

Mt. Blanchard Journal

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Mt. Blanchard News

You may have noticed that I have changed the name of our newsletter. At Judy Chester's instigation, I did some research on newspapers in Mt. Blanchard. We have had a newspaper in this village since about 1880. It has been called many things, from Mt. Blanchard Tribune, Mt. Blanchard Globe, Mt. Blanchard News, Mt. Blanchard Weekly, to Mt. Blanchard Journal. The Journal lasted the longest running from September 1910 to September 1960. It was a weekly newspaper and it covered mostly news from our village. The news not only included weddings and funerals but also who was visiting whom and who was traveling. It was fun reading some of the old editions which you can do at the Findlay Hancock County library. Don't worry, I am not going to print this weekly nor am I going to include all the personal details, but I hope you do find this edition informative.

Utility Clerk

Alicia Tong, our utility clerk, has an email address that you can use to contact her. It is aliciatong@mtblanchardoh.com.

She works at the post office Monday through Friday 8:00-10:00 and 2:15-4:15 and Saturdays 9:00-12:00. Then she works in the village office Tuesdays and Fridays 10:00-12:00.

Communication is an important part of Our community. This newsletter is Being produced to improve our spread Of knowledge. It will be released quarterly With articles about the people and events not only in Mt. Blanchard but also at Riverdale. If you know of any events that Are occurring in the future that you would Like to see in this newsletter, please contact Liz Myers at 514-315-1209 or myers1225@yahoo.com.

Reminder:

Both Delaware Township and The Village of Mt. Blanchard have zoning ordinances. If you are going to make any renovations to your property, please check with the Village office or the township office to make sure your work meets zoning standards.

Mayor Cynthia Morrison

Cynthia Morrison became our mayor in 2016. She had been on the Village Council and agreed to run for mayor when a candidate was needed. Cynthia feels a strong sense of service to the people of this village and wants to make it the best for the people.

Under Cynthia's leadership, we have reached out and received many grants that have helped our village not only to survive but also to improve. These grants have been used to improve the parks and the downtown. We have seen improvements to the Island Park such as the restroom renovations and in Memorial Park with the new greenery and benches. There are continuing developments in Hurricane Park with the addition of a shelter house, a concession stand with restrooms, and a walking path. As Cynthia says, these improvements could not have been accomplished without the help of volunteers who work hard giving of their sweat equity in any project that comes up.

Meet Our Village Council

Jim Mason has been the council president for about the last 5 years. He took over from Don Bowman and has been an excellent leader for our village. He used to teach his student athletes as he coached to become the best leaders and participants that they could be. It takes a real person to be involved, to be part of the solution and not the problem. Jim grew up here and enjoyed the fact that everyone waved. He would like to bring that friendliness back to Mt. Blanchard.

Gary Porcello was raised in Cleveland and there learned the importance of being involved in community activities and leadership. He joined the village council 10 years ago because he wanted to get involved in the safety of our community and the development of our parks. His biggest concern has been creating and maintaining a safer environment for our children and a welcoming place for new families.

Tom VanHandel was called to fill a vacancy on the village council several years ago and has become an integral part of our leadership. Tom listens to the discussions and looks at all sides of an issue before making any comments. He feels that under the leadership of our mayor Cynthia Morrison and the efforts of Jackie Porticello and others on the Beautification Committee we are moving forward in the right direction.

Ryan Shearer has participated in our village administration for many years in various positions, most recently the Zoning Board. He took a vacant position on the Village Council because he is concerned about what is best for the village. His family has been involved in the leadership of our village for 3 generations and he has learned the importance of participating. He wishes to keep our village a safe place to live and raise families and even to retire.

Patty Kelly has been a part of our village leadership for about 30 years. She has worked in many areas including finances, water billing, zoning board, mayor and currently village council. She has also participated in the Beautification Committee and Heart and Soul who are involved in improving the lifestyle of the people in our village. She learned at Riverdale from D. Ray Baum the importance of not only voting at every election but also of participating in local government.



Riverdale School Events

Nov 14-15	7:00 PM	HS Play "Fools"
Nov 17	5:00 PM	HS Quiz Bowl HHL League @ Kenton vs Kenton & Heritage
Nov 18	9:00 AM	HS Quiz Bowl NCOESCL League
Nov 20	6:30 PM	FFA Discovery & Greenhand Degree Ceremony
Nov 24-28	8:00 AM	NO SCHOOL
Dec 2	5:00 PM	HS Quiz Bowl HHL @ Bellefontaine vs Ada & Ridgemont
Dec 2	7:00 PM	PTO Meeting
Dec 3	5:00 PM	HS Quiz Bowl Hancock County League @ Vanlue
Dec 9	4:00 PM	HS Quiz Competing at WBGU Brain Game
Dec 9	6:30 PM	PTO Pizza with Santa
Dec 10-11	2:00 PM	3rd Grade Christmas Program
Dec 12	9:00 AM	HS Quiz Bowl NCOESC Tournament @ Tiffin University
Dec 16	7:00 PM	Band & Choir Concert in K-12 gym
Dec 18	5:30 PM	Board of Education Meeting, Admin - Conf Rm 105
Dec 19	1:00 PM	2-Hour Early Release
Dec 22-Jan 2	NO SCHOOL	Winter Break
Jan 5	All Day	Classes Resume
Jan 6	7:00 PM	PTO Meeting
Jan 7	5:00 PM	HS Quiz Bowl Hancock Co Tournament @ Liberty-Benton
Jan 10	8:00 AM	HS Quiz Bowl Hardin League Tournament @ Kenton
Jan 15	All Day	End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester
Jan 16-19	All Day	NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service
Jan 21-Feb 20		FFA Strawberry Sale Starts
Jan 28-29	2:00 PM	5th Grade Musical
Feb 2	4:30 PM	HS Quiz Bowl Ada Invitational
Feb 3	7:00 PM	PTO Meeting
Feb 9	6:30 PM	FFA County Chapter Degree Ceremony
Feb 12	8:00 AM	Health Partners of Western OH Mobile Dental Exam
Feb 13	8:00 AM	Health Partners of Western OH Dental Cleaning
Feb 15	3:00 PM	Hancock All County Honors Band/Choir Festival
Feb 16	All Day	NO SCHOOL - President's Day
Feb 17	8:00 AM	Health Partners of Western OH Dental Cleaning
Feb 18	8:00 AM	Health Partners of Western OH Dental Cleaning
Feb 23	8:00 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive



Riverdale High School at Home Sports Schedule

Thu 11/6	6:00 PM	Varsity Girl's Basketball	Galion
Fri 11/7	6:00 PM	Varsity Boy's Basketball	Elgin Middle/High
Tue 11/11	5:00 PM	7th/8th Boy's Basketball	Continental Local
Thu 11/13	6:00 PM	Varsity Girl's Basketball	Botkins
Thu 11/13	6:00 PM	JV Girl's Basketball	Seneca East
Sat 11/15	10:00 AM	Varsity Boy's Basketball	Fort Jennings
Mon 11/17	6:00 PM	Varsity Girl's Basketball	Elgin Middle/High
Tue 11/18	5:00 PM	7th/8th Girl's Basketball	Carey
Thu 11/20	6:00 PM	7th/8th Girl's Basketball	Botkins
Sat 11/29	6:30 PM	Varsity Boy's Basketball	Cory-Rawson
Mon 12/1	7:30 PM	Varsity Boy's Basketball	Carey
Mon 12/1	5:00 PM	7th/8th Boy's Basketball	Leipsic
Wed 12/3	5:00 PM	7th/8th Boy's Basketball	Van Buren
Thu 12/4	7:30 PM	Varsity Girl's Basketball	Leipsic
Fri 12/5	4:00 PM	Varsity Boy's Wrestling	St. Mary CC
Sat 12/6	9:00 AM	Varsity Boy's Wrestling	St. Mary CC
Sat 12/6	9:00 AM	7th/8th Mixed Wrestling	USMS
Wed 12/10	5:00 PM	7th/8th Boy's Basketball	Cory-Rawson
Thu 12/11	7:30 PM	Varsity Girl's Basketball	Ada
Sat 12/13	10:00 AM	7th/8th Girl's Basketball	Arcadia
Sat 12/13	6:30 PM	Varsity Boy's Basketball	Kenton
Sat 12/13	10:00 AM	Varsity Boy's Wrestling	Lincolnview HS
Sun 12/14	9:00 AM	Varsity Girl's Wrestling	Clyde High School
Mon 12/15	5:00 PM	7th/8th Girl's Basketball	Pandora-Gilboa
Wed 12/17	5:00 PM	7th/8th Girl's Basketball	Ridgemont
Wed 12/17	5:30 PM	7th/8th Boy's Wrestling	Kenton HS
Wed 12/17	6:00 PM	Varsity Boy's Wrestling	Ada High School
Thu 12/18	7:30 PM	Varsity Girl's Basketball	Mohawk
Fri 12/19	7:30 PM	Varsity Boy's Basketball	Bluffton School
Fri 12/19	2:00 PM	Varsity Girl's Wrestling	FIGHT Girls Wrestling
Sat 12/20	9:00 AM	7th/8th Boy's Wrestling	Mohawk High School
Sat 12/20	10:00 AM	7th/8th Boy's Basketball	St Michael
Mon 12/22	5:00 PM	7th/8th Boy's Basketball	STs Peter & Paul
Sun 12/28	10:00 AM	Varsity Girl's Wrestling	Marion Harding HS
Mon 12/29	9:30 AM	Varsity Boy's Wrestling	Centennial HS
Tue 12/30	9:30 AM	Varsity Boy's Wrestling	Defiance High School
Fri 1/2	7:30 PM	Varsity Boy's Basketball	Elmwood MS / HS
Sat 1/3	1:30 PM	Varsity Girl's Basketball	New Riegel
Mon 1/5	5:00 PM	8th Grade Girl's Basketball	Vanlue
Tue 1/6	7:30 PM	Varsity Girl's Basketball	Hardin Northern
Tue 1/6	1:30 PM	Varsity Boys & Girls Wrestling	Calvert Catholic
Wed 1/7	5:00 PM	7th/8th Boy's Basketball	Ada
Thu 1/8	7:30 PM	Varsity Girl's Basketball	Arlington Local
Sat 1/10	10:00 AM	7th/8th Boy's Basketball	Allen East
Sat 1/10	9:00 AM	Varsity Girl's Wrestling	Arcadia Girls' Invit
Sun 1/11	10:00 AM	Varsity Girl's Wrestling	Woodmore Girls Invit
Mon 1/12	5:00 PM	7th/8th Girl's Basketball	Elmwood MS / HS
Wed 1/14	5:00 PM	7th/8th Boy's Basketball	Liberty-Benton
Fri 1/16	7:30 PM	Varsity Boy's Basketball	Vanlue
Sat 1/17	10:00 AM	7th Grade Girl's Basketball	Mohawk
Sun 1/18	10:00 AM	Varsity Girl's Wrestling	4th Annual Fostoria Girls
Mon 1/19	5:00 PM	7th Grade Girl's Basketball	McComb Local
Thu 1/22	7:30 PM	Varsity Girl's Basketball	Van Buren
Fri 1/23	4:30 PM	Varsity Boy's Wrestling	Van Buren High School
Sat 1/24	6:30 PM	Varsity Boy's Basketball	Upper Sandusky
Mon 1/26	5:00 PM	7th/8th Boy's Basketball	Arlington Local
Tue 1/27	5:30 PM	7th/8th Mixed Wrestling	Ridgedale Jr/Sr
Tue 1/27	5:30 PM	Varsity Boy's Wrestling	Ridgedale High School
Fri 1/30	4:00 PM	Varsity Boy's Wrestling	Pleasant High School
1/30	7:30 PM	Varsity Boy's Basketball	Fri Arcadia
Sat 1/31	7:30 PM	Varsity Boy's Basketball	Lucas
Thu 2/5	7:30 PM	Varsity Girl's Basketball	Liberty-Benton
Sat 2/7	9:30 AM	Varsity Boy's Wrestling	Ada Invitational
Sun 2/8	10:00 AM	Varsity Girl's Wrestling	Gibsonburg High School
Tue 2/10	7:30 PM	Varsity Girl's Basketball	Anna
Fri 2/13	7:30 PM	Varsity Boy's Basketball	McComb Local
Sat 2/14	7:30 PM	Varsity Girl's Basketball	Upper Sandusky
Thu 2/19	6:30 PM	Varsity Boy's Basketball	Upper Scioto
Fri 2/20	7:30 PM	Varsity Boy's Basketball	Pandora-Gilboa
Sat 2/21	9:30 AM	Varsity Boy's Wrestling	Van Buren High School

Christmas In The Village



Christmas In the Village of Mt. Blanchard will be held on Saturday, December 6th from 2-7 pm. A parade featuring Santa and Mrs. Claus in their sleigh will begin at 2 pm. Riverdale Marching Band and floats will be highlights in the parade along with various area fire trucks. The Mt Blanchard Mayor, Cynthia Morrison, and Village Administrator, Gavin Wilson, will also be on hand to greet the parade attendees.

New to the event will be a synthetic ice rink located downtown by Memorial Park. Ice skates will be available to borrow, or you can bring your own skates. This part of the festival is free to anyone wanting to ice skate.

Santa will be welcoming kids to sit on his knee and share with him what they are desiring for Christmas. A small treat will be given to each child and pictures with Santa cost \$2.00.

Mrs. Claus and Santa's elves will also be greeting the kids.

Musical performances will be throughout the festival at the United Methodist Church at 204 S. Main in the sanctuary. There will also be craft and business vendors and Boy Scout Chili in the fellowship hall at the church.

A large heated double tent will be downtown on the square with a DJ, raffles, kid's crafts, Bingo, cake walks and more. Food vendors will be located on South Main Street between the tent and the United Methodist Church. Craft vendors will be located downtown in one of the heated buildings as well as the church.

A petting zoo will be located on East Clay Street. Horse drawn wagon rides, a Christmas in the Village tradition, will be nearby.

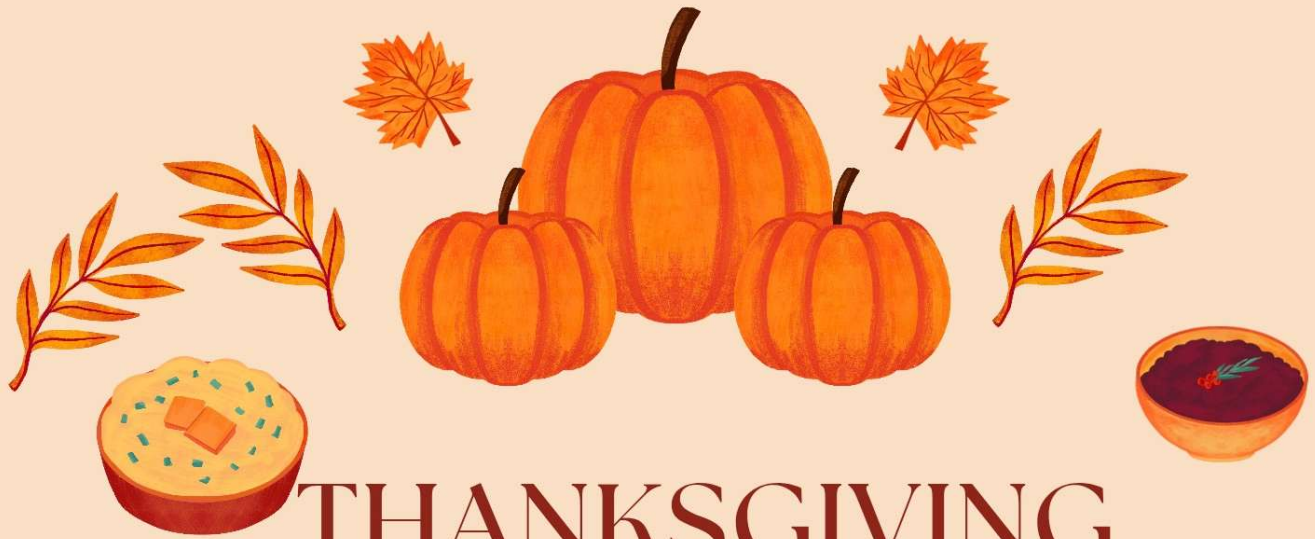
Decorating for Christmas in the Village will be continued on November 16th and November 23rd in the afternoon. If anyone is available to help, it would be greatly appreciated.

Financial sponsorship is always appreciated as well. Please contact any Beautification Member to donate or contact Karen Beard at 330-283-7111 or

Jackie Porcello at 419-306-3073. Thank you.

Suggestions, ideas and volunteers are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you at Christmas in the Village.





THANKSGIVING MEAL

Text 419 788 4157

Name:

Guest count:

Pick-up time:

You can also dine-in with us

Meal:

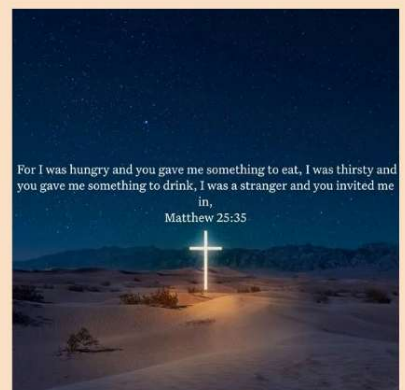
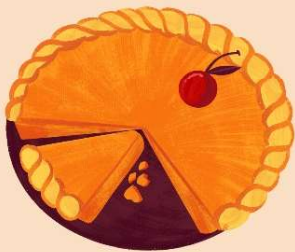
Ham, side, roll, dessert

Dinner served 5 - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 26

108 N. Main St.

Mount Blanchard



For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and
you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me
in,
Matthew 25:35