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Presentations given to Ontario BOE on literacy program and primary reading instruction

The Ontario Local Schools Board of Education met Dec. 12.

Maureen Johnson started off the meeting with a presentation about the literacy program at Stingel in grades Pre K-3. She talked about the Heggerty and Foundations lessons and how they build from year to year. Mrs. Shreffler was there to participate as well.

To further show how the lessons flow as a student develops, Jeremiah Viscioni showed a video that he created. The video included interviews of teachers and students as well as video of lessons. He learned these skills while completing a paid summer internship at DRM productions.

Stingel Principal Kimberly Johnson gave a presentation on Primary Reading Instruction.

The board approved the employment of temporary substitute for the 2023-'24 school year including Manal Abu Shehadeh, Stingel Elementary/middle school/high school; and Laney Grimwood, Stingel Elementary/middle school/high school.

Title 1 Reading Tutors hired for the 2023-'24 school year are Peyton Perini and Elizabeth Worthington, part-time.

Elizabeth LaCroix (senior) and Trinity Spackey (freshman) will compete with Ashland High School in OHSAA sanctioned gymnastics for the 2023-'24 school year. There will be no cost to Ontario Schools.

The resignation of Kris Thomas as the girls basketball assistant coach, was accepted, effective Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023) and she will be paid 50 percent of her supplemental salary.

Extracurricular/supplemental staff personnel hired for the 2023-'24 school year included Ethan Clark, freshman boys basketball coach, \$3,463; Josh Young, seventh grade boys basketball coach, \$3,175; Keirsten Proulx, volunteer gymnastics coach for students/athletes Elizabeth Lacroix and Trinity Spackey, \$0; Matt Dille, volunteer high school wrestling assistant coach, \$0; Nick Miller and Jason Perry, middle school wrestling assistant coach (five coaches sharing four stipends of \$3,407.40 each; and Taylor Komives, Monty Ohl, high school wrestling assistant coach (five coaches sharing four stipends of \$3,407.40 each.

The board adjusted previously approved contracts for Deb Henry and Brooke Trumpower, to be split evenly: Deb Henry, OHS Varsity Head Swim Coach, previous salary \$7,041, new salary \$4,951; and Brooke Trumpower, OHS Assistant Varsity Swim Coach, previous salary \$2,861, new salary \$4,951.

The board approved a stipend for Kari Tarvin as a piano accompanist, \$800 and revised and new board policies.

The board approved a contract between Ontario Local Schools and Veregy to provide a new pool boiler and chiller pumps and controls for Stingel, middle school and high school buildings.

Donations were accepted from Minute Men OHIOCOMP Managed Care Organization, staff appreciation, \$500; Todd Ivy, boys basketball, \$100; Seigneur Fox Construction LLC, girls basketball, \$150; Mechanics Bank, girls basketball, \$100; Modern Woodmen, OMS PBIS, \$100; Sabrina Bowles and William Counts, girls basketball, \$400; Melissa and Sam Weiler, girls basketball, \$750; and City of Ontario Jeans Day, staff/student appreciation, \$222.

Facility requests were approved as were setting the date and time for the January Organizational Meeting and appointment of president pro tem for the January Organizational Meeting.

Mr. Strickler gave the Student and Community Survey results and an update on the career tech equipment grant application. He discussed future career tech offerings.

The next board of education meeting will be held on Jan. 9, at 7 pm in the Ontario High School Library.



JASON PAINLEY, Area Agency on Aging Corporate Board of Trustees President, presents the Elected Official of the Year Award to Zoi Romanchuk, on behalf of her husband Senator Mark Romanchuk. Also pictured is Duana Patton, CEO of Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc.

Area Agency of Aging presents awards at annual meeting

By Traci Little

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging held its annual meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center in Mansfield beginning at noon.

Nearly 250 seniors, dignitaries, service providers, board and advisory council members and staff were in attendance. The meeting, and more importantly, the celebration, was hosted by Duana Patton, CEO, and Jason Painley, Corporate Board of Trustees President.

The program and meeting highlighted accomplishments of the Area Agency on Aging for 2023. Awards were given out for Project Collaboration, Community Partnership, The Advocate of the Year, Award of Excellence, Elected Official of the Year and the Area Agency on Aging Hall of Fame Award.

The 2023 Annual Meeting Awardees were:

Advocate of the Year, Beth Kowalczyk

Beth Kowalczyk's qualifications make her the ideal awardee for the Advocate of the Year. As the Chief Policy Officer of the Ohio Association of Area Agencies (o4a) on Aging, her leadership, expertise, and advocacy extends beyond Ohio, reaching a national scale. Committed to enhancing the lives of older adults and the broader aging network, Her impactful contributions to legislation, policy changes and advocacy resonate at the local, regional and national levels.

Award of Excellence, John and Mary Peterson

The Award of Excellence recognizes John and Mary Peterson's exceptional contributions in providing home repair, modification and pest control services. As providers, their dedication extends to individuals of all ages and those with disabilities, showcasing a commitment to taking on emergency jobs that many others will not handle due to the complexity or risk.

Community Partnership, Central Ohio Youth For Christ

Youth for Christ merits the Community Partnership Award for its

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The Dollar Kodak

By Bob Carter

A dollar is about all the Kodak camera cost before 1900. It was a dark colored rather plain rectangle box with a viewer and lenses in one end. It was simple to operate.

Sid Earhart had one. He grew up in Lexington and knew just about everyone. He ran a pool room at one time while the town was dry, and with the camera took a few pictures around town.

In December 1964, I interviewed Sid and his wife, Myrtle, at their home in Mansfield, at which time he loaned me a number of old photographs to be copied. He provided a wealth of information on Lexington and people and events in the area shortly after the turn of the century. The pictures were a real treasure.

Some weeks later, I returned the loaned material and we talked about the pictures and then finally discussed the camera used. While I was there, he excused himself for a few moments and when he returned he was carrying what he called his "Dollar Kodak."

It was a delight to see the camera that made those great old photographs, and as I examined it noticed it still had film in it, set for exposure number seven. I commented on the fact and was surprised he still used the old Kodak.

Then Sid told the story.

His son had been drafted into the army in 1943, during World War II. Before he left for service, Sid put a new roll of film in the old Kodak and photographs were taken of the son and family.

One can only imagine the thought that ran through the photographer and subject.

There were those who never came back from that terrible war and others who came back that were never the same. The old camera would record that unhappy occasion in their lives. Just in case he never came back.


But the Earharts were lucky. After the war, their son did return home. He was alright. And Sid, in a rather quiet voice, said that someday he was going to finish that 1943 roll of film and get it developed. "We just don't take many pictures anymore," he quietly commented.

Sid and Myrtle have been gone many years, as has the son. I've always wondered what ever happened to that ancient Kodak camera. Could it be on some dusty shelf or closet somewhere still ready for exposure number seven?

Many scenes it recorded were used in the book *Tales of The Old-Timers, The History of Lexington*. For Sid Earhart and his wife, I will be forever grateful.



THE "DOLLAR KODAK" took many pictures.



THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

Wonka stars Timothee Chalamet as a young Willie Wonka moving to a town run by a trio of already established chocolatiers and trying to open his own shop as he has the best chocolate around. This movie acts as a prequel to the classic 1971 film *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory* and the first Wonka film since Tim Burton's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* in 2005.

To say this was an unnecessary movie would be an understatement, though under the watchful eye of director Paul King, this film has a certain charm to it that only he could bring, having had great success with the Paddington films.

Chalamet does the best he can in the lead role, though it will always be difficult to step into the huge shoes of Gene Wilder. Chalamet has a certain wit and innocence to him that he brings to the role that, by the end, is very winning.

The movie is also a musical like the original, and while the songs are nice during the film, they are not memorable (I am sitting here trying to think of one and well... I cannot).

The supporting cast is worth the price of admission alone, Olivia Colman is fantastic as a mean-spirited boarding house owner who deceives Wonka after he does not read the fine print for this stay. He is joined by Jim Carter, Natasha Rothwell, Rich Fulcher and Rakhee Thakrar as other people who did not read the fine print, though all of them end up helping Wonka.

The standout chemistry is between Willie and a young girl

named Noodle (Calah Lane). She also works in the boarding house and Wonka takes a liking to her as she helps him get his chocolate shop going.

Though the chocolatiers in town and a sheriff (Keegan Michael-Key) try to stop Wonka at every turn, their journey throughout the movie is a fun watch, especially when the sheriff eats too much chocolate. Rowan Atkinson (Mr. Bean himself) even turns up as a priest.

The standout performance though is Hugh Grant as a lone Oompa-Loompa who wants to get back what Wonka stole from him. Grant steals every scene he is in with his dry, British wit working so well in contrast to Wonka's ambitions.

Rated PG, *Wonka* is much more family friendly, bright and colorful than the original. The 1971 version, while a classic, was rather dark at times and this one is completely the opposite and really made as a family picture.

Not everything works with the songs not being very memorable, a few too many silly moments and need to be maybe a little tighter plot.

Though, in the end, *Wonka* is a film the whole family should enjoy over the holiday season and there are certainly enough memorable moments that most will come back and enjoy this film a second time. I personally liked it much more than I did not, so I am giving this movie a recommendation.



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Merry Christmas

from the

Tribune-Courier Staff

News Briefs

Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Madison area, will hold two church services Christmas Eve. In addition to the regular 9:30 am service, there will be a 7 pm service on Sunday, Dec. 24.

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First Congregational Church, 640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield, will host Christmas Eve Services on Dec. 24, at 8:30 am, Chapel Service; 10:30 am, Family Christmas Eve Service; and 7 pm, Candlelight Christmas Eve Service.

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First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Avenue West, in downtown Mansfield, will continue celebrating Advent during the four Sundays in December (Dec. 3, 10, 17 and 24.) Each Sunday a designated family comes forward to share in the lighting of the Advent

James A. Courtney Award presented to Mechanics Bank employees

Mechanics Bank has announced that Jessica Howard, Phil McClenathan and Trinity Fox have been awarded the James A. Courtney Award. The award is presented to Mechanics employees who best exemplify the company's mission: "to pursue excellence in every possible way to enrich the lives of people and the communities we serve." The award is presented on a peer nomination basis.

Jessica Howard joined Mechanics in 2016 as a Customer Service Representative and currently serves as an Answer Center Specialist.

Phil McClenathan joined Mechanics in 2000 and serves as the Bank's Senior Credit Officer and manages Loan Operations and the Commercial Banking Department. He holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Mt. Vernon Nazarene University and completed the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (GSB) and GSB's Financial Management School.

Trinity Fox joined Mechanics in 2019 as a Customer Service Representative. She served as a Customer Service Specialist prior to her current position of Senior Customer Service Specialist.

The James A. Courtney Award, named for Mechanics' former President, is the company's most prestigious recognition of performance. Mechanics Bank is an independent, community bank with nine locations in Richland County.



Trinity Fox



Jessica Howard



Phil McClenathan

candles. This is integral in our preparation for the celebration of the Holy Night when Jesus is born. Sunday worship is at 10 am, Christmas Eve worship is at 7 pm with special music and 7:30 pm Worship.

Rev. Dr. Amy C. Little, General Secretary of the North American Lutheran Church and daughter of our congregation will offer the children's message and the sermon on Christmas Eve. All are welcome.

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Dec. 22 through 26. Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, broken down cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.

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The Richland County Local Emergency Planning Committee meetings are scheduled for Jan. 24, April 24 and July 24 at 3:15 pm at Richland Public Health, 555 Lexington Ave, Mansfield, in the Corley Room. For information contact Richland County EMA 419-774-5686.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will host a Christmas Eve service at 10:30 am on Dec. 24. Speakers will be Jen Gibson and Hayley Young. For more information visit www.allsoulsuohio.org.

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Area Agency on Aging 2024 scholarship program announced

The Area Agency on Aging Foundation Board announced the launch of its 2024 scholarship program, aimed at supporting individuals pursuing higher education in the field of aging or disability services.

This year, the Foundation Board will award three scholarships to deserving individuals who demonstrate a commitment to making a positive impact in the lives of seniors and those with disabilities through their educational pursuits.

The scholarship award amount as determined by the Area Agency on Aging Foundation Board for Academic Year 2024-'25:

- One \$2,000 for a student attending a 4-year university
- One \$1,000 for a student attending a 2-year college, technical school, center of education, or is pursuing a certification
- One \$1,000 for a student attending any type of higher institute of learning or certification and a retiree or staff member of the Area Agency on Aging or is a child (step), or grandchild (step) of an actively employed (full-time or part-time) Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. staff member.

The application deadline will be March 15, 2024.

Applicants are encouraged to visit the Area Agency on Aging's website at aaa5ohio.org for detailed eligibility criteria and application instructions.

For further information contact Susie Danuloff at sdanuloff@aaa5ohio.org.

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., located at 2131 Park Avenue West in Ontario, provides leadership, collaboration, coordination and services to older adults, people with disabilities, their caregivers and resource networks that support individual choice, independence and dignity.

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Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor
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Sunday Evening 6 pm Home Groups
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Community Bible Church

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

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419-522-0662 • www.felc-mansfield.org
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Lexington Presbyterian Church

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Rev. Joseph Yerger
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Pastor Paul Lintern
9 am Sunday Worship

Ontario Christian Church

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

Ontario United Methodist Church

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

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Kiwanis Club to host Guardians brunch Feb. 8

The Kiwanis Club of Mansfield will host a Talkin' Cleveland Guardians Baseball Brunch featuring a live auction of baseball items and keynote speakers Bob DiBiasio, Cleveland Guardians Senior Vice-President of Public Affairs; radio broadcaster Jim Rosenhaus and television broadcaster Matt Underwood on Thursday, Feb. 8, at Der Dutchman Restaurant, 720 St. Rt. 97 W., Bellville.

Doors open at 10 am and the program begins at 10:30 am. Tickets are \$25 and include buffet brunch. Tickets are available online now at <https://www.thekiwanisclubofmansfield.org/Guardians>. Tickets are also available at Park National Bank's Ontario Office on Lexington-Springmill Rd. Proceeds from the event will benefit The Friendly House.

The Kiwanis Club of Mansfield was chartered in June 1920. The Kiwanis International family comprises nearly 600,000 adult and youth members in 80 countries and geographic areas. For information visit www.kiwanis.org.

Biblewalk celebrates Christmas with free tours

BibleWalk is one of the country's leading Christian attractions, Ohio's only life-size wax museum and home to The Museum of Woodcarving.

This world-renowned life-size wax museum features over 100 scenes comprising of 325 life-size wax figures and 100 life-size hand-carved wooden figures.

BibleWalk first opened its doors Aug. 15, 1987. Currently,

BibleWalk offers seven different tours and nine rare exhibits.

BibleWalk is also home to, "Dinner With Grace," a christian dinner theater.

This Christmas, BibleWalk will be celebrating the season (remember Jesus is the reason for the season) by offering a free tour through The Life of Christ.

The celebration will be Saturday, Dec. 23 through Saturday, Dec. 30, from 10 am to 4 pm

(closed Dec. 24 and 25).

BibleWalk is located at 500 Tingley Ave., Mansfield. For more information contact Julie Mott-Hardin at 419-524-0139 or julie@biblewalk.us.

For more information visit biblewalk.us.

Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Jamie Lee Marcum, December 8
Reva Joan Callahan, December 9
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Herman Josef Baur, December 10
Vicki Lynn Harris, December 12

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TRINITY GRACE FELLOWSHIP, 1592 Grace St., Madison area, held a "Happy Birthday Jesus" party for area children on Saturday, Dec. 16. Children and their families were treated to games, a craft, lunch, birthday cake and the Christmas story. The event was held for ages preschool through sixth grade.



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Norah & Marleigh Perkins of Shelby

Donors can give a gift, get a gift

As people make travel plans to celebrate with family and friends this year, the American Red Cross is asking donors to set aside time to give blood or platelets for patients waiting for care over the holidays. Thanks to Prime Video and the new film *Candy Cane Lane*, those who come to give blood, platelets or AB Elite plasma Dec. 1-31, will automatically be entered for a chance to win a \$1,000 Amazon.com gift card and a 65-inch Omni QLED Series Amazon Fire TV.

Those who come to give blood, platelets or AB Elite plasma Dec. 18 through Jan. 5, will receive an exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved t-shirt, while supplies last.

Making and keeping appointments throughout the month can help safeguard the national blood supply into the new year. Schedule an appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Local bloodmobiles are scheduled for:

Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1-6 pm, Planktown Country Market, 1921 Free Rd., Shiloh

Saturday, Dec. 23, 8 am to 2 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Wednesday, Dec. 27, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, Ontario

Thursday, Dec. 28, 9 am to 3 pm, Mansfield Engineered Components, 1776 Harrington Memorial, Mansfield

Friday, Dec. 29, 10 am to 3 pm, YMCA, 750 Scholl Rd., Mansfield

This Week's Pet Looking for A Forever Home



Peabody

Peabody came into the dog shelter in January of this year when he was around 10 months old. Peabody is incredibly loving and affectionate and friendly.

Unfortunately, no one trained him, so he has some bad habits, including pulling on the leash, play biting and jumping up if he's not getting pet.

Peabody has gotten better about pulling, lately, and has been doing his best to act better

with shelter volunteers. Peabody is still young and needs someone who will work with him! Peabody has tons of love to give.

Peabody 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 is always in need of bleach, laundry detergent and dog treats.

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Three ways to de-stress holiday hosting

(StatePoint) The holiday season is one of the busiest times of the year. Between cooking, cleaning and keeping guests entertained, it can be pretty demanding on your time and energy.

In fact, during the holiday season, adults are five times more likely to say the level of stress in their life increases rather than decreases, according to the American Psychiatric Institute.

This year, make life easier for yourself with these stress-reducing holiday entertaining tips:

Meal Prep: Getting ahead on meal prep can mean more time spent with friends and family. If tasked with serving a big holiday meal, prep the main dishes a day or two ahead of time so they can be popped into the oven the day of the feast. The turkey can be brined and seasoned, the ham can be glazed and veggies can be chopped. Festive beverages can be batched in advance so guests can easily serve themselves. And don't feel shy about asking friends and family to contribute a dish.

Have Dessert Ready:

Having desserts ready to go can help keep things running smoothly during meal prep. Most desserts can be made a day or two ahead. These can be made or plated in decorative dishes so they are ready for the table. Ready-made desserts from the store can be added to a decorative tray and served at the end of the meal or as a snack throughout the get together. Small donuts and pastries can also be used for breakfast for overnight guests or early morning arrivals. All you'll need to do is put the coffee on!



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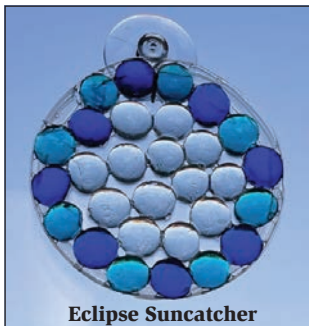
Richland SWCD schedules arts and crafts workshops

With the holidays upon us, gift givers may be thinking about what to gift the favorite people in their life. Gifting experiences is always a possibility. Now is the perfect time to think about next year's Conservation Creation Arts & Crafts Workshops hosted by Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) to share with and gift to someone. The evenings are filled with laughter, fun, learning about interesting topics related to nature and conservation, and creativity.

Richland SWCD provides the materials and tools needed to make the project. Reservations are requested and the workshops cost \$12 per person. All participants will also receive a free pair of eclipse glasses at the January and April workshops, while supplies last.

The quarterly workshop schedule is as follows:

January 9: Solar Eclipse Suncatcher



Eclipse Suncatcher



Glacier National Park, Montana • Photo By Mark Shutt

er at 6 pm at the Longview Center located at 1495 W. Longview Avenue, Mansfield. You will make a beautiful suncatcher and John McClintock, amateur astronomer, will share some of his eclipse experiences.

April 1: Horray for Herbs! at 6 pm at the Longview Center. Participants will plant herbs from recycled alpaca pellets in a container.

July 9: Long Live Leaves at 6 pm at the Longview Center. Participants will make a clay bowl from an impression of a leaf.

October 8: Buckeye Beauties, 6 pm at Gorman Nature Center located at 2295 Lexington Avenue, Mansfield. Participants will make an ornament from Buckeye tree nuts.

Visit <https://richlandswcd.net/events/> or call 419-747-8685 for more information and to register for the workshops.



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Herlihy home features 18' tree

The Herlihy Christmas House was open to the public Dec. 7-10. The home, located at 170 W. Second St., Mansfield, behind the Herlihy Funeral Home, includes items dating back 70 years or more.

The first open house was held in 1987 as part of the Mansfield Symphony Guild's Home Tour and currently opens every other year.

The tradition has continued with daughter, Terri, after the passing of her father, Paul Herlihy.

Decorating this year began in September and includes 35 themed trees, a Santa room, village collections, train tables and ornaments from all over the world. This year's family room live tree is 18' tall and includes 7,500 lights and 1,000 ornaments.

The next open house will be in 2025. For information visit www.herlihychristmashouse.com



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Temple Christian hosts “Let Us Adore Him” Christmas concert

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Temple Christian School held its Christmas Concert, “Let Us Adore Him,” on Tuesday evening, Dec. 12 at 7 pm. The junior and senior high choir sang “Behold,” with soloist, Evan Carroll, “Worship His Glory,” “Adore,” and “King of Kings,” with soloist, Rachel McKenzie.

The elementary choir sang “Light of the Stable,” and “What Can I Give Him” with a poem read by the K3-K5 students, “I Give You My Heart,” with soloists William Rafeld, Jesslyn Sprague and Mylah Nicol, “Christmas Day,” and “Build My Life,” with soloist Jackson Thompson.

All the choirs sang “Holy Forever,” and a devotional was given by Pastor Kurtz. The speech class performed a hands performance called, “It Was Love,” with soloist Evan Carroll. Music teachers and directors include Mrs. Jessica Green, Miss Alicia Porter and Mrs. Heather Simpson.





THE ONTARIO LIONS CLUB recently participated in the Ontario Community Christmas Toy Drive in cooperation with the Ontario Police Department and Springfield Township Fire Department. Toys were collected during the Ontario Police Department's Toy Waiver program where officers could issue a toy waiver in payment for minor traffic violations. Toys and donations were also collected during the Ontario Community Craft Show. Walmart and Meijer gave community grants. Springfield Township Fire Department placed collection boxes at various locations around the community. Recipients of the toys are discovered in coordination with Ontario Schools and local church organizations. The toys will be distributed by both OPD, STFD and the Lions Club before Christmas.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL Warrior Leadership Students gathered on a recent Sunday evening to deck the halls. Each grade took a hallway to spread good cheer.

•Area Agency of Aging presents awards at annual meeting

(Continued from Front Page)

steadfast commitment since 1999, offering minor home repairs for older individuals in Mansfield. Their impactful service not only transforms homes but also spiritually influences the youth, nurturing a connection with the community through meaningful interactions with older residents and the Area Agency on Aging staff.

Project Collaboration, The Friendly House

The Friendly House is a deserving recipient of the Project Collaboration Award for its impactful partnership with the Area Agency on Aging. Through a collaborative pilot project utilizing Older Americans Act Title III Caregiver funds, they address crucial needs, including support for summer camps, after-school programs, and school necessities. Recognizing the unique challenges faced by grandparents without custody, the initiative provides essential gap funding, laying the groundwork for broader opportunities to assist kinship caregivers throughout the region.

Elected Official of The Year, Senator Mark Romanchuk

Senator Romanchuk has consistently advocated for changes to improve the lives of our older adults and individuals with disabilities. His commitment and compassionate approach have significantly influenced policies supporting the aging network. Recognized with the Elected Official Award in 2015 during his tenure as a State Representative, his role on the House Finance Committee and its Health and Human Services subcommittee, underscored his dedication to addressing vital health issues and shaping the state budget. As chair of the Senate's Medicaid Committee, he champions legislation promoting workforce development and enhancing healthcare accessibility for all. Senator Romanchuk's efforts continue to shape a more inclusive future for our seniors and society at large.

Hall of Fame, Pat And Jana Mulherin

Jana and Pat Mulherin have established a path of philanthropy. Their commitment to supporting the Area Agency on Aging will be felt throughout our communities. Through the generosity of a grant from their Richland County Foundation donor-advised fund, they have created an enduring legacy by establishing an agency-endowed fund. To amplify the impact, the Mulherens extended a \$10,000 matching grant in 2022. Their dedication has not only inspired giving but has also laid a foundation for sustained support, ensuring a brighter future for the Area Agency on Aging and the communities it serves.

The Area Agency and Aging and Board of Trustees are dedicated to providing scholarships to deserving individuals who are pursuing a higher education that may benefit the aging network and/or aging population. Since 2005, approximately \$109,000 has been awarded.

A special thank you to the donors who have made this possible. Proceeds from the Annual Meeting Sponsorships support the Scholarship program. The 2023 recipients are:

Paige Danuloff of Richland County is currently enrolled at Ohio University, where she plans to use her biological sciences and business education to advocate for equitable health care and wellness opportunities.

Ella Frazier, of Morrow County, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Dietetics at Bowling Green State University. She aspires to help older adults and individuals with disabilities with nutritional knowledge and aging.

Tana Williams of Marion County is enrolled in the Phlebotomy program at Marion Technical College. She will pursue a degree in Medical Laboratory Technology.

The Board of Trustees has designated \$4000 in scholarship awards for the 2024 Scholarship Program. Applications are currently being accepted and can be completed online - <https://www.aaa5ohio.org/education/scholarship-program/>. The deadline for this is March 15, 2024.

The Area Agency on Aging celebrated Employee Longevity:

5 years – Jennifer Christian, LSW, Medicaid Services Supervisor; Alicia Gobble, LSW, Medicaid Services Supervisor; Elise Rowe, Marketing Assistant; Mandy Pearce, APS Case Manager; Jennifer Harkness, RN, BSN, Medicaid Services Supervisor; Amanda Aten, LSW, PP/AL Case Manager, Leslie Fields, Home Modification Coordinator
10 years – Alicia Blackledge, LSW, VP of Medicaid Services; Taundra Forup, HR Representative I

15 years –Leslie Davis, LSW, Care Coordination Consultant

20 years –Danielle Brandes, Community Living Care Manager

A special thank you to the event's platinum sponsors ES Consulting and Mechanics Bank. The agency is truly grateful for all their donors and sponsors that make these types of events possible.

Nearly 250 seniors, dignitaries, service providers, Board and Advisory Council members, and staff will be in attendance.



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Terry Conard, Friendly House Project Collaboration



Beth Kowalczyk Advocate of the Year



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ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL students dressed in their Christmas sweaters to celebrate the season.

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Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Wooster College women's team takes 81-58 win over Comets

Photos and Article By Kris Leiter

I thought I'd check out some small college hoops since there wasn't much high school basketball happening on a Wednesday.

As a matter of fact, sometimes a lot of college teams, both women and men's will play on a different weekly schedule than the high schools, such as Mondays, Wednesdays and even Sundays, such as the Ohio State Women's Team.

I would encourage you to take in a college game some time if you have never experienced it. If you get some time off during the holiday season coming up, take a trip and get off the ranch.

There are also perks at the smaller venues. Parking is usually free. You can't beat free parking!

Since we don't have a major college here in Mansfield, Ashland University, which is a Division II college, is our closest college venue. No one was playing at Ashland either, so I had to "leap frog" into Wayne County. I decided to stop in at Wooster College for the women's basketball game Dec. 13.

Wooster is a nice quaint city, only 40 minutes from Richland County and also home to Wooster College, a Division III college, home of the fighting Scots. There are also people who graduate locally here and continue their collegiate studies there.

I was privileged to watch The Wooster College Lady Scots walk away with a victory of 81-58 over Olivet University from Michigan.

The Olivet Comets came into the contest with a 2-5 record. It looked like a typical upset... However, myself being a sports writer, I know that anything is possible.

I discussed the stats afterward with head coach Mary Kate Tierney, originally from Rochester New York, who has been manning the Lady Scots for the past three years.

As for her opponent, Olivet, she informed me that looks can be deceiving.

"Olivet on paper is 2-5, but they play in a very tough league in Michigan," she said.

"As we were watching game film earlier in the week, we were concerned with Olivet's offense, they like to push the ball aggressively."

sively."

Tierney mentioned, "We had to keep our eye on Lily Connelly." Connelly, a 5'-8" senior, has been averaging over 28 points per game thus far this year!

"As for our offense, we typically run the "Princeton" offensive style. We focus on taking the best shot," said Tierney.

"We were pleasantly surprised as the first quarter ended, happily holding a comfortable 28-14 lead."

As in any sport, turnovers can sometimes be the demise. The Lady Scots were able to capitalize on the turnovers by Olivet in the first quarter, by turning five of Olivet's turnovers into productive points for the Lady Scots!

Leading the scoring was senior Alyssa Chritz, 5'9" contributed nine first quarter points...six of those points coming from three-point land!

Sophomore Ella Dean 5'-7" also poured in 8 points, including two buckets from 3-point land!...and a big Scot shout out to Ella Biondi with three blocked shots, all in the first quarter!

As the second quarter ensued, the points continued as well, as the Scots would add another 19 points to end the first half leading 47-23!

Wooster also had an incredible 62% and 75% from 3-point land in the first and second quarters respectively!

Wooster would end up with another 22 points in the third quarter and 12 points in the fourth quarter to seal the deal at the buzzer with a nice win!

The Lady Scots tallied 4 players in double figures!

Leading in the scoring column was Ella Dean with 22 points, 4 rebounds as well as Alyssa Chritz with 16 points, 8 rebounds. Ella Biondi was also in the mix with 16 points, 6 boards and Ace Sturdivant with 15 points, 6 boards!

And hats off to the Scot defense in holding their nemesis of Lily Connelly to only 3 points.

Leading the scoring for Olivet was Savannah Brewer with 14 points, three rebounds.



Wooster Lady Scots freshman Anna Hardink (3)



Wooster sophomore Ella Biondi (25) finished with 16 points against Olivet.



Wooster freshman Ace Sturdivant (21) fights for possession

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Specifications may be obtained electronically from the Service-Safety Director. Email a request to kknapp@ontarioohio.org, or a paper copy is available at the City of Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio 44906.

All bids should be sealed in an envelope, clearly marked: 2024 GASOLINE & DIESEL FUEL BID, the name of the Bidder, and include a CERTIFIED CHECK OR BOND on a solvent bank, in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

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Kris Knapp
Service-Safety Director
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 12-14, 21 '23) 30L

LEGAL NOTICE

The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their regular meeting held on December 13, 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. 23-04 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT CITY EMPLOYEES, REPEALING ORDINANCE 22-56, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-24 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TEM-

PORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-26 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE SERVICE DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 23-09, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-28 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REVISED RULES FOR THE USE OF THE COMMUNITY ROOM IN THE ONTARIO CHARLES K. AND CHARLOTTE M. HELLINGER MUNICIPAL BUILDING, REPEALING ORDINANCE 19-09, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-29 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES CHARGED BY THE CITY FOR VARIOUS SERVICES, REPEALING ORDINANCE 22-40.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-30 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WAGES AND SALARIES FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THIS CITY, REPEALING

ORDINANCE NO. 23-18, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-31 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 23-02 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2023 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 12-21, 28 '23) 64L

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Council of the City of Ontario during a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at the Ontario Municipal Building, upon a proposal to add Section 1139.03 Advanced Manufacturing and Technology Floating Overlay District to the City Zoning Ordinance.

The City of Ontario Planning Commission has recommended in favor of this change. All persons interested in these issues are invited to attend and express their views.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 12-21, 28 '23) 17L

Warrior swimmers open season with dual meet wins

The Warrior swimmers opened the year with wins in all their dual meets — Galion, Willard, Norwalk and Shelby.

Freshman standout Mirielle Trumpower broke her older sister Brie's record in the 200 individual medley during the Willard meet.

The first weekend in December the team traveled to the OSU pool to compete in the Ned Reeb meet, a meet dominated by mostly division I teams.

Mirrie continued her collection of records by breaking the school record in the 100 butterfly, once in the prelims and again in the finals. She also placed 10th in the 200 free and was joined by sophomores Grace Them, Joie Simmering and Tessa Crum to take fifth in the 200 free relay and seventh in the 400 free relay.

Brother Grantham Trumpower placed 13th in the 100 free and eighth in the individual medley events. He was joined by freshman Owen Walter and juniors Evan Ruhe and Logan Bernat to place 15th in the 200 free relay and 16th in the 400 free relay.

The next week, the team swam in the Cl. Crawford Pentathlon meet where Mirrie placed first as did Grantham. Logan placed third and Evan placed fifth.

This past weekend, the Warriors participated in the Northwest Classic, a meet involving over 1,000 swimmers. Most of the team had time drops and 16 members advanced to the finals.

Seventy one teams advanced on to finals. Mirrie started the night off with another school record in the 100 backstroke, which was also a meet record. She came back to also win the 100 butterfly and joined Them, Simmering and Crum to finish third in the 20 free and fourth in the 400 free.

The girl's team finished fifth overall. Grantham Trumpower won the boy's 100 free and took third in the 50 free. He was joined by Walter, Ruhe and Bernat to place 4th in both the 200 and 400 free relays. The boy's team finished fourth overall.

The Warriors travel to Lexington for another dual meet then take a break from meets until the first of next year.



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