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THE 19th ANNUAL BUSINESS EXPO kicked-off with a ribbon cutting on March 19 at the Richland County Fairgrounds. Helping with the opening ceremony was Miss Ontario Morgyn Beasley, Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development Director of Member Engagement Jennifer Wagner and the newly-installed Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development President and CEO Jessica Gribben.

Business Expo 2026 showcases strength of local connections

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Last week, the 19th Annual Business Expo at the Richland County Fairgrounds brought together businesses, organizations and community members for a day centered on connection, collaboration and local pride.

The Expo-Opoly theme “rolled the dice” Thursday morning, March 19 with an exciting ribbon cutting and singing of the National Anthem by Miss Ontario’s Morgyn Beasley.

From that moment on, the space was buzzing with conversation, creativity, and meaningful engagement. The board game-inspired theme encouraged businesses and nonprofits to think outside the box and bring their booths to life.

More than 100 businesses and nonprofits participated, showcasing their services, giving away prizes, and sparking new partnerships at every turn.

Attendees had the opportunity to network, discover new services, and strengthen relationships that continue to drive the local economy forward.

The success of the Expo was made possible through the support of dedicated sponsors, including Presenting Sponsor, Hamilton Insurance Group, Inc., whose faithful commitment to the community helped bring the event to life. Organizers also expressed appreciation for the many businesses and individuals who contributed to this year’s donation efforts, further reflecting the generosity that defines Richland County.

A highlight of the event was the recognition of standout participants. Awards were presented to Most Creative Booth: Hamilton Insurance Group, Inc.; Best Use of Theme: HDC Signs - Heartland Design Concepts; People’s Choice: Richland County Transit; and Service Club Challenge: Kiwanis Club of Mansfield.

Each booth reflected the originality and passion that local businesses bring to the community every day. The Business Expo continues to shine as a strong example of collaboration, meaningful relationships, community support and a shared commitment to growth.

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Richland County Board of Elections addresses misunderstandings

Richland County Board of Elections Deputy Director Jane Zimmermann has released guidelines to clear-up misunderstandings about voting registration requirements.

Voters must be registered to vote by Monday, April 6, to vote in the May 5 Primary Election. The office, 1495 W. Longview Ave., Suite 101, will remain open until 9 pm on that day. After 4 pm, visitors must use the entrance at the lower-level back parking area at the southwest corner of the building.

Those who have already registered but have moved or changed a name must update information with the board of elections office by Monday, April 6.

Registered voters may vote early in-person at the board of elections office, by absentee ballot by mail or at the designated polling location on Election Day.

Those who are registering or are currently registered and possess a valid ID, do not need to provide a birth certificate or additional documentation. That information was already verified when the ID was issued.

There are several types of valid photo identification for voting including an Ohio Driver’s License, State of Ohio ID card, Interim ID form issued by the Ohio BMV, U.S. passport, U.S. passport card, U.S. military ID card, U.S. military dependent card, Ohio National Guard ID card or U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs ID card.

All photo IDs must have an expiration date that has not passed, a photograph of the voter and the voter’s name, which must substantially conform to the voter’s name as it appears in the poll list or in the poll book.

An unexpired Ohio Driver License, State ID Card or Interim Documentation with a former address is an acceptable form of ID if a voter has updated the current address with the board of elections.

Qualifications for registering to vote include that voters must be either a native U. S. citizen or a naturalized citizen of the U.S., a resident of Richland County, OH, for 30 days before an election, and be a minimum of 18 years of age on or before the date of the General Election on Nov. 3, 2026.

In addition to the board of elections office, citizens may register or complete a change of address/name at Richland County locations including any library branch, all city and village hall offices, The Bureau of Motor Vehicles office, the Department of Human Services, the Richland County Courthouse (treasurer’s office) and all area high school offices.

Registration forms may also be obtained at vote.richlandcountyoh.gov or requested by mail by calling 419-774-5530.

Completed voter registration forms must be postmarked 30 days before Election Day.

Nominations being accepted for award

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is now accepting nominations for the 2026 Outstanding Senior Citizen Award. The deadline for nominations is April 3, 2026.

Award recipients from a nine-county area (one awardee from each county) will be honored by the Area Agency on Aging.

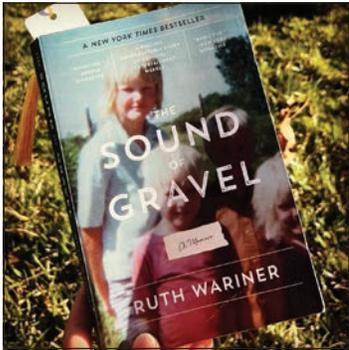
Nominees must be at least 60 years of age, a legal resident of Ohio for at least five years, and have made significant contributions to the community. A husband and wife may receive the award jointly when both have been involved in community service. One Outstanding Senior Citizen Award will be presented for each county in the service area (Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca and Wyandot).

Additional information, including an online nomination form, can be found at www.aaa5ohio.org/events/awards/ or by contacting Sue Montgomery at 567-247-6458 or smontgomery@aaa5ohio.org.

LOST IN A BOOK



A Book Review
By Amanda Belczak



The *Sound of Gravel* by Ruth Wariner is spectacular. For those who appreciate the brave survivor stories of polygamy, this book is for you.

There are many trigger warnings of childhood abuse, but it's worth the read to honor the determination and heart of the girl that kept her family going.

If you appreciate stories like *The Glass Castle*, *Educated* and *The Witness Wore Red*, you should pick up this story next. It won't disappoint.

Follow my blog at amanda-belczak.com

Clear Fork FFA Alumni tree sale begins Friday

The Clear Fork FFA Alumni in partnership with Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (RSWCD) will hold the annual tree seedling sale to support the Clear Fork FFA program and local environmental efforts.

Planting trees not only adds to the beauty of our communities but also promotes biodiversity for future generations.

The sale will be held Friday, March 27 at Richland County Fairgrounds Nature Park from 9 am to 4 pm or until all seedlings are sold and at Planktown Market, Shiloh, from 8 am to 1 pm, or until all seedlings are sold. Seedlings will also be sold at Elzy Milling & Trade, Bellville, from 8 am to 5 pm, or until all seedlings are sold; and Saturday, March 28, from 8 am to noon, or until all seedlings are sold.

Seedlings are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, while quantities last. Accepted payment methods are cash or checks. Seedling packs come in quantities of 5, 7 and 10.

All packs are \$15 each, except for the American Chestnut seedling pack, which is \$25 each. A wide variety of tree types are available for purchase. Customers may visit <https://richland-swcd.net/event/clear-fork-ffa-alumni-tree-seedling-sale-4/> to view species and descriptions of available seedlings.

THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER
— By Ian Stumbo —

Ryan Gosling gives one of his best performances in *Project Hail Mary*, a new sci fi adventure based on a novel by Andy Weir, who also wrote *The Martian*.

When a mysterious substance is destroying our sun and others in distant galaxies, Ryland Grace (Gosling) a scientist who is now a middle school science teacher, is coaxed to take a mission light years away to a distant galaxy to try and solve the problem. Along the way Grace meets an alien named Rocky that may be the answer to this crisis.

Directed by Phil Lord and Christopher Miller, they direct an epic science-fiction movie that deserves to be seen in a movie theater. Sure, there will be comparisons to *E.T.* in terms of Grace's interaction with the alien but it is done in a completely different situation and Gosling brings the passion, energy, anxiety and humor to the

role. It may be my favorite performance of his.

Watching Grace and Rocky learn to communicate and interact is so interesting to watch and its great to see a movie that isn't afraid to teach the audience about science and the way things work. The movie jumps back and forth to Grace on the ship and pre-flight. Sandra Huller gives fine supporting work as the person organizing the mission to find the origins of this substance.

Project Hail Mary is a terrific, epic, engaging sci-fi film with an excellent performance by Ryan Gosling.

Combining thrills, adventure and humor this movie is the whole package and demands to be seen on the big screen for its epic scale. Don't miss this one.



Meeting to discuss solar development

Richland County voters will decide whether to overturn a recently passed County Commissioners' ban on large-scale solar and wind development in 11 of 18 townships.

A town hall meeting will be held Saturday, March 28 at the Lincoln Highway Event Center, 1361 Park Avenue East, Mansfield, from 4-6 pm to hear from Richland County residents and energy experts on specifics of the issue.

Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions of speakers. The event is free and open to the public.

The issue will be on the primary election ballot in Richland County on May 5.

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The Mansfield area's March of Prayer is a month-long, city-wide initiative centered on prayer, revival and collaboration.

The schedule continues on March 26, TBD; 27, Gracepoint Lexington; 28, TBD; 29, MIMA; 30, Southside Christian; and 31, Welcome Home Fest.

Additional city-wide efforts are already in motion, including the National Day of Prayer Parade on May 7, followed by a large community worship gathering known as the Festival of Hope.

Those interested in learning more, participating, or staying up to date on upcoming events can visit www.godsfield.org or follow Godsfield Mansfield at facebook.com/godsfieldmansfield.

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The annual Madison Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 3 pm on Saturday, March 28 at Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield. The event is for children through sixth grade and will be held rain or shine.

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Special services for Holy Week are planned at Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield (Madison area). On Palm Sunday, March 29, at 9:30 am, participants will wave palm branches to commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

A Maundy Thursday service will be held April 2, at 7 pm.

On Friday, April 3, at 6:30 pm, there will be a combined service with Lakefork Church, 2115 County Road 175, Jeromesville.

A sunrise service will be held on Easter Sunday, April 5, at 7:30 am, with a children's program, followed by breakfast and then a 9:30 am service with communion.

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A special meeting of the Ontario Board of Education will be held in the Ontario High School Library, 467 Shelby-Ontario Rd., Ontario on Tuesday, April 7, at 6 pm to discuss the development of tax policy with Rockmill Financial.

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Ontario UMC, 3540 Park Ave West, Ontario, will host exercise/walking led by an instructor for various age groups every Thursday at 10 am. This is open to the community at no charge. This will include chair yoga, dance exercise, resistance bands and walking.

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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 11:30 am at Der Dutchman, Rt. 97, Bellville. Cost is \$17 for the meal, with an additional \$2 for pie.

The next meal will be April 15, and will include ham. Those attending are encouraged to wear Easter bonnets.

Dale Powers will sing and a collection of non-perishable food will be taken for the Salvation Army. Can openers, food, hygiene items, paper products and monetary donations will be accepted.

The group will also meet Wednesday, April 1, at 11 am for lunch at Chinatown, 238 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison area).

For information visit the Facebook page at Lexington Area Senior Citizens (LASC). Dues are \$10 per year.

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Fish fry dinners will be held at American Legion Post 16, 747 S.

Main St., Mansfield, (rear of Grotto Hall) on the third Friday of each month starting at 5 pm, until gone.

The dinner includes all-you-can-eat Alaskan pollock, fresh cut fries, coleslaw or pea salad and dessert. Cost is \$12. for adults and \$7 for children under 12.

Chicken tender dinners are also available, but not all you can eat. Cost is \$9 for adults for a three-piece meal and \$7 for children under 12 for a two-piece meal. Carry-out is available.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Tim M. Berra, Ph.D. on Sunday, March 29, at 10:30 am. The subject will be "The Moai of Rapa Nui (Easter Island)." For information visit www.allsoulsuuohio.org.

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, March 28 and 29. 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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The covered bridge in Mohican State Park, over the Clear Fork Mohican River, will close Wednesday, April 1 for bridge repairs. Motorists will be detoured to SR 97 west to McCurdy Road north to Goon Rd/County Road 3006 east to County Road 939 into the Mohican State Park and reverse. Estimated completion is April 30.

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The Community Health Access Project (CHAP) is partnering with the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library to host a county-wide Baby Supply Drive to support new and expecting mothers.

Until March 28, community members can donate new baby care items at participating library locations including Bellville, Lexington, Lucas, Madison, Mansfield (main), Ontario, Plymouth and the library's bookmobile.

The drive is designed to help families who may be navigating financial stress, unexpected circumstances or other barriers during pregnancy and early childhood. Requested donation items include diapers, pull-ups, baby wipes, baby shampoo or wash, baby-safe laundry detergent such as Dreft and safety items, such as outlet covers.

All donated supplies will be distributed through CHAP's programs serving pregnant women, infants and families.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will host its annual Easter and flower communion service on Sunday, April 5, at 10:30 am. The service will celebrate renewal, hope and the beauty of community as the shared values of love, justice, compassion and respect for every person are celebrated. Everyone is invited to bring a flower to share and together they form a bouquet of many colors and kinds, later shared again as a symbol of connection and belonging.

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The Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) has announced orders are being accepted for the Pond Fish Sale until April 2. Customers may order Bluegill, Yellow Perch, Largemouth Bass, Fathead Minnows, Channel Catfish, Hybrid Bluegill,

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Redear Sunfish and White Amur. Pond conditioner, optimal fish food and plastic bags and ties may also be ordered.

Orders may be placed online at <https://richlandswcd.net/event/pond-fish-orders-due-2/>. A minimum order of \$30 is required.

All orders must be picked up April 10 from 8:30–10 am at the Richland County Fairgrounds Horse Barn. Customers should bring appropriate containers to transport their fish safely filled one-third

full with the pond water the fish will be transferred into. Five-gallon buckets work well, but must have an unscented poly liner to ensure fish have enough oxygen during transport.

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The City of Ontario will hold meetings at the city building, 555 Stumbo Rd., Ontario. April meetings will include April 1, 6:15 pm, caucus; and 7 pm, council. April 8, 1 pm, civil service commission; and 4 pm, planning commission. April 15, 6:15 pm, caucus; and 7 pm, council.

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First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, will celebrate Holy Week. On March 29, Palm Sunday will be celebrated at 10 am. On April 2, a Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion will be held at 7 pm. A Good Friday Service will be April 3 at 7 pm and on April 4 will be an Easter Vigil Service with Holy Communion at 7 pm. On Sunday, April 5, a continental breakfast will be served at 9 am with an Easter Worship Service with Holy Communion beginning at 10 am. Everyone is welcome.

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Mansfield 1st Presbyterian Church, 399 S. Trimble Rd., will host a spring rummage sale Friday, April 17, from 9 am to 4 pm; and Saturday, April 18, from 9 am to noon. Items will include clothing for children and adults, shoes, books, toys, housewares, furniture and more. Proceeds are used for local missions. For information call 419-756-7066.



THE KINDNESS CLUB at Ontario visited the nursing home to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the residents. They made fun glasses to help celebrate.

Jesus

OUTREACH

Healing Service last Saturday evening of the month at 6:30 PM
12 North Diamond St. (corner of Park Ave West)

Church Directory

All Souls Unitarian Universalist

25 Church St., Bellville
419-886-3497 • www.allsoulsuohio.org
10:30 am Service and Sunday School
Adult RE Book Club (quarterly)

First Congregational Church

640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield
419-756-3046 • www.mansfieldfcc.com
Pastor Brad Bunn
8:30 am Chapel • 10:30 am Sanctuary
10:30 am Sunday School (nursery–high school)
10 am Monday Morning Bible Study

Lexington Church of the Cross

236 Otterbein Dr., Lexington
419-884-2150 • Churchofthecrosslex.com
Pastor-Rev. Dr. Edna Stahl
Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Junior Church for 10 and under • Wesley Class 10:45
5th Sunday of the month–Do Something Sunday AA, Girl Scouts,
Yoga, Knotty Ladies and Bible Study.

Ontario United Methodist Church

3540 Park Avenue West., Ontario
419-529-4345 • ontarioumc.com
Rev. J.P. Snyder
9:30 am Grace & Eggs
11 am Sunday Worship and Kingdom Kids

St. John's United Church of Christ

2010 Park Avenue West, Mansfield
(At Hope Lutheran Next to Drug Mart)
419-522-2813 • www.stjohnsmansfield.org
contact@stjohnsmansfield.org
Pastor Faith Proietti • 11 am Sunday Worship
Office hours: Mon–Fri 9 am to 1 pm
AA Meetings M & F 10 am & noon;
Wed. noon Brown Bag and Sat. 6 pm

Trinity Grace Fellowship

1592 Grace St., Mansfield
419-589-5890 • trinitygracefellowship.org
Pastor Larry Carnes
9:30 am Sunday Worship • 11 am Sunday School
Bible Study Mondays 2 pm

G & M Body & Paint Shop

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Ashland Kroc Youth Theatre debuts first Broadway revue

Pure Imagination will be presented by The Salvation Army Ashland Kroc Center's Youth Theatre program on Friday, April 24 at 7 pm and Sunday, April 26 at 3 pm. This brand-new musical revue will feature songs from MTI's Broadway Junior® collection.

The revue will be held at The Ashland Theatre, 212 Center St., Ashland, and will feature favorites from *Seussical*, *Shrek The Musical*, *Beauty and the Beast* and *Frozen*.

Over 40 local, young performing and backstage artists from Ashland, Mansfield and other surrounding communities are coming together for the production including Archer Weis of Ashland; Asher Brown of Ashland; Breckelle Miller of Ontario; Eloise Cook of Ashland; Elyana Finlay of Ashland; Jada Shambaugh of Ashland; Marco Armstrong of Mansfield; Natalie Bradford of Ashland; Nolan Shambaugh of Ashland; Ridge Heffelfinger of Hayesville; and William Roth of Lodi.

Special guest stars Payne Schwartz and Emma Henderson of Ontario from The Ashland Kroc Center's Youth Theatre's production of *Shrek The Musical, Jr.* will be joining the troupe for one last encore performance.

The production of *Pure Imagination* is being led by directors Majors Billy and Annalise Francis, and Stage Manager Amy Morgan.

"Filled with vibrant characters, magical moments and nonstop musical fun, this is the ultimate feel-good experience for families," says Major Billy Francis. "Whether you're a longtime theatre lover or brand new to the magic, this high-energy revue promises to delight, inspire and leave you smiling long after the final note."

Major Billy adds, "*Pure Imagination* aligns well with The Ashland Kroc Youth Theatre program's holistic approach to learning vocal, acting, movement, and stage techniques, as well as the process of being part of a production from start to performance. We really hope everyone will come out to see the amazing work of these kids."

Tickets are \$10 and are on sale now at theashland.org. For more information call 419-281-8001.

Rain garden and barrel workshop planned

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) is hosting a free Rain Garden and Rain Barrel Workshop Wednesday, April 15. The workshop begins at 6 pm at The Richland County Fairgrounds Nature Park, 750 N. Home Rd., Mansfield.

At the workshop, participants will learn about the benefits of rain gardens and rain barrels and how they help manage stormwater. Site preparation and seed/plant selection will be discussed for rain gardens. Tips on how to install and winterize a rain barrel will also be provided.

Although the workshop is free, registration is encouraged due to limited seating. Register at <https://richlandswcd.net/event/rain-garden-and-rain-barrel-workshop-4/>.

Questions about the workshop may be directed to Zoe at 419-774-8986 or Contact@Richlandswcd.net.



Grand Teton National Park • Photo By Mark Shutt

Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

- M. Jack Huff, March 15
- Thomas Bernard Ellis, March 16
- Willa Rose Holkenborg, March 17
- William Earl Sweval, March 17
- Kathelyn Joyce Atwater-Donoghue, March 18
- Jeanette Marie Gillie Beiwinkler, March 18
- Olive L. Miller, March 19
- Sharon Lynn Forrest, March 21

View Full Obituaries at www.dignitymemorial.com

HOLY week

Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
 Thursday, April 2, Maundy Thursday: 7 p.m.
 Easter Sunday, April 5:
 Sunrise service at 7:30 a.m.
 Regular service 9:30 a.m.

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Ontario Easter Egg Hunt moves indoors to Ontario Center April 4

By Traci Little

Spring is just around the corner, and the Ontario Recreation Department is preparing for one of the community’s most vibrant and exciting traditions — the annual Ontario Easter Hunt.

On Saturday, April 4, the Ontario Center will transform into a treasure hunter’s paradise as families gather for a morning filled with fun, celebration and connection. With more than 5,000 eggs filled with candy, treats and prizes, the event promises excitement for children of all ages.

To ensure every child enjoys a positive experience, organizers will once again offer designated hunting spaces for three age groups — ages 3 and 4, kindergarten and first grade and second through fifth grade. Families are encouraged to select the group that best fits their child to help create a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone.

This year’s partnership with the Ontario Center, formerly the Richland Mall, allows the event to take place in a spacious indoor

venue, providing a consistent and comfortable setting regardless of weather conditions.

Participant check-in and briefing will be held at 10:30 am, followed by a 10:45 am escort to age-appropriate hunting zones and the 11 am hunt.

Poll workers needed for primary

The Richland County Board of Elections is seeking dedicated community members to serve as poll workers for the upcoming May 5, 2026, Primary Election. Poll workers are essential to ensuring that all registered voters have a smooth, secure and accessible Election Day experience.

“Poll workers are the backbone of democracy,” said Matt Finfgeld, director. “Their service helps make sure every voter can cast a ballot with confidence. We welcome individuals of all backgrounds to sign-up and support their neighbors on Election Day.”

Poll workers are compensated for their training and service, with pay ranging from \$170 to \$215. Responsibilities will include assisting voters, operating voting equipment, and closing the polls at the end of the day. Training will be provided prior to the election.

To be eligible, poll workers must be at least 17 years old, be a registered voter in Richland County and be able to attend mandatory training prior to Election Day.

Interested individuals should visit vote.richlandcountyoh.gov, call 419-774-5530 or email boardofelections@richlandcountyoh.gov to learn more and complete an application.

Mechanics to host mammography unit

Mechanics Bank will host the OhioHealth mobile mammography unit on Thursday, April 23, from 9 am to 2 pm at its location at 490 N. Trimble Rd., Mansfield.

Those receiving service should bring an insurance card and photo ID. The location should be mentioned when scheduling at 614-566-1111 or 1-877-566-1112. A prescription from a physician is required for mammograms for women under 40. Women 40 and older do not require a doctor’s order.

GET READY TO BLOOM!

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Ontario Easter Egg Hunt

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EVENT SCHEDULE
Saturday, April 4th

- 10:30 AM** - Participant Check-In & Briefing
- 10:45 AM** - Escort to Age-Appropriate Hunting Zones
- 11:00 AM Sharp** - The Great Hunt Begins!

Madison begins move toward reduction in force

The Madison Local Board of Education met at Madison Middle School on Wednesday, March 18.

Ram Pride Awards were presented to Breanna Crunkilton, first grade teacher at Eastview Elementary; and Rebecca Richards, bus driver.

Presentations were given by Madison South Elementary Principal Nikki Cox and the Madison South Parent/Teacher Organization.

A donation of \$1,491.76 was accepted from the Madison Middle School PTO to the middle school principal's fund for the purchase of two new cameras for outside the building.

A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission for FY 2027 and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor was approved.

The February 2026 Financial Report was approved and the board accepted the Cares for Classrooms grant received from Directions Credit Union, in the amount of \$500, to be used by Karen VonStein to purchase classroom supplies.

Resignations were accepted from Brian Lowe, head ninth grade football; Stephanie Zigmund, preschool itinerant teacher; and Stacey Wampler, Diversified Health Occupations, retire Kevin Andress, gifted and advanced English/Language Arts, middle school; Megan Studer, Career Tech Business Management, high school; and Krystal Wynn, fifth grade English/Language Arts, middle school.

The board will not renew non-M.L.E.A. pupil activity contracts including Travis Stantz, head ninth grade boys' basketball; Geoff Eckenwiler, assistant varsity boys' basketball; Davey Hipp, head varsity boys' basketball; Angel Ortiz, head seventh grade girls' basketball; Trevor Kirsch, head eighth grade girls' basketball; Brian Lowe, assistant varsity girls' basketball ½ contract; Tyler Albright, Assistant Varsity Girls' Basketball ½ contract; Doug Rickert, head varsity girls' basketball; Amy Daniels, assistant varsity cheerleading advisor; Michelle Byus, head varsity cheerleading advisor; Cody Helbig, equipment manager – fall; Bryan Mosier, fall fitness coordinator; Zach Brandt, assistant seventh grade football ½ contract; Matt Stancombe, assistant seventh grade football ½ contract; Tim Deel, head seventh grade football; Joe Stupka, assistant ninth grade football; Calvin Gordon, assistant varsity football ½ contract; Victor Skoog, assistant varsity football ½ contract; T. Justin Hunt, assistant varsity football; Mico Castelveter, head varsity girls' golf; MaShala Poland, music assistant (Ramettes); Dustin Moysi, Assistant varsity boys' soccer; Kelly O'Brien, assistant varsity girls' soccer; Sarah Wiggins, head seventh grade volleyball; Brittany Winger, head eighth grade volleyball; Zac Dodd, 7/8 grade assistant wrestling; David Gilbert, 7/8 grade head wrestling; Bryan Mosier, head varsity wrestling; Chad Hutcheson, assistant varsity wrestling; Mike Thomas, assistant varsity wrestling ½ contract; Trenton Osborne, assistant varsity wrestling ½ contract; Jenna Hendershott, assistant varsity wrestling ½ contract; Kyle Conkle, assistant varsity wrestling ½ contract; and Jennifer Drake, Eastview Student Council Advisor.



The board will also not renew senior class advisors Shelbi Ohl and Jessica Kunz.

The board voted to suspend the contract of Nathan Stump, Mifflin Elementary Principal.

The board suspended certified contracts for the 2026-'27 school year following the reduction in force for, Elizabeth Barr, Madyson Bresson, Wendy Caperton, Thomas Deiotte, Steven Farley, Abbey Gray, Adolph Hathaway, Goelena Milano, Amy O'Connell, Lindsey Whitehead and Delaney Willis.

Suspended classified contracts, due to a reduction in force, include Holly Biedelschies, Tina Clark, EmmaLee Dravenstott, Shannon Hardy, Brittney Mason, Allie Moysi, Tayler Salser, Jami Sweet, Cheyenne Sumler and Shanna Wake.

Substitute teachers hired on an "on call" basis, as needed for the 2025-'26 school year are Caden Deel, Dana Hallock, Saylor Lee-VanAuker, Grayce Snavely, Gabriella White and James Wilt.

Chad Reynolds was approved as a volunteer for boys' tennis and Bronson Henry was approved as a baseball volunteer.

Resignations were accepted from Reagyn Cox, MECLC Assistant Teacher; and Emily Treadway, MECLC Assistant Teacher.

Summer mowers hired were JR Chinn, James Miller, Bobby Neal and Kelly Swank, Summer Mower. Martha Urig was hired as temporary summer help for the bus garage.

An overnight trip was approved for the Madison Varsity Baseball team to compete in Cincinnati March 20-22, at no cost to the board.

An overnight trip for BPA students to attend the National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, May 6-10, was approved.

An overnight trip for FCCLA students to attend the state competition in Columbus April 16-17 was approved.

The 2026-'27 school calendar was approved.

The proposed building name changes for the 2026-'27 school year were approved and will change from Madison South Elementary to Madison Primary School and Eastview Elementary to Madison Intermediate School.

A service agreement was approved between Madison Local School District and Cardinal Rehab LLC for certified orientation and mobility services, from March 1 to July 31, 2026.

The next regular board of Education meeting will be Wednesday, April 22, at 6 pm in the Madison Middle School Auditoria.

Lions will serve pancakes April 18

The Ontario Lions Pancake Breakfast will be held Saturday, April 18, from 6:30 am to noon at the Ontario High School.

The cost is \$7 with kids six and under eating free.

The menu will include all-you-can-eat pancakes with sausage, coffee, mile and juice.

Door prizes will be donated by local businesses and winners need not to be present to win.

Please note the date change as typically this meal is served the first Saturday of April.

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Through the Lens:

Lilliana Allen's Eye For Emotion in Sports Photography

By Traci Little

For Lilliana Allen, sports photography didn't begin with a big plan — it started with curiosity, a borrowed camera and a willingness to learn.

"My mom had been given a camera for her birthday," Allen recalls. "She wanted me to teach her how to use it, so I started bringing it everywhere." That curiosity quickly turned into passion when she took the camera to a basketball game where her sister was performing with the jazz band. "The rest is history," she says.

Basketball remains at the heart of Allen's work. "It's where I got my start, so it will always have a special place in my heart," she shares. But her creativity extends beyond the court. Softball is another favorite, offering what she describes as a unique blend of "emotion and color" that makes each frame come alive.

Though she modestly jokes about being "gifted with unathleticism," Allen's background in dance and middle school volleyball has played a key role in shaping her instincts behind the camera. Those experiences helped her understand the rhythm of competition—when to shoot, and just as importantly, when to step back.

For Allen, a great sports photograph goes beyond action — it tells a story.

"A great sports photograph includes emotion while capturing the rhythm of the game," she explains. "And the best ones have color and texture that make them even more interesting."

Rather than relying purely on anticipation, Allen emphasizes understanding the game itself. "Knowing how the game works is the best way to know what shots you're looking to get," she says.

That approach has led to unforgettable moments, including a buzzer-beater at a junior varsity basketball game. "You could really see how much the players supported and loved one another," she says. "And of course—it was awesome that they won."

Another standout memory came during a boys soccer playoff game, where Allen climbed high

above the field to capture a sweeping overhead shot. "It's really quiet and beautiful," she says—a reminder that not every powerful sports image comes from the center of the action.

Sports photography isn't just about pressing the shutter—it's about positioning, preparation, and persistence.

"One of the biggest challenges is figuring out where to situate myself," Allen explains. "You can't always move as fast as the game does."

Preparation is key. She studies players and game dynamics ahead of time and carefully plans where she'll shoot from depending on the venue. And while her equipment may be modest, her connection to it is meaningful.

"I'm currently using a Nikon 4300 for sports and a Canon Rebel T7 for everything else," she says. "My Nikon is really special to me—it was the first camera that was just for me. Even though it's old and broken, I still love it."

Photographing local high school sports brings a deeper layer of connection to Allen's work. Being surrounded by familiar faces helps her build relationships and tell more personal stories through her images.

One relationship that stands out is with senior athlete Kaleb Gordon. "I started taking photos of him my freshman year," she says. "He really boosted my confidence and helped kickstart my career. I'm so grateful to him."

Recognition in the community has also been meaningful. "Someone asked me at work if I was 'the photographer for Madison,'" she shares. "I wear that title very proudly."

At the heart of her work is a simple goal: to uplift others. "I hope athletes and families feel proud of themselves and how far they've come," she says. "I take photos to make people feel good about themselves."

Allen encourages aspiring photographers to look beyond the obvious.

"Don't just follow the ball," she advises. "Some of the best shots come from other places — like players running bases in softball or defensive plays in football."

While technical skills matter, she believes timing is irreplaceable. "You can edit a photo," she says, "but you can't go back and retake the moment."

Her advice to beginners is simple and powerful: "Do it. Do it scared, do it tired, do it angry—just do it."

What keeps Allen coming back, game after game, is her vision for the future.

"I'm very self-driven," she says. "I want to make a career and a life out of this."

She also hopes people understand the unseen effort behind the images. "It's not all glitz and glamour," she says. "There are nights I've stayed up all hours to meet deadlines. It takes so much hard work."

And while many dream of photographing major events, Allen's

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Photo by Lilliana Allen

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 29	8:30 am (Chapel) & 10:30 am (Sanctuary)
Mundy Thursday Service, April 2	7:00 pm (Chapel)
Good Friday Service, April 3	12 noon (Chapel)
Easter Sunday Services, April 5	8:30 (Chapel) & 10:30 am (Sanctuary)

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ambitions are wide-ranging. From the Olympics to hockey, NA-SCAR, gymnastics, and even curling, her goal is simple: capture it all.

Allen plans to continue growing her craft at Ohio University, where she hopes to photograph college sports and expand her portfolio. Besides her work being featured regularly in the Tribune-Courier, her work can also be found in the Mansfield News Journal, as well as on her social media platforms. You can find her on Instagram @lillianascamera.jpg.

When asked about her favorite moments to capture, her answer reflects the heart of her work:

"The intense emotions throughout the game—whether it's a win or a loss. And even the moments fans don't notice, like what's happening on the bench. Those are some of my favorite photos."

In every frame, Lilliana Allen proves that sports photography isn't just about the game—it's about the people, the emotion, and the stories unfolding in every second.



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Lilliana Allen at work on the field



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Step Into Spring promotes inclusion and community connection

Photos and Article By Traci Little

The 7th Annual Step Into Spring event brought energy, encouragement, and connection to the community on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at The Ontario Center (formerly Richland Mall).

Held from 10 am to noon, the event welcomed community members of all ages and abilities to participate in a fun and inclusive indoor walking experience. Organized in recognition of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, the event emphasized the importance of inclusion, accessibility, and building strong community relationships.

Sponsored by Richland Newhope and supported by a number of local partners, the event featured 29 vendors offering resources, information, and opportunities for connection. Attendees were encouraged to walk at their own pace throughout the center, stopping to engage with organizations dedicated to health, wellness, and community support.

A highlight of the morning was a special performance by Breaking Barriers, which took place in the food court and drew excitement from the crowd. The performance added an inspiring element to the event's mission of inclusion.

Additional community partners included organizations such as the Area Agency on Aging and Richland County Children Services along with local wellness advocates, all working together to promote awareness and provide valuable support services.

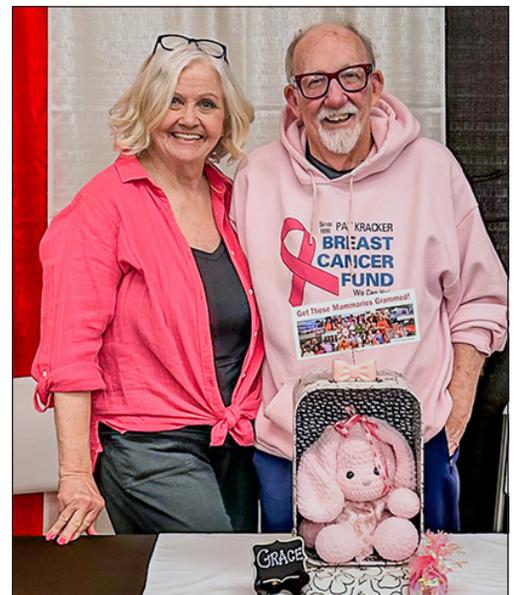
Raffle prizes, snacks, and vendor engagement added to the wel-

coming atmosphere, making the event both informative and enjoyable for all who attended.

Step Into Spring continues to grow as a special tradition in Richland County — bringing people together, raising awareness, and celebrating the value of every individual in the community.



19th Annual Business Expo



Photos By Traci Little

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Pioneer approves hirings, student competition participation

At the March 16 meeting, the Pioneer Board of Education held a public hearing to consider the re-employment of recently retired staff. The board adopted a resolution accepting tax amounts and rates and authorizing necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.

The board adopted the 2026-'27 Pioneer CTC High School, adult and preschool calendars and preschool fees.

The Online Learning Plan was approved for the 2026-'27 school year, as were revisions to existing policy and a new policy.

Donations were accepted from Ellen Huffman, Shelby, \$100 to be deposited into the Rene' Burtscher Scholarship fund; Ann Kleinlein, Delaware; \$500 to be deposited into the Art Barr Scholarship fund; Mike Thompson, Shelby, \$60 to be deposited into the Bob Janca Scholarship fund; Ellen Huffman, Shelby, \$100 to be deposited into the Bob Janca Scholarship fund; and Jeff Fanello, Ohio Valley Manufacturing, Inc., Mansfield, \$2,000 to be used for student robotics competition.

The board approved student participation in competitive events including the HOSA State Leadership Conference, Glass City Center, Toledo, April 16-17; FCCLA State Leadership Conference, Ohio Expo Center, Columbus, April 15-17; the State Agricultural Diagnostics Contest, UNOH, Lima, March 5-6, 2026; and the DECA International Career Development Conference, Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, GA, April 25-29.

Jason Fortman was approved as the food service manager on a three-year contract effective Aug. 1, 2026 through July 31, 2029.

Marianne Ritchie will retire as the Business Computer Tech instructor, effective June 1, 2026.

Greg Gallaway was hired as an intervention specialist on a one-year contract. Brittany Tharp was hired as an intervention specialist on a one-year contract.

Robin Hager was hired as a 2026 Summer School Edgenuity coordinator, up to 250 hours, June 1-July 31, 2026.

2026 Summer School Edgenuity instructors were hired at the rate

of \$100 per one credit class and \$50 per half credit class. Contracts will be initiated after completion of enrollments in courses for summer school 2026.

Instructors will be Aaryn Evans, language arts; Robin Hager, social studies; Emma Jenkins, math; and John Yohe, science.

The board approved stipend contracts for Google Level One Certification for Rich Ulmer, \$110; and Cassandra Lowery, \$110.

A Google Level Two Certification stipend contract went to Cassandra Lowery, \$110.

Chaperone stipends for the FCCLA Regional Competition on Feb. 28, at Lorain Co. JVS, in Oberlin, were approved for Kelly Jung, \$100; and Kris Bruce, \$100.

A \$100 chaperone stipend was approved for Kelly Jung for the FCCLA Officer Competition, March 7, at Lorain Community College, in Elyria.

Lindsay Frontz was hired as a part-time cafeteria worker and Liberty Hall was hired as an ECE Student Worker. Robert Dingus was hired as an Industrial Maintenance Instructor, Mansfield Correctional. Haley Keirns-Richardson was hired as a phlebotomy instructor and Lisa Kilgore was hired as a LPN instructor.

The board adopted resolutions for an Appreciation of Donation for Arcelor Mittal Tubular Products, Shelby, for bids for the student dining expansion project and for re-employment of the superintendent.



AUDREY WOLFORD, a Crestview High School senior in the Pioneer Career and Technology Center Early Childhood Education program, was chosen as the February 2026 Student of the Month. Her instructor is Lindi Meisse. At Crestview, Audrey has been involved in cross country throughout high school, helping her team become back-to-back state qualifiers and conference champions. She also works before and after school in Pioneer's childcare program. Outside of school, Audrey enjoys running, babysitting, reading her Bible, and spending time outdoors. "I've had so many opportunities and experiences at Pioneer that have helped me grow both as a person and as a future teacher," she shared. In the future, Audrey plans to pursue her goal of becoming an infant teacher. This marks her second Student of the Month recognition in just two years at Pioneer.

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Lexington meeting has light agenda

The Lexington Board of Education met Wednesday, March 18. In attendance were student representative Emma Racquet and the Junior High Robotics Club.

An administrative report was given about Eastern. Susan Young will retire from the Central Elementary third grade effective Oct. 30, 2026.

Cara Park resigned as the Central Elementary Intervention Specialist, effective at the end of the current school year. This is pending board approval from Wooster City Schools for the 2026-'27 school year. Park also resigned as a volleyball coach.

Resignations were also accepted from Annesia Hite, food service; AnnaMaria Guentert, food service; and Zach Rinehart, bus driver. Rinehart has taken the position of transportation director.

Continuing contracts were approved for Mike Kathrein, Heidi Roush and Melanie Stilson.

A salary adjustment was approved for Luke Rogers, BS + 20 to ME. Coaches given approval by the board include Alyson Berg, varsity volleyball coach, 2026-'27 school year; Colton Murfield, volunteer assistant baseball coach; Ron Hedrick, volunteer baseball; and Troy Hedrick, volunteer baseball.

Tuition students approved for the 2026-'27 school year include Daisy Griggs, new, kindergarten; Henry Saris new, first grade, tuition waived per board policy for a working parent; and Philip Etzel, continuing, senior.

Parent volunteers approved for Eastern Elementary include Brielle McFarland, Jenice Ball and Robin Vanerio.

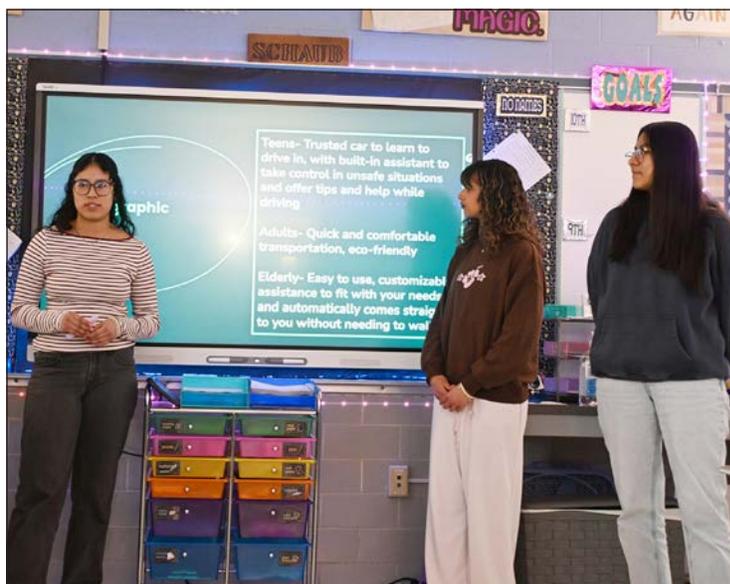
A resolution passed to authorize the treasurer and transportation department to obtain bid pricing through META Solutions Cooperative for purchasing a new bus.

The Lexington Board of Education rescinded board policies and adopted other policies.

The substitute lists were approved as provided by MOESC dated Feb. 14-March 13.



KNOX COUNTY CAREER CENTER (KCCC) students competed in the SkillsUSA Central Region competition held at Career and Technology Education Centers of Licking County (C-TEC) on Friday, March 13. Gavin Domka, a junior in Metal Fabrication and Welding, placed first in the welding competition. Brandyn Thomas, a junior in Health Technologies, placed fourth in the Medical Terminology competition. Keith Rogers, a senior in Precision Machining, placed third in the 3-axis CNC Milling competition. Beau Keller, a senior in Precision Machining, placed first in the 2-axis CNC Turning competition. Coy Bieri, a junior in Precision Machining, placed fourth in the 2-axis CNC Turning competition. All five students qualified for the SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference May 5-6, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. "Our students competed very well at the SkillsUSA Central Region competition on Friday. Their preparation and hard work paid off, and we are excited that they will have the opportunity to compete at the state competition," said Joe LaFevre, KCCC's Co-Advisor for SkillsUSA.



MRS. SCHAU'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 2 students at Ontario High School took persuasive writing to the next level with their very own *Shark Tank*-style presentations. As part of a persuasive advertising unit, students designed innovative, creative and even futuristic products, then pitched their ideas with confidence and flair. Teachers and administrators stepped into the role of investors, evaluating each presentation and "funding" the most compelling concepts. It was an engaging and exciting way for students to bring their ideas to life while sharpening their communication skills.

April recognized as National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Richland County Children Services (RCCS) is launching its 2026 Child Abuse Awareness Month Campaign, "Together We Protect Their Tomorrows," a comprehensive initiative focused on strengthening community awareness, promoting prevention, and protecting the thousands of children in Richland County who are affected by or at risk of abuse and neglect each year.

The campaign begins with a public kick-off rally on Wednesday, April 1, at 9 am at the YMCA of North Central Ohio, 750 Scholl Rd., Mansfield, featuring State Representative Melanie Miller of Ohio's 67th House District as the guest speaker. Representative Miller, a longtime advocate for children's welfare and education, will address the importance of community involvement in preventing child abuse and supporting families.

"Together We Protect Their Tomorrows," reflects a simple but powerful message: child protection is not the responsibility of one agency alone. Instead, it requires the combined efforts of families, neighbors, government officials, educators, faith communities and local organizations.

In support of this effort, the Richland County Commissioners will present a Proclamation at their meeting on Tuesday, March 31 at 9:30 am to Executive Director Tara Lautzenhiser.

RCCS is marking National Child Abuse Prevention Month with a variety of awareness and prevention activities:

- Pinwheels for Prevention, April 1 — Blue Pinwheels will be on display on the front lawn of the YMCA of North Central Ohio – Mansfield Branch. The pinwheels represent every report of child abuse and neglect received by the agency in Richland County in 2025.

- Wear Blue Day, April 8 — Wear Blue Day is an annual statewide event to spread awareness on the important issues of child abuse, neglect and dependency. On this day local businesses, offices, schools, agencies, factories, retail outlets and media partners are asked to Wear Blue to show unity against child abuse and neglect. Participants can take pictures of themselves, their group, classmates or co-workers wearing blue and send them via email to Brigitte.Coles@jfs.ohio.gov and paula.caldwell@jfs.ohio.gov for publication on the agency's website and Facebook page.

- Free Blue-Pinwheel Cookie -Wear Blue Day, April 8 at Buckeye Bakery, 21 E. 4th St., Mansfield — RCCS has teamed up with Buckeye Bakery for Wear Blue Day on Wednesday, April 8th, to give the first 100 customers wearing blue a free cookie in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

- YMCA of North Central Ohio Healthy Kids Day, April 18, 12 pm–2 pm, OSU Mansfield Recreation Center, 1760 University Drive Mansfield — RCCS will take part in YMCA of North Central Ohio Healthy Kids Day. Healthy Kids Day is a free, family-focused community event that promotes youth development, healthy living and strong family engagement. RCCS will share resources and informa-

tion on Child Abuse Prevention, helping families learn practical ways to keep children safe, supported, and thriving.

- 27th Annual Community Health Fair, Providence Baptist Church, 112 W. 6th Street, Mansfield, Saturday, April 25, from 10:30 am to 2 pm RCCS will be participating in the Mansfield NAACP community health fair as a community partner. RCCS will have an informational table providing helpful tips and strategies to help keep children safe and promote family well-being.

A key feature of this year's campaign is the introduction of the on-line printable Child Abuse Prevention Pledge Card, titled "Together We Protect Their Tomorrows." The pledge card is available at www.richlandcountychildrenservices.org and invites residents to download and print the pledge, sign their name as a personal commitment to protecting children, display the pledge card in homes, businesses, schools, and community spaces and take a photo of the pledge card on display and share it on social media platforms to help spread awareness. The photo can also be emailed to RCCS to be featured on the Richland County Children Services Facebook page.

The pledge card serves as a visible reminder that child safety is a community priority and that every individual can play a role in preventing abuse.

"The pledge card is a simple but powerful way for people to show their commitment to protecting children," said Brigitte Coles, Richland County Community Engagement Supervisor. "Seeing these cards displayed throughout the county sends a strong message that Richland County stands united for child safety."

For more information about child abuse prevention programs and activities visit richlandcountychildrenservices.org. The Richland County Children Services 24-hour child abuse hotline can be reached at 419-774-4100 to report child abuse and neglect.

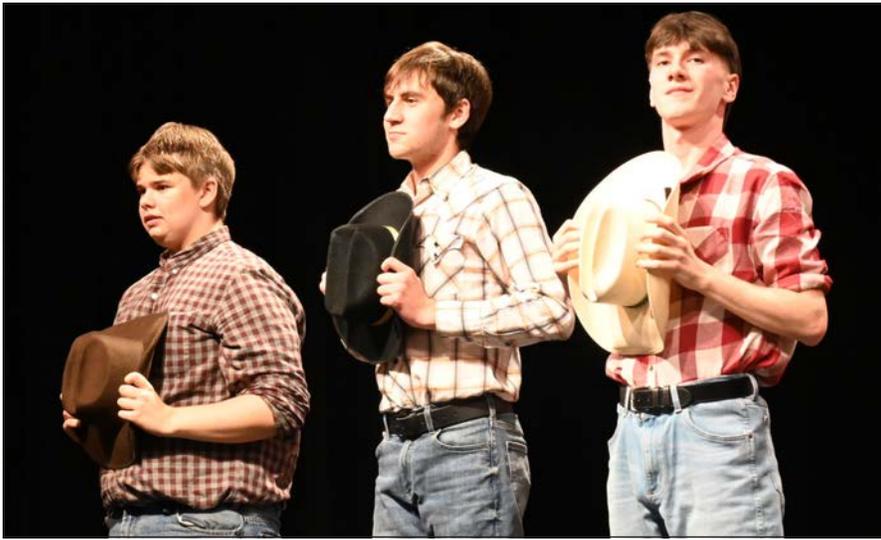


Ontario Warrior Leadership Council's spring bulletin board by Lauren Uhde



MR. COLEY'S government students at Ontario High School argued real cases in front of the class Supreme Court. The attorneys researched case precedent and prepared arguments. Justices grilled attorney groups with questions and hypotheticals, then delivered opinions. In addition, to coincide with the start of March Madness, Mr. Coley's government students made their way through a "Constitution Chaos" bracket. Pairs of students compete Taboo-Style to see who could guess the most Constitutional Amendments. Just like the real thing, each class had several early-round upsets.

Ontario High School's "Annie Get Your Gun"



Main Street Improvement Project open house is Thursday, March 26

The Main Street Improvement Project is past the halfway mark, and an open house will be held at 128 N. Main St., Mansfield, on Thursday, March 26 from 5-7 pm.

This isn't a formal presentation, come when you can and stay as long as you'd like. Project engineers, city staff and the construction team will be available at stations where attendees can see the construction timeline and what's coming in the months ahead, ask questions about traffic, access, and phasing in your specific area, view renderings of the finished streetscape and share feedback on what would make the remaining construction period smoother

Stay informed and receive instant updates on the Main Street project at MainStreetMansfield.com for the latest news and progress reports text "Mainstreet" to 419-443-6519 to get real-time alerts directly to your phone.

Main St. from Third to Park closed March 23 for approximately 45 days and Park Avenue from Diamond to Main will close starting March 30 for approximately 45 days.



Local athletes named to girls basketball All-Ohio teams

The 2026 Divisions IV, V, VI and VII girls basketball All-Ohio teams have been announced by the Ohio Prep Sports Media Association. The All-Ohio teams are based on nominations from the seven districts of the OPSMA from regular-season accomplishments.

Local athletes recognized include:

2026 Division IV All-Ohio Girls Basketball Teams

Special Mention: Chloe Mahek, Shelby, 5-8, junior, 15.2

2026 Division V All-Ohio Girls Basketball Teams

First Team: Ava Boccio, Bellville Clear Fork, 5-8, junior, 17.1;

Third Team: Brinley Barnett, Bellville Clear Fork, 5-7, senior, 9.5

Honorable Mention: Eliana Pelkey, Bellville Clear Fork, 5-8, senior, 9.0

2026 Division VI All-Ohio Girls Basketball Teams

Special Mention: Tori Kidney, Ashland Crestview, 5-5, senior, 12.3

Honorable Mention: Zy'Eir Davis, Mansfield Christian, 5-6, senior, 13.4

2026 Division VII All-Ohio Girls Basketball Teams

Special Mention: Riley Trumpower, Lucas, 5-8, sophomore, 11.9



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