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ONTARIO LIONS CLUB MEMBER Jim Henry helps collect new toys during the Ontario Recreation Department's Ontario Community Craft Show Dec. 4, at the Richland County fairgrounds. Customers were able to either donate a new toy or \$2 as an admission charge to the show. Proceeds went to the Ontario Lions Club's community projects and the Ontario Recreation Department. All toys were given to the Springfield Township Fire Department and Ontario Police Department Toy Drive.

(See more photos on page 7)

Chamber will celebrate small businesses

The Board of Directors and Small Business of the Year Committee of the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development will soon be honoring and celebrating all small businesses and naming the 2021 Small Business of the Year Recipients.

Winners will be announced at a luncheon to be held at Kingwood Center Gardens on Dec. 10. Each finalist will be featured in a short video highlighting their business, sponsored by Mechanics Bank.

Presented by Medical Mutual, the awards will be given to the Small Business of the Year with 15 and more employees and 14 and fewer employees.

Finalists in the 14 and fewer employee category are The Boot Life, The Phoenix Brewing Company and Sluss Realty Company.

Finalists in the 15+ employee category are ES Consulting, Schmidt Security Pro

and Terra Vally Excavating.

The non-profit winner, Visual Bucket List Foundation, has already been announced and will receive their award during the presentation.

In addition to the finalists, semi-finalists include Blueberry Patch & 1285 Winery, Eberts Heating & Cooling, Global Medical Foam, Mirror Image, New Directions EAP & Counseling Center, Richland Sealcoating Company, Sentec Systems, Shaw & Ott Medical, Snow Trails Ski Resort, Spyder Signs, Weldon Huston & Keyser, Wilging Meats and Wilson Dental.

In addition to the winner, non-profit finalists include Altrusa of Mansfield, Community Action for Capable Youth, Domestic Violence Shelter, Humane Society of Richland County, NAMI of Richland County and Raemelon Therapeutic Equestrian Center.

Kingwood decorated for Christmas

Kingwood Center Gardens Hall is decked in the theme of "Home for the Holidays" as Christmas at Kingwood continues through Dec. 30, Tuesday through Sunday from 4-9 pm.

The newly-restored third floor of Kingwood Hall will be a part of Christmas at Kingwood for the first time.

A Christmas Artisan Market will be held Dec. 11 and 12 with unique gifts and holiday goodies made by local artisan vendors.

Due to the Christmas Holiday, The Tribune-Courier Deadline for the Dec. 16 and 23 Issues is Monday, Dec. 13.

Generous donors make Richland Gives a success for local nonprofits

Richland Gives, an online giving event hosted by the Richland County Foundation, raised \$504,504, via 1,220 donors for 86 Richland County nonprofit organizations. Since its inception in 2015, Richland Gives has raised \$1,940,373.

Richland Gives is designed to encourage people to contribute to local nonprofits they care about through a single giving website. The foundation hosted the day to build capacity, grow philanthropy and make the community stronger. It allows local organizations to raise funds and awareness as well as cultivate new donors and reinvigorate lapsed donors.

The foundation awarded \$100,000 in grants as incentives during the giving event. The nonprofit organizations that raised the most in the small and large nonprofit category were awarded \$10,000 for first place, \$5,000 for second place, \$3,000 for third place and \$1,000 for fourth, fifth and sixth place.

The winners in the small nonprofit category with annual budgets under \$250,000 were Lucas Community Center, North Central State College Foundation, Humane Society of Richland County, North Central Ohio Land Conservancy, Altrusa and Linden Road Presbyterian Church.

The winners of the large nonprofit category with annual budgets over \$250,000 were Renaissance Performing Arts, St. Peter's School, Discovery School, Richland Academy of the Arts, Richland Pregnancy Services and Friendly House.

Ten organizations were the first to raise \$5,000 online and were awarded a \$2,000 grant prize. These are Richland Pregnancy Services, Linden Road Presbyterian Church, Women's Fund, Salvation Army, Altrusa, Lucas Community Center, Mansfield Area Y, Love in the Name of Christ, Shelby YMCA and Richland Academy of the Arts.

The organizations awarded \$1,000 grant prizes for raising either the most money or having the most donors during Golden Ticket hours were North Central State

College Foundation, Renaissance Performing Arts (4 tickets), Richland Academy of the Arts (2 tickets), Lucas Community Center (3 tickets), Little Buckeye Children's Museum, Richland Pregnancy Services, Ohio Bird Sanctuary, Visual Bucket List and St. Peter's School.



RICHLAND COUNTY FOUNDATION

President Brady Groves and Chief Advancement Officer Maura Teynor tally the totals during Richland Gives.

Grant prizes worth \$250 each were awarded by a random drawing during the Leader Board Watch Party. Revipients were Mansfield Playhouse, Discovery School, Richland Community Development Group, Ohio Bird Sanctuary, Women's Fund, Catholic Charities, Catalyst Life Services, Richland Academy of the Arts, Mansfield Art Center, Humane Society of Richland County, Friendly House, North Central Ohio Industrial Museum, Harmony House, Third Street Family Health Services, Shelby YMCA, Little Buckeye Children's Museum, St. Peter's School, Clear Fork Valley Foundation, New Store, Richland Pregnancy Services, North End Community Improvement Collaborative, Salvation Army, Mid Ohio Guardianship, Linden Road Presbyterian Church, Pat Kracker Breast Cancer Fund, Mansfield Area Y, Altrusa, Lucas Community Center, Transport for Christ, Downtown Mansfield Inc., Starfish Project and Love in the Name of Christ.

Grant prizes worth \$500 each were awarded by a random drawing during the Leader Board Watch Party, North Central State College Foundation and Kingwood Center Gardens.

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.

The foundation helps people in Richland County give back to their community by investing their gifts for charity wisely so that grants can be made to improve the quality of life for all of the county's citizens.

MRCPL hiring open house is Thursday

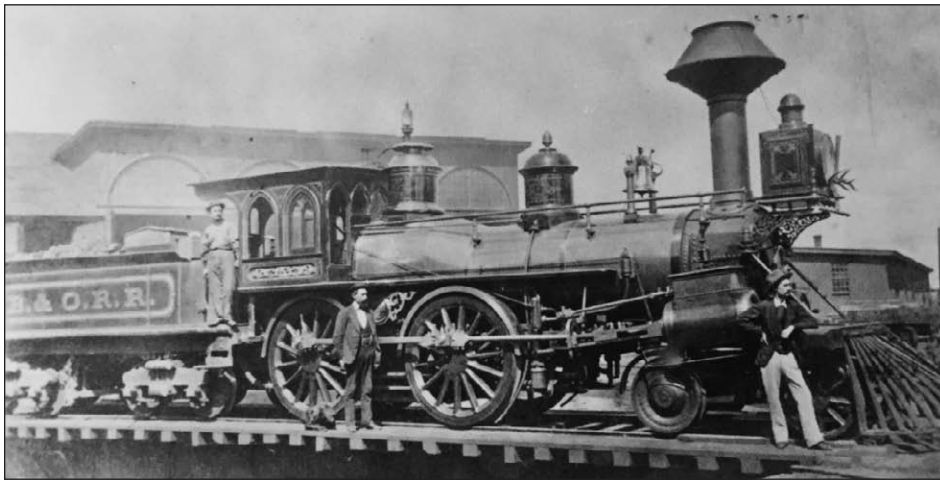
The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library (MRCPL) will host an Open Interview Event Thursday, Dec. 9, from 2-6 pm at the Ontario Library, 2221 Village Mall Dr. in Ontario.

The library is looking to fill multiple part-time and full-time positions, and no previous library experience is required.

Interested applicants that attend this open-house-style event will have the opportunity to interview directly with a hiring manager on the spot.

For details on this event and available positions visit mrcpl.org/jobs.

(See ad on Page 10)



THE ENGINE "SANDUSKY" was photographed on the turntable at the Sandusky Roundhouse after being turned over to the B&O Railroad. Note the deer antlers under the headlight.

The Case of the Beautiful Steamer

By Bob Carter

When the Sandusky, Mansfield & Newark Railroad changed their six foot gauge (space between the rails) to standard five-foot nine with American standard, the wheels on all rolling stock had to be changed. Their cars could not interchange with other railroads.

The wide boilers on several engines prevented this and new narrower boilers were built, a major and expensive rebuild. Some engines were easily narrowed but the last engine, the "Sandusky" dragged for nearly four years due to an overloaded shop. A Sandusky newspaper gave this interesting account of the engine in Feb. 17, 1868;

The Engine "Sandusky" of the Sandusky, Mansfield & Newark Railroad, makes its first trip before the express train that leaves at 9:05 this morning. This engine has been entirely rebuilt in the shops of the company and is conceded to be the finest locomotive that has been turned out in our city.

In rebuilding it was found necessary to virtually make a new engine, and every important part of her is entirely new. She weighs nearly 26 tons, and when on trial Saturday last, behaved splendidly, making the distance from Monroeville to Sandusky in 28 minutes.

The veteran engineer, Clark, will preside at her foot board, and will doubtless win new honors for himself. As a work of art we would cordially commend this new engine to the art-loving citizens of our city. The painting alone being worth a trip to the Mansfield Depot. Her machine work was done under the superintendent Mr. John Y. Beate, foreman of the shop, and painting by William A. Paurden.

The tremendous change of gauge expense nearly broke the already money-loosing company and caused it to be leased to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. Another factor was that the loaded SM&N cars rolled off to other rail lines and left the SM&N short of cars.

READERS' FORUM

We would like to thank our Richland Gives heroes. We are so incredibly thankful for the generous support shown us this giving season. With your help, we raised over \$11,200 to support Little Buckeye Children's Museum.

These donations will help us to overcome the increased prices of building materials and supplies caused by the COVID-19 crisis and help us finish construction on our new museum in the Imagination District. Thank you for believing in us.

Thank you for your support, and have a safe and happy holiday season.

Fred Boll, Executive Director, The Little Buckeye Museum

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The Entertainment Examiner

By Ian Stumbo



When I was in college I got into writer/director Kenneth Branagh. As an English major I had to take a couple Shakespeare classes and Branagh has really been the modern day Shakespeare story teller with *Henry V*, *Hamlet* and *Much Ado About Nothing*.

His new release *Belfast* is a much more personal story as it is taken from his childhood growing up in Belfast in 1969.

Belfast stars Jude Hill as Buddy, a young boy growing up in a small neighborhood where fights break out between the Protestants and the Catholics that leads to violence, rioting and looting in the streets. His mother (Caitriona Balfe) is taking care of the children while his father (Jamie Dornan) works in England for weeks at a time and goes back and forth to take care of his family the best he can. Also around are Buddy's grandparents wonderfully played by Ciaran Hinds and Judi Dench.

Belfast is filled with music from the era including a bit from Van Morrison. There are times in this movie where Branagh's script brings smiles and laughter and other times where it is gritty and gripping as the religious wars constantly break out as the family decides whether they should move from their beloved Belfast.

The entire cast as well as Branagh's direction, terrific camerawork and beautiful black and white imagery bring this movie to life and his choice of actors really tell his story the best he can.

Balfe stands out but everyone could be an Oscar contender. *Belfast* is one of the

best of 2021 and a great story that many may not know but should be told. Go see this one.



On Netflix, be sure to check out *The Power of the Dog*. Directed by Jane Campion after a 12 year absence (known for helming 1993's *The Piano*), this is the story of two wealthy brothers living in 1925 Montana. The volatile Phil (Benedict Cumberbatch) is extremely jealous of his much calmer brother George (Jesse Plemons) when he marries restaurant owner Rose (Kirsten Dunst).

Phil's behavior and his threatening ways force Rose to drink and she is worried about the constant threats towards her son Peter (Kodi Smit-McPhee).

Campion handles the camera beautifully showing stunning landscapes and set pieces. The movie feels authentic and real.

The story itself is a slow burn. Everything takes its time and may require a second viewing but the movie is at its best when it explores the masculinity, attitudes and viewpoints of these characters. All of these actors are great, but Cumberbatch does some of his finest work.

Dunst is also a stand out as is young McPhee. When Cumberbatch walks on the screen at various points it

can give chills just from the way he walks and how he acts towards people. This is a great movie as well and it's wonderful to see Campion in fine form.

This week featured two great films from two great directors along with several performances that deserve to be recognized around Oscar time.

Assistance available for energy bills

The Ohio Department of Development and Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. reminds Ohioans that assistance is available to help with home energy bills.

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps Ohioans at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines pay their heating bills.

Applied directly to the customer's utility or bulk fuel bill, the benefit can help manage heating costs. Ohioans can visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov to apply online, download a copy of the application or find contact information for a local Energy Assistance Provider (EAP). When applying, individuals need to have copies of:

- Most recent utility bills
- A list of all household members (in-

cluding birth dates and Social Security numbers)

- Proof of income for the past 30 days for all household members (12 months for certain income types)

- Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members

- Proof of disability (if applicable)

HEAP benefits are applied to an individual's energy bill after Jan. 1. Applications for the HEAP program must be received by May 31, 2022.

For more information about HEAP, contact the Area Agency on Aging office at 419-524-4144 or 1-800-860-5799.

To be connected to a local energy assistance provider, call 800-282-0880 (hearing impaired clients may dial 711 for assistance) or visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov.

News Briefs

The Herlihy Christmas Open House will be held Dec. 9, 10, 11 and 12, from 6-9 pm at 170 W. Second St., Mansfield.

Parking is available at the Herlihy Funeral Home. A minimum donation of \$1 will go towards the local animal shelters and Miss Ohio Scholarship Program. Private tours for 20 or more people can be scheduled by calling Terri

Herlihy at 419-544-9863.

Visit www.herlihychristmashouse.com for more information.

A senior citizen luncheon will be held at Madison Comprehensive High School Ramble Inn, 600 Esley Lane, on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 12:30 pm. The cost is \$3.75 per lunch. Call the board office at 419-589-



Holly McGhee of Bellville



Walt Lowe of Bellville

Experience Bethlehem is this weekend

With the arrival of the Christmas Season there are many things to do: buy and wrap gifts, bake Christmas cookies and other special treats, send Christmas cards, decorate the tree, attend family gatherings and participate in other special traditions.

In our attempts to accomplish all of the things on the to-do list, we often fail to focus on the real reason for celebrating Christmas. Each year the people of Clear Fork Alliance Church offer an opportunity to set aside the secular activities and focus on the "real reason for the season".

The community is invited to become a part of the LIVE Christmas story and travel through the scenes of the birth of Jesus as they follow the star to the manger. Then register with the census taker to receive a free bag of gold coins

and spend them in Bethlehem's various shops.

"Experience" the sights, smells, tastes and sounds of Bethlehem as soldiers arrest beggars in the streets and children stomp grapes into juice. Visitors will smell flowers in the perfume shop and the live animals in the stable, hear anvils clang in the metal shop, sample breads, fruits and other treats in the food shops.

Experience Bethlehem will be held on Dec. 10, 11, & 12. Tours will be Friday and Saturday from 6:30-8:30 pm and on Sunday from 2-4 pm. The event is free and is completely indoors and family friendly. It is held at Clear Fork Alliance Church, 1008 St. Rt. 97 E., Bellville, across from Clear Fork High School. Call 419-886-4333 or visit www.clearforkalliance.org for more information.

2600, choose option 8, ext. 1103 to make a reservation.

Biblewalk, 500 Tingley Ave., Madison area, will offer free "The Life of Christ" tours, Tuesdays through Saturdays in December, from 10 am to 4 pm.

The Lexington Area Senior Center invites those 55 and older to attend meetings the third Wednesday of every month at Der Dutchman Restaurant at 10:30 am.

Each month there are speakers and entertainment and members take several trips throughout the year. Dues are \$55 per year. Guests are welcome to attend.

For more information call Darlene Lee at 419-886-4711.

A Christmas luncheon will be held this month, venue to be announced.

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Kathryn Reed at the 10:30 am service on Sunday, Dec. 12.

She will speak on "Leaning into the Growing Edge: The Creation of the National Society of Black Physician Assistants (NSBPA)." For information visit www.all-soulsuuohio.org.

A recycling trailer will not be at Ontario United Methodist Church in December.

The Area Agency on Aging Board of Trustees elected to provide three scholarship awards this year to individuals for higher education or classes benefitting the field of aging. Scholarship award amounts for the academic year 2022-'23 are: one \$2,000 for a student attending a

4-year university; one \$1,000 for a student attending a 2-year college or technical school; and one \$1,000 for a student attending any type of higher institute of learning or enrolled in an accredited program for certification.

Applicants must be a high school graduate and reside in Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca or Wyandot counties.

Details can be found on the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. website. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2022.

For more information, contact Susie Danuloff at the Area Agency on Aging at 567-247-7105 or sdanuloff@aaa5ohio.org

The Eastside Churches of Mansfield and the Madison area invite the community to join together for "The Glory of Christmas — Experience the Season" Christmas cantata and cookie reception on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 3 pm in the Madison Middle School Auditorium.

A free-will offering will be taken to cover production expenses. This event is free and open to the public.

Richland Public Health is open for environmental health business and birth and death certificates, 8 am to 4 pm, Monday-Friday. Both WIC and the public health clinic are open by appointment. RPH will be closed all day Friday, Dec. 24 and will be open Dec. 27-30. RPH is closed all day on Friday, Dec. 31.

To submit a news brief item, email information to news@tribune-courier.com.

Deadlines are noon Mondays.

EXPERIENCE BETHLEHEM

Dec. 10 & 11 • 6:30-8:30 pm

Dec. 12 • 2-4 pm

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Wednesday evenings: 6 pm Prayer Meeting • 6:30 pm TeamKID and Youth Group

Community Bible Church

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

Lexington Presbyterian Church

35 Church St. West, Lexington • 419-884-1330
Rev. James Randas • 10:30 am Sunday Worship
<https://www.facebook.com/Lexington-Presbyterian-Church-117768414915815>

McElroy Road Church of Christ

297 N. McElroy Rd., Mansfield (Madison area) • 419-589-2661 • mcelroyroad.org
Minister Dean Jackson
9:30 am Sunday School • 10:30 am Sunday Worship • 6 pm Sunday Night • 7 pm Wednesday
www.facebook.com/mrccgrace

Ontario Christian Church

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

Ontario United Methodist Church

3540 Park Avenue West, Ontario • 419-529-4345 • www.ontarioumc.com
Rev. Christine Bell
10:15 am Sunday Worship • Bible Study: Please check website for current schedule

Ridgeway Church of God

1380 Park Avenue East, Mansfield • 419-589-5385 • www.ridgewaycog.cggc.org/
Pastor John Dodds • Associate Pastor Billy Saunders
9:30 am Sunday School • 6 pm Sunday Family Events
10:40 am Sunday Worship with live stream at www.facebook.com/ridgewaycog
2 pm Wednesday Bible Study • 9 am Men's Breakfast 2nd & 4th Sunday

Risen Savior Lutheran Church

1685 Lexington Ave., Mansfield • 419-775-1175 • risensaviormansfield.com
Pastor Brad Wright
9 am Sunday Family Bible Time • 10 am Sunday Worship

St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church

1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison) • 419-589-2114 • www.mansfieldstmarys.org
Father Matthew Frisbee
4 pm Saturday Worship • 11 am Sunday Worship • 5:30 pm Tuesday Worship
9 am Friday Worship • Faith Instruction & Bible Study on Sunday Mornings

St. Paul Lutheran

2010 Park Avenue West • 419-529-4351 • www.stpaulmansfield.org
Pastor Jonathan Stuftt
9 am Sunday Worship • 10:15 am Monday Weekly Bible Study

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

1262 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison area) • 419-589-5252 • sttimmansfield.org
Pastor Jonathan Stuftt
10:45 am Sunday Worship • 10:15 am Monday Bible Study
Email: secretary@sttimmansfield.org

Trinity United Methodist Church

1592 Grace St., Mansfield (Madison area) • 419-589-5890 • trinityumcmansfield.org
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Walker Randall Utter, Mansfield, Nov. 21, 21 (stillborn)
Dr. Roger K. McInturg, 84, Ashland, Nov. 18, 21
David Patrick Paone, 71, Ontario, Nov. 21, 21
Robert Lee Stallard, 39, Mansfield, Nov. 20, 21
Elzie Shepherd, 78, Crestline, Nov. 23, 21
Michael E. Shrock, Jr. 58, Mansfield, Nov. 23, 21
Jane "Janie" Sara Larsen, 68, Mansfield, Nov. 26, 21
Matthew Blaine Carpenter, 40, Mansfield, Nov. 25, 21
Patricia J. Shenberger, 83, Mansfield, Nov. 24, 21
Nancy Louise Cenky, 70, Lexington, Nov. 21, 21
Marjorie Brauchler, 96, Mansfield, Nov. 23, 21

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DAR offering scholarships

Various local, state and national scholarships are available through the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Each has separate requirements.

The Jared Mansfield Chapter local scholarship is open to all students, both genders, who will be attending or is currently enrolled at OSU-Mansfield, NCSC or the Dwight Schar College of Nursing, Mansfield and pursuing any field of study. High school graduating seniors can also apply. The completed application must be postmarked by April 15.

The Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution awards the "Wings of Eagles" scholarship to graduating high school seniors, including those completing a certified home school program, in the amount of \$1,000 each. Awards are based on academic excellence and financial need. All applicants must be citizens of

the United States and legal residents of the state of Ohio and must attend an accredited college or university in the United States.

Visit OSDAR at ohiodar.org to obtain a scholarship application. All applicants must be sponsored by the local DAR chapter and applications must be submitted to the local chapter by Jan. 31.

The National Daughters of the American Revolution, NSDAR, also offers scholarships in many different majors. This year all students will submit applications using an online process. The online portal can be found on the DAR scholarship page <http://dar.academicworks.com>

Emailed or mailed applications will no longer be accepted. The deadline for these is Jan. 31.

Call scholarship chair Margie Warner at 419-512-3363 for more information on any of these scholarships.

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Day Trippin' with Damon — Mohican Lodge & Conference Center overlooks Pleasant Hill Lake. It offers accommodations, a dining room, fireplace, an indoor pool and sauna and fitness room. Hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding and fishing are all available nearby. Pleasant Hill Lake is an 850-acre unlimited horsepower lake surrounded by 1,350 acres of land.



By Mátiece Thomas

Its beginning to look a lot like Christmas, everywhere you go! Does Christmas bring you peace or anxiety? All the decorations are so beautiful, I love sitting on my couch with a cup of coffee, looking at my tree lit and full of ornaments — it is so peaceful.

Then, my my mind interrupts my beautiful moment with all the things I need to do. All the gifts I need to buy, and then wrap. All the parties I have to go to and the food I'll have to make or bake. Before you know it, the peaceful feeling of Christmas is replaced with anxiety.

Anxiety is one of the worst things for your total wellness. It affects your mental, spiritual and physical health.

Start by making a to-do list, it will really help you this time of year. Each morning make a daily list so you won't worry about forgetting something. It will also organize you on this crazy holiday!

Take time to just breath, however that looks for you. It could be writing in a journal to calm your mind from your busy thoughts. You could spend time in prayer

being thankful or just sitting and meditating.

I also have realized over the years everything doesn't have to be Hallmark card perfect. Spending quality time with the people you love is the best gift you can give.

So I encourage you to not stress over the holiday, take time to enjoy it!

Spending money and having enough to spend is another big stressor this time of year.

One evening I encourage you to make some hot cocoa for the family and drive around and look at the beautiful Christmas lights. There are a lot of ways to enjoy this time of year without spending a lot of money.

I wish you all a very stress free and peaceful holiday!

Follow me at Instagram-5ptsfitness_trainergirl for nutrition and workout tips.



kimmys cucina
By Kim Sterry

Chicken Tortellini Soup

What a quick and easy meal that accompanied with a warm loaf of bread and a salad will complete any dinner menu. Enjoy!

Ingredients

1 onion chopped
2 Tbsp. chopped Garlic
3 carrots chopped
32 ounces chicken stock
2 cups water
3 Tbsp. tomato paste

Salt & pepper

2 roma tomatoes

A couple handfuls of fresh spinach

1 package spinach and cheese tortellini

1 lb. chicken breast cooked and cubed

or a rotisserie chicken

Instructions

In a soup pot, heat some olive oil and sauté onion and garlic for 3–5 minutes. Add chicken and carrots and continue to sauté for a few more minutes, then add tomatoes and spinach and stir around until spinach is wilted. Add Tomato Paste stir to combine. Next add in the water and the chicken broth. Add the Tortellini about 10–15 minutes before serving.

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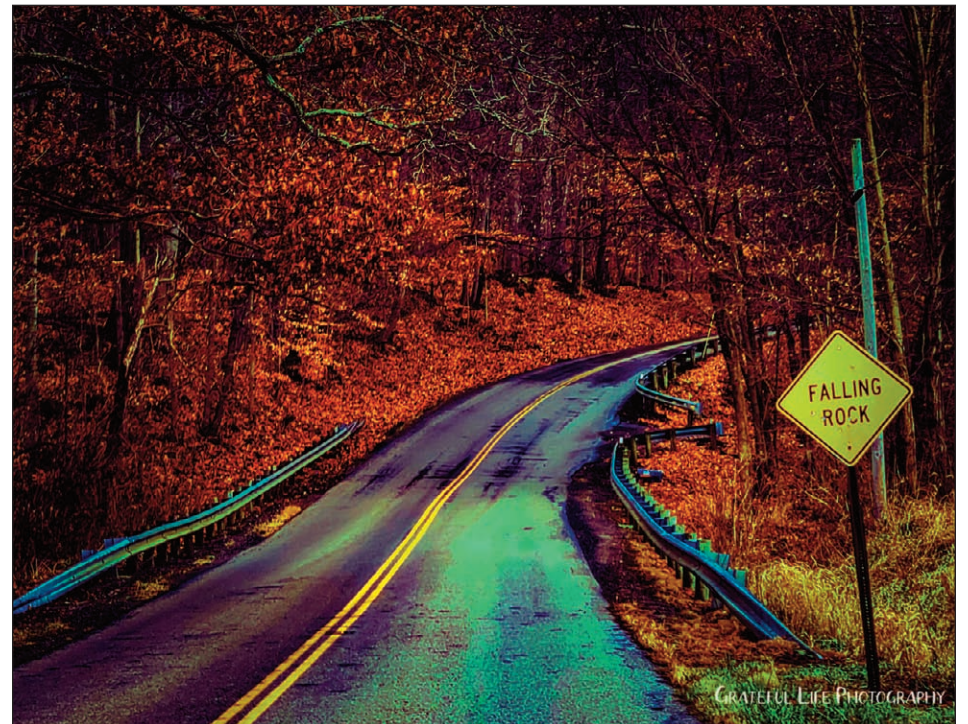


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— Larry and Kendra Kaufman



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THE RICHLAND RURAL LIFE CENTER, Madison area, held a Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, Dec. 4. Guests were served pancakes, french toast sticks, scrambled eggs and fruit and were able to meet Santa (Rusty Radcliff). Tommy and Benton Gano speak to St. Nick and were treated to a candy cane and coloring book.



T-C Staff/Jenna Wolford

MEMBERS OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 138 helped during the Richland Rural Life Center Breakfast with Santa event Dec. 4. Volunteers cleaned tables, served food, played the part of elves and greeted visitors.

Christmas In the Village • Plymouth

The 5th Annual Christmas in the Village was held Dec. 2-4 in Plymouth. The holiday marketplace and street fair was held on W. Broadway and featured over 80 craft and artisan vendors, food trucks, a Christmas Spirits Tent, 2,000 square foot ice rink, carriage rides, Plymouth Polar Express Train, Santa and his reindeer, axe throwing, a parade of lights, fireworks, tree lighting and ice carving sculpture. Frank and Dean performed live onstage on Friday and Juke Box Heroes performed Saturday. The event also featured a merry-go-round, model train exhibit and a children's Elf Village shopping experience



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BRENDA WETZEL displays her items at the B&K Woodcrafts booth at the Ontario Community Craft Show.



PAT DOUGHERTY examines rugs at The Weaver's Beam craft table at the Ontario Community Craft Show Dec. 4, at the Richland County Fairgrounds. Showing her rugs is Koren Roberts.



LEO BURLINGAME makes a hand-made pen for a customer at the craft show.



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Madison Adult Career Center brings joy by offering services, visits with Santa

Madison Adult Career Center (MACC) provided a "Night of Pampering" for the residents, children and staff of the Domestic Violence Shelter on Thursday, Dec. 2, at Madison.

For three hours, the medical assisting and cosmetology instructors and students provided free haircuts, finger nail polishing, crafts and snacks. The children also received a special visit from Santa.

Ten children from the center came to the special event. Also attending the event were the families of the MACC

students.

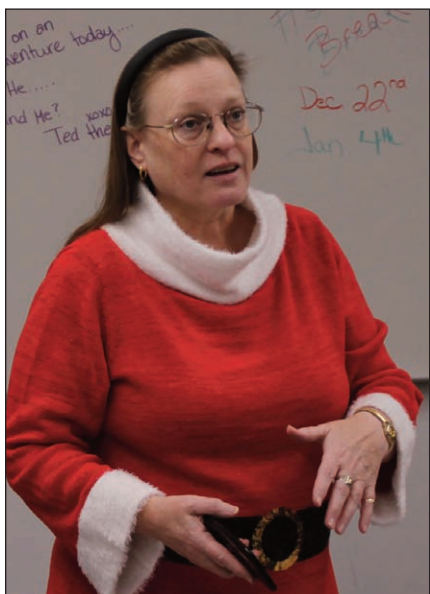
The special night started as an idea for a class project for medical assisting instructor Kelly Clements and grew as cosmetology instructor Melinda Williams joined with her class.

A representative of the shelter said, "I am so impressed with how many people think of the shelter at this time of year."

Last year Clements' class and former instructor Marie Williams' class took gift baskets to a local nursing home.



Santa (Bob Wortman)



MACC student Kristen Hertzler's family — husband, Justin, and children Abbigail and Logan — attended the event.



Photos by Jenna Wolford
Faces of the Domestic Violence Shelter residents purposely not shown

Oak Hill Cottage hosts Ghosts of Christmas Past

Oak Hill Cottage, 310 Springmill St., Mansfield, held its annual lighthearted soiree "Ghosts of Christmas Past" at the old mansion on the hill Saturday, Dec. 4.

During the event, volunteers dressed in authentic period clothing and represented characters who made Oak Hill their home.

Characters included the Robinsons who built the house in 1847, the wealthy Jones family of the late Victorian age, and the daughters of Dr. Jones who made it a center of social life in the early 1900s.

Oak Hill Cottage is a circa 1847 gothic revival mansion built by J. R. Robinson, a local entrepreneur. His empire of railroad, milling, and mining interests took him away from Mansfield at the time of the Civil War, and the Dr. Jones family, whose furnishings still fill the house, moved in by 1864 and occupied Oak Hill for the next 101 years.

The Richland County Historical Society purchased the house in 1965, restored it, and opened it in 1984 as a house museum.

Guided tours are offered through December from 2-5 pm and cost is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children. After the December tours, the cottage will close for the winter and reopen in April.

Call 419-524-1765 or visit oakhillcottage.org for more information.

Photos by Jenna Wolford



BETH GRIEBLING stands with a chair that was recently donated to Oak Hill Cottage. The 1859 Rosewood side chair by Joseph Meeks recently returned to Oak Hill from an heir, the great-great granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jones. It rejoins a side chair, arm chair and settee of the original set. Griebeling portrayed Elizabeth Barr, the widowed wife of Colonel Barr during the Ghosts of Christmas past event held Dec. 4.



ANNIE THE COOK (Sherry Sammataro) was found in the kitchen. She spoke of the new electric iron and Eclipse stove, made by the Tappan Company.



DOTTIE KASPER portrays Ida, the oldest daughter.



UPSTAIRS MAID CARLA (Carla Lee) mends clothing for one of the children kept in the nursery.

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THE CITY OF ASHLAND held a Christmas Tree Lighting, parade and fireworks on Saturday, Dec. 4. The parade route began at Ashland University and traveled through downtown. Monica Stuart attended the event with her family and took the above photo. She said, "The event was wonderful! It felt like being in a Hallmark movie. The highlight was seeing the smiles on the kid's faces during the parade and festivities afterwards."



HOWARD HARRIMAN was recognized for 42 years of service on the Springfield Township Zoning Commission by receiving a Proclamation naming Nov. 29, 2021 as "Howard Harriman Day in Springfield Township." The Proclamation was read by the trustees and he will be presented with a plaque. Harriman announced his resignation from the Springfield Township Zoning Commission, effective Nov. 29, 2021, during the regular board meeting of the Springfield Township Trustees Nov. 29. He served the township, pro bono, from 1979-2021.

Ontario Christmas Tree Lighting



The Annual City of Ontario Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was held in Marshall Park in Ontario on Thursday, Dec. 2. Ontario High School students provided entertainment for the community at the band shell.



STINGEL ELEMENTARY STAFF was invited to make a holiday door sign after school on Dec. 2. Principal Kimberly Johnson, librarian Katie Spellman and kindergarten teacher Lynda Ditty organized the event and helped everyone with the cutting, arranging and bow making.



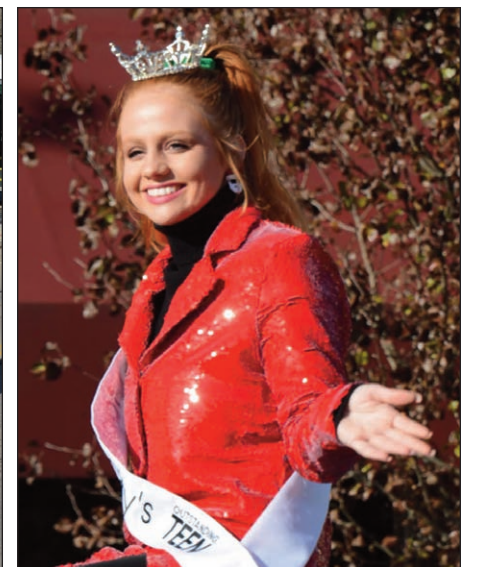
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Clear Fork Girls Basketball vs River Valley • Dec. 2 • Vikings Win 56-49

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LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History

Dec. 6, '79 Ontario Fall Athletics Award Winners



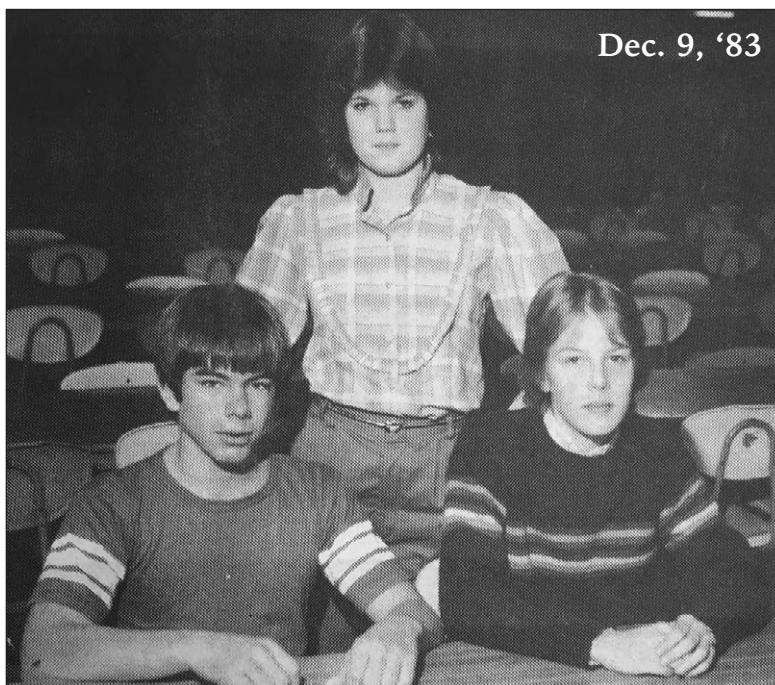
VARSITY FOOTBALL AWARDS at Ontario went to Tim Eckert, best defensive back; Bill Hounshell, best defensive back; Roger Harmon, best defensive lineman and most valuable player; Rick Gleisinger, best offensive lineman; and Ken Earhart, best offensive back.



CROSS COUNTRY AWARDS went to Dale Hounshell, "Guts" award; Steve Garberich, most improved; Scott Jones, most valuable player; and Chris Barre, rookie of the year.



DEEMED THE MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS of the girls volleyball team were Kim Strickler and Jan Urwin.



Dec. 9, '83

CITIZENS OF THE MONTH for November have been chosen at Madison South Junior High School. They are: (front) Jim Odson, 8th grade; Laurie Baer, 7th grade; (back) Kim Sandel, 9th grade.

Dec. 9, 1854 — *The Examiner* prints Alfred Lord Tennyson's poem "The Charge of the Light Brigade," which commemorates the courage of 600 British soldiers charging a heavily defended position during the Battle of Balaklava, in the Crimea, just six weeks earlier. Tennyson had been named poet laureate in 1850 by Queen Victoria. Tennyson was born into a chaotic and disrupted home. His father, the eldest son of a wealthy landowner, was disinherited in favor of his younger brother. Forced to enter the church to support himself, the Reverend Dr. George Tennyson became a bitter alcoholic. However, he educated his sons in the classics, and Alfred Tennyson, the fourth of 12 children, went to Trinity College at Cambridge in 1827. The same year, he and his brother Charles published *Poems by Two Brothers*. At Cambridge, he befriended a circle of intellectual undergraduates who strongly encouraged his poetry. Chief among them was Arthur Hallam, who became Tennyson's closest friend and who later proposed to Tennyson's sister.



Dec. 6, '79

Photo by Marc Stumbo

PRETTY DONNA JONES, Miss Ontario, and Mayor Charles Hellinger braved cold winds last Tuesday as they stood before a cold but cheerful crowd to witness the lighting of Ontario's annual community Christmas tree on the grounds of Stingel Elementary School on Shelby-Ontario Rd. in Ontario.



PLYMOUTH'S CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE featured a merry-go-round as the village was decked for Christmas with twinkling lights.

Letters to Santa can be dropped in Mansfield

Santa will be making his stop in Mansfield, and now kids will be able to send their letters directly to the North Pole through the help of Mansfield's Imagination District partnership between the Renaissance Theatre and Little Buckeye Children's Museum.

From now until Dec. 20, families will be able to drop off their personal letters to Santa Claus at the North Pole Post Box located in the plaza between The Renaissance Theatre and Theatre 166.

Once letters are dropped off, they'll be picked up each night via reindeer mail and delivered directly to Santa's elves. A group of Renaissance Theatre volunteers have headed to the North Pole to assist Santa's elves in order to make sure each letter receives a response.

Families who drop off their letters prior to Dec. 17 will be entered into a drawing for several prize giveaways of holiday experiences all around Ohio.

Prizes include VIP family packs to Mansfield Symphony's Holiday Pops Concert, VIP family packs to Polar Express Experience, a family membership to The Little Buckeye Children's Museum, a gift certificate to Two Cousins Pizza, a Family Fun Pack from Altitude Trampoline Park, Free Private Tour of Herlihy Christmas House for up to 20 friends and family, a family pass to Mansfield Playhouse, 12 free ride tickets and a free stuffed animal at Richland Carousel, vouchers to Snow Trails for free lift tickets, equipment rentals, group lessons and more.

For more information visit rentickets.org/letters-to-santa

Nutcracker Ballet coming to Renaissance Theatre

Richland Academy's *Nutcracker Ballet*, presented by the Renaissance Theatre, will be held at the Renaissance Theatre in downtown Mansfield on Friday, Dec. 10 at 7 pm and Saturday, Dec. 11 at 2:30 pm.

This production will be the sixth annual production of *The Nutcracker Ballet* from Richland Academy of the Arts. Attendees, young and old alike, will be enchanted by this traditional portrayal of *The Nutcracker* through beautiful classical dance, stunning fairytale scenery, vibrant theatrical staging, and the captivating musical score of Tchaikovsky.

Tickets are available through rentickets.org. All seating is general admission and seating is limited. All attendees ages 12+ are required to wear a facial mask and show proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of attending a performance.



NORTH CENTRAL STATE COLLEGE Child Development Center Director Wendy Thompson and Assistant Director Paige Sauder.

RCCS partners with national program to provide new pajamas and books to NC State Child Development Center

Richland County Children Services (RCCS) has partnered with the Pajama Program to provide new pajamas and books just in time for Christmas to the North Central State College Child Development Center.

The Pajama Program is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that promotes and supports a comforting bedtime routine and healthy sleep for children to help them thrive. Since 2001, Pajama Program has delivered over 7 million good nights for good days to children facing adversity by providing new pajamas, storybooks, and resources for caregivers.

Pajama Program offers bedtime resources and sleep education nationwide, as well as through local programs in New York City, Atlanta, and metro-Detroit. To achieve its mission, Pajama Program relies on a national network of volunteers, generous donors, and partnerships with 4,000 community-based organizations across the United States and Puerto Rico.

"RCCS is grateful for the new pajamas made possible through the Pajama Program's Eastern Ohio Chapter President Teri Dwyer," said Brigitte Coles, Community Engagement Specialist. "RCCS continues to build hope with our community partners who serve hundreds of children and families. The COVID 19 pandemic has increased the pressure and stress facing parents and caregivers. RCCS wants to help lift the burdens from the par-

ents. This marks the third year working with the program and RCCS wanted to provide pajamas and new books to North Central State College's Child Development Center. Child Development Center Director Wendy Thompson and her staff have done a wonderful job providing services to children and families throughout Richland County."

The Child Development Center (CDC) opened in 1994, with the dual purpose of serving the childcare needs of NC State and OSU-M students and serving as a teaching lab for college students preparing for careers with young children and their families.

The CDC enrolls children from 6 weeks of age through kindergarten and provides family support, guidance, and education. All services are provided without regard to gender, race, age, creed, religion, national origin, disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation.

The Pajama Program was founded in 2001 by Genevieve Piturro. Inspired by her experience reading to children waiting for foster care placement in New York City, she realized many of the children did not have pajamas. She began collecting them from her family and friends and delivered them to the children herself. Her initiative grew into a nationwide effort to provide comforting bedtimes and healthy sleep to all children, everywhere.

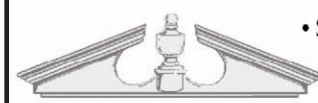
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