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THE ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL show choir *Rhapsody in Blue* performed for students and staff at Stingel Elementary on March 8. Shown is Miles Meisse with dance partner Elianna Malone Martinez and behind them are Jeremiah Viscioni and Jaslyn Lopez. See more photos on page 12.

Annual egg hunts planned in Ontario

The City of Ontario Recreation Department will host its annual Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 1 at noon. The hunt will be held at Marshall Park near the splash pad and pavilion 2.

Participants are asked to arrive by 11:45 am and the hunt is for children up to fourth grade. Children hunting for eggs should bring a bag or basket for their eggs.

Those attending will be able to meet the Easter Bunny and Miss Ontario and have a photo taken with them. The event will be held rain or shine. Special prizes will be available.

The Ontario Lions Club will host its Third Annual Egg Hunt For The Visually Impaired on Saturday, April 1, at 12:15 pm. The hunt will take place at the Marshall Park Basketball Court, Ontario.

RSVP for the Lions Club hunt by March 25 by calling or texting Renee at 419-631-4151.

Funds being raised for Sterkel Community Park construction

The Sterkel Community Park for All Campaign is underway to build a premier community park in Ohio – where all residents can socialize and play within their levels of ability and interest.

The centerpiece of the new park will be a 26-foot-high Sky Tower, giving children five and older an opportunity to have a bird's eye view of the world.

The Sky Tower will be one of dozens of special park features. An ambitious and special campaign has been launched to raise the \$750,000 for the unique Sky Tower and the park's shaded benches. All donors will have their names featured on the Sky Tower.

Weaving among the five park zones will be a mile-long walking path with shaded benches along the way and open year-round.

The Community Park for All at Sterkel Park off Hillcrest St. will serve adults and children of all ages and abilities throughout north central Ohio. Once completed, the new park will be the largest of its kind in Ohio to feature the number of pieces of play equipment that are accessible to everyone of all abilities.

"Everyone, no matter their age or disability, deserves a place to play, socialize and have fun – this park will have it all," said Michele Giess, superintendent, Richland County Developmental Disabilities Board of Directors (Newhope).

In addition to the Sky Tower, park visitors will have a pavilion, picnic tables and grills as well as pickle ball courts, a multi-purpose field, an outdoor fitness area and ground-level play equipment.

Newhope, Richland Community Development Group (RCDG), and the City of Mansfield are the organizations that have worked together to create this special park. This \$5.4 million campaign has already raised \$3.5 million with \$1 million in gifts pending. The fundraisers are now focused on raising \$750,000 specifically for the Sky Tower and shaded benches.

The park is in the center of the City of Mansfield off Hillcrest St.. Once the park is open, security at the park will be in place 24 hours.

Gift checks for the Sky Tower and shaded benches may be sent to PARK-RCDG, in care of Newhope, 314 Cleveland Ave., Mansfield, OH 44902. Donors may designate Sky Tower on the check's memo line.

For further information on the campaign, which is part of the Community Park for All Campaign, contact Susan Gentile, funding developer for C-Harris Consultants at susgentile@embarqmail.com.

Volunteers needed for family festival

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) and Malabar Farm State Park are co-hosting the Family Fun on the Farm Festival June 24, from 2–6 pm.

This is the third annual festival held at Malabar Farm State Park, 4050 Bromfield Rd., Lucas. Richland SWCD and Malabar Farm State Park are looking for additional partners, volunteers, exhibitors and vendors to help grow the festival this year.

Family Fun on the Farm Festival is a free festival all ages enjoy with numerous hands-on activities for children that highlight where food comes from and conservation.

The success of the festival isn't possible without assistance from many community partners, volunteers, exhibitors, and vendors eager to share their message and an activity. Each exhibitor is provided a 10-foot x 10-foot space free of charge. Exhibitors provide their own tables, chairs, activity and materials.

Volunteers help in a variety of roles and food and beverages will be sold. Contact Theresa at sutter.theresa@richlandswcd.net or 419-747-8685 to be a partner, exhibitor, vendor or volunteer.



THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

It's amazing how long the *Scream* franchise has been going. The 1996 original classic, directed by the late great Wes Craven and containing an iconic opening scene.

By the time a horror series gets to its sixth entry, the series has pretty much run out of steam (*Friday the 13th Part VI: Jason Lives* is a huge exception though). Knowing this, it is great to see that *Scream VI* is one of the best entries in the series.

Jenna Ortega returns as Tara and Melissa Barrera as Sam, sisters who are still getting over the trauma from their attack in Woodsboro in the previous installment. The sisters are at college in New York and have a core group of friends as they try to move on. Though they are not alone, Ghostface is back as he stalks them through apartments, the subway and the streets of the Big Apple.

This entry is so good because the basic plot is very engaging. Kirby (Hayden Panettiere) returns from *Scream 4* as an FBI agent working with the local police as the killer's motive leads back to all the different killings and, for us, the films in the franchise.

The cast does a great job at driving the action in this film.

The only main returning character is Courtney Cox as Gale and she does not have a great deal to do in this film but does get one of the more engaging scenes.

The end scene in an old movie theater works really well and *Scream VI* is just fun. The film moves along at a fun pace and even has some scary moments which some of the other sequels were lacking. The writers have written a solid, new group of characters that could carry this franchise if they choose to make more films.

Neve Campbell's main character of Sidney was not really missed though she would of course be welcome if she wanted to come back.

Scream VI is a top three or four entry in the series for me personally. The main plot is very interesting and the characters and actors who bring them to life are so winning and likable.

Courtney Cox is a welcome presence again as is the setting of New York City, which really helps in creating a new sense of fear. See this one in the theaters with an audience.



The government's 1920s healthy kids movement

By Bob Carter

In the late 1920s there was a movement by not only the people but the political leaders in Washington with concern over the health of our nation's children. Health officials recommended milk for growing youngsters thus a nation-wide push for school systems to provide a free milk.

These pictures are believed to come from a school in eastern Mansfield where a relative of mine taught long ago, although the date and school name are unknown.

The health kick went further as the pictures show. Not only did the photographer give the command to "drink now" thus every kid had to slurp his or her milk for the camera, but what followed was a clean hands inspection. That may have been a pain in the backside for some boys and one might guess that a few suddenly saw need to wipe their hands on the back of their pants.

Note the fact that most all of them, boys and girls, wore high top leather shoes.

And who was the poor kid that had to do the clean hands inspection? The teachers pet? He probably passed everyone lest he have an enemy for life. But the teacher was watching! They were always watching everyone.



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News Briefs

Trinity United Methodist Church, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, (Madison area) will hold its annual Madison Community Easter Egg Hunt at 3 pm on Saturday, April 1. The hunt is for all children through grade six.

The 2nd Annual Senior Citizen Prom "A Night to Remember" is scheduled for Saturday, May 13, from 5:30-8 pm, in the Ontario Middle School Commons, 447 Sjelby-Ontario Rd., Ontario.

The free semi-formal dance is for senior citizens of the City of Ontario and surrounding area. There will be a live band, food, photo booth, raffle prizes and lots of dancing.

An RSVP is required by May 1 to the City of Ontario Recreation Director at recreationdept@ontarioohio.org or call 419-529-2588 ext. 3202. In RSVP, leave full name, number of people attending and their names along with a phone number.

The event is sponsored by the City of Ontario Recreation Department, Ontario Middle School, Ohio District Area Agency On Aging and VFW #7651.

Ohioans who need help with winter heating bills can contact the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). HEAP benefits are applied to an individual's energy bill after Jan. 1. Applications for the HEAP program must be received by May 31, 2023.

HEAP helps Ohioans at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines pay their heating bills. Anyone age 18 and older may apply for this assistance. Those 60 and over can get assistance with filling out the application. All heating types are eligible, including electric, wood, coal, natural gas, propane and kerosene.

For a list of required documents, contact the Area Agency on Aging at 419-524-4144 or 800-860-5799 Monday-Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. To be connected to a local energy assistance provider, call 800-82-0880 (hearing impaired dial 711) or visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov.

First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Ave. West, Mansfield, will be offering senior boxes on the fourth Tuesday of each month, year 'round. The Greater Cleveland Food Bank has a program called "Senior Boxes" whereby anyone 60+ who falls in the "low income" guidelines can register and then pick up a 30 pound box of non-perishables including two pounds of cheese and a 15 pound box of pre-packaged produce. Age is a qualification, so those attending should bring a current identification card complete with date of birth and proof of income. Distribution is on the east side of the building between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm to get registered and pick up your a box. There is no cost. Call 419-522-0662 for more information.

The next distribution date is Tuesday, March 28.

Clear Fork Baseball will host a spaghetti dinner Saturday, March 18, from 4-7 pm at Clear Fork High School.

The dinner includes pasta and meatballs, rolls, salad, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for age 6-18 and free for kids five and under. A family maximum charge is \$30.

The dinner will also featuring a silent auction and raffle with proceeds going towards a new scoreboard.

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, March 25 and 26. Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, broken down cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.

The Lexington Area Senior Citizens Inc., invites those 55 and older to attend meetings the third Wednesday of every month at Der Dutchman Restaurant. Lunch begins at 11:30 am, followed by the meeting at 12:30 pm.

The meal on April 19, will include turkey. Those attending are encouraged to bring non-perishable food to donate to the Salvation Army. Cost is \$15 for the meal. Guests are welcome. For information visit www.lexasc.org. Dues are \$10 per year.

The group will also meet for lunch at Chinatown, 238 Ashland Rd., Madison area on April 5 at 11 am.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is now accepting public comments on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for 2024 to 2027. The program identifies the multi-modal transportation improvement projects that are scheduled for some phase of implementation throughout the state over the next four years.

The draft documents will be available for public review and comment online during the review period through April 10, 2023.

Any comments concerning the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program may be submitted by email to Natasha Turner at Natasha.Turner@dot.ohio.gov or postal mail Mr. Tim McDonald, Deputy Director, Division of Planning, Ohio Department of Transportation, Mail Stop # 3260, 1980 West Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43223.

Written comments must be received by the close of business on April 10, 2023.

The Richland Democratic Party will be hosting candidate luncheons at the McCartney/Reid Building, 16 S. Park St., Mansfield. The schedule includes Rose Feagin for 2nd Ward Council, City of Ontario, March 29, 11:30 am; Chris Brown for Law Director, City of Mansfield April 5, 11:30 am; Rollie Harper for Law Director, City of

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Mansfield, April 12, 11:30 am; Antoinette Daley for 4th Ward Council, City of Mansfield, April 19 at 11:30 am; and Alomar Davenport for 4th Ward Council, City of Mansfield, April 26, 11:30 am.

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St. Rt. 39 in the City of Mansfield, between E. 6th St. and Lafayette Ave., will be reduced to one lane beginning Monday, March 20 through Friday, March 31. Rt. 39 (Mulberry St.) will also be reduced to one lane during working hours for tree clearing and waterline relocation between W. 6th St. and the railroad tracks. On Monday, April 3, Rt. 39 (Mulberry St.) will close for 60 days for bridge replacement work. Estimated completion is August 2023

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville, 25 Church St., will welcome Brian Moore on Sunday, March 19, from 10:30 am.

He will speak on "Living Beyond the Ego." For more information visit www.allsoulsuuohio.org

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(Community Action for Capable Youth) CACY is offering free quitting tools and support to help with quitting smoking. Meeting just 4-6 times for 15-30 minutes can increase success. Contact CACY at 419-774-5683 or andersont@cacyohio.com to schedule individual or group sessions.

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To submit a news brief item send an email with information to news@tribune-courier.com.

Farmers Share Breakfast set for Saturday, March 25 in Shelby

Richland County Farm Bureau invites the community to attend the annual Richland County Farm Bureau Farmers Share Breakfast. Breakfast will be served in the Shelby High School Cafeteria from 7-10:30 am on Saturday, March 25.

The Richland County Farm Bureau is requesting a donation for the breakfast which includes pancakes, fresh whole hog sausage, eggs, orange juice, milk and coffee.

The public is invited to join for great food and fellowship. No reservations are needed.

The money donated at the breakfast is given to food pantries in Richland County in honor of the FFA chapters who help. Richland County Farm Bureau has donated nearly \$18,000 to area food banks and the Harmony House over the past 15 years.

"Farmers remain committed to producing safe and healthy food for our communities, and we share with consumers many of the same concerns about putting nutritious meals on the table on a tight budget," said Fred Cooke, Richland County Farm Bureau breakfast chair.

"By inviting our community to our Farmers Share Breakfast, we hope to connect with them and provide a better understanding of the origins of the food on their plates."

Follow Richland County Farm Bureau on Facebook and bookmark our webpage for details on events and programs throughout the year. Ohio Farm Bureau's mission is working together for Ohio farmers to advance agriculture and strengthen our communities. Learn more at ohiofarmbureau.org.

Church Directory

Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville
419-886-4333 • www.clearforkalliance.org
Rev. Matt Merendino
Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship
Sunday Evening 6 pm Home Groups
Monday Men's Group 7:30 pm
Wednesday evenings: 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting
6:30-8 pm TeamKID and Youth Group
Wednesday Ladies Bible Study 6:30-8 pm

Community Bible Church

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

First English Lutheran Church

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

Lexington Presbyterian Church

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

Mansfield 1st EPC

399 Trimble Rd., Mansfield
419-756-7066 • www.mansfield1st.com
Rev. Joseph Yerger
9 am Adult & Youth Sunday School
10 am Sunday Worship

Oakland Lutheran Church

2045 Olivesburg Rd.
419-571-9920
Pastor Paul Lintern
9 am Sunday Worship

Ontario Christian Church

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

Ontario United Methodist Church

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

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8 am Friday Worship • Faith Instruction & Bible Study on Sunday Mornings

St. John's United Church of Christ

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Skógafoss Waterfall
Southern Coast of Iceland on the Skógá River

Creech and John introduce bill pushing for equal shared parenting

State Reps. Rodney Creech (R-West Alexandria) and Marilyn John (R-Richland County) introduced House Bill 14 regarding establishing equal shared parenting throughout the state. Creech and John spoke to the bill during a press conference recently.

"Equal parenting should always be the starting point because a strong parent/child relationship is in the best interest of children," said John. "House Bill 14 encourages parents to work together instead of incentivizing them to fight against each other."

The legislation establishes that parents share time and responsibility equally, unless there is evidence that an equal arrangement would be detrimental to the child. If such evidence is presented, the courts can use their discretion to formulate a more appropriate arrangement.

"Ohio's laws haven't changed in decades and our bill takes into account the large and growing body of research that shows the benefits of equal parenting," said Creech. "What our bill does is create an official state policy that ensures children have a continued and meaningful relationship with both parents and, to the greatest extent possible, that parents share equally in time and responsibility."

House Bill 14 ensures equal shared parenting in instances of legal separation, divorce, dissolution, or annulment of parents' marriages. The legislation also creates rebuttable presumptions if parents do not jointly submit a shared parenting agreement, and equal parenting times will be established unless a court finds that arrangement would be harmful to the child.

Creech also joint sponsored this bipartisan bill as it had 59 co-sponsors during the previous General Assembly, and it has currently been referred to the House Families and Aging Committee.

Madison students will present *Into the Woods Jr.*

The Madison Choral Department will present *Into the Woods Jr.* in the Madison Middle School Auditoria Friday, March 17, at 7 pm, Saturday, March 18, at 7 pm and Sunday, March 19, at 2:30 pm.

Tickets are \$8 general admission and \$6 for students and seniors (60+). Tickets will be available for sale at the door prior to each performance and in the high school cashier's office during school hours.

With a book by James Lapine and music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, *Into the Woods Jr.* is based on the Broadway production which won several Tony Awards, including Best Score, Best Book, and Best Actress in a Musical.

The musical follows a baker and his wife who learn they've been cursed with childlessness by the witch next door. The couple embarks on a quest — swindling, deceiving and stealing from such already-victimized characters as Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel and Jack (fresh off the beanstalk!) — to get the special objects required to break the spell. However, the story doesn't simply end "happily ever after" as each character must now face the consequences of his/her decision.

A cast of 19 performers from grades 9–12 are currently in daily rehearsals prepping for opening night. Performing in the show are Emalie Green, baker's wife; Liam Paxton, baker; Lillian Christian, Cinderella; Caden Stewart, wolf; Sanaa David, Little Red Riding Hood; Karlie Wilson, Witch; Drake Remy, Rapunzel's prince; John Keogh, Cinderella's prince; Bri Studer, narrator; Piper Donahue, Rapunzel; Gage Workman, Jack; Loren Carmel, stepsister; Emma Finley, stepsister; Audrey Ward, stepmother; Courtney Cyrus, Cinderella's mother; Logan Waxter, Cinderella's father; Ashley Gusta, Granny; Jacob Ford, Steward; and Paityn Hall, Jack's mother.

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By Kim Sterry

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| 1/4 cup white wine | 2 cups shredded mozzarella |
| 1 bag frozen spinach (2 cups fresh) | 1 box of shells, cooked and drained |
| 16 oz ricotta (whole milk) | 1 jar tomato sauce |
| 2 eggs | |

Instructions

In a saute pan add enough olive oil to cover bottom and heat, add sausage and garlic and cook for 10 minutes. Stirring and breaking up the sausage. Add the wine and continue to cook until all the moisture has cooked down. Add the spinach and continue to cook moisture out. Cool down a bit. While sausage is cooking in a bowl add ricotta, eggs, salt & pepper, italian seasoning, parmesan and 1 cup of the mozzarella. Mix well. Add sausage and spinach mixture to the ricotta, when it has cooled and mix well. In a baking dish, cover the bottom with sauce. Stuff the shells and add them to the baking dish in a single layer. Add sauce on top to cover and 1 cup of mozzarella on top and bake at 350 for 20-30 minutes until heated through. (you may want to cover if cheese is getting too crispy)

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By Mátiece Thomas

Neurological pathways are a very powerful part of our minds. They can be something positive or, unfortunately, they can be something negative. You have the power to create and change your neurological pathways.

Some of you might be confused on what a neurological pathway is. I like to think of it like a game trail through our mind. It's a path that's been beaten down over time, whether it's with words or actions, and it's made you believe a certain way, good or bad.

This neurological pathway could be created by things that you are telling yourself. For example, that you're not good enough, or that you are going to fail or that you are not worthy. It can also be created by someone else by them telling you that you're not good enough, or that you're incapable of doing something successfully or just by controlling you and not allowing you to make your own decisions.

I'm here to tell you that you are capable, you are enough, you

are strong enough, you can do anything you set your mind to.

It's important when these negative neurological pathways are created that you stop them in their tracks. You need to create a new neurological pathway of positive, encouraging words and overtime it will create a new path while the old path will become overgrown because you aren't on it anymore. You are now on the path for success, self love and encouragement.

God has given you this one life, so live it to the fullest, and be the healthiest, happiest human you can be. Don't let anyone else or your self doubt stop you! Start today creating that new pathway!

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



How to Make Speckled Easter Eggs

- Paper cups
- Dried grains, beans, or nuts
- Liquid food dye
- White vinegar (optional)
- Hard-cooked eggs, plain or dyed

Fill each cup about 1/4 full of grains, beans or nuts and then add 10 to 15 drops of food dye. Swirl each until dye coats contents; the mixture should be damp but not soaked. If mixture dries, add 1 drop of vinegar or a little more dye. Add an egg and gently shake and swirl the cup to create speckles. Repeat with more eggs and colors and let eggs dry.

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Before & After



Nick and Rachel Leasure, Ontario



Photo by Damon Callis
Day Trippin' With Damon—The Historic Loveland Castle & Museum Chateau Laroche is located in Loveland, OH. The Castle has a collection of period weaponry located throughout. It was built in the style of a Medieval castle and construction began in the 1920s. Admission is \$5 per person for a self-guided tour. There are picnic tables, benches, walls, towers and gardens for guests to enjoy. Guests are encouraged to bring their own food and drinks. For information visit lovelandcastle.com.



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(Hannah Harris)

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*October 22, 2022 • Fredericktown, OH
Officiant: Cory Schnuerer, Father of the Bride
Venue: Snow Trails
Photographer: Annie Trammell
Flowers: Julie Schnuerer & Friend
Gown: Twirl*

*Mr. & Mrs. Isaac & Mckenzie Schnuerer
(Mckenzie Andrews)
October 22, 2022 • Mt. Gilead, OH
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In Your Hometown: *Coming Together to Make Railroads Safer*

By Senator Sherrod Brown

It shouldn't take a train derailment for elected officials to put partisanship aside and work together for the people we serve and not corporations like Norfolk Southern.

Railroad company lobbyists have spent years fighting against every effort to make our trains and rail lines safer. Now towns like East Palestine, Sandusky, Steubenville and Springfield are paying the price.

That is why this week I introduced bipartisan legislation with Ohio's new senator, Senator Vance, to make trains safer as they go through communities like East Palestine and Springfield.

We want to do everything in our power to make sure accidents like these never happen again. Our bill includes new safety requirements for trains that carry hazardous materials, new rules to prevent wheel bearing failures which are the number one mechanical cause of derailments, a two-person work crew requirement on every train, and raising fines on companies when accidents happen.

Right now, fines don't make a dent in the profits of these big corporations – they are just the cost of doing business and we have seen what happens as a result – dangerous derailments. As Norfolk Southern's profits have gone up, accidents have gone up.

These big corporations don't care about communities and the damage they do, as long as they bring in billions in stock buybacks to reward their executives.

Over the past month, I have been to East Palestine multiple times to talk with residents from the mayor to the fire chief to business owners and parents. I have heard their fears about what this means for their town and their futures. This is the kind of community that is too often forgotten or exploited by corporate America. That is why I will work with anyone to fight for these communities and get reforms passed.

Senator Vance and I come from different parties but this week we came together for the people of Ohio. That is what we did again and again over the years with former Senator Portman. By finding agreement wherever we could, we passed the strongest Buy America laws ever, we strengthened our trade enforcement laws to protect Ohio workers and businesses, and we expanded access to treatment for opioid addiction.

I am hopeful that we can continue that strong bipartisan Ohio tradition, starting with these commonsense reforms to prevent other Ohio communities from facing another disaster.

Tickets on sale for raffle fundraiser

The Madison Early Childhood Learning Center is hosting a Madison Safety Town Raffle Fundraiser now through March 24.

Tickets are on sale at MECLC and all of the Madison elementary school buildings. Cost is \$1 for 1 ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets.

Prizes are, first place, four Cedar Point tickets; second place, five Kroc Center Waterpark passes, five t-shirts and two towels; and third, four Altitude Trampoline Park Jump Passes. Winners will be drawn and notified on March 27. Cost is \$1 for 1 ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets

All proceeds will go to the Madison Safety Town Program.

Annual tree seedling sale benefits Clear Fork FFA

Trees help improve water quality in streams, rivers and lakes by reducing flooding and minimizing chemical/sediment runoff. The tree's leaves act as a large umbrella capturing rainwater as it falls, which reduces the speed and amount of rain or snow that reaches the ground and becomes stormwater runoff.

Local residents can help Clear Fork FFA while helping manage stormwater and prevent soil erosion at the Clear Fork FFA Alumni Tree Seedling Sale held in partnership with Richland Soil and Water Conservation District. Purchase seedlings March 31 at multiple locations. The sale proceeds benefit Clear Fork FFA programs.

Sales will be held:

- Richland County Fairgrounds Nature Park, Friday, March 31, from 9 am to 7 pm or until all seedlings are sold

- Clear Fork High School back parking lot, Friday, March 31, from 8 am to 1 pm or until all seedlings are sold

- Planktown Market near Shiloh (at inside door), Friday, March 31, from 9 am to 1 pm or until all seedlings sold

If there are seedlings left at 1 pm at Clear Fork High School or Planktown Market, those seedlings will be moved to the Richland County Fairgrounds.

The tree seedlings cost \$10 per bundle of eight. Sales are available on a first come, first serve basis with cash or checks only being accepted.

For orders larger than 20 bundles, call Clear Fork High School at 419-886-2601 or Jim from 4-8 pm daily at 419-564-3881 by March 19. To purchase left-over seedlings call Jim at 419-564-3881.

Tree species include: Norway Spruce, White Pine, Douglas Fir, Balsam Fir, Fraser Fir, Red Mulberry, Ohio Buckeye, Common Pawpaw, Flowering Dogwood, Redbud, White Oak, Sugar Maple, Persimmon, Tulip Poplar, Red Oak, Scarlet Oak, Black Cherry and Black Walnut.

Bluebird, bat and butterfly houses will also be available for \$15 each.

An order form and information regarding the sale may be found at <https://richlandswcd.net/event/clear-fork-ffa-alumni-tree-seedling-sale-2/> or <https://www.facebook.com/FFAClearFork>.

Craft show added to 4th festival

The Ontario 4th of July Festival will include a craft show.

The festival will be held on Saturday, July 1, on the grounds of Marshall Park, Ontario.

The craft show will run from 11 am to 5 pm. Craft show spaces will be 10' x 10' on the lawn for \$20.

Vendor parking will be available.

Food vendors are not permitted and electricity will not be available. A limited number of direct sales will be accepted.

Those interested in renting a booth space at the craft show can call or text Rick at 419-564-4886 or email rtimmer62@gmail.com.



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This Week's Pet Looking for A Forever Home



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Summer came into the shelter as a stray in September of last year. When she came in, she had

a large lump on her back leg that had to be removed.

Summer is one of the sweetest dogs at the shelter. She is so good on a leash and barely pulls at all.

Summer is affectionate and kind. Summer is around five years old and unfortunately doesn't like other dogs or cats. She is potty trained already.

Shelter volunteers and employees desperately want her to find the perfect home.

Those interested in meeting her or any other dog, can contact or visit the Richland County Dog Warden's Office and Shelter. Hours are 11 am to 4:15 pm Monday-Friday and 10-2 on Saturday.

Adoptions are \$175, which includes spay/neuter, microchip, dog license and some vaccines.

The shelter's current needs are volunteers to walk and play with the dogs. The shelter uses a lot of bleach, laundry detergent, and dog treats and welcomes donations.

Program to teach hiring strategies

A program on "How to Hire and Retain Generation Z" will be held Tuesday, March 28, from 7:30-9 am at Pioneer Career & Technology Center, 27 Ryan Rd, Shelby.

A full breakfast will be provided and there is no charge for the session. Tours of Pioneer will be available after.

Attendees will learn about the challenges and opportunities when it comes to hiring Generation Z.

Those attending will also find out what young adults who are entering the workforce value in workplace and how they can help make your company stronger.

Jessica Hiser, Director of Marketing & Advertising for Spherion Mid Ohio, will speak about current trends in hiring younger workers and how to attract them.

Those attending will also learn about research on Generation Z and how that compares to previous generations from Don Paullin, Assistant Director of Adult Education at Pioneer.

Kevin Vargyas, Career Technical Supervisor will discuss how Pioneer is adapting to this new generation and how Pioneer can help meet needs in an unpredictable job market.

Call 419-347-7744 ext. 42302 for more information and to register by Thursday, March 23.

Memorial Arrangements

Jewelene Smith

BELLVILLE: Jewelene (Flynn) (Dunlap) Smith, of Bellville, beloved wife, mother, grandma, and great-grandma has been welcomed into Glory and made whole again, safe in her loving Savior Jesus Christ's arms. She entered into rest on Saturday, March 11, 2023 after a courageous battle with cancer. Jewelene passed away peacefully at home having spent her final earthly days surrounded by her family. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and all who knew her and loved her dearly.

The daughter of Herbert and Lonnie (Tucker) Flynn, Jewelene was born July 23, 1939 in Ritner, Kentucky. The second of five children, from a young age Jewelene's role as caretaker came naturally as she assisted in caring for her younger siblings. Her family moved from Kentucky to Bellville where she graduated from Bellville High School in 1958.

Jewelene first met Harold Dunlap while working on a local farm. The two were married on Oct. 9, 1960. Residing in Bellville, the two began their family. At the young age of 35, Harold passed away after battling brain cancer. Through difficult seasons in her life, Jewelene always leaned on her strong Christian faith and continued to remain positive. In fact that has been her testimony for over 30 years. Regardless of her health, or the health of her loved ones, Christ was her rock and she remained faithful.

Jewelene supported her family, working as a bank teller for the former Farmers Bank and Bank One in Bellville. Bill Smith, a patron of the bank first caught Jewelene's eyes. She'd say it was his striking blue eyes that caught her attention. The two were married Aug. 14, 1982, and Jewelene was blessed to accept Bill and his family as their own.

Fittingly, Jewelene's name matched her taste in style. She wasn't flashy, but instead respectable and proper. Her children wore themed outfits for the holidays. If her and Bill were attending a sporting event, they'd wear team colors. Her memory was impeccable, often recalling small details from her youth, and she always remembered her grandchildren and great grandchildren's birth dates.

Jewelene also worked for Farley Peoples Insurance Company as a secretary. She was a member of the Bellville Presbyterian Church where she taught Sunday School. For many years she volunteered as church treasurer, until stepping down last summer.

Jewelene and Bill were inseparable. The two enjoyed golfing together. They loved to travel, and looked forward to time spent on cruises. She supported her grandchildren and great grandchildren, attending sporting events and school recitals. Every month was filled with either a sporting event, family get together or holiday event... and she loved it.

Jewelene will be remembered as a woman strong in faith who boldly shared her testimony; a positive spirit, full of love.

She is survived by her husband Bill Smith of Bellville; children Carla (Mike) Bailey of Butler, Brad (Karen) Smith of Bellville, son-in-law Ralph Robinson of Fredericktown, Holly (Lonnie) McGhee of Bellville, son-in-law Wes Craft of Butler and Mark (DeAnn) Smith of Bellville; 26 grandchildren; 42 great grandchildren; siblings Faye Browning, Tom (Becky) Flynn and Daryl (Barb) Flynn; numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Along with her parents she was preceded in death by her first husband Harold Dunlap; sons Troy and Brian Dunlap, daughters Ranae Dunlap, Tamara Craft and Laura Robinson, grandson David Robinson, great grandsons Henry Robinson and Gabriel and Landon Bailey; brother and sister-in-law Cecil and Pat Flynn and brother-in-law Darryl Browning.

Her family will receive friends Wednesday, March 15, from 4-7 pm in the Snyder Funeral Homes Bellville/Butler Chapel, where her funeral will be Thursday at 11 am. Pastors Patrick Bailey and Michael Stine will officiate and burial will follow in Bellville Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bellville Presbyterian Church, Clear Fork Alliance Church, or North Bend Church of the Brethren.





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News Briefs in Education

The University of Central Arkansas conferred nearly 500 undergraduate and more than 180 graduate degrees and certificates through the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; College of Business; College of Education; College of Health and Behavioral Sciences; College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics; and Graduate School. Heather Renee Dillon of Lexington graduated with a Master of Science in Education in Reading.

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THE MADISON COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL Academic Challenge team attended the winter tournament at the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center. The team came home with the first place title. Varsity team members are Tyler Batcheller, Aiden Mooneyham, Sky Holbrook, Sam Myers, Jacob Ford and Nate Osborne. The team is led by Coach Dillon.

ONTARIO STINGEL ELEMENTARY CARNIVAL



STINGEL ELEMENTARY in Ontario held a school carnival on Friday, March 10. There were over 20 games, a basket raffle, a pie auction, a 50/50 drawing and much more. The most popular games for kids were the Fish Bowl Toss where kids could win a real goldfish and the cakewalk where kids could try to win a cake to take home. Kids also enjoyed getting balloons made, a photo booth and Velvet ice cream. Parents entered to win one of the over 80 baskets that were raffled off. The PTO, which organized the carnival, made over \$18,000 for the organization.

KCCC students qualify for BPA National Competition

Knox County Career Center (KCCC) students competed in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) State competition held in Columbus, Ohio on March 9 and 10.

KCCC had seven students who qualified for nationals in the BPA State competition. The seven national qualifiers from KCCC will compete in the BPA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California from April 26-30.

Lydia Burak, senior in CollegeU-Business, won first place in Entrepreneurship.

Chelsea Perkins, junior in CollegeU-Business, won second place in Extemporaneous Speech.

Shelby Oswalt, senior in Pre-Professional Mentorship, won second place in Administrative Support Research Project Individual.

Sophie Snively, senior in Pre-Professional Mentorship, won third place in Interview Skills.

Nick Murphy, senior in Computer Network Technology, won third place in Network Administration Using CISCO.

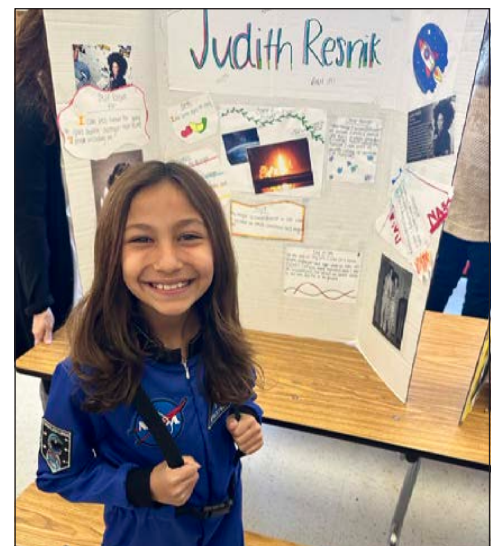
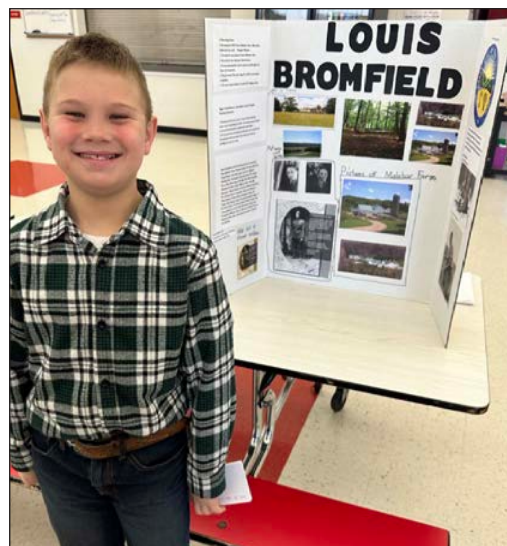
Jeremy Risko, junior in Computer Network Technology, won fourth place in Device Configuration & Troubleshooting.

Logan O'Brien, senior in Computer Network Technology, won fifth place in Server Admin Using Microsoft.

Burak and O'Brien have now earned back-to-back trips to BPA Nationals, having qualified last year as juniors.

BPA is a career technical student organization that allows students to compete in various competitions in the areas of Finance, Business Administration, Management Information Systems, Digital Communications and Design, Management, Marketing and Communications and Health Administration.

The mission of BPA is to develop and empower student leaders to discover their passion and change the world by creating unmatched opportunities in learning, professional growth and service. As a co-curricular organization, BPA has the ability to enhance student participation in professional, civic, service, and social endeavors. BPA members participate in these activities to accomplish their goals of self-improvement, leadership development, professionalism, community service, career development, public relations, student cooperation, safety and health.



Mansfield Christian School fourth graders had their Living History Museum of famous Ohioans recently



Eighth Grade: Camryn Hanning and William Wang



Eighth Grade: Carson Smith and Piper Studer



Seventh Grade: Myles Born and Nadia Eberst



Seventh Grade: Max Gfrer and Ally Bell



Sixth Grade: Gatlin O'Brian



Sixth Grade: Aleiya Canteley



Sixth Grade: Layla Van Harlingen and Taelix Lucanegro

JANUARY ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL eighth grade Students of the Month are eighth grade students William Wang and Camryn Hanning; seventh grade students are Myles Born and Nadia Eberst; and sixth grade students Gatlin O'Brien and Aleiya Canteley. February Students of the Month are eighth grade students Carson Smith and Piper Studer; seventh grade students Max Gfrer and Ally Bell; and sixth grade students Taelix Lucanegro and Layla Van Harlingen.



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THE LEXINGTON EASTERN ELEMENTARY Academic Challenge team of Noah T., Dom G., Sirar G. and Jesse S. placed first out of 24 with a score of 139.



THE LEXINGTON EASTERN ELEMENTARY Academic Challenge team of Ella R., Emma S., Chase H. and Ella G. placed sixth out of 24 with 108.



CLEAR FORK'S Lukas Schlosser was recognized for his 100th career win for the wrestling team.



MRS. RHODES' NUTRITION AND WELLNESS CLASS at Ontario High School have been learning about different vitamins and minerals and their impact on our bodies. Students made a variety of smoothies and researched the vitamins and minerals that were in their smoothies.

Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



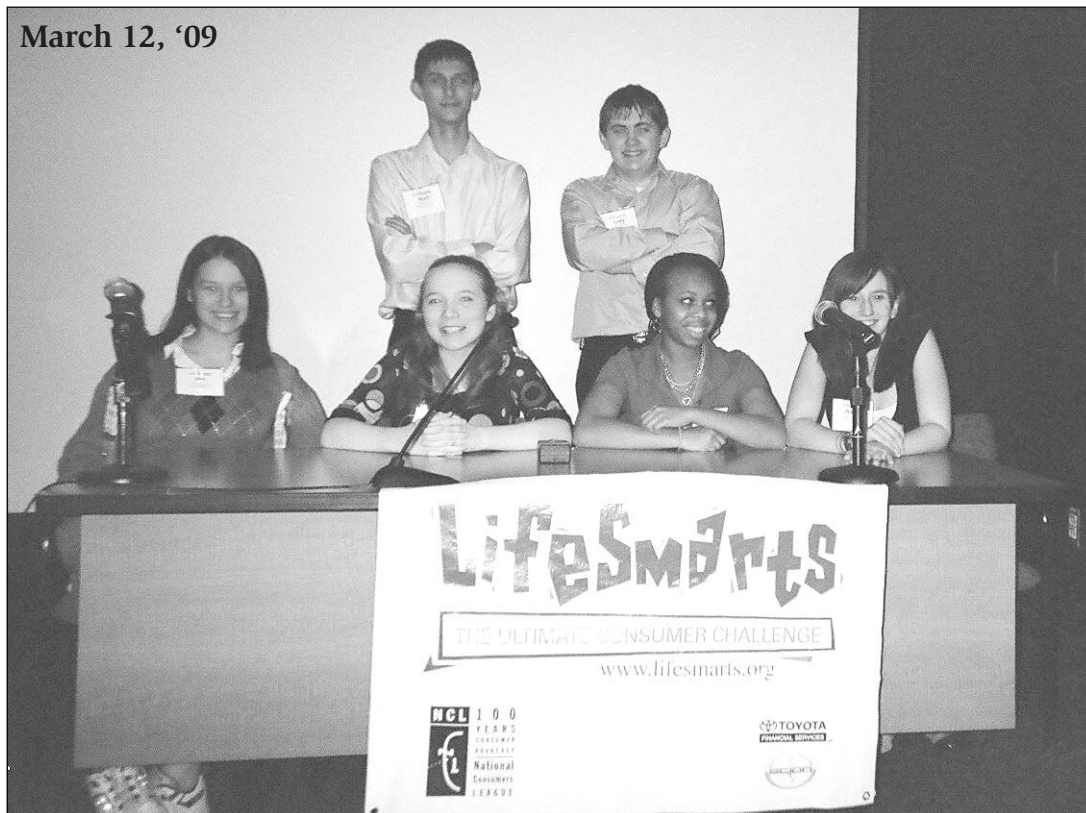
ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL held a send-off for the wrestling state meet for Jacob Ohl, Aiden Ohl, Julian McGinty and Mason Turnbaugh.



THE MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN Lady Flames basketball team defeated Dominion Academy 58-25 to win the OCSAA State tournament for the fourth year in a row.

LOOKING BACK • THIS WEEK IN TRIBUNE-COURIER HISTORY

March 12, '09



Submitted Photo

ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL FCCLA members front, Bri Reynolds, Heather Paramore, Yasming Featherstone and Alexa Cortelletti; and back, Matt Bernotas and Cody Timmer competed in a Life Smarts competition on Feb. 2 at The Ohio Department of Transportation in Columbus. LifeSmarts is a consumer challenge sponsored by the National Consumers League. FCCLA stands for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

March 12, '09



Bud Motter

IN PREPARATION for the Ohio Achievement Test at Madison South Elementary School, the board has hired Miss Ryan Tinsley to help prepare the students get ready for the testing. Pictured with Miss Tinsley are Dominique Taylor, Tara Zack, Robbin Utt, Jordan Montgomery and Dustin Bishop. Students will be tested in social studies, reading, math, writing and science on April 21, 23, 28 and 30.

This Day in History — March 16, 1802: The United States Military Academy — the first military school in the United States — is founded by Congress for the purpose of educating and training young men in the theory and practice of military science. Located at West Point, New York, the U.S. Military Academy is often simply known as West Point. Located on the high west bank of New York's Hudson River, West Point was the site of a Revolutionary-era fort built to protect the Hudson River Valley from British attack. In 1780, Patriot General Benedict Arnold, the commander of the fort, agreed to surrender West Point to the British in exchange for 6,000 pounds. However, the plot was uncovered before it fell into British hands, and Arnold fled to the British for protection. Ten years after the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy in 1802, the growing threat of another war with Great Britain resulted in congressional action to expand the academy's facilities and increase the West Point corps. Beginning in 1817, the U.S. Military Academy was reorganized by superintendent Sylvanus Thayer—later known as the “father of West Point”—and the school became one of the nation's finest sources of civil engineers. During the Mexican-American War, West Point graduates filled the leading ranks of the victorious U.S. forces, and with the outbreak of the Civil War former West Point classmates regrettably lined up against one another in the defense of their native states. In 1877, the first African American cadet graduated from the U.S. Military Academy, and in 1976, the first female cadets were admitted. The academy is now under the general direction and supervision of the department of the U.S. Army and has an enrollment of more than 4,000 students.

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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 March 1, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-06 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINAL RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM A CULVERT REPAIR UNDER HOME ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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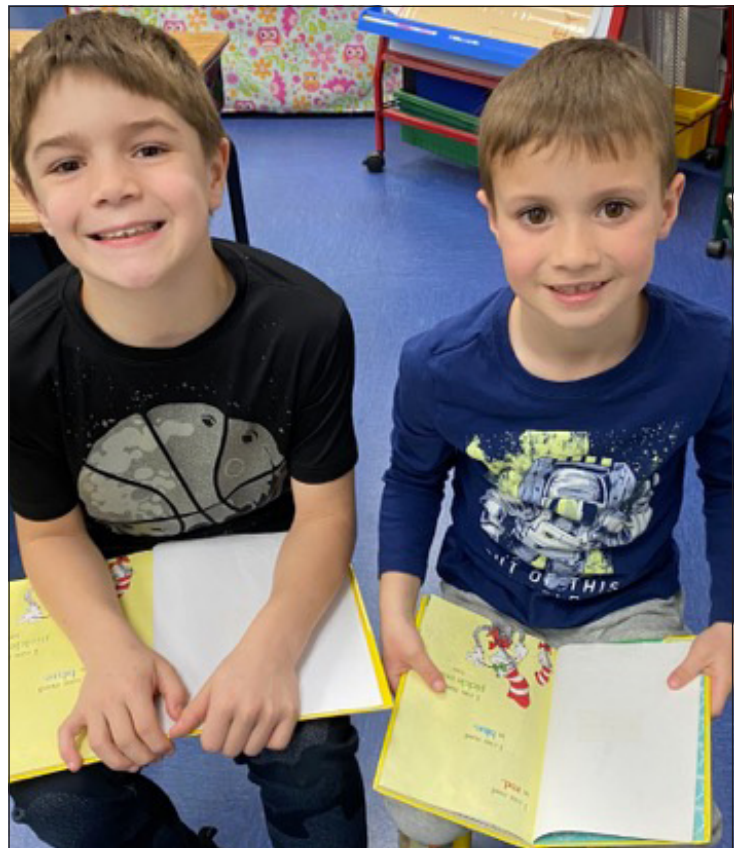


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