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**SENATOR MARK ROMANCHUK** spoke at the Fifth Annual Spread the Light Event held Jan. 9 in Shelby. The event, which was held at Rocket Chevrolet, honored police, fire and safety forces in Richland County. (More photos on Page 5)

## Dignitaries attend Fifth Annual Spread the Light event in Shelby

Photos and Article by Traci Little

The fifth annual Spread The Light event was held at Rocket Chevrolet in Shelby, on Jan. 9 at 5 pm. The Spread The Light event was created to promote pride in our local safety forces, partnership in all of Richland County, and peace in our neighborhoods.

This special event honors police, fire, and safety forces that help keep us safe day after day. Blue and red lightbulbs were given out with the hope that the community will display these lights on their front porch or business during the week of Jan. 10 through 15. This is an easy way for Richland County to show support of police, firefighters, EMS and first responders.

We ACT representative Angel Singleton and Paula Caldwell opened the event and thanked the generous contributors and sponsors that made the night possible. Shelby Mayor Steve Schag and the Richland County Sheriff's Office expressed their appreciation for all that goes into planning this event.

"The National Anthem" was sung by Caroline Williams, former Miss Ohio 2019. Chaplain Rob Kurtz gave remarks and an invocation.

Doc Stumbo introduced Miss Ohio, Lora Current, who gave a heartfelt thanks for all that law enforcement and first responders do to keep us safe.

Special guests Ohio Senator Mark Romanchuk and Commissioner Cliff Mears spoke to the crowd and gave their full support of law enforcement and praised Richland County for doing a superb job with continuing to keep Richland County

a safe place to live and visit.

There was a presentation of a proclamation, endorsed by all county officials. Ohio State Representative Marilyn John spoke about how the beautiful sunset in the horizon reflects how the brave men and women shine brightly in our community. Shelby Police Chief Lance Combs, Mansfield Fire Chief Steve Strickling and Richland County Sheriff Sheldon all spoke as well.

City of Ontario Mayor Randy Hutchinson was also in attendance.

Guests were treated to pizza, cookies and hot chocolate.

A special thank you to the following contributors and sponsors that made Spread The Light possible:

We ACT members Angel Singleton and Brigitte Coles for organizing the event, City of Shelby Mayor Steve Schag for helping get the venue at Rocket Chevrolet, Gionino's Pizza in Shelby provided pizza, Sweet Dreams Bakery and Market in Shelby provided cookies, McDonald's in Shelby provided cookies, Cornell's IGA in Shelby provided cookies, Mr. Ed Gutchall ran the sound system and microphone, Tim Hortons in Mansfield provided hot chocolate, Doc Stumbo and Sheriff Sheldon provided blue lights and Mansfield Parks Department provided bottled water.

## Wigton, Walker will lead Madison board as president, vice president

The Madison Local School Board of Education met Thursday, Jan. 6, at Madison Middle School.

Tim Wigton, president pro-tem, called the meeting to order.

Tim Wigton was elected as board president for 2022 and Melissa Walker was elected as vice president.

Committees/representatives for 2022 are Legislative Liaison, Amy Walker; Athletic Council, Doug Mosier and Tim Wigton; Facilities Committee, Melissa Walker and Mary Kotterman; Personnel Committee, Doug Mosier and Tim Wigton; Finance/Audit Committee, Melissa Walker and Tim Wigton; Student Achievement, Melissa Walker; and Board Policy Members, Amy Walker and Mary Kotterman.

The board voted to authorize the superintendent to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or non-teaching positions on behalf of the board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of the board, provided, however, that upon ratification of this board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the superintendent's offer.

The superintendent can also accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when the board is not in session, subject to ratification by the board; provided that upon ratification by the board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the superintendent's acceptance.

The superintendent can employ substitute and temporary (certified and non-certified) personnel (including home tutors) as needed for emergency situations. Such employment will be presented for approval by the board at its next meeting.

A Board Service Fund was established at \$20,000.

The board authorized the superintendent to apply for special grants and titles and act as the purchasing agent for the district.

The board authorized the administration to apply for, receive funds for and participate in all Federal and State Programs as deemed necessary.

The continued participation in the Federal Lunch and Breakfast Programs for the calendar year 2022 were approved.

The superintendent will attend all meetings necessary to the operations of the school district, expenses to be reimbursed

to the superintendent. The treasurer will attend all meetings necessary to the operations of the school district, expenses to be reimbursed to the treasurer. The treasurer was authorized to pay all bills as presented provided there are sufficient funds and purchase orders have been properly issued. A monthly report shall be presented to the board.

The board authorized the treasurer to request advance tax money from the county auditor as funds are available and payable to the school district and to invest inactive funds and pro-rate interest to those accounts as deemed necessary by the treasurer.

The board president, treasurer and superintendent were named as the district's record commission and this commission will meet 30 minutes prior to the August Regular Monthly Meeting.

The superintendent can approve professional meeting attendance and expenses as deemed appropriate during 2022 in accordance with the negotiated agreement.

The board approved the firms of Renwick, Welsh & Burton; Pepple & Waggoner; Bricker & Eckler; and Tarkowsky & Piper Co., LPA

for legal services on as needed basis for calendar year 2022.

The treasurer and executive secretary will attend Public Records Training in place of newly elected board members.

The superintendent and/or his designee will be the Title IX Coordinator. The board appointed the Director of Federal Programs as the "504 Coordinator" for 2022.

Meeting compensation will be continued at \$125, as previously approved.



**Tim Wigton**



**Melissa Walker**

## State Controlling Board approves funding for 179th Air Wing

The State Controlling Board has approved the release of funds to Richland County with the purpose of providing funding for the continued safe and efficient operations of the 179th Air Wing.

First, \$74,358.77 was allocated to up-

grade the emergency fire management system for the 179th Air Wing. Additionally, \$54,000 was released to make a payment to the City of Mansfield for the National Guard flight operations in the drop zone runway area at the Mansfield Lahm

Municipal Airport in Mansfield.

"It is encouraging to see state dollars return to Richland County which will help to ensure the 179th Air Wing is operating with efficiency and effectiveness," said State Representative Marilyn John.

# The Protectors of Lexington

By Bob Carter

They were just a group of boys and a few men but they were more than that! Way back in 1975, a bunch of Boy Scouts from Troop 131 got an idea (with prodding from their Scout Master) to build a Revolutionary War cannon for the upcoming bicentennial celebration the next year.

There were skeptics at first, but someone found an old horse-drawn wagon and there were the wheels and axles, the basics for a full sized cannon. The boys and fathers would do the rest.

Charles Elbert, an engineer at Ohio Brass Company, did the research and drew plans for the cannon construction. The wagon had been painted orange by the previous owner and the scouts spent many meeting nights scraping the blasted paint off.

Elbert found oak for the cannon frame — or trails as they were called — and prodded Leppert Machine Company in Mansfield to build the barrel.

Five Eighths wall steel tubing was the main barrel with another piece of steel tubing layered over part of that. The end was threaded with a steel plug and welded into place.

One hundred and fifty feet of steel cable, was wound over the tubes. The boys also wound thousands of feet of fiber glass roving, liberated from Ohio Brass, over that until they gained the needed shape of a real historic cannon barrel. It was stronger than original cast barrels.

Elbert would show up at the weekly Boy Scout meeting with handmade iron accessory pieces. Some he fabricated at home while others somehow were “government pieces” from the Ohio Brass works.

Leppert Machine only charged for the

scrap price of steel, \$64. They also sent word to not come back for another.

The finished barrel was loaded with a half pound of black powder and test fired laying in the back of a pick-up parked in a corn field. It was the first thunderous boom of the Scouts’ great project.

As the artillery project neared completion, Scout mothers found patterns to make sure every boy had a colonial-era uniform to wear.

The Robert Castor VFW post donated the hats. They also bought single F gun powder for the troop. Each shot used half a pound of powder. These were not the usual Boy Scout meeting nights.

One time an inspector showed up unannounced to see how the troop was being run. On a second trip he said they were running a boy’s club, not a Boy Scout Troop. Elbert and a couple of the boys’ fathers helped him find the door.

The Scout Troop 131 Artillery boys took part in 13 parades and events in the summer of 1976. They garnered a write up in *Boys Life* (The Boy Scout National magazine) and the *Mansfield News Journal*.

But as time passed the boys outgrew their uniforms and an idiot kid in California loaded their cannon with high-powered gun powder and blew it up injuring bystanders.

The national Scout office banned the use of gun powder. The full sized cannon is now on loan to a local French and Indian War reenactment club and still pleases crowds with its magnificent thunderous “BOOM.”

Boy Scout Troop 131 is the direct descendant of old Troop One, first chartered in 1935. It is the oldest continuing organization in Lexington except for churches. The Presbyterian Church was the first sponsor.



# In Your Hometown: Reducing Prescription Drug Prices

By Senator Sherrod Brown

This year, we are finally making progress in our efforts to bring down the cost of prescription drugs for Ohio seniors.

We know that too many Ohioans struggle to afford the prescription drugs they need — it’s one of the biggest costs facing so many families, especially seniors on Medicare.

Prescription drugs are also often among the most overpriced products people buy. There is no reason most of these drugs need to be as expensive as they are, other than corporate greed.

There are a lot of factors that contribute to keeping prices high. One of them is fees charged by companies that most customers don’t even know exist, called pharmacy benefit managers, or PBMs. And after years of effort, this week the agency in charge finally announced steps to rein in the fees PBMs charge, and pass those cost savings on to Ohioans at the pharmacy counter.

These PBMs are essentially middlemen. We’ve already done important work to ban pharmacy gag clauses, increase transparency, and ban the predatory PBM practice called “spread pricing.”

But we have more work to do. PBMs also charge what are known as “direct and indirect remuneration,” or D-I-R Fees, to pharmacies. Those pharmacies, especially smaller independent pharmacies, are then often forced to pass those fees on to customers in the form of higher prices, or risk closing their businesses and leaving their communities without a local pharmacy.

These unnecessary fees have gone up dramatically over the last decade. In June, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services — or CMS — reported that pharmacy

DIR fees rose by 91,500 percent from 2010 to 2019. (And no, that’s not a typo — we really mean 91 thousand percent.)

In some cases, the fees can be so high and eat up so much of small pharmacies’ budgets, it puts them out of business. Over the last two years, 250 independent pharmacies in Ohio have closed, in part because DIR fees have made it impossible for them to remain in business.

These fees serve virtually no purpose, other than to raise prices for seniors and raise costs for pharmacies.

It’s why I introduced the bipartisan Pharmacy DIR Reform to Reduce Senior Drug Costs Act last year. And it’s also why I joined with a bipartisan group of my colleagues to write to CMS in October, asking the agency to act to eliminate these DIR fees, to help lower prescription drug prices for seniors on Medicare Part D. And CMS is heeding our call, and finally taking action.

CMS has the authority to take many steps on its own to curb these fees, and they estimate that the change we’re asking for will save Medicare beneficiaries between \$7 and \$9 billion on their prescriptions. This week, they began taking the actions we called for, issuing a proposed rule that would get these fees under control and pass on cost savings to seniors.

Over the coming weeks and months, I’ll be monitoring the work CMS is doing, to ensure the agency follows through on its promise to bring down these fees, and save Ohioans money at the pharmacy.

With so many seniors on fixed incomes worried about rising drug prices, we need to stop these corporate middlemen from making the problem worse. And we need to make sure our local pharmacies can continue to serve their communities.



**LOCAL CHILDREN** participated in the Summer Zone at the Salvation Army thanks to support from a Summertime Kids grant from Richland County Foundation. The Richland County Foundation is accepting grant applications from nonprofit organizations for its Summertime Kids (STK) grant program. The grants allow nonprofit agencies to provide safe, fun-filled activities for Richland County children during the summer months. Grant amounts range from \$300-\$2,500. Last year, a committee that included Foundation Board of Trustee and community members awarded over \$44,000 in STK grants. For information contact Community Investment Officer Siera Marth-May at [smarth@rcfoundation.org](mailto:smarth@rcfoundation.org) or call 419-525-3020 to make sure a program complies with the focus and guidelines. The deadline to submit a STK application is Feb. 13. The application and grant guidelines are available at [richlandcountyfoundation.org](http://richlandcountyfoundation.org)

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Mary Thomas with a cinnamon snowflake, January's project

## Richland SWCD releases workshop schedule

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District will host arts and crafts workshops using natural materials every second Tuesday from 6–8 pm. Every month has a different themed project. The Richland County Longview Center, 1495 W. Longview Ave., Mansfield, will host most of the workshops, unless noted. This is a good opportunity to enjoy fun times with friends and family.

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District will provide the materials and tools needed to make the projects. Reservations are requested for the workshops and most cost \$6 per person, unless noted.

Visit <https://richlandswcd.net/get-involved/calendar> or call 419-747-8684 for more information and to register for the workshops.

The monthly workshop schedule is:

February 11: Romantic Wreath (pinecone wreath)

March 8: Leprechaun's Décor (moss ball to add greenery in the home or office)

April 12: Glass Rain Chain (a rain chain from recycled glass bottles at Richland County Solid Waste Management, 1125 Nussbaum Pkwy, Mansfield)

May 10: Flower Power Paper (create paper May flowers by making dried flower paper to use for stationery, scrapbooking or in other creative ways)

June 14: Felted Sheep (make felted sheep from local Corriedale wool)

July 12: Rustic String Art (create string art on wood pieces from an easy design)

August 9: Aviary Tea Party (create a hanging bird feeder from teacups and saucers)

September 13: Fall Centerpieces (design a fall centerpiece with autumn materials and recycled vases)

October 11: Corny Wreaths (make a wreath with Indian corn)

November 8: Wine & Design (paint a fun design and sip a glass of wine. The location and cost of this workshop is not finalized yet)

December 13: Grapevine Tree

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## News Briefs

The senior citizen luncheon scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 13, at Madison Comprehensive High School has been cancelled.

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Ridgeway Church of God, 1380 Park Avenue East, Madison Township, will host a spaghetti dinner on Friday, Jan. 14, from 4:30–6 pm in the fellowship hall. Drive-thru ordering will be available.

The menu will include spaghetti, bread, salad, dessert and beverage. Cost is a freewill donation. All proceeds will benefit the church. For information call the church at 419-589-5385.

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Shelby Alliance Church, 105 E Smiley Ave., Shelby, will host a Women's Worship Night on Friday, Jan. 28, from 7–8:30 pm. All are welcome.

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The Little Shops of Shelby, 40 E. Main St., is joining the "Betty White Animal Challenge" and will collect pet supplies from now through Jan. 17.

Donation drop boxes will be available inside the store. All donations will be taken to The Humane Society of Richland County.

Preferred items include canned kitten food (any brand), Purina Dog Food (sensitive skin and stomach) salmon recipe, Gerber or Heinz baby food used for sick animals (meats like turkey, chicken, ham, beef), Provable probiotic capsules, Terramycin eye ointment, Pine litter (like Yesterday's News), Pet pine pellet bedding (can be found at Tractor Supply and Family Farm and Home), soft/chewy treats for dogs, cat litter (clumping or non-clumping), cat or dog toys, Purina Cat Food (sensitive stomach), latex or nitrile disposable gloves (size medium or large), dryer sheets, liquid laundry detergent, Parvocide or Kennel Sol cleaners (found on Amazon), scrubber sponges and gift cards for Petsmart, TSC, Pet Supply Plus, Wal-Mart and other monetary donations.

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Jan. 29 and 30.

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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The Lexington Area Senior Center invites those 55 and older to attend meetings the third Wednesday of every month at Der Dutchman Restaurant. Meetings begin at 10:30 am, followed by lunch at 11:30.

Each month there are speakers and entertainment and members take several trips throughout the year. Dues are \$5 per year. Guests are welcome to attend.

On Jan. 19, Dale Powers will provide musical entertainment and the lunch will be pork and sauerkraut.

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

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Richland County Solid Waste has announced that Butler Elementary will be joining the SCRAP Trailer schedule on the fourth Wednesday of each month beginning Jan. 26, from 11 am to 1 pm. SCRAP stands for Schools and Communities Recycling as Partners. The money raised from the sale of recyclables is returned to the participating school.

For more information on the schedule and participating schools visit [www.richlandrecycles.com](http://www.richlandrecycles.com)

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VFW Post 9943, 806 Grace St., Madison area, serves meals from 8 am to 1:30 pm Monday through Friday and from 8–11 am on Saturdays. Call 419-526-1907 for dine-in and pickup. Meals are open to the public.

Upcoming meals are Jan. 12, meatloaf, mashed potatoes and corn, \$8; Jan. 13 chicken and dumplings, \$7; Jan. 14, western burger with onion rings, \$7. On Friday, Jan. 14, a fish fry will be held from 5–7 pm; Jan.

17, taco casserole bake, \$7; Jan. 18, soup beans and corn bread, \$6; Jan. 19, stuffed peppers and mashed potatoes, \$8; Jan. 20, eggs benedict, \$6; Jan. 21, reuben and fries, \$7; Jan. 24, creamed chipped beef on toast, \$7; Jan. 25, pizza bake, \$7; Jan. 26, chicken courdon bleu with corn, \$8; Jan. 27, cabbage with noodles, \$7; Jan. 28, mushroom swiss burger with tater tots, \$7; and Jan. 31, hot dog and mac and cheese bites, \$6.

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The Richland County Solid Waste Compost Facility is hosting a real holiday tree drop-off at the facility, 441 Cairns Rd., Mansfield through Jan. 15. Hours will be 7 am to 4 pm weekdays (closed between 12 and 12:30) and 8 am to noon on Saturday.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Rev. Joan Van Becelaere on Sunday, Jan. 16. She will speak on "New Year, Old Principles."

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 Rev. Matt Merendino • Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor  
 9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship  
 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/mrccgrace)

## Ontario Christian Church

1029 Lewis Rd., Ontario • 419-529-5684 • [ontariochristian.org](http://ontariochristian.org)  
 Minister Steve Broughton  
 9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship

## Ontario United Methodist Church

3540 Park Avenue West, Ontario • 419-529-4345 • [www.ontarioumc.com](http://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.cgcc.org/](http://www.ridgewaycog.cgcc.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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.stpaulmansfield.org)  
 Pastor Jonathan Stufft  
 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](http://sttimmansfield.org)  
 Pastor Jonathan Stufft  
 10:45 am Sunday Worship • 10:15 am Monday Bible Study  
 Email: [secretary@sttimmansfield.org](mailto:secretary@sttimmansfield.org)

## Trinity United Methodist Church

1592 Grace St., Mansfield (Madison area) • 419-589-5890 • [trinityumcmansfield.org](http://trinityumcmansfield.org)  
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 James "Jim" Vincent Gentile, 88, Perrysville, Dec. 29  
 Robert "Bob" Paul Swank, 77, Mansfield, Dec. 31  
 Bruce L. Engle, 81, Mansfield, Dec. 31  
 William Curtis Bond, 93, Mansfield, Dec. 31  
 Robert Barbara Poffenbaugh, 85, Mansfield, Jan. 1  
 Charlene Thomas, 97, Mansfield, Jan. 1  
 Loretta Yvonne Farmer, 86, Ashland, Jan. 2  
 Stephen Lee Shenberger, 56, Mansfield, Jan. 2  
 Joy Yvonne James Bricker, 87, Mansfield, Jan. 2  
 Brenda Jo Risner Ingles, 67, Mansfield, Jan. 3  
 Retta Belle Fisher, 96, Mansfield, Jan. 3  
 Bobby Ray Browning, 85, Mansfield, Jan. 3  
 "Bob" J. Palm 75, Mansfield, Jan. 3  
 James "Jim" Joseph Crowley, 69, Mansfield, Jan. 4  
 Kathy Armstrong, 67, Mansfield, Jan. 4  
 Gary Estill Hill, 76, Mansfield, Jan. 5  
 Michael Patrick Shepherd, 71, Mansfield, Jan. 5  
 Larry E. Birmelin, 80, Mansfield, Jan. 6  
 C. Richard Kelly, 72, Mansfield, Jan. 7

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## Area Agency on Aging announces new 2022 foundation board members

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. announced the appointment of two new members, Tina Marie Heibert and Rebecca Owens, to its Area Agency on Aging Foundation Board and will serve as the Knox County representative and Ashland County representative, respectively.

Heibert is the Hospice Community Liaison for Hospice of North Central Ohio. She has expertise in health care, nonprofit organizations, fundraising and event planning. She currently serves as the Knox County Task Force for Older Adults President, the Older Adults Consortium Secretary and is a member of the Knox County Chamber Steering Committee. She is passionate about supporting older adults and connecting them to resources in the community. Heibert has an Associates degree in business administration from Ivy

Tech and an Associates of Science in Nursing from Stanly Community College.

Owens is the regional director for Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo. She brings a demonstrated history of working in nonprofit organizations, operations management, community development, grant writing and strategic planning. She is involved in Catalyst Homestead Place and Ashland County Mental Health and Recovery. Owens has a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the Ohio State University.

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., located at Hawkins Corner in Ontario, serves the North Central Ohio area, providing assistance to aging individuals and disabled individuals. Contact the agency at 419-524-4144 or 800-560-5799.

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# Fifth Annual Spread the Light

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**VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON** Mayor Brian White speaks at the Fifth Annual Spread the Light Event held in Shelby. Pictured behind White are City of Ontario Mayor Randy Hutchinson, State Representative Marilyn John, Richland County Commissioner Cliff Mears, Senator Mark Romanchuk, Village of Bellville Mayor Terry Brenkus, Shelby City Councilmen Derrin Roberts and Nathan Martin.



**MISS OHIO** Lora Current takes the podium to thank Richland County's Safety Forces.



Shelby Police Chief Lance Combs



Richland County Sheriff J. Steve Sheldon



Representative Marilyn John



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## Ontario Fifth Grade Biome Shoe Box Project • Mrs. Gray's Classroom



## Richland Academy announces partnership with “RICHLAND” movie

Richland Academy of the Arts has announced a partnership with JCFilms Studios and will be filming the upcoming movie “RICHLAND” in March 2022. The following acting classes will be offered in conjunction with this opportunity and open auditions for the film will follow.

Kids ACT (ages 6–11), Saturday, Jan. 15, 10:30–12:30; Saturday, Jan. 22, 11:30–1:30, Sunday, Jan. 23 11:30–1:30; and Saturday, Jan. 29, 11:30–1:30. Instructors are Kimberly Miller and Shane Yuhas. Created for children to help gain more confidence in speaking. Through playing theater games, puppetry, creating characters and stories, and performing for friends and family, Kids Act encourages students to manifest their talents and abilities through the joy of creative expression. This class will also

prepare students and parents for the audition process.

Teen Acting 101 (ages 12–17), Saturday, Jan. 15, 12:30–2:30; Saturday, Jan. 22, 1:30–3:30; Sunday, Jan. 23 1:30–3:30; and Saturday, Jan. 29, 1:30–3:30.

Instructors are Kimberly Miller and Shane Yuhas.

These classes are for teens interested in learning the business. These classes encourage spontaneity, simplicity and fun. Teens learn an approach to storytelling and will introduce students to the same tools that adult professional actors work with. This class will also prepare teens for the audition process.

Adult TV Acting & Film (ages 18), Saturday, Jan. 15, 2:30–4:30; Saturday, Jan. 22, 3:30–5:30; Saturday, Jan. 23, 3:30–5:30; Saturday, Jan. 29, 3:30–5:30. Instructors are Kimberly Miller and Shane Yuhas.

These classes are about the fundamentals of acting through exercises, script analysis, scene study, improv and monologues. This class will explore and develop the actor’s artistic tools: body, voice and imagination. This class atmosphere is friendly, highly supportive, energetic and fun. This class will also prepare adults for the audition process.

If a class needs to be cancelled due to inclement weather, the make-up date will be Saturday, Feb. 5. Classes are non-refundable.

For more information or to sign-up for these classes, call Richland Academy at 419-522-8224 or visit the website at [www.richlandacademy.com](http://www.richlandacademy.com). Richland Academy is located at the corner of 4th and Walnut St. and was founded in 1991 and is supported by the Ohio Arts Council.

# Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



**THE LEXINGTON BOYS AND GIRLS BOWLING TEAMS** won the Jim Shaw Baker Challenge at Lex Lanes.

## Gibbs presses FDA on vaccine FOIA timeline

Following reports that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) was estimated to take more than five decades releasing coronavirus vaccine data, Congressman Bob Gibbs wrote to FDA Acting Commissioner Janet Woodcock blasting the agency and urging the FDA to comply with a recent court order mandating a more expedient release.

Last week, District Court Judge Mark Pittman ordered the agency to speed up their response to a Freedom of Information Act request by the Public Health and Medical Professionals for Transparency.

Gibbs wants to make sure the agency is sticking to the court-ordered schedule.

“Operation Warp Speed and other associated efforts helped develop a vaccine for COVID-19 in less than a year,” said Gibbs. “It is unconscionable for the FDA to think it will take the better part of this century to release the data used to approve the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine. Actions like this only serve to decrease the already low amount of trust the American people have in public institutions and bureaucrats who try to obfuscate their responsibilities to the people they serve. I applaud Judge Pittman for ordering the FDA to begin a more reasonable release schedule and urge the FDA to follow the court order.”

## Warriors claim two titles

The depth of the Warrior swim teams lead to both the boys and girls taking first place at the 14 team, 250 athlete Tyger Invite this past Saturday.

With only three first place finishes, the girls out distanced runner-up Shelby 435-376. The boys beat out Colonel Crawford 440-423 with only four first place finishes.

Meet champs were:

Junior Colin Cordrey, 200 free and 500 free

Junior Brienne Trumpower, 200 free and 100 free

Girls 200 free relay: Brienne Trumpower, Tiffany Whittaker, Katie Bolin and Ava Ruhe

Boys 200 and 400 free relay: Logan Bernat, Colin Cordrey, Alex Rose and Hunter Petit

Other top three finishers:

Tiffany Whittaker, 500 free (2) and 100 breaststroke (3)

Shelby Keever, 100 backstroke (3)

Alex Rose, 100 fly (3)

Logan Bernat, 100 backstroke (2)

Duncan McLean, 100 breaststroke (3)

Medley Relay: Bernat, McLean, Matthes, Petit (2)

## Premier Bank welcomes Brett Meier as branch manager

Premier Bank has announced the addition of Brett Meier as Branch Manager of the Ashland office.

Meier brings with him 10 years of retail banking experience. Prior to joining Premier Bank, he worked for a national bank headquartered in Columbus as a Financial Relationship Banker Registered. In his new role as branch manager, Meier will lead his team to deliver an exceptional customer experience, while ensuring a focus on driving growth and developing key business and community relationships. He will work to effectively represent the bank in the Ashland community while proactively helping clients succeed financially.

“I am looking forward to coaching and guiding my team to ensure our



customers enjoy a premier banking experience each and every time they visit us,” Meier said. “I take pride in my ability to listen to my customers, and guide them down a path of financial growth.”

In his spare time, Meier enjoys volunteering for the Firelands Band Boosters, a group dedicated to assisting the entire Instrumental Music Department's growth and progress through financial and moral support at the Firelands Schools. He and his wife, Tiffany, live in Wakeman, Ohio, with their two children, Isabella and Troy.

Meier's office is located at 30 E. Main Street in Ashland. He can be contacted at 419-281-0505 or [BMeier@YourPremierBank.com](mailto:BMeier@YourPremierBank.com).



**THE ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TEAM AND GIRLS TEAM** took first place at a swim invite hosted by Mansfield Senior Tygers on Saturday, Jan. 8. At the invite were 14 teams and 250 swimmers. The Ontario boys team and girls team took first place. Pictured are Canaan Wentz, Evan Ruhe, Hunter Petit, Alex Rose, Logan Bernat and Colin Cordrey.



**ONTARIO'S** Duncan McLean swims the breast stroke.

# Ontario Swim Meet vs Colonel Crawford • Jan. 5



# Red Cross says continuing national blood crisis may put patients at risk

The American Red Cross is facing a national blood crisis – its worst blood shortage in more than a decade. Dangerously low blood supply levels are posing a concerning risk to patient care and forcing doctors to make difficult decisions about who receives blood transfusions and who will need to wait until more products become available.

Blood and platelet donations are critically needed to help prevent further delays in vital medical treatments, and donors of all blood types — especially type O — are urged to make an appointment now to give in the weeks ahead.

In recent weeks, the Red Cross had less than a one-day supply of critical blood types and has had to limit blood product distributions to hospitals. At times, as much as one-quarter of hospital blood needs are not being met.

The Red Cross continues to confront relentless challenges due to COVID-19, including about a 10% overall decline in the number of people donating blood as well as ongoing blood drive cancellations and staffing limitations. Additionally, the pandemic has contributed to a 62% drop in blood drives at schools and colleges.

Like many employers across the country, the Red Cross is currently experiencing staffing challenges and has been forced to cancel blood drives within our region. If a donation appointment is not immediately available, or your appointment is canceled, we ask that you please schedule or reschedule for the next available appointment.

The Red Cross is working as quickly to address this challenge by actively recruiting phlebotomists who want to be part of our lifesaving mission. The Red Cross offers paid phlebotomy training. Those interested in learning more about being a phlebotomist are encouraged to visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org).

“Winter weather across the country and the recent surge of COVID-19 cases are compounding the already dire situation facing the blood supply,” said Dr. Baia Lasky, medical director for the Red Cross. “Please, if you are eligible, make an appointment to give blood or platelets in the days and weeks ahead to ensure no patient is forced to wait for critical care.”

The Red Cross and the NFL are partnering this January, during National Blood Donor Month, to urge individuals to give blood or platelets and help tackle the national blood shortage. Those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma in January will automatically be entered for a chance to win a getaway to Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles. As an extra thank-you from the Red Cross, those who come to donate will also be automatically entered to win a home theater package and a \$500 e-gift card. Terms apply; visit [RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl](http://RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl)

## Ball planned for Saturday

“A Midwinter’s Night Masquerade Ball” will be held at Richland Academy of the Arts. The annual father-daughter ball will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15, at 6 pm. This event is sponsored by The Vault Wine Bar.

This special father-daughter ball will include dinner, dancing, photos and more. All princesses are invited to wear their favorite party dress and dancing shoes. Doors for the masquerade ball will open at 6 pm for hors d’oeuvres. Each party guest will be announced in the banquet hall for a celebratory feast at 6:30 pm.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to bid on beautifully designed slippers designed by Richland Academy’s Dance Company members, where winners will be announced at the end of the evening. This event will enchant your daughter and be a special memory forever in her heart.

Tickets to the ball for a king and one princess are \$76 with dinner, gifts, dancing and photos included. Each additional princess is \$38. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, Jan. 14 at noon.

For more information or to buy a ticket, call Richland Academy at 419-522-8224.

for more information.

In addition to blood donors, the Red Cross also needs the help of volunteers to support critical blood collections across the country. Blood drive volunteers play an important role by greeting, registering, answering questions and providing information to blood donors throughout the donation process. Blood transportation specialists — another volunteer opportunity — provide a critical link between blood donors and blood recipients by delivering blood to hospitals in communities across the country. To volunteer to support Red Cross blood collections, visit [redcross.org/volunteertoday](http://redcross.org/volunteertoday).

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows safety and infection control standards and additional precautions — including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status — have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

Donors can also save up to 15 minutes at the blood drive by completing a RapidPass®. With RapidPass®, donors complete the pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of donation, from a mobile device or computer. To complete a RapidPass®, follow the instructions at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification that are required at check-in.

Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

At a time when health information has never been more important, the Red Cross is screening all blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide Black donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly to help patients with sickle cell disease who require trait-negative blood.

Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease.

Donors can expect to receive sickle cell trait screening results, if applicable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)



Photo by Brandon Chambers

## North Central Ohio Industrial Museum collection expands

The North Central Ohio Industrial Museum stands on a hill within sight of two different industrial districts in Mansfield: one that made its impact on the world in times gone past; the other is making its history right now.

The museum presents two different showcases: one is the historic past, with all the people and places and inventions that created the 19th and 20th centuries; the other is very much of the new era in which we live today, vital and impressive, and already integral to your life in ways that you may not yet imagine.

Industry and manufacturing thrives today in North Central Ohio because of the groundwork laid by former generations: when America was an agricultural empire, we made the harvesters; when the country moved by rail, we made the trolley parts; and when they took to the highways, we manufactured the tires.

This was a city connecting the world with electrical components, and connected to American homes through millions of name-brand appliances.

But most importantly, it was a city that manufactured ideas — known for generating new concepts that impacted the nation: game-changing technology and innovations that revised America’s assumptions about the quality of life.

A new artist rendering of an Inventor’s Corner “Inventing the Future Display” will include original patent drawings and prototypes from NCO area inventors.

Located at the Ohio State Reformatory, 100 Reformatory Rd., Mansfield, the museum operates under the same hours as the reformatory. Winter hours run from Nov. 7 to March 31 and are Thursday–Sunday, 11 am to 4 pm. The museum is closed for all holidays.

For more information visit <https://ncoim.wordpress.com/> call 419-528-8107 or email [contact@ncoim.org](mailto:contact@ncoim.org).



**AN ARTIST RENDERING** by Tim McKee for the “Inventing the Future Display” at the North Central Ohio Industrial Museum. The display will include original patent drawings and prototypes from NCO area inventors. The museum is located at the Ohio State Reformatory, Mansfield.



**STINGEL ELEMENTARY** in Ontario held a special event in conjunction with the American Federation of Teachers on Thursday, Jan. 6. The staff of Stingel served parents dropping off their students "coffee at the curb" and gave them some information about the importance of reading from AFT and their Reading Opens the World campaign to encourage good reading habits at home in the new year. Then, all Stingel students were able to pick out a book to take home provided by AFT. Students loved their new books. Tonya Winningham, president of the Ontario Federation of Teachers, worked in conjunction with Stingel Principal Kimberly Johnson, to bring the two events together at Stingel. Ohio Federation of Teachers President Melissa Cropper and representative Jill Jones attended the event and helped serve coffee and pick out books. Many Stingel teachers served coffee and wished parents a happy new year.



**MRS. MUZIC** was chosen as the Ontario Middle School January MVP by Annalee Stover. Speaking of Muzic, Stover said, "Have you ever met someone who just makes you want to be a better person? Mrs. Muzic does that each day for staff and students alike. She takes time to really get to know her students from the beginning of each year and continues to ensure that students have an environment in which they can learn and also grow into great people. Her courses allow her to help students with cooking, career planning, budgeting, sewing and many other life skills. She teaches all of these concepts in ways that are fun, engaging, and applicable to the real world. She also leads the FCCLA club and really tries to help students create various activities for the student body that are fun and helpful to our community. She continuously has a positive attitude and outlook on each day, and that positivity is contagious. I am so privileged to have the opportunity to work with this teacher and friend everyday."

## News Briefs in Education

The Clear Fork Valley Local Schools Board of Education has scheduled to hold its regularly scheduled board meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. Special board meetings dates, time and location, will be advertised publicly when they arise.

Regular meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 17, Bellville Elementary Cafeteria; Thursday, March 17, Butler Elementary Cafeteria; Thursday, April 21, HS/MS Media Center; Thursday, May 19, Bellville Elementary Cafeteria; Thursday, June 16, Butler Elementary Cafeteria; no July meeting; Thursday, Aug. 18, HS/MS Media Center; Thursday, Sept. 15, Bellville Elementary Cafeteria; Thursday, Oct. 20, Butler Elementary Cafeteria; Thursday Nov. 17, HS/MS Media Center; and Thursday Dec. 15, Bellville Elementary Cafeteria.

Slippery Rock University has announced its dean's list for the fall 2021 semester. The list consists of SRU undergraduate students who earned an adjusted semester grade-point average of 3.5 or higher, based on a schedule of at least 12 newly attempted and earned credits. Students on the list include Joseph King of Ontario and Cal Rickert of the Madison area.

Marietta College's Rebecca Phelps of Mansfield has been named to the Fall 2021 Dean's High Honors List. Phelps is majoring in Sports Medicine and is a graduate of Madison Comprehensive High School.

Any full-time Marietta College student completing at

least 15 credit hours with a grade point average of 3.75 or better in a given semester is recognized as a Dean's High Honors List student for that semester.

Capital University has announced that Carlee Secrist of Mansfield was named to the Provost's List for the fall 2021 semester. To be named to the list, full-time, degree-seeking students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.70 to 3.849.

Capital University has also announced its President's List honorees for the fall 2021 semester. Aubreion Chatman of Mansfield, Theresa Dzugan of Ontario and Heba Fathala of Ontario were named to the list.

Ryan Brophy, of Ontario, was named to the Dean's List at Capital University for the fall 2021 semester. In order to be named to the Dean's List, full-time, degree-seeking students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.69.

Ohio Wesleyan University has announced its Dean's List for fall semester 2021. To qualify for OWU Dean's List recognition, students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale in all applicable classes.

Bianna Carmack of Ontario and Zoe Swanson of Mansfield were named to the list.

Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education will meet in the Pioneer CTC Community Room on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 7 pm.

## Area Agency on Aging 2022 announces scholarship program

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. has announced its 2022 Scholarship Program.

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 as follows: 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 County.

Details about the Scholarship Program, eligibility requirements, and the application, can be found on the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. website <https://www.aaa5ohio.org/education/scholarship-program/>. 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 email her at [sdanuloff@aaa5ohio.org](mailto:sdanuloff@aaa5ohio.org)

# Honor and Merit Rolls

## Ontario Middle School

Second grading period

### ALL A's

**Sixth Grade** — Ayden Adams-Thompson, Alayna Arter, Elias (Eli) Baumgard, Ally Bell, Myles Born, Yvette Carrizal Ramos, Max Ciroti, Grace Click, Alexee Conkle, Kylie Corwin, Ellie Dawson, Grant Domyan, Noah Durfee, Nadia Eberst, Anna Faith, Luke Genders, Maxwell (Max) Gfrer, Lillian Gray, Jilyinn (Jily) Grayson, Briella Hall, Alexander Hohman, Owen Hunt, Addysen Jacobsen, Zachary Jones, Colton Joseph, Lincoln Jovani, Kooper Kilgore, Elise LeHew, Amelia McCoy, Ryann Messer, Braxton Michalovich, Yuka Mori, Carson Moritz, Ian Morrison, Kamryn Pelphrey, Camila Perez-Archuleta, Conner Perry, Norah Potter, Roxy Purvis, Kolbe Ramion, Jack Rietschlin, Morgan Rose, Leah Rzeppa, Kennedy Sapp, Daycee Schlotterer, Carlie Schnittke, Vaydie Schroeder, Kaelin Scott, Alexis (Lexi) Them, Ella Them, Kendall Thomas, Tyler Turnbaugh, Haiden Ulery, Rylee Vandenberg, Zane VanTilburg, Mason Wilkerson, Tanner Winningham, Molly Wirick, Henry Yugovich, Ava Zehe, Antony Zhu, Kevin Zickefoose and Leah Ziegler

**Seventh Grade** — Ryleigh Ames, Emma Bell, Kaylei Chandler, Connor Dawson, Robert (Rob) Faith, Brennan Fields, Eliana Fittante, Logan Goldbach, Eva Hadsell, Jazlyn Johnson, Yuchen Lin, Kyleigh McCarthy, Skyliie Salmons, Maja Seibel, Ava Spearman, Lin Angel Tan, Lauren Uhde, William Wang, Braedon Watson, Timo Winningham and Mitchell Ye

**Eighth Grade** — David Barger, Darbie Broom, Sasha Bulakovski, Jake DuChene, Mason Egner, Drake Gerber, Mackenzie (Kenzie) Goodlin, Emma (Em) Henderson, Kiarrah Kearney, Brinlee Kreger, Kaylee Lynch, Delaney Moritz, Madeline (Maddie) Mullins, Jacob (Jake) Palmer, Eleanor Pesce, RAIDEN RHINEHART, Madelyn (Maddy) Roseberry, Payne Schwartz, Lily Secrist, Alexia SESCO, Hayden Sexton, Joie Simmering, Jordan Spurlock, Alexis Swank, Grace Them, Addison Thurber, Michael Ward, Reese Wilkerson and Jace Young

### HONOR ROLL

**Sixth Grade** — Isobel Boorum, Raegan Boughton, Makayla Converse, Harley Crawford, Daulton Dials, Charity Dickson, Haydon Gaines, Desmond Hefner, Davonnie Holden, Caleb Kelly, Lillian (Lilly) Ladner, Violet Lucas, Talan Mathison, Ahleeyah Miller, Marisa Moffo, Jamarr Norris, Katja Parsons, Atlee Price, Mason Richardson, Carson Roberts, Sofia (Sofi) Shields, Emily Simms, Caiden Smith, Garrett Smith, Lillian (Lilly) Smith, Maddix Smith, Easton Tucker, Peyton Vance, Gavin Wagner, Molly Weaver, Parker Willis and Jonathan Winans

**Seventh Grade** — Bryant Born, Aaliyah Caldwell, Ava Cline,

Braedayn Currier, Alexandria (Alex) Fender, Maia Fox, Nolan Grider, Garrett Hagerman, Abigail (Abby) Hart, Jaren Holden, Grace Holzmilller, Grace Horning, Kennedy Johnson, Emerson Jovani, Molly Julian, Braelyn Llewellyn, Myah Lynch, Madison Mabry, Sydney McManes, Caden Meyers, Tatum Mottayaw, KayVion (KayVi) Norris, Sophia Sandwall, Cooper Schroeder, Saylor Smith, Kadynce Smithberger, Paxton (Pax) So, Piper Studer, Alandria Thomas, Elton Toska, Owen Walter, Paige Weiler, Jordyn Yeager and Madelyn (Mady) Yoha.

**Eighth Grade** — Brady Baumgard, Katelyn Bednarz, Brooklynn Black, Suzanna (Zanna) Bolen, Serena Caudill, Alexander (Xander) Chitwood, Brianca Clark, Marcus Crabtree, Brooklyn (Brooke) Cushing, Blake DeWees, Ryder Doehla, Jonah Fenner, Kate Fletcher, Alaina Friend, Miles Ginn, Aaliyah Gonzalez, Maximilian (Max) Grillo, Kailey Hale, Nicholas Huml, Paradise Jeru, Jaren LeHew, Joelle Ly, Trenton Maglott, Lilliana (Lilli) McLaren, Gracy Miller, Dale Morris, Alexis (Lexi) Ogle, Morgan Pearson, Phoebe Platner, Eva Rietschlin, Madeline (Maddie) Saltzgeber, Remington Schroeder, Jacob (Jake) Seymour, Hayden Skropits, Clark Spearman, Nora Swanson, Justin Switaj, Jaxson Tinkham, James (Jimmy) Unger, Brailynn (Brai) Webb, Cohen Williams and Cameron Yoder

### MERIT ROLL

**Sixth Grade** — David Baker, Abigail Balasabas, Cameron Barnhill, Michael (Mike) Brown, Timothy (Timmy) Cole, Jaxon (Jax) Cross, Korbin Crubaugh, Zane Curry, Ieyanna David, Jackson Dean, Miles Doehla, ARIA EDGELL, Cameron Gorrell, Liam Hershberger, Matthew Jenkins, Aadilynne (Aadi) Kightlinger, Adrianna Lambert, Madyson Mason, Evelyn (Evie) Myers, Tulsi Patel, Natalie Sipes, Kayden Webb and Titus White

**Seventh Grade** — Jaxson Anderson, Natalia Bise, Olivia Brinker, Brody Cheek, Jada Clemons, Kenzey Conkle, Aaliyah Estep, Nathaniel (Nate) Garrido, Shaun Gilbert, Lilly Gorrell, Camryn Hanning, Andrea Hart, Patrick Hart, Haleigh Hefner, Vincent (Vinny) Hocker, Kiera Hughes, Brylie Ireland, Rylee Kegley, Taylor Lambert, Mia Micheli, Kyle Morris, Grace North, Rocco Peterson, Ashton Pfeifer, Scarlet Rehberg, Gavin Reiver-Crew, Anna Saltzgeber, Dominick Tilton-Cantrell, Kane Tilton-Cantrell and Dakota Yunker

**Eighth Grade** — Rylan Baker, Trinity Burgy, Ava Calise, Jack Cotter, Tessa Crum, Tessa Curtis, Sophia Ellis, Emma Fagan, Landon Foltz, Deanna Givens, Dakota Graaf, Lexy Hopton, Malayna Horton, Jayce Jeffery, Xander Jellison, Nadia Keith, Keegan Keller, Jayden Kiser, Jazmin Kiser, Garrett Ladner, Daisy Loper, Alexander (Alex) McWhorter, Ava Moots, Grady (Grady) Muncy, Aiden Ohl, Elaina Owens, Alexander (Alex) Porter, William Porter, Braden (Brady) Rowe, Hannah Rox, Griffin Samuels, Sachie (Sachi) Tatum, Kaleb Thomas, Lillian Waxter, Anna Weaver, Sara Wharton, Trevonte (Trey) Wynn, Blakleigh Yoxheimer-Michalovich and Hattie Yugovich

## ONTARIO LOCAL SCHOOLS MENU

### BREAKFAST

Monday: Apple cinnamon muffin, fruit juice  
 Tuesday: Whole grain mini pancakes, fruit juice  
 Wednesday: Cream cheese filled bagel, fruit juice  
 Thursday: Whole grain cinni mini roll, fruit juice  
 Friday: Two whole grain pop tarts, fruit juice

### LUNCH WEEK OF JANUARY 17

Monday: No School. Martin Luther King Day  
 Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, broccoli, apple cinnamon loaf, peaches  
 Wednesday: Cheeseburger, sweet potato rounds, pickle chips, peach and pear mix  
 Thursday: French toast sticks, sausage patty, hash brown, orange juice  
 Friday: Pepperoni pizza, green beans, string cheese, orange sherbet

### LUNCH WEEK OF JANUARY 24

Monday: Corn dog, baked beans, potato chips, mixed fruit  
 Tuesday: Turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes & gravy, peaches, cookie bar  
 Wednesday: Sloppy joe, broccoli with cheese, mandarin oranges, granola bar  
 Thursday: Ham sandwich, cooked carrots, scalloped potatoes, pineapples  
 Friday: Bosco sticks with marinara, cauliflower, fruit juice, cookie

### LUNCH WEEK OF JANUARY 31

Monday: Pepperoni pizza calzone, romaine salad, spiced apples, ice cream cup  
 Tuesday: Hot dog or coney, potato wedges, peaches, pudding cup  
 Wednesday: Chicken and cheese quesadilla, black beans, cheese sauce cup, applesauce  
 Thursday: Chili, PB&J pocket, carrot sticks, fruit cocktail  
 Friday: Fish sandwich, cole slaw, potato chips, pineapple

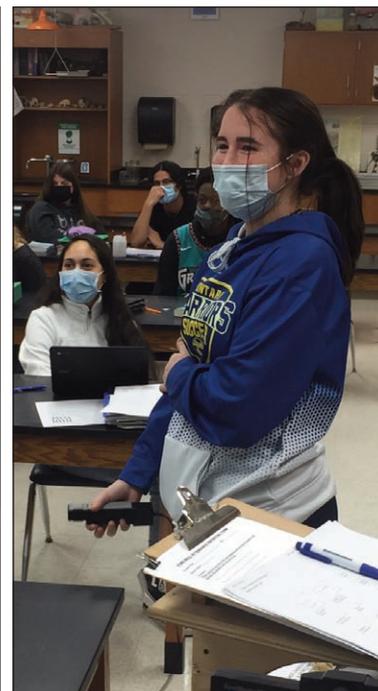
### LUNCH WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7

Monday: BBQ pork sandwich, sweet potato fries, fruit cup brownie  
 Tuesday: Chicken fingers, baked beans, cornbread, mixed fruit  
 Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, bread sticks, romaine salad, pears  
 Thursday: Chicken drumstick, mashed potatoes with gravy, roll with butter, applesauce cup  
 Friday: Sub, green beans, corn chips, strawberries

### LUNCH WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14

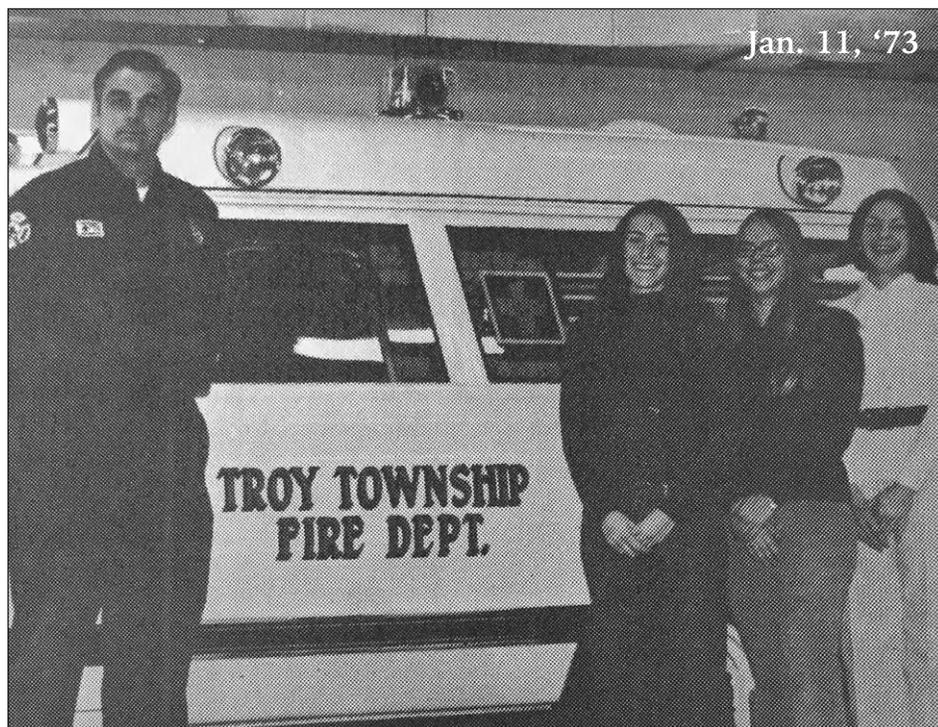
Monday: Chicken patty sandwich, celery sticks, peach cup, Goldfish Grahams  
 Tuesday: Beef and bean burrito, sweet potato rounds, apple crisp, ice cream cup  
 Wednesday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, roll with butter, applesauce  
 Thursday: Shredded chicken, broccoli, macaroni salad, juice  
 Friday: Taco salad, black beans, peach/pear cup, fruit snack

*Breakfast & Lunch served with choice of milk.*



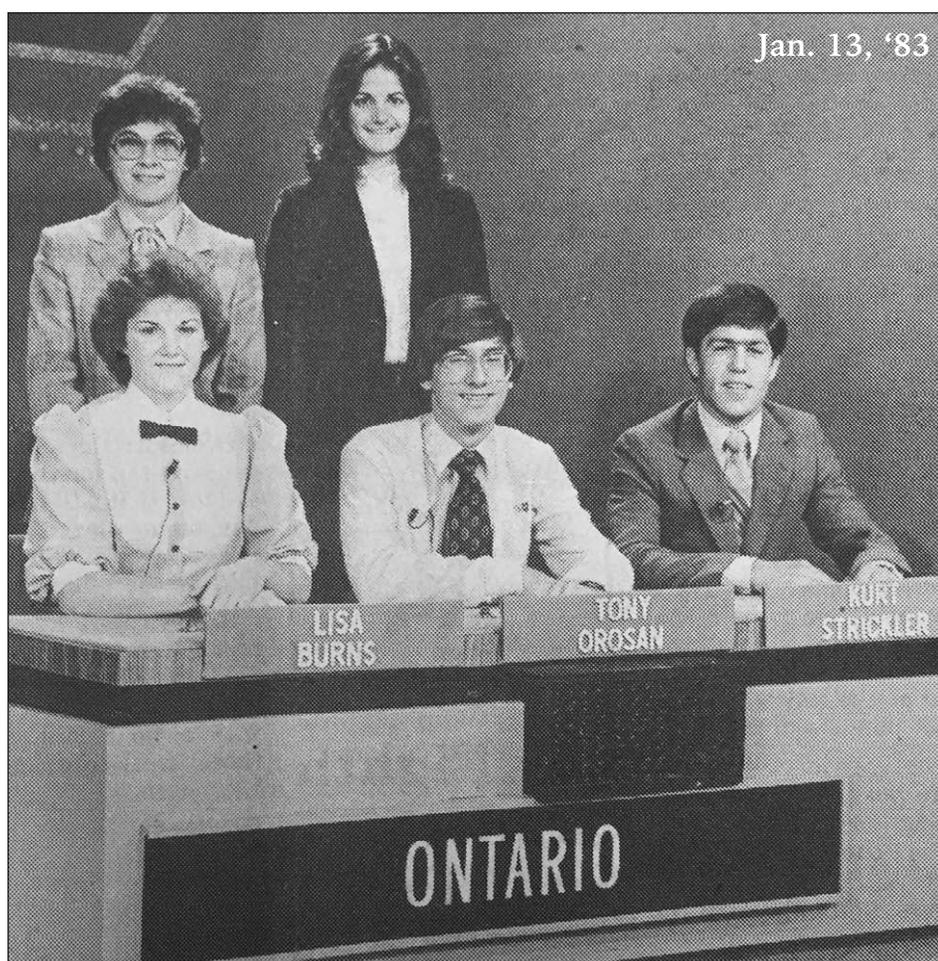
**THE ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY CLASSES** at Ontario High School studied muscle physiology this week. Students tested their grip strength in a friendly "strong man" competition. Using Vernier technology, the students could graph their twitch, treppe and tetanus muscle contractions as well as the force of their contraction. Pictured are the male and female high scorer in the class, Justin Douglas and Irelynne Vuillemot.

## LOOKING BACK: This Week in Tribune-Courier History

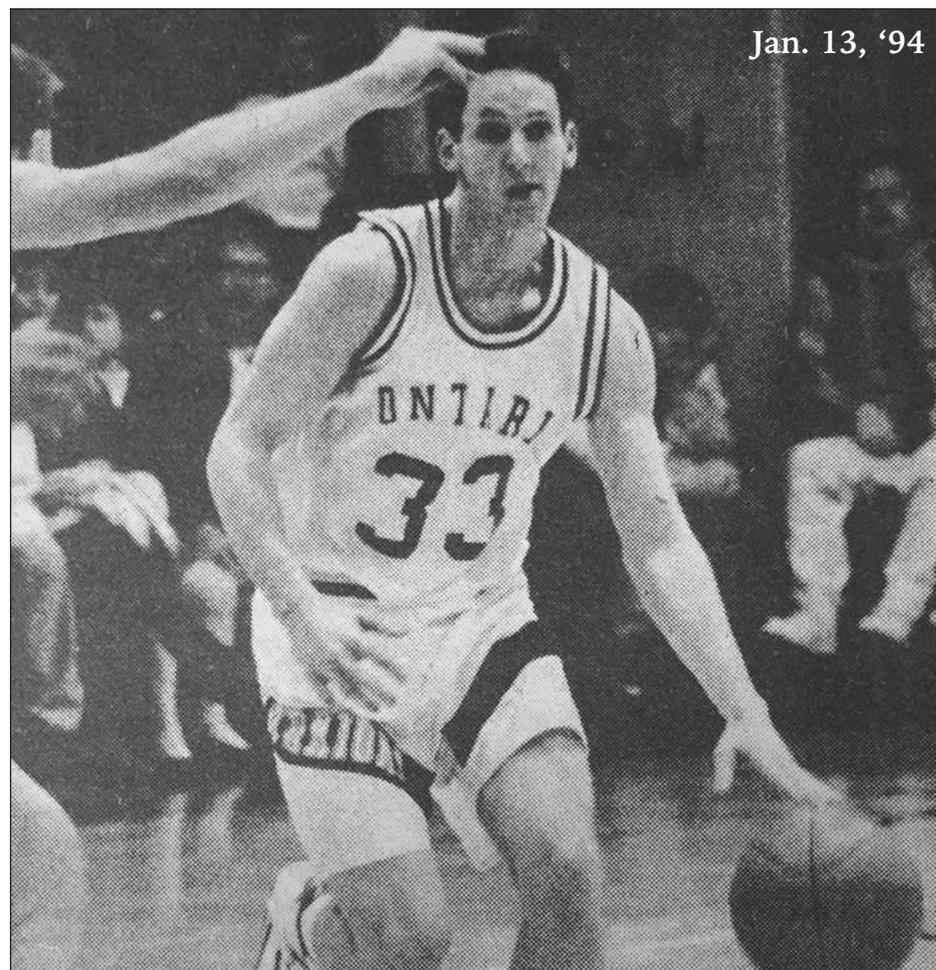


**TOUR OF FACILITY** — Captain Edwin Boggs of the Lexington-Troy Township Fire Department gives two co-ed members of Troop 131 in Lexington a tour of the fire house. The girls are Debbie Coldwell and Christ Cocanour and their advisor, Mrs. Andrew Kuntz.

Photo by Rick Cicolani



**ACADEMIC CHALLENGE** — Representing the Ontario area in an Academic Challenge match on Saturday, Jan. 15, on Channel 5, at 6:30 pm will be this team from Ontario High School. Team members, left to right: Lisa Burns, Tony Orosan and Kurt Strickler. Back row: Advisor Esther Porter and team alternate Jill Slabach. The program is cosponsored by Ohio Edison and The Illuminating Company. The Ontario High School team will compete for prizes with teams from Revere High School in Richfield and Harvey High School in Painesville.



George Billman

**ONTARIO'S BRYAN MOLONEY** brings the ball across the circle in the game Friday night with Riverdale here at Ontario. The Warriors (8-0) won a thriller from the Falcons, 58-56, their first close game of the season. Moloney was one of eight Warriors in the game in double figures with his 10 points.

**January 13, 1999** — The National Basketball Association (NBA) superstar Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls announces his retirement from professional basketball, for the second time, in front of a crowd at Chicago's United Center. Jordan had an outstanding college career, but left the University of North Carolina after his junior year when he was selected by the Chicago Bulls as the third-overall pick in the first round of the 1984 NBA draft. Jordan helped the Bulls make the playoffs in each of his first six seasons on the team. In 1991, he got to his first NBA finals, where he led his team to the first of three consecutive championships. Shaken and disillusioned by the murder of his father and an NBA investigation into allegations of illegal betting (of which he was eventually cleared), Jordan announced his retirement from basketball in 1993. He signed a minor league contract with the Chicago White Sox baseball team and was assigned to a White Sox affiliate team, the Birmingham Barons. Though his very presence on the field drew crowds, Jordan batted only .202 in his first summer, striking out 114 times in 127 games. By March 1995, he had decided to put down his bat and return to the basketball court. After a disappointing finish in the 1994-'95 season, Jordan (aided by his old allies Scottie Pippen and Coach Phil Jackson, as well as Dennis Rodman), turned things around for the Bulls. Jordan led the league in scoring that year with 30.4 points per game and helped his team to a 72-10 record, the best regular season finish in the history of the NBA. The Bulls won three more consecutive NBA championships in 1996, 1997 and 1998, becoming the first team in league history to win three straight championships twice. In his 12 full seasons with the Bulls, Jordan was voted the NBA's Most Valuable Player five times and won six NBA Finals MVP awards, one for each final his Bulls played. Jordan's second retirement announcement came after bitter tension between general manager Jerry Krause and Coach Jackson resulted in Jackson's leaving Chicago. Though he had earlier stated publicly that he would not play for any coach besides Jackson, Jordan explained his decision to retire by saying he had lost the drive and desire that was necessary to continue playing at such a high level, and that he wanted to spend more time with his family. In January 2000, Jordan became part-owner and president of basketball operations of the Washington Wizards, a struggling NBA franchise. After the Wizards won only 19 games in Jordan's first full season in this position, he decided to rebuild the team, hiring the former Bulls coach Doug Collins. Jordan, 38, got himself into playing shape and came out of retirement yet again in September 2001 as a free agent with the Wizards. Though he scored his 30,000th career point on Jan. 4, 2002, against his former team, the Bulls, Jordan was never able to lead the Wizards into playoff competition. He retired for the third and final time on April 16, 2003. *History.com*

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## 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 January 5, 2022.

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.

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-01 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1137, STANDARD ZONING DISTRICTS 1137.06, IP INDUSTRIAL PARK DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-03 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT CITY EMPLOYEES, REPEALING ORDINANCE 21-28, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-04 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WAGES AND SALARIES FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THIS CITY, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 21-20, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-05 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THREE ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTORS, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JON K. BURTON, JOHN D. STUDENMUND, AND ANDREW J. BURTON TO THESE POSITIONS, ESTABLISHING THEIR COMPENSATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
(T-C 1-13, 20 '22) 55L

## QUOTES FOR MAINTENANCE AND MOWING OF DISTRICT PROPERTIES

The requirements, procedures and practices that are being sought by Clear Fork Valley Local School District for the Maintenance and Mowing of the district's greenspaces are posted under announcements on the Clear Fork Valley Local School District website, <http://www.clearfork.k12.oh.us> Please have all quotes submitted to the district Maintenance Director Kevin Carr at [carrk@clearfork.k12.oh.us](mailto:carrk@clearfork.k12.oh.us) by Monday February 21, 2022 by 9 am.

Bradd Stevens, Treasurer  
Clear Fork Schools  
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(T-C 1-13, 20 '22) 22L



**ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE STUDENTS** at Ontario High School performed a lab investigating infectious disease transmission. After being exposed to three other students, without knowing who the original virus carrier was, they visited their doctor (Mrs. Welch) to be tested.

## MRCPL continues January Winter Reading Program

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library is hosting its annual Winter Reading Program, "It's Reading Weather." The program runs through Saturday, Jan. 29.

The Winter Reading Program is available for all ages and encourages reading by offering prizes for children, teens and adults. Read a book, complete a ticket, and submit the ticket to be entered into one of many prize drawings.

Tickets are available this year at all nine MRCPL library locations in addition to a virtual submission option through the website at [mrcpl.org](http://mrcpl.org).

Follow MRCPL on Facebook during the program for even more chances to win.

This winter, MRCPL is continuing to offer curbside service, an ideal option for picking up library materials that have been put on hold without leaving the warmth of a vehicle.

Patrons can also try one of the many digital resources available any time, anywhere at [mrcpl.org](http://mrcpl.org).

The MRCPL also offers an extensive inventory in their "Library of Things." Items include bicycles, board games, puzzles, tools, baking pans, sewing machines, instruments, telescopes a seed library, video game controllers, Roku Streaming Sticks, Kindle Fire tablets, a Kill-a-Watts energy analyzing device, LaunchPads, wifi hotspots, air quality monitor and blood pressure kits.

## Foundation accepting scholarship applications

The Richland County Foundation announced its college and career technical education scholarship applications for the 2022-'23 school year are now available at [richlandcountyfoundation.org](http://richlandcountyfoundation.org).

The Foundation has 89 scholarship funds. Last year the scholarships ranged from \$250 to \$6,000 with 266 awarded totaling \$531,300.

New applicants and high school seniors must have at least a 2.5 grade point average (GPA), returning applicants must have at least a 2.0 GPA, attend an accredited school and be a resident or high school graduate of Richland County. The deadline for college scholarship applications is April 1.

The Foundation also awards career technical education scholarships to individuals who want to obtain certifications and credentials at accredited technical institutions.

There is a rolling deadline for CTE scholarships to meet various enrollment requirements.

In aligning with Ohio's Attainment Goal, the Foundation wants to help fill the gap between job openings and certified employees as well as lead the way to support workforce development through CTE scholarships.

Scholarship awards are based on financial need. These are not recurring scholarships so students must re-apply each year.

Other scholarships offered include the Steve Shoenfelt Memorial Scholarship for area high school swimmers and the Mansfield Aviation Club learn how to fly scholarship.

For more information contact Community Investment Officer Siera Marth-May at [smarth@rcfoundation.org](mailto:smarth@rcfoundation.org) or call 419-525-3020.



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