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Photos By Traci Little

THE 47TH ANNUAL MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL at Malabar Farm began this past weekend. Activities include wagon rides, visits to the sugar shack and demonstrations. The free event will also be open Saturday and Sunday, March 9 and 10, from 12-4 pm. (Top photo) Madelyn, 7, and her brother, Jack, 3, from the Madison area, enjoyed looking at the maple syrup process at Malabar Farm. The siblings come each year to the annual event. (Bottom photo) This year was five-year-old Waylen's first time at the Maple Syrup Festival. He loved visiting with the goats. *More Photos on Page 8.*

Area churches continue March of Prayer events

For the sixth year in a row, every night in March will feature a 6 pm prayer service in a different local churches, culminating in the 7 am Easter sunrise service at Kingwood Center.

The March of Prayer draws Christians from across the community to lift up officials, educators, first responders, needs of the community and calls for repentance, surrounded by praise and worship in many forms. Each congregation is asked to host in its typical authentic way, to celebrate the diversity of the worshipping community.

Paul Lintern, coordinator of the event, says that ironically, this will be the shortest March since the first was held in 2019.

"It was planned to be 31 days, each night in March, but the first year, by the middle of March, others were asking to participate, so it was extended 19 days to Easter that year," said Lintern, adding that subsequent years went 65, 42, 35 and 40 nights, each going until Easter. This year, Easter falls on the 31st."

This year's theme will emphasize youth, praying for their salvation, safety, guidance and commissioning, according to Lintern, with each host deciding how they want to approach that.

Some will lift up specific organizations in their nights, such as Child Evangelism Fellowship on March 9 at Woodville Grace Brethren, and Lifewise Academy at Open Bible Church on March 24. Grace Fellowship and Heart City will lift up specific youth ministries they offer in the community, and others will involve youth and pray for them intentionally as part of their service.

Mansfield Christian School will host on March 18, with an emphasis on student-led worship.

Each of the services begins at 6 pm with three exceptions: Rise FM will host the March 8 service at 7 pm at Linden Road Presbyterian and First English Lutheran will begin its Easter vigil at 7 pm on March 30, and the Kingwood Easter service begins at 7 am.

"This is a chance for anyone to worship anywhere, to experience the diversity of worship that truly shows that Mansfield is God's field," Lintern said. "I count 24 denominations represented. This is not a collection of people who worship the same way, but rather who worship the same God. It is a testimony that salvation is given to all who trust in the Lord. Visiting even a few of the churches along this March of Prayer will make obvious to whoever attends."

The remaining schedule for this year's March of Prayer is:

- March 7, Journey Life, 2578 Springmill Rd.
- March 8, Rise FM at Linden Road, 160 S. Linden
- March 9, Woodville Grace Brethren, 580 Woodville Rd.
- March 10, Church Requel, 2 Marion Ave.
- March 11, Mansfield Foursquare Gospel, 393 Davidson St.
- March 12, Kingdom Grace Fellowship, 105 Reba Ave.
- March 13, First United Methodist, 12 N. Diamond St.
- March 14, The ARC, 378 Park Ave. West
- March 15, Kingdom Life, 7 Consolidated Dr., Shelby
- March 16, BibleWalk Museum, drama, 500 Tingley Ave.
- March 17, Potter's House, 374 Willowood Dr. East
- March 18, Mansfield Christian School, 500 Logan Rd.
- March 19, Paradise, 87 Illinois Ave. N
- March 20, Heart City, 675 Straub Rd.
- March 21, River Church, 152 Cline Ave.
- March 22, Gracepoint - Lexington, 1887 W. Cook Rd.
- March 23, Christian Life, 961 Springmill Ave.
- March 24, Open Bible, 1150 Rayfield Dr.
- March 25, Ontario United Methodist Church, 3450 PAW
- March 26, Fusion-Madison, 2170 Park Ave East
- March 27, Providence Baptist, 112 W. Sixth St.
- March 28, First Christian, 200 W. Third St.
- March 29, Fusion-Lexington, 220 Industrial Pkwy.
- March 30, First English Lutheran, 53 Park Ave. West, 7 pm
- March 31, (7 am) Kingwood Center, Trimble and PAW

When to "Speak Easy"

By Bob Carter

There was a time when the two words speak and easy were used as one, During the 1920's period of Prohibition when the sale of alcohol was banned.

Illegal booze and beer could be had from many former bars, restaurants, drug stores or even livery stables and garages. You name the desire, they had it or knew where to go.

In Mansfield, the city was nicknamed "Little Chicago" according to historian and writer Tim McKee. Mansfield gained a dark reputation for the availability of liquor, gambling and prostitution. Big name crooks were seen there.

From 1900 until 1915, five years before the 18th Amendment passed, the average adult drank about 2.5 gallons of pure alcohol a year, which is about 13 standard drinks a week.

Consumption fell sharply by 1916, with the average falling to two gallons a year or 10 drinks a week. Of course, there were those who did not touch the stuff so others may have hit the five or seven gallon mark or more! Who knows?

The temperance movement was beginning to take hold and there was good reason. The drunkenness, fights, broken homes, poverty and ruined careers were taking a heavy toll on society. It had to stop. Could it be possible? Some found a way around the new law.

Some of those evil goings on filtered down to the smaller villages. In Lexington, quite a few neighbors noticed cars stopping at John Satterfield's house on East Main Street. He had a room under his one car garage. Orchard Park at the intersection of 97 and East Main was another popular stopping spot. Roy Swigart also bottled some "stuff" in the back room of his pool hall.

Some people by the name of Tanley had a restaurant in downtown Lexington but also ran a "speakeasy" near Steam Corners, possibly south at the tiny town of Bungtown, so named because of an early roadhouse there. The bar was kept quiet until one day a driver tried to deliver a keg of beer to the restaurant by mistake.

Ontario had a still operating by two old men in the old water powered grist mill on the dead end Gfrer Road. This was in an era when all north bound traffic passed the mill before the road 39 was rerouted over the railroad as today.

Records are hard to find but it is doubtful any one in the Bellville, Butler or Lucas went to bed thirsty. The law breakers had little to fear from local law enforcement as some looked the other way or were paid to see nothing. Public elected officers we always under suspicion.

When the big day came, Dec. 5, 1933, ending the Prohibition laws, mass parties were held all over America. No shortage of liquor or beer was reported in Richland County.

My wife, Jackie Treisch Carter, had a grandfather, Albert "Peg" Treisch, (he had a wooden leg thus the "Peg"), who was arrested for bootlegging. In Crawford County Court, he was given a choice of heavy fine or jail. He took jail, which meant he'd be in there over Thanksgiving. His family sent a roast pig, apple in mouth, the whole works to the jail in Bucyrus for Thanksgiving.

The sheriff, several deputies and "Peg" all enjoyed the Thanksgiving pig feast. The pig was probably stolen!



THE TEMPERANCE people put a big push to get Ohio dry. The sign on the door reads, "Home Rule means Rum Rule and Home Ruin."

THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

Few sequels are just as good, if not better, than the original and *Dune: Part Two* achieves that.

This is the follow up to 2021's *Dune* again directed by Denis Villeneuve, who has created a remarkable filmography including the two aforementioned films, *Blade Runner 2049*, *Prisoners*, *Arrival* and *Sicario*.

Paul Atreides (Timothee Chalamet) has joined the Fremen people on the planet Arrakis after his family was asked to watch over the planet's spice production, much to the chagrin of the evil Baron Harkonnen (Stellan Skarsgard).

Paul becomes involved with a young Fremen girl named Chani (Zendaya) and his mother Lady Jessica (Rebecca Ferguson) becomes a figurehead of sorts. Atreides and the Fremen must go after Harkonnen and his men who want the planet's priceless spice as Atreides and others at the same time are convinced that he is the one that was prophesied about and must lead their people.

Villeneuve creates an entire world based on Frank Herbert's novels. The movie looks terrific, and the special effects are very

well done. The performances in this sequel are also elevated from Javier Bardem, a leader of the Fremen, to Dave Bautista and Josh Brolin.

Newcomers Christopher Walken, Florence Pugh and especially Austin Butler who plays a truly evil villain bring new life into the film. Butler is unrecognizable from playing Elvis just a year ago.

There are a couple scenes that really stand out involving Paul riding a sandworm, a final fight between Paul and Butler's villain and the wonderful chemistry between Chalamet and Zendaya. They both step up to levels that bring so much energy and heart to this movie.

Dune: Part Two is a terrific film. It does everything a movie and sequel should do right in terms of moving the story along while elevating the performances and the emotions to make the audience feel what the characters are.


Villeneuve is one of the best directors working today and proves it yet again.



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News Briefs

Due to nothing new to discuss the March 13, City of Ontario Planning Commission meeting has been canceled.

Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, will sponsor its annual Madison Community Easter Egg hunt March 23 beginning at 3 pm for children up through sixth grade.

There will be a 15-minute program in the church, followed by a hunt for 4,000 eggs. Children will return inside to make a special craft and decorate cookies to take home. Children also will receive an Easter gift.

Community Action for Capable Youth (CACY) will host a showing of *Screenagers: Under the Influence — Addressing Vaping, Drugs and Alcohol in the Digital Age*, on May 7, at 5:30 pm at Linden Road Presbyterian Church, 160 S. Linden Rd., Mansfield.

The movie examines the impact of our digital age on teens' decision-making in relation to substances such as vaping, drugs and alcohol. For information contact 419-774-5683 or marouetteb@ca-yohio.com.

Michael Morton, City of Ontario Zoning Inspector, has released a list of new businesses coming to Ontario in 2024.

Stumps Aquatics and Exotics will open at the Richland Mall; Loft and Rails will open on Home Rd.; Bath and Body Works will relocate from the Richland Mall to Walker Lake Rd; Internet Café will open on Stumbo Rd.; and Akron Childrens Hospital, will open at N. Lexington-Springmill Rd., under new ownership.

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.

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 March 20, and will include roast beef. The Fun Center Chordsmen will perform. Those attending are asked to wear green.

For information visit www.lexasc.org. Dues are \$10 per year.

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 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 or call 419-342-4636.

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.

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

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

A Think Spring & Thaw Out Event will be held at the Richland County Fairgrounds on March 16 and 17, from 10 am to 6 pm. Vendors will be in the Arts & Crafts Building, and possibly some outside depending on the weather. There will also be food available from a food and donut truck. Email deniseflores7423@gmail.com for more information.

Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter will host a free program on the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's Disease Monday, March 18, from 1-2 pm at First English Lutheran Church.

The event will be held in the Emmaus Room, 53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield. Those attending are asked to enter the church on east side (closest to Walnut St.)

Pre-registration is requested by calling the church office at 419-522-0662.

Alzheimer's and other dementias cause memory, thinking and behavior problems that interfere with daily living.

Discussion will include how to approach someone about memory concerns, the importance of early detection and benefits of a diagnosis, possible tests and assessments for the diagnostic process and Alzheimer's Association resources.

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Ron Boyd to speak on "Artificial Intelligence - Hopes and Concerns" at 10:30 am on Sunday, March 10. For more information visit www.allsoulsuohio.org.

Richland Public Health offers free home newborn visits for Richland County parents. Parents can receive advice and guidance from a registered nurse from Public Health Nursing. Specialized staff visits parents before a child's birth or while a baby is a newborn up to eight weeks old and provides an assessment of the mother and baby.

The mother's health, emotions, infant feeding, sibling rivalry, community information, new roles, baby's growth and development questions are covered. Schedule an appointment at 419-774-4540 or fill out a form at <https://richlandhealth.org/personal/newborn-home-visits/>

To submit a news brief item send an email with information to news@tribune-courier.com.

Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter

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Area Agency on Aging District 5
2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario
2nd Tuesday of each month at 2pm



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Danbury Senior Living
1605 Venture Drive
2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm



ASHLAND COUNTY | ASHLAND

Ashland County Council on Aging
240 E 3rd Street
3rd Wednesday of each month at 1pm

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

Library presents “Votes for Women” exhibition at main branch

In recognition of Women’s History Month, the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library presents “Votes for Women: A

Portrait of Persistence,” a poster exhibition organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service in collab-

oration with the National Portrait Gallery. The exhibit will be displayed at the main library at 43 W. Third St., Mansfield,

March 4–22.

The story of women’s suffrage is a story of voting rights, of inclusion in and exclusion from the franchise, and of our civic development as a nation. This exhibit celebrates the Nineteenth Amendment, which prohibits the government from denying U.S. citizens the right to vote based on sex and explores the complexity of the women’s suffrage movement and the relevance of this history to Americans’ lives today.

The main library is open Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 8 pm; Friday and Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm; and Sunday, 1–5 pm. For more information visit mrcl.org.



Gelatin silver print Courtesy of National Woman’s Party, Washington, D.C.

COLLEGE WOMEN picket in front of the White House in 1917.

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
Rev. Matt Merendino

Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship
Sunday Evening 6 pm Home Groups
Monday Men’s Group 7:30 pm
Wednesday evenings: 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting
6:30–8 pm TeamKID and Youth Group
Wednesday Ladies Bible Study 6:30–8 pm

Community Bible Church

1043 Springmill St., Mansfield
567-560-8011

www.DiscoverCommunity.org
Pastor Sam Belsterling
10:30 am Sunday Worship
Live stream at <https://www.facebook.com/CommunityBibleChurchMansfield>

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

200 West Third St., Mansfield
419-524-4813 • 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
FB: FirstChristianChurch,Mansfield,Ohio

First Congregational Church

640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield
419-756-3046 • 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
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
Pastor Jonathan Stuftt

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
Rev. Joseph Yerger

9 am Adult & Youth Sunday School
10 am Sunday Worship
ADA Accessible Nursery
and Children’s Programming Available

Mansfield Baptist Temple

752 N. Stewart Rd., Mansfield
419-589-5413 • 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
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
Pastor Faith Proietti

10 am Sunday Worship
Office hours: Mon–Fri 9 am to 1 pm
AA Meetings M & F 10 am & noon;
Wed. noon Brown Bag and Sat. 6 pm
Clothing Ministry by appt: 419-512-9817

Trinity Grace Fellowship

1592 Grace St., Mansfield
419-589-5890 • trinitygracefellowship.org
Pastor Larry Carnes

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

G & M Body & Paint Shop

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

Wappner Funeral Home

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419-522-5211



Fun Center Chordsmen to celebrate 50th anniversary on March 23

This year the Fun Center Chordsman celebrates 50 years of a capella singing in the community.

The chordsmen will perform in a special 50-Year celebration event at 3 pm on Saturday, March 23, in the new Lexington High School auditorium.

"We performed our first show in 1975 at Malabar High School," said Dave Kracker, founding director of the Fun Center Chordsmen.

The Fun Center Chordsmen has been a certified chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society since the fall of 1974. At one point, the chorus consisted of over seventy men.

An annual show has been performed 38 of 50 years at the Renaissance Theatre.

One of the chordsmen's favorite programs has been held annually at Malabar Farm during the Christmas season.

Many quartets have formed from within the group, and they, too, have entertained at various venues. Every Valentine's Day, quartets travel within the community to bring smiles.

"Membership with this group has not required a man know how to read music nor that he have an exceptional singing voice," said Kracker. "He just needs to love singing and enjoy good camaraderie. We rehearse every Monday night at 7 pm at the First Presbyterian Church on South Trimble Rd. All are welcome."

Trevor Garrabrant is the current director of the chorus, and is assisted by Jim Frye and Dave Kracker. Four former directors will also be directing a song each at the upcoming March 23 event. Much historical paraphernalia will also be on display.

"Tickets are \$15 at the door for adults and \$5 for children.

For additional information contact Dave Kracker at 419-544-5395.

This Week's Pet Looking for A Forever Home



Hadley

This lovely lady is around two years old and is a volunteer favorite! Hadley is sweet and affectionate. She is also extremely good on a leash and loves to play.

A lot of times, Hadley just wants to cuddle. Other times, she wants to sprint after toys.

She absolutely loves human

attention. Hadley can be super goofy and make you laugh and laugh. Hadley is a little timid at first, but then, after she trusts a human, she really opens up. Hadley seems to like other dogs and is practically perfect. She came in as a stray in May, 2023.

Those interested in meeting any dog can contact or visit the Richland County Dog Warden's Office and Shelter, 810 N. Home Rd., Mansfield. 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 needs bleach, laundry detergent and treats.

Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Clinton "Skeeter" Everett Foor, February 22

Balbhadra Das, February 23

Joyce Ellen Taylor, February 23

Dora Mae Gearhart, February 24

Kelsey Nichole Leonhard, February 24

Charlotte Bradley, February 25

Thomas Brian Zimmerman, February 25

Mary Barbara Acord, February 29

Vernon Mitchell Ash, March 3

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Pond Clinic planned for March 13

Ponds can create a sense of serenity, a focal point and a source of recreation on a property. They can also be used as a source of drinking water, fire suppression and watering source for crops and livestock. Many people think creating and owning a pond is as simple as digging a hole and letting it fill up with water. There are a lot of factors you must consider which include how to stock and manage your pond.

Those who have questions about a new or existing pond can attend a free pond clinic on March 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Headquarters Education Center 151 Home Rd., Mount Gilead.

The clinic is co-hosted by Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District and Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD). Steve Fender of Fenders Fish Hatchery is the guest speaker and will be available to answer pond questions.

For more information on the clinic, contact a Soil and Water Conservation District:

Morrow SWCD: 419-946-7923 or <https://mrswcd.wixsite.com/morrowswcd>

Richland SWCD: 419-747-8697 or <https://richlandswcd.net/>



Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado
Photo By Mark Shutt

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Domestic Violence Shelter welcomes new board members and honors retiring advocates

The Domestic Violence Shelter introduced new board members and honored several long-term members who are retiring from the board.

Domestic Violence Shelter Executive Director Colleen Rice said, "We are thrilled to welcome our new board members who bring a wealth of experience and diverse perspectives. Their commitment to service and passion for our cause will undoubtedly help us continue our mission and expand our reach."

Joining the board are Tiffany R. Mitchell, Coordinator, Belonging and Inclusion, at The Ohio State University at Mansfield; Miles Parsons, Executive Director of Wayfinders Ohio; Becky Harlan, VP of Operations at Sutton Bank; and Alicia Bailey, Director of HR & Finance at Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Mitchell expressed her enthusiasm, stating, "I am both proud and honored to serve on the Board of Directors for The Domestic Violence Shelter Inc. It's an exciting time as the agency experiences growth and new opportunities. I look forward to leveraging my past experiences and my leadership abilities to provide advice as the shelter continues to look at new areas of growth."

The sentiment was echoed by Parsons, who noted, "Having a soft-spot in my heart for all things non-profit and seeing all the wonderful ideas Colleen and her team have for the Shelter, I'm excited for the opportunity and hope to be a small part of her successes moving forward."

Meanwhile, Harlan said, "I consider it a privilege to serve as a board member of The Domestic Violence Shelter, which serves a critical need for abuse survivors and their children, and our entire community. I am proud to represent Sutton Bank, who has been a supporter of the Shelter and the valuable and vital work they do."

Bailey added, "I am honored and excited about the opportunity to serve on the Domestic Violence Shelter Board. I look forward to being part of a team dedicated to creating a safe haven for survivors, foster-

ing hope, and working towards a future free from violence."

Board president Jean LaBarge acknowledged the outgoing board members, saying, "We are grateful for the dedication and service of our retiring board members. Their contributions have been invaluable to our mission and we wish them all the best in their future endeavors."

Retiring from the board after faithfully serving multiple terms are John Howler, Owner and Agent at Rinehart-Walters-Danner & Associate Insurance Agency, Inc.; Beth Malaska, Associate Relations Director at Park National Bank; and Rebecca Hergatt, Secretary / Treasurer at Hergatt Machine.

The Domestic Violence Shelter extends its heartfelt thanks to the retiring members for their years of service and warmly welcomes the incoming board members as it continues to strive towards a future free from violence.

The Domestic Violence Shelter has been a beacon of support in Richland County since 1978, aiding survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual assault. The shelter offers a safe haven, comprehensive support services, and resources to empower survivors to rebuild their lives, free from violence. For immediate assistance, our 24/7 hotline at 419-774-5840 is staffed by trained advocates ready to help.



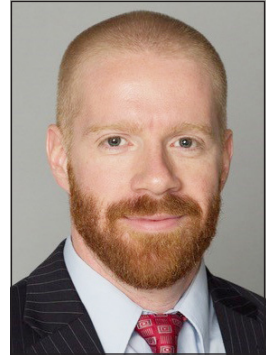
Alicia Bailey



Becky Harlan



Tiffany Mitchell



Miles Parsons

Friends of the Library to host sale

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library (MRCPL) Evergreen Bookshop will be open for the monthly Friends' Used Book Sale on Friday, March 8, from noon to 4 pm, and Saturday, March 9, from 9 am to 1 pm.

A preview sale will be held for Friends of the Library members only on Thursday, March 7, 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 call 419-526-4652.

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47th Annual Maple Syrup Festival at Malabar Farm

Photos By Traci Little





Westmeister Farms celebrates first anniversary

Article and Photos By Trac Little

Westmeister Farms celebrated their one-year anniversary as Richland County's newest premier private animal encounter facility on Friday, March 1. The farm is located at 4097 Plymouth Springmill Rd., Shelby.

Visitors rave about the amazing, once in a lifetime experience and the extremely friendly and knowledgeable owners, Lynn and Shawn Westmeister.

If you are ready to get up close and personal with some seriously adorable animals, you'll want to schedule your visit to soon. Book your once in a lifetime experience by visiting Westmeister.com! They are currently taking reservations for 2025, so book your reservation today! Reservations are filling up quickly this private premier animal encounter facility!

This family farm has dedicated their time to providing these animals with a loving home, while also giving their guests an opportunity to interact with their animal friends.

Check out the thrill of interacting with their diverse animal family, including two Asian otters, a two-toed sloth, kangaroos, a zebra, a tortoise, and a barnyard full of other charming creatures like hors-

es, pigs, goats, and even a skunk!

It was great to celebrate another year of adventure, discovery and family fun with the Westmeister family!

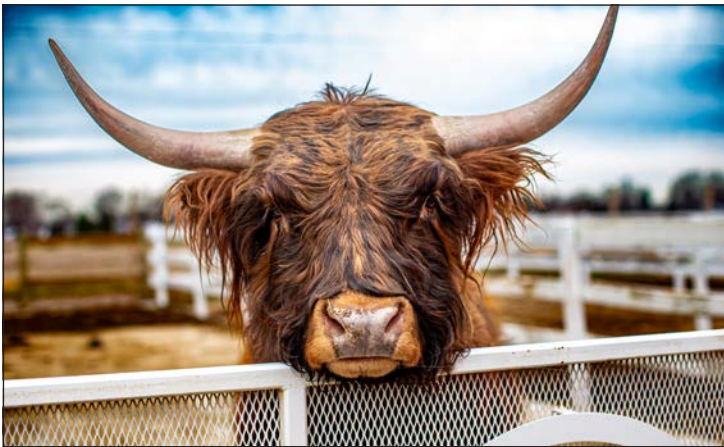
State Representative, Marilyn John, sent along a certificate of commendation stating "On behalf of the members of the House of Representatives of the 185th General Assembly of Ohio, we are pleased to extend special recognition to Westmeister Farms on the memorable occasion of its First Anniversary, celebrated March 1, 2024.

Observance of this milestone is a fitting tribute to Westmeister Farms, for it has attained a remarkable record of service to Shelby throughout the past year. This fine animal encounter facility has cared the gratitude and appreciation of many satisfied visitors, and its success is a justifiable source of pride and an outstanding reflection not only on the family farm itself but also on its proprietors, on its hard-working employees, and on the community.

Westmeister Farms has enhanced the quality of life within the surrounding area, and it is deserving of high praise. Known for the high quality of its experiences, this noteworthy operation has gained a loyal clientele, and we are certain that as it maintains its unfaltering dedication to service and achievement, it will continue to grow and prosper and will follow in the tradition of excellence that has become its hallmark.

Thus, with sincere pleasure, we commend Westmeister Farms on its First Anniversary and offer best wishes for the future."

A special thanks to the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development for holding this ribbon cutting.





MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL students in Mrs. DeFrancisco's seventh grade STEM class designed their own shoe. Students began with brainstorming and planning their design. Next, they created a prototype of their shoe design using cardboard and a variety of materials. The final test was to try on their shoe and walk.

Garden summit coming to Kingwood

Raising Richland, the 13th Annual Community Garden Summit's theme will be "Planting for the Future."

The free summit will be held Thursday, March 14, from 5–8 pm at Kingwood Center, 50 N. Trimble Rd., Mansfield

Registration will be held from 5–5:30 pm and the schedule will include Josh Steffen: Welcome to Kingwood, 5:30–5:35 pm; and Daniel Neef of Green Patch Gardens "Heirloom: The Past is the Future," 5:35–6:15 pm; Break for refreshments and vendors, 6:15–6:45 pm; Seth Meehan of High Desert Greens "Planning a Grow Space," 6:45–7:30 pm.

Registration for children K-sixth grade is 5–5:30 pm with Judy Villard Overocker, extension educator, presenting "From Seed to Harvest to the Table" with displays, story time and crafts, from 5:30–7:30 pm.

Local vendors will also be available. Kingwood's Gateway Café Garden & Gift Shop will be open until 7 pm. For more information call Suzy at 419-522-1611 ext. 127.

Mansfield receives snow plowing grant

Domino's Pizza Company is helping to plow roads across the country by awarding half a million dollars in plowing grants so that carryout customers can pick up hot pizza, even on the coldest, snowiest days.

Mansfield will receive a \$25,000 snow plowing grant to kick off this national campaign.

Domino's is giving away a total of \$500,000 across 20 towns.

Domino's welcomed town nominations in December and January before winners were chosen.

Grants can go toward salt purchases, equipment purchases and repair — but funds must be used for snow removal expenses. Recipients are required to show proof of use of funds.

Madison students will present Seussical Jr. March 15, 16, 17

The Madison Music Department will presents *Seussical Jr.* on Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16 at 7 pm and Sunday, March 17 at 2:30 pm at Madison Middle School, 1419 Grace St.

Tickets are available during school hours from the school cashier at the high school and at the door prior to each performance.

Cost is \$8 per adult and \$6 for students and seniors.

Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat and all of the favorite Dr. Seuss characters spring to life onstage in *Seussical Jr.*, a fantastical musical extravaganza from Tony-winners, Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty.

Transporting audiences from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus, the Cat in the Hat narrates the story of Horton the Elephant, who discovers a speck of dust containing tiny people called the Whos.

Horton must protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, and he must also guard an abandoned egg that's been left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird.

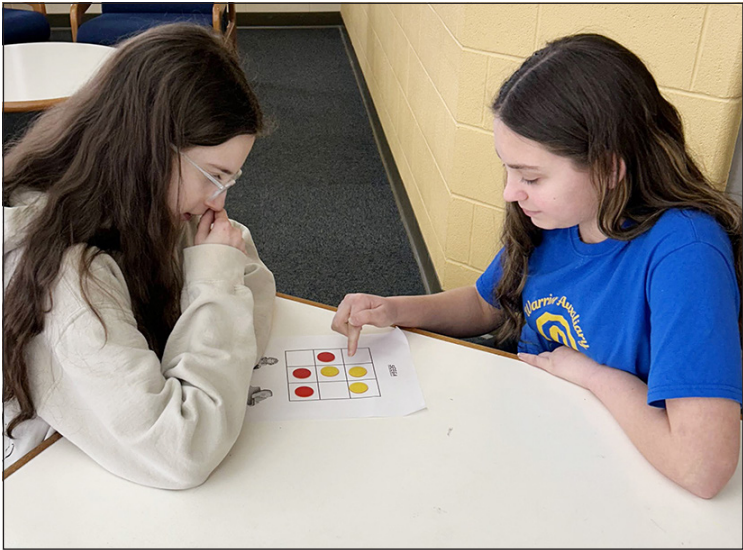
Although Horton faces ridicule, danger and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant!

Bringing these characters to life will be Aiden Mooneyham as The Cat in the Hat, Sophia Parsons as Horton the Elephant, Karlie Wilson as Gertrude McFuzz and Emalie Green as Mayzie La Bird.

Other *Seussical* cast members include Audrey Ward as JoJo, John Keogh VI and Lillian Christian as Mr. and Mrs. Mayor, Brandi Bowles as the Sour Kangaroo, Sanaa Davis, Bri Studer and Piper Donahue as the Bird Girls, Jacob Ford as Yertle the Turtle, Ashley Anschutz as Young kangaroo, Connor Coey, Roman Hipfl and Beckham White as the Wickershaw Brothers, Carson Tatum as the Grinch and Kristian Stoots as Vlad Vladikoff.

The colorful cast of Whoville Citizens include Loren Carmel, Courtney Cyrus, Emma Finley, Ashley Gusta, Lorelai Sly, Taelyn Kirsch, Erin Johnson, Gabrielle Kline, Tori Smith and Sophia Palmer.

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SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS in Mr. Canfield's social studies class at Ontario recently learned to play Seega, an ancient Egyptian board game.



TONYA WELCH'S biology students at Ontario investigated the effects of genetic drift on a population by using multicolored cereal to model gene variation.



Ontario Local Schools awarded record-breaking \$642,849 grant to expand career technical education

Ontario Local Schools made history today by being awarded the largest grant ever received by the district.

Governor Mike DeWine announced Ontario Schools as the recipient of a \$642,849 grant at an event in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The funding is part of a competitive grant process through the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce's Career Technical Education Equipment Grant Program. The initiative is aimed at helping schools establish or expand Career Technical Education (CTE) programming and gives priority to schools that support careers on Ohio's Top Jobs List.

"We are so excited to receive this grant and equip our students with the skills needed to excel in our rapidly evolving workforce," said Ontario Schools Superintendent Keith Strickler. "This investment not only enriches the educational experience for our students but also strengthens our community as a whole."

The grant will help the district expand its existing pre-engineering, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), and robotics courses at the middle school and its Manufacturing Operations pathway at the high school by incorporating Smart Automation Certification Alliance (SACA) curriculum and industry-rec-

ognized credentials.

Students will now be able to dive deeper into various fields such as construction technology, health and biomedical, information technology, manufacturing, logistics and supply chain, transportation technology, and agriculture, through a new, modern lab and equipment.

The district's goal is to increase the number of students with a CTE concentration from 9.7% to 20% by 2027.

"These dollars mean we can better prepare students to graduate from high school ready for good-paying, entry-level jobs in a field they are interested in and that keep our economy moving and growing. With the addition of industry-recognized credentials, students interested in pursuing postsecondary education will be a step ahead of their peers," said Strickler.

The enhanced programming will better complement rather than compete with the Pioneer Career & Technology Center's pathways, which students can opt to attend in their junior and senior years.

The district plans to install new equipment this summer and will begin offering new and improved classes at the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

Brian McConnell earns Ameriprise Client Experience Award

Brian McConnell a financial advisor with Sutton Investment Services, a financial advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services LLC. in Ontario, has earned the Ameriprise Client Experience Award for 2023.

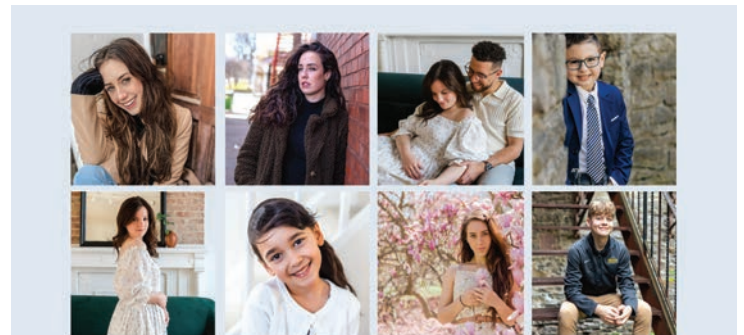
McConnell was honored with this award because his ability to consistently deliver personalized, goal-based advice and exceptional client service.

Award recipients earned an overall client satisfaction rating equal to or greater than 4.9 out of 5.0 and maintained stellar business results. The award represents an elite group of Ameriprise advisors recognized as leaders for their commitment to making a difference in the lives of their clients.

As a financial advisor, McConnell provides financial advice that is anchored in a solid understanding of client needs and expectations and is delivered in one-on-one relationships with his clients. For more information, contact Brian McConnell at 419-747-8883 or visit the Ameriprise office at 863 N. Lexington Springmill Rd., Ontario.

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PIONEER PRESCHOOL partnered with the culinary lab at Pioneer Career & Technology Center to make pancakes.



Annual tree seedling sale will benefit Clear Fork FFA

Trees help improve water quality in streams, rivers, and lakes by reducing flooding and minimizing chemical/sediment runoff. The tree's leaves act as a large umbrella capturing rainwater as it falls, which reduces the speed and amount of rain or snow that reaches the ground and becomes stormwater runoff.

Area residents can help Clear Fork FFA while helping manage stormwater and prevent soil erosion at the Clear Fork FFA Alumni Tree Seedling Sale held in partnership with Richland Soil and Water Conservation District. The sale proceeds benefit Clear Fork FFA programs.

The sale will be held at the Richland County Fairgrounds Nature Park on Friday, March 22, from 9 am to 6 pm, or until all seedlings are sold; and in the Clear Fork High School back parking lot, Friday, March 22 from 8 am until noon or until all seedlings are sold. Any leftover seedlings from Clear Fork High School will move to the Richland County Fairgrounds.

Orders larger than 30 bundles should be placed by March 8 by calling Clear Fork High School weekdays at 419-886-2601 or Jim from 4-8 pm, daily at 419-564-3881.

Those who wish to purchase left-over seedlings can call Jim at 419-564-3881.

Bundles of seven of the same tree species are \$10 and sales are first come, first served with cash, or checks only being accepted.

Tree species are Norway Spruce, White Pine, Douglas Fir, Balsam Fir, Fraser Fir, White Cedar, Red Mulberry, Ohio Buckeye, Common Pawpaw, White Flowering Dogwood, Redbud, White Oak, Sugar Maple, Persimmon, Tulip Poplar, Red Oak, Scarlet Oak, Pin Cherry, Black Walnut and American Chestnut.

Birdhouses will also be available for \$15 each. An order form and information regarding the sale may be found at <https://richlandswcd.net/event/clear-fork-ffa-alumni-tree-seedling-sale-3/> or https://cfcolls.org/?page_id=2838.



NICOLE CARNEY'S PRESCHOOL CLASS at Ontario has been learning about keeping their bodies healthy and exploring the doctor's office. They have practiced their play skills by taking on new roles in the office, learned about x-rays and other tools used by doctors and nurses and used their sorting skills to play pretend pharmacists.

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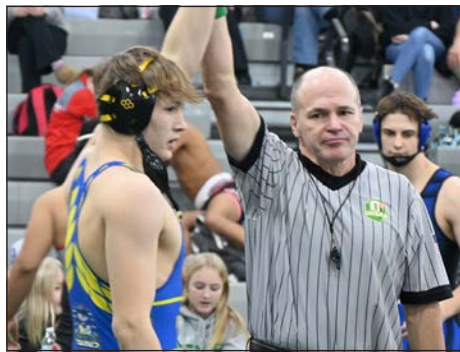
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Crestview Schools host 18th annual Road Apple Run 5K

The Road Apple Run 5K was held Saturday, March 2, at Crestview High School. The course takes runners and walkers along a scenic route frequented by Amish buggies.

There were 174 participants and finishing in the top five were Cooper Brockway (18:17), Emma McCarron (18:26), Isaac McFarland (19:56), Hunter Smith (20:28) and Cody Mabry (21:05). Brockway and McCarron finished as top male and female. Age group top finishers were female ages 1-10, A. Mitchell (26:09) and B. Chapman (28:41); female 11-12, L. Shepherd (28:27) and C. Cutlip (31:46); female 13-15, Audrey Wolford (25:40) and Lindsey Bright (26:07); female 16-18, Alina Durbin (22:45) and Lily Cline (28:06); female 19-29, Madalynn Aumend (24:00.68) and Emma Aumend (24:00.9); female 30-39, Meg Rondini (26:51) and Rachel Bowles (27:37); female 40-49, Shannon Simonson, (29:26) and Stephanie Chance (29:29); female 50-59, Tammy Stevens (32:27) and Tamara Gabalski (41:30); female 60-99, Denise McCarron (29:42) and Deborah Hayes (33:51); male 1-10, M. Kelley (26:22) and E. Kelley (30:57); male 11-12, M. Plotz (23:25) and C. Ramsey (23:33); male 13-15, Isaac McFarland (19:56) and Hunter Smith (20:28); male 16-18, Branden Philpott (47:30); male 19-29, Mike Gallaway (24:15) and Russell Schrock (25:24); male 30-39, Cody Mabry (21:05) and Grant Linkenbach (21:55); male 40-49, Mike Skidmore (22:46) and Jason Goon (29:25); male 50-59, Scott Wise (23:15) and Richard Wasowski (29:50); and male 60-69, Robert Henry (24:35) and Dave Eighinger (28:53).

Proceeds from the event support the Crestview cross country and track teams.



Photos By Jenna Wolford

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CLEAR FORK VS COLONEL CRAWFORD VARSITY BASKETBALL · FEB. 29
EAGLES WIN 39-33 · PHOTOS BY JEFF HOFFER



Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

LEXINGTON VS GALION VARSITY BASKETBALL · MARCH 1
LEXINGTON DIVISION II CHAMPIONS (81-63) · PHOTOS BY JEFF HOFFER



Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Boys teams head into OHSAA tournament play

Article and Photos By Kris Leiter

Week 3 of the boys basketball OHSAA Tournament kicked in this week. We have six local teams still moving and grooving down the tournament trail! Hats off to Crestview, Lexington, Lucas, Mansfield Senior, Mansfield Christian and Shelby as they move on!

If you haven't had enough high school hoops, get those car keys ready for some more traveling.

Boys Tournament Schedule – Week of March 4 Division II – Northwest 3 District

Mansfield Senior (5 seed) vs Shelby (1 seed) at Ontario High School, March 7, 6 pm

There is never a dull moment when these two teams play. They battled it out earlier this year at Pete Henry, home of the TYgers, with Shelby winning earlier in the year 73-55.

Shelby brings the likes of Wright State candidate, 6' 7" Alex Bruskotter, who plays like a guard but can drain a 3-pointer with ease!

The Whippets also have more firepower with Ramsey, Devito and Lantz who are a threat and can put points on the board as well.

I'm sure Mansfield hasn't forgotten the loss and will have their sights set, as redemption will be on the top of the list with players such as Ja'Ontay O'Bryant, Duke Reese and staff.

The TYgers are manned Head Coach Marquis Sykes, who was a former phenom for the TYgers years previous. He will have the TYgers growling and ready!

Lexington (2 seed) vs Willard (3 seed) at Ontario High School, March 7, at 8:15 pm. The winners will play March 9, 6 pm at Ontario for the District Final.

Lexington seems to find the way into the winning column, even with some very close games this year.

They only have two losses under their belt this year, thanks to shooting sensations such as Brayden Fogle, Seven Allen, Elijah Hudson.

The Willard Flashes, who are no stranger to tournament basketball will be ready to tangle with the Minutemen!

Division III – Northwest 1 District

Crestview (1 seed) vs Margaretta (2 seed) at Norwalk High School, March 6, 6 pm. The winners will play the winner of the Genoa vs Millbury Lake, March 9, 1 pm at Norwalk High School for the District Final.

Let's show some love to our smaller schools. They may be small, but they are definitely mighty this year with good battles on the hardwood!

Head Coach John Kurtz and the Crestview Cougars have been on a rampage this year, coming out on top with only one loss in the regular season, recently to Norwalk St. Paul.

The Cougars seem to find a way to keep winning, even with some close games with Ontario, scoring over 100 points, with a final 105-94 in a shooting frenzy and Colonel Crawford, who also made things close in the final seconds.

Division IV – Northwest 5 District

Mansfield Christian (1 seed) vs Colonel Crawford (5 seed) at Willard High School, March 5, 6 pm. The winner will take on the winner of Lucas vs Seneca East March 8, 6 pm at Willard High School for the District Final.

Mansfield Christian is hotter than a firecracker this year and they aren't slowing down anytime soon! Keep your eyes on the Flames against Colonel Crawford Tuesday!

The Flames bring some heat when it comes to scoring this year as Amarr Davis, D'Andre Martin and Davion Mack have been in the scoring column on a regular basis.

Head Coach Cary Craner, who leads the ship for the Flames is aware of the Eagles manpower.

Craner says, "They are a very physical team." He continues, "They are also a very well coached team."

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Mansfield Christian's Evan Kei (42)



Lexington's Elijah Hudson (21) Seven Allen (3)

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MCS standouts chosen for 45th News Journal All-Star Classic

Amarr Davis and Davis Wushinske, representing Mansfield Christian School (MCS), have earned the distinction of being selected for the 45th News Journal All-Star Classic basketball event. The duo will showcase their talents as part of the south team, under the guidance of MCS coach Cary Craner, who has been with the Mansfield Christian School basketball program for the past 14 years.

Amarr Davis has been a cornerstone of the MCS team throughout his four-year tenure, showcasing remarkable leadership qualities both on and off the court. Known for his versatility as a multi-sport athlete, Amarr's role as a point guard is complemented by his ability to contribute effectively inside the paint. With an impressive track record that includes accumulating 1,268 points in his first three seasons, Amarr stands on the brink of surpassing Mansfield Christian's all-time leading scorer record. His selfless approach to the game is reflected in his 115 assists for the current season, coupled with outstanding defensive statistics, including 82 steals and 96 deflections. As a motivational leader, Amarr consistently inspires his teammates to strive for excellence through his unwavering commitment and dedication.

Similarly, Davis Wushinske has distinguished himself both academically and athletically as a key player for MCS. Recognized for his exemplary work ethic and relentless determination, Davis epitomizes the spirit of resilience and perseverance. His defensive skills and willingness to take on any challenge on the court make him an invaluable asset to the team. Moreover, Davis leads by example, fostering a positive atmosphere within the team through his vocal encouragement and unwavering support for his teammates.

The 45th News Journal All-Star Classic, set to take place on March 29 at Lexington High School, promises to be a thrilling showcase of talent, featuring twenty-four of the region's finest players, including the dynamic duo from Mansfield Christian School.



Photo By Kris Leiter

Shelby's Brayden Devito (2)

Athletes compete at Ohio Indoor Track and Field Championships

Local schools had a number of participants at the Ohio Indoor Track and Field Championships last weekend at the Spire Institute in Geneva, OH.

The Ontario team of Arialyn Bischak, Kate Fletcher, Baylee Black and Sasha Bulakovski placed tenth in the girls 4x400 meter relay.

The Shelby team of Princess Timko, Madison Henkel, Ava Bowman and Jaleeza Zehner placed fifth in the girls 4x200 meter relay. The Lexington team of Allison Laury, Makenna Arnholt, Olivia Stoots and Emily Thomas placed 11th and the Ontario team of Arialyn Bischak, Journey Ross, Kate Fletcher and Sasha Bulakovski placed 15th in the 4x200 meter relay.

Shelby's Ava Bowman placed ninth in the girls 60 meter dash and 17th in the girls 200 meter dash.

In the 400 meter dash, Ontario's Sasha Bulakovski placed 10th and teammate Arialyn Bischak placed 13th.

The Ontario team of Aiden Fox, Xavier Trent, Brady Fletcher and Quinton Frankhouse placed 17th in the boys 4x400 meter relay.

Ontario's Aiden Fox placed 22nd on the boys 60 meter hurdles.

•Teams head into OHSAA tournament play

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"Crawford likes to slow things down in the half-court, but we like to counter with our press and trap, which has played to our advantage this year, and have caused a number of turnovers."

As for a possible rematch with Taylor Iceman and the Lucas Cubs, as both teams had some heated battles this year, being conference rivals and both games were extremely close.

With Lucas in the lower bracket, Craner adds. "We would cherish a rematch with the Cubs"

Lucas (3 seed) vs Seneca East (2 seed) at Willard High School on March 5, 7:30 pm. The winner will take on the winner of Mansfield Christian vs Colonel Crawford March 8, 6 pm at Willard High School for the District Final.

As years gone by, Taylor Iceman and the Lucas Cubs are familiar with this scene as they have had some stout personnel in recent years and this year is no different with staff such as Logan Toms, Zack Diehl and Aiden Culler.

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**CITY OF ONTARIO
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
PATROL OFFICER EXAM**

The City of Ontario will conduct a Civil Service examination for the position of entry level police officer on Sunday, March 24, 2024, at the Ontario Municipal Building Community Room, 555 North Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio 44906. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. and the exam will begin at 9:00 a.m. No admittance after 9:00 a.m.

Candidates must be U.S. citizens and present a valid driver's license at the time of the examination. Must be at least 21 years of age (unless the candidate qualifies for the OPOTA exception) but not more than 34 years of age and must possess a high school diploma or GED equivalence. Passing Candidates who qualify in the top ten will be required to complete a physical strength and agility test. Candidates that are selected will be subject to psychological, polygraph, drug and alcohol screening along with a comprehensive background check.

NOTICE: Applicants must have their Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) Certification to apply. Applicants currently enrolled in an Ohio Basic Peace Officer Training Academy are allowed to test but Certification must be complete by time of appointment.

The City of Ontario is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on any basis prohibited by law including military status. However, if you are applying for a civil service examination and elect to claim military service credit either as an honorably discharged veteran or as a member of the National Guard or a Reserve component as provided in R.C. 124.23, then please attach a copy of your honorable discharge from active duty, DD 214 or other proof of eligibility for this credit. Applications will be available at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, beginning February 19, 2024, at the Police Department window or online at www.ontpd.com. Applications will be accepted until Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. at the Police Department window in the Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road. Those with questions may call the Division of Police at 419-529-2115 and ask to speak with a recruiter.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 2-22, 29, 3-7 '24) 63L

LEGAL NOTICE

The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their regular meeting held on February 21, 2024.

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. 24-03 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR,

OR HIS DESIGNEE (SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR) TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS FOR AN INFLOW AND INFILTRATION REDUCTION PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN THE SPRING VILLAGE SEWER-SHED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 2-29, 3-7 '24) 24L

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Madison Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a special public hearing Tuesday March 26, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Madison Township Hall, 817 Expressview Drive, rear entrance. The requested hearing is as follows:

Application 04-24 for Variance for Parcel# 0250915207000, to allow at 1027 Beal Road, Mansfield, Ohio 44905 to build a 2 car garage with breezeway Zoned R-2.

At this hearing, all persons shall be given the opportunity to speak "for or against" this application. The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether the applicant will be granted or denied his request.

Board of Zoning Appeals
Dan Bishop, chair
Madison Township Trustees
Mansfield, Ohio
(T-C 3-7, '24) 24L

PROBATE COURT OF RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO, Kelly L. Badnell, Judge, IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF Dezarai Renee Knapp to Dezarai Renee Wilfong CASE NO. 20239119.

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON
CHANGE OF NAME**

Applicant hereby gives notice to all interested persons that the applicant has filed an Application For Change of Name in the Probate Court of Richland County, Ohio, requesting the change of name of Dezarai Renee Knapp to Dezarai Renee Wilfong.

The hearing on the application will be held on the 10th day of April 2024, at 11:00 o'clock am in the Probate Court of Richland County, located at 50 Park Avenue East, Second Floor, Mansfield, Ohio, 44902.

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Senator Brown: Calling on the Biden Administration to close De Minimis Trade Loophole

By Senator Sherrod Brown

We know what a problem unfair foreign competition is — particularly by countries like China, where companies are always finding new ways to cheat.

One current loophole allows these companies — along with drug traffickers — to evade U.S. taxes, fees, and inspections when packages are worth less than \$800. It's known as the "de minimis" loophole.

Here's how it works: these companies split shipments into many small packages in order to cheat their way out of the duties they owe, and drug traffickers send deadly drugs like fentanyl into our country without detection, because these smaller packages don't have to go through screenings and inspections.

Last year, I introduced legislation to put a stop to this. And since then, the problem has only gotten worse. Last year, more than two million shipments took advantage of this loophole every day. Now, it's more than three million packages per day.

We can't wait to pass legislation. We need immediate executive action to close this loophole. That's why I joined with U.S. Senator Rick Scott (R-FL) to call on President Biden to close this dangerous loophole. The president has the authority to put an end to trade abusers taking advantage of the "de minimis" loophole now.

The American textile industry and its workers pay the price when these companies are able to abuse our trade laws at such an alarming rate. And the dangers of this massive loophole extend beyond the threat of unfair foreign competition.

Fentanyl is killing too many Ohioans, and drug traffickers are also exploiting the "de minimis" loophole to send deadly drugs like fentanyl into our country without any detection. We need to use every tool available to keep fentanyl out and protect our communities. Closing this loophole is a powerful way to do that.

Every day we wait to close this loophole, we risk American jobs, and we allow millions of packages into our country with no way of knowing if they contain fentanyl.

We need action now.

Madison to host senior citizen luncheon

There will be two sessions of the Senior Citizen Luncheon at Madison Comprehensive High School's Ramble Inn, 600 Esley Ln., on Thursday, March 21. The first session 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, March 19. Call the board office at 419-589-2600, Ext. 65001, or email rlyons@madisonrams.net to make a reservation. If there is a two-hour delay or school is cancelled, the luncheon will be held on the next full day of school.





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