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Photos By Traci Little

**THE ONTARIO LIONS CLUB** held its annual fall pancake day in the Ontario High School cafeteria on Saturday, Nov. 4. The breakfast included pancakes, sausage and milk or orange juice. (Top photo) Helping with the event was Miss Ontario Jaslyn Lopez. (Bottom photo) Briggs Musick, 10, and his sister, CeCe Musick, 8, enjoy some pancakes and sausage at this year's pancake breakfast. *See More Photos on Page 8.*

## Ontario craft show coming in December

The Ontario Community Craft Show will be held Saturday, Dec. 2, from 8:30 am to 3 pm at the Richland County Fairgrounds.

Admission is \$2 per person or a new toy (no stuffed animals). All proceeds will benefit the Ontario Lions Club's community projects and Ontario community events.

All toys will go to the SpringfieldSpringfield Township Fire Department and Ontario Police Toy Drive.

## Local churches to host services leading up to Thanksgiving

Nine days of prayer services leading up to Thanksgiving will touch on the Beatitudes of Jesus, each hosted by a different church, in a series called, "ThanksLiving — Be in the Attitude."

The churches all participate in the March of Prayer, a month-long series of prayer services leading up to Easter, and the diversity of settings is the strength of the series, according to Paul Lintern, coordinator.

"The community comes together each night in a way authentic to the hosting congregation; and it comes together in prayer through the whole series, demonstrating the unity we have in God because of Jesus. That transcends style and language," he said.

"The Beatitudes, from the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew, point to paths that lead to Jesus — mercy, grief, hunger, purity, peace, even persecution. They are reflected throughout the congregations, and God's Kingdom," he added.

The schedule, with corresponding beatitude, is as follows:

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 6:30 pm, Paradise Church, 87 Illinois Ave. N.; Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 6:30 pm, Belmont Community, 3319 St. Rte. 96, Shelby; Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Thursday, Nov. 16, 6 pm, ARC Empowerment Center, 378 Park Ave. West; Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the Earth.

Friday, Nov. 17, 6 pm, Fusion Church, 220 Industrial Dr., Lexington; Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2 pm, Jericho Wall, 195 W. Dickson Ave. next to First Christian Church; Blessed are the merciful, for they shall have mercy.

Sunday, Nov. 19, 6 pm, Open Bible, 1150 Rayfield; Blessed are the pure in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Monday, Nov. 20, 6 pm, Church Requel, 2 Marion Ave.; Blessed are peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 7 pm, Holy Trinity Lutheran, 525 W. Cook Rd. (with Kingdom Grace Fellowship and First English Lutheran); Blessed are those who are persecuted for my namesake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 6:30 pm, Linden Road Presbyterian, 160 S. Linden Rd.; Blessed are you, when people revile you, and persecute you and say all manner of evil against you falsely on my account; Rejoice and be glad, for great is your reward in Heaven.

## Richland County EMA solar eclipse informational meeting is Monday

The Richland County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) will host informational meetings for the April 8, 2024 Solar Eclipse. The next meetings will be held Monday, Nov. 13, at Madison Middle School and Jan. 23, at Pioneer Career and Technology Center.

Updates will be shared on countywide planning as well as information on how individuals and families can best prepare.

It is estimated Richland County could receive over 200,000 visitors for the eclipse. Many visitors are expected to arrive as early as Friday, April 5 and depart Monday evening, April 8 after the eclipse.

Residents are advised to shop early in the week for groceries, medications, avoid scheduling appointments during this time, and fill up their gas tanks. Hotels and campgrounds are filling up quickly.

Many schools will be closed on April 8. A resource page for locals and visitors has been created on the Richland County website [www.richlandcountyoh.gov/departments/eclipse2024](http://www.richlandcountyoh.gov/departments/eclipse2024). Public viewing sties are included on the eclipse page.

For information call 419-774-5686.



# The "Immortal" J.N. Free

By Bob Carter

His parents lived in Mansfield and were good friends with the Leyman family. His name was Jacob Newman Free but he became a well known traveler across the nation as the "Immortal J.N. Free," who gave lectures claiming he could "lift the veil and relieve the pressure."

He was wildly traveled and would try to obtain free travel on railroad by showing a pass signed by the railroad president or top officials.

As the story was recorded, a railroad president pulled a fast one and gave Free a pass to walk on railroad property. When he boarded a train, he didn't take a seat but continued to walk up and down the aisle. When the conductor asked for his ticket, J.N. showed the walking pass and reasoned that the rail car belonged to the railroad property and he was walking on it!

J. N. had gone to California about 1848 or '49 and reportedly amassed a fortune, but when back in Mansfield confessed that he had been cheated out of his share by his partners. He was broke and borrowed \$10 from the Leymans.

With little money, he would walk into a hotel or restaurant and announce he was "The Immortal J.N. Free" and should be granted a free room or meal. Word spread of who he was and, at times, this was granted for entertainment purposes. Other times he was thrown out. On one recorded time, he telegraphed ahead and requested a light super be ready for him.

Arriving, and when seated at the table, a single candle was in front of him. That was the light supper. No doubt a small crowd was present.

At the Wiler House in Mansfield, J.N. was asked what he meant by "assuming the pressure" and "lifting the veil" but, J.N. replied that the questionnaire had not the sufficient intellectual capacity to understand him.

J. N. Free traveled and gave his lectures over a wide area. Amazingly enough he was granted an interview with both Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis during the Civil War.

In Mansfield, he had Sheriff John Strong put him in jail "as a martyr of truth" that he might in a vicarious way "lift the pressure from the people." He no doubt needed a place to stay and free meals.

The Free family had moved to McCuthenville, in southern Seneca County. That's where the Immortal J.N. Free is buried in an unmarked cemetery grave. I was with historian D. W. Garber when it was located. Garber died in 1984.

I may be the only one who knows. Does anyone care?



A newspaper microfilm drawing of J.N. Free

## This Week's Pet Looking for A Forever Home



Denver

Oh, how all the volunteers love Denver. This poor boy had his one year anniversary at the shelter on June 6.

This sweet boy is in the shadow of whatever human he is with. He likes to sit right next to humans or on their feet.

Denver, also known as Skittles, is just happy with people, even if those people are dressing him up, and he loves when people pet him and talk to him.

Once outside, Denver enjoys running around and checking things out. Denver is such a sweetheart and loves giving hugs and kisses but, you have to move slowly with Denver because he is skiddish and tends to flinch.

Denver is very worried about meeting new people and will growl to let them know he doesn't trust them yet. After he is friends with a human, which doesn't take too long, he loves to put his front paws on their shoulders, stare into their eyes, while touching noses together.

Denver passed with dogs (male and female), cats and has no food aggression. Denver would need a home without children.

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

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

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

## KCCC hosting First Chance Application Night on Nov. 16

Knox County Career Center (KCCC) will host their annual First Chance Application Night on Thursday, Nov. 16, at KCCC.

Sophomores and juniors, along with their families, will have an opportunity to visit KCCC's career tech programs and meet with lab instructors.

Sophomores can visit any four of our two-year programs. Juniors will have the chance to visit our senior-only program, Pre-Professional Mentorship.

Students and families can visit our career tech programs during the following time slots: 4:30-4:50 pm, 5:00-5:20 pm, 5:40-6:00 pm and 6:10-6:30 pm.

Students will also have the opportunity to apply in person in KCCC's cafe from 4:30-6:30 pm.

Students who are unable to make it in person can apply online from 4:30 to midnight at [www.knoxcc.org](http://www.knoxcc.org) by clicking "Apply Now" in the upper right-hand corner of the website at <https://www.knoxcc.org>

In addition, the On the Rise Bar-B-Que food truck will be at KCCC to offer food for purchase to students and their families from 4-6:30 pm.

Please check in at one of KCCC's two front entrances. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us by email at [careereducation@knoxcc.org](mailto:careereducation@knoxcc.org) or call us at 740-397-5820.

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# News Briefs

Senior citizen luncheons will be held at Madison Comprehensive High School on Thursday, Nov. 16. There will be two luncheons in the high school's Ramble Inn, 600 Esley Lane. The first will be at 11 am and the second will be at 12:30 pm. The cost is \$8 per lunch. Reservations must be made by noon on Tuesday, Nov. 14. Call the board office at 419-589-2600, ext. 65001 or email rlyons@madison-rams.net to make a reservation.

The St. Peter's Music Series will present the Gospel Choir of St. Dominic Catholic Church in Columbus.

The choir will perform under the direction of Vernon Hairston, a Mansfield native. The program will include standards of the Gospel Music genre, both new and old, as well as an appearance by the St. Peter's High School Gospel Choir.

The concert will be held Sunday, Nov. 12, at 4 pm. The church is located at 60 S. Mulberry St., Mansfield. Admission is free and open to the public. Call 419-524-2572, ext. 2113 for more information.

Mayflower Congregational Church, 548 N. McElroy Rd., Mansfield, (Madison area) will host a beef goulash dinner on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 4-6:30 pm.

Cost is \$9 for the meal that includes goulash, coleslaw, bread, dessert and beverage.

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 November meal will have a special date of Monday, Nov. 13, and will include roast turkey. Sheryl Weber of Oak Hill Cottage will speak. Guests are welcome.

For information visit [www.lexasc.org](http://www.lexasc.org). Dues are \$10 per year.

The Richland County Local Emergency Planning Committee meetings are scheduled for Jan. 24, April 24 and July 24 at 3:15 pm at Richland Public Health, 555 Lexington Ave, Mansfield, in the Corley Room. For information contact Richland County EMA 419-774-5686.

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 or proof of residence.

Drive-through distribution is still being offered. Volunteers will

load the produce into vehicle trunks. The fresh produce is provided by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. For information call 419-522-0662. The last distribution of the year is Nov. 14.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Richland County Children Services Board will be held in the conference room at the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center on Monday, Nov. 13, at 3 pm.

For information call 419-756-7066.

As the Christmas season approaches, The Downtown Mansfield, Inc. Tiny Tim Shoppe returns in November.

Volunteers are needed to help children shop. Companies, school groups, organizations and individuals can volunteer. Volunteers will help children pick out gifts for family and friends as well as help with gift wrapping and tagging. Sign up at [https://www.signupgeenius.com/go/20F0E4FACAE2FA2F49-44821285-2022#](https://www.signupgeenius.com/go/20F0E4FACAE2FA2F49-44821285-2022#/)/

Call 419-522-0099 for information.

The Ohio District 5 Corporate Board of Trustees meeting will be held Dec. 12, in the boardroom at 2 pm. For additional information, contact Susie Danuloff at [sdanuloff@aaa5ohio.org](mailto:sdanuloff@aaa5ohio.org).

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

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Rev. Joan VanBecelaere at 10:30 am on Nov. 12. She will speak on "Four Wrongs Don't Make A Right: The Moral Complexity of Israel and Palestine."

For more information visit [www.allsoulsuuohio.org](http://www.allsoulsuuohio.org).

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Nov. 22 through 26. Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, broken down cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.

Community Action for Capable Youth (CACY) offers a free parenting support program. CACY Parent Educators are available to provide tips, strategies, support and tools to manage a variety of parenting needs from prenatal through teen years.

Individual educational sessions are available for parents and caregivers in Richland County. Routine topics include parenting styles, healthy nutrition, discipline techniques, routines and boundaries, growth and development, safety and basic first aid, effective communication, household chores and tasks, money management and budgeting, coping skills and stress management. Other topics are chosen

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Jake Penwell  
Owner, Penwell Funeral Home



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and addressed based on the needs of the family.

For more information or to sign-up call 419-774-5683, email sandvikm@cacyohio.org or visit [www.cacyohio.org](http://www.cacyohio.org).

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The Lexington Moose Lodge will host a breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 12, from 8 to 11 am. Cost is \$7 and kids under 12 are \$4.

Those attending can have breakfast and learn what the Moose Lodge is all about — helping the community and local charities and supporting youth. Net proceeds from the breakfast will go to Lexington Music Boosters and Lexington Athletic Boosters.

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The 30th Annual Crestview Craft Show will be held Saturday, Nov. 18, at Crestview Middle School, 1575 Rt. 96, Ashland, from 9 am to 3 pm. There will be 89 vendors and music students provide holiday busking music with a concession stand. Proceeds will benefit the Crestview Music Club.

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A Christmas Community Concert and fundraiser auction will be held Saturday, Dec. 9, at 6 pm at Holy Trinity Cultural Arts Center, 7209 Woodland Ave., Cleveland.

The event will feature free live performances by local and national indie gospel and inspirational artists.

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## Study abroad opportunities available

Qualified high school students are offered a unique opportunity to explore the world by spending an academic year, semester or summer in Europe, Asia, North or South America, Australia or South Africa as part of the ASSE International Student Exchange Program.

A non-profit, public benefit organization, ASSE is dedicated to promoting closer ties of friendship between the United States and other countries by fostering intercultural understanding through youth exchange programs.

Students, 15 to 18 years old, qualify on the basis of academic performance, character references and a genuine desire to experience life abroad with a volunteer host family. Prior knowledge of the host country's language is not a requirement. Scholarships are available and are based on academic performance, leadership skills and financial need.

Families abroad are carefully screened, and students do not need to know the language of the host country prior to departure but will acquire the language skills through experiencing the day-to-day local culture and attending regular high school classes along with their new teenage friends.

ASSE also provides the experience of a lifetime to American families who are interested in hosting an international student from Spain, Italy, Germany, Ukraine, Thailand, Japan, and many other countries. These exceptional young students will attend the local American high school for an academic year or semester.

Students or families interested in learning more about becoming an ASSE exchange student or host family should contact ASSE at 1-800-677-2773, visit [www.asse.com](http://www.asse.com) or send an email to [asse@saeast.com](mailto:asse@saeast.com).

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6:30-8 pm TeamKID and Youth Group  
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## Community Bible Church

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567-560-8011

[www.DiscoverCommunity.org](http://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](http://www.felc-mansfield.org)

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## Mansfield 1st EPC

399 Trimble Rd., Mansfield  
419-756-7066 • [www.mansfield1st.com](http://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](http://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](http://ontarioumc.com)

Pastor Christine Bell

10:15 am Sunday Worship

10:15 am Kingdom Kids

## Southside Christian Church Disciples of Christ

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Sunday 10:45 am

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Father John Miller

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5:30 pm Tuesday Worship

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

## St. John's United Church of Christ

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## Richland County Foundation Women's Fund awards \$17,000 in grants

The Women's Fund of the Richland County Foundation recently held its annual luncheon and awarded over \$17,000 in grants and announced the JoAnn Dutton Award honoree.

For the fifth year in a row, the WF awarded a grant to Richland County Youth and Family Council for the childcare initiative. This year's grant will support coaching and mentoring along with training materials for in-home childcare providers. In its strategic plan, the Women's Fund is committed to making quality childcare affordable and accessible to all women. The Women's Fund believes that childcare is important to the economic security of women.

Other grants were awarded to Third Street Family Health Services to provide new mothers with crucial supplies, Mid-Ohio Youth Mentoring to provide feminine hygiene products and The Domestic Violence Shelter to provide clothes at the hospital to sexual assault victims.

Since 1998, the WF has awarded \$541,000 through 322 grants impacting hundreds of lives.

The WF also announced the JoAnn Dutton Volunteer Community Service Award winner during the luncheon. The award was named in honor of JoAnn Dutton, former executive director of the Mansfield YWCA. It celebrates women who devote a significant amount of time and energy in a meaningful way to local charitable organizations.

This year's winner is Christine Myers, the cofounder of The Visual Bucket List Foundation, a charitable nonprofit organization created in 2016 that grants wishes to children losing their vision. The organization was created as a pay-it-forward for her daughter, Elizabeth, who, after receiving a medical diagnosis that could one day rob her of her vision, was granted a trip to Istanbul and Rome where she was blessed by Pope Francis and given a once-in-a-lifetime trip. The gift was so grand, Christine and her husband, Steven, felt compelled to pass along their gift to whatever extent they could and provide lasting memories for children in a similar position as their daughter.

The Richland County Foundation, a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization, was established in 1945 as a way for individuals to pool and invest their gifts for the long-term good of Richland County and

its residents.

The foundation helps people in Richland County give back to the community by investing their gifts for charity wisely so that grants can be made to improve the quality of life for all the county's citizens.



**RICHLAND COUNTY FOUNDATION** Women's Fund Vice Chair Amy Hiner and Women's Fund Chair Elizabeth Daniels award a grant to Melissa Lawhorn (center) from Mid-Ohio Youth Mentoring.

### Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Ray Crisp, October 30  
Richard Anton Breinich, October 31  
Loraine Parker, October 31  
Larry William Ford, November 1  
Nancy Mudra, November 4

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Ohio Governor Mike DeWine

## Pioneer selected for governor's CTE Expansion Grant

Pioneer Career & Technology Center is proud to have been selected as a recipient of Governor DeWine and the General Assembly's Career-Technical Education Expansion Grant. Pioneer is one of 35 Career-Technical Planning Districts in Ohio to receive a portion of the 200 million dollars that were a part of Ohio's recently passed budget bill. Pioneer will receive 6.6 million dollars to create an Advanced Manufacturing Center and add additional programming on its Shelby campus.

Pioneer Superintendent Greg Nickoli stated, "We are so excited that our proposal is being funded. Adding an advanced manufacturing training facility as well as a residential electrical training program will enhance our ability to serve the students and employers of our region."

The Advanced Manufacturing Center will house a second welding program at the school as well as its Precision Machining and its Industrial Maintenance Programs. The Residential Electrical Program is a new program for the school and will be housed in the former Precision Machining lab space.

Pioneer has been providing career-technical education to high school juniors and seniors for 55 years. It serves over 1,100 students representing over 35 Career Tech Programs at the Shelby Campus and 1,400 students in 21 satellite programs located in 14 partner schools. Pioneer also offers adult education programs and customized training for local businesses. For information visit [www.go2pioneer.com](http://www.go2pioneer.com).



**RECOGNIZING NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**, the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library's main library will host the Teacher's Discovery Traveling Exhibit, American Indian Art. This exhibit reveals art from six American Indian regions in a larger-than-life format. The center panel completes the exhibit with an original map from Cherokee Publications, showing where all the nations resided. The exhibit will be on display Nov. 2-12, in the second-floor lobby of the main library, 43 W. Third St., Mansfield. For hours of operation, an event calendar and more visit [mrcpl.org](http://mrcpl.org).

## 42nd Annual OSU Buckeye Bash is Monday, Nov. 13

The 42nd annual Ohio State University Alumni Club of Richland County's Beat Michigan — Buckeye Bash will be held at the Richland County Fairgrounds, 750 N. Home Rd. (youth hall), Mansfield on Monday, Nov. 13.

The Buckeye spirit will come alive as the doors open at 5:15 pm. A meal will be served from 5:30-6:30 pm. The featured speaker, former head football coach Jim Tressel, will share memories of Beat Michigan Week and his career as head coach.

The second feature of the Buckeye Bash will be the return of The Ohio State University Marching Band. Other highlights are Buckeye music, live and silent OSU item auctions, \$10/\$15/\$20 goodie bags, Buckeye trivia and a 50:50 drawing.

The cost per ticket is \$30 (includes a homemade meal). For tickets, contact Judy Villard Overocker at the OSU Extension office, 1495 W. Longview Avenue, Suite 206, Mansfield, or by calling 419-747-8755. Tables can be reserved for groups of eight. Seating will be limited so getting tickets early is suggested.

The Buckeye Bash is the major source of income for the OSU Alumni Club's scholarship funds and club outreach. By donating to and/or participating in this fun, community event, Buckeye fans can pay it forward and help support our future "Buckeyes."

Donors at select levels can receive a set amount of complimentary admission tickets and a coordinating amount of meet and greet tickets to meet Coach Tressel.

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**ATTENDING THE RIBBON CUTTING** for the Magnolia Room at The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. were Jodie Perry of the Richland Area Chamber, Miss Ontario Jaslyn Lopez, Doc Stumbo, City of Ontario Mayor Randy Hutchinson, Ohio District 5 CEO Duana Patton, Area Agency Corporate Board of Trustees President Jason Painley, State Representative Marilyn John and Richland County Commissioners Tony Vero and Darrel Banks.

## Ribbon cutting celebrates new conference room

**Photos and Article By Jenna Wolford**

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 7, at the Hawkins Conference Center, 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario.

The ceremony celebrated the newly renovated space that will accommodate expanded programming for older adults, such as congregate meals, technology classes and wellness classes.

Duana Patton, CEO of the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., explained that during the pandemic, the weekly meals provided by the agency were distributed by outside pick-up. This saw the service expand from a small number of meals provided to over 100. Once the meals returned to an indoor setting, the room once used for the service was no longer big enough to accommodate the meals provided.

Meals are supplied every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 am. Tuesday attendees also receive a frozen meal to take home with them.

Tuesdays also offer special programming including health and wellness, entertainment, new technology skill instruction, estate planning and crafts.

Participation is based on a first-come basis. Call 855-447-5792 to register for meals.

Patton commended the work done by general contractor Daniel Wiegand and the crew at Appleseed Building Company.

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. provides leadership, collaboration, coordination and services to older adults, people with disabilities, their caregivers and resource networks that support individual choice, independence and dignity.



**CITY OF ONTARIO MAYOR** Randy Hutchinson spoke to a crowd gathered for the ribbon cutting on Nov. 7. He thanked the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging for providing services to the seniors of Richland County. Pictured with Hutchinson is Doc Stumbo and Jodie Perry.

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## VETERANS DAY: *Honoring Those Who Serve – Past & Present*

### History of the 179th: From Fighter Squadron to Cyberspace Wing

The 363d Fighter Squadron was established at Hamilton Field, California, in December 1942. Training then began on the P-39 Airacobra at Tonopah Army Airfield, Nevada.

The Fighter Squadron became part of the United States Air Forces in Europe as an army of occupation in Germany during 1945. It was inactivated in Germany during August 1946.

The wartime 363d Fighter Squadron was re-designated as the 164th Fighter Squadron, and was allotted to the Ohio Air National Guard, on May 24, 1946.

It was organized at Mansfield Lahm Regional Airport, Ohio, and was extended federal recognition on June 20, 1948 by the National Guard Bureau.

The 164th Fighter Squadron was bestowed the lineage, history, honors and colors of the 363d Fighter Squadron. The squadron was equipped with F-51D Mustangs and was assigned to the Ohio Air National Guard 55th Fighter Wing, operationally gained by Continental Air Command.

With the formation and federal recognition of the Ohio Air National Guard 121st Fighter Group at Lockbourne Field, near Columbus, the squadron was reassigned.

The mission of the 164th Fighter Squadron was the air defense of Ohio. Parts were no problem and many of the maintenance personnel were World War II veterans so readiness was quite high and the planes were often much better maintained than their USAF counterparts.

In some ways, the postwar Air National Guard was almost like a flying country club and a pilot could often show up at the field, check out an aircraft and go flying. However, the unit also had regular military exercises that kept up proficiency and in gunnery and bombing contests they would often score at least as well or better than active-duty United States Air Force units, given the fact that most Air National Guard pilots were World War II combat veterans.

In 1949, the squadron exchanged its F-51Ds for F-51H Mustang very long range escort fighters that were suitable for long-range interception of unknown aircraft identified by Ground Control Interceptor radar stations.

With the surprise invasion of South Korea on June 25, 1950, and the regular military's complete lack of readiness, most of the Air National Guard was federalized and placed on active duty.

The 164th Fighter Squadron was federalized on Feb. 10, 1951. The 164th, however, was selected to remain in Ohio and continue the air defense mission, being operationally gained by the Eastern Air Defense Force, Air Defense Command.

With the end of the federalization of the Air National Guard in 1952, the 164th again was assigned to the 121st Tactical Fighter

Group at Columbus, however the squadron remained in an attached status to Air Defense Command.

In September 1953, after the Korean War, the 164th received its first jet aircraft, refurbished F-80A Shooting Stars that had been modified and upgraded to F-80C standards.

The squadron only operated the Shooting Star for a year when in October 1954 the equipment was changed to F-84E Thunderjets that had returned from wartime duty in Korea.

In August 1954, the 164th began standing daytime air defense alert at Mansfield, placing two aircraft at the end of the runway with pilots in the cockpit from one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset. This ADC alert lasted each and every day until June 30, 1956.

In early 1957, the squadron sent their war-weary Thunderjets to storage at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona and received new F-84F Thunderstreak swept-wing interceptors.

Later in 1957, the 164th Fighter-Bomber Squadron received the 1st Air Force Flying Safety Award for three consecutive years of accident-free flying, an impressive accomplishment as in the previous three years the squadron had flown three different types of aircraft.

On Oct. 15, 1962, the Ohio Air National Guard's 164th Tactical Fighter Squadron was authorized to expand to a group level and the 179th Tactical Fighter Group was established by the National Guard Bureau, with the 164th TFS becoming the group's flying squadron.

Other squadrons assigned into the group were the 179th Headquarters, 179th Material Squadron (Maintenance), 179th Combat Support Squadron and the 179th USAF Dispensary.

Equipped with F-84F Thunderstreaks, the new group was assigned to the Ohio ANG 121st Tactical Fighter Wing at Lockbourne AFB, Ohio. The 179th TFG was tasked with a tactical fighter-bomber mission to augment the Tactical Air Command (TAC).

The squadron continued normal peacetime training throughout the 1960s. Individual squadron members volunteered for duty during the Vietnam War, however the 164th was not federalized in 1968 as the F-84Fs were not considered front line combat aircraft.

In February 1972, the squadron retired its Thunderstreaks and converted to the F-100 Super Sabre as a result of the American draw-down from the Vietnam War.

The squadron flew the F-100s until the winter of 1976 when the 179th was transferred from Tactical Air Command to Military Airlift Command (MAC) on 5 January. At this time, the unit converted to the C-130B Hercules and received a complement of eight aircraft.

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## •History of the 179th: From Fighter Squadron to Cyberspace Wing

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With the change of equipment, the unit was designated a Tactical Airlift Group. Upgrade to the C-130H was completed in 1991.

The 179th Airlift Group was active during the 1991 Gulf War, providing airlift support throughout the Continental United States and Europe. Portions of the 179th were activated during Desert Shield/Storm and served in the US, Europe and Saudi Arabia.

In March 1992, the 179th adopted the USAF Objective Wing organization and became simply the 179th Airlift Group (179 AG) and the 164th as the 164th Airlift Squadron (164 AS).

On June 1, of that year, Military Airlift Command was inactivated as part of the Air Force restructuring after the end of the Cold War. Air Mobility Command (AMC) initially became the gaining major

command for the 179th, although on Oct. 1, 1993, it was moved to Air Combat Command (ACC) along with the other C-130 units.

With the Air National Guard in the post-Cold War era providing nearly 50% of the USAF's tactical airlift capability, the 179th Airlift Group supported combat and humanitarian operations and exercises around the world, beginning in July 1992 as part of Operation Provide Promise; a humanitarian relief operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina during the Yugoslav War.

Ongoing until 1996, airlift units delivered food, medicine, and supplies and evacuating over 1,300 wounded people from the region. It the longest running humanitarian airlift in history.

In late 1992, the 179th began airlifting personnel, equipment and supplies to Somalia as part of Operation Restore Hope.

The Air Force enlisted Air National Guard units being charged with carrying out United Nations Security Council Resolution 794: to create a protected environment for conducting humanitarian operations in the southern half of Somalia.

The 179th was also engaged in Operation Uphold Democracy (Sept. 19, 1994–March 31, 1995) providing airlift support to United States military forces in Haiti during its military intervention de-

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A 179TH REDESIGNATION CEREMONY was held Saturday, Sept. 9, with the Mansfield Air National Guard Unit Transitioning to the first-ever Cyberspace Wing.



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## •History of the 179th: From Fighter Squadron to Cyberspace Wing

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-signed to remove the military regime installed by the 1991 Haitian coup d'état that overthrew the elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

On Oct. 11, 1995, in accordance with the Air Force One Base-One Wing directive, the 179th Airlift Group was expanded and changed in status to the 179th Airlift Wing (179 AW). Under the Objective Wing organization, the 164th Airlift Squadron was assigned to the 179th Operations Group. Support groups to the wing were the 179th Maintenance Group, 179th Mission Support Group and the 179th Medical Group.

In mid-1996, the Air Force, in response to budget cuts, and changing world situations, began experimenting with Air Expeditionary organizations. The Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) concept was developed that would mix Active Duty Regular Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard elements into a combined force.

Instead of entire permanent units deploying as "Provisional" as in the 1991 Gulf War, Expeditionary units are composed of "aviation packages" from several wings, including active duty Air Force, the Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) and the Air National Guard (ANG), would be married together to carry out the assigned deployment rotation.

In December 1996, the 164th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (164 EAS) was first formed from 179th personnel and aircraft and deployed to Pisa Airport, Italy in support of Operation Joint Guard. It assisted in providing logistical support to NATO-led multinational peacekeeping force in Bosnia and Herzegovina which was tasked

with upholding the Dayton Peace Agreement. This ongoing commitment continued until 1998.

Other Air Expeditionary Force deployments in the late 1990s included Operation Joint Endeavor, Operation Joint Forge and Operation Shining Hope, all addressing the Yugoslavian crises of the era.

After the events of Sept. 11, 2001 the 164th EAS has been activated on several occasions, initially providing logistic support for Air Force fighter squadrons engaged in Combat Air Patrols over major cities during Operation Noble Eagle in late 2001 and 2002. The EAS has seen duty in Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Pursuant to 2005 BRAC Recommendations, DoD recommended to close Mansfield-Lahm Municipal Airport Air National Guard Station.

The 179th Airlift Squadron would distribute its eight C-130H aircraft to the Air Force Reserve Command's 908th Airlift Wing at Maxwell AFB, Alabama (four aircraft), and the active duty Air Force's 314th Airlift Wing at Little Rock AFB, Arkansas (four aircraft).

Flying-related Expeditionary Combat Support (ECS) would move to the Kentucky Air National Guard's 123rd Airlift Wing at Louisville Air National Guard Base, Kentucky (aerial port) and the Ohio Air National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing at Toledo Air National Guard Base, Ohio (fire fighters).

However, due to the base's superior record and recommendations for reconsideration by state and local officials, the base was incorporated into the Ohio Air National Guard's future by receiving a bridge mission of flying the C-21 Learjet operational support airlift (OSA) aircraft mission until it became operational in the C-27J Spartan.

On July 20, 2008, the 179 AW continued its growth by the standing up of the 200th Red Horse (Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers) detachment. The Mansfield base has been assigned with 200 RED HORSE personnel and another 200 assigned to Port Clinton. A new building across the airfield was to be constructed to house the detachment with an approximated completion date in 2010.

The 179 AW, along with the 175th Wing of the Maryland Air National Guard, was the first unit to train and deploy the C-27J Spartan in 2010. Airmen from the 179th Airlift Wing made Air National Guard history 26 July 2011, by deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom for the first time with the C-27J Spartan, one of the Air Force's newest aircraft.

This joint mission was conducted with aircrew from the 164th Airlift Squadron, a subordinate unit of the 179th Airlift Wing, and Soldiers from the Oklahoma and Georgia Army National Guard, working in conjunction with the 159th Combat Aviation Brigade (159th CAB), from Fort Campbell, Kentucky, in direct support of the U.S. Army for airlift and airdrop operations.

The 179 AW made history with a nine-month overseas rotation, as opposed to the typical four-to-six-month Air National Guard deployment schedule.

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## •History of the 179th

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Due to budget constrained force structure changes within the Air Force eliminating all C-27s, the 179 AW's C-27s were retired and the 179th began transitioning back to the C-130 in May 2013 and has continued that mission, supporting domestic operations and supporting combatant commanders while deploying in support of global operations such as Operation Inherent Resolve.

In September 2021, The U.S. Air Force announced it's selection of Mansfield ANGB as the preferred location for the Air National Guard's first Cyberspace Wing. The last C-130H Hercules left the unit in June 2022.

In April of 2023, the unit was visited by the highest ranking officer in the U.S. Air Force, General Charles Q. Brown, vowing his support of the coming changes and expressed the importance of the new mission coming to Mansfield.



Photo By Traci Little

**COLONEL DARREN HAMILTON** spoke during the 179th redesignation ceremony in September. He is the Wing Commander of the 179th Airlift Wing. He joined the 179th Airlift Wing in 1986, assigned as a Crew Chief on the C-130B aircraft. He attended training to become a C-130 Flight Engineer in 1989. After graduating from Kent State University in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Technology, he was awarded Distinguished Graduate at the Academy of Military Science in 1994. He attended Undergraduate Pilot Training at Columbus Air Force Base, MS, followed by C-130 flight training at Little Rock Air Force Base, AR. He returned to the 179th Airlift Wing as a traditional guardsman. He has served as a Corporate Pilot, Airline Pilot and as a dual status military technician with the 179th in a multitude of roles. He served as the Joint Force Headquarters Director of Operations Ohio (A3) before returning as the 179th Operations Group Commander. He participated in Operations Restore Hope, Southern Watch, Joint Forge, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Freedom Sentinel. He is a Command Pilot with over 5,000 hours.



Photo By Traci Little

**COMMANDERS** and Chief Master Sergeants of the 179th Airlift Wing maintenance and operation squadrons retire their squadron guidons while the cyber squadron guidons are revealed during the 179th Cyberspace Wing redesignation ceremony at Mansfield Lahm Air National Guard Base, Mansfield, on Sept. 9, 2023. The guidon serves as a visual record of a unit's battles, campaigns, and awards, the casing of a guidon is a closing of a chapter in a unit's history.

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**VETERANS DAY: *Honoring Those Who Serve – Past & Present*****Mansfield Veterans Day Parade and ceremony is Saturday**

The Mansfield Veterans Day Parade will kick off Saturday, Nov. 11, at 10:30 am at the 5-way light.

The parade will form starting at 9:45 am on Marion Avenue between the 5-way light and back to Wood Street. The route will travel down Park Avenue West to Central Park and end at the gazebo.

The Grand Marshals and featured speakers during the Veterans Day ceremony at the gazebo following the parade will be four veterans, Doug Theaker, Deb Robinson, Larry Corn and Larry Moore.

Units marching in the parade this year include local marching bands, fire trucks, military equipment and area veterans and other groups.

During the ceremony, Bruce Phipps, Joint Veterans Council Commander, will welcome guests. There will be a Presentation Of Colors and the National Anthem will be sung by John Darby.

Josh Hurrell will lead the Pledge Of Allegiance and an invocation will be given by William Loughman Chaplain for Veteran's Hospice.

Bruce Phipps will give the introduction of guests with a wreath presentation by Jared Mansfield Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Jarrett Estep will introduce Keynote Speaker Larry D. Corn, Larry D. Moore, Debra S. Robinson and Douglas D. Theaker.

A Salute To The Honored Dead and Taps will be presented by the Richland County Joint Veterans Burial Squad.

William Loughman will give the Benediction. The Fun Center Chordsmen will sing during the ceremony.

Joyce and James Vanatter will coordinate the sound system.

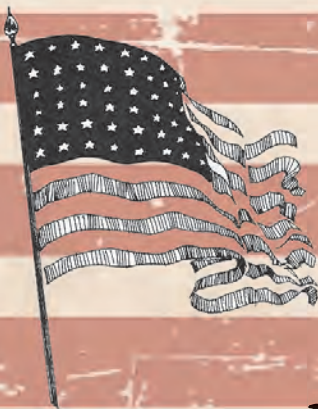
In case of rain, the Veterans Day ceremony will be held at 11 am at AMVETS, Post 26, 1100 W. Fourth St.

Dennis Hempfield is the Parade Marshall for the Mansfield Veterans Day Parade. For information call Dennis Hempfield at 419-884-2089. Bruce Phipps, the program organizer, can be reached at 419-544-0311.



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## VETERANS DAY: *Honoring Those Who Serve – Past & Present*

### Plymouth FFA invites community to Veterans Day program

By Nicole Beverage  
Plymouth FFA Reporter

The Plymouth FFA chapter is working with the Plymouth High School History Club to organize the 2023 Veterans program for the Plymouth-Shiloh Local School.

Local veterans are welcome to attend on Friday, Nov. 10, for breakfast and the annual Veterans Day Assembly.

The assembly will begin at 9:30 am in the high school/middle school gymnasium.

A pancake and sausage breakfast is being provided by the Plymouth FFA Chapter, Plymouth-Shiloh FFA Alumni and the Plymouth American Legion.

All veterans are invited to breakfast at 8:30 am in the high school/middle school cafeteria.

After breakfast, guests are invited to head to the gymnasium

for the assembly.

Veterans, those related to or know a veteran, or anyone who

simply appreciates our freedoms, are invited to attend the ceremony.

#### Brigadier General David B. Johnson

is the Assistant Adjutant General for Air, Ohio National Guard. In this role, he is responsible to the Commander of the Ohio Air National Guard for directing Air National Guard operations and establishing policy to ensure mission readiness of more than 4,700 personnel assigned to four air wings and four geographically separated support units.

His leadership and oversight ensure the mission readiness of the Ohio Air National Guard to support community, state, and federal missions.

General Johnson first enlisted in the Ohio Air National Guard in 1986 as a Jet Engine Mechanic on the A-7D. He graduated from The Ohio State University in 1993 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Aviation Management. General Johnson earned his commission in 1994 through the Academy of Military Science earning Distinguished Graduate. Following his commission General Johnson attended Undergraduate Pilot Training at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas.

Throughout his career, General Johnson has served in a multitude of roles, to include command at the Squadron, Group, and Wing level and multiple staff positions to include serving as the Commander, 121st Air Refueling Wing, Columbus, Ohio, and Deputy Director J3, Joint Force Headquarters, Columbus, Ohio.

Prior to assuming his current role as the Assistant Adjutant General for Air, General Johnson served as the Ohio Air National Guard Chief of Staff, Joint Force Headquarters, Columbus, Ohio. General Johnson is a command pilot with more than 5,100 hours of military flight time. Throughout his career he has deployed in support of operations Decisive Endeavor, Deliberate Guard, Southern Watch, Joint Guard, Phoenix Scorpion III, Noble Eagle, Northern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, Inherent Resolve and Resolute Support.



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### Veteran Ashland Butcher presented banner at Ontario Council meeting

Ashland Butcher was presented with a Veteran Banner by City of Ontario Council President Eddie Gallo.

President Eddie Gallo introduced Army Veteran Ashland Butcher, who received a police escort to the council meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 18.

Butcher enlisted twice in the Army, 1958–1963 and 1965–1968. Serving twice in Vietnam, he is the recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, Sharpshooter Medal, two Vietnam Campaign Medals, Army Commendation Medal, Bronze Star and a Purple Heart.

At the meeting, Butcher was given a basket of homemade apple butter, honey and candies from the Apple Butter Festival in his hometown of Chapmanville, West Virginia.

Lt. Tony Grimwood acknowledged Mr. Butcher's commitment of service and presented him with Police Department Patches and a Challenge Coin.

Miss Ohio 2023 Madison Miller, whose platform is dedicated to the recognition of veterans, presented Butcher with a certificate and letter from Mayor Randy Hutchinson and Council President Gallo.

Butcher's banner is the first military banner for Ontario. It includes his photo and is printed with "Proud United States Veteran."

The yard sign is from Miller's non-profit organization.

Butcher led the Pledge of Allegiance for the council meeting.



Ontario Council President Eddie Gallo and Ashland Butcher





# VETERANS DAY: *Honoring Those Who Serve – Past & Present*

## 121st Air Refueling Wing hosts Change of Command ceremony

By Staff Sgt. Mikayla Gibbs  
121st Air Refueling Wing

The 121st Air Refueling Wing held a Change of Command ceremony on base Nov. 5, 2023.

During the ceremony, Col. Andrew Powers assumed command of the 121st ARW from Col. Scott Lerdon. Brig. Gen. David Johnson,



(Photo by Staff Sgt. Mikayla Gibbs)

A CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY was held at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, Columbus, on Nov. 5. Col. Andrew Powers assumed command of the 121st Air Refueling Wing from Col. Scott Lerdon.

Ohio Assistant Adjutant General for Air was the presiding officer.

Prior to taking command of the 121st ARW, Powers served as the commander of the 178th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group. He is a command pilot with approximately 2,775 flight hours.

“Over the next few years, we’ll encourage each other to push ourselves to new heights,” said Powers during his address to the wing. “Know you, our Airmen, are my highest priority.”

Lerdon took command of the 121st ARW in June 2021 and is moving on to a position with Ohio State Headquarters. He is a command pilot with over 4,200 flight hours.

“I always say talk is cheap and results matter,” said Lerdon. “I’m proud to say in my time, we have all backed the talk with results... to the state, to the nation and to the world. I know you will continue to do so. The proudest part of my military career has been serving as your wing commander, and I thank you all.”

The 121st ARW is composed of approximately 1,300 Airmen. The unit aims to be the most effective and reliable Air Refueling Wing in the United States Air Force, delivering combat-ready Airmen, unwavering nuclear deterrence, and the first response to the security and defense of our state and nation.



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THE 179TH CYBERSPACE WING Communications Squadron conducted an Official Change of Command Ceremony, saying farewell to Capt. Angel Marrero and welcoming the new 179th Communications Squadron Commander 1st Lt. David Rardon. The ceremony was held Nov. 2.

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### The Ohio State Mansfield hosting Veterans Day celebration

The Ohio State Mansfield is hosting a special Veterans Day celebration. The event will be open to the public and free of charge with no tickets required, on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 11 am.

Hosted at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Center, the program will kick off with brunch featuring keynote speaker, Col. Jerry Clark, Deputy Commander of the 179th Cyber Operations Group at the Ohio Air National Guard.

Following brunch, all are invited to attend a special abbreviated performance featuring excerpts from *A Horse Named Reckless*, The Ohio State Mansfield theatre program's upcoming original show that recognizes the 70th anniversary of the Korean War through the true story of a small chestnut mare who fought alongside U.S. Marines and became a decorated war hero.

The campus will be performing *A Horse Named Reckless* on Friday, Nov. 10, at 7:30 pm as well as Saturday, Nov. 11 and Sunday, Nov. 12 at 2:30 pm.

This show is supported by the Korean War Veterans Association

Chapter 51. All shows are open to the public, free of charge, with no tickets required.

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**MADISON COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL** held its Ohio National Guard kick-off Friday, Sept. 22. Junior and senior SkillsUSA officers presented the SkillsUSA colors. The Army National Guard officers worked with the students in various team building activities (Sgt. First Class Delong, Sgt. Cisco, Private Clingman, Staff Sgt. Milenkovic, Specialist Hickman, Specialist Herrera and Specialist Herrera). Madison Career Tech students from Auto Tech and Welding (green), Business (gray), Carpentry (orange), Cosmetology (pink), Culinary Arts (tie dye), CyberSecurity (purple), Early Childhood Education (blue), Electricity (dark gray), Health Technologies (light pink), Precision Machining and Welding (black), worked together as individual teams. Some of the activities and challenges included a driving exercise to show the dangers of texting and driving, pull ups, balancing on wooden beams and moving them as a group, jousting inflatable, observing an Army Truck, using Enhanced night vision goggles in the field house, racing with a stretcher, racing and dragging heavy objects, and a few other stations. These activities promote cooperative and communication skills. The overall goal is to help students learn to problem solve and work together with their peers.

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**VETERANS DAY: Honoring Those Who Serve – Past & Present****Wreaths Across America announces 2023 Escort to Arlington Route**

What has become known as the country's longest veterans' parade – Wreaths Across America's annual "Escort to Arlington" – kicks off on Saturday, Dec. 9.

The official route will travel down the East Coast, stopping at schools, memorials, and other locations along the way to spread the year-long mission to REMEMBER the fallen, HONOR those who serve, and TEACH the next generation the value of freedom.

Stops with public events will be held in Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Washington D.C., before arriving at Arlington National Cemetery on the morning of Saturday, Dec. 16 – National Wreaths Across America Day.

For the ninth year in a row Chevrolet, has generously provided the 12 wrapped escort vehicles that will transport participating Gold Star families and veterans during the week-long trip. In addition, Chevrolet has also sponsored 4,000 veterans' wreaths for placement at Arlington National Cemetery to help honor our nation's veterans.

"Chevrolet and its dealers are once again proud to support the yearlong mission of Wreaths Across America. This annual tradition is one Chevrolet and its dealers here in the Northeast Region look forward to participating in each year," said Dan Adamcheck, Regional Director of Sales, Service and Marketing for Chevrolet. "To be able to give back to our communities, and the men and women who have given so much to our country is truly an honor for Chevrolet and its employees."

Participants for this year's Escort to Arlington will include Gold Star families – including the current National President of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., Pamela Stemple – Blue Star families, volunteers, and veterans representing many eras and Veteran Service Organizations such as the American Legion Auxiliary – including current National President Lisa Williamson – the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, VFW and VFW Auxiliary and more. Members of the Patriot Guard Riders and Patriot Riders, and law enforcement from departments across Maine and other states along the route will provide escort to ensure safe transport for all participants throughout the week.

The Escort to Arlington has grown to consist of 13 tractor-trailers. Additionally, Load One Carriers will once again serve as the ceremonial wreath transporter for the week. These dedicated organizations and their professional drivers will haul a portion of the sponsored veterans' wreaths heading to Arlington National Cemetery for placement on Saturday, Dec. 16.

What began 30+ years ago as a pilgrimage by a Maine wreath maker in a single truck to deliver 5,000 wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery as a gesture of thanks has become a year-long mission to Remember, Honor, Teach. National Wreaths Across America Day ceremonies are happening at more than 4,000 participating locations across the country on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023. These events are free and open to all people.

In total, 259,000 sponsored veterans' wreaths are needed to reach

the goal of placing a wreath on every eligible marker at Arlington National Cemetery. To make a \$17 sponsorship which supports the year-round mission or to register to volunteer, visit [www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/ARLING](http://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/ARLING).

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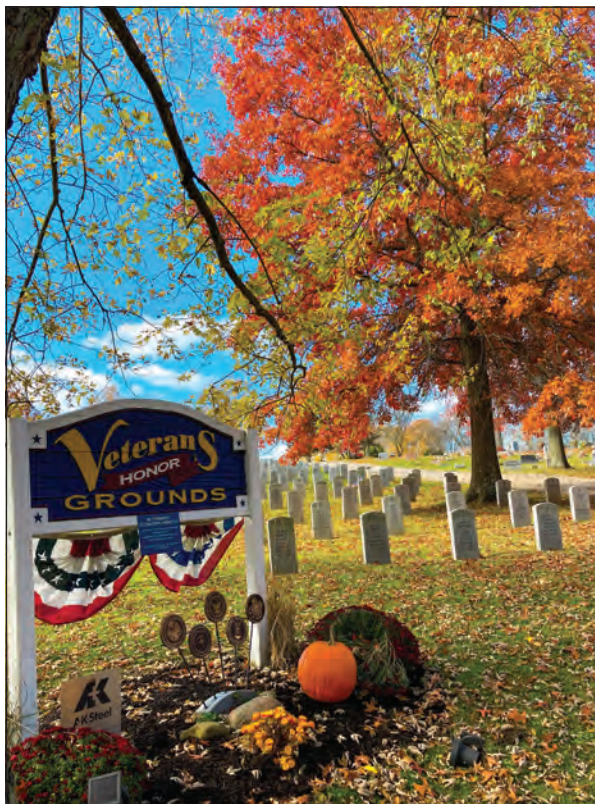
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### Third Street Family Health Services to provide free care to veterans

Third Street Family Health Services will recognize local veterans by providing them with a day of free health and dental care.

In honor of Veterans Day, the network of non-profit community health centers will host its Operation Heal Our Vets event for a second year.

The event will be Thursday, Nov. 9, from 7:15 am to 4:15 pm. It will be held at the Third Street Family Health Services campus, 600 W. Third St., Mansfield.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there were about 8,429 veterans in Richland County in 2021. During Operation Heal Our Vets, the center will provide veterans with basic dental care and health screenings. The attendees will also receive gift bags, t-shirts, keepsakes and refreshments.

This annual event is made possible with the help of contributions from community supporters. This year, more than 60 veterans are

expected to receive care during the day.

Call the clinic at 419-522-6191 to make an appointment.



### OHS planning Veterans Day breakfast

Ontario High School will host a Veterans Day Breakfast on Friday, Nov. 10. A breakfast reception will be held from 8:30 to 9:15 am with a parade following at 9:30 am.

Veterans are asked to RSVP to the high school office at 419-529-3969 or by email to [smith.chris@olsohio.org](mailto:smith.chris@olsohio.org).

Ontario hosts the breakfast each year to honor and support local veterans.

A large banner for CNG Charter Next Generation. The top left features the CNG logo with the text 'CHARTER NEXT GENERATION' below it. To the right, the word 'CELEBRATES' is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters, followed by 'OUR COUNTRY'S VETERANS!' in a slightly smaller, white, sans-serif font. Below this, a quote in white text reads: '"True heroism isn't measured by the size of one's strength, but by the strength of one's heart"'. Under the quote, another paragraph of white text states: 'CNG salutes all U.S. veterans and their families for so bravely sacrificing so much to serve our country and protect our way of life. We send a special thank you to those veterans and their families that play such an important role at CNG. You are heroes and your strength of heart and character inspires us all.' The bottom half of the banner is filled with a collage of approximately 15 Polaroid-style photographs of various people, mostly men, some in military uniforms and others in civilian attire, holding small certificates or cards. The entire banner has a blue background with a subtle American flag pattern on the left and right sides.

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**VETERANS DAY:** *Honoring Those Who Serve – Past & Present*

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**THE KIWANIS CLUB OF MANSFIELD** hosted the Kiwanis Flag Project — Field of Honor ceremony in tribute to those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, as well as a way to honor active and retired military members and first responders. A display of over 200 flags brought the community together in a patriotic tribute and 9/11 memorial to honor our heroes. Each U.S. flag represents an individual and tells a story. The ceremony took place at the Area Agency on Aging District #5, 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario, on Monday, Sept. 11.

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## Love Our Hero's thrift store sales help area veterans

Love Our Hero's is a nonprofit organization that helps veterans with rent, utilities, food assistance, household items and more.

The 9,000 square foot volunteer-ran thrift store in Bellville serves as the main source of revenue to help veterans. Most of the items are by monetary donation.

Love Our Hero's accepts household donations Wednesday through Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm. It is asked that all items are in good condition.

Volunteers are needed to help out in several areas of the organization including the donation center, lobby and ice cream shop.

Love Our Hero's is located at 24 Bell St., in Bellville. Store hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm.

To volunteer or find out more about the organization, contact Tami or Kirstie at 567-772-0001.



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**THE COMMEMORATION** of the 70th Korean War Armistice was held at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center on July 27. The event was hosted by The Korean War Veterans Association, Chapter #51. The ceremony began with the entrance of the color guard. Sgt. At Arms, Dave Bell, sang The Pledge of Allegiance. Dale Walker, Chapter 51 President, welcomed the room full of guests. Doug Theaker, Master of Ceremonies, gave a few introductions. Gail Eddy said a prayer for all the deceased veterans. Roy Anderson was honored for his many years of leadership within the Chapter #51 organization. Haar told me he's been one of the founding members of the association and has been a treasurer for many, many years. He was honored for his dedication and service.

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(Photo by Master Sgt. Joe Harwood)

**COL. ROBERT CUNNINGHAM**, Cyber Operations Group commander, congratulates Chief Master Sgt. Sarah Queer following her promotion to the rank during her ceremony held Sept. 10, at the 179th Cyberspace Wing, Mansfield Lahm ANGB, Mansfield.



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**CHIEF MASTER SGT. ALISHA MOORE** recently received a promotion to her new position at Joint Force Headquarters, Beightler Armory, Columbus, Ohio National Guard. She spent the majority of her career in Mansfield at the 179th.

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# Mansfield Christian hosts annual school banquet

Mansfield Christian School hosted its Annual School Banquet on Oct. 27, at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center.

Testimonies regarding the influence and effectiveness of Mansfield Christian School and its partnership with parents were provided by alumni Ellen Lilly (Class of 1978); Dr. Carrie Beal, (Class of 1995); and Matt Wilging, (Class of 2004).

Special music was provided

by the MCS second grade class, led by MCS music teacher, Malory Guined.

The theme for the evening was "Steadfast Purpose: Future Ready." The legacy of Mansfield Christian, which began in 1961 is focused on providing students with a solid Christian education.

MCS continues to expand and grow. With the launch of future-ready programs including the Career Academy (Medi-

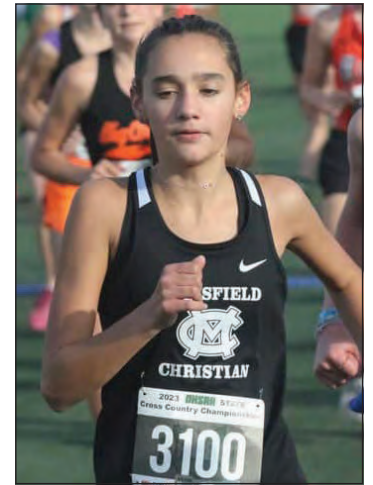
cal Professionals) and multiple campus-wide improvements, the vision of a new building addition will ensure MCS is future ready for generations to come.

MCS would like to thank banquet business sponsors Banks & Associates, CPA's, LLC, Clearvent USA, and Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial represented by Greg Boyce. A complete listing of business sponsors can be found on the website.

To read more about Mansfield Christian School's new programs and giving opportunities, visit [www.mcsflames.org](http://www.mcsflames.org).



Carrie Beal, Matt Wilging, Ellen Lilly and MCS Superintendent Cy Smith



**MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN** junior Meagan Them qualified as an individual runner for the OHSA State Championships for cross country. The race was held Saturday, Nov. 4, at Fortress Obetz Park, near Columbus. Meagan placed 70th out of a field of 185 with a time of 20:09 in the Division III race.



The MCS second grade student ensemble

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ONTARIO STINGEL ELEMENTARY had a "Dress as your Favorite Book Character" day on Thursday, Oct. 26. The fourth grade teachers all were a seed from the Seed book collection. Second grade teachers all dressed as their favorite characters from *The Rainbow Fish*, *Harry Potter*, *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* and *A Case of the Stripes*.



THE KONA CHAPTER OF NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY of Ontario High School inducted new members Jastyn Allen, Arialyn Bischak, Jack Belding, Katherine Bolin, Taylor Dille, Paige Dunkle, Rachel Foss, Sophia Fraley, Blake Gregory, Natalie Hall, Parker Henderson, Vanessa Liu, Maggie Love, Joshua Mazzocco, Zachary McChristy, Rowan McManes, Bodpegn Miller, Claire Morrison, Alan O'Blisk, Camden Platner, Ethan Rodojsics, Evan Ruhe, Claire Shaw, Landon Sowards, Grady Taylor, Jakiah Trammell, Morgan Turnbaugh, Noah Tuttle, Kennedy Weiler and Jack Zahn. They join current members Abigail Bechstein, Grason Bias, Charles Danuloff, Paige Dunkle, Alexander Ellis, Quinton Frankhouse, Savannah Jackson, Trista Jewell, Olivia Kreger, Jaslyn Lopez, Jena Ly, Najee Morris, Kavya Patel, David Reedy, Brayden Robinson, Grady Schroeder, Ella Shaffer, Jonah So, Chase Studer, Gracie Thurber, Carter Weaver, Canaan Wentz and Brady Zehe. At the program, selected staff member Roger Nikiforow lit the Candle of Knowledge, while secretary David Reedy lit the Candle of Service, treasurer Grason Bias lit the Candle of Scholarship, vice-president Kavya Patel lit the candle of Character and president Carter Weaver lit the Candle of Leadership.



# Honor and Merit Rolls

## Clear Fork High School

First Nine Weeks

### ALL A HONOR ROLL

**Seniors:** Heather Atherton, Zoe Daniels, Champ Delancy, Abigail Kern, Summer Kinnard, Abigail Kitzmiller, Rachel LeFever, Nate Lind, Emma McCoy, Madison McKenna, Emilee Morrison, Sophia Perry, Evan Picchioni, Hayden Roberts, Taya Shultz, Aria Stage, Joseph Stupka, Andrea Swainhart, Kendall Windsor and Avery Wine

**Juniors:** Garrett Hotz, Jay Jackson, Bailey McKee, Leah Mortimer, Alexander Ousley, Rebecca Pryor, Peyton Salisbury, Mason Sansom, Kaybria Sims and William Stewart

**Sophomores:** Alyson Brokaw, Alyssa Burger, Milee Carillon, Ava Carr, Nicholas Coker, Mattie Colegrove, Leonard Copeland, Tristan Cromer, Kaiden Dettmer, Caroline Dill, Tyler Evans, Abigail Geary, Lucas Goodman, Liam Hamilton, Madelyn Hite, Jasmine Johnson, Zoe Lamp, Clayton Lewis, Jozie Lloyd, Austin McFerrer, Kenadee Muntain, Lucy Myer, Callie New, Hunter Rahall, Selena Ross, Kaiden Schlosser, Landon Schlosser, Matthew Shutt, Hadley Slaughter, Mary Stupka, Liliana Trunzo and Mia Wilson

**Freshmen:** Jadalyne Brokaw, Addison Brown, Wesley Bunnell, Grace Burgholder, Mackenzie Daniels, Aiden Demoss, Gavin Domka, Jonathan Evans, Alaina Hawkins, Davis Hoeflich, Marcus Hoeflich, Erika Hollar, Hannah Kinnard, Caleb Mack, Brody McGregor, Mya Perry, Samuel Robinson, Hudson Schag, Ella Schmidt, Kabuto Setser, Camillia Smitticus, Chloe Steward, Hailly Thrush, Austin Vanhouten and Owen Weiser

### HONOR ROLL

**Seniors:** Renee Anders, Cory Balduff, Kylie Belcher, Zain Brown, Timothy Conkling, Jackson Dudley, Caden Freitag, Victoria Haas, Connor Hauger, Collin Johnson, Mikka Knapik, Jada Lamp, Marissa Lawhun, Kadynce Muntain, Macy Ousley, Caleb Peters, Gage Sansom, Ariel Stage, Piper Stepp, Braxton Stillion, Kasey Swank, Isabella Swiatek, Adam Vanausdle, Alexandria Welshans and Linzy Weyhmeller

### Juniors:

Ava Beard, Liam Beer, April Berry, Melodie Blubaugh, Jayden Bowman, Lexie Colegrove, Bobbie Fliger, Grant Keep, Carter King, Melisa

Maldonado Elias, Kylie McGinty, Emily Montgomery, Reina Rehberg, Alexis Rodriguez, Christian Walker and Lillian Weikle

**Sophomores:** Ethan Beck, Kailyn Bowman, Benjamin Campbell, Taylor Carpenter, Iona Hickerson, Ethan Hull, Gwyneth Jones, Rowyn Lang, Bryar Ousley, Eliana Pelkey, Bailee Riddle, Myles Sharp, Faith Smith, Shelby Sullivan, Gavin Thompson, Paisley Thrush, Michael Tokar, Audrey Vanausdle, Gavin Walker, Adam Wallis, Ava Wharton, Sophia Wharton, Ashtyn Wine, Nathaniel Wine and Patrick Zirkle

**Freshmen:** Rylan Aldridge, Adelaine Bash, Asia Bechtel, Landon Berry, Coy Bieri, Audrey Bowman, Ava Campbell, Weston Coble, Layla Daugherty, Madison Demoss, Jillian Dunn, Christian Edwards, Allie Emerson, Charles Granholm, Mariah Hatfield, Kelsea Hunter, Landon James, Brynley Kirkpatrick, Joseph Lykins, Broegan Lyon, Evyn Morfin, Katrina Neal, Hayden Northrup, Alexis Radcliffe, Ava Roberts, Bryn Sansom, Addison Schlosser, Miley Shafer, Peyton Sickles, Deacon Sims, Nicholas Skaggs, Kaiden Thomas, Wade Traxler, Addison Weikle and Adalyn Wise

### MERIT ROLL

**Seniors:** Reagan Aldridge, Saylee Fowler, Erica Gillis, William Hamilton, Allison Montgomery, Sydney Mortimer, Abigail Sauder and Jonah Sharp

**Juniors:** Jasmine Colvin, Venessa Eicher, Trevor Kinnamon, Brooklyn Lutzmann, Hunter Martin, Chloe Mowry, Regan Pore, Peyton Rader, Dawson Staley, Lola Stillion, Parker Swihart, Hunter Weikle and Dillion Wheeler

**Sophomores:** Jhayda Ammons, Landon Ball, Brinley Barnett, Kaiden Bloomfield, Clement Britton, Jacob Brokaw, Sabree Caudill, Reese Cook, Xander Cyphers, Hansen Dornbier, Chance Duncan, Xander Frederick, Evan Hamilton, Jason Hamilton, Aidan Haring, Delilah Henry, Brenley Higgins, Addison Johnson, Zackery Johnson, Jayden Kaylor, Marissa Kenison, Nikolas Kinkel, Kaleb Martin, Nicholas Martin, Savannah Mazzola, Carter Means, Emma Parsons, Rhett Peterson, Porter Schmidt, Rozalyn Stover, Mason Walls and Sophia Wilson

**Freshmen:** Jonathan Annis, Morgan Armstrong, Aubree Barnes, Max Betts, Taylor Bly, Arianna Bostic, Cooper Brokaw, Christopher Bush, Carter Coale, Wade Davis, Benjamin Dudley, Jacob Fields, Tiegna Franta, Noah Goodman, Colin Hull, Christian Kinnamon, Landon McKee, Isabella McKenna, Zachary Nelson, Marin Ocheltree, Jonah Robison, Isaac Ross, Ashtyn Salisbury, Alexander Schlosser, Trey Sellers, Madisyn Smith and Owen Weikle



**ONTARIO FIRST GRADE** students each had a pumpkin to decorate donated by Jeff and Connie Wall, the owners of Tee Pee Family Campground. Since all first grade classes have been learning about characters and settings in reading, each child received a pumpkin to design to look like their favorite book character. They also completed a short report with the title of the book, the name of the character and a place to describe characters traits and why they chose the character. First grade students and their families came up with a variety of designs.





**ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL** students who achieved all A's in the first nine-weeks were recently treated to a breakfast in appreciation of their hard work.



**MRS. STOVER'S EIGHTH GRADE** math students at Ontario competed in review math relays to prepare for their chapter 3 test. Students were put into teams and given a paper with four problems to solve. Each student had to solve one problem (or leg) of the race. If they had all problems correct they earned a point for their team and moved on to the next race. This was a friendly and competitive math review for transversals and triangles.



**XAVIER TRENT AND DEAN MORRISON** of Ontario High School qualified as individual runners for the OHSAA Cross Country State Championships held Saturday, Nov. 4, at Fortress Obetz Park, near Columbus. The school held a special send-off ceremony on Friday. The boys ran in the Division II race with sophomore Xavier Trent placing 46th with a time of 16:38.3 and junior Dean Morrison placing 69th with 16:53.7 out of a field of 183 runners.



**ONTARIO DRUG FREE SENIORS** visited Stingel for Red Ribbon Week.





**SAMARITAN HOSPITAL FOUNDATION** recognized Heart of Giving Award recipients Steve Huber, Melanie Miller, Reverend Dr. JoAnn Ford Watson and Greg Gorrell and The Power of Youth Award recipient Gavin Finger.

## SHF honors community members and organizations

Each year in October, a crowd of nearly 150 gathers to celebrate individuals in the community who give generously of their time, talent, treasure and service to help others. This year, the Samaritan Hospital Foundation's (SHF) annual Heart of Giving Appreciation Dinner honored four individuals with Heart of Giving Awards and added a new award to recognize a young person in our community who goes above and beyond for others.

The event began with videos highlighting how SHF grants are positively impacting the health and wellness of individuals in Ashland County and the hospital.

The Ashland Pregnancy Care Center (APCC) received a community grant that helped fund the purchase of a new ultrasound machine. According to Melanie Miller, Executive Director APCC, "More than 90 percent of women and men who see their baby on an ultrasound will choose life!" The center also uses the ultrasound to medically confirm that the pregnancy is in the uterus and not a tubal pregnancy, as well as determine the gestational age of the baby. Providing this important service allows the center to serve in the role of a pre-screening agency for women prior to established OB care.

UH Pet Pals is a pet therapy program that uses trained individuals and their adult dogs to make short, hospital in-room visits to adults and children who would enjoy the company of a furry friend. Jerry Seiter, Director of Annual Giving & Special Projects for SHF explained why he and his dog, Teddy, love providing pet therapy through the UH Pet Pals program, "My goal is to always have a therapy dog to share joy and happiness with others."

New for 2023, SHF added The Power of Youth Award to recognize a young person in the community who shares his or her time and talents to help others. Gavin Finger, who is a 2023 graduate of Genesis Christian Academy in Ashland, has a great passion for serving as a volunteer for the local Respite Care Program through the Ashland Special Needs Ministry led by Christina Teevan. He has served as a volunteer caring for children with special needs in the program and their siblings, supporting setup, cleanup and special events, as well as serving for a week at a time with the Respite Care Team at Joni and Friends Camp. Gavin truly enjoys working with the families and he looks forward to many more years serving in the ministry of loving God's children.

During the Heart of Giving Awards portion of the event, SHF recognized four individuals in our community for their compassion and faithful service to make a difference in the lives of others:

Greg Gorrell was honored for his lifetime of service to the Ashland community, our country, and touching the lives of so many through his faith. Whether it be bringing others to Christ through his servant leadership in his church, supporting his community through his passion to help others through fundraising during countless United

Way campaigns and serving as campaign chairperson, serving on the Ashland City School Board and City Council, and last but certainly not least, through his bravery in serving our country during the Vietnam War and helping other veterans by organizing fundraising events to benefit and honor them.

In retirement, Gorrell continues to help out in the community by supporting Associated Charities with raising funds for a new building, helping to raise funds for the new YMCA additions, and continuing to organize fundraising events to support our local veterans.

Steve Huber was recognized for decades of serving the Ashland community using his gifts and talents as an art teacher to inspire the next generation of artists, as well as his love for the outdoors, encouraging the Ashland County Commissioners to launch a county park district.

For 23 years, Huber has worked with the Ashland County Park District as it has grown to 21 county parks and has served as Volunteer Park Manager at Freer Field for 20 years. He was successful in raising money to complete the Freer Field paved trail, which is a great gift to the community and has led to Freer Field being enjoyed daily by hundreds of people. He has also served internationally, volunteering (mostly teaching art) with trips to Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala and Mexico.

When Huber fully retired, his volunteering went into overdrive with him adding working at Ashland University (AU) planting, weeding, and trimming to help the grounds crew. And over the past decade, he has developed an interest in helping foreign AU students, especially those from China and, most recently, working with Spanish speakers to learn English.

Melanie Miller was recognized for her service to our local community through the Kroc Center, our state by promoting volunteerism during her reigns as Miss Ohio and Mrs. Ohio (the only woman in Ohio's history to hold both titles), and as a voice to protect the lives of the unborn as the Executive Director of the Ashland Pregnancy Care Center. Miller has testified in Columbus on legislation protecting the right to life and even conducted the first live ultrasound in Washington D.C. before the U.S. Congress. She was also recognized for the impact she is making for our community and our state through her role as Representative in the Ohio House of Representatives covering Ashland County and part of Medina County.

In less than 12 months of service, Miller has already positively impacted numerous pieces of legislation for local governments, construction contractors, the transportation bill, and she is even responsible for bringing back more than \$2.5 million to Ashland County in the recently passed state operating budget.

Reverend Dr. JoAnn Ford Watson was recognized for a lifetime of

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# Ontario High School's Red Ribbon Week

Monday: Team Up Against Drugs, Favorite Team Jersey • Tuesday: Peace Out to Drugs, Hippie Day • Wednesday: Red Out  
Thursday: Don't Get Twisted in Bad Choices, Tie Day • Friday: Be a Warrior Against Drugs, Blue & Gold



## •SHF honors community members and organizations

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giving back, serving others and training men and women for ministry service during her 31 years at Ashland Seminary as assistant, associate, and full tenured professor.

While at the Seminary, she accomplished many firsts. She was the first woman to be a tenured full professor and the first woman to hold an academic professionally endowed chair in theology. She was the first woman to serve as an academic department chair and the first woman to be hired as an ordained minister. She is the first woman professor to serve at the seminary until retirement to receive the award of Professor Emerita of AU and Ashland Seminary.

In retirement, she continues her mission to serve and further Christ's kingdom through her role on the Ashland County Community Foundation Board of Trustees and as President and Chair of the newly formed non-profit organization, the Foundations Community Childcare Board, which is building a new childcare center to serve up to 150 infants, toddlers and children of school age in the community.

## Students earn ICF Installer Training

Students in Knox County Career Center's (KCCC) Building Trades program received Insulated Concrete Form (ICF) Installer Training.

The training was conducted by the Ohio Concrete Association, the National Ready Mix Association, and the ICF Manufacturers Association. Donations of equipment and supplies were made by Ellis Brothers and the Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters.

Students who successfully completed the training and test earned the ICF Certified Installer certificate. This certificate is a 6-point credential toward graduation.

Colby Clippinger, Building Trades instructor, said, "We appreciate our business partners and industry suppliers that keep our students on the leading edge of the construction industry. This keeps their skills current and in demand for future success."



## Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

## Local teams head for football playoffs

By Kris Leiter

## DIVISION 3 – REGION 10

**Mansfield Senior (10–2), 4 seed** vs. Toledo Central Catholic (12–0), 1 seed, Nov. 11, 7 pm at Robert J. Bishop Jr. Stadium in Clyde

The “TY” Tygers roar on as they defeated Rocky River 55–21 this past Friday night in Rocky River.

The fans got their money’s worth within the first few minutes of the opening kickoff, and through the first quarter ending, the TYgers were leading the Pirates 20–7.

The TYgers Jamier Petty apparently decided another score was in store. Mansfield added another 7 points, extending the lead to 27–7 as the second quarter commenced.

Apparently Rocky River was not going to settle for a 20 point deficit, keeping the fans at no loss for suspense; hence the Pirate’s Ryan Ricketti would add another 7 to the scoreboard. TYgers took the lead 27–14. Mansfield added redemption a short bit later with a 6-yard rush from Zyion Brown, restoring the 20-point Tyger advantage.

As the two teams continued to jockey back and forth as the second quarter was ticking down, The TYgers went into the locker room with a comfortable 41–14.

This was a far cry from a few weeks ago, when Mansfield and Lexington had the “Battle-of-the-Toe-Kicking-Frenzy” with a total of 32 kicks in some fashion — punts, kickoffs, point-after-touchdown, field goals, blocked punts and more.

As the third quarter began, the fans were not going home empty handed as there was more scoring in the game plan for the TYgers.

How about an on-side kick by Rocky River to add to the entertainment value of the game? As the TYgers apparently thought they would gladly accept the offer and recovered the Rocky River gift.

Mansfield’s quarterback Duke Reese connected with Jermain Bradley for another 7 points as The TYgers would expand the lead to a comfortable 48–14.

As the third and fourth quarter of this scoring marathon would ensue, both teams would jockey for another 7 points to their totals and as the final horn sounded, The TYgers were the victors Friday with the final score 55–21.

As Mansfield continues down the post season tournament trail, they are no strangers to the playoff scenario as they have been “regulars” since 2019. They will be back in Clyde this Friday, on familiar ground as they defeated Sandusky in 2019 in the regional finals.

The TYgers have blazed quite a trail in post season play since 2019, beating Aurora in the state semi game, which advanced them to the Final Showdown against Trotwood Madison.

The TYgers were in contention, taking Trotwood into overtime, as they would fall to their foe on a blocked field goal.

Moving into year 2020, they were second round contenders and in year 2022, were third round participants.

They will now face an undefeated Toledo Central Catholic. Did I mention 12–0? Toledo comes into the contest at a mere 12–0, obviously not losing a single game this year.

This week, I had an opportunity to chat with Mansfield Senior Special Teams Coach Kevin Hunter, who has 14 years of experience with the TYgers, under Head Coach Chioke Bradley.

Bradley, who is no stranger to the TYgers sports as he and Hunter played basketball on the 1994 Tyger squad.

Hunter would share a bit of history about Perennial Powerhouse Toledo Central Catholic’s schedule this year. As I was jotting notes from our interview, I was even a bit in awe from Toledo’s Résumé this year.

“Toledo has a very similar offense to ours,” Hunter said. “The two teams primarily favor the “spread” offense; wide outs on the strong side of the field as well as an “empty” backfield at times.”

“Toledo has both a good running and passing game,” he continued, “They are definitely a physical football team”

As I asked Hunter about Toledo’s league and the type of opponents they have played this year, he said Toledo scheduled five teams from Michigan this year.

Hunter continued, “They beat Cass Tech. Cass, being a perennial powerhouse from Michigan. Toledo defeated Cass on the road quite handedly 48–23 at Ford Field.”

For you fans at home, Cass was 7–4 going into that game, again, not a pushover by any stretch and at Ford Field, the home of the NFL Detroit Lions. No small potatoes.

This should be another action-packed game to keep your eyes on!

## DIVISION 3 – REGION 10

3 Tiffin Columbian (10–2) vs. 7 Medina Buckeye (10–2) at Bellevue High School.

I’m in awe already. Keep your eyes on this game!

## DIVISION 4 – REGION 14

**Shelby (10–2), 3 seed** vs. Cleveland Glenville (9–3), 2 seed, Nov. 11, at 7 pm at Mercy Field at Ely Stadium in Elyria.

After the final whistle last Friday, the Shelby Whippets had outscored the Van Wert Cougars 71–41 in a “track meet” of a football game. The Whippets (10–2), the 3 seed and the Cougars (9–3), the 6 seed, were keeping the scoreboard operator earning their paycheck within the first few minutes of the opening kickoff at the beautiful Whippet Athletic Complex.

With both teams trading touchdowns and extra points, hence, if you didn’t know better from the score alone, you would have thought this was a high school basketball final.

As the first quarter had been completed, just a mere 41 points had been scored between both offense units. Who let the dogs out?

As for the first half of this offensive shootout, it was no mistake, the halftime scoring continued as both teams entered the lockerroom, with Shelby leading 42–34.

The grand total at halftime was 76 points between the two teams. No, that’s not a typo with another two quarters of football to play!

As the third quarter commenced, the scoring continued. Shelby put up another 22 points and kept the Cougars from scoring at all.

Entering the fourth and final quarter, the dogs were still running strong as the Whippets added another 7 points as well as Van Wert adding just 7 in the final tally for Shelby’s toppling of the Van Wert Cougars 71–41! A total of 112 points!

As my Forest Gump cliché; “You never know what your going to get” or in this case, “Crazy is as crazy does,” probably setting a high school playoff record?

Anytime, anywhere, anything can happen and playoff football is no exception here in Richland County.

The Whippets, the 3 seed hope to keep the dogs racing as they travel to the neutral site at Ely Stadium in Elyria, as the third round of the playoffs commence. The Whippets will play this Friday as they tangle with Cleveland Glenville Tarblooders, the 2 seed.

As you may know, the name Cleveland Glenville may have a familiar ring to it.

Ohio State University product and household name Ted Ginn Jr. and likes of over 25 alumni of Glenville have graced the NFL gridiron. Glenville is a hotbed for NFL prospects. Something must be in the water in Glenville.

Even the Tarblooders nickname sounds daunting and will be the team that Shelby will be facing! It might be another track meet or who knows what can happen.

## DIVISION 4 – REGION 14

1 Sandusky Perkins (11–0) vs. 4 Millersburg West Holmes (10–2) at Marion Harding High School

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The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their regular meeting held on November 1, 2023.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 23-17 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 507-CIVIL EMERGENCIES, SECTION 507.03- PROCLAMATION.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-18 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WAGES AND SALARIES FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THIS CITY, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 22-48, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-12 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM REACTIVE BRIDGE REHABILITATION TO THE BRIDGE ON US ROUTE 30 UNDER HOME ROAD.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-20 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-21 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-23 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1145 GENERAL PROVISIONS, BY ADDING SECTION 1145.39 HOURS OF CONSTRUCTION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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