerous unique specialty shops and Amish Country is a short drive. Visitors can tour an Amish home and farm and walk the shop-lined main streets.

Visitors can stop in at area museums or take in a movie or a play in Loudonville's historic Ohio Theatre. There is often live entertainment at one of many local wineries.

Mohican Country is home to many family-owned and award-winning accommodations. From rustic to royal, there are cabins, cottages, treehouses, a state park lodge, and even a castle.

This summer the Mohican area will host events for visitors. These include:

June 10, Summer Beach Festival, Pleasant Hill Lake Park

June 10, International Wine Festival at the Mill Fundraiser, Wolf Creek Grist Mill & Museum

June 30 and July 1, Antique Festival, Downtown Loudonville

July 1-22, Annual Classic Car Show, Downtown Loudonville

July 4, Fireworks, Downtown Loudonville

July 15, Christmas in July & Fireworks, Pleasant Hill Lake Park

Plan to stay for the week or weekend. With over 5,000 campsites, private cabins, a castle, a state park lodge, historic bed and breakfasts, and more, there is a place that will welcome overnight visitors to make it the home away from home.

Visit [DiscoverMohican.com](http://DiscoverMohican.com) for more information or on Facebook at Discover Mohican.

## KCCC's Ed Lambert wins Gold Star Award

Ed Lambert, Career Based Intervention (CBI) instructor at Knox County Career Center (KCCC), received the Gold Star Award at the CBI 2023 Spring Conference Awards Ceremony held the last week of April.

Lambert has dedicated 40 years to guiding and educating students in Ohio. Lambert began teaching with the Department of Youth Services in Scioto Village at William K. Willis High Schools.

He then moved on to Hamilton Township High School before coming to KCCC, where he has served for 28 years.

Lambert exemplifies to everyone the importance of building relationships with students and how that relations and trust earned, then allows for direction and advice to be given and accepted.

Kathy Greenwich, Superintendent at KCCC, said, "Ed's 40 years dedicated to guiding and educating students in Ohio deserved to be honored. He builds relationships with his students which opens the door for him to guide and direct them in career and life choices."

"It's been fun, and memories were made, but it's time for new adventures," commented Lambert. Lambert is retiring after the completion of the 2022-'23 school year.



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**THE ONTARIO SCIENCE CLUB** did its final analysis in attempting to verify the Burial Mound. The group took soil core samples on top of the mound, at the base of the mound and in the adjacent field. The soil cores may help determine when the mounds were built and of what material and where it came from.

## Deadlines nearing for City of Ontario pageant applications

The City of Ontario's Miss Ontario Pageant is scheduled for Saturday, June 24. New this year is the Little Miss and Junior Miss Ontario pageant on Friday, June 23, at 7 pm. Ontario students or residents are encouraged to apply to compete.

The City of Ontario is looking for community minded, outgoing individuals to represent the city throughout the year at events, ribbon cuttings and other community events. Miss Ontario 2023 is open to any female currently in eighth through eleventh grade that attends Ontario Schools or lives in Ontario.

The top three contestants win cash prizes and contestants will be judged on interviews, stage presence, on-stage questions and talent.

Applications are limited and due by May 5. Download at <https://campscui.active.com/orgs/CityofOntario#/selectSessions/3302239>

Little Miss is for grades one and two and Junior Miss is for grades three through five for the 2023-'24 school year. Applications are open to any female in those categories that attends Ontario Schools or lives in the City of Ontario.

Top contestants for Junior Miss and Little Miss will be required to attend the Miss Ontario pageant on June 24, as well as 4th of July Festival activities on June 30 and July 1.

Contestants will be judged on stage presence/poise, stage questions and outfit of choice/theme wear. Contestants will have two categories of outfits: theme wear (Red, White and Blue) and Beauty Wear (favorite dress, does not have to be a formal pageant dress).

Applications are limited and due by May 12. Download at <https://campscui.active.com/orgs/CityofOntario#/selectSessions/3321444>

The 2023 Theme is "Empowering Young Women."

## News Briefs in Education

Madison Local Schools is now accepting open enrollment applications through May 31, for the 2023-'24 school year. Madison Local Schools is now accepting open enrollment from any school district in Ohio.

For more information visit [www.mlssd.net/OpenEnrollment.aspx](http://www.mlssd.net/OpenEnrollment.aspx) or contact the board of education office at 419-589-2600 ext. 65005, between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm, Monday through Friday. The office is located at 1379 Grace St., Mansfield.

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Aurel Toska of Mansfield was recently honored as a student employee at the University of Findlay. Toska was nominated for Undergraduate Student Employee of the Year.

The Findlay, Ohio, university celebrates National Student Employment Week annually in April and participates in the Student Employee of the Year Program.

Both programs are sponsored by the Midwest Association of Student Employment Administrators (MASEA) and the National Student Employment Association (NSEA). Criteria for nomination includes communication, digital technology, problem solving, professionalism, work ethic, intercultural fluency, career management, leadership and teamwork.

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Ohio Wesleyan University presented its Golden Bishop Awards on April 19 to recognize students for outstanding achievements in leadership and community service during the 2022-'23 academic year.

Those honored at the event included Clay Sturts of Mansfield. Sturts, a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, earned the Fraternity Member of the Year Award.

Sturts and all of the 2022-'23 Golden Bishops represent the best of the best on campus. Learn more at [www.owu.edu/GoldenBishopAwards](http://www.owu.edu/GoldenBishopAwards).

Ohio Wesleyan University is located in Delaware, OH.

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Students at the University of Findlay recently participated in the annual Symposium of Scholarship and Creativity. Undergraduate and graduate students were given the opportunity to share their research, creativity, and professional learning experiences with the University and community, with many students receiving honors at the same time.

The symposium may be viewed at <https://www.findlay.edu/offices/academic/ssc2023>.

Local students include Rachell Clark, of Ontario, presenting "All for One and One for ALL: A Closer Look at Collectivism and Individualism in Japan and the United States;" Robin Eyerly, of Ontario presenting "Hand Washing and Disease Prevalence Among College Students After the Covid-19 Pandemic;" and Alexandra Jacobs, of Ontario presenting "Sex Influence Overview of Potential Perpetrator Action."

Aurel Toska, of Mansfield was honored as an Undergraduate Student Worker of the Year nominee and was named a Kappa Delta Pi New Initiate.

## Balderson issues statement on the passage of the Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023

Congressman Troy Balderson (OH-12) released the following statement today following the passage of the Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023, "Every child born in America today is starting off with a \$100,000 share of the \$31 trillion national debt hanging over their heads.

"This is unsustainable, irresponsible, and cruel to future generations. The Limit, Save, Grow Act is a sensible plan that forces the federal government to tighten its belt, boosts revenues by unleashing the potential of the U.S. economy, and delivers on our commitments to seniors.

"Now it's time for the president to stop with the political gimmicks and show up at the negotiating table."



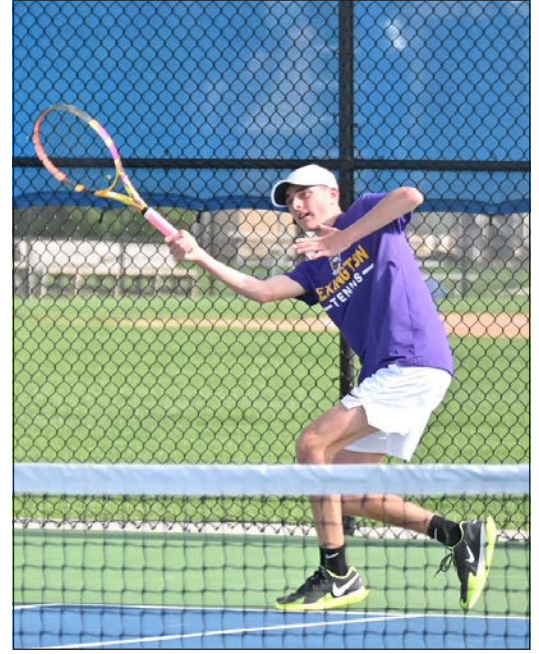
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1st Singles Ethan Remy



2nd Singles Karl Etzel



3rd Singles Dylan Catanese



1st Doubles Owan Gongwer &amp; Jake Chilcote



2nd Doubles Jacob Halfhill &amp; Cooper Remy

## Lexington High School tennis team wins against Findlay

Article By Gaven Remy • Photos By Linda Remy

On April 19, Lexington High School's boys varsity tennis team traveled over to Findlay for their match. Last year the team lost to Findlay, 2-3. This year, the Lexington boys were determined to bring home the win.

In 2022, Lex held their ground against Findlay with both of their doubles teams, and this year was no different.

Freshman Cooper Remy and junior Jacob Halfhill hit the courts running with a swift victory at second doubles, winning 6-0, 6-0.

Then came first doubles, senior Jake Chilcote and sophomore Owan Gongwer, defeating Findlay 6-1, 6-1.

Last year, Lexington's singles had tough matches that proved to be a lesson learned as this year the boys carried out win after win.

First, sophomore Dylan Catanese sinched third singles with a great score of 6-1, 6-1. Junior Karl Etzel had a close first set of 6-4, but delivered with a great second set of 6-0 for Lex's fourth win of the day.

Last, but not least, Junior Ethan Remy sped through his first set 6-1 and ground out his second 6-4 achieving the fifth and final win for Lex.

From having been defeated last year by Findlay to a blowout by Lex this year, the boys have certainly shown improvement.



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MADISON VS LEXINGTON BOYS TENNIS · APRIL 27 · PHOTOS BY JEFF HOFFER





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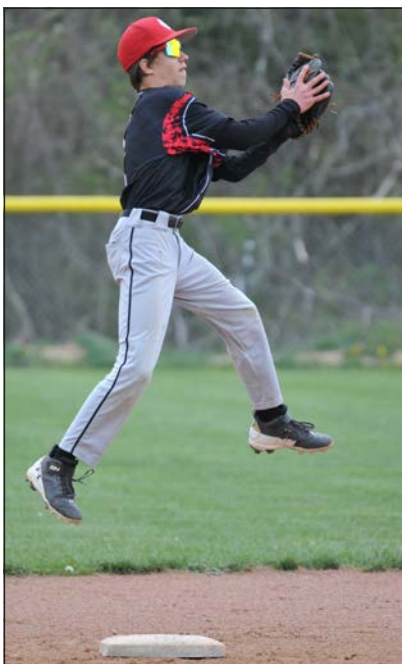
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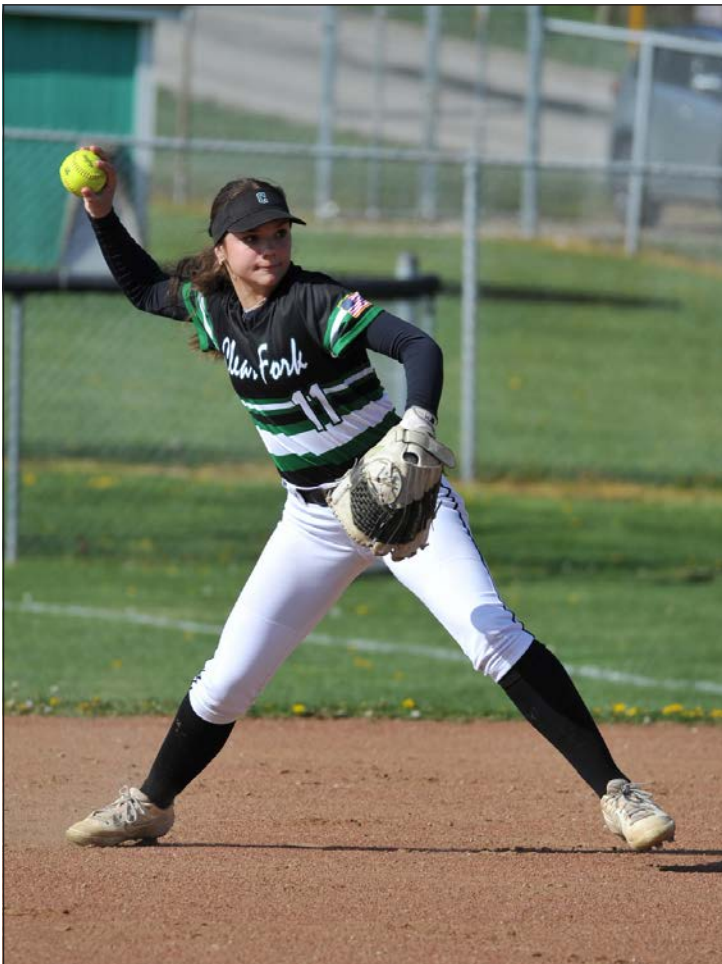
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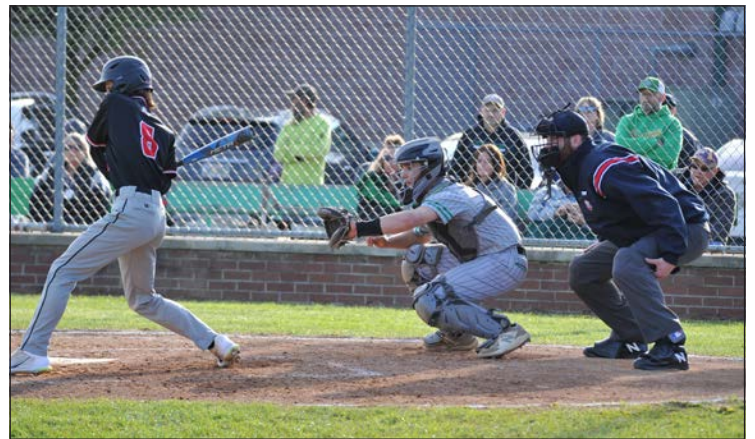
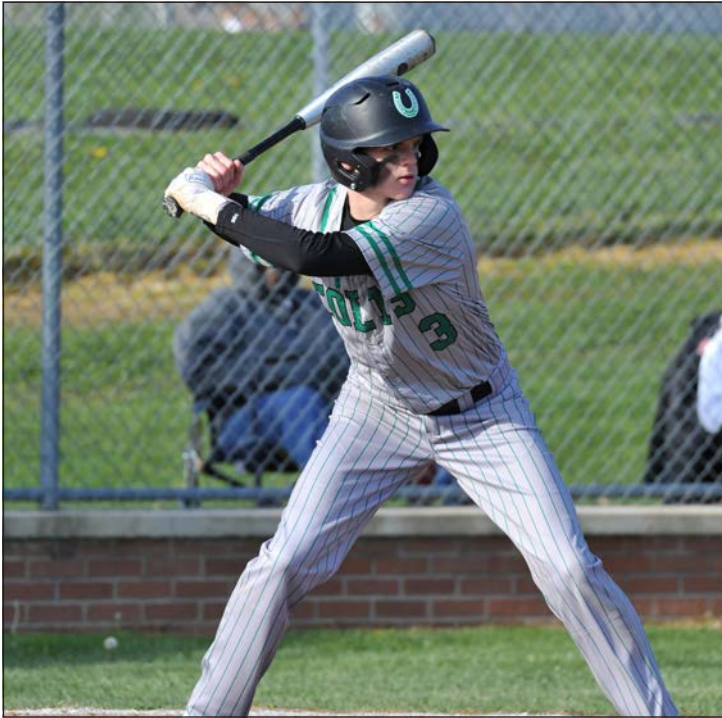
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## LOOKING BACK • THIS WEEK IN TRIBUNE-COURIER HISTORY



**OM TEAM GOES TO STATE** — Ontario Middle School's sixth, seventh and eighth grade Division II Odyssey of the Mind team went to state competition last Saturday, April 27, at Ohio Wesleyan University. The team, whose members are (front) Nicole Speck, Jessica Harmon, Rembrandt Aban, (back) Zach Evans, Brandy Leicy, Mac Wilson and Descartes Aban, competed in the "Pompeii" problem-solving category. OMS teacher Margo Burton is the coach of the team. The other two OM teams from the middle school also did well this school year. The fifth grade Division I team, coached by Joanne McCarter, finished second in the local competition held earlier this year at Ontario High School. Team members are Sarah Taylor, Steve Arnett, Josh Burns, Jaclyn Hancock, Amber Johnson, Megan Wheeler and Danny Smieszak. The sixth grade OM team members Lentzen Burkhardt, Kristi McClaran, Shawna Wilson, Megan Finnegan, Julie Motley, Brittany Ellis and Heather Tsavaris also did well, taking first place in local competition and fourth in regional competition. Fifth grade teacher Becky McKean is the coach of the sixth grade team.

Marc Stumbo



**RANDY MORRISON**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Morrison of 115 Sunset Blvd., Ontario, received Cub Scoutings highest award at a meeting of Pack 172 last Thursday. The Arrow of Light was bestowed on the Ontario scout.



Submitted Photo

**BROWNIE PINEWOOD DERBY** — For the first time, Brownies raced pinewood derby cars on April 4 at Ontario United Methodist Church. Brownies participating were, front, Erin Wolfe, Brittany Bauer, Alexis Eyster, Marissa Hoeflich, Ashley Carter, Ariel Constable, Emilee Burson and Jillien Meligan; back, Cyndi Crosse, Baylee Bauer, Alex Hoffman, Sandra Pollak, Becca Thompson, Destiny Reinhardt and Ali Reinhardt. Alexis Eyster won first place, Emilee Burson second and Marissa Hoeflich third.

**This Day in History** — A ceremony on May 4, 1905 marked the official beginning of the second attempt to build the Panama Canal. This second attempt to bridge the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans will succeed, dramatically altering world trade as well as the physical and geopolitical landscape of Central America. For decades before it was attempted, merchants and engineers fixated on the idea of creating a passage through Central America for ocean-going vessels, sparing them thousands of nautical miles and the dangerous trip around Cape Horn. Accidents, disease and the extremely hot conditions killed 5,609 workers over the decade it took to complete the canal. The United States remained the de facto sovereign of the canal and the Canal Zone until 1979 when, under President Jimmy Carter, the U.S. agreed to transfer management of the canal to Panama on Dec. 31, 1999.



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## LEGAL NOTICE

### PUBLIC AUCTION CITY OF ONTARIO

The following items have been approved for auction from the City of Ontario. The auction will take place at the City's Service Building, 3575 Milligan Road, on May 4, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.

Auction items include, but more to follow:

Mobile Speed Radar Sign (not working) and trailer, 2007 Pontiac Grand Prix, Bus Stop, Steel Wood Chip bed, Firewood, Pictures, Steel 3 drawer cabinet, Printer Table, In Car Computer Mounting System, Various Computers, Various Printers, Holsters (HK USP 40), Shot Gun Pistol Grips, Telephone System, HP Graph Printer, Various Envelopes, Hard Cover Binders, Colored File Folders, LED Direction lights, Craftsman 17 gal Air Compressor, Various Fluorescent and Regular Light Bulbs, 8 long tables and chair sets, many other miscellaneous items. For questions, please contact Service-Safety Director Kris Knapp at 419-529-2495.

Cathy VanAuker, MMC  
Clerk of Council  
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### ONTARIO POLICE DISPATCHER LATERAL ENTRY EXAMINATION

The City of Ontario will conduct a Lateral Entry Examination for the position Police Dispatcher. The examination will begin with an Oral Board Inter-

view which will be scheduled once all the applications are received by Civil Service.

Candidates must be U.S. citizens and present a valid driver's license at the time of the Interview. Candidates will be subject to psychological, polygraph, drug and alcohol screening along with a comprehensive background check. Must be at least 18 years of age, must be currently employed as a Police Dispatcher with a minimum of 1 year of service and possess a high school diploma or GED equivalence. Pay ranges for 2023 are between \$24.18-\$27.50 dependent on exact prior years of service.

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

Applications will be available at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, beginning April 13, 2023, at the Police Department window or online at [www.ontpd.com](http://www.ontpd.com). All applications must be received no later than May 10, 2023 at 3:00 PM. Those with questions may call the Division of Police at 419-529-2115.

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## Grant approved for Hospice of NCO

The Lorain-Medina Rural Electric Cooperative People Fund Board has approved a grant in the amount of \$2,174.59 in support of Hospice of North Central Ohio's Camp Hope children's bereavement camp. The grant will be used to purchase Child Sympathy Grief Boxes which will be given to children participating in the 2023 Camp Hope which is scheduled for June 16, 17, 23 and 24 at Pleasant Hill campgrounds. Camp Hope was created by HNCO in 1996 in response to a growing need to address the needs of grieving children in the area. With the exclusion of a small, this special camp is provided by HNCO free-of-charge to grieving children ages 6-17 who have lost a loved one through death.

Ralph Tomassi, HNCO Chief Development Officer/Senior Administrator stated, "The LMRE People Fund has and continues to provide 'The Margin of Excellence' for our core mission programs such as bereavement. We are grateful for the support we receive for this extraordinary camp which resonates with everyone who has experienced grief."

The mission of the Lorain-Medina Rural Electric People Fund, Inc. is the accumulation and quarterly disbursement of funds to organizations for charitable purposes in the LMRE service area. Hospice of North Central Ohio has served thousands of families with compassionate end-of-life and Palliative care, bereavement programs and services since 1988.

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ONTARIO WARRIOR LEADERSHIP joined the city for Clean Up Ontario. The students picked up litter around Taco Bell and Meijer.



THE STINGEL KINDNESS CLUB at Ontario visited a local nursing home for a spring craft with residents. They also shared cookies with the residents.



OHIO FAMILY, CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA (FCCLA) has more than 7,500 student members and is the sixth largest delegation in the nation. The State Leadership Conference last week offered attendees opportunities to participate in competitive events, leadership training and service learning. Highschoolers attended leadership workshops about finance 101, being an informed driver and mental performance about confidence. Ontario High School students attended the conference.