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Josh and Haley Sheriff

Warrior's Respite charity established to help veterans

Article and Photos By Traci Little

Warrior's Respite provides hope and healing to military and first responder families in our community and around Ohio. The charity, established by Josh and Haley Sheriff, offers classes for veterans and their spouses.

Josh and Haley Sheriff have two children, Michael, 9, and Gabby, 5. They also have three Shar Pei's that fill their life with a whole lot of joy!

This dynamic couple has experienced some incredible adventures together filled with life changing highs and also some devastating lows. They were married in 2011, just three months after meeting on eHarmony. They knew without a shadow of a doubt that God had brought them together for a special purpose. Besides their mutual attraction to one another, the ultimate desire to further God's Kingdom better together than apart, was at the center of their relationship.

Josh and Haley truly believe the greatest gift in life is to be used as a tool to further God's kingdom! You can see this on display through their ministry, relationships, and their everyday life. Haley ministers through her job as a RN by praying with her patients and they also substitute teach at a private Christian school, do some lay counseling, have started REBOOT Combat Recovery courses in other cities, photography, videography and grilling!

While Haley was a soldier, Josh was a stay-at-home dad, attending college online at Liberty University where he earned a B.S. in interdisciplinary studies, specializing in Christian counseling, crisis counseling, military resiliency, and addictions & recovery counseling. They decided to move down to Lynchburg Virginia after Haley got out of the military so Josh could complete a M.A and eventually PhD. in counseling at Liberty University. This, however, was not meant to be.

During his second semester in the M.A program for Licensed Marriage and Family Therapy, the VA psychiatrist failed to refill his PTSD

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Richland County Foundation awards teacher grants

The Richland County Foundation Board of Trustees approved almost \$1,787,000 in grants to nonprofit organizations to meet emerging needs during its August meeting.

The trustees approved Teacher Assistance Program grants totaling close to \$68,000. Funding was provided from the unrestricted grant budget as well as field of interest funds. TAP grants are selected by a committee for creative and innovative supplemental programs not covered by school funding. The grants are given to K-12 teachers in public or private Richland County schools to encourage them to develop new programs for their classrooms.

Abraxas School of Ohio, Expanding Knowledge, Classroom Supplies and Art for Everyone; Clear Fork Middle School, Reformatory Field Trip; Crestview High School, Forensic Science Program and Countdown to Totality; Crestview Middle School, Future City Competition-Green Energy; Discovery School, Year B Units of Inquiry, Easy Does It and Hands On Learning; Lexington Eastern Elementary, Social Studies Board Game Studio and Science Lab Full-Year Activity Revitalization; Lexington Western Elementary, Coding Express, STEAMtastic Learning and Marvelous Mathematical Thinking; Lexington High School, Forensic Science Program and Novels in Verse Book Club; Lexington Junior High School, Circuit Craze; Madison Comprehensive High School, Courtyard Gardens; Madison Middle School, Updated Nonfiction Books and Sensory Room; Madison South Elementary, Moods and Movement; Madison Eastview Elementary, One Book, One School; Madison Miiflin Elementary, One Book, One School, Up Our Science Game, Bringing the World Into Our Hands and Playing with Science and Social Studies; Mansfield Christian School, Monarch Butterfly in the Classroom, Step into SOR and Visualizing Math; Mansfield Senior High School, Glass Exploration at MAC and Black Culture Club; MCS John Sherman Elementary, Motivation Stations; MCS Malabar Intermediate, Maker Space for Innovation, How Does Your Garden Grow, Science Exploration, Building STEAM, Library of Hands on Literacy Materials and Literature; MCS Springmill STEM Elementary, Wilson Reading System, Improving Pollinators and STEM Makerspace; MCS Tiger Digital, Art and Story Fundamentals and Edpuzzle, booklet and Kahoot accounts; MCS Woodland Elementary, Scholastic News and Science Spin; Ontario Stingel Elementary, Foundational Phonics and More, Science of Reading/Foundations, Fraction Fun, Multiplication Facts Mastery, Discover the Magic of Reading, Poke-Math, Books for All Seasons; Plymouth-Shiloh Elementary, STEAM/Writing for 1st grade; Richland School of Academic Arts, Ecosystems & Body Systems, Resourceful Reading, Vision, Reflection, and Creation Center, Rooted in Reading, Guided Reading Intervention Program, Tinker Me This, Building Skills Through Block Play, Starbooks Café, Putting on the Ritz and ESGI/Scholastic News; Shelby Middle School, Book Café; and Shelby Dowds Elementary, Books Brought to Life

The Board of Trustees approved grants from donor-advised funds to meet emerging needs at the following organizations:

Akron Children's Hospital, American Red Cross East Central Ohio, Buckeye Imagination Museum, Catholic Charities, City of Mansfield, Diocese of Toledo, Discovery School, First United Methodist Church, Flying Horse Farm, Friendly House, Greater Cleveland Food Bank, Homeward Bound Dog Shelter, Hope Hollow, Hospice of North Central Ohio, Idea Works, Island Safe Harbor Animal Sanctuary, Light-house Family Retreat, Inc., Loudonville Theatre and Arts Committee, Lucas Community Center, Madison Local Schools, Mansfield Art Center, Mansfield City Schools, Mansfield Jr. Baseball/Southwest

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Walk to End Alzheimer's to be held at NCSC campus Sept. 16

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio, is inviting residents from Ashland, Crawford, Knox and Richland counties to join the fight to end Alzheimer's by participating in the North Central Ohio Walk to End Alzheimer's® at the North Central State Campus/Health Sciences Building in Mansfield on September 16, 2023.

On walk day, participants honor those affected by Alzheimer's with the poignant Promise Garden ceremony — a mission-focused experience that signifies solidarity in the fight against the disease. The colors of the Promise Garden flowers represent people's connection to Alzheimer's — their personal reasons to end the disease.

"We're closer than ever to stopping Alzheimer's," said Amy Crislip, event co-chair. "We hope that everyone in our community can join us by starting a team to help the Alzheimer's Association raise awareness and funds for families facing the disease today. Together, we can take more steps toward improving treatments and finally ending this disease," added Janny Nauman, Walk Co-Chair.

More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease — a leading cause of death in the United States. Additionally, more than 11 million family members and friends provide care to people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

In Ohio alone, there are 220,000 people aged 65 and older living with the disease and 493,000 caregivers. The number of Ohioans living with Alzheimer's is expected to increase to 250,000 by 2025.

To register and receive the latest updates on this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's, visit alz.org/nw ohio/walk or call 800-272-3900.

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Since 1989, the Alzheimer's Association mobilized millions of Americans in the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk®; now the Alzheimer's Association is continuing to lead the way with Walk to End Alzheimer's.

Those concerned about themselves or a loved one can contact the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio, 419-537-1999 to schedule a care consultation and be connected to local resources. The Alzheimer's Association Helpline is available 24/7 at 800-272-3900.

German competition is this weekend

The Mansfield Liederkrantz will host Treffen2023 over Labor Day Weekend. The event celebrates German Heritage and invites German Dance teams from across the country and beyond to compete as part of the festivities.

The event takes place Sept. 1-3, at the Mansfield Liederkrantz, 1212 Siver Ln., Mansfield,. On Friday evening guests enjoy camaraderie, German food for purchase and music. Some of the food favorites include Liederkrantz sausage, Goulash and Schnitzel. Saturday morning the parade kicks off at 11 am and concludes with the opening ceremony. Dance groups and music keep things festive in the outdoor pavilion throughout the day and evening. The actual dance competition takes place inside Hunsinger Hall from 2-4. Sunday offers more food, beverages and dance fun starting at 11 am. The event is open to the public. Admission is \$15 for the day or \$25 for both days. Food and beverages are available to purchase.



Photos By Traci Little

KINGWOOD CENTER GARDENS is blooming with color. Six-year-old Callie visited the gardens with her grandma while visiting from Virginia.

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News Briefs

The Lexington Depot's meal schedule for August has been released. Meals are served at the Lexington Senior Civic Center, 67 E. Main St., Lexington, from 11 am to 2 pm. For information call 419-884-1676. Meals include Aug. 31, Chicken noodle casserole; Sept. 7, open faced roast beef over mashed potatoes/bread; Sept. 12, salad and sandwich; Sept. 14, dijon pork chops & scalloped potatoes; Sept. 19, parmesan beef patty with herbed angel hair pasta; Sept. 21, meatloaf with au gratin potatoes; Sept. 26, marzetti; and Sept. 28, creamed chicken over mashed potatoes/biscuits.

The kitchen and depot will be closed for Labor Day on Sept. 4 and the kitchen will be closed Sept. 5.

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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 Sept. 20, will include broasted chicken. Matt and Melanie Miller will sing and give a freedom talk. A collection will be taken for the Humane Society of Richland County. Items collected will include paper and cloth towels, cleaning supplies, newspapers, wipes, disposable gloves, canned food, and Purina cat and dog food. Cost is \$15 for the meal. Guests are welcome. For information visit www.lexasc.org. Dues are \$10 per year. The group will meet for lunch Sept. 6, at 11 am at Wishmaker House, 116 Main St., Bellville.

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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 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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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. The next distribution is Tuesday, Sept. 12.

For information call the church at 419-522-0662.

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First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Ave. West, Mansfield, offers senior boxes on the fourth Tuesday of each month, year 'round. The Greater Cleveland Food Bank has a program called "Senior Boxes" whereby anyone 60+ who falls in the "low income" guidelines can register and then pick up a 30 pound box of non-perishables

including two pounds of cheese and a 15 pound box of pre-packaged produce. Age is a qualification, so those attending should bring a current identification card complete with date of birth and proof of income. Distribution is on the east side of the building between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm to get registered and pick up a box. There is no cost. Call 419-522-0662 for more information.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Rev. Joan VanBecelaere at 10:30 am on Sept. 3. She will speak on "Past, Present and (Revised) Future of Our UU Principles." For more information visit www.allsoulsuuohio.org.



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The American Red Cross urgently needs volunteers

From helping people affected by disasters, like home fires and floods, to supporting the collection of lifesaving blood, Red Cross volunteers play a vital role in carrying out the mission.

Anyone interested in seeking more information about becoming a Red Cross volunteer can sign up for an information session at <https://www.redcross.org/local/ohio/central-and-southern-ohio/volunteer.html>.

Online sessions will be held Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 6 pm; and Saturday, Nov. 11, at 9 am.

Ninety percent of the Red Cross workforce is made up of volunteers. While volunteers with all skill sets are being sought, currently the Central & Southern Ohio Region has the highest need for volunteers in these areas:

- Disaster Action Team Specialist o be part of a team that helps people in our local communities who are forced from their homes due to fires, storms, and other disasters

- Blood Donor Ambassador o engage with blood donors by greeting, registering, answering questions, providing information, and supporting them through the donation to the recovery process

- Blood Transportation Specialist o be the critical link between blood donors and blood recipients by delivering blood, platelets, or other blood products to a hospital

- Disaster Health Services & Mental Health Services (provide assistance and healthcare to shelter residents as needed and serves as a member of a temporary work unit on a disaster relief operation to provide disaster mental health support to individuals and families who have been impacted by a disaster)

- Disaster Action Team Duty Officer (ensures the timely activation

and monitoring of local and regional disaster responses)

The Red Cross responds to more than 60,000 disasters every year. Large disasters like hurricanes, floods and wildfires are increasing in frequency and intensity.

The Red Cross also needs volunteers who are willing to deploy to large scale national disasters.

Prospective volunteers seeking more information can email VolunteerOhio@redcross.org



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

Community Bible Church

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

First English Lutheran Church

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

Lexington Presbyterian Church

35 Church St. West, Lexington
419-884-1330
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
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1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison) 419-589-2114 • www.mansfieldstmarys.org
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Jericho Wall of Remembrance and Recovery dedication is Thursday

Photo and Article by Traci Little

The Jericho Wall of Remembrance and Recovery “A place for anyone affected by the grip of addiction” dedication is Thursday, Aug. 31 at 11 am, on National Drug Overdose and Awareness Day.

The memorial is located on W. Dickson Ave., east of Bowman St. The event is about allowing everyone who is involved in the addiction and recovery world to receive ownership of the Jericho Wall and its surroundings. This will happen over time, in the weeks and months ahead, and so this is a dedication, but less a completion of the project and as a commencement.

This art park is for inspiration, hope, education and recovery. Art-work covering 12' x 190' with a banner covering the entire fence. At the dedication on Aug. 31, there will be city and county officials in attendance who will be recognized. The focus will be on the community of families affected by addiction, and the loved ones who are casualties in the war on drugs.

The Jericho Wall will have many ways for people to be comforted: to encourage others, to find inspiration and to offer art to the community. In addition to four commissioned artists, whose work is nearly completed, six bays will offer future images by community members, offering various crafts and stencils and words of encouragement, writings of temporary and more permanent natures. These paving stones have been made by some at the Community Alternative Center.

Those who are actively involved in addiction recovery tend to be very artistic as art itself can be quite therapeutic. An important vision for the Jericho Wall is that it be an art park, a fluid memorial, which represents evolving, healing, growing and moving with the seasons.

Guests can come and see them on Thursday and walk by the wall and pray for those at the dedication and for the first group of names that will be placed on the wall.

The ceremony will feature music, stories, prayer, recognition and celebration. Many of the organizations that are supporting the wall will be there with information about what they offer. Let's stand together in the fight against the cost and grip of addiction.

For those who would like to donate to the cause, checks can be sent to Mansfield Rotary Foundation at PO Box 3918, Mansfield, Ohio 44907 or donations can be submitted online through www.jerichowall.info.

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Cassandra Kurek already looking forward to competing for Miss Ohio crown next year

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Cassandra Kurek is an energetic senior at Wynford High School in Bucyrus. The former Miss Ohio's Outstanding Teen (2022) enjoys staying busy! This past summer she spent her time representing Barbie and other princesses like Elsa from *Frozen* and Aurora from *Sleeping Beauty* with Paulette's Princess Palace in Columbus. Kurek is a talented young lady who's grown up on the stage in various theatre performances over the past ten years. She's planning on competing for her first attempt as Miss Ohio in 2024.

Who knew that wearing a pink jumpsuit to prom this past spring would turn into a summer full of all things pink and Barbie. For prom, Cassandra put her hair in a high ponytail, and everyone said she looked just like Barbie. "So it turned into kind of a joke where I took Barbie prom-posed pictures. The lady I work for saw my pictures and asked if they could use the pictures for some Barbie advertising and promotions, and how would you like to be the face of Barbie for the summer," said Kurek.

It kind of took off from there where Kurek ended up doing different parties, special events, and she even worked for a mall in Dayton where she held up Barbie merchandise and such.

Earlier this month Kurek enjoyed attending the Bucyrus Bratwurst Festival where she was in the parade with some of her fellow cheerleaders and of course, had to get a delicious bratwurst. "It was a lot of fun just getting to be there and enjoy it!"

It's been a different type of transition moving out of her most recent role as Miss Ohio's Outstanding Teen. As a person who enjoys staying busy, she soon found that she had a lot of extra time on her hands than she normally would after that year. "It's been nice, it's been different, but I'm excited to still be doing things out in the community. It was a super fun year, but at least Doc Stumbo has me getting out to various places singing and getting to meet people," Kurek said.

Cassandra will continue working with Paulette's Princess Palace as long as she can. She really loves the job and getting to work with

young kids is a joy and passion of hers. "It's always something new and exciting!"

Kurek is in the midst of filling out college applications and doing some auditions as she wants to end up in Theatre Education. "I really found that from working and choreographing the Mansfield Youth Theatre productions, that I really enjoy not only performing but being on the other side of it. A lot of colleges don't offer a theatre education specific degree, so it's become about designing my own major with musical theatre along with an educational minor and making it what I want."

"My oldest brother is at Purdue University for engineering and my other brother is in his second year at the Airforce Academy in Colorado. I just got back from going out and visiting him recently and got to see where he lives."

Kurek joined cross country this year for the first time when one of her friends suggested she should join. "I love to run with my dog, so I joined and I'm having a lot of fun doing something new."

Kurek has seen the Barbie movie twice. She saw it the first time with some of her friends from work and then she took her brother Thomas to go see it with her before taking him back to Illinois for his Co-op. Did she like it?

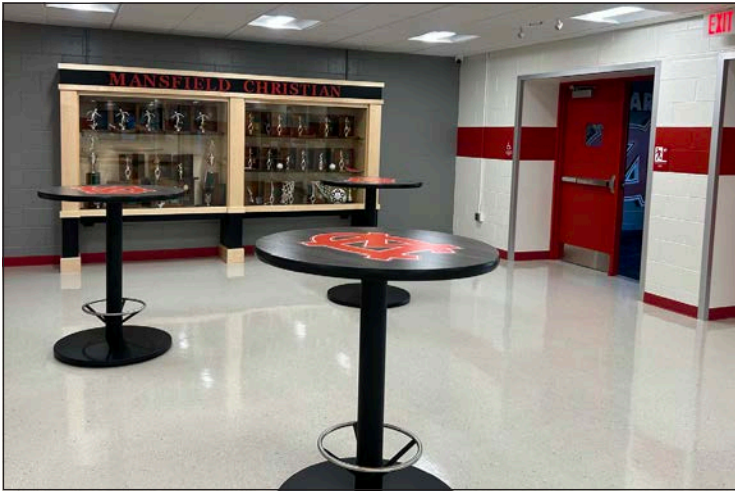
"Yes, I really liked it. It was more than I expected I guess from the movie. I don't really know what I expected, but there was so much more to it depth wise. It's nothing like the little animated films but has a much more mature concept. My biggest takeaway was how truly grateful we are to feel things. Sometimes we think we're too emotional or that we get upset too easily and then we just don't want to feel anything; but the movie really reminds you how grateful you should be that you get to feel all of these emotions and that you aren't meant to be numb."

Between being busy with her senior year of high school, running cross country and cheerleading, she's also in the midst of applying to colleges and trying to decide where to go. Once that's figured out, the possibility of competing in the Miss Ohio pageant next year is on the table as she turned 18 on Aug. 29.

"I'm really thinking about it. My focus is getting through this first round of college applications and then possibly competing in a local pageant. So maybe you'll see me here on the Renaissance stage in June!" said Kurek.

Be sure to watch her in the *The SpongeBob Musical* at the Renaissance Theatre where she'll play Sandy Cheeks in the youth production along with helping to choreograph the show!





Mansfield Christian School opens new athletic entrance addition

"Anytime you can expand and build, you are super excited to show the growth and health of your organization," said Dr. Cy Smith, superintendent of Mansfield Christian School at the ribbon cutting for the new athletic entrance addition.

Mansfield Christian recently completed a new 7,000 square foot addition and renovation which included a new entrance to the high school gym, handicap accessible restrooms, larger concession stand and lobby and renovations to offices and storage areas.

"This has been a long time coming. The driving force behind the

addition was to get restrooms on the same side of the gym. Everyone had to cross the gym to get to the existing restrooms," said Dr. Smith. "We talked and a plan came together." The addition will allow MCS to accommodate larger crowds for athletic events and other school events.

The addition was made possible through private donations and in-house fundraising.

The school thanks everyone who donated to this project and made it a success.



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MADISON COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL'S 2023 Homecoming Royalty members are front, Ryleigh Reiter, Alivia Ash, Natalee Back, Emalie Green and Ella Walker; second row, Karsyn Blust, Emily Nolan, Callie Cyrus, Alisha Hill and Layla Azmoun; third row, Travis Jamieson, Grayson Sasis, Brayden Rogers, Will Jamieson and Aiden Mooneyham; and back, Landyn Young, Josh Atwell, Will Kepple, CJ Steffey and Rico Palacios. On Sept. 29, the homecoming king will be announced at an all school pep assembly and the homecoming queen will be announced during the half-time show of the homecoming football game. The homecoming dance will be Saturday, Sept. 30.

This Week's Pet Looking for A Forever Home



Trevor

This guy is an my absolute favorite of the volunteers at the shelter. Trevor was found as a stray in Aug. 26, 2022 as an eight-month old, potty trained puppy. He is now a one year and eight-month dog. Volunteers assumed he would be quickly adopted. And yet, he's still at the shelter.

Trevor is so incredibly sweet. He doesn't walk well on a leash, but that's mostly because he wraps his legs around the dog walkers legs and hugs as he is walked. He is super friendly with everyone he meets. He loves playing and running.

Trevor likes snuggling as long as it is on his terms. He has never shown any aggression, and, if he gets a person's hand or arm

while playing he immediately drops it. Trevor is so much fun to just hang out with. He is also so soft!

Anytime he is introduced to someone, they absolutely love Trevor. He has been the second choice for so many families. Trevor is really hoping he is soon someone's first choice. The shelter thinks Trevor is good with dogs and cats. Trevor is currently at the MANCI program being trained to be better on a leash and on basic commands. Call to schedule a meeting.

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

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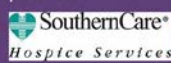


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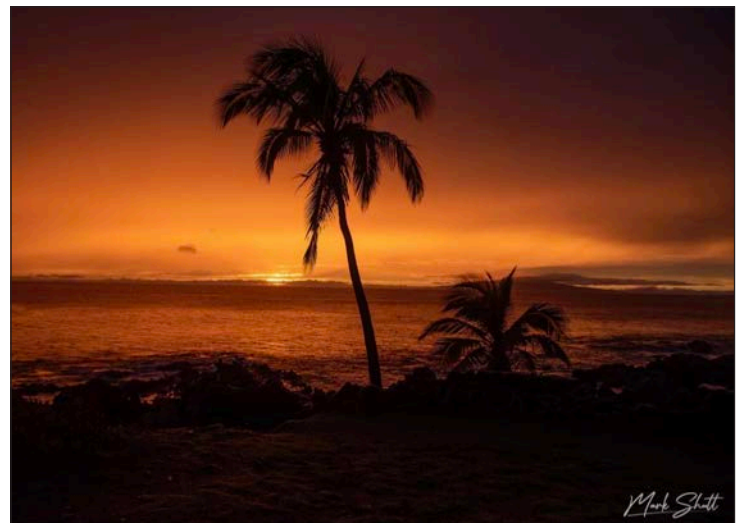
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Maui Sunset

In Memory of All who were Lost in the Recent Wildfires
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OHIOHEALTH'S DR. LEE used storytelling as a way to walk attendees through the diagnostic process of Alzheimer's disease. A case study was presented where the initial testing looked normal, but what the patient was experiencing indicated something was there — using a reference to “things are not always what they appear.” Many times those “normal” tests would be where a provider would stop, but in this case, pushing for further testing eventually confirmed Alzheimer's disease. It really illustrated the importance of advocating for care in a system that can be very complex, but in a way that was very understandable and relatable for the audience. Dr. Lee of the OhioHealth Neuro Behavioral Health Department, answered even the most challenging questions and made himself available after the program to answer additional questions. The feedback was very positive about the whole program. (Above photo) Jennifer Miller, Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter Program Manager; Dr. Lee; and Terra Timmer, Practice Manager at OhioHealth for Dr. Lee's department.

Boating course offered through Mansfield Power Squadron

An America's Boating Course will be offered by Mansfield Power Squadron.

The course is for both new and experienced boaters. The course is for those who wish to develop boating skills and learn boating safety for boating, sailing, paddle sports or personal watercraft.

Classes will be held Tuesdays, Sept. 12 to Nov. 21, from 7–9 pm, at Pioneer Career and Technology Center, 27 Ryan Rd., Shelby. Register by calling the Adult Education Department at 419-347-7744 by Sept. 8.

Classes will also be held Wednesdays, Sept. 13–Nov. 15, from 6:30–8:30 pm at Madison Adult Career Center, 600 Esley Ln., Mansfield. Register by calling MACC at 419-589-6363 ext. 65052 by Sept. 8.

The class is taught by certified instructors of the Mansfield Power Squadron (MPS) and allows participants to seek answers to questions while gaining knowledge of boating and boating safety.

The course also meets the State of Ohio boating education requirement.

Topics covered include safety and safety equipment, boating laws (state and federal), boat handling, rules of the road, navigation aids, finding your way safely, anchoring, docking, knots and lines, trailering, boat maintenance, communications, how to handle emergencies and mechanical problems and more.

Take boating classes to reduce risk of accidents and injuries, save on boat insurance and qualify for a state boat operator certificate.

The Mansfield Power Squadron (MPS) is a local nonprofit, aligned with America's Boating Club/United States Power Squadron, in promoting boating safety and education. It serves north central Ohio.

Visit <https://www.usps.org/mansfield> or call 419-975-9724 for more information about the MPS, additional advanced boating courses, how to improve boating skills and knowledge or for a complimentary vessel safety check.

•Foundation awards teacher grants

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Little League, Mansfield Playhouse, Mason Anthony, Monroe Township, North Central State College, People Helping People of North Central Ohio, Raemelon Therapeutic Equestrian Center, Richland Community Development Group, Renaissance Performing Arts, Richland Pregnancy Services, Rubies Women's Group, Shadowcliff Retreat Center, Grand Lake, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, St. Paul Outreach, St. Peter's Parish/Schools, The YMCA of North Central Ohio, United Way of Richland County, Unstoppable Youth Sports, Village of Bellville and Wishes Can Happen

Over \$16,000 was awarded for career technical education scholarships. The Scholarship Committee implemented a rolling deadline for CTE scholarships to meet various enrollment deadlines. In aligning with Ohio's Attainment Goal, the Foundation wants to help fill the gap between job openings and certified employees as well as lead the way to support workforce development through CTE scholarships.

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medications resulting in severe anti-depressant withdrawal syndrome.

He was also put on alternative medications that made his brain feel like it had lightning bolts going through it if he simply moved his eyes or turned my head. As a result, he was unable to attend class or do any schoolwork, failed his courses, and was kicked out of the program.

Despair, Depression, and Hopelessness Set In

Josh fell into despair, depression, and hopelessness where he felt like God had abandoned him. Their marriage suffered with constant fighting about Josh's mood, his lack of help around the house and his addiction to video games, candy, and pornography. He felt worthless and like a complete fail-ure. After realizing just how much he had lost, he decided to end his life.

One night after a nasty fight, he got out his pistol and started towards the back door. Haley knew something was wrong and wouldn't let him leave. Josh truly believes that the Holy Spirit was speaking to her that day.

Unaware that Josh's pistol was hidden behind his back, Haley did not leave his side. She called Josh's dad and their pastor and told them about the situation. Josh's plan was thankfully foiled after they showed up. It took three people dropping everything they were doing and coming to Josh's res-cue to stop his suicide attempt.

Haley and Josh were already going to marriage counseling, and they were referred to a charity called Providence Farm. Here they received a new type of PTSD treatment program, called REBOOT Combat Recovery, which takes a spiritual approach to healing from the effects of trauma. Josh finally found what he was missing.

Hope and Healing Found Through Providence Farm

The program, the peaceful location and the people in Josh's life ultimately helped him. Providence Farm was a woodland retreat with calming surroundings. This environment eliminated distractions and quieted his mind. Having a community of veterans around him created a place where he felt safe, secure, and most importantly, he felt understood. Being surrounded by a group of veterans and their spouses that struggled with the same things he did was truly life changing. Josh no longer felt alone.

Josh and Haley Move to Ontario, Ohio

They decided to make the move to be closer to family. After moving to Ontario, Ohio in 2016, one of the first things they did was look for a REBOOT course; they unfortunately found that there were none. PTSD recovery programs were also non-existent. It was at this point Haley and Josh realized that if there were no programs to help veterans, they would start one.

Crossroads Community Church was the first place that opened

their doors to them to be able to hold classes. They came alongside them and fully supported Josh and Haley. By leading these courses, Josh's life was centered around God and the healing process. He no longer needed his PTSD medications, began working out, eating healthy, and was the happiest he'd been in a long time. Everything was very successful and growing, until suddenly, everything stopped during the covid shut-downs. "We had three classes there before covid hit. We tried to keep it going in zoom, but there's something about that relational aspect of community and being together," said Haley.

Everything he had worked towards and built: his healthy lifestyle, incredible friends who had become like family, the new positive lifestyle, all seemed to crack and collapse. He once again felt alone, depressed, and without purpose. He started drinking heavily, between 7-14 drinks a day. After 3 months of lock-down, the depression and feelings of isolation became so great that he no longer wanted to live. He sat in the shower, sobbing, and told his wife she needed to take him to the hospital.

The hospital was worse than anything Josh could ever imagine. He sat in a room by himself for 23 hours a day, only coming out to eat a meal. There wasn't even a tv in the room, so he literally stared at a wall and suffered silently. Josh wrestled with God in that place, cursing Him, screaming at Him and asking Him why He would take all this good away from him. Finally, Josh begged Him to kill him and bring him home.

Josh Hits Rock Bottom and Warrior's Respite Is Born

Josh was in the hospital for three days, but it felt like 3 weeks. But God had a bigger plan - God raised him from the dead in that room. Josh went from giving up on life, resigning himself to dying, and no longer caring about his wife and children to a whole different Josh who had been reborn. He went into that place a dead man, and God brought him out a new man. God allowed Josh to realize how much he had taken community for granted and decided to do something about it.

Josh's firsthand struggles with PTSD and being isolated created a desire to help others that deal with this. He developed a plan, so if this ever happened again, veterans would have a place to go. "We experienced some of the darkest days during that time, along with billions of other people. In that darkness, came the light, and God birthed Warrior's Respite," said Haley.

Warrior's Respite Is Completely Unique!

Warrior's Respite is a completely unique charity that provides hope and healing to military and first responder families. What makes them so unique? They offer seven different 12-week classes for veterans and their spouses to attend. They also provide a spouses-only course on preventing care-taker burnout.

When Josh and Haley started looking for a property for Warrior's Respite, they never imagined it was going to be this big. Fourteen acres of land, a 2900 square foot fixer-upper home for their family and a 1,000 square separate building that will be two apartments used for a weekend retreat; "but God!" Our God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or even think. Due to the location and the land for sale, there were at least eight other couples looking at it along with the Sheriff family at the open house. This place was indeed meant for them and the healing work that will be done at this peaceful property, prayerfully to be up and running by November of 2024.

"Haley has been such a support and is literally the God given air beneath my wings. I could not have

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done any of this without her, she takes care of so much in every different area and aspect of our life. She's encouraged me every step of the way. Both of my parents were officers for the Salvation Army, so they were an incredible resource to gain the perspective of what it looks like to start and run a charity. Our big sister charity is a Providence Farm down in Concord, Virginia. That's where we went to our first Reboot recovery back in 2015. They had 90 acres donated to them with the purpose of creating a retreat and sanctuary for military and veterans. That was the vision and idea for creating something like that here in Ohio," said Josh.

The only healing that Josh truly found is through Jesus. It was the combination of biblically based counsel and empirically supported treatment that unlocked the keys to the healing that Josh so desperately needed. Currently he's working on his master's degree and his thesis is on the efficacy of nature based therapy in treating PTSD for military members and first responders.

Josh truly found that our community is full of people who want to help. Josh and Haley work to help those providing services connect with the people who need them. Many military families are either unaware of the services available for them or perhaps have been too proud to seek help. Warrior's Respite changes that. This amazing organization allows other groups to give back to the veteran community through volunteer opportunities.

Ask any veteran what they miss most about the military and the answer will always be the same, "my battle-buddies". Their group gathers veterans and their families every week to share a meal, enjoy each other's company, and develop life-long relationships that haven't been had since they were in the service.

Things like trips to the zoo, going to the aquarium, Ceder Point, and more has a two-fold benefit of providing activities and reaching out to other veterans. They visit veterans in nursing homes monthly and conduct an appreciation ceremony to show the veteran residents they are not forgotten, and their sacrifices are still honored. Fairs and events offer the opportunity to spread awareness about PTSD, show there is healing available, and give hope by providing a ministry of presence to veterans and their spouses.

Recreational activities and classes will also be available, including woodworking, fishing, photography, and cooking. In war, QRF (Quick-Reaction Force) is a group of designated soldiers on standby; ready to rush off base and respond to help fellow soldiers pinned down in a firefight. The Veteran's Crisis Line has a huge shortcoming: it's impersonal. The veteran is in a dark place, ready to end their battle, and they have to carry on a conversation over the phone, often with civilians. Our mental-health QRF will be made of veterans who have received suicide prevention training and are ready to respond, in-person, 24/7, to a veteran in crisis at the veteran's home. These selfless men and women will be the backup a veteran's needs when they're under fire.

The Need for Skilled Laborers and Community Support!

Hiring contractors is not a quick process and trying to find grants has proven to be challenging. "We've already been turned down by organizations and grants because we're faith based," said Josh.

"Right now they've just been cleaning up ahead of any renovations. September 3 will be three months of owning this new property. We have big plans but we're trying to be patient and trust the Lord. We need people that are gifted in roofing, plumbing and electrical work to help come alongside us and help us get this vision off the ground and running. We need contractors out here! The renovations are not within our means, but we know that God provided this place for a purpose, and He will see it to completion. We trust that He will bring skilled laborers to help us with the work needed to be done. We know that the community wants to come together and help us. We had Reach Mansfield come out during the Summer and they did an astronomical amount of yard work. It needs new insulation and drywall. Once we get those key components done, we can have different community groups and churches come out and paint and things like that. Donations and gift cards to Menards, Home Depot and Lowes would be a HUGE help. Monetary donations with the purpose of renovations would be a huge blessing because then the contractors can come in and do the work. It needs water and plumb-

ing. Not everyone can give professional counsel, but if you can help with electrical, roofing, plumbing, trenching, excavating, you would be a huge asset to getting this charity and vision up and running. You'd be helping give back to those that have given so much to our country and community. We firmly believe it will be an amazing place of retreat and refreshment," Josh said.

They offer classes in the spring and fall. Currently, they are holding a weekly REBOOT class for first responders (police, EMS, firefighters, nurses, dispatchers, and crisis counselors in the mental health community). Learn how to deal with the trauma of the past while becoming more resilient for the inevitable storms of the future. Current and former first responders are welcome. Meals and childcare are provided. Registration is open until Sept. 3!

Josh said, "it's interesting, God never showed Abraham the path to the promise land or Joseph the pit or the prison. Warrior's Respite will be a place to bump the record player for the weary and allow them to get away from the daily grind and get back on track. The scratches and bruises of life can leave us weary and feeling stuck. This will be a place they can be poured into and see that there's hope and healing available. The purpose is to create a community of believers centered around the healing journey. Trauma is the gateway the enemy uses to enter into our lives. He uses the trauma we've experienced to form addictions, depression and anxiety. That's so much it opens us up to vulnerability wise."

Stay tuned for more information about the veteran's appreciation event they are going to hold on Saturday, Nov. 11 that will be open to the public. Come check out what the property looks like, catch the vision, and have some coffee and s'mores around a bonfire!

For more information and to register for classes at <https://warriorsrespite.org/register-for-classes>. To donate to the cause visit <https://warriorsrespite.org/donate>.

A video can be viewed at https://youtu.be/ZWKcIsI_V0o

Registration open for Lincoln Day Dinner on September 7

The 2023 Lincoln Day Dinner hosted by the Richland County Republican Party will take place on Thursday, Sept. 7., Doors open at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:15 pm.

The event will be held at Kingwood Center, 50 N. Trimble Rd., Mansfield, and Keynote Speaker will be Ohio Senate President Matt Huffman. Huffman, will share his insights and thoughts on various political matters, providing a perspective on the current state of affairs.

Republicans will gather to celebrate the legacy of Abraham Lincoln and his contributions to the party, and raise funds to recruit, train and elect ethical, knowledgeable and conscientious Republicans in 2023 and beyond.

Those attending will have the opportunity to meet fellow Republicans, local officials and party leaders. Guests can engage in conversations about current political issues and gain valuable insights from like-minded individuals.

The aim is to foster a sense of community among Republicans in Richland County and beyond. To register visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-lincoln-day-dinner-richland-county-republican-party-tickets-676035790247?mc_cid=d230b9a6d3&mc_eid=e-86c4aaab3

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A1C Alexandria Collier and A1C Macy Chambers



Airman Kylie Davidson



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Chambers, Collier and Davidson graduate from USAF Basic Training

Macy Chambers, Alexandria Collier and Kylie Davidson graduated from United States Air Force Basic Training on Aug. 9–10 at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio Texas.

Macy Chambers, a 2023 Lexington graduate, is currently completing her Finance Technical Training at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. She will attend Bowling Green State University starting in January 2024, majoring in Criminal Justice. She will be serving in the 179th Air Lift Wing in Finance at the 179th Air Force Base in Mansfield. Her parents are Brandon and Jaime Chambers and siblings are Avery and Reed.

Alexandria Collier, a 2023 Lexington graduate, is currently completing her Finance Technical Training at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. She will attend Miami University starting in January 2024 in their Pre-Med program with a focus in Pediatric Neurology. She will be serving in the 179th Air Lift Wing in Finance at the 179th Air Force Base in Mansfield. Her parents are Alecia Wyatt and Mark Collier and siblings are Arianna, Maleia, Tyler and Brooklyn.

Kylie Davidson, a 2023 Clear Fork graduate, is currently completing her Public Affairs Technical Training at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. She will be serving in Public Affairs at the 179th Air Force Base in Mansfield. Her parents are Johnny and Shauna Davidson and her siblings are Easton and Zane Davidson.



A1C Macy Chambers receives her Airman's Coin

KCCC Preschool awarded grants to assist with student learning

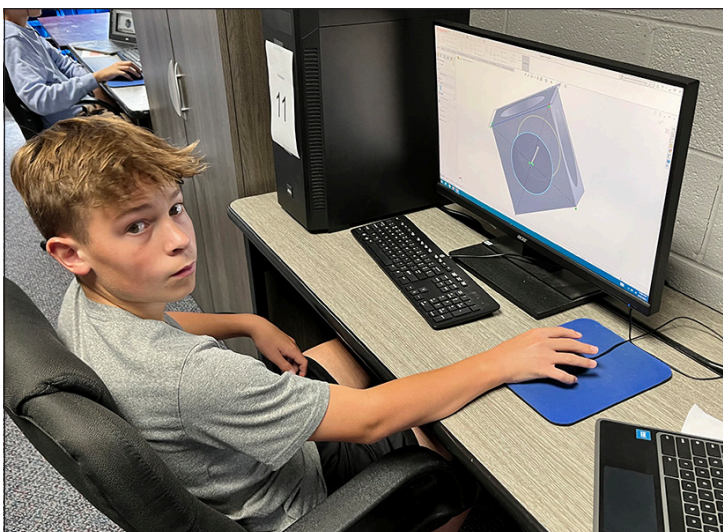
Knox County Career Center (KCCC) Preschool was awarded the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Grant and the Math Shelf Grant over the summer.

KCCC went from 27 ECE Grant student slots to 32 with the recent grant award. Additional funding is associated with each slot. KCCC had to outline how the grant would be specifically used and structured for KCCC Preschool children.

KCCC Preschool also received the Math Shelf Grant, which is a program for Preschool through remedial first-grade math. This program is individualized and is designed to help children with their math skills that were lost during the pandemic. KCCC Preschool received eight Kindles and the use of the Math Self Program.

The Math Shelf Program is free through the grant from August through December. The program will be evaluated by staff at that point with an option to extend it from January through May for half of the regular price.

"We are very grateful to receive both of these grants. We love to see children have these opportunities to help them become successful and more skilled. Our goal is to provide them with the best education we possibly can," said Jeremi Jarosz, KCCC Preschool Director.



MR. SAGER'S NEW EIGHTH GRADE PRE-ENGINEERING class at Ontario High School is learning to design its own CAD parts with Solidworks, while also designing the tallest 10-minute tower possible with limited parts inside a classroom challenge.



Mansfield Christian School celebrated the first day with special pictures.



ONTARIO STINGEL preschool students enjoyed their first week of school by creating with PlayDoh and playground time.

Hospice of North Central Ohio announces restructuring plan

Hospice of North Central Ohio (HNCO), a non-profit hospice organization founded in 1988 and serving the end-of-life, palliative care and bereavement needs of thousands of patients and their families annually, has announced a comprehensive restructuring initiative which will help cut costs and consolidate day-to-day operations.

HNCO currently maintains offices in Ashland, Mansfield and Mount Vernon, Ohio. The restructuring plan calls for the consolidation of the Ashland-Richland County offices to HNCO's headquarters in Ashland at 1021 Dauch Dr.

In addition to its administrative offices, HNCO operates What Goes 'Round Thrift Shoppe in downtown Mansfield, Ohio. That operation continues to expand its footprint while engaging approximately 60 volunteers. Richland County continues to represent HNCO's largest patient census.

HNCO Executive Director Bill Kahl commented, "These are challenging times for non-profit hospice organizations like HNCO, we have a large footprint in Richland County and a reputation for providing a high level of quality services for patients in our care. This restructuring initiative has been discussed for the past year or so and strategically makes a lot of sense for us logistically.

In addition to consolidating offices, HNCO's management team has recommended a number of additional cost saving and revenue increasing measures to be implemented during the 2023-'24 fiscal years.

Bill Kahl added, "HNCO has differentiated itself from other area hospice organizations through programs and services like Camp Hope Children's Bereavement Camp, Virtual Reality Therapy, We Honor Veterans Program, Special Request Program, Palliative Care and the Phyllis & Jack Hire Community Bereavement Center.

Madison students may qualify for free or reduced meals

Madison Local School District announced its 2023-'24 program year policy for free and reduced priced meals for students unable to pay the full price of meals or milk served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast, After School Care Snack or Special Milk Programs.

Each school office and the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party. The Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines will be used to determine eligibility. Children from families whose annual income is at or below the federal guidelines are eligible for free and reduced-price meals or free milk if the school participates in the Special Milk Program.

Application forms are distributed to all homes in a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free and reduced-price benefits, households should complete an application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. A complete application is required.

Households which currently receive Special Nutrition Assistance Program Benefits (SNAP, formally known as food stamps) or Ohio Works First (OWF) funds for a child must provide the child's name, the SNAP or OWF case number and signature of an adult household member on the application.

Households that do not receive SNAP or OWF funds must provide the names of all household members, the last four digits of the Social Security Number of the adult signing the application or state "none" if the adult does not have a Social Security Number, the amount and source of income received by each household member (state the monthly income) and the signature of an adult household member. If any of this information is missing, the school cannot process the application.

Free Health Care: Families with children eligible for school meals may be eligible for free health care coverage through Medicaid and/or Ohio's Healthy Start & Healthy Families programs. These programs include coverage for doctor visits, immunizations, physicals, prescriptions, dental, vision, mental health, substance abuse and more. Call 1-800-324-8680 for more information or to request an application. Information can also be found at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/consumers/familychild.stm>. Anyone who has an Ohio Medicaid card is already receiving these services.

The information provided on the application is confidential and will only be used for the purpose to determine eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program official. To discourage the possibility of misrepresentation, the application forms contain a statement above the space for signature certifying that all information furnished is true and correct. Applications are being made in connection with the receipt of federal funds. Schools or other officials may check the information on the application at any time during the school year. Deliberate misrepresentation of information may subject the applicant to prosecution under applicable state and federal laws.

Households will be notified of the approval or denial of benefits.

Foster children are categorically eligible for free meal benefits regardless of the household's income. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals or milk for them, contact the school for more information.

Under the provision of the policy, Matt Blankenship/ Food Service Supervisor will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian disagrees with the decision on the application or the result of verification, the decision may be discussed with the determining official on an informal basis. If a formal appeal is desired, the household has the right to a fair hearing. A fair hearing can be requested either orally or in writing from: Matt Blankenship, 1419 Grace St., Mansfield, Ohio 44905.

The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure. Households may apply for benefits any time during the school year. If a household is not currently eligible and if the household size increases or income decreases because of unemployment or other reasons, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for free or reduced-price benefits if the family income falls at or below the levels shown above.



WARRIOR LEADERSHIP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held a breakfast to welcome new students to Ontario High School.

Young Leaders Institute offered to local sophomores

Local high school sophomores are invited to apply for Young Leaders Institute (YLI), a program that provides selected Richland County high school sophomores with training that will cultivate leadership development, inform career decisions, and foster civic engagement. Through different learning styles, the program empowers students to have two-way conversations with business and community leaders about issues that matter to them. Students will expand their own values, philosophies, and beliefs while learning alongside classmates from different schools as well as ethnic, economic, and social back-grounds.

Students will take a leadership assessment and be empowered to develop as a leader through "The Student Leadership Challenge" materials by Kouzes and Posner. Program days consist of leadership development sessions, career discussions and experiential activities, speakers and panels, and tours of Richland County's businesses and interesting places. A capstone project will empower students to propose a solution to a community problem while improving their skills in team building and communication.

The program runs on the first Thursdays, October through March, from 9 am to 1:30 pm.

Sophomores enrolled in any Richland County school or homeschool during the 2023-'24 school year who want to grow as leaders, explore career pathways, and become engaged in their community are invited to apply. A maximum of 35 participants will be selected annually. A selection committee will review all completed applications and select those applicants who have demonstrated commitment, leadership ability, and a desire to serve their community.

This program is free for students, as Richland County Youth and Family Council and corporate sponsors fund the program. Students must have the full support of the school district he or she represents. To graduate, a participant must attend all but one program day.

Applications for the class of 2023-'24 are due by Friday, Sept. 8. Applicants will be notified of an admissions decision by Friday, Sept. 29.

For more information regarding Young Leaders Institute (YLI), contact Angie Cirone at 419-522-3211 or acirone@richlandareachamber.com. More information can also be found on the Richland Area Chamber and Economic Development website at <https://richlandareachamber.com>

Ohio leaders join to defeat recreational marijuana use on November's ballot

Coming together to say that Ohio has already suffered enough from casual, recreational drug use, and to spare our children, businesses and communities additional risks and costs, a broad coalition of leaders is launching a comprehensive campaign to defeat a November ballot initiative seeking to legalize recreational use and retail sales of marijuana in Ohio.

The initial coalition represents leaders across children's health care, business, veterans and law enforcement organizations, including: Ohio Children's Hospital Association, Ohio Adolescent Health Association, Buckeye Sheriffs Association, Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association, Ohio Veterans First, Veterans Court Watch and Smart Approaches to Marijuana.

Steering Committee Members are Ohio Senator Mark Romanchuk (R-Ontario), Former Ohio Republican Party Chair Jane Timken, Phillips Tube Group CEO Angela Phillips and Smart Approaches to Marijuana CEO Kevin A. Sabet, PhD.

"Every day Ohio's children face countless risks to their health and safety, even in the safest homes and schools. To help them live their healthiest lives and reach their full potential, we must be working together to reduce risks — not increasing exposure to hazardous & addictive substances like marijuana that can negatively impact their mental wellbeing, cognitive development and worse. With the legalization of medical marijuana, our hospitals have already seen an increase in unintentional ingestions, poisonings and other incidents that are threatening children's lives. Expanding access to marijuana across Ohio in this reckless manner will only exacerbate the problem. Ohio's children's hospitals vehemently oppose this proposal," said Nick Lashutka, President and CEO, Ohio Children's Hospital Association.

"The multi-billion dollar marijuana industry is controlled by a small number of large, wealthy individuals and companies that are funding efforts to impose recreational drug use in Ohio and other states. This campaign will be like David vs Goliath and it won't be easy, but it is necessary if we want to avoid the deterioration that we have seen afflict other states who were tricked into believing the marijuana lie. Recreational marijuana will forever damage Ohio, our communities, our schools and our workplaces if we let this happen here," said Angela Phillips, Phillips Tube Group CEO and Steering Committee Member of Protect Ohio Workers and Families. "Legalizing recreational marijuana puts profits over people, weakens our workforces and further attacks Ohio's families by normalizing a mind-altering substance for widespread public use. The result will be more damaged children, broken marriages, increased mental illness, shattered families and unsafe, overburdened workplaces. The risks to Ohio's children and society are too great."

"Every Ohioan should get the facts about this industry and these drugs before contemplating inflicting them on our communities. The science and the data are increasingly clear from states across America and around the world that have gambled with the lives of their residents by commercializing THC-laced drugs," said Kevin A. Sabet, PhD, CEO of Smart Approaches to Marijuana. "Industrialized marijuana drug products are not medicine. Like nicotine, they are intentionally designed to increase usage and therefore profits for investors. The pot industry doesn't care about the human cost. Ohioans who care about their children and their communities should engage on this issue and vote to prevent their state from endorsing an industry that will cause harm to make a profit."

The Protect Ohio Workers and Families campaign will begin taking its message to Ohio voters over the next few weeks and looks forward to protecting Ohio's children, communities and workplaces from the harmful impact of expanding access to marijuana through its full legalization.

Protect Ohio Workers and Families is a broad coalition of Ohioans who oppose efforts to legalize the recreational use and retail sales of marijuana. The coalition is leading the statewide campaign to defeat the proposed law that the marijuana industry is backing on Ohio's Nov. 8, 2023 statewide ballot.

For more information, visit www.protectohiofamilies.com.

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THE OFFENSIVE LINE of Adam Ison (75), Matt Cook (71), Andy Applegate (64), Ryan Kanz (51) and Mike Huffman (74) opened plenty of big holes as the Madison Rams scored 50 points in Friday's home football opener against Cleveland South, a 50-14 Ram victory. Under center is Ram quarterback Justin Larrick (12).

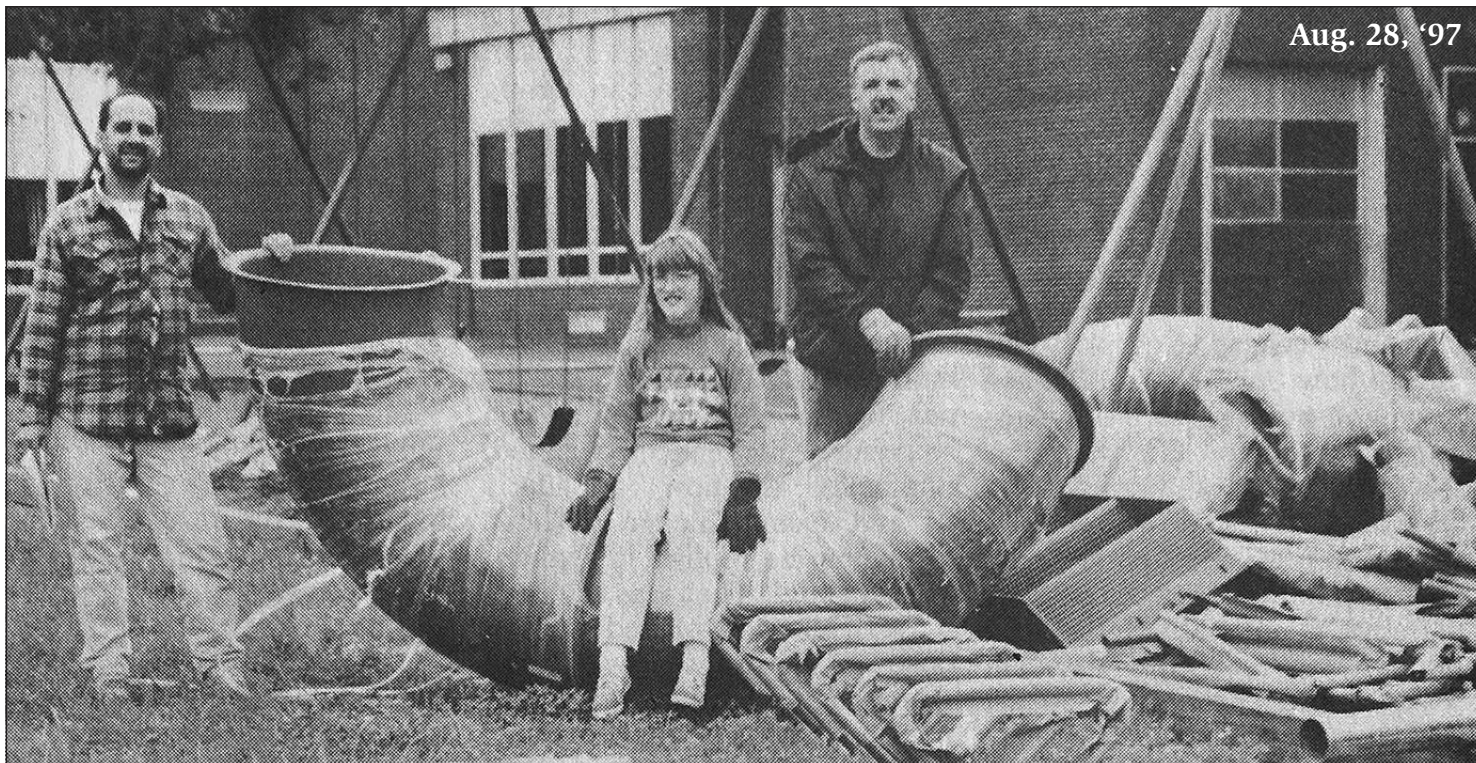
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George Billman

ONTARIO'S ANGIE DYE (left) races Lexington's Missy Trease for the ball in the girls soccer match last Thursday at Lexington. Lexington won the match 5-0. Kristy Ritchie had the hat trick with three goals as the Minutemaids mounted a 29-shot attack. Sarah Trease and Kristen Rasmussen each scored two Lexington goals.

Aug. 28, '97



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THE PARENTS CLUB and friends are installing new playground equipment at Madison Eastview Elementary School in Madison Township. The students raised \$25,000 to pay for the equipment and the Parents Club is doing the installation. Shown at the site are Walt Lowe, physical education instructor at the school, Allison Sneeringer and Ken Kemp.

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2/3 Appraised Value
(Property Appraised for \$105,000)
Village of Lexington, County of Richland
Final Bidding & Closing:
October 4, 2023, 4 PM EST

TERMS: ONLINE ONLY; 10% Buyer's Fee Added (Minimum \$1,000); \$5,000 Deposit plus 10% of Buyer's Fee; Purchaser shall be responsible for those costs, allowances, and taxes that the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover. A complete copy of the legal descriptions can be reviewed at www.byeonline.com

Bidding Opens: September 6, 2023
(Second Sale Ending, 10/18/2023, 4 PM EST)

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(T-C 8-31, 9-7, 14 '23) 25L

LEGAL NOTICE

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The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their regular meeting held on August 16, 2023.

The complete text of this Ordinance may be viewed and copies obtained at the Office of the Clerk of Council, Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, during regular business hours.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-12 – AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE IMPROVEMENT TO CERTAIN PARCELS IN THE CITY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND EXEMPT FROM TAXATION PURSUANT TO ORC 5709.40(B); AND PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND DEPOSIT OF SERVICE PAYMENTS AND SPECIFYING THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THOSE SERVICE PAYMENTS MAY BE EXPENDED.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-13 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A RECREATION DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN ONTARIO YOUTH SPORTS, INC. AND THE CITY OF ONTARIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AS AMENDED.

Cathy VanAuken, MMC
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 8-24, 31 '23) 36L

CITY OF ONTARIO
POSITION OPENING
SEWER INFLOW AND
INFILTRATION PROJECT MANAGER

The City of Ontario has an immediate open-

ing for the part-time position of Sewer Inflow and Infiltration Project Manager. Applicants must maintain a Class II Wastewater Collection System Operators License. The job description and application are available on the city's website at www.ontarioohio.org.

All applications must be turned in at Ontario City Hall located at 555 Stumbo Road Ontario, Ohio by Friday September 8th at 4:00PM.

Qualified candidates may contact Service-Safety Director Kris Knapp at 419-529-2495 or email kknapp@ontarioohio.org.

Randy E. Hutchinson, Mayor
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 8-24, 31 '23) 20L

Troopers target "Move Over" violators

Ohio's Move Over law is designed to protect the lives of everyone who works on or uses Ohio roadways, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol routinely makes this a priority. The law requires all drivers to move over to an adjacent lane when approaching any stationary vehicle with flashing or rotating lights, including law enforcement officers, emergency responders, road construction, maintenance vehicles, utility crews and tow trucks. If moving over is not possible, motorists should slow down and proceed with caution.

One of the most vulnerable groups of roadside workers are the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) employees. Since January 2023, ODOT employees, vehicles and equipment have been struck 38 times.

From 2018 to May 2023, troopers issued 26,739 citations for violating the Move Over law.

"When you move over, you're protecting the lives of everyone who works on or uses our roadways," said Colonel Charles A. Jones, Patrol Superintendent. "Moving over is the law and it's the right thing to do."

To date in 2023, there have been more than 2,000 work zone crashes in Ohio. Among those there have been five fatal crashes and another 44 crashes where serious injury is suspected.

OSHP and ODOT plan to continue this partnership to raise awareness of the importance of the law.

For more information visit <http://www.workzonedashboard.ohio.gov>

Wreaths Across America invites Americans to wave the flag Sept. 12

On Tuesday, Sept. 12, between 9–10 am ET, national nonprofit Wreaths Across America (WAA) is calling for the nation to join them in flag-waving to remind all Americans of the feeling we had – the pride in country, the unity and patriotism – which was expressed on the days following 9/11/01. The event will be hosted LIVE on WAA's official Facebook page and broadcast over Wreaths Across America Radio. The broadcasts will include interviews and stories from volunteers, supporters, Gold Star families, veterans, first responders and members of the next generation.

WAA gathers every Tuesday morning from 9–10 am ET to raise the American flag and say the Pledge of Allegiance from the Freeport Flag Ladies Monument located on Route 1 in Jonesboro, Maine, near the 'tip lands' where balsam is harvested to make veterans' wreaths for placement on National Wreaths Across America Day each December. The monument was built by WAA in partnership with its founder, Morrill Worcester, in September 2019, after the Freeport Flag Ladies retired following 18 years of waving the American flag in Freeport, Maine, each Tuesday since Sept. 11, 2001.

"Now, more than ever, it is so critical for communities to come together to remember all those who served and honor their service and their family's service, especially those who volunteered during the War on Terror following the events of Sept. 11, 2001," said WAA Executive Director, Karen Worcester. "But more than anything, we must teach our children about these men and women and the courage and commitment it takes to be a part of the small number of Americans who protect all our freedoms."

WAA encourages the American public to join this weekly tradition starting on Sept. 12 by sharing pictures and videos on social media using the hashtag #FlagsAcrossTheCountry.

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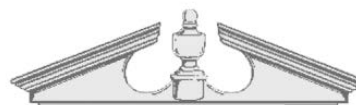
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