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Lew Ryan, Arbor Day both celebrated in Lexington

Photos and Article By Traci Little

On May 19, the Village of Lexington celebrated Arbor Day and also honored their oldest citizen, Lewis (Lew) Ryan, who is 101 years old. There was a ceremony at 10 am on the square, which the third grade students from Central Elementary attended.

Lew Ryan was honored and helped put the first shovel of dirt into the ground around the newly planted tree. He still lives in the same white house on Frederick Street that he's lived in since he was a young boy. His parents moved from his farming community of Palmyra, Ohio when he was about 10 years old. He told me he has many fond memories of farm life and how he's also loved living in the small town of Lexington.

Monday through Saturday he has coffee at Kell Hardware for about an hour. He still drives at one hundred and one years of age! I spoke with his niece, Missy Saprano, who had only words of admiration about her uncle:

"He is so very sharp and has led a very simple life. He's really loved

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Ontario board prepares to close another school year

The Ontario Local School Board of Education met May 9.

The board recognized Connie Brinegar's retirement and Condrea Cannada presented an Overview of the Food Service Program.

A CCP and Academic Update/Presentation was given for 2022-'23 student achievements.

A federal programs update was given by Mike Ream, Director of Education.

The board approved employment of certificated staff personnel on one-year limited contracts for the 2023-'24 school year for Holly Hale, third grade teacher, BA, \$42,674; Jamee Burke, high school math, MA, \$61,271; and Ashlee Scott, kindergarten long term sub, \$125 per day first 60 days/\$230.67 per day for 125 days, \$36,334.

The board approved the contract for Veregy to complete an energy project. The project provides for the upgrade of the pool to a salt water system. Building problems are also going to be addressed with insulation, caulking and weatherstripping. Through the savings, new soccer bleachers are going to be installed for spectators at the soccer complex.

The five-year forecast was submitted by the treasurer.

The resignation of Wendy Henige, first grade teacher, effective at the end of her 2022-'23 contract, was accepted.

The board amended the previously approved retirement date of June 1, 2023, for Mike Lyons to reflect July 1, 2023, due to the state track meet being held after June 1, 2023.

Isaac Gruber was hired as temporary employment for summer help in bus garage at \$12 hourly.

The board approved the 2023-'24 salary notices.

The board authorized the participation in Federal Grants (IDEA, IDEA-B, Title I-A, Title II-A, Title IV-A) for the 2023-'24 grant year.

Four extended days at the per diem were approved for math teachers to attend math training July 10-13. Training is required to offer the new MMR Math Class at the high school. This was approved for Scott Kreger, Jamee Burke and Sarah Krichbaum.

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Memorial Day activities planned

Memorial Day will be remembered with events this weekend.

On Saturday, May 27, flags will be placed on veteran graves at Mansfield Cemetery at 9 am. Those helping should look for the van and trailer at the Veterans Honor Grounds to pick up flags.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9943 Auxiliary and Mansfield Memorial Park will hold the 52nd Annual Avenue of Flags Ceremony Sunday, May 29, at 1 pm at Mansfield Memorial Park, 2507 Park Avenue West, Ontario.

Over 200 flags donated in the past by families of deceased Veterans interred at the park will be up throughout the park.

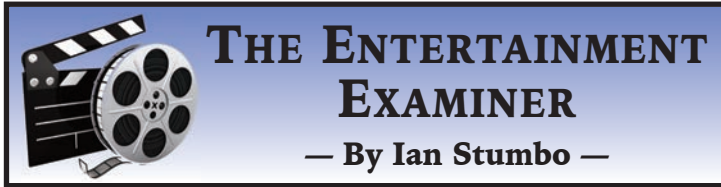
Five new flags will be presented during the ceremony Joseph J. Bapka, U.S. Army; Richard L. Geog, U.S. Army; Gene A. Hartland, U.S. Navy; Robert G. Keller, U.S. Marines; and Raymond T. Shaum, Jr., U.S. Marines.

The annual Memorial Day Parade will be held in downtown Mansfield on Monday, May 29, at 10:30 am. The parade begins at the 5-way intersection of Park Avenue West and Marion Avenue and continues down Park Avenue to the gazebo on the square.

A memorial service will be held at the gazebo immediately following the parade.

Volunteers are needed to help pick up flags at Mansfield Cemetery on Saturday, June 10 at 10 am. There will be two drop-off locations at the Veterans Honor Grounds and by the Vashinder Fountain near the Old Soldiers Ground. All volunteers are welcome.

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THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

It's crazy to think the Fast and Furious franchise has been going since 2001. What started out as a fun street racing movie turned into an action-packed franchise known for its outlandish chase sequences and being a part of the family.

The tenth (!) entry in the series *Fast X* is everything fans of this movie would expect.

After a flashback scene from a previous film that shows Dom Toretto (Vin Diesel) and Brian (the late Paul Walker) stealing a huge safe, the son of the man whose money they stole is now out for revenge. His name is Dante and proves to be the most maniacal and outrageous villain this franchise has produced.

Jason Momoa plays Dante with such insane gestures and style that it is almost difficult to take him seriously. Momoa balances it out nicely though and he becomes the most memorable part of this movie.

Dante goes after the team one by one including Letty (Michelle Rodriguez) who has been kidnapped and has some rather unnecessary scenes with Charlize Theron's Cypher.

Han, Tej, Roman and Ramsey have their own mission that is entertaining though some more fleshed out humor between Tej and Roman is always appreciat-

ed. Chris "Ludacris" Bridges and Tyrese Gibson always make a fun comedy team. John Cena is back as Dom's brother who must help his young nephew escape the people coming to get him.

The action scenes in this movie are always top notch though. There is a giant bomb shaped like a big rolling ball that they have to chase down the streets of Rome, a chase between Dom and Dante involving two helicopters is fun and it's nice to see Jason Statham return briefly as Shaw with some good hand to hand combat.

Fast X does not bring anything new to the franchise, it is certainly an improvement over the previous entry which was so outlandish and crazy that they actually went to space (which was something that was joked about).

Fast X is at least grounded the whole time and the action scenes are so fun with a scenery chewing villain played by Jason Momoa. If you are a fan of this franchise, there will be plenty to enjoy and viewers should definitely stay for the end credits for a big surprise for the next film in the series.



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Many Civil War Soldiers were from Richland County

By Bob Carter

U.S. Senator John Sherman was in Washington and returned to Mansfield, and without ever wearing a uniform or being a member of the military, was in a span of three weeks able to organize what was named "The Sherman Brigade," consisting of 2,300 volunteers.

Addressed as "Col. Sherman" he had no military office. The way was smoothed by permission from President Lincoln. He was to receive no pay, no rank or compensation for expenses.

It consisted of the 64th and 65th Regiments, 6th Battery and McLaughlin's Squadron of Calvary, all volunteers from Richland County.

The Sherman Brigade is remembered by the people of Richland County by the hundreds of ancestors of men who served from this area. Many of the finest men from Richland and surrounding counties paid the supreme sacrifice and left a heritage of heroism.

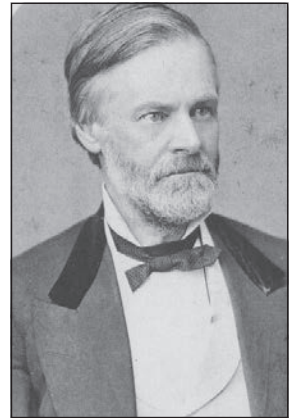
The 64th and 65th were assigned to the 20th Brigade, under General James A. Garfield, and saw action in the Battle of Shiloh.

The regiment, in a brigade of other troops from other states, participated in many battles and were often miles apart. The list of engagements of each is too numerous to mention.

After the war, Col. John Sherman was affectionately called "Uncle John" by the people of Richland County.

When he died on Oct. 22, 1900, an honor guard marched at his funeral. With the thinning roll of living veterans, only about 50 were able to answer the last call of the Brigade.

As a Richland County historian and writer who researched much of this story was to write, "The members of the Sherman Brigade had lost their hero - their horn had been silenced."



A portrait of John Sherman hangs in the Sherman Room at the main branch of the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library.



Each Civil War Brigade had their own battle flag. This was for the 10th Ohio Calvary.

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News Briefs

The Richland County Republican Party Central Committee has selected Jodie Schumacher to fill the unexpired term of prosecuting attorney.

Schumacher comes into this position with nearly 20 years of experience, working in the prosecutor's offices in Wayne, Ottawa and Richland Counties. Schumacher joined the Richland County Prosecutor's Office in 2016 as assistant prosecuting attorney, in 2017 she was promoted to first assistant prosecuting attorney. Upon former Prosecutor Gary Bishop's resignation on April 14, 2023, Schumacher was appointed acting prosecuting attorney by the Richland County Commissioners.

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Madison Local Schools is now accepting open enrollment applications through May 31, for the 2023-'24 school year. Madison Local Schools is now accepting open enrollment from any school district in Ohio. For more information visit www.mlsd.net/OpenEnrollment.aspx or contact the board of education office at 419-589-2600 ext. 65005, between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm, Monday through Friday. The office is located at 1379 Grace St., Mansfield.

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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 June 21, will include pork. David Crawford will speak about honey bees. Cost is \$15 for the meal. Guests are welcome. For information visit www.lexasc.org. Dues are \$10 per year.

The group will meet at 11:30 am on June 7 for lunch at Buck's Bar and Grill in Lexington.

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First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Ave. West, Mansfield, offers 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 a box. There is no cost. Call 419-522-0662 for more information.

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The Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center will have free produce giveaways on the fourth Monday of the Month, April thru Oc-

tober. Dates will be May 25, June 26, July 24, Aug. 28, Sept. 25 and Oct. 23. Line-up begins at 8:30 am and the giveaway begins at 10 am at Clear Fork Alliance Church (across from Clear Fork High School). A photo ID is required by Cleveland Food Bank.

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A free produce distribution to the community is held the second Tuesday of each month, April through November. The distribution is held in First English Lutheran Church's west parking lot at 53 Park Ave. W., at S. Mulberry St. Hours this year are 10:30 am to 12:30 pm and the food is free to anyone. Bring a valid ID. The fresh produce is provided by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. For information call the church at 419-522-0662.

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, May 27 and 28. Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, broken down cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.

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Perrysville Lions Club will host the 20th annual car show on Saturday, June 24 on S. Bridge St., Perrysville.

Registration Fee is \$5 and will be held from 9-10:30 am. The show will run from 10:30 am to 1 pm. Dash plaques will be given to the first 50 entries.

Trophies will be awarded at 1 pm for Best of Show, People's Choice, Best GM, Best Ford, Best Mopar and Best Other.

There will be a 50/50 drawing and door prizes. All makes and models are welcome. For more information call Julianne Zody at 419-606-4890. Proceeds go to pediatric cancer research, Ashland County Cancer Society and other Lions Projects in the community.

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The Mohican Area Community Fund has awarded Hospice of North Central Ohio a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 through MAC's annual campaign which provides support to local charities and non-profit organizations that serve the Greater Mohican community.

The grant will be used to support HNCO's "Camp Hope" children's bereavement camp which is held annually in June at Pleasant Hill campgrounds. HNCO created "Camp Hope" in 1996 to address a growing need to provide grieving children with a safe and supportive environment to express their feelings and share their story. Since its inception, Camp Hope has served the needs of over 1,000 grieving children who have experienced a loss through death.

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Madison Schools approve employments for 2023-'24

Madison Local School District Board of Education met May 17, in the Madison Middle School Auditoria.

Jayden Jeffries, Madison Boys' Basketball Division I 2nd Team All-Ohio, was a special guest at the meeting.

Renee Neron, Curriculum Director, and Lisa Gonzalez, Federal Programs Coordinator, gave presentations.

The board approved the monthly financial report as submitted, the five-year forecast and a transfer of \$20,000 from General Fund 001 to Permanent Improvement 003-9014 for the Turf project. This transfer is for both FY22 and FY23.

Approval was given to transfer \$25,000 from General Fund 001 to Adult Ed 012.

Matthew Godsil, high school art teacher, will retire May 25 and Margaret Washington, high school social studies teacher, will retire May 31.

Resignations were accepted from Chyann Collins, high school biology teacher, Patrick McLaughlin, middle school special education Coordinator 7-8; Mike Morris, high school intervention specialist; Victoria Kasberg, high school Academic Booster coordinator; and Andrew Wigton, Career Tech Carpentry Teacher, all effective May 25.

Hired for the 2023-'24 school year are Jeff Burkholder, high school science teacher (biology); John Hughes, eighth grade teacher (science); Wendy Caperton, fifth grade teacher (science and social studies); and Preston See, middle school English/language arts teacher (Read 180).

Kevin Andress has been awarded the fourth grade (science, social studies and ELA Support) teaching position at Mifflin, a new position for the 2022-23 school year, which was filled by a long-term

sub for the entirety of the current school year.

Supplemental positions were awarded for the 2023-'24 school year to Katie Fanning, high school assistant band director (fall); John Foust, head eighth grade football coach; Tieler Crouse, seventh grade cheerleading advisor; Teri Foley-Kanz, eighth grade cheerleading advisor; Chad Reynolds, swimming/diving coach; Chris Armstrong, fall fitness coordinator, head varsity boys' basketball coach; Tim Niswander, winter fitness coordinator; Derek Boyd, assistant seventh grade football coach; Bruce Gibson, assistant seventh grade football coach; Steve Zellner, assistant eighth grade football coach; Steve Farley, head varsity boys' golf coach; Tim Lord, head varsity boys' soccer coach, middle school Audio Visual, middle school social studies department chair; Owen Zeiter, head seventh grade boys' basketball coach; Bruce Gibson, head ninth grade boys' basketball coach; Nick Melton, assistant varsity boys' basketball coach; Kobi Johnson, assistant varsity boys' basketball coach; Mike Leeper, head varsity girls' basketball coach; Ryan Tinsley, assistant varsity girls' basketball coach; James Dillon, high school Academic Challenge advisor, high school science department chair; Krista Ferini, middle school Academic Challenge advisor; Josh Davis, half Art Club advisor; Brent Sanders, high school Audio Visual; Holly North, BPA Advisor, yearbook advisor; Tom Brandt, junior class advisor; Don Maxey, junior class advisor; Laura Coey, junior class advisor; Kim Miller, junior class advisor, high school Career Tech Department Chair; Jennifer Branstetter, senior class advisor, high school student council; Katie Wade, senior class advisor, high school student council; Tracey Burden, high school math department chair, National Honor Society;

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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
Pastor Denny Nezzrick
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
10:15 am Sunday Worship
10:15 am Kingdom Kids

Southside Christian Church Disciples of Christ

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1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison) 419-589-2114 • www.mansfieldstmarys.org
Father John Miller
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5:30 pm Tuesday Worship
8 am Friday Worship • Faith Instruction & Bible Study on Sunday Mornings

St. John's United Church of Christ

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Lexington starts discussion about possible levy

Lexington Village Council met May 1, with Mayor Brian White presiding. This meeting was a joint meeting with the Troy Township Trustees and council members present were Bob Jarvis, Zack Alleshouse, Adam Gongwer, Wynn Kearns, Kim Little and Jeff O'Brien.

Also attending were Attorney John Studenmund, Chief Brett Pauley, Administrator Andrew Smallstey, Troy Township Trustee Jeff Carter, and Troy Township Trustee Mike Schuster and Troy Township Trustee Tom McCready.

During even years, two Troy Township Trustees serve on the Cemetery Board with one Council member. During odd years, two council members serve and one trustee.

Councilman Kearns reported the resignation of Troy Township Fiscal Officer Dean Strohming in February 2023. DiAnn Jamerson as treasurer and Kevin Angle as secretary will fill the remainder of the year for that position.

Councilman Kearns noted that the township has two CDs in good standing. The township has also cleaned up and utilized better systems for purchasing, invoicing and paying bills. Jamerson has implemented and confirmed all paperwork must be filled out prior to starting any work orders.

Councilman Kearns informed members that the cemetery board has organizational authority for all three cemeteries. However actual maintenance and expenses are separated. Lexington Union Cemetery, E. Main St., has 14.8 acres that are Cemetery Board expenses. Bell Road and Gass Road cemeteries are Troy Township expenses with oversight and organization by the Cemetery Board.

Trustee Schuster noted that they have hired contract mowing services to maintain the two Troy Township Cemeteries after a review was made by the Cemetery Board.

A possible levy discussion was held. The current ½ mil levy was put in place 45 years ago. Things have become more costly since then. A possible second joint council/trustee meeting may be held some time in September of this year. The bottom line, based on initial findings, is that the village can no longer keep up with all the expenses. Attorney Studenmund advised all paperwork for the ballot must be completed 90 days before the election.

Mr. Mitchell of Fox Road asked for clarification regarding the status of the Troy Township Fiscal Officer and if his finance records were available for public viewing. Councilman Kearns stated the fiscal officer resigned after completing and submitting the 2022 audit report. All records appear to be in good standing.

Mr. Bacin of Cedarwood Drive asked if anything was new regarding Gables Crossing's sidewalks and streetlights. Mayor White said they are still researching.

As reported by Administrator Andrew Smallstey, the first round of street sweeping was scheduled for the beginning of May. The village planned to celebrate May 19, as Arbor Day on the square honoring Lou Ryan.

Illegal signs and high grass ordinances have been reviewed and they will be monitored throughout the season. The website upgrade will be completed soon and hopefully live before Memorial Day.

Councilman Kearns asked when the rebidding of the street resurfacing project will be and Smallstey replied that May 10 is the bid opening date.

Councilman O'Brien asked if Patriot Park's driveway will be done this year. Smallstey confirmed that it will.

As reported by Mayor Brian White, he and Smallstey visited Mid-Ohio Sports Car to work on embracing the track's heritage with the village. A ribbon cutting at Jackie's Cheesecake was to be held May 2.

"I am continuing to work on the Comprehensive Plan and have received a proposal from Edge Group from Delaware regarding Main Street Design. This will include the intersection at State Route 97 and U.S. Route 42," said Mayor White.

"We expect to have the project complete within six months. Costs should not to exceed \$45,000. Council approved this funding."

Councilman Little asked if the person who hit electric pole on Plymouth Street was hurt and Chief Brett Pauley said they were not injured.

An Executive Session was held to discuss purchase or sale of property. Mayor White requested Administrator Smallstey to also attend the Executive Session.

Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Dennis Lee Baker, May 5
Cheryl June Bellamy, May 12
Chad Edward Cogar, May 12
Ka'Morah Alexis Love Cunningham, May 13
Joyce Ann Riddlebaugh, May 15
Douglas Lynn Plice, May 18

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2023 MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES:



PLACING OF FLAGS IN MANSFIELD CEMETERY

Saturday, May 27, at 9:00 a.m.

Please come help honor our veterans by placing a flag on their grave. Look for our van and trailer at the Veterans Honor Grounds to pick up flags. Starting here avoids traffic congestion at the front gate.

AVENUE OF FLAGS CEREMONY AT MANSFIELD MEMORIAL PARK

Sunday, May 28, at 1:00 p.m.

ANNUAL PARADE

Monday, May 29, at 10:30 a.m.

The parade begins at the 5-way intersection of Park Avenue West and Marion Avenue, and continues down Park Avenue to the gazebo on the square.

There is a memorial service at the gazebo immediately following the parade.

PICKING UP FLAGS IN MANSFIELD CEMETERY

Saturday, June 10 at 10:00 a.m.

We will have 2 locations to drop off flags - at the Veterans Honor Grounds and by the Vasbinder Fountain near the Old Soldiers Ground

All volunteers are welcome!

•Lew Ryan, Arbor Day both celebrated in Lexington

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the small-town feel of Lexington. He was a wonderful husband to his late wife, Alice (Lewis) Ryan and a great father to his three children, Gary, Marcy (Ryan) Brown and Kevin. He is an amazing person to just sit with and talk about his days of long ago; the historical experience is so worth it! All of the Lewis family love him very much and are looking forward to seeing him at this year's family reunion which they celebrate every two years.

Regardless of his age, Lew can still remember every detail of his childhood. The brick roads where farmers would ride into town, and where every shop was located. Ryan graduated from Lexington High School in 1940 with 32 students in his class. He owned the Sinclair Service Station (located at the current Buck's Bar and Grill) for over 30 years.

It's been said that when you plant a tree, a miracle occurs. The tree becomes a place for kids to play and climb. A shady spot for a picnic, a pleasant addition to your home, and beauty for your city.

I believe this Greek Proverb says it best, "A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in." There's something to be said about selflessly caring for future generations. It was neat to see the correlation between Lew and the young third graders.

Village of Lexington Mayor Brian White welcomed the guests and read a proclamation. The Village of Lexington was recertified as a "Tree City U.S.A." for 2022 by the National Arbor Day Foundation. This Nebraska based organization is dedicated to encouraging tree care and tree planting programs across the country. Ohio leads the United States with 225 cities and villages receiving this recognition.

Administrator, Andrew Smallstey, also gave an introduction and greeting. Peter Them, Finance Director, talked about the history of Arbor Day. Parks Superintendent, Todd Ward, talked about the importance of planting trees to the third graders. They listened with anticipation and took turns lifting a shovel of dirt around the newly planted tree.

Arbor Day was founded in the 1800s. A pioneer named J. Sterling Morton from Detroit settled in Nebraska. As true nature lovers, Morton and his wife surrounded their newly built home with trees, shrubs, and flowers. Morton was a news reporter and soon had the job as editor of Nebraska's first newspaper. This gave him a chance to spread his knowledge and love for trees to all of his readers. As his reputation increased, he became secretary of the Nebraska Territory, which provided another chance at teaching people the value of trees. On Jan. 4, 1872, Morton proposed a tree-planting holiday to be called "Arbor Day." The date was set for April 10, 1972. It was estimated that more than one million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day.

Perhaps you would enjoy starting your own garden or planting some seeds. It's a very satisfying and meaningful experience to plant something and watch it grow. For more information on starting your own garden plants from seeds, check out www.wildflowerfarm.com. A special thanks to Lew Ryan, for planting seeds of hope and teaching us all the value of slowing down and enjoying the simple pleasures of life!



Photos By
Traci Little



Lifestyle Inspiration



By Mátece Thomas

Summertime is here and we all have our favorite activities we love to do for the summer. There's usually a family get to-

gether, or a vacation that we've planned and we all want to look our best.

Today, I want to come to you and give you a few tips from the Trainer Girl that will help you if you want to shed a couple pounds and look your best.

Or maybe, you just might want to be able to fit into last summer's clothes and not have to buy brand new. Either way it can be as easy as 1-2-3!

First, cut the crap! Remove

any junk food, soda or sugary drinks. Yes, they might taste good but if you think about it, you never feel good after eating it. So why take in those empty calories with no nutritional value that just stores fat?

Second, eat what your body needs to shed the pounds. Lean protein (3-5 ounces) and 1-2 cups of nutrition packed vegetables and/or berries make a great meal. Choose one meal in your day to add a fast carb. For example a slice of whole grain bread or half cup of rice.

Thirdly, MOVE and stay hydrated! Get in 10,000 steps a day! Go for a walk, go hiking,

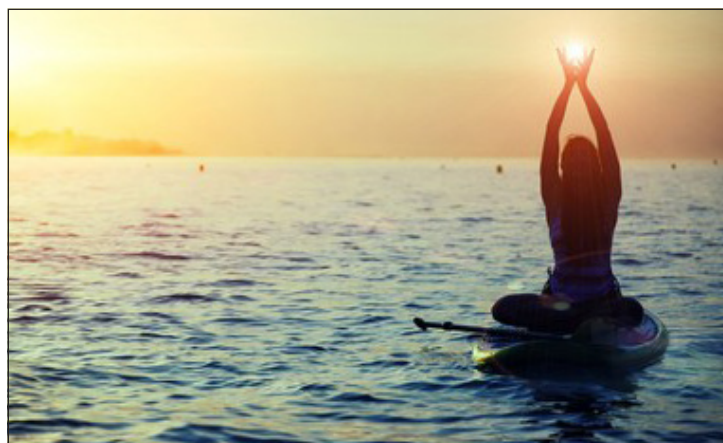
go for a bike ride or just exercise. Just make sure you burn 500 more calories than you are eating.

It can be that simple! Follow these three tips I've given you, for a couple weeks, and you will start to see results!

Have a great summer, do things you enjoy and create a healthy life!

If you are interested in my Nutritional PDF that breaks down how to create Fat Burning meals, email me at mfitness13@gmail.com and title it PDF.

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



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By Kim Sterry

ORECCHIETTE WITH SAUSAGE AND BROCCOLI RABE

Ingredients

3 tbsp olive oil
2-3 cloves garlic, chopped
1 lb Orecchiette pasta
1 bunch broccoli rabe (You can substitute broccoli or spinach)
1 lb loose Italian sausage (If links, take out of teh casing)
1/2-1 cup white wine or chicken broth (optional)
1 cup Grated Parmesan Cheese (more if preferred)

Instructions

Have a pot of water boiling for pasta. Add some salt to the water and cook pasta. (This can be done while you are preparing the rest of the ingredients.) Drain (you can save some of the pasta water as well to add back into pasta if it is too dry). In a large sauté pan, heat the olive oil and add the garlic. Saute for 2-minutes, be careful not to brown the garlic, you just want a nice saute until you really start getting some fragrance. Add sausage and cook stirring often to make sure garlic does not overcook. (If you are worried about the garlic, you can pull garlic out after you saute it and just set it aside while you cook the sausage. Then add garlic back in after sausage is cooked.) While sausage is cooking wash and chop the broccoli rabe. When sausage is browned add the broccoli rabe. Saute for a few minutes until greens are wilting. Cover and let greens cook make sure they do not get too mushy. Add wine or broth if pan becomes too dry. Add sausage and broccoli rabe to drained pasta, add pasta water if you would like. Sprinkle cheese over pasta and mix in. Add a nice green salad and loaf of bread and you have a perfect meal.

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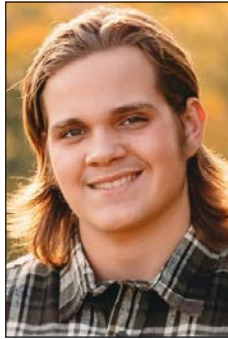
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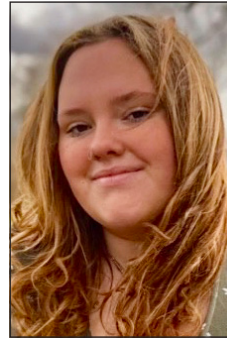
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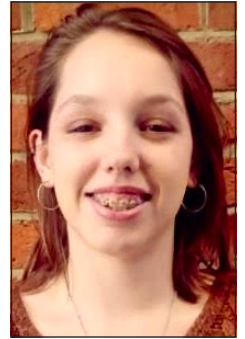
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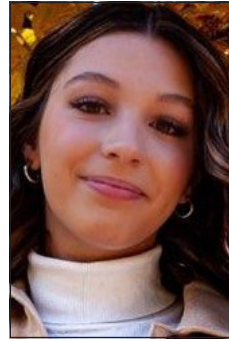
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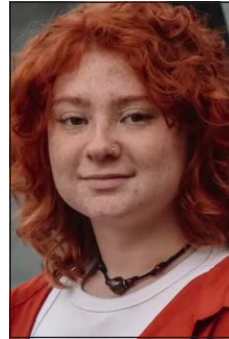
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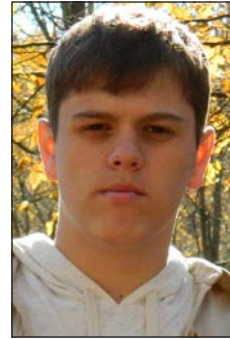
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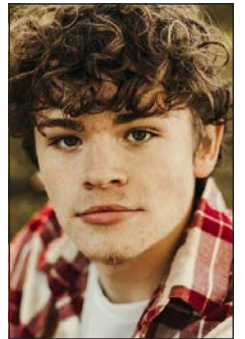
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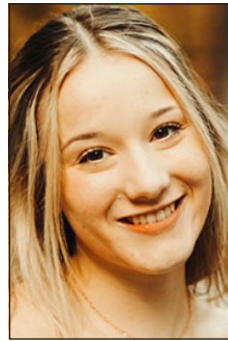
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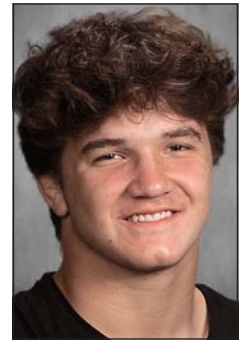
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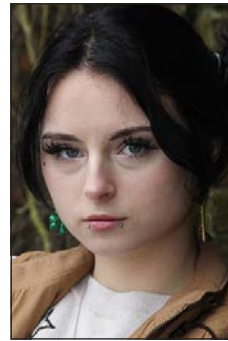
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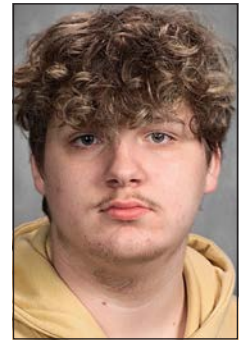
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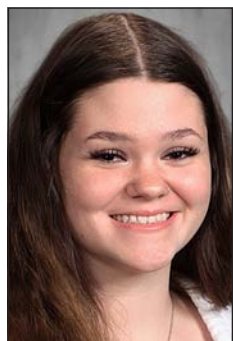


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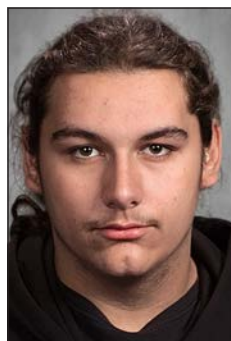




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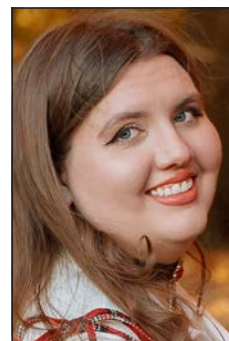
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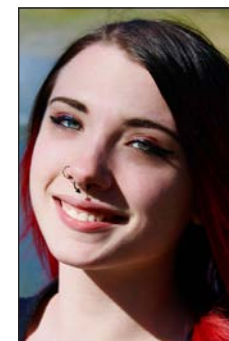
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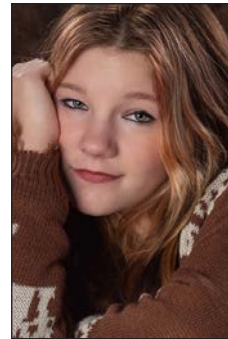
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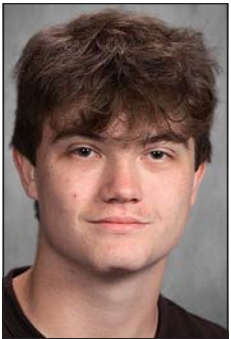
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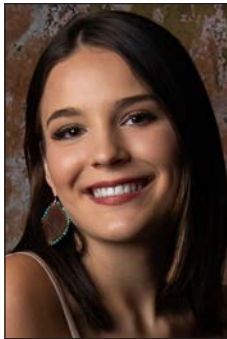
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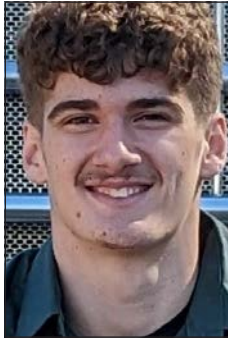


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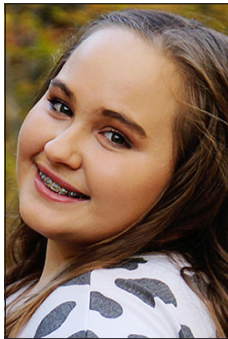
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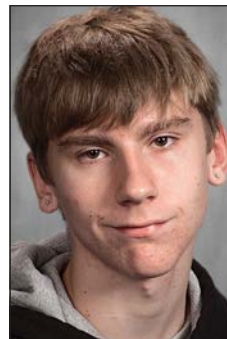
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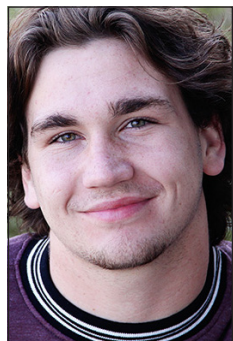
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Warren**



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Wheatcraft**



**Dominik
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**Allyson
Wigton**

Not Pictured are: Jake Aisel, Lucas Bell Jr., Ricky Blevins, Gavin Cates, Sophia Crouse, Kaiden Flynn, Kiley Fritz, Dylan Gatten, Warren Hansel, Autumn Hicks, Darnell Jackson Jr., Marquis James, Mariah Jenkins, Karli Knackstedt, Christopher Kukowski, Cameron Lewis, Blake Maurer, Hunter Phelps, Lacey Raitch, Cody Reed, Braydon Richardson, Deztiny Schmidt, William Secrist, Matthew Sigman, Destiny Smolter, Thomas Tate and Malachi Williams



**Aiden
Wilkinson**



**Aiden
Williams**



**David
Yockey III**

Class Motto:
*"Reach for the stars,
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Class Song:
"Good Old Days" by Macklemore

Class Flower:
White Rose

Class Colors:
Green and White



Congratulations Graduates!



Madison Comprehensive High School Graduates 2023

Class of 2023 honored at Senior Recognition Night

Madison Comprehensive High School Class of 2023 Senior Recognition Night was held Tuesday, May 16.

Students were recognized with certificates and some received scholarships.

Valedictorians: Allyson Cook, Zachary Glasgo, Jacob Green, Brooke Hill, Cheyenne Horvath and Allyson Wigton

Salutatorians: Brooklyn Thomas and Vivian Lampert

Class Officers: Cheyenne Horvath, president; Owen Hoffman, vice president; Paige Smith, secretary; and Riley Thomas, treasurer.

Mahoney Memorial Public Service Scholarship: Hope Barrett

Patrick Kern Memorial Scholarship: Jacob Green and Allyson Wigton

North Central State College Tuition Freedom: Breeze Anable, Gabriella Baker, Allyson Cook, Jaylynn Davis, Mylah Davis, Victoria Freeman, Zachary Glasgo, Owen Hoffman, Cheyenne Horvath, Kierstyn Laskey, Mikayla Leicy, Jordan Moore, Crystal Murphy, Aalyiah Nicol, Wyatt Rivers, Jennaca Tatum and Tatum Turcott

Joe Mollica Memorial Scholarship: Riley Thomas

Madison Athletic Booster Scholarships: Hope Barrett, Noah Finley, Victoria Freeman, Brooke Hill, Jayden Jeffries, Olivia Lord and Olivia Schulz

Madison Township Lions Club Scholarship: Kierstyn Laskey, Olivia Lord and Jordan Moore

Richland County Foundation Scholarships: Gabriella Baker, Michelle Beatty, Josie Ciesla, Jack Erhart, Noah Finley, Jacob Green, Sky Holbrook, Olivia Lord, Aalyiah Nicol and Olivia Schulz

University Club Scholarship: Justice Gardner

Career Tech Student of the Year by Program

Auto Technology – Nathan Sparacio
Business Management Technology – Zachary Glasgo
Carpentry – Dustin Wheatcraft
Cosmetology – Taylor Tucker
Culinary Arts – Owen McGregor

Cybersecurity – Owen Swanger
Early Childhood Development – Brooklyn Thomas
Electrical Maintenance – Trevor Adkins
Health Technologies – Jaylynn Davis
Precision Machining – Jon Davis
Welding – Jarrod King

Career Tech Student of the Year: Owen McGregor

Madison Township Lion's Club Scholarship: Kierstyn Laskey, Olivia Lord and Jordan Moore

Newman Technology Scholarship: Jacob Green

Martin Hall Memorial Scholarship: Josie Ciesla, Brooklyn Thomas, Reese Vance and Allyson Wigton

Madison Athletic Booster Club Scholarships: Hope Barrett, Noah Finley, Victoria Freeman, Brooke Hill, Jayden Jeffries, Olivia Schulz and Olivia Ward

Mason Volkmer Memorial Scholarship: Hope Barrett

Rotary McGowan Courage Award: Macey Slonaker

Madison Ram Pride Principal's Scholarship: Allyson Wigton

Honors Diplomas: Gabriella Baker, Hope Barrett, Brianna Bowles, Emma Brown, Jaz'Mine Caldwell, Gavin Cates, Josie Ciesla, Trinity Cyrus, Jacob Green, Brook Hill, Cheyenne Horvath, Olivia Lord, Crystal Murphy, Wyatt Rivers, Brooklyn Thomas, Reese Vance and Allyson Wigton.

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Class of 2023 Valedictorians and Salutatorians



Allyson Cook Valedictorian

Allyson Cook is the daughter of Bruce and Susan Cook and is a member of National Honor Society, student council, OCC Leadership, Senior Class Executive Committee and concert choir.

Allyson is also a CCP and AP student and a 4-H club member.

She is the recipient of the Noon Optimist Club Quality Student Award.

Allyson plans to attend The Ohio State University at the Agricultural Technical Institute studying Animal Biosciences.



Jacob Green Valedictorian

Jacob Green is the son of Craig Green and Amanda Green.

Jacob is a member of National Honor Society.

Jacob is also a member of both marching and symphonic bands, and received superior ratings for District and State competitions for symphonic band in his junior year.

Jacob plans to attend the University of Cincinnati. He will major in Aerospace Engineering.



Zachary Glasgo Valedictorian

Zachary Glasgo is the son of Brian and Tina Glasgo.

Zachary is a member of the baseball and football teams.

He is a member of BPA, and qualified for Nationals.

He is a member of the MSI Team and received a Noon Optimist Award.

Zachary plans to attend North Central State College to study Business Administration for 2 years, then transfer to a 4-year college or university.



Brooke Hill Valedictorian

Brooke Hill is the daughter of Theresa Hill and Tommy Hill.

Brooke was a member of the National Honor Society and student council. She was the captain of the girls tennis team and was on the varsity team for all four years of high school.

Brooke was a part of Madison's concert choir for three years. She was a tutor and a spirit girl. Brooke had the privilege of being nominated to attend the Rotary Club.

She is attending The Ohio State University, majoring in Psychology.

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Cheyenne Horvath
Valedictorian

Cheyenne Horvath is the daughter of Angel Hyatt and Shawn Horvath.

Cheyenne is senior class president and a member of Skills USA, DHO. She received her STNA her junior year, and is an active member of Maranatha Baptist Church. In her junior year she became CPR and BLS certified. She works for Avita Health Systems as an STNA on work leave.

She is attending North Central State College to study Nursing. She has the goal to someday be a nurse practitioner.



Allyson Wigton
Valedictorian

Allyson Wigton is the daughter of Melissa and Andrew Wigton.

She is a member of the basketball team, a 4-year volleyball letterman, a team captain and also played club volleyball.

Allyson is a member of Key Club, Ohio Cardinal Conference leadership, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Spanish Club secretary. Allyson was student council vice president and treasurer. She is a member of National Honor Society, serving as secretary.

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Vivian Lampert
Salutatorian

Vivian Lampert is the daughter of Dorraine Lampert and Scott Lampert.

Vivian played varsity volleyball for three years, was a member of the Homecoming Royalty and has danced at Sophistication Dance Company for 12 years.

After graduation, she plans to attend Ashland University to further her education and continue her dance career on the Elite Eagle Dance Team.



Brooklyn Thomas
Salutatorian

Brooklyn Thomas is the daughter of Luke and Beverly Thomas.

Brooklyn has been a member of the marching band for four years. She is a member of National Honor Society, Homecoming Royalty and has been dancing with Sophistication Dance Company for 13 years. Brooklyn is also a member of the Early Childhood Education Career Tech program.

Brooklyn will attend The Ohio State University, majoring in Early Childhood Education with hopes of becoming a first grade teacher.

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Madison High School Senior Award Assembly: Vivian Lampert, Brooklyn Thomas, Riley Thomas, Olivia Lord, Wyatt Rivers and Gavin Cates

• Allyson Wigton Valedictorian

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Allyson was a Walter B Franklin Scholarship nominee and on 4.0 honor roll. Allyson received volleyball awards as listed: All district 6 in 2021, OCC Honorable Mention in 2020, 2nd Team Division 1 in 2021, 4-year varsity letter recipient, Best Offensive Player award in 2022, and OCC Honorable Mention in 2022.

Student's Plans for Further Education (college and field of study):

Allyson plans to attend The Ohio State University, majoring in Aeronautical Engineering.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF MANSFIELD hosted a senior recognition lunch at the Kingwood Center Gardens. A special message on the economic development in Richland County was presented by Jodie A. Perry. Madison Comprehensive High School seniors Jacob Green, Owen Hoffman, Brooke Hill, and Cheyenne Horvath (not pictured) were recognized.



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Madison Softball Senior Night
Bri Bowles, Hope Barrett and Olivia Schulz

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The National Honor Senior Recognition Ceremony was held May 10 in the Madison Middle School Auditoria



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Madison Comprehensive High School Class of 2023 Homecoming Court:
Mylah Davis, Izzy Diallo, Hope Barrett, Olivia Lord and Paityn Hall



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Class of 2023 Homecoming
Queen Olivia Lord and King Wyatt Rivers
at the Homecoming Game
this past October



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Students continue tradition with Madison Olympics

Madison Local Schools held its Elementary Olympics on Tuesday, May 16. The night was kicked off with a second grade fun run.

Following that, third and fourth grade students who qualified during their PE classes throughout the year, competed in events throughout the night. These included the 50m, 100m, 400m, 4x100m relay, long jump and medicine ball throw.

Throughout the night, different events were available on the field for kids of all ages to take part in. Coaches and highschool student-athletes from boys and girls soccer, football, as well as boys and girls basketball, had stations for students to compete in.

Entrance was free with donations accepted going towards the PE departments and London Hamilton's family, a third grade student from Madison South battling cancer.

At the conclusion of the night, top three finishers for each event were announced. Madison South was crowned the overall team champion with 56 points followed by Mifflin with 50 and Eastview with 39.





•Ontario board prepares to close another school year

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Stipends for Making Schools Work/PBIS were given approval for Leigh Ann Patterson, \$800; Wendy Wilging, \$255; Annalee Stover, \$255; Ben Stafford, \$255; and John Boyd, \$255.

The North Central Ohio Educational Service Center 2023-'24 Service Agreement was approved as was a nursing service contract for Matt Wentz for the 2023-'24 school year. It includes eight hours per day, 179 days at an hourly rate of \$36.06.

The 2023--24 North Central Ohio Educational Service Center substitute teacher and tutor list, including updates, was approved. The classified substitute list was also approved for the next school year.

The Ontario athletic handbook and the high school and middle school handbooks were given approval for next school year.

The board approved the Ontario High School seniors for graduation with the Class of 2023, pending completion of all local and state requirements.

The Ontario Local Schools Off-School Grounds Solicitations calendar for the next school year was approved.

The board approved extending the contracts, through META Solutions with Alfred Nickles Bakery, for supplying bakery products for the food service department for the 2023-'24 school year and Smith Dairy, for supplying dairy products for the food service department for the next school year.

The board approved the following list of items for disposal: tables, VHS tapes, textbooks, old health items, chemicals, white screens, large hanging maps and miscellaneous items.

Donations were accepted from Sally Morel, Academic Challenge, \$50; Mary Beth and Rick Hiegel, Academic Challenge, \$100; Park National Bank, OHS, \$50; and Eleanir Kline Scholarship, OHS, \$6,000.

Drop the Beat Dance Center (Shelby Fife) will use the high school auditorium and middle school commons for a recital

Jerod Them gave a Legislative Liaison Report and Todd Friend and Brett Baxter gave an Ontario Athletic Council Report. Baxter and Amy Hiner gave a Permanent Improvement Committee Report. Heidi Zimmerman and Baxter gave an Ontario Community Partnership Report.

The next Board of Education Meeting will be held on June 13, at 7 pm in the Ontario High School Library.



LEXINGTON BOYS TENNIS TEAM members qualified to play tennis at State for the Northwest District Division II. Qualifying were Karl Etzel, District Champion, #1 Singles Seed; Ethan Remy and Dylan Catanese, District Champions, #1 Doubles Seed; and Jake Chilcote and Owan Gongwer, #2 Doubles Seed. Head coach is Ron Schaub.

Lions plan pancake breakfast

The Savannah Lions Club will host a pancake breakfast on Saturday, June 3, from 6:30 to 11 am at Savannah Town Hall, 12 S. Main St., Savannah.

The breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, french toast and sausage gravy and biscuits. Cost is by donation.

All proceeds will go to help the Crestview Area Buyers Club. The Crestview Area Buyers Club is a group formed to support the Crestview youth exhibiting at the Richland and Ashland County Fairs.

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Area Agency on Aging scholarship award recipients announced

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. Board of Trustees has selected the 2023 Scholarship Program award recipients. Scholarships are made possible by the Agency's Annual Meeting Sponsorships.

Ella Frazier, of Morrow County, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Dietetics at Bowling Green State University. She aspires to help older adults and individuals with disabilities nutritional knowledge and aging. She is the recipient of the \$2,000 scholarship award.

Paige Danuloff, of Richland County, is pursuing a field of study that focuses on the advocacy and health care of older adults. Ms. Danuloff is attending Ohio University and is a recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship award.

Tana Williams, of Marion County, is enrolled in the Phlebotomy program at Marion Technical College. She will pursue a degree in Medical Laboratory Technology. She is also a recipient of a \$1000 scholarship award.

The Area Agency on Aging Board of Trustees elected to provide a total of \$4000 in scholarship awards this year to individuals who will benefit the field of aging.

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

HNCO receives \$35,907 Legacy Estate Gift from Galion Couple

Hospice of North Central Ohio (HNCO) has received a Legacy Estate Gift in the amount of \$35,907 from The Farina Family Trust.

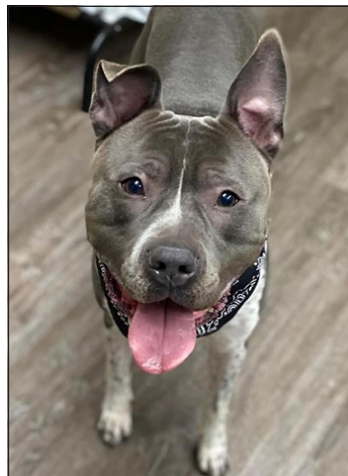
A portion of this gift will be used to support end-of-life, palliative care and bereavement programs and services provided by HNCO.

In addition, The Charles A. & Doris G. Memorial Endowed Fund for HNCO has been established at The Richland County Foundation.

Charles and Doris Farina were longtime Galion residents. They were married in 1948 until Doris's death in 2020. Charles and Doris were both employed in various capacities in Richland County. Charles was a retired police officer, businessman and a Veteran of the US Army where he was a championship boxer. Doris was a realtor, volunteered and did charitable work throughout the area.

Ralph Tomassi, HNCO Chief Development Officer stated, "This gift validates the power of planned giving. By designating HNCO in their estate, the Farina's helped support current needs while helping to assure the long-term viability of our non-profit organization. They lived extraordinary lives and possessed charitable hearts. We will be good stewards of their generosity and perpetuate their names in a place where they were well known and respected."

This Week's Pet Looking for A Forever Home



Flynn

Poor Flynn has been at the shelter for a year as of May 23.

When Flynn first came in, many were a little hesitant around him. Now, everyone loves him. Flynn has so much energy and loves to play! When he sees a friend, he is incredibly excited and will jump up on them. Flynn loves sprinting and playing. He also loves playing in baby pools with water. He can play roughly, so a home with small children probably isn't the best for him.

He loves when someone plays tug of war with him, but he does

growl while playing. Flynn is potty trained and does his best to wait until someone takes him on a walk to go. Flynn is affectionate when he trusts people, but he always wants to go at his pace. He does need some work walking on a leash, because he can pull pretty hard. Flynn has a lot of love to give and would love a family as soon as possible! Flynn does not like other dogs or cats and is around four years old.

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

Currently, adoptions are on a schedule, based on the time the dog has been at the shelter. Dogs that have been at the shelter for more than a year are \$50, dogs there more than six months are \$100, dogs at the shelter longer than three months are \$125, and dogs there less than three months are \$150. This fee includes spay/neuter, microchip, dog license, and some vaccines.

The shelter's current needs are volunteers to walk and play with the dogs as well as fill kongs for the dogs to play with when they are in their kennel, help with laundry or dishes, or clean the yard. The shelter uses a lot of bleach, laundry detergent, and dog treats and welcomes donations.

Richland Pregnancy Services plans annual Walk for Life

Richland Pregnancy Services will host the annual Walk for Life on Saturday, June 3, at Mansfield's historic North Lake Park, and the start of the Richland B&O Bike Trail, at 268 Hope Rd., in Mansfield.

The walk is two miles long and the path is stroller friendly. Registration opens at 9 am and the walk begins at 10 am.

The Walk for Life is a community focused, family-friendly event to show support for life. All proceeds from the event will support Richland Pregnancy Services in providing free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, STD testing, parenting classes, mentoring, material support and more.

Upon registration, each participant will receive access to their very own fundraising page that they can use to raise funds for Richland Pregnancy Services by asking family and friends to sponsor them as they walk.

Walkers will be eligible to win prizes from local businesses and attractions from across the state. Some of these prizes include Cedar Point tickets, a YMCA membership, skiing passes for Snow Trails and more.

The first 200 walkers who register will receive a free goody bag. Richland Pregnancy Services aims to raise \$50,000 to continue to meet the needs of women facing an unplanned pregnancy.

Corporate sponsorship opportunities are available and sponsors are eligible for various levels of promotion leading up to and during the walk. Reach out to Raelene at raelene@richlandpregnancy.com if interested in partnering with Richland Pregnancy Services.



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Pioneer Career and Technology Center BOE wraps up school year

The Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education met May 15 and adopted textbooks for the 2023-'24 school year.

The board approved the Attendance Agreement and the Student Accident Insurance through Student Protective Agency for the 2023-'24 school year.

The board accepted a School Safety Grant with a value of \$7,078.07.

A Resolution of Appreciation was adopted for the \$30,000 donation for student scholarships and financial assistance from the Gorman Family Foundation.

Donations were accepted from Jim Weist, Michael Byrne Mfg., Mansfield, \$500 to be a summer camp sponsor; Ruth Klenke, Henderson, NV; \$2,000 for the Ruth Klenke T & I Scholarship fund used for annual student scholarships; Dr. Thu LePhan, Shelby, x-ray film cassettes and x-ray film with an approximate value of \$171.71, to be used for educational purposes in the Dental Assisting lab; Casey McKinney, Stone Creek Dental, Ashland, dental supplies with an approximate value of \$200, to be used for educational purposes in the Dental Assisting lab; and Dawn Wright-Smith, Blackbaud Giving Fund, Charleston, SC, \$45 for the Alumni Endowment fund and used for annual student scholarships.

The board approved student participation in competitive events including:

- SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference, Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, OH, April 25-26. Attending are Tyler Duckworth, Precision Machining Technologies, Lexington; Matthew Kline, Precision Machining Technologies, Crestview; Max Aichholz, Masonry, Buckeye Central; Kamryn Gill, Performing Arts, Lexington; Lillian Ebner, Performing Arts, Galion; Rachel Sparks, Performing Arts, Galion; Elleciyanna Webb, Criminal Justice, Galion; Xander Fauser, Welding, Col. Crawford; Grant Powell, Welding, Crestview; Charles Naylor, Welding, Northmor; Monroe Bolen, Media Communications, Ontario; Keaton Cooper, Media Communications, Col. Crawford; Brendan Kurzen, Media Communications, Willard; David Cooperrider, Engineering Design Technology, Ontario; Rodney Rike, Engineering Design Technology, Col. Crawford; Annioleena Gonzalez, Engineering Design Technology, Crestline; Diondre Cante, Engineering Design Technology, Ontario; Timothy Brown, Engineering Design Technology, Lucas; William Beeman, Industrial Diesel, Galion; Jazmine Jaekin, Welding, Willard; Ashley Huber, Graphic Arts, Shelby; Phoebe Oswalt, Graphic Arts, Lucas; and

Mackenzie Melvin, Homeland Security, Homeschool. Chaperones attending are Grant Brocwell, Masonry Instructor/SkillsUSA Advisor; John Burgess, Social Studies Instructor/SkillsUSA Advisor; Lyn Moritz, Media Communications Instructor/SkillsUSA Advisor; Chris Karl, Precision Machining Technologies Instructor/SkillsUSA Advisor; and Jeremiah Howe, Career Tech Supervisor.

- State FFA Convention, Ohio Expo Center & Fairgrounds, Columbus, OH: May 4-5. Attending are Wynford AG Science students Gwen Ruth, Clareese Prenger, Emma Steiger, Ivy Schifer, Elaina Korner, Marlie Hosey, Emi Schuster, Summer Tuck, Keke Rothhaar, Nate Schiefer, Brock Saam and Weston Prenger. Chaperones are Tessa Martin, Ag Instructor/FFA Advisor; and Mike Hoffman, AB Instructor/FFA Advisor.

The board accepted the retirement of Linda Schumacher, treasurer, effective Jan. 1, 2024. LeAnne Bauerdick was employed as Intg. Math Instructor on a one-year contract for the 2023-'24 school year.

The board approved a supplemental contract for Bill Dichtl for summer administrator copy work.

Stipend contracts were approved for chaperone stipends for Fritz Fagan, BPA State Contest; Dan Foss, BPA National Leadership Conference; and Kris Bruce, Crystal Jennings and Kelly Jung, FCCLA State Leadership Conference. These were also approved for Grant Brocwell, John Burgess and Lynette Moritz for SkillsUSA Ohio Championships and Google Level 1 Certification for Nicole Gregory, Robin Hager, Gabe Helbert, Kelly Jung, Tina Parr, James Rippel, Maleesa Warner and John Yohe.

Cheri' Laughbaum. was approved for Leave without Pay and Caitlin Roub was hired as ECE Lead Teacher.

The board approved employment of part-time classified personnel for summer custodial for Clay Cumston, II, Damian Dean, Tyler Holoway, Jonathan Pugh and Aiden Turner.

A job description was adopted for In-School Detention Aide position. The board approved Juneteenth, June 19, as a paid holiday for all regular non-teaching employees on 11 and 12 month contracts.

The board approved an agreement with the NE Ohio Network for Education Technology Program and an agreement between Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction for Adult Education to offer welding programs at MANCI and Grafton Correctional facilities.

The board entered into executive session to consider the employment of a public employee or official.



MRS. WELCH'S BIOLOGY CLASSES at Ontario High School examined the reproductive structures of daisies and carnations to study the relationship between flowers and pollinators. They learned that daisies are composite flowers, meaning the center is actually made up of dozens of fertile "disc flowers".



GWENDALYN BOYER graduated from Ashland University with a Bachelor of Science in Education during spring commencement ceremonies May 6, at the Niss Athletic Center. She graduated Cum Laude in Early Childhood Education. Gwen is a graduate of Madison Comprehensive High School and is a United States Air Force Veteran. She is the wife of Ryan Boyer and daughter of Ron and Stella Smith.



ROBIN EYERLY, a 2019 graduate of Ontario High School, graduated from the University of Findlay Magna Cum Laude on May 6, with a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in animal science/pre-veterinary medicine. Robin will continue her education this fall at MidWestern University in Glendale, Arizona where she will pursue a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine. She is the daughter of Dave and Angela Eyerly of Ontario.

Red Cross donors will receive incentives

The American Red Cross asks donors to book a time to give blood or platelets now to address a recent drop in donation appointments that could lead to fewer transfusions for patients in the weeks ahead. Type O blood donors are especially needed to ensure a strong blood supply.

The start of summer can shake up normal routines, but it's important for donation appointments to stay on the calendar – especially as Memorial Day weekend approaches. More than 42 million Americans are expected to travel over the holiday, meaning fewer donors may be available to give.

Appointments are critical this week for people waiting for lifesaving care. Download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule a time to give now.

In thanks for making and keeping appointments, the Red Cross will help donors prepare for beach days and backyard fun as the season begins:

All who come to give through May 31 will receive an exclusive Red Cross beach towel, while supplies last.

Donors in May will also be automatically entered for a chance to win a trip for two to the 2023 MLB All-Star Game in Seattle, including two tickets to the 2023 MLB All-Star Game thanks to the support of Fanatics, round-trip airfare, four-night

hotel accommodations, a \$750 gift card and more.

Those who come to give June 1-30 will receive a \$10 gift card by email to a merchant of their choice. Plus, they'll also be automatically entered for a chance to win a backyard theater package including a projector and screen, projector tripod, smokeless firepit, Adirondack chair set and a movie night snack package.

Bloodmobiles will be held:

Friday, May 26, 11 am to 5 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Tuesday, May 30, noon to 5 pm, Berean Baptist, 2145 Middle Bellville Rd., Mansfield

Wednesday, May 31, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Thursday, June 1, 3-9 pm, Community Building, 21555 Pealer Mill Rd., Butler

Tuesday, June 6, noon to 6 pm, Saint Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church St., Bellville; and 1-1 pm, Crossroads Ontario Campus, 636 Lexington-Springmill Rd. South, Ontario

Wednesday, June 7, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Saturday, June 10, 8 am to 1 pm, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1951 Middle-Bellville Rd., Mansfield

Wednesday, June 14, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Richland County Foundation grants over \$8.8 M

During the Richland County Foundation annual meeting, President Brady Groves reported the Foundation granted \$8,805,272 in 2022. Donors continued to be very generous and gifts for the year totaled \$3,544,561.

Foundation donors were most passionate about supporting education with grants totaling 2,995,520. Other sectors receiving grants were children/families/youth \$1,646,478, community development \$1,185,896, health services \$841,996, arts & culture \$762,800, environment \$664,344, human services \$363,967, economic development \$216,296 and churches \$128,975. To review the 2022 annual report, go to richland-countyfoundation.org.

Guest speaker Jana Mulherin talked about her philanthropic journey with her husband, Pat. Together they established a donor-advised fund and supported an agency fund for the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging at the Foundation.

"Our philanthropic philosophy is simple; it is about giving back. The endowment fund will be a way for people to donate to the Area Agency on Aging and it will make a difference in our community," said Jana Mulherin.

Richland Public Health Commissioner Dr. Julie Chaya spoke about a new AED program. The Health Department received a grant to provide Pediatric AED equipment and education. Automated external defibrillators (AED machines) are being placed at Richland County schools and non-profit organizations. Health Department staff are providing CPR training. According to Health Department data, sudden cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of death in the United States for youth and adults.

During the business portion of the meeting, Rand Smith and Jason Guillems were approved as incoming Board of Trustee members.

Carl Fernyak, Dr. Norman Jones, Julie McCready, and Gog Meisse completed their terms and were recognized for their dedication and service to the community.

The Richland County Foundation, a not-for-profit 501c3, was established in 1945 as a way for individuals to pool and invest their gifts for the long-term good of Richland County and its residents.

The Foundation helps people in Richland County give back to their community by investing their gifts in charity wisely so that grants can be made to improve the quality of life for all the county's citizens. Working together with donors, the Foundation meets important needs today and plans for a strong future.



DURING THE Richland County Foundation annual meeting held May 12, chair Jessica Gribben presented the gavel to incoming chair Chris Hiner.

Temple Christian School's Spring Concert "God is in Your Story"



Photos By Traci Little



News Briefs in Education

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU), Manchester, NH, students were named to the winter 2023 president's list. The winter terms run from January to May.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 and above for the reporting term are named to the list. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

On the list are Cody Festge and Kyle Fisher, both of Mansfield.

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Kaylee Turner of the Madison area, Mansfield, has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Winter 2023 Dean's List. The winter terms run from January to May.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

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The Main Street Scholarship promises a minimum of \$20,000 annually to all first time-in-college, full-time undergraduate students entering their first year of college. Starting for students entering in fall 2023, the Main Street Scholarship was expanded to a full-tuition and mandatory fees award for applicants who meet GPA and minimum household income requirement.

Scholarships were awarded to Capital University students Alexan-

der Heichel of Lexington, Baden Forup of Mansfield, Elizabeth Corn of Ontario, Jayden Dechert of Mansfield, Liam Paxton of Mansfield and Paityn Hall of Mansfield.

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Local students were named to the spring 2023 dean's list at Cedarville University. Students receive this recognition for obtaining a 3.5 GPA or higher for the semester and carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours. On the list are Ethan Hunter, Grace Johnson and Audrey Martin, all of Lexington.

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Local students were named to the dean's honor list at Cedarville University for Spring 2023. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours. On the list are Brycen Klotzbach, Jacob Littleton and Ariella Waters, all of Mansfield.

Cedarville University is located in southwest Ohio.

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Bowling Green State University undergraduate students who achieved grade point averages of 3.5 or better have been named to the spring 2023 semester dean's list.

Local students on the list are Brooklyn Fultz, Cayla Schaad, Alexa Fulk, Aaron Berg, Jessica Long, Eric Lykins, Olivia Fordyce, Grace Sarbach, Alexander Phillips, Alexia Gerber, Jordan Rader, Isabella Snyder, Ethan Duffner, Nykera Gardner, Samuel Sharick, Lacey Bethea, Sydney Franklin, Robert Chalfant, Kami Baker, Luke Hodapp and Breanna Ford.

Sherman Elementary students attend cookout at Dayspring

Photos and Article By Traci Little

What a privilege it was to attend the cookout at Dayspring Assisted Living and Care Facility on Wednesday, May 17. The pavilion was surrounded by smiling second graders from Sherman Elementary School. I watched as they sang songs, did the hokey pokey, and interacted with the residents. Ohio's Outstanding Teen, Cassandra Kurek, also attended the event.

"My name is Cassandra, but you can call me Cassie," she told the students. She kept them entertained with stories, games, and songs. She wasn't afraid to get out in the grass and play tag and catch with the kids. She found that she had to put her crown down, so she could properly run across the grass with the energetic group of children. How amazing to see this young girl in such an admirable leadership role not be afraid to roll up her sleeves and interact with children.

"My day with the Sherman Elementary second graders and residents of Dayspring was one I will never forget. The kids kept me moving and even taught me some new things. It felt like I was looking back at my younger self when I was with them. They made me feel like I was the coolest person when I really thought they were the cool ones. Beyond my second-grade friends I enjoyed getting to know the Dayspring residents. Hearing how some of them moved to Ohio or just their fun stories really brightened my day. That's definitely why I'm glad they invited me to come back and visit any time," said Kurek.

I loved watching as one student taught two residents how to play chutes and ladders, a favorite game of mine as a child. There's something so amazing about watching different generations interact with one another. It's so important, and it is something that not everyone provides the opportunity for.

Community activist, Doc Stumbo, has helped arrange these yearly visits since they began over 20 years ago. The residents and students look forward to these different events throughout the year. This annual May picnic is a favorite for everyone!

Linda Zakrajsek hopes this beautiful collaboration will continue after she retires this month. "I'm really sad about it and I'm going to miss these kids. I hope that the administration and the person who takes my place will continue this beautiful legacy. It helps the children learn to serve others and be a good friend. It also teaches them leadership skills.

The Dayspring property, located on a scenic hillside at 3220 N. Olivesburg Road, is a beautiful place to be. I love that these men and women have a loving home to be a part of.

"We're so happy that the levy passed. It means we can breathe a little easier for another five years. There's so many misconceptions about these wonderful individuals. They are amazing people who need some extra care. If the levy didn't pass, we'd have to close our doors," said Dayspring Executive Director, Michelle Swank.

What a treat for Richland County Judges, Phillip Naumoff and Brent Robinson to grill up the hot dogs for the event! The children

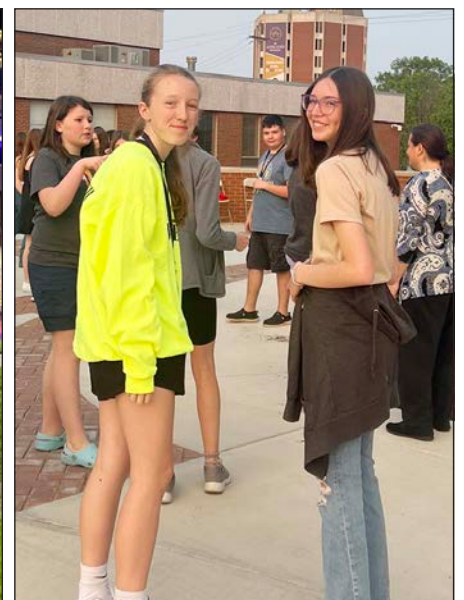
delivered gifts and candy to the residents along with soft drinks and potato chips. There was also potato salad, fruit salad, and ice cream cones.

The Dayspring staff honored Linda (Mrs. Z) at the end of the event with a special gift for her and the children. It was a sweet moment with tender hugs exchanged. It takes a special teacher to care so much and have such a huge heart. My prayer is that others will follow in her footsteps, example, and leadership. It's not every day that you run across someone as amazing as Mrs. Z!





Photos By
Traci Little



THE 2022-'23 POWER OF THE PEN competition began the year with a record 2,500 writers. After district and regional competitions around the state of Ohio, the top 20 percent of writers were invited to compete at the state tournament on May 19. Ontario's Tatum Mottayaw and Leeah Ziegler survived a very competitive field to land in the top 500 writers in the state and earned a trip to state. The state tournament, held at Ashland University, involved a writer's workshop, food, a Thursday night dance, an exploration of the campus, Justin A. Reynolds as a keynote speaker, and a Friday full of writing. Each writer composed three original stories from a prompt in three 35-minute rounds. After three rounds, Leeah ended as a finalist in the 7th-grade competition and wrote a final story in the fourth round. During the awards ceremony, Leeah learned she placed eighth in the state. Leeah competed against 250 other 7th-grade writers to earn that honor.

Plymouth FFA hosts annual banquet for over 200

On Saturday, April 15, the Plymouth FFA hosted its annual FFA banquet. Over 200 members, supporters, alumni and guests were present at this event.

During the banquet, members were given awards and celebrated all their successes and hard work throughout the year, good-byes were said to members who have helped the chapter achieve so much, and the new officers for the upcoming year were installed.

To start the night out, there were many dinner selections, desserts and refreshments for guests to enjoy.

The chapter gave out numerous awards including most involved, top sales awards, honorary degree, honorary business and other awards. Almost 70 members were identified for receiving their Discovery, Greenhand, or Chapter degree. Not only did the members get gifts, but many alumni, parents, photographers, farm field helpers, cooks, and Career Development Event (CDEs) coaches were also recognized for their importance to the chapter.

Aliya Echelbarger was acknowledged for receiving her state degree this May at a state convention. She will also be receiving her American Degree at the National Convention in October. Aaron Kuhn will also be receiving his American Degree this October. Aaron and Aliya have both worked very hard to be able to receive the highest possible FFA degree that less than half of one percent of FFA members receive.

President Sarah Hoak gave her retiring address as she has held the president office for the last two years. Hoak expressed how grateful she was for gaining a lifetime of memories, new friends, experiences and expanding her knowledge.

"Appreciate the time you have because you never know when it will be cut short, or how fast a new chapter in your life may begin," said Hoak.

When she was a freshman, her high school experience was cut short due to Covid. Even though she missed out on so many early high school experiences, they made the best of it.

"Covid and really just the process of growing up made me appreciate the time that I have had, and will have in the future," said Hoak. "I know that no matter the situation, no matter how burnt out or stressed I get, I know that my time on this earth is limited and it should be cherished."

This fall, Sarah will be attending The Ohio State University Main Campus majoring in sustainable agriculture.

The Honorary Degree Award was given to Sally Hoak. She is an active member of the community being the owner of Uptown Curls Salon in Plymouth and a member of the Plymouth Shiloh School Board of Education. The honorary business award was given to JJ's Pizza owned by Brandon and Berta Baker. JJ's has donated pizza to the chapter, helped with fundraising and allowed the FFA members to have an exclusive inside look of their business during Farm Tours in May of 2022.

Recipients of the Discovery Degree included Keegan Beverly, Makayla Cunningham, Taylor Dean, Lincoln Distl, Kamryn Hall, Deacon Hansen, Chiyo Harris, Gianna Hughes, Luke Kelbley, Cainan Kilgore, Seth Love, Kaylee Martin, Presley Martin, David Milligan, Madison Montgomery, Anthony Moore, Benji Oney, Jacob Page, Bryson Sanders, Hunter Shepherd, Mya Stine, Kelsey Surgener, Jeric Tackett, Dallas Thompson, Jayden Thompson, Kendyll Tolbert,

Adelyn Vorhees and Ashley Watkins.

Recipients of the Greenhand Degree included Brooke Bailey, Nicole Beverage, Kelsey Breznicki, Peyton Chandler, Lily Cook, Sara Cook, Rylie Edwards, Raelynn Fearing, Morgan Follett, Rylee Gowitzka, Aaliyah Grose, Alyson Lewis, Miley Linstrum, Dillan Myers, Kayden Oney, Jaylen Scott, Jack Stacklin, Camryn Wallace, Lilly Weaver, Thomas Winegardner, Casey Yaney, Kristi Yeager and Blake Zidarín.

Recipients of the Chapter Degree included, Ki Barber, Olivia Balkin, Kyrsten Caudill, Christian Conklin, Armando Flores, Matthew Gillum, Colton Hass, Kansas Huston, Jack Kelbley, Paige Letner, Tim Listrum, Zach Miller, Ethan Osborne, Hunter Scheffler, Ava Stine, Katelyn Swingle, Kristen Swingle and Caden Yaney.

Top five fruit sellers were Nicole Beverage, Aly Lewis, Olivia Balkin, Kansas Huston, and Gianna Hughes. Top five strawberry sellers were Nicole Beverage, Amber Martin, Aaliyah Grose, Aly Lewis and Morgan Follett.

The 2022-'23 outstanding students included Aaliyah Grose, Nicole Beverage, Kristen Swingle, Braden Montgomery and Sarah Hoak. The winner of the 110% award sponsored by Agcredit was Madison Montgomery.

CDE teams that placed at state level were Career Presentations: Gianna Hughes, ninth; and Mya Stine, 11th; Impact on Agriculture: Makayla Cunningham, Kelsey Surgener, Ashley Watkins and Addy Voorhees, 9th; and Agriculture Career Conversation: Jeric Tackett, 18th; and Taylor Dean, 13th.

The Career Quiz Bowl team placed 11th in state and the team consisted of Chiyo Harris, Kaylee Martin, Kendyll Tolbert and Madison Montgomery. The food science team placed 12th in the state. Braden Montgomery is currently in top four in the state of Ohio for his agriscience fair project. The poultry judging team will be heading to state finals at the end of the month. Both of these events will be recognized at State Convention in May.

Ava Stine has received a gold rating on her treasurer book and Katelyn Swingle received a gold rating on her secretary's book and they will both be walking across the stage and receiving their award at State Convention.

The 2023-'24 officer team is Braden Montgomery, president; Katelyn Swingle, vice president; Ava Stine, secretary; Kansas Huston, treasurer; Nicole Beverage, reporter; Kristen Swingle, sentinel; Zach Miller, student advisor; Aaliyah Grose, historian; and Paige Letner, parliamentarian.

The Plymouth-Shiloh FFA Alumni also gives out a scholarship to hard-working members to help them to better afford their college tuition each year. This year Sarah Hoak, the daughter of Tom and Sally Hoak, was granted the scholarship.

She has participated in many events over the years and has helped the alumni at numerous occasions. This year they also added the Stanley Caudill scholarship. The Plymouth-Shiloh FFA Alumni will also award \$4,000 in additional scholarships this spring to alumni students returning to college. These scholarships are made possible by supporters of the annual Plymouth-Shiloh FFA Alumni Tool Fundraiser to be held on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023. Tickets are now available at Plymouth Hardware, Uptown Curls and Ag Repair Services.

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Randy Hutchinson, Mayor,
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 5-25, 6-1 '23) 15L

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 May 17, 2023.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 23-06 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 921 WATER, SECTION 921.17 MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE FEE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-07 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 23-03 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2023.

Cathy VanAuker, MMC
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
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Kingwood 5K set for June 10

The Kingwood 5K Run and Walk will be held on Saturday, June 10, with the race starting at 9 am in front of the Kingwood Hall mansion. The chip-timed 5K will allow participants to enjoy a course within Kingwood's gardens and along the B&O bike trail. The 5K is open to all abilities and ages. Check-in and registration begin at 7:45 am.

Registration is \$25 and can be completed online at ohiorace-day.com or by mail to Doug Heestand, 431 Edgewood Rd., Mansfield OH 44907. Questions may be sent to heest97@hotmail.com. To be guaranteed an official race shirt, register by May 31. Walk-up registration is \$30 on race day.

Awards will be presented in the Courtyard following the race to the overall female, overall male, and for the top three finishers in age groups ranging from 9 years and under, to 70 years and older. Race participants receive free admission to the Gardens for the day.

The 5K benefits Kingwood's programs and supports its mission. The Kingwood 5K is presented by OhioHealth and is also supported by Ohio Race Day, Mansfield Area YMCA Running Club, Contact Industries, TE Connectivity, John M. Stiefel DDS, Mid-Ohio Auto Repair, Rancho Fiesta, Clip Joint Barber Shop, North Central State College, Buehler's Fresh Food and Culligan Quality Water of North Central Ohio.

HEAP deadline is Wednesday, May 31

Area residents can apply for help with winter heating bills. Applications for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) must be received by Wednesday, May 31.

The program 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 & over can get assistance with filling out the application.

All heating types are eligible for energy assistance programs – electric, wood, coal, natural gas, propane and kerosene.

For more information about HEAP, including 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 800-282-0880 (hearing impaired clients may dial 711 for assistance) or visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov.

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is located at 2131 Park Avenue West in Ontario.

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Michelle Dillon, high school English department chair; Traci Luckie, middle school English department chair; Christa Shutt, middle school math department chair; Zinda Thomas, middle school science department chair, middle school student council; Kim Boehm, high school social studies department chair; Melissa Stoffer, Mifflin ELA department chair; Jennifer Porter, Mifflin Math department chair; Kathie Jansen, Eastview ELA department chair; Breanna Crunkilton, Eastview math department chair; Jodi Newberry, Madison South ELA department chair; Melissa Parish, Madison South math department chair, assistant varsity swimming/diving coach; Craig Green, high school drama advisor (musical), vocal ensemble; Curtis Ashley, high school drama advisor (play); Josh Boliantz, middle school drama advisor; Victoria Kasberg, FCCLA advisor; Nikki Mosychuk, high school Key Club advisor; Megan Studer, middle school Key Club advisor; Karen VonStein, Skills USA; Jim Thompson, Skills USA; Theresa Roberts, Eastview Special Education building coordinator; Bill Roth, high school Special Education building coordinator; Jenifer Culler, Mifflin Special Education building coordinator; Goldie Spencer, middle school 5/6 Special Education building coordinator; Lindsey Frank, middle school 7/8 Special Education building coordinator, Heather Reynolds, Madison South Special Education building coordinator, Laura Phillips, Spanish Club advisor; Lana Thompson, Eastview student council; Brittany Farley, Mifflin student council; Naomi Adinkrah, 1/3 South student council; Jennifer Lawhorn, 1/3 South student council; Emily Richter, 1/3 South student council; Julie Kirkpatrick, writers' club.

Detention monitors will be Brent Sanders, Madison Comprehensive High School; and Chris Moody, Derek Fisher, Kyle Bishop, Monique Eberst and Lisa Restelli, Madison Middle School.

Hired for summer school, on an as-needed basis, were Carrie Jeffries (sub), Jennifer Richards, Katrina Jordan-Donley, Shari McQuate, Janice Stupka, Jennifer Porter, Brittany Farley, Laura Parsons, Danielle Wentworth, Ashley Galbraith and Emily Crossen.

A stipend for OCC Leadership at Madison Comprehensive High School for Jennifer Steffey in the amount of \$700 was approved for the 2023-'24 school year, to be paid for through athletic funds.

Second one-year contracts were awarded for next school year to Karlie Baker, Brianna Barr, Haley Bradfield, John Bruyere, Alexis Carlson, Kelly Carpenter, Emily Crossen, Eva D'Intonio, Katherine Darnell, Thomas Deiotte, Kaitlyn Fanning, Lindsey Frank, David Hipp, Molli Hulit, Carrie Jeffries, Laura Parsons, Lauren Perl, Abby Radabaugh, Charlotte Ray, Jessica Rush, Julie Skripac, Rachael Sumner, Maggie Thomas, Mathew Wade, Danielle Walton, Thomas Wheatner and Kyna Wright.

Three-year contracts, effective 2023-'26, were awarded to Naomi Adinkrah, Mikela Nichols, Tieler Crouse, Chloe McKee, Nikki Mosychuk and Owen Zeiter.

Five-year contracts, effective 2023-'28, were granted to Stephanie Conway, Jason Ebersole, Steve Farley, John Foust, Judith Freytag, Craig Green, Lindsey Grove, Adolph Hathaway, Dane Henry, Jeff Keener, Traci Luckie, Michael Marshall, Nicholas Melton, Laura Phillips, Timothy Ritchey, William Roth, Erin Schulz, Melissa Stoffer, Amy Studer and Danielle Wentworth.

Mary Jones, St. Mary's, was rewarded a one-year contract as a retired employee.

Matt Godsil, who is currently employed by the Board of Education as a high school art teacher, will be retired and seeking re-employment with the Madison Local School District in the same position following his service retirement. The board will hold a public meeting on the issue of re-employment at its regularly scheduled meeting to be held on June 28, at 6 pm in the Madison Middle School Auditoria, 1419 Grace St., Mansfield.

Administrative contracts for 2023-'26 were awarded to Steve Crist, Sonja Pluck, Nathan Stump, Melissa Wigton, Nicole Cox, Kyle Gordon, Andrew Kepple, Kim Pfeiderer, Eric Turlo, Mike Yost, Natasha Repp, Lisa Miracle, Jonathan Muro, Doug Rickert and Andrew Ditlevson.

Angela Botsko was hired as Customer & Office Support Technology instructor.

Substitute teachers hired on an on-call basis, as needed for the

2022-'23 school year are John Neron, Lisa Turner and Leo Hess. Also hired as a substitute was Beth Conn, custodian.

Resignations were accepted from Courtney Carver, MECLC; Teri Argo, high school second shift custodian; and Bonny Sechler, Special Education Aide at South.

Barbara Williams will retire as head cook at Eastview and Kimberly Swank will retire as a Special Education Aide PS at South.

Hired for the current school year are Martha Urig, temporary summer help in the bus garage; and Susan Jolley, Special Education Aide at Madison South.

Rebecca Richards was hired as a bus driver for Route 21, Susan Weikle has been awarded the head cook position at Eastview Elementary, replacing Barbara Williams who retired, and Mercedes Ball has been awarded the special education aide position at Madison South Preschool, replacing Kimberly Swank who retired.

Limited one-year contracts were awarded to Margie Mosier, Diane Donahue, Nick Roberts, Dean Wills, Susan Jolley, Amy Daniels and Shaun Henry.

Limited two-year contracts were awarded to Trevor Kirsch, Ronald Hairston, Carl Sprague, Deborah Bowling, Julie Neal, Nicky Cole, Carolyn Carroll, Mike Cornelli, Buddy Essick, Jeff Zeigler, Adam Sweet, Diane Larrick, Andrea Gerich, Dawn Myers, Kylie Justice, Angelique Amstutz, Laura White, Sarah Johnson, Whitney Roub, Jynniifer Hudson, Mercedes Ball and Christina Bland.

Continuing contracts were awarded to Carol Brown, Rick Hoffman, Dustee Miller, Aimee Boyer, Teresa Neal, Ashley Davidson Smith, David Adams, Kelley Spring, Harlan Neal, Jennifer Drake and Michelle Weirich.

Non-renewals included Christopher Kukowski.

The board approved the list of 2023 graduates on the condition that they meet all requirements of Madison Comprehensive High School and the Ohio Department of Education.

The contract for police services between the Richland County Sheriff's Office and Madison Local Schools was approved for the 2023-'24 school year.

A Memorandum of Understanding between Catalyst Life Services and Madison Local Schools to provide audiologist services for the 2023-'24 school year was approved.

The board also approved a Service Agreement with Catalyst Life Services to provide Qualified Sign Language Interpretative and/or Captioning services to students of the Madison Local School District who are in need of such services, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

The resurfacing of the tennis courts at the high school by Vasco Sports Contractors at a cost of \$54,144 was approved.

A project for the installation of "NightLock" security devices for all district classrooms in the amount of \$62,593.84 was approved, to be paid for out of Safety Grant funds. All labor and materials will be provided by Taylor Brothers Door Lock LLC d.b.a. NightLock. As these devices are only available through a single source, this project is not subject to conventional bidding. This is a reduced price (through the T.I.P.S. purchasing cooperative) from what was approved on April 19, 2023.

The structural repair of the football stadium bleachers in the amount of \$84,163, to be completed by Sturdisteel, was approved. This project is being priced and certified by T.I.P.S. purchasing cooperative, and therefore is not subject to conventional bidding.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, Family Life Counseling and Psychiatric Services and Madison Local School District was approved to successfully implement A Wellness Team in the school district for the next school year.

A merger between the current Information Technology Center, North Central Ohio Computer Cooperative (NCOCC), and Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology (NEONET) was approved.

The board approved the first reading of new/revised board policies. A stipend of \$500 was approved for Karen Von Stein to attend the Skills USA National Competition June 19-23, to be paid out of career tech weighted funds.

The next regular board of education meeting will be June 28, at 6 pm in the Madison Middle School Auditoria.



Photo By Mark Shutt • Glade Creek Grist Mill • Babcock State Park, Milton, WV

Former Buckeyes will attend Doug Castle Legacy Benefit Dinner on Friday, June 23

Richland County Foundation President Brady Groves will be the guest speaker at the Doug Castle Legacy Fund benefit dinner Friday, June 23, at 5:30 pm at Kingwood Center Gardens, 50 Trimble Rd., Mansfield.

Proceeds will go to the Doug Castle Legacy Fund of the Richland County Foundation for community grants. Tickets are \$45 and are available on Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/3N6G5yG>.

Former Ohio State Football players running back Antonio Pittman, defensive tackle Doug Worthington and offensive guard Ben Person will be at the benefit dinner to meet and greet guests.

Pittman rushed for 2,945 yards from 2004-'06 for the Buckeyes. He now is a Columbus City firefighter.

Worthington was a defensive tackle for the Buckeyes from 2005-2010. The Pittsburgh Steelers drafted him in 2010. After the Steelers released him, he went on to play for the following teams: Tampa Bay, Washington, San Diego and St. Louis. Person was an offensive guard from 2004-'09 and started all 13 games as the Buckeyes played for a national title in 2007.

Since its inception in 2018, the Doug Castle Legacy Fund has awarded three college scholarships to Mansfield Senior High School graduates. This year the Doug Castle Legacy Fund awarded grants to the North End Community Improvement Collaborative for its new community center and to the Blessed to Run Track organization for scholarships for student athletes.

During the program, three people will be recognized for their service and dedication to the athletic programs at Mansfield City Schools and their names will be added to the Castle Wall at Arlin Field.

Castle was a local educator whose 50-year career spanned all aspects of education in Richland County.

He had a special place in his heart for the underdog. When he died of brain cancer his family established the Doug Castle Legacy Fund at the Richland County Foundation to continue his work and honor his life. His wife, Liz; son, Michael, and daughter, Beth, want to support education programs, racial equity and inclusion, mentorship, and community building.

Doug began his teaching ca-

reer in 1965 at John Simpson Junior High School and took an active role in coaching football, basketball, and track.

Castle retired from Mansfield City Schools in 2000 after years of leadership including as principal of Simpson, and then worked as the Galion Middle School principal for the next five years.

For years he was the director of the Mansfield Mehock Relays and then the Gorman Wrestling Tournament. Ohio State University Football Coach Jim Tressel hired Castle to work as an Academic Encourager for the young men on the football team.

Castle developed an administrative philosophy based on being fair and keeping a sense of humor. He was a staunch believer in disciplining children in a way that would not destroy their dignity or self-respect. He valued every student.

Anyone can donate to the Doug Castle Legacy Fund online at richlandcountyfoundation.org, click the donate button and select the Doug Castle Fund. Or you can write a check to the Richland County Foundation and note the fund on the memo line.

Premier Bank receives Doing Well by Doing Good Award

Premier Bank has been awarded the Doing Well by Doing Good Award in the fourth annual Mastercard® Community Institutions Segment Awards for the Bank's philanthropic efforts and volunteerism.

For the past several years, Mastercard® has highlighted impressive achievements from Financial Institutions for their impact they have on their local communities. This Doing Well by Doing Good Award is reflective of all the hard work the Financial Institution puts into promoting community service, philanthropy and charitable contributions. It is a testament to their commitment to making a difference and doing well by doing good in the communities they serve.

"This is an incredible honor from Mastercard® because it recognizes Premier Bank's passion to support local initiatives, events and projects. Whether we are donating our time or resources, we know that it makes our communities stronger," said Gary Small, President & CEO, Premier Bank. "This recognition is particularly important to us because it represents our associates, customers and the communities that we serve which is reflected in our annual kindness campaign."

Premier's commitment to providing support through its charitable foundation, volunteerism and other investments in the community is highlighted in a video series dubbed Kindness Campaign. The campaign's "Powered By (kind) People. Fueled By You." tagline is a reflection of Premier Bank's longstanding commitment to the community. Powered By (kind) People represents the strong sense of passion the Bank's associates have for supporting local communities, coupled with the Bank's commitment to giving back. Fueled By You represents the inspiration that the Bank's clients and communities give them to give back and spread kindness in the places they call home. For more information, please visit YourPremierBank.com/Kindness.

Premier Bank is headquartered in Youngstown, OH, and operates 75 branches and 10 loan offices in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.



THE BUCKEYE COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, honored Scott King with the National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award for his professional accomplishments as well as his dedication to his community during the 2023 Johnny Appleseed Trail Investment in Character Leadership Luncheon on May 2. (Left photo) Scott King is honored with the National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award by Lee Peters. (Right photo) Scout Executive Jesse Roper, Honoree Scott King and Eagle Scout Nathan Cox.



STUDENTS IN BRITTANY RHODES' GLOBAL FOODS class at Ontario have been working on a food truck entrepreneurial project. They learned the behind the scenes of entrepreneurship- startup capital, budgeting, career pathways, and starting a business. Each student created a 3D model of their food truck, shared a sample of a dish from their food truck menu and presented their whole project to the class.