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RICHLAND COUNTY OUTSTANDING SENIOR CITIZEN Awardee William Danuloff speaks during an Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. award ceremony on Aug. 30 at Hawkins Center in Ontario.

Senior citizen and community service awards presented by Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging

Photos and Article By Traci Little

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., held its Outstanding Senior Citizen and Community Service Award Ceremony on Aug. 30 at the Hawkins Conference Center. Sue Montgomery said it was so nice to host this event in their brand new facility. The hosts for the event were Ohio District 5's Duana Patton, MBA Chief Executive Officer, and Jason Painley, board president.

Each year the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. honors senior citizens who are making a difference in their communities and present a positive image of aging. There is one award recipient for each county in the Agency's nine county service areas (Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca and Wyandot). Awardees are selected by the Agency based on the impact of their contributions and accomplishments within the community made after reaching the age of 60. As well as awarding one Community Service Award to honor a community organization, agency, service club, business, or the media that makes an outstanding contribution to the community on behalf of senior citizens.

The 2023 Awardees are Bob "Buck" Frazier of Ashland County, Dennis and Alice Teynor of Crawford County, Joyce Ditz of Huron County, Sherry Williams of Knox County, Fred and Margie Saull of Marion County, Raymond Dietz of Morrow County, William Danuloff of Richland County, Leonard Skonecki of Seneca County and Marilyn Baughman of Wyandot County. Third Street Family Health Services was the Community Service Awardee this year.

Bob "Buck" Frazier – Ashland County

Commissioner James Justice and AAA5 Corporate Board VP Becky Plank were in attendance to honor him.

Frazier said, "I can't believe I'm even a part of this! I would like

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Linda Fulmer's "Enjoying the Journey" column published in newly released book

Linda Fulmer, a local author and columnist wrote a series of short stories titled "Enjoying the Journey" for the *Tribune-Courier* for almost a decade. After she died in 2014 her husband, Mike Fulmer, asked Linda's family and friends for help commemorating her unique style of writing. After considering the entire collection, 55 of her shared experiences, connections and lessons were compiled in a book titled *Remembering Linda*.

Linda's columns entertained and touched her readers," said Mike. "They were Linda's reflections on the things she loved, about family, friends, travel, theater, music, reading, writing and more."

"Enjoying the journey" was Linda's motto and through her writing, teaching and living, Linda inspired and encouraged others to do the same. The 55 short stories are arranged into four sections. The last section, "Handling Cancer," reveals how Linda lived life out loud and continued to find happiness in her uphill struggle.

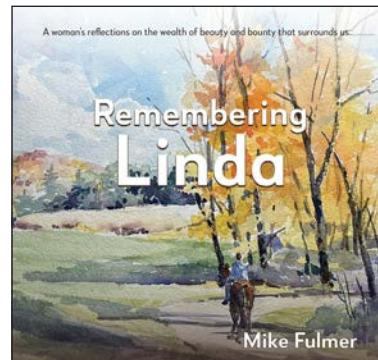
Linda Fulmer taught sixth grade language arts at Ontario for 30 years. She directed many Ontario High School plays and musicals. She was actively involved in the Ontario Growth Association, served as a board member of the Little Buckeye Children's Museum and organized Ontario's annual Christmas Bazaar. She was a member of Ontario Methodist Church.

"Before her death, Linda and her family established the Linda Fulmer Kindness Initiative Award," said Mike. "This award is annually presented to an Ontario High School senior who has shown acts of kindness to others through their attitude and behavior. There are ten award winners identified in the book."

In addition, the book includes a letter from Mike, information on Linda's Yellow Moose consulting work, comments from those she touched over her life and original watercolor paintings created specifically for this publication.

Remembering Linda can be purchased online at Amazon and Barnes & Noble. All proceeds from this book will be donated to the Linda Fulmer Kindness Initiative Fund.

For more information contact Mike Fulmer at mrmiltonf@gmail.com or 419-565-7980.



Events celebrate September as National Preparedness Month

The Richland County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) in collaboration with the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced that September is National Preparedness Month.

This year's National Preparedness Month theme is "Preparing Older Adults for Disaster." Older adults are encouraged to prepare for disasters by preparing a kit of emergency supplies, make a family communication plan, and be informed by signing up for weather alerts and having a home weather radio.

Richland County EMA is partnering with Catholic Charities, First Call-211, Northend Community Improvement Collaborative, Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Richland Newhope and several

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History: The 1920's Ku Klux Klan in Richland County

By Bob Carter (Part One of a Series)

There are some parts of the history of Richland County folks don't talk about much. The fact that there were two rather large Klan's here doesn't come up much in casual conversation. There's something uncomfortable about the subject.

The Ku Klux Klan was started by six white Confederate soldiers in Tennessee in the 1860s after the Civil War and spread throughout the southern states to become basically a terrorist organization bent on keeping the African Americans from voting, holding office, organizing or competing in any way with the white population. There were murders, rapes, hangings, beatings and horrible treatments inflicted on the African American people to keep them into submission.

It was a dark chapter in American history. The Jim Crow segregation attitude would prevail for decades.

In the 1910s the black migration to the north began, and that, coupled with the competition for jobs brought a resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan in Ohio, Indiana and other northern states. Disliked were foreigners, non-white racial groups and non-Protestants.

In 1923, Indiana KKK member David Stephenson developed a speaking ability which enabled him to captivate audiences and was soon elected as Grand Dragon (Head of the KKK). He was able to break the Indiana Klan and 22 northern states away from the National Klan. There were 250,000 Klansmen in Indiana alone, estimated one out of every four men.

By 1924, Stephenson had become a multi-millionaire, lived in a mansion, hired a staff of body guards and had a yacht on Lake Erie. There was also his personal train car and a vacation home at Buckeye Lake. He became very powerful politically.

The Shelby & Mansfield Klan
The Nov. 26, 1922 edition of *Mansfield News* carried this story in its local news section: "Shelby, Nov. 25 — It was reported this morning that a Klan of the Ku Klux had been organized here with a membership of 150, and a meeting was held a few nights ago in a room on West Main Street. The organization has been made very quietly by members from the Bucyrus Klan, but it is difficult to discover anything definite regarding personnel of the officers or anything else."



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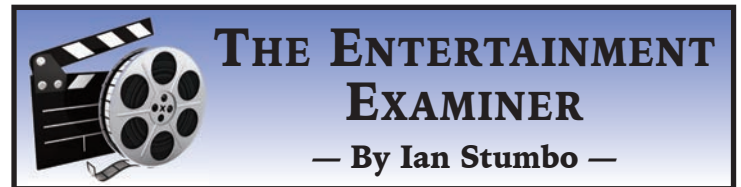
Photo from Sherman Room, MRCPL
The KKK was an alleged "Secret" society. Shelby was known as a sun-down town in the 1920's. If you were black, be out of town by sundown.

The Ku Klux Klan considered itself the "Invisible Empire" but was visible enough to make the paper. Not to be outdone by Shelby, the newspaper reported in its Dec. 15, 1922 edition that a National Kleagle recruiter was in Mansfield. The term Kleagle was a speaker, promoter or organizer for the Klan.

"Hopes and fears of Mansfield people are being realized in the organization of a Klan of the Ku Klux, according to first hand information, and the work of recruiting members to the secret organization is being carried on with good success by a Kleagle from the national organization... Among the membership in Mansfield may be found men of the highest character, and almost any profession is represented. There is no cast known, but a man to become a member must be of the highest ideals of American liberty and be for the things which make this country better."

What both articles failed to mention was the fact membership was open only to white, Protestant and American-born men of good character. Catholics, Jews, Orthodox and those of other ethnic or racial groups were barred from the Klan. In spite of this opinionated regulation, the Klan's rolls grew rapidly in both Shelby and Mansfield. While there was this hope for a Klan in Mansfield there was no doubt fear and disgust expressed among others, particularly in the African America community. There were numerous immigrants from European countries in Mansfield. How much it divided friends, neighbors and even families is unknown.

Klan business owners were expected to dismiss employees who were not members or face a boycott. In some cases, business owners were boycotted for non-membership. A doctor received a letter demanding he not treat black patients.



THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER
— By Ian Stumbo —

Denzel Washington returns as Robert McCall in *The Equalizer 3*. After being injured in Italy after being taken captive, McCall tries to settle into a new life in a small village. He contacts the CIA and one of their lead agents (Dakota Fanning) about smuggling taking place off the dock in Sicily.

He helps the CIA by giving his insights into the gang trying to take over the area though, as before, he takes matters into his own hands.

The first two *Equalizer* movies were quite fun and violent action films showing another side of Washington after he turned into a sinister, though intelligent, killer. This one has good action sequences at its bookends, though the middle of the movie is such a bore.

The writers take so much time just establishing him in this town as he gets his cup of tea everyday and befriends the waitress at the local café (they seem to hint this may go somewhere and it does not).

The Equalizer 3 takes forev-

er to get from one plot point to the next and a tighter script and villains that did not seem like they have been cut out of every action movie would have made this movie much better.

Washington is great, though he always turns in fine performances and the audience has expected that of him. He always delivers.

Fanning is fine in the role and it's nice to see her and Washington reunited on the screen after their turn in 2004's *Man on Fire*. The movie always seems to promise big action set pieces coming up and then turns around and takes its time again.

The action and Washington deliver in this movie. It's too bad the script itself is so overstuffed with long scenes that take forever to come to any fruition.

The first two *Equalizer* films were fine action set pieces, this one, outside of a couple scenes, is pretty boring.



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News Briefs

Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, (Madison area) will hold its annual rummage sale Sept. 6-9, coordinated and directed by Mary Reynolds.

All net proceeds from the rummage sale and food sales will be used to help people in the community. All sales are by donation and remaining items are distributed throughout the community and to other local ministries. The sale will be open 4-7 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 6; 9 am to 7 pm Thursday, Sept. 7; 9 am to 2 pm on Friday, Sept. 8; and 9 am to 2 pm on Saturday, Sept. 9.

St. Peter's Music Series begins this year with acclaimed violinist Andrew Sords performing in concert with cellist Nathanael Matthews and pianist Elizabeth DeMio and featuring a program including works by Johannes Brahms, Clara Schumann, G.F. Handel as orchestrated by Johan Halvorsen and Dimitri Shostakovich.

The concert will be held Saturday, Sept. 9 at 7 pm at St. Peter's Church, 60 S. Mulberry St., Mansfield. Admission to the concert is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be taken up to support the efforts and programs of the music series. Additional information is available by calling the St. Peter's Music Series at 419-524-2572, ext. 2113.

The Lexington Depot's meal schedule for August has been released. Meals are served at the Lexington Senior Civic Center, 67 E. Main St., Lexington, from 11 am to 2 pm. For information call 419-884-1676. Meals include Sept. 7, open faced roast beef over mashed potatoes/bread; Sept. 12, salad and sandwich; Sept. 14, Dijon pork chops & scalloped potatoes; Sept. 19, parmesan beef patty with herb angel hair pasta; Sept. 21, meatloaf with au gratin potatoes; Sept. 26, marzetti; and Sept. 28, creamed chicken over mashed potatoes/biscuits.

The Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center will have free produce giveaways on the fourth Monday of the Month thru October. Remaining dates are 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.

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. The next distribution is Tuesday, Sept. 12. For information call 419-522-0662.

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.

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Rev. Sunshine J. Wolfe on Sunday, Sept. 10, at 10:30 am. She will speak on "Choosing Each Other." For more information visit www.allsoulsuuhio.org.

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Sept. 23 and 24. Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, broken down cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.

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

The meal on Sept. 20, will include broasted chicken. Matt and Melanie Miller will sing and give a freedom talk. A collection will be taken for the Humane Society of Richland County. Items collected will include paper and cloth towels, cleaning supplies, newspapers, wipes, disposable gloves, canned food, and Purina cat and dog food. Cost is \$15 for the meal. Guests are welcome. For information visit www.lexasc.org. Dues are \$10 per year.

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retired community members to promote National Preparedness month.

Richland County EMA will host an open house for older adults to learn more on disaster preparedness Thursday, Sept. 14, from 3-8 pm. Call 419-774-5686 to RSVP.

Richland County EMA is partnering with the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging for a preparedness resource event for seniors on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 1 pm. For more information call 567-247-6487.

On Wednesday, Oct. 4, a nationwide test of FEMA and the FCC alert system will occur at 2:20 pm to test TV, radio and cell communications. Richland County EMA may issue alerts from time to time via Richland County RAlerts notification system. Sign up for RAlerts via the Richland County website at <https://www.richland-countyoh.gov/rcalerts>.

Ready.gov provides many resources to assist in personal disaster planning. National Preparedness month is a great time to put together an emergency plan, practice the plan and build an emergency supply kit. For information on kits visit <https://weathersafety.ohio.gov/HomePreparednessKit.aspx>.

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Photo By Jeff Hoffer
The Super Blue Moon • Wednesday, Aug. 30

Boating course offered through Mansfield Power Squadron

An America's Boating Course will be offered by Mansfield Power Squadron. The course is for both new and experienced boaters. The course is for those who wish to develop boating skills and learn boating safety for boating, sailing, paddle sports or personal watercraft.

Classes will be held Tuesdays, Sept. 12 to Nov. 21, from 7-9 pm, at Pioneer Career and Technology Center, 27 Ryan Rd., Shelby. Register by calling the Adult Education Department at 419-347-7744 by Sept. 8.

Classes will also be held Wednesdays, Sept. 13-Nov. 15, from 6:30-8:30 pm at Madison Adult Career Center, 600 Esley Ln., Mansfield. Register by calling MACC at 419-589-6363 ext. 65052 by Sept. 8.

The class is taught by certified instructors of the Mansfield Power Squadron (MPS) and allows participants to seek answers to questions while gaining knowledge of boating and boating safety.

The course also meets the State of Ohio boating education requirement. Topics covered include safety and safety equipment, boating laws (state and federal), boat handling, rules of the road, navigation aids, finding your way safely, anchoring, docking, knots and lines, trailering, boat maintenance, communications, how to handle emergencies and mechanical problems and more.

Take boating classes to reduce risk of accidents and injuries, save on boat insurance and qualify for a state boat operator certificate.

Visit <https://www.usps.org/mansfield> or call 419-975-9724 for more information about the MPS, additional advanced boating courses, how to improve boating skills and knowledge or for a complimentary vessel safety check.

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 Nezirick
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

2055 Middle-Bellville, Mansfield
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Sunday 10:45 am
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St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church

1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison) 419-589-2114 • www.mansfieldstmarys.org
Father John Miller
Worship: 4 pm Saturday & 11 am Sunday
5:30 pm Tuesday Worship
8 am Friday Worship • Faith Instruction & Bible Study on Sunday Mornings

St. John's United Church of Christ

68 Park Avenue East, Mansfield
419-522-2813 • www.stjohnsmansfield.org
Pastor Faith Prioretti
10 am Sunday Worship

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Memorial Arrangements

Lori Kay Barnett

Lori Kay Barnett was a caring mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, and friend. She left this world on Aug. 15, 2023 at age 58.

She was born to Frederick and Joyce (Shaum) Rehberg on Jan. 3, 1965 in Ashland, Ohio, along with her twin brother, Lance Rehberg.

She proudly held the crown of Miss Ontario 1982 and after graduating from Ontario High School in 1983, she continued to be an important member of the community. She went on to achieve her dreams of working in healthcare and education.

She used her creative and artistic abilities to always make the world a more beautiful and interesting place. She could always be found with her guitar, singing with family or out on the town belting karaoke classics with friends.

She is survived by her children: Dara (Bobby) Rehberg-McKinney, Kelsey (Kevin Rios) Barnett, and David Barnett; brothers Derek (Tammy) Rehberg and Vince (Jennifer) Rehberg and their families, her grandchildren: Chase McKinney, Taylor McKinney, Aiden Rehberg, and Braylee Clayton; Nephews: Stephen Rehberg, Frederick (Tracy) Rehberg, Warren Rehberg, Westen Rehberg; Great nieces: Jenessa Rehberg, Reina Rehberg, Scarlet Rehberg, Rychel Rehberg; Great nephews: Nicolas Bolin, Nathan Bolin, Xavier Rehberg, Remington Darr; Her life long best friend Julie Hubert-Myers. She was preceded in death by her parents Frederick and Joyce Rehberg, and her brother Lance Rehberg.

She will be truly missed as she touched the hearts of many.

A private graveside service will be held with family and a celebration



of life will be announced at a later date.

Donations in her memory can be made to Wayfinders Ohio (aka Harmony House) or the Richland outreach Center (ROC).

Evelyn Louise Coffman Tadder

Evelyn Louise Coffman Tadder, 94, of Ontario, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023 at her home surrounded by her three children. Born May 15, 1929 in New Lexington, Ohio, she was the daughter of Leroy and Helen (Starnier) Coffman.

A homemaker, Evelyn was a dedicated and loving wife and mother. She enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She also enjoyed word search books, BINGO, bowling and activities with her friends, especially the Ontario Mother's Club.

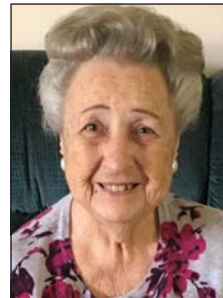
She is survived by her three children, Pam (Scott) Johnson of Florida, Cindy Conti of Tennessee and Mark (Dottie) Tadder of Virginia; six grandchildren, Jennifer Greer, Christopher Lookenott, Andrew Johnson, Lauren Johnson, Samantha Tadder and Shannon Tadder; and three great grandchildren, Aiden Greer, Lily Lookenott and Chloe Lookenott.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford Tadder; her sister, Betty Johnson; and two brothers, Clarence and Larry Coffman.

Friends called Thursday, Aug. 31, at Wappner Funeral Directors, Ontario, 100 S. Lexington-Springmill Rd., Ontario. A funeral service followed by Pastor Tony Viscioni. Graveside services were held at 11 am Friday, Sept. 1, in Ontario Methodist Cemetery conducted by Pastor Tony Viscioni.

Wappner Funeral Directors is honored to serve the family.

Words of condolence may be expressed at www.wappner.com



Walk to End Alzheimer's coming to NCSC campus Saturday, Sept. 16

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio, is inviting residents from Ashland, Crawford, Knox and Richland counties to join the fight to end Alzheimer's by participating in the North Central Ohio Walk to End Alzheimer's® at the North Central State Campus/Health Sciences Building in Mansfield on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023.

On walk day, participants honor those affected by Alzheimer's with the poignant Promise Garden ceremony — a mission-focused experience that signifies solidarity in the fight against the disease.

The colors of the Promise Garden flowers represent people's connection to Alzheimer's — their personal reasons to end the disease.

"We're closer than ever to stopping Alzheimer's," said Amy Crislip, event co-chair.

"We hope that everyone in our community can join us by starting a team to help the Alzheimer's Association raise awareness and funds for families facing the disease today. Together, we can take more steps toward improving treatments and finally ending this disease," added Janny Nauman, Walk Co-Chair.

More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease — a leading cause of death in the United States. Additionally, more than 11 million family members and friends provide care to people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

In Ohio alone, there are 220,000 people aged 65 and older living with the disease and 493,000 caregivers.

The number of Ohioans living with Alzheimer's is expected to increase to 250,000 by 2025.

To register and receive the latest updates on this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's, visit alz.org/nwohio/walk or call 800-272-3900.

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Since 1989, the Alzheimer's Association mobilized millions of Americans in the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk®; now the Alzheimer's Association is continuing to lead the way with Walk to End Alzheimer's.

Those concerned about themselves or a loved one can contact the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio, 419-537-1999 to schedule a care consultation and be connected to local resources.

The Alzheimer's Association Helpline is available 24/7 at 800-272-3900.

Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Constance L. Harris, August 12
Paul Rowland Dockter, August 23
Jennifer Cruz Mateo, August 26
Melissa Ann Eltringham, August 29
Evelyn Louise Tadder, August 29
Joseph Elijo Flores, August 31
Frances Bowman, September 1
Joan Ann Shoemaker, September 1
Danny W. Schoenian, September 2
L. Vadine French, September 3

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By Mátiece Thomas

Adventures in life don't just happen, we have to create them! Sometimes they are little adventures like getting up at 5 am, grabbing your best friend and your paddle board and going to the local lake to watch the sunrise. I did this yesterday and it was amazing! It was on my summer to-do list.

We should create a bucket list for each season of things we want to accomplish or experience! This helps us to not let life

pass us by, but to actually get to experience it — one season and adventure at a time!

Fall is coming soon and then winter. When the cold season starts it's easy to stay inside and hibernate. I want to encourage you to choose at least one winter adventure to experience and enjoy! It is so important to stay

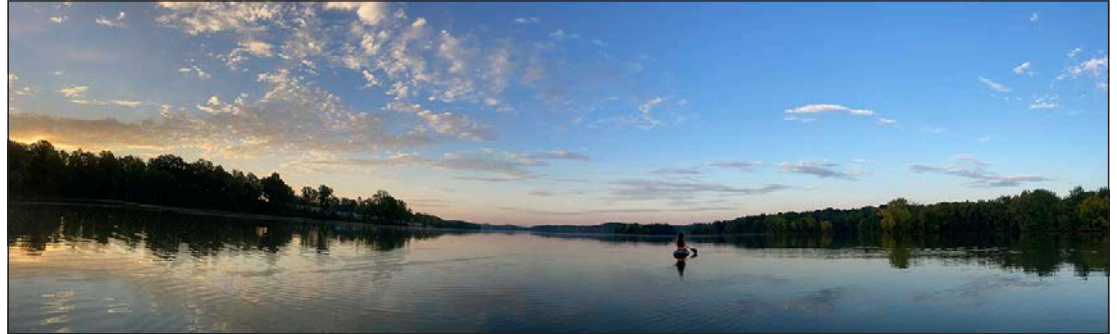
active and stay on track on our wellness journey.

Your adventure could be something like trying to ski or snowboard for the first time. Snowtrails is the perfect place for our local readers to create a winter adventure. Maybe it is just going tubing or a hike. For winter hiking, you just have to

dress warm and be more cautious. A beautiful snowy day is so calming and beautiful!

So what is going to be on your fall and winter bucket list? Make your list and a plan and have a blast experiencing this life.

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



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Sunday, September 10

- Truck & Tractor Pull - 12 Noon
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Wednesday, September 13

- Art Show - 9am - 8pm
Bellville Public Library
- Rides & Concessions Open - 4 pm
Fairgrounds
- Rides - Special Price! - 5 - 10 pm
Pay One Price Rides
- Sheep & Beef Judging - 5 pm
Livestock Tent
- Rabbit & Poultry Judging - 6 pm
Livestock Tent
- Fair Queen Contest - 6 pm
Main Stage
- Clear Fork HS Marching Band - 7 pm
Main Stage

Thursday, September 14

- Art Show - 9am - 8pm
Bellville Public Library
- Street Exhibit Judging - 9 am
Fairgrounds
- Rides - Special Price! - 5 - 10 pm
Pay One Price Rides
- Goat, Dairy & Swine Judging - 5 pm
Livestock Tent
- Marching Princesses - 6 pm
Main Stage
- LIVE Music! Luke Watson- 7:30 pm
Main Stage

Friday, September 15

- Art Show - 9am - 8pm
Bellville Public Library
- Rides - Special Kid's Price! - 1 - 5 pm
Pay One Price for ALL Kid's Rides
- Rides - Special Price! - 6 - 11 pm
- LIVE Music! Emily Raff - 6 pm
- Bandstand
- LIVE Music! Rockhouse - 8 pm
- Main Stage

Saturday, September 16

- Junior Livestock Sale - 10 am
Livestock Tent
- Art Show - 9am - 12pm
Bellville Public Library
- Pet Show - 11 am
Main Stage
- Rides - Kids' Special Price! - 1 - 5 pm
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- Kiddie Pedal Pull - 1 pm
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- Rides - Special Price! - 6 - 11 pm
Pay One Price Rides
- LIVE Music! Jevan Cole - 6 pm
Bandstand
- LIVE Music! Adam Calvert- 8 pm
Main Stage

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Iceberg Lettuce - Sliced in thick slices and then use same size cutter to cut circle
Feta cheese
Red Onion, chopped
Parsley, chopped

Dressing Ingredients

1/2 cup olive oil
1/4 cup Botanical gin
Juice of one lime
6 cubes of watermelon
Salt and pepper
1 mint leaf (Good size or a few smaller ones)

Instructions

Lay all the salad ingredients out on a platter or individual plates
In a blender, add all the dressing ingredients and blend. You may need to add more watermelon, depending on sweetness.
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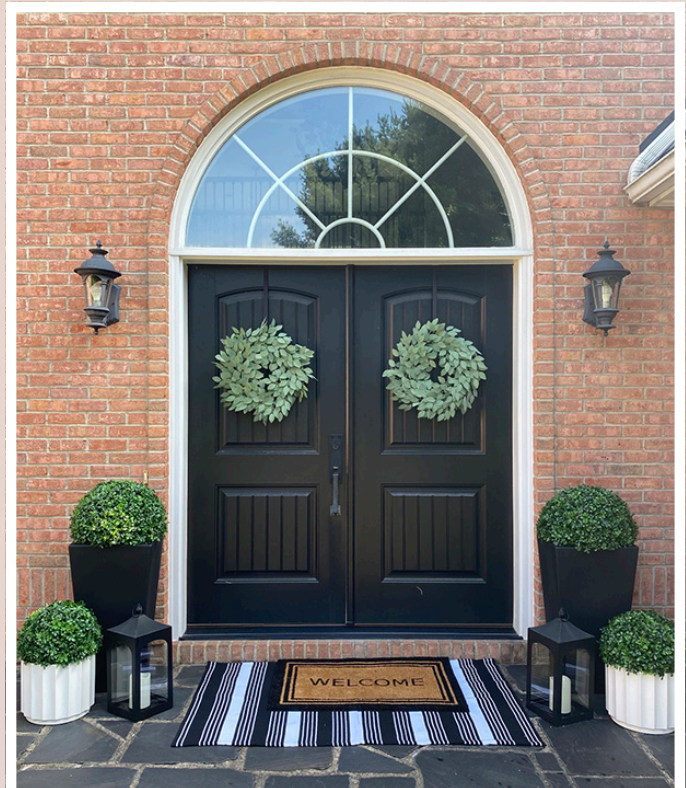


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Day Trippin' With Damon – In northeastern Ohio in the small town of Leetonia you'll find the Cherry Valley Coke Ovens constructed around 1866. One of the largest such facilities in the nation, these ovens were designed to transform coal into coke to manufacture iron and steel. Coke burns with a smokeless intense heat making it great to use as a melting fuel for the iron industry. The coke produced at Cherry Valley was a very high quality coke, up to 95% carbon. Leetonia Iron & Coal went bankrupt in 1873 and the operations were taken over by the Cherry Valley Iron Works. At the operation's peak in 1900, the ovens were producing over 70,000 tons of coke annually. Pictured by one of the ovens are Milli and Floyd.



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to thank my pastor for recognizing me for this award. When you see something that needs to be done and have the ability to help someone out, I think it's a good thing to do; that's what we should all be doing. Thank you."

Dennis & Alice Teynor – Crawford County

Mayor Jeff Reser, Commissioner Tim Ley, Commissioner Larry Schmidt and Commissioner Doug Weisenauer helped represent the Crawford County Awardees.

"My mind says, yeah, go for it, but this body says, slow down! But I don't want to slow down, I want to keep going as long as the good Lord will let me," said Dennis Teynor.

"I want to thank our children for submitting us. Thank you for recognizing us, I love you, my children," added Alice.

Joyce Ditz – Huron County

Mayor David Light, Commissioner Terry Boose, Commissioner Harry Brady, and Commissioner Bruce "Skip" Wilde represented the Huron County recipient.

Mayor David W. Light commented about Joyce and her family, "I remember when they moved to Norwalk, 50 years ago, I rode the school bus with Joyce's daughter, Deb. Her son worked at the police department for 25 years, it was just an amazing family. They do so much for the community of Norwalk."

"They are all amazing cooks as well. If you get to go to their house for a meal, eating is an experience! She has defined the real meaning of a compassionate, loving, and dedicated soul. She has spent most of her life serving the community as a registered nurse, board member, businesswoman, and most recently a deacon. She has launched the Love Your Neighbor program in Norwalk that meets monthly to discuss current issues within the community and find solutions. She has touched the lives of many with her kind personality and willingness to get things done."

Sherry Williams – Knox County

AAA5 Corporate Board Treasurer Kathy Daniels helped honor Sherry and represent Knox County.

"This award was a really big surprise," said Sherry. "My daughter Emily was in cahoots with my husband, Bob, to nominate me and secretly submitting this."

"The work of the AAA and the aging community is vital to the health and wellbeing of our seniors and communities. Right now at this point, 2.5 million Ohioans over the age of 60 have a sight threatening vision problem. We've been working with our state legislators to get vision programs out to the community – working with Prevent Blindness. The aging population of Ohio makes up a quarter of it and is a force to be reckoned with and important to consider in all policies and programs. Recognizing the quality that seniors bring to the quality of life in our community is so important and I appreciate

this award and the recognition."

Fred & Margie Saull – Marion County

Commissioner Mark David helped to honor Fred and Margie on behalf of Marion County.

"It's important to take risks and get out there in your community," said Margie. "Do not be afraid to be a leader. There are so many opportunities out there to take advantage of. I'm proud to represent Marion County. My husband and I do things together and we also have organizations that we do separately. I'm very proud to be the coordinator for the Honor Flight at Home program for veterans that cannot travel to Washington, D.C."

"One of the things I have to say is that we are busy! Margie is our secretary," said Fred. "We have a calendar in the kitchen; I get up in the morning and I ask her what day it is and what we are doing. The more you give to others, the more you receive."

"Margie is the only coordinator at home sponsored by Honor Flight Columbus. The biggest challenge of her program is locating veterans. She does this in honor of her dad who was a WWII veteran and we learned about this program in Florida where we spent a little bit of time in the winter. Margie came back to Ohio and asked, why can't we do that here?"

Raymond Dietz – Morrow County

Senior Center Director, David Keefer, spoke on behalf of Raymond, "Unfortunately Ray passed away and could not be at the event. He was an active member of Morrow County for over 50 years. He was a member of the American Legion Post 710 where he served as post commander for 10 years. Ray's kind heart was displayed by always helping others, being a wonderful friend and community leader. He was well respected by his entire community and his contributions will be greatly missed. Ray was honored at the Morrow County Fair."

William Danuloff – Richland County

Mayor Timothy Theaker, Commissioner Darrell Banks and State Representative, Marilyn John helped to honor William and represent Richland County.

William earned his B.S. and M.S. in business administration at Ashland University. He retired from Gorman Rupp as Vice President and CIO after 39 years of service. He was one of the first members of the Area Agency on Aging Board, serving eight years including as chair of the building committee.

Hawkins Corner was his primary focus as he oversaw the reconstruction and transformation from a grocery store to an office building. In recognition of Bill's contribution, he was awarded the Agency's "Award of Excellence" in 2014.

He is also a past recipient (2014) of the "Extraordinary Leadership Award" from the Richland Area Chamber of Commerce award where he served as a Board Member and Chairperson of the Board.

He is deeply involved and volunteering for St. Peter's Catholic church. He served as the past president of school commission, founder and past president of Academic Boosters, member of Vocations Club, past Chairman of St Peter Festival, and Chair of the Thanksgiving Dinner for the needy in the community. Currently, Bill is a volunteer construction worker on the remodel of the Rectory and High School.

"I don't feel outstanding because of it, I just feel like I do what I should be doing, so thank you very much," said Danuloff.

A Proclamation was read by Commissioner Darrell Banks on behalf of Mark Romanchuk: "William is an individual who has combined civic concern and dedicated, selfless initiative who has become a dynamic leader in Richland County. This prestigious honor is a fitting tribute as the exemplary efforts he's displayed in all of his endeavors and devotion to service and achievement. He has distinguished himself as a conscientious and hardworking Ohioan. Bill has willingly given of his time, energy and abilities and striven to better the world around him through his generous contributions. He has earned the respect and esteem of the entire community."

"It takes individuals like you to make us all successful and be able to prosper, so thank you Bill for everything you do for Richland County and have done for decades and decades! We appreciate it," said State Rep. Marilyn John

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE (Richland County) Marilyn John, Richland County Outstanding Senior Citizen Awardee William Danuloff and Richland County Commissioner Darrell Banks.

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Leonard Skonecki – Seneca County

Mayor Dawn Iannantuono, Commissioner Bill Frankart, Commissioner Tony Paradiso, and Commissioner Tyler Shuff were the dignitaries that helped honor Skonecki and represent Seneca County.

“As you age, the number of doctors you see increases. The most recent one is my chiropractor I see, and I didn’t realize that my bones could make that much noise,” said Leonard “I grew up in Fostoria, and I had a wonderful childhood. After living in Dayton and Toledo for 27 years, I moved back to Fostoria. I got a job working for a local weekly newspaper writing feature articles about the good things that were happening in the town. How much good news can you find? Well, the paper doesn’t exist anymore, but I have plenty of stories that were never told. It has been a pleasure to give back to the community that served me so well and gave me the opportunities that I’ve had in life. Particularly the historical society that I’ve been active in for over twenty years and also the veteran community. This is a pleasure and a genuine honor to receive this award.”

Marilyn Baughman – Wyandot County

Mayor Kyle McColly, Commissioner Bill Clinger, Commissioner Brad Batton, Commissioner David Courtad and AAA5 Corporate Board Member Sherri Wagner helped supported Baughman who received the award for Wyandot County.

“I appreciate this so much and I would like to thank my family who came, my two daughters, and my Rummikub girls who I play with every week,” said Marilyn. “We started out in the 1990s and there were about eighteen of us girls who met at the Senior Center and we exercised. Then we got to line dancing, and one day we decided to go walking at stepping stones park in upper Sandusky and we’d walk twice a week.”

“Then we would go back up to the corner inn and we would have breakfast together. From that it turned into celebratory birthday parties and for many years I baked birthday cakes for everybody. Well it’s down now to actually only about three of us left out of those eighteen girls and we always had a ball! In 1977 I lost my first husband when our youngest daughter was a senior in high school. Four years later I remarried a gentleman who was wonderful to me. He also felt we should be a part of the senior center. We started going to the Senior Center Supper Club because he knew that I had to be with people. I’ve always been a people person from the time I was a little child. I would like to thank everyone for what you’ve done for me! At 91 years old, I have been blessed and my cup runneth over!”

Third Street Family Health Services – Community Service Award

Their mission aligns with The Area Agency on Aging as they serve many older adults.

“I appreciate this award. The Area Agency on Aging has been a wonderful partner with Third Street. Besides having medical buildings here in this facility we do vaccine clinics together and I know we will continue to do some of that going forward,” said Peggy Anderson of Third Street.

“We do a great job of trying to refer back and forth between our individual organizations. I want to thank my team! We have 210 employees who make the work we do every day possible. We appreciate our community health workers! Thank you for having us and giving us this award and just allowing us to serve the community.”

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (AAA) is a non-profit agency that serves these nine counties in the community. There are programs for all ages and income levels; however, they specialize in services and programs for older adults and anyone with disabilities.

For just about 45 years it has served North Central Ohio with the goal of helping older adults and individuals with disabilities live safely and independently in their homes for as long as possible.

There will be a Caregiver Appreciation Event on Friday, Sept. 22 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Area Agency on Aging Hawkins Conference Center in Ontario. There will be entertainment and activities, lunch, and a keynote speaker. This is a free event for caregivers and for the ones they are caring for. Caregivers for someone 60 and older can RSVP for this event by calling Kari Westfield at 567-247-7091.



Photos By Traci Little



Crestview FFA Chapter has busy and successful week at Richland County Fair

By Georgia McFarland

The Crestview FFA Chapter had an outstanding week at the Richland County Fair.

There were participants in hogs, broilers, turkeys, beef feeder calves, dairy feeder calves, dairy steers, market goats, rabbits and a show pony.

Top eight places during the week include Jack Stephens with a grand champion hog,

and fourth place Market Broiler, Regan Brooky with a fifth place overall dairy feeder calf, and Clete Rogers with a seventh place overall dairy steer.

Other placers include Chloe Ringler with first and fourth in class for dairy feeder, Georgia McFarland with a third place class finish dairy feeder, Jack Stephens with a first place class finish with his hog and Lexa

Gano with second place in four events with her pony.

Finally, our showmanship placers include Mackenzie Hoover winning her class in showmanship and Chloe Ringler placing third in her showmanship class.

During the sale, some of the chapter members helped assemble and hand out buyers meals.

MRCPL used book sale is this week

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library (MRCPL) Evergreen Bookshop will be open for the monthly Friends' Used Book Sale on Friday, Sept. 8, from noon to 5 pm; and Saturday, Sept. 9, from 10 am to 3 pm.

A preview sale will be held for Friends of the Library members on Thursday, Sept. 7, from noon to 5 pm. Memberships may be purchased at Thursday's preview sale (\$3 per year for individuals).

This sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library.

Materials (adult, teen and juvenile items) are library discards and public donations offered for sale at extremely low prices. The bookshop is stocked with "new to the store" items each month.

Proceeds from the monthly sales sponsor enrichment activities provided by the Main Library and its eight branches.

Evergreen Bookshop is located in downtown Mansfield at 37 North Walnut St. (at the corner of W. Third St. and N. Walnut St., next to the Main Library).

For more information, contact Evergreen Bookshop at 419-526-4652.

10 Million Steps to Prevent Falls Walk scheduled for September 20

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. invites the public to participate in a prevention walk on Wednesday, Sept. 20, to help bring awareness to the prevention of falls.

Everyone is welcome to join this walk at one or both locations: YMCA of North Central Ohio-Mansfield, 750 Scholl Rd., in Mansfield, from 9-11 am and

Marion Technical College, 1467 Mt. Vernon Ave., in Marion, from 10 am to noon. Participants will meet and walk with Area Agency on Aging team members. The walk is a collaboration between the Area Agency on Aging, the YMCA of North Central Ohio-Mansfield, and Marion Technical College.

The walk is to celebrate Na-

tional Falls Prevention Awareness Day and to raise awareness of the many ways older Ohioans can minimize their risks. The initiative asks all Ohioans to help take "10 Million Steps to Prevent Falls" throughout the month of September.

One in three Ohioans over age 60 will fall this year, and for many of them, that fall could lead

to a life-changing injury or even death. However, falls are not a normal part of aging, and most falls can be prevented. Regular physical activity is one of the most basic things older adults can do to prevent falls, which is why walking is the focus of this annual event.

For more information call 419-524-4144.

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Noah Gifford of Alert Medical Alarms and Christy Goldbach, Area Agency on Aging staff member at the Provider Day event hosted by Area Agency on Aging.

Area Agency on Aging holds Provider Day event for staff

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. held a Provider Day during its Employee Appreciation Week. It was a way for everyone to stay connected and gave an opportunity for providers to meet staff and to share information about their organizations.

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The Area Agency on Aging providers and team members aim to provide services to our communities in the best way to support healthy and independent living.

To learn more about becoming a provider with the Area Agency on Aging, call 419-524-4144 or visit www.aaa5ohio.org/providers/provider-relations/.

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Gerhardt will be mission speaker during Alzheimer's Association Walk later this month

By Traci Little

Lexington Junior High School Principal, Taylor Gerhardt, will be the mission speaker at this year's Alzheimer's Association Walk on Sept. 16 at North Central State College. Gerhardt was thrust into the Alzheimer's community unwillingly when his father, Dan Gerhardt, began showing signs of dementia over ten years ago. Taylor has also enjoyed his years coaching the Lexington High School football team from 2014-'19 and for one final season in 2021.

Gerhardt was born in London, OH, near the Mount Sterling area where his parents Dan and Bobbie were high school sweethearts. His parents eventually moved to the Mansfield area and Taylor graduated from Malabar High School. He went to Miami University in Oxford, OH, and played football, graduating with an education degree. Taylor married his wife, Amy, 25 years ago. "She's my best friend and moral compass. It still baffles me to this day that she said yes!" Taylor said.

Over the years he's taught in Lima, Mansfield for a number of years, became an assistant principal in Mansfield for six years, and went to Cardington in Morrow County for a couple years. He also taught in Buffalo, NY for a few years and then came back to the Mansfield area.

Taylor took a break from coaching football in 2019 to be more available to watch his daughter, Tessa, compete as a high school state level cross country and track runner and swimmer. Having the opportunity to coach his son T.J. in football was amazing, but it didn't allow him to see Tessa compete as much.

"I didn't want to regret and miss that time with my daughter. I stepped down for the first time because I've always said, 'family is first.' I wasn't with my daughter enough and really got to enjoy that time together. It was a wonderful and special time working out together and he loved being there to watch her compete. One of his favorite things to do is watch his kids compete.

Gerhardt came back for one final year to coach high school foot-

ball in 2021 before finally hanging up his whistle for good. After coming back that final time, he realized it just wasn't the same and it wasn't fair to the kids.

"When my dad decided to step down from being a head coach, I remember him saying, 'If you don't love it, and you question the time that you're putting into it, it's not fair to the kids.' That love for football was always there, but he really started to evaluate the time and began to take stock. That was the second time he stepped away as head coach."

"We have a great football coach now and they've talked me into coaching the junior high team. I love it as I see these kids all the time and still get to be part of the game, so we will see how long that lasts. It was always on my bucket list to coach football. It was something I wanted to do because my dad did it and I truly love the game. I thank the Lord for that time."

Taylor is ultimately a diehard Browns fan. "My dad has always been a Browns fan and we grew up going to games at the old Municipal Stadium. We got to see Bernie Kosar and the guys play and way back in the day of Brian Sipe and Kardiak kids."

Taylor Gerhardt's dad, Dan Gerhardt, began showing signs of dementia and Alzheimer's just about ten years ago. From there, the signs and symptoms began to quickly progress. The other part his father deals with is the Parkinson's, which affects his mobility. Here's a guy that was a top level football player, three year starter in college at Miami University in Ohio, third in state in the 100 yard dash in high school, was a Marine Corps Captain, and now he can't even get around. "That's the really hard part; I can't just take him out on a golf cart and do things with these two diseases affecting both his mind and body," said Taylor.

"He's the toughest man I know and he never gosh darn complains. It's been rough seeing the health of that hero of yours decline so quickly."

When Dan was still able to get around and do things, he helped Taylor on the football sidelines and was affectionately known as "Coach Grandpa". Dan Gerhardt has worn many hats over the years; whether it's Coach Gerhardt, Mr. Gerhardt, and eventually Attorney Gerhardt.

"My dad has always been my brother, Benji and I's hero. We've always looked up to him and measured everything we did against him. We love football and it has been part of our lives for a long time. Dad played football for four years at Miami University. My brother and I played at Miami as well, but our dad was the most successful. My brother and I never really eclipsed what he was as a player and

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Taylor and Dan Gerhardt

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certainly realize that we cannot or will not eclipse the man he is, we just try to measure up. My dad and my younger brother played defensive back, and for some reason I came out in a different mold and played inside linebacker; I had a little more girth and strength, and they had the speed," said Taylor.

Dan has touched many lives over the years, inspiring those around him with his toughness and love. Besides playing football and honorably serving three years in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War as a Captain, he went on to be the head football coach at Ontario High School and Malabar High School influencing many young men. Dan was a school counselor while coaching and then decided to go to law school to start a second career. He practiced at Knell, Dorner and Gerhardt for many years before he retired.

Growing up, Taylor's parents made it very clear to his brother and him that the reason you're called a student athlete is that the student part comes first. Their dad demonstrated that by graduating college with a Phys Ed Degree in teaching. He was a Phys Ed teacher and then went and got his counseling degree and became a counselor. After that he realized he wanted to do something else and in his early forties, he decided to go to law school for four years. Dan worked a full time job all while raising two children. He received his degree and practiced for years. Who would have thought that in his years helping and defending so many as Attorney Gerhardt, that he was a Phys Ed teacher and counselor first. He was constantly a role model of drive and success.

"Dad always had that 'It factor' and people were always drawn to him; he was a natural leader. He wasn't vocal and yet he wasn't quiet. He chose when to speak and when he spoke people listened. I can't tell you the number of people (friends that I had growing up) he has helped with their life situations. Because of my dad, they are in a successful position today."

They grew up in the Prospect neighborhood of Mansfield, and so many of our Taylor and Benji's friends would hang out at their house. "My mom (Bobbie) was always feeding and taking care of them. But one thing you knew, if you were eating at the Gerhardt house, you were doing chores if they needed to be done. The kids respected that and just did what was asked of them. Mom mothered everyone in the whole neighborhood, but when they needed help and didn't want anyone to know it, they would always turn to Dad. I miss that part of him a lot. I'm just amazed at how many lives he's touched, ones I didn't even know about."

People will come up to Taylor to this day and tell him things that his dad did for them. I'm constantly taken aback by the fact that he never bragged or talked about it. It's something we always drill into our kids that you never brag about your accomplishments; you just thank God you were able to give and help when you can. That's something that my dad modeled for me throughout his life and it's

overwhelming to see at times."

Being a head coach and a principal, everyone knows you in the community. When we were out and about with our family, someone was always saying hello and my kids would roll their eyes. Benji and I would do the same thing with our dad, and it makes me feel good that it's a full circle moment. It's so cool that I can relate to that part of him.

There's always been a pressure to carry on Dan Gerhardt's legacy. When Taylor was younger it was harder, but that's just the way life is. "Our kids go through it, and we all go through it to an extent but now that I'm older it's a privilege any time anyone mentions me and my dad together or I do something that reminds them of him, that's a blessing for me. Okay, that means I'm doing something that I always admired my dad doing."

"I view the Alzheimer's walk as a way to honor the caregivers! The walk is about those people that are supporting their loved ones with Alzheimer's."

"My father is tough and amazing, but my mother is a whole different story! She is everything in our family. The quiet, every day, never questioning strength that she shows as she watches the love of her life (her husband and best friend) decline is awe inspiring. I can't imagine how tough it is for her. We've grown extremely close because of it, in a different way, as caregivers to dad and having to lean on each other. My mom leans on her sister, Tammy Malkoff a lot! My aunt is another amazing blessing in my life."

"You're thrust into a community that you don't want to be a part of, but you are, as you have no other choice. The walk is here to let people know that there are others out there who are with you and are going through the same things that you are. There's strength in numbers and you can feel it and know that you are not alone."

"I get it now that I'm in the midst of it! I know now that we need that support. I understand why many feel that putting on that strong face is important. I did it for many years and thank goodness I could go home to my wife who is as strong as my mother is and I could be the little blubbering idiot that I needed to be every so often because it's just heartbreaking and exhausting."

"With the Alzheimer's Association my mom and I are learning there are so many more of us out there. We are beginning to lean on the support that's always been at our fingertips and that we are not utilizing."

"The biggest thing in my mom's care of dad over the years, was to always protect his privacy and privately working through any embarrassment surrounding his health. But now, we know that we can't do it alone and that we need the support and resources that the Alzheimer Association offers to so many."

"Whether it was when he was still at home and my wife and I decided to sell our house and move in with mom to help out, or when we had to finally make the decision that we couldn't completely care for him anymore and move him out, it also became about keeping mom healthy. Caregivers tend to always put themselves last and that is what mom always has done. Mom is staying healthy today more than ever! She's gone down to visit family in Florida, she's having lunch with her friends again, and she's in better health than she was. I keep having to remind her to take care of herself because she's the Matriarch of the Gerhardt family. I hope that someday I'm as strong as the ladies that raised me."

"My mom was a principal for years at Woodland Elementary, Brinkerhoff and Sherman. She went back to school to get her education degree after she raised my brother and I to the point where she was comfortable so there's always been that sacrifice in our family shown to us."

"When people ask, 'how's your dad doing?' Well, he's never getting back, and will only get worse, but I can say, there ain't nobody fighting like him. He's got people that love him and support him. The love of his life sees him every single day of his life. Choking back tears, he said, "It is absolutely awe inspiring and amazing to see the strength and love and loyalty that my mom has for my dad. Family is everything to dad! He always smiles when we talk about my brother, Benji. But he just beams when we talk about his grandkids. Dan has four grandkids: Benji's son Chrisitan is a freshman

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Bobbie and Dan Gerhardt with their grandson TJ

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in college and Sofia, is a freshman in high school in Florida. He also has Taylor and Amy's son, T.J., working in sales in Florida and Tessa, Dad's "Sweetie Pie", who is a senior in college. Dad's favorite things to do is look at pictures of them all and talk about them all the time."

"He looks like my dad, and every now and again he sounds like my dad, but he's not the same person I've always known him to be. He doesn't want to be in this, and we have had the difficult conversations about it. We love to go out and have chicken wings and a beer. When it's just us, out of the blue I'll just ask him questions like, 'Hey dad, you remember when Benji played football? What do you remember the most about that?' He'll tell me and I'll get to tell my brother about it who can't be here all the time. Moments of clarity burst through, and you can see that light in his eyes."

"The thing that is always consistent when I ask Dad how he's feeling or what he's thinking about is this response, 'I'm thinking about how lucky I am and how many people love me.' If anyone has the right to rail against their circumstances, it's him. But the strength he shows and understanding the strength and love that he has surrounding him, is comforting to see in the midst of this journey. Seeing the selflessness of my family in agreeing to move out of our home and move in with my parents was truly amazing."

"Hopefully I have modeled the phrase 'Family is First'. That's easy to say when everything is good, like when someone's getting married or it's someone's birthday. But what happens when it all hits the fan so to speak? My parents have modeled that phrase to us kids and hopefully Amy and I have modeled it for our children. If there's any kind of silver lining in this and what this walk is all about, it's this, 'hard times create strength and that's a blessing to pull together with my mom and have the conversations we've had.' Find them, hold onto them with both hands and don't let them slip out of your fingers and celebrate them! Remember that you're not alone. Something my dad always said as a head coach was 'it's all

about team. TEAM. TEAM. TEAM.'" It doesn't matter if it's a family team, football team, or Alzheimer's community team! The word team represents the love of community."

"This journey hasn't been easy, but if you make time to stop and smell the roses and force yourself to recognize the blessings along the way, that's how you get through it with each other. Any football fan knows that the greatest University of Michigan football coach to ever live was Bo Schembechler. He was my dad's coach when he played at Miami University. He was famous for everyday drilling into his players, Team, Team, Team. That's how people get through this — Team."

Taylor said, "For many years we've tried to do this alone in our own strength. We all try and then you realize you can't. You can't win a football game alone, and you can't fight Alzheimer's disease alone! It's not what the game is about, and it's not what the game of life is about. My parents lived out these principles and modeled them for us. That's how I see the Alzheimer's community — we're a team. We need one another."

Alzheimer's Association Invites North Central Ohio Residents to Register for the 2023 Walk to End Alzheimer's on Sept. 16, steeping-off at the North Central State Campus/Health Sciences Building in Mansfield.

Participants will honor those affected by Alzheimer's with the poignant Promise Garden ceremony — a mission-focused experience that signifies solidarity in the fight against the disease. The colors of the Promise Garden flowers represent people's connection to Alzheimer's — their personal reasons to end the disease.

To register a team and receive the latest updates on this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's, visit alz.org/nw ohio/walk or call 800-272-3900.

You may not be affected by Alzheimer's today, but there's a good chance that a friend or loved one will be in your lifetime. Don't wait until then - walk for them today while you can. Let's walk together, fighting for a different future.



STUDENTS IN MRS. RHODES' CHILD DEVELOPMENT class at Ontario High School practiced with newborn baby simulators in class. They had hands-on experience trying to figure out what the baby needed as well as practicing car seat safety.

National Recovery Month celebrated in Richland County with special events

The Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, and its community partners celebrate National Recovery Month with the theme 'Local Hope for Local Recovery'.

The 2023 calendar of events emphasizes supports and resources that are available to Richland County residents.

Reamining events for Recovery Month include:

Sept. 1-30, Community Action for Capable Youth (CACY) will be offering Detera medication disposal pouches at no charge to the public. The bags are a convenient and safe way to dispose of unused and unwanted medications. For more information or to receive a free pouch, contact the CACY office at 419-774-5683.

Sept. 1-30, CACY will host a mental health myth vs. fact trivia game in the schools they work with to raise awareness about mental health and to engage students in conversations that reduce stigma about depression and suicide. CACY will also be distributing mental health resource cards for students.

Sept. 1-30, Properly storing lethal means can assist families with members in the home who struggle with mental health concerns. CACY offers lock boxes at no charge (while supplies last) to eligible families. Contact 419-774-5683 or andersont@cacyohio.com for more details.

Sept. 1-30, Catalyst Life Services will have Helpline available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you or someone you know is dealing with a mental health or addiction crisis call 419-522-HELP (4357).

Sept. 1-30, The Behavioral Health Urgent Care at Catalyst Life Services offers access to services without an appointment. You can receive an initial assessment or brief and solution-focused counseling for Mental Health and Addiction. Located at 741 Scholl Rd., in Mansfield, the urgent care is open Monday and Friday 8 am to 4 pm and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 7:30 am to 7:30 pm.

Sept. 1-30, The Warmline will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for questions or concerns regarding mental health. For more information call 419-522-5300.

Tuesdays in September at 7:30 pm, Jeff and Donna Heck of 33 Forever, in collaboration with Mid State Multi Media, host a weekly show called 'Sparking the Conversation'. The show will address issues related to mental health and suicide while sharing positive stories and outcomes regarding the same. The focus on this show is to bring Mental Health conversations to the local community regarding hope, resiliency, and the availability of resources to help those in need. For more information visit wmfd.com or email kelbyk@wvno.com.

Sept. 5, 7 pm, On behalf of the City of Shelby, Mayor Steve Schag will offer a proclamation to help Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board celebrate Recovery Month. The event will be held at Shelby City Hall.

Sept. 6, at 7 pm, On behalf of the City of Ontario, Mayor Randy Hutchinson will offer a proclamation at Ontario City Hall.

Sept. 7, from 4 to 7 pm, New Beginnings Alcohol and Drug Treatment Services will host the 2nd Annual Celebrate Recovery event at the New Beginnings Campus 703 W. Scholl Rd., Mansfield. Parking is at the Rehab Center 270 Sterkel Blvd. in Mansfield. This event celebrates Recovery Month with food, music, games, selfie-station, dunk-tank, and a rock memorial. An Alumni Lead meeting will follow at 7 pm, please RSVP to coeyb@catalystlifeservices.org.

Sept. 7, at 5 pm, Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation will host its Art of Healing Dinner with special guest Henry Winkler in Columbus. Tickets are available at the <https://www.ohiospf.org/>

Sept. 8, at 10:33 am, The 5th Annual 33 Forever Golf Outing, Auction and Charity Dinner will be held at Westbrook County Club. Tickets are sold out but there are seats available for dinner and refreshments. For registration visit <https://33forever.life/>

Sept. 9, 11 am, join us for the 2nd Annual Mansfield Area Recovery Picnic.

The event will be held at the gazebo at Central Park in Mansfield. Bring lawn chairs and enjoy the day full of various speakers, positive uplifting music and information from local area mental health and recovery

services providers. Boxed lunch pre-orders are available from Dan Lew Exchange for \$12.95. Orders need to be placed by Sept. 6, by calling 419-522-7699 or you can bring your own food and beverages. This is an alcohol free event. For more information contact Mike Sizemore, during normal business hours, at 419-774-5819.

Sept. 13, from 5 pm, Gravity Ohio and Dan Lew Exchange presents Ted Yoder, Hammered Dulcimer Life in Concert. Doors open at 5 pm and the concert begins at 6 pm. Tickets are \$25 per person or tables of 6 for \$135. This includes the concert and a buffet dinner.

Sept. 18, from 6-7 pm, NAMI Support Group will host a free meeting available and open to the public with a guest speaker from Healing Hearts Counseling. The presenter will talk about addiction and mental health and treatment that is available for those in need. Call NAMI at 419-522-6264 for more information.

Sept. 18, at 7:30 pm, On behalf of the Village of Lexington Mayor Brian White will offer a proclamation. The event will be held at Village Hall in Lexington.

Sept. 23, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Join Healing Hearts in Rocking Recovery at 680 Park Avenue West in Mansfield. There will be rocks of various sizes and shapes along with decorating tools provided. Create your rock in remembrance of a loved one, to commemorate a friend or to celebrate your recovery. You can place your rock in our Recovery Garden to display or you may take it with you. Come join us and connect through art and music for Recovery Month. If you have any questions, please contact us at 1-855-4HOPE4U. We hope to see you there!

Sept. 28, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 p.m. Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board in collaboration with 33Forever and NAMI Richland County is celebrating Recovery Month by hosting a screening of *Suicide: The Ripple Effect* at the Mansfield Playhouse. This is the documentary created by Kevin Hines who survived jumping off the Golden Gate Bridge.

For updates visit www.richlandmentalhealth.com or call 419-774-5811 or follow on Facebook or Instagram.



ONTARIO SCHOOLS welcomed Mrs. Stormont, the middle school's in-school discipline teacher. Stormont may be in a new position this year, but she is definitely not new to Ontario having been a sub/volunteer for the past 10 years. She has two daughters, Adison and Ashlynn who are currently enrolled at the high school. In her new role, Stormont hopes to be a positive influence on students, focusing attention on embracing the character values of discipline, diligence and respect.

News Briefs in Education

Will Laskey, a Madison Comprehensive High School graduate, is one of two men's tennis newcomers to continue their career at Baldwin Wallace University.

BW opened the 2023 fall portion of its schedule on Sept. 2 and 3 by traveling to Meadville, PA, to compete in the Allegheny College Invitational.

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Earlier this month more than 600 University of Iowa undergraduate, graduate and professional students received their degrees.

Cory Kromer-Edwards of Ontario was among the students conferred their degrees. Kromer-Edwards was a student in the Graduate College whose program of study was Computer Science. The degree awarded was a Doctor of Philosophy.

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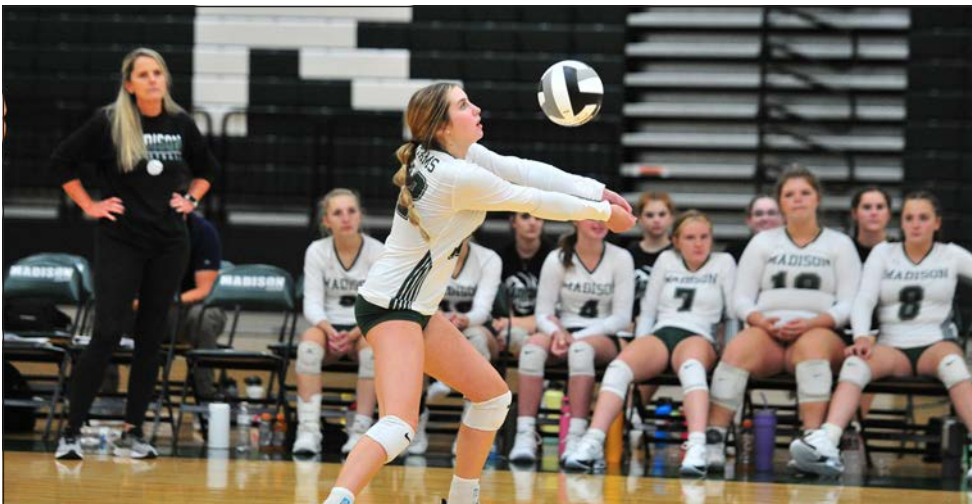
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Separate sealed bids for the Lexington Springmill Road South Waterline Replacement in the City of Ontario, Ohio will be received by Kris Knapp, Service-Safety Director, at 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio 44906 until 10:00 AM, local time Thursday October 26, 2023, and then, at said office, publicly opened and read aloud.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and other contract documents may be examined at KE McCartney & Associates, 52 North Diamond Street, Mansfield, Ohio 44902 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

In order to be a plan holder of record and eligible to submit a bid, bidders will be required to purchase and download an electronic set of plans and bid documents via the KEM Web Site by visiting <https://kemccartney.com/project-bids/>. All documents become the property of the prospective bidder, with no portion of the payment being refunded.

The project includes the installation of 2,210 LF of 8 & 12-Inch water main along with service lines. The estimated cost of construction is **\$907,000**.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularity which does not affect the competitive nature of the bidding process or to reject any or all bids. Contract will be awarded based on the lowest and best bid. The City of Ontario may reject any or all bids on any basis and without disclosure of reason. The failure to make such disclosure shall not result in accrual of any right, claim or cause of action by any unsuccessful bidder against the City of Ontario.

Each bid must be accompanied by

either an Ohio Revised Code Section 153.571 Bid and Performance Payment Bond in an amount equal to 100% of the bid; or, a cashier's check, bid bond, letter of credit to be duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon, a surety company approved by the Owner in the amount of 10% of the bid.

Each bid must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will, to the extent practicable use Ohio Products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project.

Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of the Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123, the Governor's Executive Order of 1972, and the Governor's Executive Order 84-9 shall be required.

The Owner intends and requires that this project be completed by June 7, 2023.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Richland County and City of Ontario, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Wage and Hour Division, 614-644-2239.

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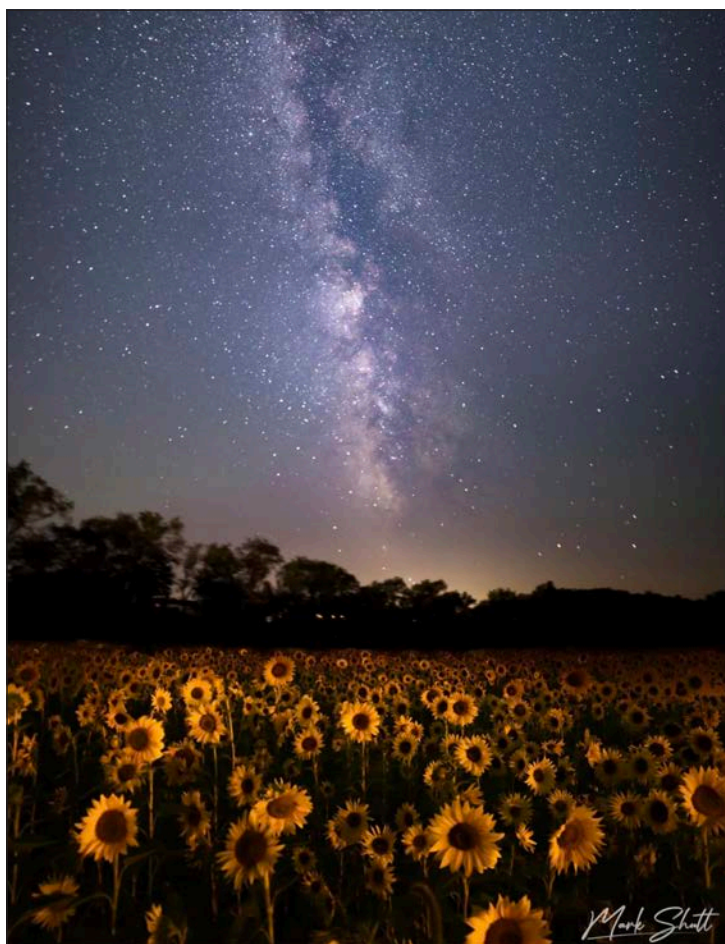
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