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**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL'S** Trista Jewell and Canaan Wentz help prepare a float for the very first Ontario High School Homecoming Parade which will be held Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 7:30 pm. The route will go from Marshall Park, across Shelby-Ontario Rd., and along Grit St. A bonfire celebration behind the high school will mark the end of the parade. The theme is "neon" and City of Ontario Mayor Randy Hutchinson will declare which class has the best parade presentation. (More photos on Page 19)

## Springfield Township Fire Department awarded \$156,500 grant by AFG

The Springfield Township Fire Department was recently awarded \$156,500 by the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This grant funding is for the Springfield Township Fire Department to purchase Diesel Exhaust removal systems for our two stations. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) recently undertook two extensive studies focused on firefighter cancer and concluded that firefighters face a nine percent increase in cancer diagnoses, and a 14 percent increase in cancer-related deaths, compared to the general population in the U.S.

According to the International Association of Firefighters, cancer has surpassed heart disease as the leading cause of death among firefighters. Between Jan. 1, 2002 and March 31, 2017, 61 percent of career firefighter line-of-duty deaths occurred due to cancer, compared to 18 per-

cent from heart disease in the same time frame. Cancer research drove the push to try and protect our members from any hazards that we could in the station. This award is the first federal (AFG) grant received in the history of the department.

The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program (AFG) is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire-related hazards by providing direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments. The (AFG) program has been in place since 2001.

Springfield Township Fire Department was established in 1948 and operates full-time from two Fire/EMS Stations. Covering 50.6 square miles, including the City of Ontario, Springfield, and Sandusky Townships.

The department protects over 12,068 residents and thousands of visitors daily to our many shopping, entertainment, service, and restaurant establishments in the City of Ontario.

## Crossroads Church celebrates 25 years

The Crossroads Church main campus will host a 25th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 25, at 6 pm.

Planned for the free event are bounce houses, food trucks, a photo booth, a DJ and family fun. Fireworks will be at 9 pm.

The community is invited to help celebrate by attending the event.

Crossroads Church is led by Pastor Dave Vance. The church was founded by Pastor Tim Armstrong in 1996.

Vance has a passion to build a church

that influences the community. He also serves on the Pastor Advisory Council at Cedarville University.

Crossroads, a multi-site church of over 3,000 people, was named one of the 100 fastest growing churches in the U.S. over recent years.

For more information or to view sermons visit <https://www.crossroadswired.com/> and click on events.

The church is located at 1188 Park Avenue West, Mansfield. See ad on page 5.

## Ontario board accepts grant donations from RCF

The Ontario Board of Education met Tuesday, Sept 14 and went into executive session to meet with board legal counsel to discuss disputes involving the board and/or school district that are subject of pending or imminent court action and also for the purpose of considering matters required to be kept confidential by Federal law or regulations or state statutes.

Mr. Ream, assistant superintendent, gave an update on curriculum, instruction and assessments.

The board approved the participation in Federal Grants (IDEA, IDEA-B, Title I-A, Title II-A, Title IV-A) for the 2021-'22 grant year.

A resignation was accepted from Terry Windbigler, playground aide, for the 2021-'22 school year.

Employment for the 2021-'22 school year was granted to Jerrett Mullins, mechanic, \$41,926, effective Aug. 23; Mark Ward, playground aide, \$4,393, effective Aug. 30.

Extracurricular/supplemental staff personnel approved for the current school year are Melanie Ferguson, Key Club advisor, \$619; Tonya Welch, senior class advisor, \$817; Chris Smith, senior class advisor, \$817; Monty Ohl, high school assistant wrestling coach, \$1,857.50 (50%); Any Nagel, girls varsity assistant basketball coach, \$3,357; David Stormont, eighth grade girls basketball coach, \$3,142; Kevin Wharton, seventh grade girls bas-

ketball coach, \$2,993; Carl Schnittke, varsity assistant boys basketball coach, \$3,120 (3 coaches sharing 2 positions); Tyler Coley, eighth grade boys basketball coach, \$4,114; Heath Sager, seventh grade boys basketball coach, \$4,114; Brooke Trumpower, middle school head swim coach, \$2,157; Melissa Fittante, middle school volunteer swim coach, \$0; Deb Henry, high school volunteer swim coach, \$0; Chad Wright, high school co-head swim coach, \$3,561; Broolke Trumpower, high school co-head swim coach, \$3,561; Doug Basham, winter activity coordinator, \$3,428.

Approved mentors are Joni Stierhoff, Year 1 for Tesla Gray, \$750; and Molly Calhoun, Year 1 for Brittney Hart, \$750.

A salary adjustment was made for Lynda Ditty from \$1,050 to \$750 (mentoring only one teacher instead of two).

Lola Cline was approved for consultation services, as needed, for the director of education's secretary for the 2021-'22 school year, \$25 per hour.

An insurance claim was approved by the board as was the 2021-'22 school year salary notice revisions for certificated staff personnel who have completed additional college credit hours.

Transportation contracts were approved in lieu of bus transportation for Latrice Rowe and Sylvester Ginn.

Classified substitutes for the 2021-'22 (Continued on Page 2)

## Lexington Board approves coaches, volunteer assistants for winter season

The Lexington Board of Education met Wednesday, Sept. 15. Evan Matney, student representative to the board, helped to open the meeting as he gave his report. The food service and transportation administrative report was also given.

The board approved permanent appropriations for Fiscal Year 2022 at the fund level and accepted a donation from VFW Post 5101 in the amount of \$1,000 for school supplies.

Jennifer Verspoor's request for maternity leave from approximately Jan. 3 through Feb. 28, 2022 was accepted.

Salary adjustments were made for Michael Schwechheimer, Alyssa McCready, Michelle Olecki and Gretchen Winner.

Julia Pilla was approved as an ETR chair for Western Elementary for the 2021-'22 school year and Mallory Westerheide was approved as a substitute teacher for 2021-'22.

Rick Vestal's resignation from transportation was accepted, effective Sept. 5, 2021.

Harry Meyers and Bob Ball were hired as substitute van drivers.

Coaches approved for the 2021-'22 winter season were Roger Long, varsity bowling; Jason Whitesel, volunteer assistant, bowling; Jeff Stehle, volunteer assistant, bowling; Scott Hamilton, varsity boys' basketball; Tad Davis, JV boys' basketball; Kevin Morrow, freshman boys' basketball; Jay Guth, volunteer assistant, boys' basketball; Mason Willeke, volunteer assistant, boys' basketball; Derrick Shelenberger, 7th grade boys' basketball; Buck Morton, 8th grade boys' basketball; Heidi Roush, JV girls' basketball; Jay Schmidt, 7th grade girls' basketball; Kevin Young, 8th grade girls' basketball; Doug Boyd, junior high volunteer assistant; (Continued on Page 2)

### 171<sup>st</sup> Bellville Street Fair Highlights

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## The Entertainment Examiner

By Ian Stumbo



It's amazing that at 91 years old, the great Clint Eastwood is still out there making movies. His newest film, *Cry Macho*, gives Eastwood a good role to play though the movie itself is pretty boring and maybe could have been more effective with a younger actor who could have made the movie move quicker and be a little more exciting.

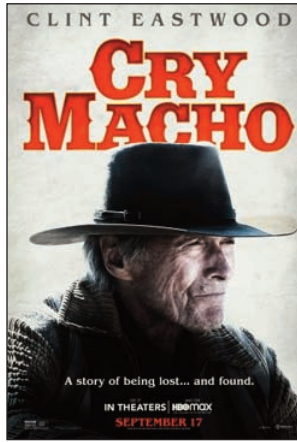
Eastwood stars as Mike Milo, a rodeo star who was injured due to a broken back and is being asked by his old boss (Dwight Yoakam) to drive to Mexico to pick up and bring back his young son Rafo (Eduardo Minetti). The other men who have gone down did not make it back and Milo is being tracked by the local police the whole time causing him to maneuver and hide out until reaching the Texas border.

The main plot to *Cry Macho* is an interesting one and Eastwood turns in a good performance but almost seems too old for this particular role and not sure the role fits him as well as it would have been for

someone a little younger. Arnold Schwarzenegger was originally attached and not sure he would have been the best choice either. The movie itself suffers from just being too boring. There are long stretches where not much happens and at the end it does not become one of his movies most people will come back to.

Eastwood is a legend and a personal favorite director. *Cry Macho* is enjoyable at times and the relationship between Eastwood and young Eduardo Minetti is very genuine and some more of that would have been nice. This movie is not a total loss; it just feels pretty empty at the end and not something re-watchable like so many classic Eastwood films.

Look for The Entertainment Examiner's video posts on YouTube.



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## •Ontario accepts donations

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school year are Ted Vail, bus driver (retroactive from 8/18/21); Douglas Roach, custodian; Traci Stallings, custodian, secretary aide; Chelssie Dwigings, custodian; Katrina Sipes, bus driver (retroactive from 8/26/21); and Tara Sanders, bus driver.

A resolution was approved authorizing lease-purchase financing for the purpose of refinancing the acquisition of certain capital improvements previously financed, in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,850,000.

Jenn Forsythe will provide On Bus Instruction (OBI) training to new substitute school bus drivers at \$25.53 per hour during the 2021-22 school year.

A payment of \$150 was made to Ashland Butcher (15 hours at \$10 per hour) for bus driver training.

Grants were accepted from the Richland County Foundation: Promoting Inquisition with STEM, \$400.19, Autumn Barry; Interactive Read Alouds, \$1,500, Natasha Jolin; Mathletes, \$724, Tonya Winningham; VersaTiles Interactive Workbooks, \$799.96, Morgan Schneider; Rooted in Reading Program, \$448.56, Kayla Zingale; Learning to Love Literature, \$492.48, Jeanny McCauley; Wellness Class, \$1,086.96, Amy

Kurtz-Nagel; and Implementation of Reading Circles, \$974.08, Kellie Ritchey.

Donations were accepted from Dennis and Jacqueline Nelson, \$1,000, Ontario High School Girls Tennis Program; Modern Woodmen of America, \$700, materials and supplies for Stingel Students; Rotary Club, 154 dictionaries, Stingel Third Grade Students; and Leah Gombosch (Proceeds from 5K Run/Walk for Childhood Cancer), \$300, Camstrong Fund.

Novels added to the English Department Reading Materials List are *Metamorphosis* by Kafka and *The Metamorphosis* by Peter Kuper.

A FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference overnight field trip was approved for Oct. 11 and board policies were revised.

Zach McCristall will assist with building and grounds maintenance Sept. 13, 2021 through Oct. 29, 2021 at \$16 per hour.

Facility requests were approved and the board reviewed and discussed a deed search and considered vacating a portion of Bemiller Dr. to Ontario United Methodist Church. The board also reviewed COVID-19 protocols.

The next regular board of education meeting will be held on Oct. 12, at 7 pm in the Ontario High School Library.

## •Lexington Board approves coaches

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Brock Spurling, varsity swimming; Rob Roth, assistant swim, diving; Pat Cannon, assistant swim, swimming; Melisa Watters, junior high swim; Libby Nickoli, junior high swim; Janelle Wyant, volunteer assistant, swim; Jeff Meyer, varsity wrestling; John Watkins, junior high wrestling; and Jonathan Watkins, junior high wrestling.

Jason Whitesel was approved as a van driver, as needed as a coach.

The Lexington substitute list for July and August as presented by MOESC was given approval.

The board approved payment for "In Lieu of Transportation" for Lexington students attending Discovery School, Foundation Academy and Gilead Christian.

## Senior Citizen Prom planned for Oct. 21

The First Annual Senior Citizen Prom will be held at Ontario Middle School Commons, 447 Shelby Ontario Rd., Ontario, on Thursday, Oct. 21, from 5-7:30 pm.

The event is a free semi-formal dance for senior citizens of the City of Ontario and surrounding areas (ages 65 and up).

The event will include a live band, dancing, snacks/desserts, games and a photo booth.

Please RSVP by Oct. 13, to the City of Ontario Recreation Department at 419-529-2588 ext. 3202 or email [recreation-dept@ontarioohio.org](mailto:recreation-dept@ontarioohio.org). (Please include the number of people attending and their first and last name).

The event is sponsored by the City of Ontario Recreation Department, Ontario Middle School, EZE Party Rental and VFW 7651.

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# News Briefs

Mansfield Area Community Hymnsing will be held Friday, Oct. 1, at 7 pm at New Liberty Baptist Church, Lexington Ave., Lexington. The church is 1/2 mile south of Hanley Rd., on the east side by the curve.

This is a free event. The format is a singalong hymnsing, where the congregation calls out song numbers from the hymnal and everyone joins in to sing.

Refreshments will be available afterward and those attending are encouraged to bring something along to share with the rest of the congregation. Everyone of all ages are welcome.

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Sept. 25 and 26. Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, 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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Washington Township Fire Department will host a pancake breakfast on Oct. 2, from 7-11 am, 2480 Possum Run Rd. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, milk and orange juice. Admission is by donation. Proceeds raised will continue assisting the department and the community. All are welcome.

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Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 9943, 806 Grace St., Madison area, is participating in essay scholarship competitions. Patriot's Pen is open to 6th-8th grade students. The theme is "How Can I Be A Good American."

Voice of Democracy is open to 9th-12th grade students and the theme is "America: Where Do We Go From Here?" Young American Creative Patriotic Art is open to 9th-12th grade.

Applications and rules are available at VFW Post 9943, 806 Grace St. Mansfield. Deadline to enter is Oct. 31.

Contact Beth Baldrige at 419-545-2297 for more information or visit [youthscholarshipio@vfw.org](mailto:youthscholarshipio@vfw.org).

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Work dates and times have been scheduled at Liberty Park Garden in Mansfield. They are Sept. 25 and 30 from 6-8 pm. Under the direction of the Rev. Stanley Wertz, the garden helps meet the needs for fresh produce through the east side's own Catholic Charities Food Pantry. For information call 419-378-2503.

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A Holy Ghost Tent Revival will be held nightly Sept. 24, 25 and 26 at 6 pm at 468 Polk St., Marion. The event will be held rain or shine and there will be special singing, praise and worship and preaching.

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The 29th annual Truck Show to benefit TFC Global, a ministry to the trucking industry, will be held Friday, Oct.

1. This year's event will be one day instead of two days, as it has been in the past.

Drivers will gather in Kidron from 2:30-5 pm. Concessions will be available.

The Parade of Lights will begin at 6 pm and drivers will arrive about 8 pm at the Mt. Hope Event Center, 8076 Ohio 241, Millersburg, where there will be food and live musical entertainment.

There will be a chicken BBQ carry-out at 4 pm. The public is invited. The link to online donations and an online auction is <https://e.givesmart.com/events/n13/>

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The Crossroads Church Ontario campus, 636 S. Lexington-Springmill Rd., in Ontario, will hold a tag sale Sept. 23 (9-5), Sept. 24 (9-4) and Sept. 25 (9-noon) to raise funds for mission teams.

The sale will be held in the gym at the back of the church. Those attending are asked to enter through the gym doors in the back of the building. Items include clothing, furniture, household goods, toys, books, sports equipment, craft items, outdoor equipment, and a myriad of other things.

Saturday is \$1/bag day for clothing and books, and many other items will be 50% off marked prices. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the gym and extra efforts will be made to clean surfaces throughout the sale to help mitigate any COVID contamination. Tables will be spaced to help with social distancing.

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The City of Ontario summer concert series is held at the Marshall Park Band Shell from 6-8 pm and concerts are free. Food vendors will be available. The next concert is Sept. 23, Just Jazz Live, jazz. Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets and a picnic.

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Trinity United Methodist Church, 1592 Grace St., Madison area, will hold its annual rummage sale, coordinated by Mary Reynolds, for four days in September.

Hours and times are Wednesday, Sept. 22, 3-7 pm; Thursday, Sept. 23, 9 am to 6 pm; Friday, Sept. 24, 9 am to 5 pm; and Saturday, Sept. 25, 9 am to noon.

Food will be available for purchase. All proceeds will go to missions.

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The Richland Rural Life Center will host its annual chicken BBQ on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 4-6 pm. The meal features a half chicken cooked over an open pit and served with a choice of buttered parsley potatoes or au gratin potatoes, old fashioned cole slaw or applesauce, a roll, beverage and homemade vanilla ice cream.

Cost is \$11 for adults and \$6 for a quarter chicken for seniors and children 10 and under. Carry-out meals will be available. Quarts of ice cream will be available for \$3.50. The RRLC is a non-profit organization that supports 4-H and Boy/Cub Scout troops. Proceeds help maintain the center's land and facilities. For more information call 567-307-4220.

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The Community Drive-Thru Baby Shower is returning this year for Ashland and Richland County Expectant Mothers. Help Me Grow Regional Outreach Specialist Marissa Runo is working with a number of agencies who traditionally work with pregnant women and young children to present this wonderful event.

The drive-thru baby shower will be held at Crossroads Church, 1188 Park Avenue West, on Thursday, Sept. 23, from 9:30-12:30 pm.

Expectant mothers are encouraged to register for the baby shower and a chance to win door prizes. Last year's door prizes included cribs and mattress, pack and play, baby monitoring system, highchair, strollers, car seats and baby swings.

Participants must be pre-registered in order to be eligible for a door prize.

Sign up for the shower by emailing Marissa Runo at [m.runo@mvrco.org](mailto:m.runo@mvrco.org) or visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094DA8AA22A0F85-community1>

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A support program for grandparents raising grandchildren and foster families raising children will be hosted by Ontario Local Schools and Ontario United Methodist Church on Thursday, Oct. 14, from 6-7:30 pm, at Ontario UMC, 3540 Park Avenue West, Ontario.

A light dinner will be served and kids will be offered their own breakout session.

The event is hosted by Cathleen Johnson, Substance Abuse Coordinator/Counselor, Ontario Local Schools and Jim Shaum and Pastor Chris Bell of Ontario UMC.

RSVP the number of family members attending to [Ontariomethodist@gmail.com](mailto:Ontariomethodist@gmail.com) or call the church at 419-529-4345.

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To submit a news brief item, email information to [news@tribune-courier.com](mailto:news@tribune-courier.com). Deadlines are noon Mondays.



**THE ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL** Academic Challenge Team had its first match at Put-In-Bay High, the smallest school in Ohio. The students took a ferry boat to the island and visited Perry National Park, among other sites.

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## Mifflin Elementary School recognized with bronze status for PBIS success

Mifflin Elementary School has been recognized for its success with Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). PBIS involves teaching students expected behaviors in a consistent and positive way, modeling and acknowledging those behaviors and helping all students meet expectations and be successful. PBIS has been

shown to improve student achievement, student behavior and school climate.

In 2015, Ohio PBIS Network first recognized schools that were model examples of strong PBIS. In 2021, Mifflin Elementary School applied and earned the bronze level. They are one of 354 award-winning schools to be recognized at any of the levels gold (34), silver (70) or bronze (233).

Mifflin Elementary School will be honored at the 2021 Ohio PBIS Showcase in conjunction with the Ohio Leadership Advisory Council (OLAC) virtual conference on Dec. 9. The theme for the conference is Responsive, Reimagined and Resilient Leadership. The event is free to all who register. For more information about the virtual event visit <https://ohioleadership.org/news-and-events/2021-action-forum>

The Mifflin PBIS Committee is composed of first grade teachers Jennifer Porter (chair) and Lindsey Grove; fourth grade teacher Brittany Farley; school counselor Elizabeth Shakan; STEM Teacher Cyndy Hursh; and principal Nathan Stump. The team meets at least once a month to analyze behavior data, discuss possible interventions, plan PBIS events and celebrate Mifflin students.



**THE NORTH CENTRAL OHIO INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM** opened to the public on July 22. Jerry Miller NCOIM President, Jeff Miller of Midwest Aircraft Products Company and Board Member Bob Schutt stand with the entrance sign which was designed by Timothy McKee and built by MAPCO. The sign was also a project of the students involved in the Manufacturing Summer Camp, run by board member Tyler Shinaberry.

## Switzer fund established at foundation

According to his family, Alex Switzer was a kind, generous person who loved kids, senior citizens, dogs and fishing. He died in a car accident in May, at just 23.

His mother, Melanie Kline-Switzer of Mansfield and other family members set up a donor-advised fund at the Richland County Foundation to help remember Alex by making grants to local nonprofits that he would have wanted to support.

The fund recently made a grant to the Richland County Dog Warden to have a dog undergo obedience training at the Mansfield Correctional Institution. The training takes four to eight weeks, depending on the dog. The dog then will be up for adoption.

The fund also made grants to support

5K races for the Lucas Community Center and Forgotten Felines.

Kline-Switzer named the fund after the "We Above Me" Award Alex earned as a member of the Lucas High School Football Team. She said it summed up his personality, putting other people (and the team) first. Alex was a 2016 graduate of Lucas High School and was employed by Richland Lumber.

Proceeds from a Go-Fund Me account were used to start the fund at the foundation. Alex's family plans future fundraisers to build the fund.

Donations can be made to the fund online at [richlandcountyfoundation.org](http://richlandcountyfoundation.org) or by check to the Richland County Foundation with the fund name on the memo line.



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### Hillside First Church of God

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[hillsidefcg@hotmail.com](mailto:hillsidefcg@hotmail.com)

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[www.mansfieldstmarys.org](http://www.mansfieldstmarys.org)

### Mayflower Congregational Church

548 North McElroy Rd. • 419-589-6612  
Pastor Rev. Dr. Rich Rader  
9:15 am Sunday School • 10:30 am Sunday Worship  
Wednesday Bible Study 11 am  
[www.mansfieldmayflower.com](http://www.mansfieldmayflower.com)

### Lexington Presbyterian Church

35 West Church St., Lexington • 419-884-1330  
Reverend James Randas  
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### Risen Savior Lutheran Church

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### All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church

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**CROSSROADS CHURCH  
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## A Love Story That Leads to Amish Country Featuring Hillcrest Orchard

**Photos and Article By Traci Little**

Last week I decided to make the hour-long drive to Amish country. Visiting Berlin, Ohio seems to be a rite of passage after moving here. My trip down foggy, windy roads lined with corn fields and massive barns was thoroughly enjoyable for me. I soon found myself on the main, tourist street lined with stores and antique shops. I decided to keep driving in order to see if any location inspired me.

The quaint village of Sugar creek seemed to draw me to her. Hillcrest Orchard of Walnut Creek is off the beaten path, and I decided this would be the place to explore. I began taking pictures of different things that caught my eye when a nice, older gentleman struck up a conversation with me. There was a special kind of tenderness in his eyes that I couldn't quite grasp.

He went on and on about what a wonderful place this was. Tim Butcher visits a couple times in the fall, making the trip from his home in West Virginia, two hours away. He shared with me all the things I must try, especially the fresh apple cider. He said, "you'll never taste apple cider more pure and refreshing than this apple cider. It will make you feel good inside after drinking it!" I went over to where they had free samples of this famous cider. He was certainly correct! It was so refreshing and delicious. You'll definitely want to try this unpasteurized, naturally sweetened cider if you decide to make your way to Hillcrest Orchard. Tim Butcher stocks up on pumpkins, mums, apple cider and more to take back to his family and friends in West Virginia. He also told me about the lookout deck around back where you can get a breathtaking view of the apple orchard and Mud Valley. He said the Honey Crisp apples were especially yummy!

After taking a bunch of photos and realizing why Tim Butcher loved this place so much, we ran across each other for one final time before heading out. This was when we had the most special of conversations. He shared with me that his wife Diane of 40 years passed away 5 years ago. They used to travel here every year and it was something they really enjoyed doing together. High school sweethearts,

they were the best of friends! She passed away from a rare platelet disease called ITP, where the final year of her life caused her to develop dementia. She would get confused and no longer be able to verbalize much.

On Tim and Diane's last trip to Amish country in the fall of 2016, the whole way from West Virginia, Diane kept whispering I love you over and over again. She could not articulate her husband's name, but she could express her deep love for him. Deep down inside her, Diane appreciated this one last trip to Amish country with her love. That's when Tim's words had me all choked up:

"Love stands the test of time. Love doesn't come from your head; it comes from your heart. God's love in Diane shined through her dementia."

Tim and I had a special, kindred bond that can only be explained by our mutual relationship with our Heavenly Father. Our meeting one another, at the same time, and the same place, was definitely no coincidence. God ordained this meeting of two strangers, now friends. As tears filled our eyes, we said our goodbyes. That's when he pointed to the sky, and said, "I'll see you again someday."

I hope this story allows Diane Butcher's legacy to live on. I didn't just meet Tim that day; I met Diane, as I could feel her looking down on us and smiling. May it inspire you to hold your loved ones close today and always say, over and over again, I love you.

Walnut Creek is centrally located in Ohio's Amish Country about two hours from Cleveland, Columbus and Pittsburgh. Hillcrest Orchard is a family-owned orchard which features home-grown apples and the best sweet apple cider you'll ever taste. Upon your visit, you'll find the Merle Hershberger family hard at work; but don't let this stop you from asking questions and striking up a conversation! The store not only has apples but is packed with quality goodness in local meats and cheeses, a full line of fresh produce as well as nuts, candies, and snacks. Hours of operation are Monday to Saturday, 8 am to 5 pm. They are closed on Sundays.



**Tim Butcher of West Virginia**



**Tim & Diane Butcher  
on their Wedding Day**



## ONTARIO RECREATION DEPARTMENT

By Heather Hendrix

The Honkin' Haulin' Hands-On Trucks event will be held Sunday, Oct. 3, from 1-3 pm in Marshall Park near the baseball fields/dog park.

There will be lots of different vehicles to check out including fire trucks, city trucks, military vehicles and police cars.

The event is free for everyone and kids will receive a hat, license and key chain. This event will be held rain or shine.

Those who would like to bring a company vehicle to participate in this event can email [recreationdept@ontarioohio.org](mailto:recreationdept@ontarioohio.org) or call 419-529-2588 ext. 3202 by Sept. 20.

The first annual senior citizen prom will be held Thursday, Oct. 21, from 5-7:30 pm. Area citizens ages 65 and up can get dressed up in suits and dresses and join together for an evening of live music, dancing and snacks.

Reservations are required. To reserve a spot call 419-529-2588 ext. 3202 or email [recreationdept@ontarioohio.org](mailto:recreationdept@ontarioohio.org) by Oct. 9, with name, phone number and number of people attending.

The event is sponsored by the Ontario Middle School, VFW 7651 and the Ontario Recreation Department.

The Ontario Recreation Department, along with school and community organizations, is planning to host its third annual Haunted Hollow trail this fall in Marshall Park on Oct. 30. From 5-6:30 pm the event will host a kid/family friendly trail and 7:30-9:30 pm will be a scarier trail for older kids and adults.

A portion of the proceeds will be given to non-profit organizations that participate.

## Richland Gives registration open

Richland Gives registration for Richland County based nonprofit organizations is open through Oct. 31. It is free; however, nonprofit organizations must register each year.

This is the seventh year for Richland Gives which is hosted by the Richland County Foundation. Since its inception in 2015, Richland Gives has raised \$1,435,869. Thanks to the generosity of donors at the Foundation, \$100,000 in incentives will be awarded as grants to participating organizations, beyond what they raise from online donations.

Richland Gives is designed to encourage people to contribute to local nonprofits they care about through a single giving website. The foundation hosts the day to build capacity, grow philanthropy and

make the community stronger. Each organization will have an individualized web page to promote their cause. The success of the event will depend on our collective enthusiasm and implementation.

Leading up to the event the Foundation provides an online toolkit, webinars, mass media and social media coverage to make it easier for nonprofit organizations to participate. The donation period is from Nov. 15, at 7 am through Nov. 30, at 7 pm.

For more details or to donate go to [richlandgives.org](http://richlandgives.org).

The Richland County Foundation, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, was established in 1945 as a way for individuals to pool and invest their gifts for the long-term good of Richland County and its residents.



Photo by Jenna Wolford

## RCRPC welcomes back Pong Wu as Senior Transportation Planner

Richland County Regional Planning Commission welcomed back Pong Wu as the Senior Transportation Planner.

Pong has more than 20 years of experience in public agencies and private engineering consulting firms in transportation planning, modeling, traffic simulation and GIS analysis.

He received his Master's Degree of Urban/Regional Planning focusing on Traffic and Transportation from the Kansas University (KU) Urban and Regional Planning program.

His areas of specialty are: travel demand forecasting for long-range and short-range plans; traffic impact, corridor congestion simulation modeling and LOS analysis, roadway safety and crash data analysis, traffic data collection and traffic volume forecasting, land use and socioeconomic trends analysis, air quality and emission analysis for environment conformity and CMAQ funding application with EPA's Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator

(MOVES), etc.

He was invited by The Kansas University Transportation Center (KUTC) as a visiting scholar for highway design, construction and finance related research.

After graduating, Pong worked with HDR Engineering, Inc. as a traffic/transportation planner, and following HDR Engineering, Inc., he joined the Metropolitan Planning Organizations in Oklahoma and RCRPC before moving to Louisiana.

In September, Mr. Wu returns back as a member of the RCRPC family.

Mr. Wu's wife, Lily Cao, works for Indian Tribe as a senior accountant in Oklahoma. His daughter, Jean Wu, graduated from the Oklahoma Medical School and is a Resident Doctor in UAMS. His son, Jason Wu is a college student at Baylor in Waco, TX.

Mr. Wu likes travel, music and talking with people for fun and local culture learning.

## September is Library Card Sign-up Month

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library is celebrating September as Library Card Sign-up Month. The library encourages Richland County residents to obtain a card and see the many things it has to offer. In addition to books, items that can be checked out include board games, DVDs, tools, bicycles, cake pans, sewing machines, puzzles and more.

For a card visit a MRCPL branch library or visit <https://www.mrcpl.org/services/get-a-library-card/>



ONTARIO STUDENTS in Miss Reichenbach and Mrs. Shroyer's middle and high school classes have been taking advantage of the nice weather while gaining a new life skill. The students have been working together, following directions and putting in a little extra elbow grease to learn how to wash cars. Each week the classes tackle one or two cars and leave them sparkling clean. The students plan to give free car washes to some of the school staff as a thank you for all their hard work.




# 171<sup>st</sup> Bellville Street Fair Highlights

Photos by Jeff Hoffer



**JOCIE DORNBRIER** (center) was crowned the 2021 Bellville Fair Queen. With her are first runner-up Jadin Sansom (left) and second runner-up Lillian Pfleiderer (right).





## Clear Fork Alliance Church

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**MECHANICS BANK** volunteers helped support the Clear Fork athletes at the Bellville Street Fair. The volunteers helped to sell pies and baked goods at the Clear Fork Athletic Boosters tent. Among those helping were Susan Thompson, Megan Boggs, Karin DeSanto, Caroline Worner and Traci Smith.



**BAILEY McQUILLEN** of the Madison area enjoys the Bellville Fair rides as she takes a spin on a jet ski.



**HEART OF OHIO ATHLETICS** students perform at the fair on Saturday.



**SIX MILES TO NELLIE** took the stage to entertain on Thursday night.



**VOTE**

**RANDY SWANK**  
for  
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# 171<sup>st</sup> Bellville Street Fair Highlights




Photo By Brandon Chambers



**FAIR FRIES** — Asher Hergatt, 4, and Mila Hunnicut, 3, were treated to french fries by the Willard Fries food stand at the Bellville Street Fair. After finding out credit cards could not be accepted at the food trailer, the two, along with their mom, started to walk away. The woman working then called them back and handed them a fry to share and told them to pay it forward. She insisted that they not come back to pay, but instead find someone else in need.



2021 Bellville Street Fair Kiddie Tractor Pull Winners



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Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Forrest Pruner Classic at Crestview • Sept. 14 • Photos by Jenna Wolford



Julius Walker • First Place  
Middle School Boys  
11:50 • Madison



Clear Fork vs. Galion Girls Soccer • Sept. 7 • Photos by Jeff Hoffer





# Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



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**TAKING THE FIELD** to start the Madison Rams Varsity football game against the West Holmes Knights at StarTek Stadium were seniors Isaac Brooks (3) and Cayden Clapper (5).



**LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL** girls golf team members Darcie Reinhart and Ruby Bodjanic. On Sept. 10, the Gold squad traveled to Brunswick and placed sixth out of 12 teams at Cossett Creek.



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**RAMS QUARTERBACK** Hunter Hutcheson (16) looks for an open receiver during the Madison vs. West Holmes Knights game played at StarTek field. The Rams fell 7-40.



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**LEXINGTON** junior Madison Basilone (5) returns a serve during the Lexington girls varsity volleyball game against the Wooster Generals. Madison had 17 digs.



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**LEXINGTON FRESHMAN** Julia Wyant (21) sends the volleyball over the net to Wooster General's Ravin Morgan (11) late in the first set in a contest played in Lexington. The Generals won the contest in three sets, 3-0. Lexington junior Kaitlyn Goodman had 8 kills.



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**MADISON KICKER** Travis Jamison (17) kicked an extra point to put the Rams on the board with seven points on Sept. 17. Holding was junior Hunter Hutcheson (16).



T-C Staff/Bud Motter

**MADISON RAM** junior Lucas Warren (21) finds short yardage late in the first period of the Madison Rams vs West Holmes Knights contest played at Madison. The Rams fell to West Holmes 40-7.



Ontario Middle School 8th Grade Cheer Squad



Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Galion Cross Country Festival • Sept. 18 • Photos by Jenna Wolford



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**MADISON RAM CJ STEFFEY (14)** and Lexington's Dylan George (13) fight for control during a Rams vs. Minutemen varsity soccer game played at Madison. The Rams lost to Lexington 4-0.



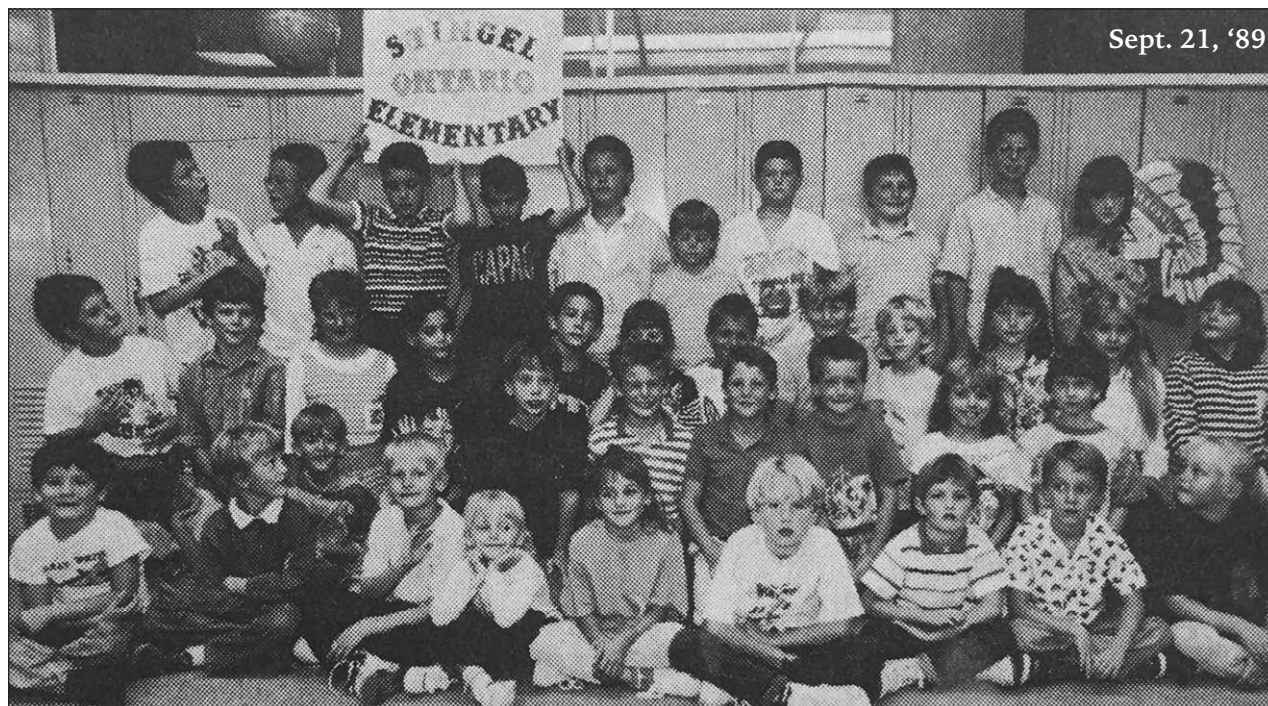
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**LEXINGTON'S Owen Smith (3)** controls the soccer ball for the Minutemen to gain a 4-0 win over Madison.



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**LEXINGTON'S GARET WEAVER** heads the ball during the Madison Rams vs Lexington Minutemen's Varsity Soccer Game played at Madison.



# LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History



Sept. 21, '89

**NEW STUDENTS** — Pictured above are 43 new students who have moved into the Ontario School District and are attending Stingel Elementary for the 1989-90 school year. First Grade: Andrew Nutter, Eric Obrynba, Charles McElwain, Heather Gerger, Brynn Gleisinger, Zackary Roberts, Zachary Smith, Justin Wilson, Aaron Subich, Nora Schuster, Jared Hamm, Paul Joudrey. Second Grade: Darren Obrynba, Alan Gleisinger, Gregory Davis, Scott Hammer, Aubrey Baker, Hayley Flowers. Third Grade: David Murphy, Andrea Owens, Justin Julian, Matthew Miller, Casey Ann Titus, Keith Travis, Jeffery Gerger, Ted Miller, Kari Walker, Racheal Flowers, Amy McFerren, Michael Washer, Timothy Thornton, Amy Mullins. Fourth Grade: Aaron Shepperd, Aaron Potter, Jeremy Murphy, Brian Hamm, Tracey Titus, Carl Schuster, Allen Booker, Adria Martin, Joshua Kurtz and Ed Booker.

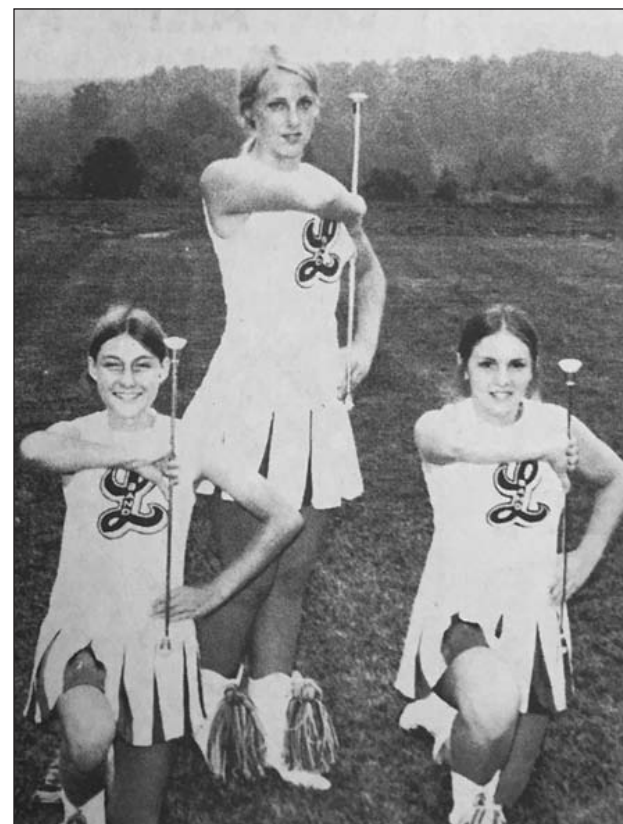


Sept. 23, '71

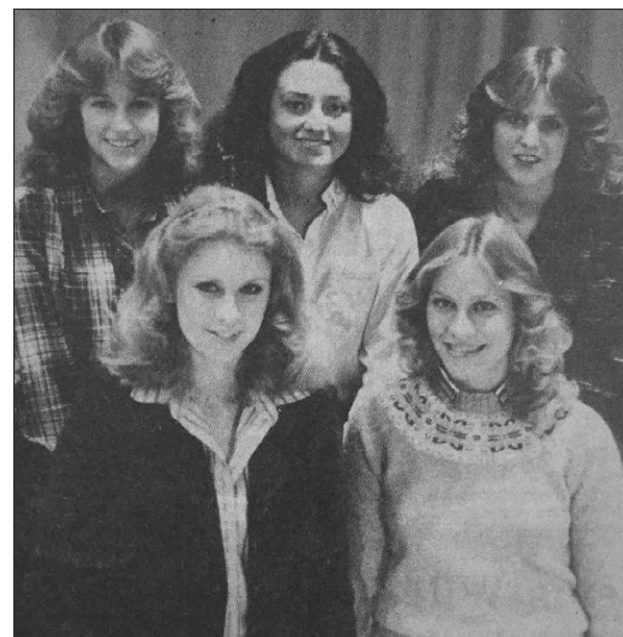
**OPEN JAC SLATE** — Ontario's Warriors will open their Johnny Appleseed Conference schedule this week at Lexington Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. In non-conference action the Warriors have tied Bucyrus and knocked off Marysville. On the squad are: Row 1 — Kim Gates, Bob Cosgrove, Mike Clegg, Mike Stoffer, Randy Crider, Steve Perry, Bruce Boyce, Bruce Schraedly, Bob Shafer and Gilbert Leadbetter. Row 2 — Bill McClelland, Rick Jordan, Chuck Leicy, Rich Beer, Doug

Schwall, Gerald McGinnis, Gary Thompson, Doug Manley, Dan Wolfe and Dick Kaber. Row 3 — Bob Dailey, Bob Santmyer, Kin Swanger, John Sloey, Doug Baker, Dwight Cain, Ron Cooper, John Goetz, Randy Gates and Rod Miller. Row 4 — Obed Shelton, Dan Brauchler, Jeff Bogantz, Pat Carroll, Brad Orewiler, Mike Riley, Vernon Yancey and David McCready.

Photo by Chuck Rickard



**SEPTEMBER 23, 1971** — Lexington Band of Gold Majorettes Judy Paulo, Debbie Iarimore and Maria Armstrong.



**SEPTEMBER 25, 1980** — Chosen as the 1980 Homecoming Court at Lexington High School were (back row) Cheri Hill, Anna Millard and Connie Shuler; (front row) Andrea Fackelman and Letitia Profenna. The girls will be honored at the festivities Friday night at Minuteman field during the gridiron game with Claymont.

**Sept. 23, 1846** — German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle discovers the planet Neptune at the Berlin Observatory. Neptune, generally the eighth planet from the sun, was postulated by the French astronomer Urbain-Jean-Joseph Le Verrier, who calculated the approximate location of the planet by studying gravity-induced disturbances in the motions of Uranus. On September 23, 1846, Le Verrier informed Galle of his findings, and the same night Galle and his assistant Heinrich Louis d'Arrest identified Neptune at their observatory in Berlin. Noting its movement relative to background stars over 24 hours confirmed that it was a planet. The blue gas giant, which has a diameter four times that of Earth, was named for the Roman god of the sea. It has eight known moons, of which Triton is the largest, and a ring system containing three bright and two dim rings. It completes an orbit of the sun once every 165 years. In 1989, the U.S. planetary spacecraft Voyager 2 was the first human spacecraft to visit Neptune. *Source: History.com*



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## LEGAL ADVERTISING

### 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 September 15, 2021.

The complete text of these Ordinances 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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-10 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** (Shangri La Loop Waterline Improvements)

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-11 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** (Lascerne Sanitary Lateral Replacement)

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-12 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S)**

AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Mabee Road Waterline Improvements)

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-33 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 21-06 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2021 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-34 – AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING THE RICHLAND COUNTY GROWTH CORPORATION TO SIGN A REAL ESTATE SALES AGREEMENT AS THE CITY'S AGENT WITH ONTARIO STUMBO I, LLC FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY THAT IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR CITY PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-35 – AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING THE RICHLAND COUNTY GROWTH CORPORATION TO SIGN A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE OPTION AGREEMENT AS THE CITY'S AGENT WITH INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES LLC FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY THAT IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR CITY PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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## OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE

1,000 sq. ft. office space located in the front portion of 347 Allen Dr., Ontario. Rental will have own private restroom, front and side entrance. Room is a large open area. \$1410/mo and includes utilities except phone/internet. Email [tribune@tribune-courier.com](mailto:tribune@tribune-courier.com) to schedule a viewing or phone call.



**MRS. WILGING'S** Language Arts students in the eighth grade at Ontario went to Mrs. Laymon's second grade classroom at Stingel to do buddy reading and play a math game. The students are learning how important it is to develop an understanding of community service and enjoyed helping younger kids. The teachers plan to continue this throughout the year.



Tiffany Whittaker



Paige Danuloff



Macy Mangan



Kayla Seevers

**THE ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS** painted their parking spots on Sunday, Sept. 12. This is a fundraiser benefiting the CamStrong Foundation.



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**MANSFIELD CITY** worker Mario Burtin is kept busy watering over 100 planters throughout the downtown Mansfield area.

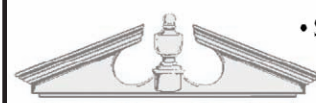
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## Voter registration deadline approaching for general election

The deadline to register to vote or change an address and/or name in the voter registration database for the Nov. 2, 2021, General Election is Monday, Oct. 4. The Board of Elections office will be open that evening until 9 pm.

The office is located at 1495 W. Longview Ave. Suite 101 in the Longview Center. After 4 pm, visitors must use the entrance at the lower level back parking area at the southwest corner.

Qualifications for registering include:

- must be either a native U. S. citizen, or a naturalized citizen of the U.S.
- must be a resident of Richland County and Ohio 30 days prior to an election
- must be a minimum of 18 years of age on or before the date of the General Election on Nov. 2, 2021

Registered voters who have moved or changed their name must notify the board office in writing or in person. Voters who are currently registered in Ohio may change their address online at VoteOhio.gov but must do it by the Oct. 4 deadline. Online registration is also now available at VoteOhio.gov

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

- Any library branch
- All city and village hall offices
- The Bureau of Motor Vehicles Office
- The Department of Human Services

•The Richland County Courthouse (recorder or treasurer offices)

•All area high school offices

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

Ontario Local Schools, Madison Local Schools, Lexington Local Schools and Clear Fork Valley Local Schools will all have candidates running for school board.

Richland County will have candidates for Mid Ohio Educational Service Center for members of the Governing Board, Richland County District.

Washington Township will have an election for trustees as will Troy Township, Springfield Township, Jefferson Township and Madison Township. Candidates will also run for trustee in Perry Township and Mifflin Township. Madison Township will have a candidate for fiscal officer.

The Village of Lexington and the Village of Bellville will have candidates for member of council. The City of Ontario will have candidates for mayor, president of council, auditor, treasurer, director of law and council at large. Among the local issues on the ballot are a tax levy replacement for the Village of Bellville and a tax levy renewal for Village of Lexington.

## 25th Annual Donald Bernhardt Memorial concert planned for Oct. 3

The Mansfield Chamber Music Players will present the 25th Annual Donald Bernhardt Memorial Chamber Music Concert Sunday, Oct. 3 at 4 pm in Riedl Hall at The Ohio State University, Mansfield Campus. Various combinations of strings and woodwinds will be performing music by Johann Georg Lickl, Anatol Liadov, Joseph Eybler and William Grant Still.

Carol Bernhardt organized the first Memorial Chamber Music Concert in 1997 in memory of her husband, Donald Bernhardt, an avid chamber music player. Don, who died in October, 1996 from malignant melanoma, was Concertmaster of the Mansfield and Ashland Symphony Orchestras and taught strings in the Mansfield City Schools for many years. He would often organize marathon chamber music playing weekends at their house and loved going to Montana for a

week of chamber music playing each summer.

Included on this year's varied program is Trio in Eb for Clarinet, Horn, and Bassoon by Johann Georg Lickl, Eight Russian Folksongs, Op. 58 by Anatol Liadov, Quintet in D Major by Joseph Eybler, and Ballet Music by William Grant Still.

Performing this year will be: violin, Michael Sieberg and Steve Domka; viola, Jim Froelich; cello, Robert Rashid; bass, David Lenigan; flute, Carla Colon; oboe, Carol Bernhardt; clarinet, Pam Ellis; French horn, Keely Krumweide; bassoon, Jane Price; and piano, Gary Kennedy.

The concert is provided by the Donald Bernhardt Memorial Chamber Music Fund at Chase Bank in cooperation with The Ohio State University – Mansfield Campus.

Masks are required.

## OSU-M Maple day features free breakfast

The Ohio State University at Mansfield will participate in the 2021 International Fall into Maple Tour from 10 am to 6 pm on Saturday, Oct. 9. Taking place on the Mansfield campus, the event features a free pancake breakfast, tours of the maple woods and the opportunity to purchase Ohio State Mansfield maple syrup, all while listening to the Ohio State vs. Maryland football game.

The event begins with a free pancake

breakfast from 10 am to noon, next to the maple woods in parking lot #8. This will serve as a tailgate breakfast for the game that starts at noon.

The maple wood tours continue throughout the day and give visitors the chance to meet the Ohio State maple team, tour the research sugarbush and see new maple educational materials.

For more information visit the website at [u.osu.edu/ohiomaple](http://u.osu.edu/ohiomaple).

## St. Baldrick's event Saturday will raise funds for cancer research

The St. Baldrick's Head Shaving event to help fund research for a cure for pediatric cancer will be held at The Phoenix Brewery in downtown Mansfield on Sept. 25, from 3–6 pm. The link to the event page is <https://www.stbaldricks.org/events/mypage/4228/2021>. This link can be used to volunteer and donate.

The head-shaving event at The Phoenix Brewing Company is replacing the local event held previously at Legends Sports Grille and Pub in Shelby. The change in venue and time of year allows us to plan an outdoor event.

Locally, the event has raised over \$275,000 over 13 years due to the generous support of local communities. Many volunteers have been willing to have their heads shaved to collect on pledges from sponsors.

St. Baldrick's shaves raise money for research by shaving in solidarity with children fighting cancer at St. Baldrick's signature head-shaving events. But there are other ways to raise funds to support the cause such as casual days in the office, bake sales, fun runs and more.

There are over a dozen major types of childhood cancers, and countless subtypes. Most are different from adult cancers and require unique treatment. Before the age of 20, about 1 in 285 children in the U.S. will have cancer.

St. Baldrick's nationwide has raised over \$306 million for childhood cancer research since 2005. The foundation is the largest private funder of childhood cancer research grants, second only to the U.S. government.

For more information call 419-563-5794 or email [judywithstbaldricks@gmail.com](mailto:judywithstbaldricks@gmail.com).

## Ontario High School Hippie Day







**MRS. MCCAULEY'S FIRST GRADE CLASS** at Ontario read the book, *Honey, Honey, Lion* by Jan Brett. Then students created the badger and wrote about what happened when the badger did not share the honey with the honeyguide. This was a good lesson on learning to share with others. While reading this story, students also studied about many of the other animals that live in Africa.

## 5K run/walk aims to raise awareness

The Warriors Leave Your Demons Behind 5K Run/Walk will be held Saturday, Oct. 2, at Marshall Park in Ontario.

This is a walk dedicated to raising awareness and support for the community and the many challenges community members face including bullying, addiction and recovery, domestic violence and animal abuse, suicide prevention and mental health. This event will also support our military.

Early registration through Sept. 30, is \$15 and race day is \$20. Children 12 and under are \$5 and 13-17 are \$10.

Those who sign-up early will receive t-

shirts and payments can be made by cash, check, cash app or Venmo. Transportation can be provided if needed.

The race will be held at 9 am with registration beginning at 8 am. There will be snacks, refreshments and raffle and door prizes. Course may be a challenging to some due to hills and wooded trails.

The net proceeds will be donated to a charity selected by participant vote at the end of the race.

For more information, to register or volunteer, contact Sunnee Ball by email at [sisco0034@gmail.com](mailto:sisco0034@gmail.com) or call 567-307-2360.

## "The Fifth Quarter" returns October 1

After taking a year off due to Covid, McElroy Road Church of Christ, 297 N. McElroy Rd., Madison area, is bringing back the free event, The Fifth Quarter.

The Fifth Quarter is held after every Madison High School home football game and welcomes all middle school and high school students, regardless of school, to provide them with a safe and fun place to hang out after Friday night high school ballgames.

This year's first event was held on Aug. 20. The next event will be Friday, Oct. 1 with the final on Friday, Oct. 15.

Students enjoy free food, video games on the big screen, indoor and outdoor games, fire pit, entertainment by local DJ,

DJ REC, plus prizes are given out from local businesses who have donated to the event, including gift cards from local restaurants and more.

MRCC Minister, Dean Jackson shared, "At the McElroy Road Church of Christ, our purpose is to share the grace of God. We strive to encourage other Christians, but also to reach out in love to our neighbors. After high school football and basketball games, we open our building to teenagers for a few hours of music, games, food and fun. We want to offer a place where teens can be themselves, and a place where parents can trust that their children will be protected and welcomed."

## Funds released for statewide support

The state controlling board has approved the release of \$274,988.00 for annual maintenance and support of the statewide Ohio Community Supervision System, State Representative Marilyn John announced.

The Ohio Community Supervision System (OCSS) is a case management tool consisting of a suite of software tools used by Ohio Common Pleas and Municipal Courts for adult probation agencies to track and document the supervision, man-

agement, and treatment services delivery to adult Ohio felony and misdemeanor offenders under court release supervision in the community.

"This will help the Ohio Community Supervision System function with efficiency all while providing a superb service to Ohioans throughout the state," said John.

This proposal allows for the continuation of support services for the Adult Parole Authority's Ohio Community Supervision System



**SENIOR WARRIOR LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE** member Jaslyn Ly creates a bulletin board to announce the upcoming homecoming festivities for Ontario High School.

## Ontario High School Parade Prep

