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By leading the Foundation to transition from responsive to proactive grantmaking, Groves showed the community how philanthropy can support organizations and communities alike.

"Brady has been an exemplary leader, steering the Foundation through a transformative era," said RCF Board of Trustees Chair Chris Hiner.

High impact projects led by Groves included the creation of the Osborne Meese Academy, Richland Gives, an economic development strategy, and the Mansfield Rising Plan.

"I was fortunate to have worked with staff and a board who were open to re-imagining the ways we could impact the community. The

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## Pioneer welcomes Blubaugh as new board member

The Pioneer Board of Education organizational meeting was held Monday, Jan. 22. The Oath of Office was administered to new board member Ben Blubaugh, Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center; and re-appointed board members Morgan Jones, Bucyrus City Schools; and Mary Jean Theaker, Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center.

Douglas Theaker was elected board president and Dennis Long was elected board vice president.

The board established the date and time of the regular meetings as the third Monday of the month at 6 pm in the Pioneer Board of Education Conference Room.

Mike Grady was appointed the legislative liaison and Robyn Al-manson was appointed the student achievement liaison.

Bill Hope, Dennis Long and Douglas Theaker were appointed to the finance audit committee.

The board authorized the treasurer to pay outstanding bills, invest interim monies, request advance payment on current collection of taxes, prepare blanket certificates and waive the notice period for tax abatement proposals.

The Expenses Service Fund was approved and the board appointed the director of business affairs as the purchasing agent for 2024.

The superintendent was authorized to employ personnel as needed, accept resignations and apply for Federal and State grants.

A board member training reimbursement was approved.

The regular meeting of the Pioneer Board of Education was held immediately following the organizational meeting.

The board approved memberships in Professional Related Organizations and Bricker and Eckler LLP as legal consultant.

The board approved employment of The Cullimore Law Firm, Desmond Cullimore as the construction consultant for the Pioneer Joint Vocational School District Board of Education.

A resolution was adopted for approval to purchase meals/amenities to further the interests of the district.

Donations were accepted from Mary Lee Barr, Shelby, \$500 to be deposited in the Art Barr Scholarship fund and used for annual student scholarships; Leesa Cox, Mansfield, two dynamometers valued at approximately \$125 each, to be used in the exercise science and sports medicine program; and Greg Dodge, Shelby, various construction items valued at \$60 to be used in the carpentry/home remodeling programs.

Donations also came from Family Farm & Home, Ontario, various construction and maintenance supplies valued at \$2,000, to be utilized by our construction students; Carl and Marianne Medley, Virginia Beach, VA; \$75 to be deposited in the Art Barr Scholarship fund and used for annual student scholarships; Beth Patton, Ashland, donation of a variety of bones and skeletons valued at approximately \$1,500 to be used in the exercise science and sports medicine

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# Library's Black History Celebration returns February 3

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library invites the community to the annual Black History Celebration. This free, family-friendly event will offer activities, giveaways, music and a free meal. The event will be held in the second floor lobby at the main library, 43 W. Third St., Mansfield, on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 9:15 am to 2 pm.

Following the opening, Stan Jefferson, superintendent of Mansfield City Schools, will speak about the "Peace on My Block" initiative with Chris May, library director, officially endorsing the initiative.

A free meal made by local caterers The Food Tour will be served from 12-1 pm while supplies last.

Several local community organizations, including NAACP Mansfield, North End Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC), Job and Family Services, Richland Public Health, First Call 211, the Princess Endowment Fund, and Third Street Family Health Services, will be participating and offering activities and valuable

information.

Jody Odom Jr. will once again entertain customers with his musical talents in the Community Room from 12:30-1:30 pm.

Guests of all ages will have the opportunity to participate in various curated activities throughout the library. When guests arrive at the event, they will be offered an Activity Pass that, once completed, will serve as an entry to win one of four \$30 gift cards.

For more information and a full list of Black History Celebration activities and programs visit [mrcpl.org](http://mrcpl.org).

## Voter registration deadline nearing for primary election

The deadline to register to vote or change an address or name for the March 19, primary election is Tuesday, Feb. 20. The Richland County Board of Elections office will be open that evening until 9 pm.

The office is located at 1495 W. Longview Ave, Suite 101, in the Longview Center. After 4 pm, visitors must use the entrance at the lower-level back parking area at the southwest corner of the building.

Qualifications for registering to vote include:

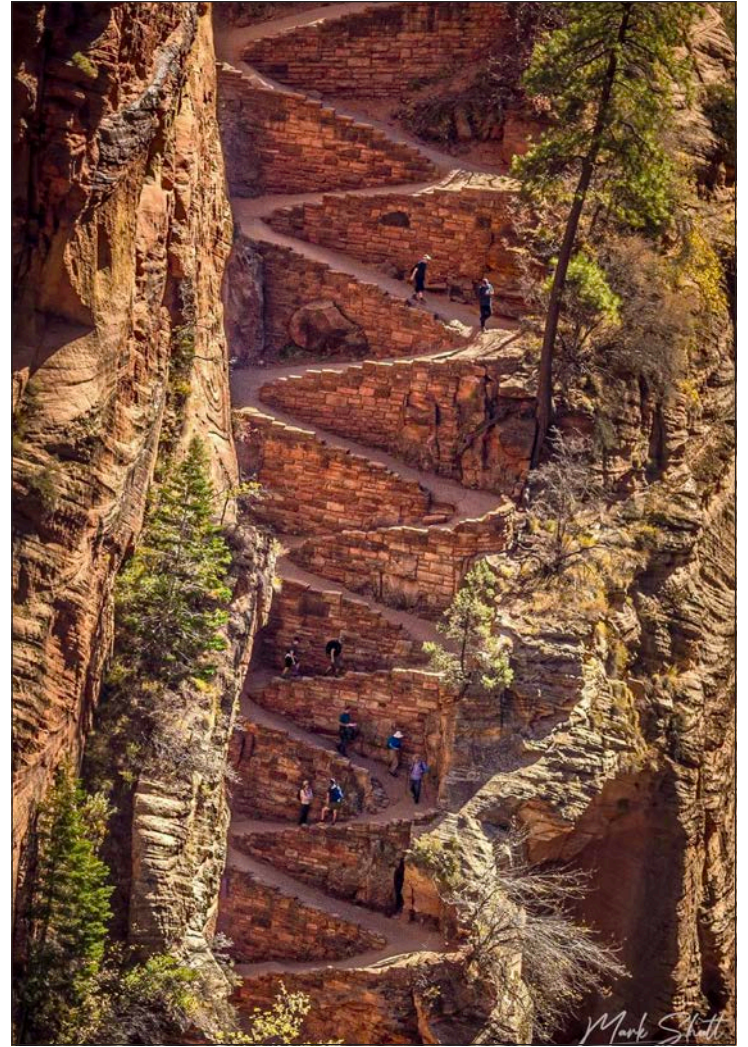
- must be either a native U. S. citizen or a naturalized citizen of the U.S.
- must be a resident of Richland County and Ohio 30 days before an Election
- must be a minimum of 18 years of age on or before the date of the General Election on Nov. 5, 2024.

Registered voters who have moved or changed their name must notify the Board office in writing or in person. Voters currently registered in Ohio may change their address online at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov) but must do so by the Feb. 20 deadline. Online registration is also now available at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov)

In addition to the board of elections office, citizens may register or complete a change of address/name at the following locations in Richland County:

- Any library branch
- All city and village hall offices
- The Bureau of Motor Vehicles office
- The Department of Human Services
- The Richland County Courthouse (recorder or treasurer offices)
- All area high school offices

Registration are available at the board of elections at [www.boe.ohio.gov/richland](http://www.boe.ohio.gov/richland) or requested by mail. Contact the board office at 419-774-5530 to have a form sent by mail. Completed voter registration forms must be postmarked 30 days before election day.



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# News Briefs

An Empty Bowl fundraising event will be held Saturday, Feb. 24, from 4-7 pm at Mansfield 1st EPC, 399 S. Trimble Rd., Mansfield.

Cost is \$10 for bottomless soup. Those attending will receive a decorative bowl made by local students free with dinner purchase.

This event is a fundraiser for and in partnership with Discovery School, Mansfield Christian School, the Lexington School District and My Village Ministries. Students from each school will be creating or decorating a variety of bowls. The soups served will be made by SC Event Center. Soups will include chicken noodle, beef vegetable and tomato. Crackers, bread and a variety of drinks will also be served. For more information call 419-756-7066.

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The City of Ontario will begin a Water line project starting Feb. 5. This project will affect the north bound lanes of Lexington Springmill Rd. This area will be from Park Avenue West and will go south to Kingston St. Expect lane closures. This project will go into May.

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The Sonshine Band will perform at the 9:30 am worship services at Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, on Feb. 25 and April 7. Members of the Sonshine Band are Gary Baumberger, Brian Payne, Wayne Magee and Thom Richards.

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The Lexington Depot's meal schedule has been released. Meals are \$9 and served at the Lexington Senior Civic Center, 67 E. Main St., Lexington, from 11 am to 1 pm.

For information call 419-884-1676. Meals include Feb. 1, boneless ribs with seasoned tater tots; Feb. 6, chicken divan with seasoned rice; Feb. 8, marzetti and yummy garlic bread; Feb. 13, pork chops with scalloped potatoes; Feb. 15, beef stroganoff over skinny noodles; Feb. 20, waldo sandwich with white bean soup; Feb. 22, gravied meatballs served over spaghetti; Feb. 27, cabbage rolls with mashed potatoes; and Feb. 29, pepper steak over rice.

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The Lexington Area Senior Citizens Inc., invites those 55 and older to attend meetings the third Wednesday of every month at 11:30 am at Der Dutchman, Rt. 96, Bellville. Meals are \$15.

The next meal will be held Feb. 21, and will include broasted chicken. Strutt Your Stuff Dancers will perform. Those attending are asked to wear red.

The group will also meet Feb. 7, at 11 am at Outback Steakhouse, 820 Lex-Springmill Rd., Ontario.

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

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The Richland County Local Emergency Planning Committee meetings are scheduled for 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.

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The 47th Annual Maple Syrup Festival will be held at Malabar Farm Saturdays and Sundays, March, 2, 3, 9 and 10, from 12-4 pm. The event is free and open to the public.

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A free Shelby community meal will be held at Awake Church, 3616 St. Rt. 39., Shelby, on the second Thursday of each month, from 6-7 pm. Dates are Feb. 8, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13,

July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12.

For information visit [www.awakeshelby.com](http://www.awakeshelby.com) or call 419-342-4636.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Anthony Brown to speak on "The Struggle Was Real But Worth It" at 10:30 am on Feb. 4. The topic is how to overcome adversity. For more information visit [www.allsoulsuohio.org](http://www.allsoulsuohio.org).

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A spaghetti dinner fundraiser is planned for Charles White on Saturday, Feb. 24, at 4 pm at the Eastbrook Center (Madison Athletic Booster Club Bingo Hall), 720 5th Ave., Mansfield.

Cost is \$10 for dinner that includes pasta, salad, bread, dessert and drink. There will be a gun raffle, 50/50, silent auction and live auction. Charles White recently suffered from a spinal cord injury. He is a husband, father, veteran, retired sheriff officer and a Lexington Youth Coach. For information or to donate call 419-571-4010.

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The City of Ontario will host Summer Concerts at Marshall Park this summer. The concert admission is free and those attending are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Concerts are at the Marshall Park Band Shell from 6-8 pm. The schedule includes June 11, Conne; June 25, Red Ball Jets; July 9, David Perry; July 23, Oolong Gurus; Aug. 13, Soul Town Live; and Aug. 27, Atermath.

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Richland County Farm Bureau will celebrate agriculture, local farmers and our rural community with its Farmers Share Breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 24. Serving is from 7-10 am in the Shelby High School Cafeteria, 1 Whippet Way, Shelby.

The free-will donation meal includes pancakes, fresh whole hog sausage, eggs, orange juice, milk and coffee. Money donated at the breakfast goes to food pantries in Richland County, in honor of FFA chapters. The breakfast has donated nearly \$19,000 to area food banks and the Harmony House in the past 16 years.

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The City of Ontario meeting schedule has been released. Meetings are held at 555 Stumbo Rd., Ontario. On Wednesday, Feb. 7, caucus will be at 6:15 pm and council will meet at 7 pm. On Wednesday, Feb. 14, meetings will include the civil service commission at 1 pm; and planning commission, 4 pm. On Wednesday, Feb. 21, caucus will be at 6:15 pm and council is at 7 pm.

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Crestview High School, 1575 St. Rt. 96, Ashland, will host the annual Road Apple Run 5K on Saturday, March 2. The race will begin at 10 am and proceeds go to the school's running programs.

The race is an out and back 5K race on a scenic country road in northern Richland County. Bordered by several peaceful Amish farms, the course is mostly flat with some slight upgrades.

For information or to register visit [https://registration.midohiorm.com/events/2024-road-apple-run-5k-road-race-12202023124?fbclid=IwAR1\\_MhGbYTkXjfp1G1Q-1Yk51npySFnU9IORAqgDMX\\_RlAt3sFhCnBbaO8g](https://registration.midohiorm.com/events/2024-road-apple-run-5k-road-race-12202023124?fbclid=IwAR1_MhGbYTkXjfp1G1Q-1Yk51npySFnU9IORAqgDMX_RlAt3sFhCnBbaO8g).

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Feb. 24 and 25. 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.

Low-stress banking should be a high priority.

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# RCDG Economic Excellence Award winners announced

The Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development has announced the RCDG Economic Excellence Awards winners, who will be honored at the Chamber's Evening of Excellence Annual Meeting and Dinner held in February.

The RCDG Economic Excellence Awards are an opportunity to highlight a business, individual, or organization that has significantly impacted the growth and development of the local economy. The 2024 awardees are Avita Health Systems, Buckeye Imagination Museum and Lloyd Rebar Company.

The Chairman's Award will also be announced during the event. Recipients of this award have demonstrated a long-standing commitment to community service in the Richland County region. The winner is revealed through a popular video highlight reel.

One outstanding woman in the community will also be honored with the ATHENA award, sponsored by Park National Bank. This award recognizes a woman for exceptional professional achievements, community service, and dedicated support in empowering women to excel in their careers and leadership roles. A panel of past ATHENA Award recipients reviews the nominations, and a video highlight reel will be presented.

One final award will be Ambassador of the Year, awarded to an

individual whose time and efforts promoted the Chamber and went above and beyond the call of duty.

The event will be held on Feb. 7 at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center. Cocktail hour starts at 5:30 pm, and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Tickets and sponsorship packages are also available. Call 419-522-3211 or visit [www.RichlandAreaChamber.com](http://www.RichlandAreaChamber.com) for information.

## MRCPL launches new free app

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library (MRCPL) can now be taken anywhere, anytime. The library has launched the Mansfield/Richland County Library app for free download to iPhone and Android users.

The MRCPL app allows library patrons to navigate through the library's extensive collections, place holds, manage accounts and more. The app allows for searches in the event calendar to find programs and register on the spot. Patrons can also store a library card on mobile devices, link multiple cards and check branch locations and hours. Through the website, [www.mrcpl.org](http://www.mrcpl.org), the library provides access to resources for library card holders 24/7.

# Church Directory

### Clay Memorial Lutheran Church

1601 Amoy East Rd., Mansfield  
419-747-6882

Pastor Carol Kilgore  
Sunday School 9:15 am  
Sunday Worship 10:30 am

### Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville  
419-886-4333 • [www.clearforkalliance.org](http://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](http://www.DiscoverCommunity.org)  
Pastor Sam Belsterling  
10:30 am Sunday Worship  
Live stream at <https://www.facebook.com/CommunityBibleChurchMansfield>

### First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

200 West Third St., Mansfield  
419-524-4813 • [mansfield1stcc1833@gmail.com](mailto:mansfield1stcc1833@gmail.com)  
Rev. Gregory Bibler

Office Hours: Tu., W., Th. 9 am to 1 pm  
10:30 am Sunday Worship  
Christian Builders, Sunday, 9:30 am  
[www.FirstChristianChurchMansfield.com](http://www.FirstChristianChurchMansfield.com)  
FB: FirstChristianChurch,Mansfield,Ohio

### First Congregational Church

640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield  
419-756-3046 • [www.mansfieldfcc.com](http://www.mansfieldfcc.com)

Pastor Brad Bunn  
8:30 am Chapel • 10:30 am Sanctuary  
Sunday School 10:30 am

### First English Lutheran Church

53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield  
419-522-0662 • [www.felc-mansfield.org](http://www.felc-mansfield.org)  
Interim Pastor Lisa Peterson

9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship  
Call about Prayer Groups, Small Groups, Bible Studies, Book Clubs, Pub Theology, Community Meals, Free Produce distribution and Senior Boxes.

### Hope Lutheran Church

(Formerly St. Paul & St. Timothy)  
2010 Park Avenue West, Mansfield  
419-529-4351 • [www.lutheranhope.org](http://www.lutheranhope.org)

Pastor Jonathan Stuft  
9:30 am Sunday Worship  
10 am Thursday Bible Study  
Free Breakfast 2nd Saturdays 9 am  
Free Dinner 4th Sundays 5 pm

### Lexington Presbyterian Church

35 Church St. West, Lexington  
419-884-1330  
Pastor Denny Nezrick  
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](http://www.mansfield1st.com)

Rev. Joseph Yerger  
9 am Adult & Youth Sunday School  
10 am Sunday Worship  
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and Children's Programming Available

### Mansfield Baptist Temple

752 N. Stewart Rd., Mansfield  
419-589-5413 • [www.mbt.org](http://www.mbt.org)

Pastor Rob Kurtz  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am & 5:30 pm Sunday Worship  
7 pm Wednesday Service

### 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

### St. John's United Church of Christ

68 Park Avenue East, Mansfield  
419-522-2813 • [www.stjohnsmansfield.org](http://www.stjohnsmansfield.org)

Pastor Faith Prioretti  
10 am Sunday Worship

### Trinity Grace Fellowship

1592 Grace St., Mansfield  
419-589-5890 • [trinitygracefellowship.org](http://trinitygracefellowship.org)

Pastor Larry Carnes  
9:30 am Sunday Worship  
11 am Sunday School  
Bible Study Mondays 2 pm

### G & M Body & Paint Shop

1689 West Fourth St., Ontario  
419-529-2747

### Wappner Funeral Home

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*This Week's Pet  
Looking for  
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*Tom Jones*

Tom Jones came into the shelter April 9 2023. He was wearing a heavy harness. Volunteers assumed his owner would come get him. And yet, Tom

Jones is still at the shelter. He is around two years old and is super friendly. He doesn't jump up and already knows how to sit. I was warned that he grabs treats, so I was very careful when giving him treats. It's hard to see in the pictures (and because of his coloring), but Tom Jones is very thin.

He has gained some weight since he's been at the shelter, but he is still thin. The shelter is trying to put more weight on him.

Tom Jones is absolutely terrible in his kennel; he jumps and barks. Once you get him on a leash, he is basically perfection. He barely pulls, loves slowly sniffing and exploring, and is sweet and friendly to everyone.

Tom Jones also loves to play with toys. He is absolutely amazing.

Those interested in meeting Tom Jones 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 is always in need of bleach, laundry detergent and dog treats.

**Senior citizen and community service award nominations being accepted**

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is now accepting nominations for the Outstanding Senior Citizen and Community Service Awards. The deadline for nominations is March 29, 2024.

Award recipients from a nine-county area (one awardee from each county) will be honored by the Area Agency on Aging. Nominees must be at least 60 years of age, a legal resident of Ohio for at least five years, and have made significant contributions to the community. A husband and wife may receive the award jointly when both have been involved in community service. One Outstanding Senior Citizen Award will be presented for each county in the service area.

Community Service Awards are targeted toward an organization, agency, service club, a media outlet, or a business that has made an outstanding contribution to the community on behalf of senior citizens. One award will be presented for the nine-county area.

Additional information, including on-line nomination forms, can be found at [www.aaa5ohio.org/events/awards/](http://www.aaa5ohio.org/events/awards/) or by contacting Sue at 567-247-6458 or [smontgomery@aaa5ohio.org](mailto:smontgomery@aaa5ohio.org).

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- Chris Hoffmann, January 21
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- Elizabeth Helen Bugg, January 23
- Donna Mae Grassick, January 23
- Lori Jeanne Martin, January 23
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success of these lofty ideas was realized only through the steadfast commitment of community partners with a shared vision of wanting to improve the lives of people in Richland County," said Groves.

The foundation invested \$1.5 million in a transformative 7-year economic development strategy. The plan called "Richland Partnership" included: the centralization of business retention and expansion and workforce development at the Richland Community Development Group, a scale-up program to identify and target services to area companies to address specific challenges and catalyze growth, the empowerment of existing organizations to promote entrepreneurship and related services, and a community website to track successes and growth.

During the pandemic, Groves created an opportunity for nonprofit directors to come together and brainstorm ways that organizations could support the citizens of Richland County. Funding was distributed quickly with all parties at the table able to contribute opinions.

Watson will become president on April 16.

"We believe that Allie's leadership will not only sustain but elevate the Foundation's mission. She brings a wealth of knowledge and a deep understanding of the community," said Hiner.

Watson has been with the foundation since 2012 facilitating grants and supporting nonprofit organizations. Watson helped to create the Osborne Meese Academy, a capacity building workshop for nonprofit organizations and Mansfield Rising, an investment plan for the Central Business District. Successes of the plan include upgrades to the city's main thoroughfares, a community branding campaign, creation of public art, facade improvements to downtown businesses, free public wi-fi, and free outdoor movies.

"I am excited to lead such an exceptional organization that contributes in a significant way to the betterment of our community. In every corner of our county, RCF has touched individuals, neighborhoods, and communities in some way," said Watson.

Watson is a native of Mansfield and has a strong commitment to the foundation's mission which is to improve the quality of life in Richland County through strategic philanthropy and community leadership.

Watson graduated from St. Peter's High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Ohio Wesleyan University and a Master of Science degree from Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

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

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

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program; Mr. & Mrs. Mike Smith, Shelby; clothing items for the Pioneer Sharing Closet, used for students in need; and Dawn Wright-Smith, Blackbaud Giving Fund, Charleston, SC; \$30, to be deposited into the Alumni Endowment fund and used for annual student scholarships.

The FFA trip to the National Western Stock Show, Jan. 13-20, in the National Western Complex, Denver, CO, was approved. Attending will be Shelby students Michael Crall, Grace Gregory and Ava Myers; Pioneer student Courtney; and chaperone Randy Eisenhauser, Agricultural Science Instructor/FFA Advisor.

The board approved paternity leave for Terry Stuart, home remodeling instructor.

The board also approved a contract for second semester mentor LeAnne Bauerdick and the employment of a substitute instructor.

The board approved the retirement of Catherine Spayde, education aide, effective March 1, and stipend contracts for classified and Adult Education personnel.

The English Language Learner Services Agreement with MOESC was accepted and the board adopted a resolution authorizing the district board to enter into agreement with Fanning Howey for professional services.

The board adopted a Resolution of Appreciation of generous donation of \$10,000 from ArcelorMittal Tubular Products Shelby, LLC for Pioneer Career & Technology Center's Community Service Day.

The board then entered into executive session.

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*kimmy's cucina*  
By Kim Sterry

**CHICKEN WITH ARTICHOKEs**

**Ingredients**

- 4 Chicken Breasts, flattened
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup flour olive oil
- 1/2-1 cup bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup parmesan cheese
- 1 1/2 sticks butter
- 4 cloves garlic
- 1/4 cup white wine
- 1 lemon, juiced
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 cup heavy (or light) cream (optional)
- 2 Tbsp. capers
- 1 can artichoke hearts, drained

**Instructions**

Start by preparing the flour, egg and bread crumbs in three bowls. Add some salt & pepper to the flour and the parmesan cheese to the bread crumbs. With a fork scramble the eggs. In a cast iron skillet or large frying pan heat enough olive oil to cover the bottom of the pan. Take the chicken breasts one at a time and dip in flour, egg and bread crumbs, then cook in oil until browned on both sides 5-10 minutes. Place on baking sheet in 300 degree oven. (This will finish cooking the chicken as you prepare the sauce). When the chicken is done and out of the pan, add butter to pan and melt, stirring up any pieces of chicken stuck to bottom of pan. When the butter has melted, add the garlic and saute a few minutes, don't brown. Add wine, lemon juice, broth, capers and artichoke hearts. Slowly heat and continue to stir. (Taste at this point to see if you want to add more salt & pepper). Turn off the heat and add the cream, if you are using. (I like the cream because it tones down the lemon and capers and adds just a slight touch of sweetness) Stir well. When chicken is done (depending on thickness this may be 15-20 minutes — you want an internal temperature of 165), place on platter and add sauce over top.

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**By Mátiece Thomas**

When you wake up in the morning, what is the first thing that you do? Do you roll out of bed and stumble to the kitchen, to pour yourself a cup of ambition (better known as coffee)?

This is something that I've done for years. Without that first sip of coffee, my day could never begin. I learned a couple things recently that I want to share with you.

Until recently, I had no idea by having my coffee first thing in the morning that I was creating a weak foundation for my day nutritionally and physically.

When we wake up in the morning, we are dehydrated, and if the first thing we drink is a cup of coffee, we are actually further dehydrating our bodies. So remember when you wake up, the first thing you should do is drink an 8 ounce glass of water.

The second thing that I have been doing is drinking one cup of warmed bone broth after my 8 ounce glass of water. One cup of my chicken bone broth has 9 g of protein and only one carb. But it also has amino acids which will help to rev my day in the right way.

Something else you should realize is that your body has fasted while you were sleeping. Your digestive system has been at rest. There are many benefits

to drinking high nutritional liquids first thing after your body has fasted all night.

The first benefit is that your body can absorb those nutrients more efficiently because it doesn't have to break it down. It's already in liquid form so your body can just run with the protein, amino acids and the hydration.

Second, it is easier on your digestive system after resting all night. Your digestive system doesn't have to work hard for your body to receive these nutrients and you're slowly waking it up for the day.

While we are on the subject of our digestive system. Something to think about: a lot of our breakfasts include bacon or sausage. Did you know that pork is one of the hardest meats for your body to digest? It takes 2-3 days longer to digest than chicken or beef. So if you want to be kind to your digestive system and not have issues with bloating, I wouldn't start your day off with pork.

My last suggestion for you to help start your day off right is to add a protein source to your cup of coffee. For example, I've been using Fairlife milk in my coffee instead of creamer. It is a great source of protein! I also have clients who use caramel Premier protein shakes. They make iced coffees with it. That's a coffee with 30 grams of protein. Now that is something I would call a cup of ambition!

I want to encourage you, to create a good, healthy, strong foundation for your day!

Follow these tips and you'll be glad you did and so will your body! Also follow me at Instagram-5ptsfitness\_trainergirl for nutrition and workout tips.



Photo by Damon Callis

**Day Trippin' With Damon** – Rock Mill is located in Lancaster, OH. For nearly 100 years, the building sat vacant and in disrepair. After 2003, a labor-intensive restoration was begun. There was an excavation that revealed original mill stones and many artifacts. In 2017, Rock Mill reopened.





**THE KINDNESS CLUB** from Ontario Schools began volunteering at Ontario Pointe . Students will go once or twice each month until the end of the school year. The students interact with residents and will return on Valentine's day for some holiday cheer.



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## Domestic Violence Shelter launches “Expressions Against Violence” initiative

The Domestic Violence Shelter has announced the launch of “Expressions Against Violence,” an initiative aimed at creating space for teens to address dating violence through their own passion and creativity. The initiative will take place in February, which is nationally recognized as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

“Our goal is to provide a platform for young voices to be heard, spark thoughtful conversations, and inspire change,” said Colleen Rice, executive director at The Domestic Violence Shelter. “Art and literature have always been powerful tools for social commentary and change. We believe our youth have unique perspectives and insights that can help us all understand these issues better.”

One of the key components is the “Expressions of the Heart Art and Poetry Juried Contest,” exclusively for high school students. Submissions for this contest will be open from Feb. 1–20. Teens are encouraged to use their creativity to convey powerful messages that can raise awareness and contribute to the ongoing dialogue about dating violence and abuse. Submissions will be showcased in an art show at The Ohio State University at Mansfield on Feb. 27. For submission details, visit <https://thedvshelter.my.canva.site/expression-sagainstviolence>.

In addition to the art and poetry contest, The Domestic Violence Shelter is collaborating with LeapYear Studios for a short film project in honor of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

The film, *Expressions Against Violence*, will begin filming on Dec. 2. Local teens are participating in the creation of this film both behind and in front of the camera. This endeavor aims to further amplify the voices of teens by exploring teen dating violence through the lens of visual story telling. The film will be premiered at the Expressions of the Heart Art show on Feb. 27.

Dating violence is a community issue the entire community is encouraged to be a part of this initiative. Local high school students can participate by participating in the art and poetry contest. Details can be found at <https://thedvshelter.my.canva.site/expression-sagainstviolence>. Everyone is invited to attend the Expressions of the Heart: Art Show on Feb. 27 at Bromfield Library at The Ohio State University at Mansfield. Doors will open at 7:30. Advocates are also available to provide education and awareness about Teen Dating Violence for community schools and organizations. Contact AHess@thedvshelter.com to get involved!

The Domestic Violence Shelter provides advocacy to all survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. Trained advocates are always available at our 24/7 Crisis Line: 419-774-5840. To learn more about services and programs, go to [www.thedvshelter.com](http://www.thedvshelter.com).

## McClain announces legislative override of House Bill 68

State Representative Riordan McClain (R-Upper Sandusky) acknowledged and applauded the Senate in joining the House in overriding Governor DeWine’s veto of House Bill 68.

This legislation will become law in 90 days and will protect girls from having to compete with biological boys in athletic competitions as well as prevent children under the age of 18 from being given experimental, life-altering medical treatments for gender dysphoria.

“I’m proud to stand with my colleagues and override the Governor on this tough, moral question of our day. We have made it clear where the legislature stands on this issue,” McClain said. “Children who are battling gender dysphoria deserve our love and compassion towards self-acceptance, not funneled into permanent, life-altering medical treatment.”

“To me, it’s not complicated that we should protect our girls’ competitive spaces from the presence of biological boys who carry many physical advantages at large,” McClain added. “Title IX was created to protect these spaces and is now being reinvented by some to destroy those same spaces.”

## Richland County 4-H offers a wide range of projects, programs and opportunities

By Judy Villard Overocker, Ph.D.  
OSU Extension, Richland County

Have you ever wondered what 4-H is all about? How to get involved? What the program might offer for your young person? What projects are available for members to take? Richland County 4-H will offer two 4-H program and projects explore days in February. Both events are free and open to current and prospective members to learn more about the 4-H program.

Young people already enrolled in 4-H or those considering 4-H membership will want to attend the 4-H Promotion Day on Saturday, Feb. 3, at the TSC Store, 2727 Fourth St., Ontario from 10 am to 2 pm.

The target of this event is a fun-filled day of learning about 4-H, specifically in the animal areas. Participants can get involved with a scavenger hunt, a poultry clinic (10 am), a horse talk (noon) and/or quality assurance classes at 10:30 am and 12:30 pm. There will be live animals to meet and learn more about. A concession stand and baked goods will also round out the free event.

4-H is more than “cows and cooking.” The program offers learning experiences for kids in town or in the rural areas. 4-H has many still and small animal projects.

The 4-H Explore Expo will be held Monday, Feb. 5, in the Longview Center, 1495 W. Longview Ave., Mansfield from 6:30–8 pm will highlight many of these popular projects. The 4-H Explore Expo will have current 4-H members and advisors on hand to answer questions about projects such as photography, cake decorating, rabbits, poultry, dog obedience, clothing and accessorizing, foods & nutrition, health, self-determined, STEM, woodworking, and shooting sports.

Participants will be given a passport to explore the variety of projects and then be rewarded with a small prize. Parents and family members are welcome to join prospective 4-H members in this free, hands-on learning experience.

4-H, the nation’s largest youth development organization, grows confident young people who are empowered for life today and prepared for career tomorrow. 4-H programs empower nearly six million young people across the U.S. through experiences that develop critical life skills. Last year, 156,000 individual Ohio youths participated in 4-H programs related to agricultural, STEM, citizenship and healthy lifestyles.

For information contact [villard.1@osu.edu](mailto:villard.1@osu.edu) or 419-747-8755.

## MRCPL sale is this weekend

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library (MRCPL) Evergreen Bookshop will be open for the monthly Friends’ Used Book Sale on Friday, Feb. 2, from noon to 4 pm and Saturday, Feb. 3, from 9 am to 1 pm.

A preview sale will be held for Friends of the Library members only on Thursday, Feb. 1, from noon to 4 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 in Richland County throughout the year.

Evergreen Bookshop is located in downtown Mansfield at 37 N. Walnut St. (near the corner of West Third St. and North Walnut St., next to the main library).

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

## Churches will join together for Ash Wednesday

Six Global Methodist churches in Richland and Ashland counties will hold a joint Ash Wednesday community service Feb. 14 at 7 pm at Faith Church, 1574 Rt. 96 in Ashland (across from Crestview Schools).

# Honor and Merit Rolls

## Mansfield Christian School

Second Quarter

### ALL A

**First Grade:** Piper Adkins, Quinn Branham, Meredith Brenneman, Malaya Davenport, Gage Grogg, Emmy Williams, Reese LaCroix, Danni Lykins, Alex McFarland, Beckham Mikrut, William Olar, Isla Pacheco, Finn Palmer, Josie Patrick, Sophie Shepherd, Kessler Simon, Uriah Stern, Georgia Stover, Riley Strupulis, Oakley Tucker, Ella Wesner and Amelia White

**Second Grade:** Lizzy Ballitch, Elizabeth Brown, Libby DeFrancisco, Josie DeLaney, Emma Dible, Charlotte Hipp, Jordyn Kiger, Benny Kruse, Josiah Kruse, Blakely Lash, Ellie Miller, Sarah Murphy, Shelbi Nelson, Lidica Olar, Joy Perry, Vera Stevens, Lennox Swartzentruber and Scarlett Ward

**Third Grade:** Caleb Brenneman, Ethan Bullock, Nya Dickinson, Adalyn Foote, Sarah Hamilton, Velvet Humble, Asher Leineweber, Caleb Lykins, Joel Mastin, Capri Mikrut, Max Nelson, Grayson Olivieri, Ari Sotelo, Joseph Stauffer, Sam Stull, Noah Tingler, Aliza Tucker, Joshua Vogel, Charlee Walker and Hope Walsh

**Fourth Grade:** Bennett Armstrong, Belle Booher, Cayden Coakley, Austyn Doyle, Job Fox, Naylana Jester, Jackson Kissel, Evie Kruse, Remi LaCroix, Lydia Leach, Emma Lohr, Kahlia Montoya, Briella Pacheco, Gavin Patrick, Elliot Reynolds, Jane Robinson, Jonah Shaffer and Emerson Smith

**Fifth Grade:** Thomas Crothers, Timothy Harriger, Jaxon Hickinbotham, Mara Hipp, Jace Olivieri, Max Rawls, Mya Sotelo, Lily Toward and Paiton Tucker

**Sixth Grade:** Alliana Armstrong, Priscilla Evans, Jackson Williams, Paul Harriger, Hunter Lohr, Layni Nelson, Luke Roggio, Austin Scholl and Teddy Thompson

**Seventh Grade:** Audrey Boller, Travis Byrom, Riley Curran, Jacoby Dickinson, Aiden Finlay, Lucy Fry, Forrest Gower, James Hope, Bryson McCormack, Carter Mutchler, Tori Zerby and Naomi Ziadeh

**Eighth Grade:** Abraham Evans, Haven Granter, Livia Harriger, Matthew Kalashnik, Lia Leach, Owen Neal, Natalie Ricker, Lydia Roggio, Lily Steensland and Colton Zehner

**Freshmen:** Ryleigh Beere, Mara Chase, Lydia Fry, Julia Grunwell, Joshua Hillman, Samuel Kalashnik, Dawson Loose, Elijah Martin, Bailee Nelson, Leah Robinson, Abigail Scholl, McKenzie Webb and Jude Zerby

**Sophomores:** Aidan Boothe, Isaiah Crouch, Barnabas DiPadova, Grady Heichel, Chase Jones, Adalynn Keller, Peyton McFadden, Micah McPeck, Caleb Miller, Lillie Mowry, Riley Patrick, Levi Steensland, Adam Them and Kendall Wushinske

**Juniors:** Nicholas Adams, Eli Beere, Layna Chase, Noel Cline, Abigail Heininger, Katie Hillman, Maxwell Hoovler, Erin Hope, Alex Mayer, Christian Mallery, Everett Martin, Trevor Mecurio, Jeiel Phillips, Grace Rader, Caleb Ricker, Ally Shoemaker, Meagan Them, Gavin Webb, Sarah Williams and Scarlett Ziadeh

**Seniors:** Talia Byrom, Oliver Cramer, Deborah Crouch, Lincoln Day, Kelly Hope, Noah Kapustar, Rebekah Kapustar, Aidan Karger, Jack Kelley, Kelem Klotzbach, Connor Loose, Landon Mattix, Isaac McFadden, Brooklynn Petersen, Claire Robinson, Jay Sites, Raegan Standridge, Davis Wushinske and Luke Zerby

### ALL A & B

**First Grade:** Chandler Bolles, David Canfield, Oliver Casler, Brinn Chase, Ellie Ford, Vienna Guined, Michael Hart, David Hillbrunner, Norah Lohr, Will McDonald, Marcus Mitchell, Everett Pratt, Carter Roberts, Samson Simmons, Harper Truex and Keevara Wilging

**Second Grade:** Teagan Barkdull, Jackson Canfield, Pierson Constance, Isabella Forbeck, Quinn Gardner, Henry Houser, Ephraim Leach, Elliana Martin, Harriet Martin, June Martin, Hope Perry, Kensley Rose, Piper Smith and Ryker Wilging

**Third Grade:** Sara Brown, Alexa Clary, Rocket Combs, Gabe Crozier, Lucas Crozier, Jazper Dixon, Audrie Doege, Ashlynn Doyle, Hollynne Fowler, Arwen Guined, Alivia Jollay, Emma Kissel, Lincoln Mahon, Jadon Malone-Martinez, Lee McDonald, Samantha Miller, Maxwell Polak, Samuel Raber, Wesley Schatzinger, Abbie Shaffer, Corbin Simon, Noah Stern, Presley Stover, Asher Thigpen, Brooklyn Thompson, Jonny Tirado, Kai Viers and Landrie Young

**Fourth Grade:** Hannah Burkhalter, Isaac Davis, Adrianna Dettmer, Lincoln Granter, Katelyn Hahn, Lilli Hostetler, Quin Lash, Mat-

thew, Malone-Martinez, Norah Porter, Addison Simmering, Christian Stalvey, Addisyn Trease, Cammie Truex and Ella Williams

**Fifth Grade:** Christian Booher, Vanden Bosse, Dominic Butts, Zoey Combs, Zayden Constance, Emmy DeFrancisco, Alanna Doyle, Ashton Kershner, Cali Kiger, Oliver Kruse, Sarah Maglott, Reagan Stull, Rachel Ward, Gavin Weaver, Zetta Wiehe and Isaac Wilging

**Sixth Grade:** Alaina Arms, Pleas Everson, Fiona Guined, Stella Hipp, Peyton Jollay, Luke Leach, Addi Lumadue, Harper Mikrut, X'zavion Murphy, Madison Olivieri, Mackenzie Ricker, Finley Standridge, Noah Stover and Kyran Thompson

**Seventh Grade:** Allison Amore, Ava Baltzell, Maddox Beal, Makenna Bishop, Teo Butler, Bella Chase, Daniel Clark, Coralene Cline, Wyler Cramer, Keira Curran, Olivia Davis, Asher Fox, Landon Hickinbotham, Asa Howard, Jakobey Laws, Nolan Litt, Annesley Martin, Liam Mikrut, Rylynn Neal, Gabe Roblin, Owen Simmering, LiLee Simon, Maci Thompson, Landon Tucker, Luke Whitmire and Isaiah Williams

**Eighth Grade:** Gianna Baker, Abram Delp, Izzy Gibson, Ellie Leonard, Ben McClelland, Katelynn Miller, Cassidi Nelson, John Mark Pearce, Noah Reeder, Shelby Richards, Caleb Stoner, Shirah Waters, Exavier Welch, Ayla Wilson, Bella Young and Lily Ziadeh

**Freshmen:** Xander Baltzell, Landon Bishop, Sam Clark, Natalee Eichorn, Michelle Hope, Noah Houston, William Kruse, Andrew Malone-Martinez, Trey Nicholas, Carter Pond, Adam Shelton, Jael Sterken, Thomas Tucker, Chelsea Ward and Sydney Wilson

**Sophomores:** Brooke Badgley, Landin Cyphers, Jude Day, Emerson Docherty, Maddi Hockman, Levi Leach, Zoey Leonard, Jessica McDonald, Blayne Morrow, Macie Simmering, Hudson Stigall, Savannah Stover, Ethanah Waters and Logan Wilson

**Juniors:** Grady Baker, Gabriella Barr, Isaac Delp, Shaniya Gordon, Evan Hager, Kailyn Harris, Sania Jefferson, Evan Keib, Brayden Mack, Caroline Martin, Nicole Miller, Weston Neal and Harj Rodriguez

**Seniors:** Joy Adams, Kaelyn Carr, Adrian Clary, Joshua Gregory, Caleb Hupp, Tristan Johnson, Kyleah Jones, Mattison Moton, Sarah Porter, Sumer Schrock

## Madison Local School District

Second Quarter

### ALL A

**Third Grade:** Nevaeh Bond, Chloe Bridges, Lillian Chambers, Kylee Cushard, Natalie Debo, Allie Fellure, Andrew Finley, Ember Fry, Gracie Henderson, Abel Hensley, Marlee Hewett, Alexander Holt, Sawyer Howell, Evelyn Isenhardt, Skylar Jiang, Brody Kaniz, Teagan Kirsch, Grace Kunz, Phoenix Lewis, Alaina Palmer, Ares Peters, James Ross, Brynn Sauder, Elizabeth Stoner, Ellie VanWagner and Jacario Williams

**Fourth Grade:** Ella Barr, Lincoln Bays, Wyatt Clark, Madeline Dunlap, Ri'khi Evege, Lauren Foster, Peyton Hager, London Hamilton, Liam Kiser, James Lang, Zeke Markley, Olivia Mason, Peyton Meek, Miranda Miller, Sebastian Nelson, Kellen O'Brien, Alexis Pace, Joey Sablan, Carter Shenberger, Isaiah Smith, Carter Smollen, Hailey Snelling, Emily Spillman, Aubrey Spurlock, Olivia St. Clair, Jaxon Turner, Kolman Washington and Chazlyn Zehner

**Fifth Grade:** Delaney Conway, Asherah Marie Hapin, Klayton Hayes, Hailey Hedrick, Roman Hipfl, Daniel Jiang, Kennadi Knipp, Parker Larsen, Branson Littleton, Gavin Moore, Grant Mountz, William Owens, Lucca Polina-Brady, Zavier Roberts, Damari Roper, Hagen Sauder, Eleanor Sidwell, Sadie Smith, Anthony Weightman, Beckham White, Mackenzie Wiggins and Spencer Wynn

**Sixth Grade:** Liam Barr, Jaxson Bennett, Nola Bishop, Reagan Brooks, Ky-Lyn Byerly, Gannon Conway, Abbigale Crist, Baylee Cushard, Grady Davis, Alyse Emery, Daevon Endicott, Samara Gillespie, Savannah Hamilton, Dillon Herder, Laine Heston, Jordan Jeffers, Troy Kegley, Necoya Kelly, Izabella Kenner, Eric King, Emma Lewis, Declan Maddy, Carson Mcquillen, Faith Metcalf, Macy Moore, Kathryn Myers, Preston Patrick, Casey Rachel, Alissa Rush, Natalie Smith, Shawn Sydner and Alysia Szasz-Benedek

**Seventh Grade:** Jenna Bebout, Laine Binns, Madelynn Carpenter, McKenna Crank, Alexander (AJ) Dillon, Andrew (AJ) Lowe, Mason Morrow, Addyson Powell, Gabriel Prater, Miah Reid and Morgan Turney

**Eighth Grade:** Lillie Baker, Isaiah Blust, Kaley Bowman, Carter Foley, Owen Hendershott, Journee Jaranowski, Nevaeh Patton, Rachel Porter, Gracie Schaade, Landon Stone, Jocelynn Teeters, Max Thomas and Phillip Wiggins

**Freshmen:** Kylie Carroll, David Clayburn, Kinley Clow, Samantha Crist, Claire Durbridge, Trenton Ford, Kennedy Hofer, Chase Hunsinger,

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**Sophomores:** Lilliana Allen, Madison Berry, Nathan Bittman, Natalie Brandt, Micah Clark, Preston Coffman, Morgan Cook, Courtney Cyrus, Evan Cyrus, Lillian DeLong, Timothy Ellis, Camryn Gowitza, Aubrey Hendrickson, Aaron Hughes, Randy Jamieson, Kalayah Johnson, Kaylin Johnson, Amya Joplin, Drew Kepple, Izabela King, Campbell Kiser, Tauren Lindsey, Isabella Liviskie, Zachariah (Zach) Loretta, Christopher Lucas, Kavantray Marsh, Zoe McQuillen, Brayden Montgomery, Jada Neal, Jalycia Nelson, Andrew Parish, Olivia (Liv) Penrod, Raygen Reiter, Emma Reynolds, Jennah Richards, Nathan (Nate) Riggle, Zoey Robinson, Aryana Rogers, Lily Sanderfer, Elizabeth (Elle) Schwartz, Briana (Bri) Smith, Bryce Speelman, Grace Speelman, Esther Stanfield, Taylor Steffey, Morgan Stewart, Kaylee Stone, Liam Stone, Kayzia Thornley, Bryce Tudor, Ariyah Tufts, Courtney (Cole) Viock, Audrey Ward, Jerry Wertz and Gracie Young

**Juniors:** Aleigha Debout, Emily Bogner, Emily Brandt, Chris Carnes, Gracie Dotson, Dryden Durbridge, Ryleigh Foley, Elijah Fox, Wyatt Geiger, Landon Goad, Zandra (Austin) Hammond, Ashley Herder, Ava Huff, Mason Jacobus, Olivia Kiley, Teddy Lane, Hannah Markley, Gage Masters, Emily Musgrove, Samantha Myers, Isaiah Ortiz-Martinez, Ian Parker, Sophia Parsons, Sydney Phillips, Nevaeh Rhein, Meghan Roberts, Alexa Rose, Madison Sackman, Faith Sevits, Trenton Speelman, Karis Vega, Angela Williams and Braylon Williams

**Seniors:** Alivia Ash, Isaiah Atwell, Joshua Atwell, Bayleigh Aulflick, Layla Azmoun, Natalee Back, Hannah Ball, Olivia Barley, Tyler Batcheller, Madison (Maddy) Berry, Karsyn Blust, Paige Butler, Colin Carroll, Brookelyn Coulter, Callie Cyrus, Jace Dravenstott, Bekah Duffner, Jacob Ford, Justin Gibson, Ethan Glasgo, Emalie Green, Degan Herr, Alisha Hill, Ameleah Kegley, William Kepple, Kendyll Kershner, Kendall Kuhn, Destiny Lane, Peyton Mandusic, Lydia Markle, Ashley Markley, Kylie Martin, Grady McElvain, Aiden Mooneyham, Kara Nicol, Emily Nolan, Irelyn O'Connell, Kayla Putney, Ryleigh Reiter, Megan Reynolds, Ryan Rock, Ethan Ross, Shelbey Kuseh, Grayson Sasis, Michael Shenberger, Landon Simpson, Jordan Smith, Sara Smith, Brayden Spring, Damien Stapleton, Christopher (CJ) Steffey, Kyerstin Swigart, Isabelle Thoman, Haylee Vernon, Karlie Wilson and Dalton Knipp

## ALL A & B

**Third Grade:** Dominic Adkins, Elena Allen, Embree Baker, Ayden Bara, Preslee Barney, Thomas Bautz, Jazaria Beasley, Jonah Blust, Aubree Bond, Bexley Brandt, Maddox Brown, Steven Burnell, Kyrie Byrd, Jayce Clark, Jessi Conway, Ryker Cullen, Connor Cushard, Leander Cyrus, Brantyn David, Abigail Davis, Mason Edmiston, Jayden Estes, Emmalyn Hallock, Issabella Hansel, Bryson Holloway, Brynlee Huss, Arielle Jackson, Noel Johnson, Draven King, Erion King, Kinsey Kirkpatrick, Chance Krownapple, Na'Riah Likely, Deanna Martie, Kinnidi McPeck, Abel Miller, Weston Miller, Kali Morton, Maicie Moss, Elli Neal, Abel Norris, Hazel Obar, Olivia Parks, Hudson Parsons, Lucas Perry, Tyler Pezzuti, Axel Pifher, Buck Pipes, Zachary Pryor, Zakiah Pryor, Toby Ransom, Lacey Reynolds, Cayden Rhodes, Ernest Sanders, Waylon Schoonover, Lexys Shrock, Conner Stone, Logan Smith, Blakely Swanstrom, Noah Tuttle, Cambree Weightman, Emily Wilson, Benjamin Wittig and Mackenzie Wood

**Fourth Grade:** Jade Anderson, Zella Ball, Aubree Baugh, Corinne Beal, Belle Beatty, Madalyn Best, Benton Brandt, Braxton Brandt, Alexia Brown, Amir Byrd, Skylar Carlson, Kaiden Chan, Carter Clow, Cade Deems, Carter Fields, Layla Fix, Zoey Fulton, Naomi Houston, Jackson Howard, Bryant Hughes, Landon Hunt, Kendle Keirns, Kailiyah Keith, Paxton Leo, Kerrigan Lukowski, Za'Niyah Lyles, Ce'ona Manning, Lucas Mascazine, Baylee Mitchell, Lily Morton, CJ Mount, Daniel Novoa, Jase Nungester, Jaxson Pennywitt, Lex Rassavong, Joseph Reddy, Isaiah Reeves, Joel Robertson, Riley Stahl, Peyton Toon, Kristopher Washington, Tyson Wendling, Kalani White and Eliana Wilson

**Fifth Grade:** Annalise Barber, Faith Barney, Tanner Bays, Emma Blanton, Jacob Bond, Jeffrey Brooks, Cody Campbell, Daniel Carpenter, Ezra Dewitt, Jaxton Doyon, Lily Eckenwiler, Jaevion Endicott, Brynlee Faith, Austin Finley, Frehley Gushard, Derek Jackson, Makeylan Jarvis, Adelynn Klecka, Connor Mathie, Milo Mccann, Lei-

la Myers, Brayden O'leary, Gabriel Pfund, Athena Pompell, Mileena Porter-Race, Addelita Pryor, Brystol Salsar, Elena Santiago, Harper Sasis, Namaj Seals, Joselynn Shaffer, Lorelai Sly, Lillian Suttle, Myla-Jayne Wilds and Mckenzie Wingler

**Sixth Grade:** Zane Baker, Beau Blanton, Brody Brandt, Logan Chambers, Kayliese Clark, Shyanna Daugherty, Rylie Davidson, Rianne Davis, Karsyon Dravenstoot, David Elliott, Robert Elliott, Traevon Endicott, Peyton Foote, Jai'vianna (Jai) Grant, Jayden Gushard, Camilla Hall, Sadie Jones, Kaeleb Llamas, Kiara Logan Wakeley, Landon McFarland, Melissa Miller, Olivia Morris, Rhyland Morris, Carson Mosier, Ian Mosier, Brooklynn Moyer, Gabriel (Gabe) Orth, Ava Owens, Hayden Parsons, Layla Perry, Charlyze Rafeld, Anthony Risch, Gabriel Salyers, Addisyn Shopbell, Kendal Shrader, Matthew Smith, Trey Smith, Aryan Spencer, Kacie Stewart, Hayden Strain, Vincent Studer, Aiden Washington, D'mari Webb, Zane Welch, Ethan Wingo, Jersie Yunker and Novalee Zartman

**Seventh Grade:** Anna Ankrum, Abigail Anschutz, Aleah Bara, Elijah Benton, Chester (Joseph) Conley, Carson Cook, Tynley Cook, Lucas Eckenwiler, Hannah Evans, Jack Foster, Arenal Hunsinger, Hadleigh Hutcheson, Bryce Jacobs, Andrew Kippenberger, Madison Kliewer, Brandon Maglott, Abigail (Abby) McWilliams, Ariyah Miller, Lillian Miller, Cameron (Cam) Montgomery, Payson Moore, Lillian Mutter, Jalyonna Nelson, Cameron Ousley, Tavian Porter, Madilyn Shenberger, Kaysten Sly, Mackynzie Smith, Maddison Smith, Mylee Temple, Sofia Thompson and Drayden Tschantz

**Eighth Grade:** Zaylynn Ball, Cohen Brandt, Jarrod Cyrus, Alec Day, Shiana Elliott, Ariel Foote, Chloe Gilbert, Kaleia Gonder, Kayden Graf, Cadence Gushard, Amerah Hapin, Mallie Hickey, Brielle Horn, David Hudson, Alexander Jenkins, Camylle King, Alexander Maddy, Aerianna Massey, Angel Montanez, Victoria Neal, Devin Peterson, Karalynn Ransom, Jaiden Shaffer, Allie Shambaugh, Gavin Spiess, Elle Washington, Maci Whitesel and Makenzie Wynn

**Freshmen:** Alivia Adams, Gavin Baker, Zoie Ball, Ivory Balogh, Caden Bishop, Anna Blanton, Nazareah Briggs, Jaselle Clark, Destini Conrad, Isabella Conway, Thomas Cox, Gage Cyrus, Lucas Davidson, Gia DiPuccio-Resendiz, Landon Finley, Nicolas Gatten, Kaelynn Gerhart, Treyvin Glasser, Travis (TJ) Hicks, Santanna Hoffman, Heath Hout, Cambree Howe, Ashtyn Huffman, Brady Hutchison, Chloe Jeffers, Mac'kel Johnson-Kawczynski, Lola Kerrick, Layla Krizan, Caiden Lawhorn, Joshua Maglott, Hayden Mapes, Darius Marsh, William (Will) McClain, Abigail McGlasson, Jordan McWilliams, Aseem Mickouma, Aniyah Monica, Alexander Moore, Camden Moysi, Ashley Nikolaus, Amiah Noe, Aubrey Ohl, Kortney Petrik, Branson Porter, Ellie Powell, Corbin Rogers, Cassidy Sanders, Zackary Sanders Winters, Lena Sasis, Kylie Schaefer, Autumn Schroeder, Peyton Schulte, Zoei (Zee) Sealey, Colton Shaw, Lincoln Shepherd, Allie Shrader, Shiann Skeen, Cameron Smith, Trenton Smith, Keeli Stewart, Kristopher Sutton, Dorian Utt, Elias Uzunoff, Izabel (Izzy) Wamsley, Alaina Washington, Kyleigh Washington, Daniel Weightman, Kylee Werner, Emma Wilds, Evan Williams and Knight Wolfe

**Sophomores:** Bradley Baich, Payton Bartolomea, Megan Bays, Elizabeth (Libby) Bekeleski, Jordan Black, Cruz Boggs, Julianna Boliantz, Bryce Braden, Carter Branham, Haylynn Cherry, Elizabeth Chumbley, Aubrie Clark, Aubrey Conn, Caleigh Cook, Laykin Curry, Emily Daugherty, Sanaa Davis, Callel Davison-Valdry, Piper Donahue, Nathan Evans, Brianna Fidler, Ashley Gusta, Hayden Hatfield, Maci Hergatt, Alyson Hoak, Nathan Hoffman, Sabrina Hoffman, Brennan Johnson, Bradlee Kotterman, Analea Laferty, Laney Lewis, Jacob Lord, Nicholas Maglott, Jamelyn Mays, Deont'e McDaniel, Chloe McWhorter, Trevor Meadows, Owen Morrow, Bryce Muller, Camdyn Neal, Corey Otey, Sirena Plew, Johnny Smith, Katie Smith, Grady Spurlock, Jaxin Stancombe, Kinlei Stoltenberg, Anthony Studer, Lucas Swanger, Kya Swigart, Lillian Symsick, Jocelyn (Jae) Turner and Rudy Webel

**Juniors:** Andreus (Khris) Adkins-Tolbert, Isabella Allen, Draven Anderson, Ava Armstrong, Chloe Babcock, Nikolas (Nik) Balg, Shyann Barnhart, Ethan Bibler, Matthew Biller, Aubrey Boliantz, Devin Bond, Robert Brown, Madison Crank, Paige Darling, Chloe Davis, Aaliyah Dombroff, Ariel Ellis, Kira Ewers, Lucas Garand, Alyssa Gray, Nikkian Grimes-Pittenger, Carter Heimbuch, Alexander Hernandez, Logan Hoffman, Makenzie Jett, Brynn Kiley, Cameron Kuhn, Elijah Lewis, Veronica Mawer, Gavnye McDaniel, Rudy Moore, Calvin (Kane) Nelson, Brady O'Brien, Damon Parnell, Dakota Perseitz, Benjamin (Ben) Prater, Drake Ramey, Larissa Sarow, Bresendra Shaum, Ellieanna Shindeldecker, Faith Smith, Lillie Southerland, Rhea Stanfield, Emma Stankovich, Layni Stollings, Brianna Studer, Maggie Thomas, Owen Wigton, Wyatt Yarman and Lela Zehner

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# Ontario High School 2nd Quarter Highest Honors



Seniors



Sophomores

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Juniors

# Ontario High School 2nd Quarter Highest Honors



**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL** students earning highest honors during the second quarter grading period are Matthew Bayes, Abigail Bechstein, Jack Belding, Emma Bell, Arielyn Bischak, Bryant Born, Faith Brahler, Darbie Broom, Amari Caddell, Diondre Cantey, Madison Carpenter, Grayson Casey, Serena Caudill, Kaylei Chandler, Eleanor Cotter, Taylor Counts, Hailey Crabtree, Marcus Crabtree, Samuel Crawford, Elizabeth Criss, Tessa Crum, Braedayn Currier, Charles Danuloff, Gabrielle Davis, Connor Dawson, Blake Dewees, Kaden Dickerson, Makayla Dickson, David Draper, Mason Egner, Alexander Ellis, Autumn Ervin, Brooke Eyerly, Ezri Farley, Alexandria Fender, James Fetzer, Eliana Fittante, Brady Fletcher, Rachel Foss, Sophia Fraley, Quinton Frankhouse, Regan Freiheit, Alaina Friend, Drake Gerber, Logan Goldbach, Megan Goldbach, Aaliyah Gonzalez, Mackenzie Goodlin, Blake Gregory, Nolan Grider, Eva Hadsell, Kailey Hale, Natalie Hall, Camryn Hanning, Emma Henderson, Malayna Horton, Michael Howard, Savannah Jackson, Trista Jewell, Jazlyn Johnson, Kennedy Johnson, Rylee Kegley, Brinlee Kreger, Olivia Kreger, Jocelyn Lehew, Yuchen Lin, Vanessa Liu, Braelyn Llewellyn, Maggie Love, Jena Ly, Kaylee Lynch, Madison Mabry, Jonathan Mahon, Laila Marlow, Joshua Mazzocco, Kyleigh McCarthy, Lydia McChristy, Michael Mcclenathan, Rowan Mcmanes, Emma Mies, Ariana Morales Mora, Delaney Moritz, Claire Morrison, Tatum Mottayaw, Madeline Mullins, Brenna Nelson, Jacob Palmer, Kavya Patel, Brandon Paxton, Kathleen Pcionek, Isla Peachee, Ezra Pearce, Camden Platner, Phoebe Platner, Grayson Purvis, Ethan Radojcsics, Raiden Rhinehart, Eva Rietschlin, Brayden Robinson, Journey Ross, Brooklyn Rowe, Evan Ruhe, Skylie Salmons, Madeline Saltzgeber, Pablo Sanchez Vidal, Grady Schroeder, Remington Schroeder, Payne Schwartz, Lily Secrist, Maja Seibel, Alexia Sesco, Jacob Seymour, Ella Shaffer, Claire Shaw, Joie Simmering, Micah Smith, Jonah So, Paxton So, Isabella Sorrenti, Landon Sowards, Ava Spearman, Bryson Stoots, Sarah Strickler, Chase Studer, Alexis Swank, Jackson Swiatek, Justin Switaj, Lin Angel Tan, Addison Thurber, Jaxson Tinkham, Elton Toska, Grantham Trumpower, Mirielle Trumpower, Mason Turnbaugh, James Unger, Owen Walter, William Wang, Anna Ward, Braedon Watson, Carter Weaver, Kennedy Weiler, Brooklyn Weinandy, Canaan Wentz, Reese Wilkerson, David Winans, Timo Winningham, Mitchell Ye, Richard Ye, Jordyn Yeager, Jace Young and Hattie Yugovich.

## News Briefs in Education

Geneva College announced the dean's list of undergraduate students for the fall 2023 semester. To be eligible for this recognition, students in traditional programs must earn a GPA of at least 3.6 while passing 12 credit hours or more. Local students on the list are Lydia Beare and Noelle Beare, both of Mansfield.

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Montclair State University's Madeleine Weilbacker of Mansfield has been named to the Fall 2023 Dean's List. Weilbacker is a dance major. She was among more than 6,000 Red Hawks named to the Fall 2023 Dean's List. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

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Kaylee Calhoun, a resident of Ontario, has been named to the Fall 2023 Dean's List at Berea College. To be on the list a student must achieve a GPA of 3.4 or higher while passing at least four total credits, a course load equivalent to 16 semester hours.

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Heidelberg University has announced the names of 406 students who have earned academic recognition on the fall semester dean's list.

According to Provost Dr. Bryan D. Smith, students must be enrolled full time and meet academic criteria set forth by the university to be named to the dean's list.

Local students on the list are junior Kylie Hendrix and junior Brooklynn Wharton, both from Ontario.

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## Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

# Danny King turns his love of baseball into ChangeUp Charity to help local athletes

By Traci Little

Danny King has been playing baseball since he was four years old. From his early days of pee-wee ball, little league and summer travel leagues, he continued to love the game.

He started playing with Ohio Pitbulls Baseball as a starting catcher during high school and began breaking personal records. Danny went 25 straight games with Ohio Pitbulls Baseball without one passed ball.

More recently, he broke another personal record by achieving a 1.87-1.95 pop time.

In 2020, Danny earned a spot on the College Scouting Bureau's National Team, representing Ohio, traveling to several states as a catcher and position player. He was starting catcher for Ohio Pitbulls Baseball within the Ohio Prospects League in Cleveland for three years in high school, earning a scholarship from the National Amateur Baseball Federation after participating in the NABF World Series. He played for Ohio Pitbulls Baseball until he aged out. Danny graduated from Ontario High School in 2021.

Baseball always took center stage for Danny and life had to accommodate that. Danny was unable to attend his high school graduation because he had a season kickoff game in Cleveland. So, he took his graduation cap and gown and had his graduation celebration on the diamond and ran the bases towards his team who was surrounding home.

He's currently a college junior at the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima, where he was recruited with a baseball scholarship. He was really impressed with the Racers Baseball program as well as their academics.

After receiving five other college offers, he went with UNOH. Since, he has graduated as a Universal Certified HVAC technician and is currently pursuing a business degree.

King has always had a determined spirit. If someone told him that he couldn't achieve something, he'd respond with "watch me." King has not always had it easy, but even through adversity, he managed to push forward even stronger.

One summer, Danny was in a bad car accident after a car pulled out in front of him during foggy, rainy weather. He found himself sitting on the bench later that week. He begged his coach to let him bat at least one inning and he ended up hitting a homerun.

Recently Danny received some disappointing news heading into his junior year of college ball. He was in line to start his first varsity college games. He trained hard to get to this point in his baseball career. Coaches said they saw something special in King.

Due to a misdiagnosis regarding his shoulder injury at the start of fall baseball, it has pushed him back and will now be sidelined his junior year. King is now being referred to a surgical team at OSU specializing in shoulder surgeries for athletes. He has a grade 3 shoulder separation on his catching arm.

Going through several months of inadequate medical recommendations and therapy pushed him further back in his treatment.

As much as King has prepared and looked forward to playing this year, he believes there is still something in it for him to learn.

"That's why I don't look at it as a setback, but an opportunity to grow as a person. One of my favorite quotes is, 'create your own destiny with the flames provided.' Not all flames are the bright and shiny kind. The misdiagnosis is a really hard thing to accept, but I'm doing everything possible to stay as healthy as I can right now," said King.

It's unclear when the surgery will be, but he will hopefully have a treatment plan by early February. King hopes to be back on the

field as soon as he possibly can and would love to come back strong by this fall.

This will be his first year in over sixteen years that he hasn't played baseball.

His mom Kelby King had this to say, "I struggle with this because it's hard to see the disappointment in one of your children, especially

when they trusted the process and diagnosis. Danny's outlook has only made him hungrier for what comes next. He hasn't given up and his story is continuing to be written. The hope and prayer is that he will be back on the field later this year or next Spring at the latest. It's always hardest just before dawn. We believe in you and love you, #4."

Over his sixteen years of playing baseball, he's played in nine different states, played nine different positions and the fastest pitch he caught was clocked at 98 mph. The ball was so fast that it blew halfway through his glove. The first thing Danny does before catching each game, is walk up to the umpire. "I shake their hand, thank them, and reassure them that I'm there to protect them."

Baseball is what first gave King his determined spirit. Baseball isn't just baseball. Going through seasons of failure and success, he's learned lessons that have helped him in his day to day life. King said he wouldn't have such a positive outlook on life if it wasn't for the lessons he's learned from the game of baseball.

"I look at adversity as a challenge from God. I believe God gives his hardest battles to his strongest soldiers. I want to prove the doubters wrong and prove to myself that I have what it takes to overcome what is thrown at me," King said.

"I think every young child should play baseball. The teaching opportunities are endless. It has taught me leadership, confidence, strength, courage, integrity, teamwork, discipline, commitment, and sacrifice. Baseball is 95 percent a mental game. Any negative talk in your mind will completely alter the way you play. Confidence and believing in your abilities and your team is key."

Training never stops with baseball, especially for those with high aspirations. King trains twelve months out of the year. What would

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## • Danny King turns his love of baseball into ChangeUp Charity

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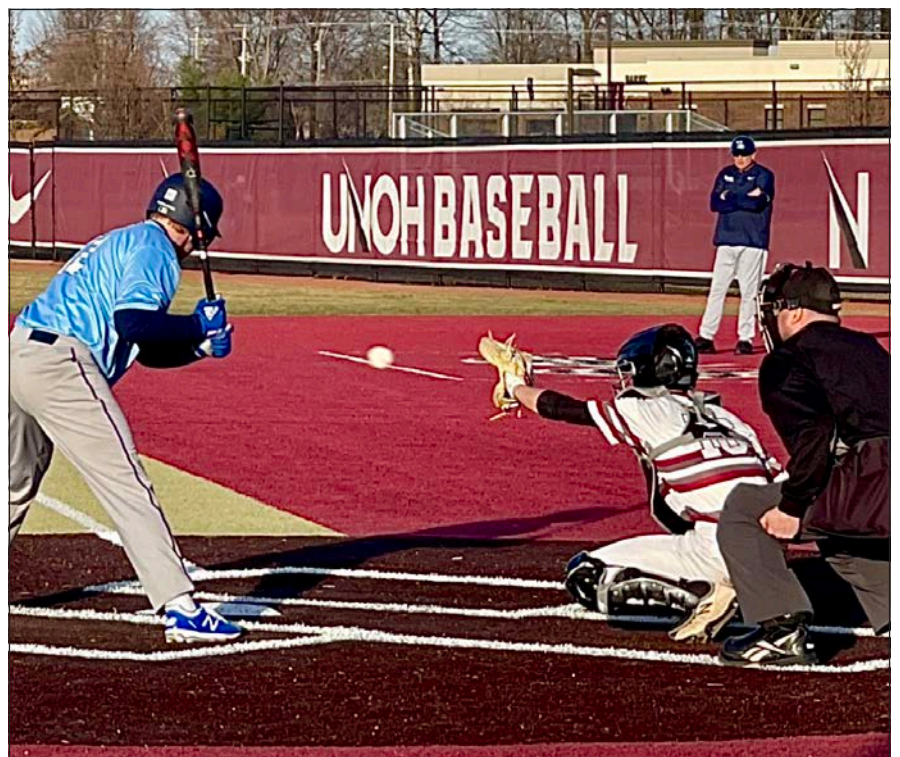
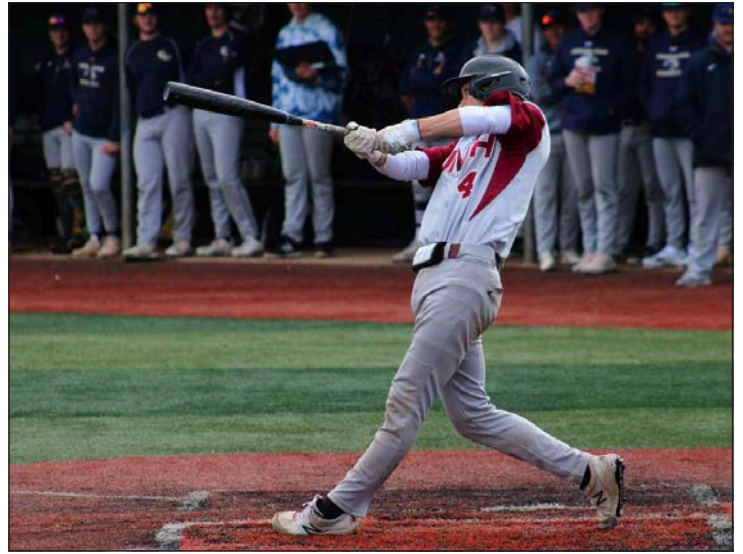
he say to the young player that has hit a slump? “It happens to every baseball player. It is so easy to get inside your own head and give up. It takes refocusing, training, and finding a way to get out of the slump. It could just be a small tweak in mechanics, but the biggest hurdle is overcoming your own mind.”

With the help of family and friends, Danny started a charity called ChangeUp Charity. This nonprofit organization first began in 2023. The mission is to give financially burdened families a chance for their son or daughter to play the game of baseball or softball by helping offset associated costs.

Danny believes that all kids deserve to have a chance! “Not all kids are in good financial situations, and it’s been even harder these days. I was lucky throughout my life to have the financial support of my parents. When I was younger, one of my good friends loved baseball and wanted to be involved. His parents could no longer afford the gear for him or the fees to play. He said if he had a shoulder to lean on and the financial means, he might not have stepped down the path he is walking today. I have seen baseball turn lives around.”

How can people donate to ChangeUp Charity? The best thing to do right now is to email the charity at [thechangeupcharity@gmail.com](mailto:thechangeupcharity@gmail.com). From there, we can give more details and options. We are accepting financial donations and gently used or new baseball or softball equipment. Both will be given to the youth athletes that are eligible and apply. You can find out more on the website, [dannykingbaseball.com](http://dannykingbaseball.com). “I want to thank Universal Enterprises, Flashover Maintenance, and Thompson Elite Lawncare for their recent support.”

Danny wants to inspire young kids to never give up on themselves! No matter the situation. No matter their story, there is always a way! “I might not be there yet, but I’m closer than I was yesterday,” said King.



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LEXINGTON WINS 19-12 · PHOTOS BY JEFF HOFFER





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# Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

**MADISON VS LEXINGTON JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL · JAN. 25**  
**PHOTOS BY JEFF HOFFER**



# Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

## Clear Fork sends Scots home with 53-42 loss

Photos and Article By Kris Leiter

I was back in the "Corral" on a fine Thursday evening Jan. 4, to watch Tim Brafford and the Clear Fork Colts (3-5) take on head Coach Ryan Stover and the Highland Scots (1-7).

The Scots have had some challenging games in past weeks and mustered only one win over Mt. Gilead on Dec. 12.

But, as in sports, anything can happen at anytime.

The Colts were on a winning streak, having just defeated Loudonville handedly 70-57 just a few short days before on Jan. 2.

As Highland came into the "Corral," they realized the loyal fans of Clear Fork can be daunting to a visiting team.

As the tip-off commenced, the Scots made their presence known and applied full court pressure right away.

Within 30 seconds, the Scots continued to show their energy with a blocked shot and capitalized with a 3-pointer at 7:32.

Continuing their scoring, they dropped another three points, now leading 6-0!

The Colts would then kick up some dirt and junior, 6' 3" Garrett Hotz showed the Scots who was in the house by dropping the Colts first 2-point tally at 6:15. The Scots were leading 6-2.

Highland continued to drop four more points, but the Colts were just getting hot with back-to-back 3-pointers by senior, 5' 7" Jaden Beachy and again, Garrett Hotz, closing the gap at 2:50 trailing only 10-8!

The Colts were within two points and not slowing down any-

time soon!

As the clock ticked, both teams continued to swap points and fouls. At the end of first quarter, the Colts were within three points, 15-12.

The second quarter would bring more fireworks by the Colts... how about a steal and a 2-pointer by senior, 6' 2" Beau Dornbirer. The Colts within 1 point at 15-14!

Highland then fouled none other than Colt's Garrett Hotz. Hotz would drop his second free throw to lock things up 15-15!

But Highland isn't called the Fighting Scots for no reason and their aggressive defense was present thus far with six steals late into the second quarter.

The Colts would stay strong and say neh! At 1:50 remaining in the first quarter, senior, 6' 1" Grant Spencer dropped a BIG 3-pointer for the first lead change of the game and put the Colts on top 21-20!

As Highland would continue fouling, they would send another Colt to the charity stripe as senior, 6' 0" Adam Vanausdle dropped his second free throw and add to the total.

As the second quarter horn would sound, the Colts held the lead at 22-20.

As the third quarter started, and within a minute, another Big 3-pointer came from senior, 6' 2" Logan Richmond to contribute to the tally to 25-20.

As the time ran for the next few minutes, the Colts went on a scoring run of 7-4, including a 3-bomb by Beau Dornbirer and again, Grant Spencer dropped two free throws to keep the Colts leading at the end of the third quarter 37-35. The Scots were still fighting and would not go away!

The fourth and final quarter would tell the tale, as both teams continued foul trouble.

As any coach can tell you, free throws can make or break a game, but in this case, who would take advantage of the free throw opportunities? At 7:23, the free throw frenzy began.

Clear Fork's Dornbirer dropped another 3-bomb at 5:10 and Hotz, dropped both ends of his trip to the foul line at 4:43, opening the door a tad more, to a Colt lead of 39-35. The Colts continued to show the Scots they were not leaving the Corral without a fight.

As the free throw fun continued, so did the lead by the Colts. At 49 seconds left on the clock, it was all Clear Fork as Spencer, Hotz, Beachy and Dornbirer dropped an incredible six points for a 6-0 scoring run.

At the final horn, the Colts sent the Scots back to Morrow County in defeat 53-42.

Hats off to the Colts for a hard fought game! The Colts had four players in double figures. Leading the pack was Beau Dornbirer with 15 points, along with Garrett Hotz with 12 tallies. Also in the mix was Jaden Beachy and Grant Spencer, both with 10!



Clear Fork's Garrett Hotz

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# Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

## MCS Flames burn Trojans in fiery 78-48 battle

Photos and Article By Kris Leiter

The Flames just keep on getting higher and hotter! It sounds like a song but it may become the Mansfield Christian Flames motto.

MCS Head Coach Cary Craner's boys are rolling with fire and they aren't slowing down anytime soon.

Recently the boys went head-to head with Taylor Iceman's Lucas Cubs power house, where they narrowly fell to defeat, but gave the Cubs all they could handle.

As for this particular Saturday on Jan. 6, the Flames were blazing a trail into Greenwich, home of the South Central Trojans. Even with the Flames remarkable record, being on the road can always be a concern for any team.

Even though the Trojans record isn't a bright shining star this year, they have had very reputable teams in past years. Legendary Pat Durham, who manned the ship of the Trojans for many years, is still part of the coaching staff with over 40 years of experience on the hardwood.

As the first quarter began, the Trojans and the Flames tested each other's offense, with both teams patiently looking for the open shot and trading baskets.

Let's throw in a few fouls as well and the Flames would be leading the contest 10-7, midway through the first quarter. Contributors were freshman D'Andre Martin, who seems to find the basket a lot, and I mean a lot, and seniors Amarr Davis and Gabe Westfield.

A few field goals came from freshman Davion Mack, and by the end of the first quarter, the Flames were holding steady with a 21-13 lead.

Oh, let me not forget the Flames like to press in the backcourt as well, and quite frequently steal the ball from the grasp of any said

opponent at any time.

As the second quarter commenced, the scoring continued and more contributions came from Westfield and senior Davis Wushinske.

At the halfway point of the second quarter, the Flames were dropping buckets like rain drops on a spring shower and at 4:55, senior Conner Loose dropped the 3-bagger to open the gates even more 28-13.

As the clock showed 3:35, another 3-pointer fell for another lead of 31-19. Two big 3's in 2 minutes...not a bad day at the office.

Apparently a road environment had no effect on the Flames, as they would continue to sprinkle some more goodness into the buckets. At the end of two quarters, it was the fiery Flames 35-23 and holding nicely.

The Flames were getting hotter...dare we share the second half of the game and heat index? Grab the sunscreen and shades!

The Flames dominated the scoreboard once again, with none other than D'Andre Martin, Amaar Davis, Davion Mack and Evan Keib tossing in some hot points, and by the end of the third quarter, the lead was almost double the points of South Central at 63-36.

During the fourth quarter, the Flames continued to burn up the nets and when the final 4 alarm bell rang, the Flames would tally the final score at a comfortable 30 point lead and a victory of 78-48!



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## Sports Highlights

### Akron Lady Zips come out on top 70-62 after nailbiter with Central Michigan Chippewas

By Kris Leiter

It was another Wednesday and slow for high school basketball, so I ventured into Summit County to take in some Mid-American Conference Basketball as the Akron University Lady Zips went up against the Central Michigan Chippewas on Jan. 10.

The mighty Zips Akron were coming in at 5-7 overall, and Central Michigan at 1-10.

By the looks of the record, you would assume Akron would run all over the Chippewas, but we would soon see.

It was anything but a cakewalk, with the Chippewas bringing the Zips some stout defense and presented quite a battle of tug-of-war throughout the contest.

The game would bring 12 lead changes and 15 times the two teams were deadlocked!

Neither team was burning up the nets, with the Zips 4-19 from the field, but never say never. At the end of the first quarter, it was the Zips holding a narrow lead of 14-13.

Lanae Riley and Kaia Wood both tallied five points each in the first quarter to keep on top of the Chippewas.

The second quarter brought a tough defense by the Chippewas to hold the Zips to only four points the entire quarter. The Chippewas narrowly held the lead 21-18.

At the end of three quarters, the Zips trailed by only one point at 50-49.

The fourth quarter would tell the tale and with nip-and-tuck, jockeying for the lead, it was hard to tell who would end up the victor... intense was a good word for this game!

Let the fourth quarter begin! Michigan started things off with the first five points of the quarter to push the lead to 55-49, but the Zips weren't laying low and were fighting to the end!

Akron dropped four more, and brought the numbers to within two points at 55-53!

As the clock would tick, so would Michigan, holding the lead for the most part, and not more than five points.

Alas, at 1:30 left to go, Akron's Lanae Riley toppled the domino of the Chippewas and their lead and put the Zips on top 64-62!

As the final minute rolled by, the free throws followed and Morgan Haney, Reagan Bass and Alexis Mobley all went to the charity stripe to sink all their foul shots for a successful 6-6 at the line and would conclude the final of 70-62!

Leading the scoring for the Zips with a double-double was Reagan Bass with 21 and 13 rebounds. Also in the mix with double figures was Lanae Riley with 17 points and Morgan Haney with 14 points as well.

Hats off the Lady Zips for a well fought battle of a nail-biter of a game!



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Donations will be accepted at the Ashland Fairgrounds, gold building May 15-18 and May 20-24, from 10 am to 4 pm. Large items will be accepted with prior approval. To donate a large item, text 419-606-0549 with a picture, description and donor's name.

Acceptable donations include purses, newer reads, office, crafts and sewing, electronics, household and home décor, kitchenware, bed and bath, games, jewelry, kid's items, sports & outdoor, tools, pet, furniture, new & pre-loved infant to adult clothes and shoes (broken, stained, torn or outdated items will not be accepted).

The rummage sale will be held at the Ashland County Fairgrounds, Claremont Ave., on Thursday, May 30, 3-8 pm; Friday, May 31, 9 am to 6 pm; and Saturday, June 1, from 9 am to 2 pm.

On Saturday, from 2:30-4 pm everything will be free. The sale is held in the green and gold buildings.

The sale is held rain or shine. Cash or debit accepted and food will be available.

For information call 419-281-1863.

# Rail commission approves funding for Ashland project from Crossing Elimination Program

The Ohio Rail Development Commission approved funding from the Ohio Grade Crossing Elimination Program for the City of Ashland's track relocation project. The City of Ashland plans to remove an existing at-grade crossing located at Union Street (DOT# 265034C) and reconfigure the rail sidings.

The crossing was once needed to access an industry that is currently no longer in operation. The project will relocate the rail sidings away from the crossing and permanently close the at-grade crossing at Union Street. Once removed the property will be redeveloped for non-rail use.

The Rail Commission will contribute \$804,735, or 90 percent, toward the total project cost estimated at \$894,150. Funds will be provided through the Ohio Grade Crossing Elimination Program. The City of Ashland will contribute the remaining 10 percent, or \$89,415, toward this project.

"The Ohio Grade Crossing Elimination Program is an excellent resource for communities who are open to the permanent closure of at least one at-grade crossing in their community. While this program assists in readying applicants to apply for federal grant programs for large grade separation projects, the state's program can also be utilized for other activities such as the Ashland project which is smaller in scope but closes railroad crossings and improves safety. We are happy to support the City in this endeavor," said Matthew Dietrich, Executive Director, Ohio Rail Development Commission.

"We are so thankful that the Rail Commission is willing to partner with us on such a critical revitalization project," said Mayor Matt Miller. "By helping us eliminate an underutilized spur and at-grade crossing in the PumpHouse District, they are setting the stage for a multi-million dollar investment in both new housing and commercial development in our downtown business district. This grant will help us overcome one of the biggest obstacles to this new development," said Miller.

The Ohio Rail Development Commission assists Ohio communities, companies and railroads in creating and retaining jobs by preserving rail service to existing shippers and providing rail service to new customers. The commission also funds projects to improve railroad-highway grade crossings to increase safety for the traveling public. Rail lines in Ohio are private property. Trespassing is both extremely dangerous and strictly prohibited.

## Dayspring seeks historic information

In conjunction with the Plymouth Area Historical Society, Dayspring, The Richland County Home, is seeking information in the form of pictures, events or dates in regards to its buildings' history.

In particular the barn that was built in 1938, which still stands on the property today and the original home that was built in 1846 and burned down in 1878. Although, any pictures or details of any of the buildings would be gladly received.

It is the hope with the information received to fill in the gaps of knowledge regarding these unique historical buildings. Our goal is to create a visual timeline, complete with dates, pictures and facts that would be on display for all to enjoy. Those with any information can contact Doug Dickson of the Plymouth Area Historical Society at [doug\\_jean@frontier.com](mailto:doug_jean@frontier.com) or Michelle Swank, Dayspring Executive Director, at [mswank@richlandcountyoh.gov](mailto:mswank@richlandcountyoh.gov).

Dayspring is a non-profit, residential facility for economically disadvantaged citizens of Richland County. Many of its residents have some type of disability that prevents them from living independently.

## Blood drive will honor student

A blood drive in honor of London Hamilton will be held by Madison Schools. London is a Madison student who was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma in December 2022. Her tumor was wrapped around her right eleventh rib.

She went through six rounds of chemo before having resection surgery in May 2023 and began radiation in August 2023.

On top of receiving chemo, she's battled multiple infections and specifically neutropenic.

London is currently on the last phase of therapy with only two more rounds of chemotherapy left. Throughout her journey she has had 48 transfusions. Blood donors are very important in the cancer world. The blood drive will be held in the Madison Comprehensive High School Gym, 600 Esley Ln., Mansfield, Thursday, Feb. 15, from 7 am to 7 pm.

Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to schedule an appointment. Streamline the experience by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete a pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of the appointment.

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