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MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S IMAGE choir performed during the regular 10:30 am service at Community Bible Church, 1043 Springmill St., Mansfield, on Sunday, March 17. The group sang selections including "The Proof of Your Love" and invited the congregation to join them in singing.

Richland Area Chamber will host 17th Annual Business Expo Thursday

The Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development invites the public to attend the 17th Annual Business Expo on Thursday, March 21, from 10 am to 4 pm at the Richland County Fairgrounds. The expo, presented by Hamilton Insurance Group, will feature a solar eclipse theme. Booth space is sold out once again, with over 100 local businesses and non-profit organizations exhibiting. A special ribbon cutting will be held at 9:45 am to open the event.

Admission and parking are free, and the expo is open to the general public. Individual booths will be offering prizes, samples and giveaways along with prize drawings held by the Chamber. A canned food drive is also being held and every attendee who brings a can will receive an entry into a special prize drawing.

"The expo is the perfect chance for the public to interact with local businesses," said Chamber Program & Events Manager, Lisa Duckworth. "We encourage everyone to stop by, even if they just have a few minutes before work or during their lunch break. We are also excited to feature food trucks."

The expo is sponsored by nearly 30 businesses. A complete list of sponsors, a prize entry ticket and other important information can be found at www.RichlandAreaChamber.com.

Ontario approves contracts and hires summer help

At the Ontario School Board of Education on March 12, eighth grade literature teacher Aubrey Cardwell presented the eighth grade literature and language arts joint collaboration with "A Long Walk to Water."

The board approved administrator/supervisor/central office staff contracts for Jonathan King, high School assistant principal, five year, Aug.1, 2024-July 31, 2029; Cathleen Johnson, substance abuse prevention coordinator, 3 year, Aug. 1, 2024-July 31, 2027; Karling Ward, special education supervisor, 5 year, Aug. 1, 2024-July 31, 2029; and Jennifer Zahn, superintendent's secretary/EMIS coordinator, 5 year, July 1, 2024-June 30, 2029. Salary and Fringe Benefits will be in accordance with the administrators/central office staff/other administrators salary and fringe benefit agreement.

The board approved a resolution ratifying the solicitation of an architecture firm for a new softball field.

Taylor Finn resigned as a Stingel kindergarten teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-'24 school year. Lea Annette Lambright resigned as a bus aide for retirement purposes, effective at the end of her 2023-'24 contract.

The board approved a one year general leave of absence for Nicole Carney, preschool intervention specialist, for the 2024-'25 school year.

The board approved employment of extracurricular/supplemental personnel for the 2023-'24 school year including Samantha Landon, middle school track assistant coach, \$2,080; Zaresha Cunningham, middle school track assistant coach, \$2,080; and Amanda VanHaringen, Stingel Outdoor Club, \$1,095.

David Whittaker resigned as the track assistant coach.

Services contracts approved for the 2024-'25 school year include Amy Miller, occupational therapist; and Rachel Knell, certified occupational therapy assistant.

The board approved employment of temporary substitute teachers and their assignments for the 2023-'24 school year. This includes Joseph Williams, middle school/high school.

Non-renew non-teaching personnel Camryn Hoffman was approved for employment by the board on an extracurricular/supplemental contract, effective June 30, 2024, as a homebound instructor for the following school year at \$22.50 per hour, not to exceed five hours per week.

The board approved a \$500 change fund for the selling of tickets for the high school musical.

2024 summer help employees hired for facility and transportation maintenance include Tim Henige, \$18 hourly; Trey Booker, \$13 hourly; and Dante McGinty, \$13 hourly.

The board approved grants including a Cares for Classroom Grant, \$304, Hannah Sudduth; A/AA Foundation Grant, \$500, Lisa Secrist;

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THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

Last Sunday night was the 96th Academy Awards ceremony. I was planning on writing an article as I was watching the show but decided to wait a week to get my thoughts together.

The show looked great from a production and staging standpoint. The performance of “I’m Just Ken” from *Barbie* brought the house down with its giant set and musical guests.

Comedian Jimmy Kimmel hosted the show for the fourth time and brought in some good jokes and bits.

A favorite part of the show came when Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito (who starred together in the 1980s comedy *Twins*) reunited as Batman villains while ridiculing Batman himself, Michael Keaton, who was there as a presenter.

The big wins of the night came with Christopher Nolan’s *Oppenheimer* taking home seven awards including picture, director, lead actor for Cillian Murphy and supporting actor for Robert Downey, Jr.

Oppenheimer and *Barbie* were two huge moneymakers in 2023 and probably a big reason why the show captured its largest audience since 2020.

Oppenheimer is now the third highest grossing best picture winner ever after *Titanic* and *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*.

Other notable wins included Da’vine Joy Randolph for her terrific work winning supporting actress for *The Holdovers* and Emma Stone taking lead actress for her career best work in *Poor Things* which snagged

four awards.

Many thought that Lily Gladstone would win lead actress for her role in Martin Scorsese’s *Killers of the Flower Moon*, making her the first indigenous person to win that award.

Gladstone winning at the SAG awards a couple weeks before helped, though not many actresses would tackle the role that Stone had. As Bella Baxter, she played a woman with the brain of a child who essentially grows up before our eyes discovering every part of herself and the world around her.

Stone absolutely goes for it and is the showiest role while Gladstone is much more subtle.

There was a great deal of criticism when Stone took her second Oscar after winning previously five years ago for *La La Land*.

Gladstone was great in her film, though Stone was just better and the Academy obviously liked *Poor Things* more, giving it 11 nominations. Scorsese’s film missed out on a couple big nominations including lead actor for Leonardo DiCaprio and adapted screenplay.

2023 was a really great year for movies and the Academy even spread the wealth a little more by giving adapted screenplay to one of my favorite films from last year, *American Fiction* and original screenplay to the great French courtroom drama *Anatomy of a Fall*.

Not all years have wins that will age well. As much as the Academy gets right they also get wrong, though this past year will be a memorable one.

Robert Brown and the Fighting 64th

By Bob Carter

Robert Carson Brown was born in Brooke County, West Virginia on Nov. 13, 1834. His father Robert, was born in Ireland and his mother was the daughter of a Revolutionary War ranger.

They moved to Washington Township in pioneer times. R.C. Brown no doubt attended a primitive one room school and then the Gailey Seminary in Lexington, run by Rev. Richard Gailey, essentially a private high school.

Next, with a desire for more education, he spent two years at Jefferson College.

When the Civil War broke out, he joined, like most, a 90-day enlistment as most thought the war would be over by then. Enlistment up, he came back home and then joined the newly formed Sherman Brigade, in Mansfield, fostered by U. S. Senator John Sherman. Brown, with his education, became one of the captains of the 64th OVI.

The 64th and 65th OVI left Mansfield Dec. 17, 1861, with 938 men. They received at various times, 414 recruits making a total of 1352 men. The 64th was in most battles during the war, over 20 including Shiloh, Atlanta, Stone River and Nashville. By this time Brown attained the rank of Colonel.

A few former slaves had stayed with the troops as volunteer servants and bid them farewell as the 64th left for 30-day leave in 1864. From Cincinnati they were sent by train to Camp Chase in Columbus.

From there, they went by train to Mansfield, Feb. 13, 1864, to a very warm reception with wives, mothers and families at Millers Hall. With all this, there was sadness for those who did not come back. Their ranks had been reduced to one half.

When the 64th was back to full strength, it was sent back to that terrible war. They were in quite a few battles and, as the war started to wind down, they were sent to Bulls Gap in northern Tennessee where they were repairing the Lynchburg and Knoxville railroad.

They were there when news of Lee’s surrender arrived. From there they were assembled at Nashville and sent to New Orleans where they remained for three months, losing many due to sickness.

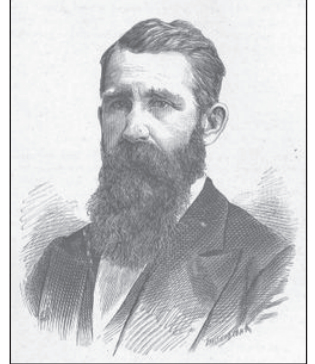
From there they went to Victoria, Texas, to rebuild a railroad and fight mosquitoes. They were mustered out Dec. 3, 1865.

According to a history of the 64th OVI, written by Col. Brown, of the 1,352 men who left Mansfield, 90 were killed in action, 64 died of wounds, 311 were wounded, 66 were captured by the enemy, 121 died of disease and 190 were mustered out in 1865.

Col. Brown then leased a plantation in Alabama and tried raising cotton with paid help. This venture did not prove profitable and after two years he returned to Lexington and married Mary Gailey, the daughter of Rev. Gailey, who ran the seminary where he had been a student.


He was involved in business in Mansfield and the temperance movement. In early life he had planned to go into the ministry. He helped organize the Conger Post of the Grand Army of The Republic in Lexington and was a helpmate to those of the 64th with pension and health problems.

Col. R. C. Brown was wounded three times during the war and died in 1898 at age 63. He is the great grandfather of U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown.



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News Briefs

The Ontario Police Department is currently disposing of found property. Those who have had property stolen or lost in the City of Ontario in the previous 24 months can check if it is in the evidence room. Contact Ofc. Allie Shepherd at 419-529-2115. Those who can accurately describe the item (tools, wallet, key, electronics, printer, license plate, clothing or other item) that has been stolen or lost, will be allowed to inspect it. Items will be released after signing a receipt claiming ownership.

★
 First Congregational Church, 640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield, will host Palm Sunday services on March 24 at 8:30 am (chapel service) and 10:30 am (sanctuary service).

A Maundy Thursday service with communion will be held March 28, at 7 pm in the sanctuary. A Good Friday service will be held in the chapel on March 29, at noon.

Easter Sunday services will be held March 31 at 8:30 am (chapel service) and 10:30 am (sanctuary service).

★
 Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, will hold several services during Holy Week.

A Palm Sunday service will be March 24, during the regular 9:30 am service. Palm branches will be waved to commemorate Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

On Holy Thursday, March 28, a 7 pm service will consist of a drama presentation titled "Table Talk and Communion."

On Good Friday, March 29, Trinity will participate with other area Global Methodist churches in a 7 pm service at Hayesville Global Methodist Church, 44 S. Mechanic St., Hayesville.

On Easter Sunday, March 31, a 7:30 am sunrise service will be held, followed by breakfast at 8:30, then the regular service at 9:30 am.

★
 First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Ave. West, Mansfield, offers senior boxes on the fourth Tuesday of each month, year 'round. The Greater Cleveland Food Bank has a program called "Senior Boxes" whereby anyone 60+ who falls in the "low income" guidelines can register and then pick up a 30 pound box of non-perishables including two pounds of cheese and a 15 pound box of pre-packaged produce.

Age is a qualification, so those attending should bring a current identification card complete with date of birth and proof of income. Distribution is on the east side of the building between 10:30 am and 12:30 pm to get registered and pick up a box. There is no cost. Call 419-522-0662 for information. The next distribution date is March 26.

★
 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.

★
 Richland County Solid Waste buildings will be closed to the public on April 8. This closure is necessary due to the projected influx to the county to witness the solar eclipse. The closures include the Re-

cycling Center, 1125 National Pkwy., and the Compost Facility, 441 Cairns Rd. The SCRAP trailer designated for St. Mary's in Mansfield will also not run on this day.

★
 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.

★
 Franklin Township Fire Department, 505 Boyce Rd., Shelby, will host a pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 6, from 7 to 10 am.

★
 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.

★
 First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Ave West in downtown Mansfield, will be observing and celebrating Holy Week beginning March 24, with the procession of palms in the sanctuary at 10 am.

On Maundy Thursday, the church will celebrate the stripping of the altar at 7 pm and move into the somber time of Good Friday at 7 pm Friday evening.

On March 30 will be a "March of Prayer" service at 7 pm, beginning with the lighting of the fire in the parking lot, then traveling to the sanctuary where darkness turns to light during the Great Vigil of Easter.

On Easter Sunday morning, all are invited to come and enjoy a special Easter breakfast at 9 am followed by worship and Holy Communion at 10 am. All are invited to celebrate the crucifixion and resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Officiants for the services are Reverend Dr. Amy Little and Reverend Lisa Peterson, both NALC clergy.

★
 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.


★
 The Ontario Lions Club will host its spring pancake cake on Saturday, April 6, from 6 am to noon at Ontario High School.


Meals are \$6 and door prizes have been provided by local businesses (winners need not be present to win).

Children six and under eat free. Tickets are available at the door or by contacting an Ontario Lion's Club member.

★
 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 April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, Aug. 8,

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American Red Cross receives donation from Premier Bank

Premier Bank recently donated a check for \$10,000 to the American Red Cross Greater Akron and the Mahoning Valley Chapter. The funds will be used to sponsor the Acts of Courage and H. Peter Burg Community Leader Award event recently held at The NEW Center at NEOMED in Rootstown, OH.

“Each year, the American Red Cross presents the Acts of Courage Awards to those residents of Columbiana, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Summit, and Trumbull counties who have acted courageously and selflessly in a time of emergency,” said Rachel D’Attoma, Executive Director, American Red Cross Greater Akron and the Mahoning Valley Chapter. “In addition, we also present a community member, who has spent a lifetime pursuing good deeds, with the H. Peter Burg Community Leader Award.”

“We are proud to support the American Red Cross and to honor individuals that have demonstrated acts of extraordinary courage,” said Trish Gelsomino, Foundation Giving Coordinator, Premier Bank. “Together we can spread kindness and make Greater Akron and the Mahoning Valley stronger!”

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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: [FirstChristianChurchMansfield,Ohio](https://www.facebook.com/FirstChristianChurchMansfield)

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>

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399 Trimble Rd., Mansfield
419-756-7066 • www.mansfield1st.com
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752 N. Stewart Rd., Mansfield
419-589-5413 • www.mbt.org
Pastor Rob Kurtz
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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 9am to 1pm
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
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11 am Sunday School
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Career and Technical Education Equipment Grant, \$642,849, Keith Strickler.

The board approved the Ontario Middle School Course Offering Guide and scheduling form for the 2024-'25 school year.

The board accepted the tax rates as determined by the Richland County Budget Commission authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them with the Richland County Auditor for the tax year 2024 (collectible 2025).

A partnership was approved with Mid Ohio Educational Service Center for a Business Advisory Council for the 2024-'25 school year.

Donations were accepted from EC Opco Holdco I, LLC, \$50 for the OHS Show Choir; Dream Huge Realty, \$300 for baseball; Idex AODD Civic Fund, \$300 for baseball; Tom and Susan Maiyer, \$100 for football in memory of Roger Copeland; and Cori Kreger, \$550 for softball.

Facility requests were approved for Ontario Baseball (Mike Ellis) for use of high school gym and commons for baseball overnight; Ontario Community & Family Engagement Committee (Amy Hiner) for use of Stingel multi-purpose room, classrooms, gym, library, commons and kitchen for Exploration Saturdays; Ontario Lions Club (Randy Hutchinson) for use of Stingel classrooms, gym and commons for Safety Town; Summer Swim Team (Wendi Ruhe) for use of pool for summer swim practice and meets; OYS (Kelley Caporini) for use of middle school commons and kitchen for Senior Citizen Prom; and Ontario Academic Boosters (Stacy Hohman) for use of middle schools commons for a spring fundraiser and family trivia event.

Mr. Them gave a legislative report. Mr. Strickler gave a permanent improvement committee report and a Career Tech Grant update. Amy Hiner gave a Community Engagement Report and Heidi Zimmerman gave a Substance Abuse Prevention Program Report.

The next Board of Education meeting will be held on April 9.

Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

- Tracker Free-Man, March 1
- Merlin William Keefer, March 8
- Darlene Faye Blackmon, March 10
- Ricky Glen Smith, March 10
- Marie Elizabeth Metcalfe, March 11
- Rachel Joann Craft, March 12
- J. Frank Haring, March 12
- Harold "Dick" Gahm, March 13
- Fred Galco Sr., March 13
- Timmie Boggs, March 13
- James Bond, March 15
- Dean John Krance, March 15

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Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12.

For information visit www.awakeshelby.com or call 419-342-4636.



All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Christopher Reynolds to speak on "A New Earth and a New Heaven: The Medicine Wheel and Evolutionary Astrology" at 10:30 am on Sunday, March 24. For more information visit www.allsoulsuohio.org.



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 April 17, and will include turkey. The Clear Fork Vo Ag Department will present "Easter Bonnets." A collection of non-perishable items will be held for the Salvation Army.

The group will also meet for lunch at 11 am on April 3, at Chintown, 238 Ashland Rd., Madison area.

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



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This Week's Pet Looking for A Forever Home



Pierce

This big fellow came into the shelter in June of 2023 when he was around one year old.

Pierce is a volunteer favorite despite the fact that he is incredibly hard to walk. Pierce is incredibly strong and pulls. Volunteers generally put him in a play yard and let him run.

Pierce only wants to be with people. If he is left in a yard by himself, he will do his business and then look for dogs and people. When he sees a dog, he attempts to engage them in play

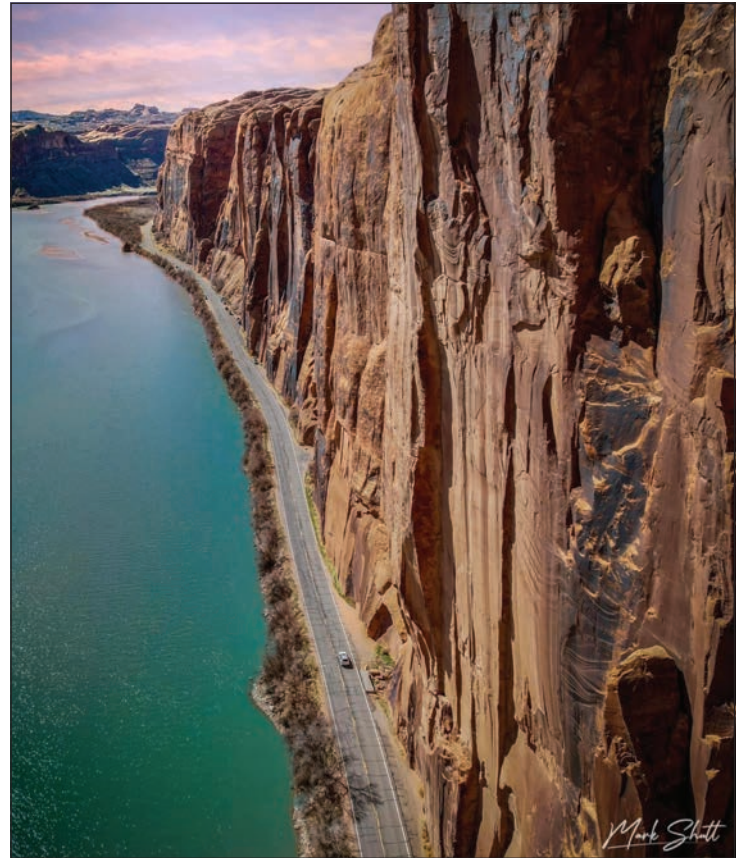
through the fence. When Pierce sees one of his human friends, he gets so excited and starts sprinting.

In play rooms, all Pierce wants to do is snuggle. He will sit or lay as close to volunteers as possible to get loved on. He is so incredibly sweet, and volunteers can't believe he is at the shelter still. He is potty trained and does his best to never use the restroom in his kennel; he holds it for hours upon hours.

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.



Utah • Photo By Mark Shutt

Permits issued in City of Ontario

City of Ontario Zoning Inspector Michael Morton has released the February report. It was announced that a new business, Carter's-OshKosh, is coming to 2205 Walker Lake Rd., Ontario.

Permits were issued to CJ Properties, Scarlett Way, single family dwelling; Bath & Body Works, 2293 Walker Lake Rd., new awning; Kevin & Tracy Byrd, Ridgestone Ct., single family dwelling; and Thanh Dang, Zimmerman Ln., shed and deck.

Driveway permits were issued to CJ Properties, Scarlett Way; and Kevin Byrd, Ridgestone Ct.

A concession stand permit was issued to Black Willow, 876 N. Lexington Springmill Rd.

Reservations open for workshop

The next Conservation Creation Arts & Crafts Workshop hosted by Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) will take place Tuesday, April 2 at 6 PM at the Longview Center, 1495 W. Longview Ave., Mansfield. The evening will focus on herbs with Christine Libby from Alta Florist & Greenhouse sharing her expertise. Participants will plant a trio of oregano, chives and parsley seeds in a container to take home and enjoy.


Richland SWCD provides all the materials needed to plant the container. The cost is \$12 per person and reservations are requested by March 29. Visit <https://richlandswcd.net/event/conservation-creation-arts-crafts-workshop-tbd-3/> or call 419-747-8685 to register for the workshop.

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3rd Wednesday of each month at 1pm

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ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION



Major renovations announced for Ontario Branch Library

The Ontario Branch of the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library (M/RCPL) will be closed beginning April 22 for a renovation expected to take one year to complete. Since the opening of the Ontario location in 2001, the branch has become one of the most heavily used branches in the nine-branch library system.

When planning the renovation, the library has considered the public's ideas provided in October 2022 and the architect and designers' professional suggestions. At the Jan. 16, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting, a renovation project was approved for a maximum of \$3.2 million in construction and architecture improvements. The renovation project will be paid through the library's existing operating budget.

During the last 23 years, the community's needs have evolved, and a redesign of the interior space is necessary to keep up with those needs. The renovated space will provide a new entrance with immediate access to parking, double the current meeting room space, a maker space, improved lighting, additional accessibility, a dedicated teen space, and more.

Chris May, Library Director, states, "We are excited to get this project started and grow with the Ontario community. Thank you to the Richland Mall for working with us to provide a quality temporary space while construction is ongoing. We look forward to providing an efficient, user-friendly branch with increased meeting room access, a new teen space, 24/7 holds access, and more in the future. Thank you for supporting your library as we move forward with this and other exciting projects!"

The current location will close on April 22 and reopen at the temporary location on May 6 at the south end of the Richland Mall at 2900 Richland Mall, Ontario.

The temporary Ontario Branch is expected to open in early April and will be open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 am to 7 pm; Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm; and Sunday 1-5 pm.

For customer convenience, curbside service will also be available at the mall location at Avita South, the southwest entrance of the mall, where a car-side, after-hours book drop will also be available.

The temporary location will offer 90 percent of the current Ontario branch collection, a full staff, public computers, a full programming schedule, and wifi.

During the two-week closure, library customers are encouraged to use one of our other eight locations, a Bookmobile stop, or the 24/7 digital services offered on the library's website mrcpl.org. Customers can also follow along with the progress of the Ontario Library renovation on the library's website, where updates and photos will be available throughout the project.

Since Mansfield Richland County Public Library's opening in 1889, the Library has been a source for free access to knowledge, information, and resources in Mansfield. Through the interactive website, www.mrcpl.org, patrons can access resources 24/7 in addition to the nine traditional locations and bookmobile. MRCPL is a center for people of all ages to come together to have fun, learn, grow, craft, seek knowledge and understanding, connect and engage.

Free event focuses on elder safety

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging and Wyandot County Department of Job and Family Services Adult Protective Services (APS) have collaborated to host a community event aimed at combating elder abuse, scams and exploitation. This effort brings together local experts, community organizations and citizens to address critical issues affecting older adults and will also highlight resources to enhance healthy aging while staying safe.

The event will be held April 22, from 10 am to noon at Trinity Evangelical Church, 108 Malabar Dr., Upper Sandusky.

A resource fair will feature local community organizations committed to supporting older adults. Attendees can connect with representatives from Wyandot County Department of Job and Family Services, other organizations from Wyandot County and the Area Agency on Aging. Educational materials and resources will be available.

A light brunch will be provided, encouraging networking and community-building. Giveaways will also be provided. This event is free, and RSVPs are not required.

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MRCPL's Ontario library will be closing **April 22**. On **May 6**, you will find our entire collection, helpful staff, programs, and resources at the Richland Mall, 2209 Richland Mall. We recommend parking on the Stumbo Rd. side, south entrance. For full details, go to mrcpl.org.

ONTARIO STINGEL RIGHT TO READ WEEK



Preschool Stingel Right to Read Week Coloring Contest Winner: Ethan Truex



First Grade Stingel Right to Read Week Coloring Contest Winner: Makenna Whisler



Kindergarten Grade Stingel Right to Read Week Coloring Contest Winner: Aven Holden

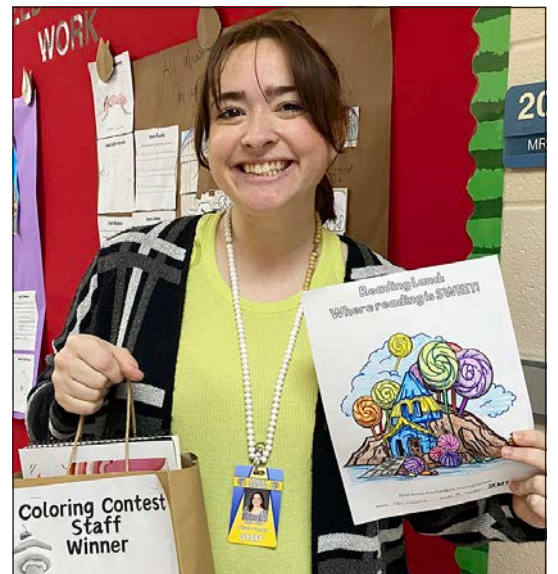


Second Grade Stingel Right to Read Week Coloring Contest Winner: Willow Kiser

Part of Right to Read Week was a school-wide coloring contest-including staff. Student prizes were a goodie bag of art supplies and the staff prize was a sweet treat of Crumbl Cookies and a few art supplies as well. Winners were Pre-school: Ethan Truex; Kindergarten: Aven Holden; 1st Grade: Makenna Whisler; 2nd Grade: Willow Kiser; 3rd Grade: Ellie Rietschlin; 4th Grade: Vaidehi Patel; 5th Grade: Macie McClain; and Staff: Mrs. Carney. Students were also invited to bring a stuffed animal to read to in the library.



Fifth Grade Stingel Right to Read Week Coloring Contest Winner: Macie McClain



Staff Stingel Right to Read Week Coloring Contest Winner: Mrs. Carney



THE STUDENTS AT ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL celebrated St. Patrick's Day. Students who wore green were treated by the Warrior Leadership Council to cookies and mints.

News Briefs in Education

Youngstown State University students were named to the dean's list for fall semester 2023.

Anna Mampieri of Mansfield is majoring in Middle Childhood Education — Language Arts/Social Studies track.

Julian Davis of Mansfield is majoring in Music Education — Instrumental Jazz track.



Joanna Halfhill of Mansfield was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Halfhill was initiated at the United States Military Academy.

Halfhill is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter.

Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Donors needed to keep supply growing

As spring approaches, the American Red Cross urges donors to give blood or platelets now to continue to strengthen the national blood supply. People of all blood types — especially those with type O blood — are critical to ensuring hospitals can meet the daily demand for life-saving transfusions.

Donors who give March 25 through April 7, will receive an exclusive *Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire* and Red Cross t-shirt, while supplies last.

Wednesday, March 20, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario
 Friday, March 22, Wednesday, March 20, 11 am to 5 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Monday, March 25, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Wednesday, March 27, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Thursday, March 28, 2-7 pm, Community Building, 21555 Pealer Mill Rd., Butler

Friday, March 29, 11 am to 5 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

KCCC students headed to BPA Nationals

Knox County Career Center (KCCC) students competed in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) State competition held in Columbus on March 7 and 8.

KCCC had six students qualify for nationals in the BPA State competition. The six national qualifiers from KCCC will have the option to compete in the BPA National Leadership Conference in Chicago, IL May 10-14.

Jacob Spaulding, a junior in CollegeU-Business, won first place in Business Law and Ethics. Kaleb Randall, Will Stemen, Madison Wind, Brooklyn Yoder and Kaylee Anderson, seniors in the Pre-Professional Mentorship, won third place in Parliamentary Procedure. These six students qualified for the BPA National Leadership Conference.

KCCC also had several students who placed at the BPA State competition. Tanner Nutter, a junior in CollegeU-Business, placed fourth in Ethics and Professionalism. Laura Page, a junior in CollegeU-Business, placed fourth in Entrepreneurship.

Isaiah Campbell, Carter Thompson, Sami Lackonen, and Taylor Thorne, juniors in CollegeU-Business, placed fifth in the Financial Analyst Team. Ellie Hatfield, Taylor Bryant, Julia Partington and Makaya Frazier, seniors in CollegeU-Business, placed fifth in the Global Marketing Team.

Jack Davis, a senior in Digital Media & Software Development, placed sixth in Fundamentals of Desktop Publishing.

William Hoeksema, senior in Computer Network Technology, placed eighth in Network Administration using Cisco. Ella Marofsky, a senior in Pre-Professional Mentorship, placed tenth in Presentation Management Individual.

BPA is a career technical student organization that allows students to compete in various competitions in the areas of Finance, Business Administration, Management Information Systems, Digital Communications and Design, Management, Marketing and Communications and Health Administration.

The mission of BPA is to develop and empower student leaders to discover their passion and change the world by creating unmatched opportunities for learning, professional growth, and service. As a co-curricular organization, BPA has the ability to enhance student participation in professional, civic, service, and social endeavors. BPA members participate in these activities to accomplish their goals of self-improvement, leadership development, professionalism, community service, career development, public relations, student cooperation, safety and health.





THE ONTARIO ACADEMIC CHALLENGE TEAM wrapped up the season at the Mid-Ohio ESC Tournament on Friday. The young varsity team showed great improvement as they had a strong third place finish to the season. The all new JV team shows a lot of promise for the future.

Pioneer BPA students advance to national competition

Ten students from Pioneer Career and Technology Center recently showcased their skills and commitment at the 2024 Ohio Business Professionals of America (BPA) State Leadership Conference (BPA SLC) held in Columbus on March 7 and 8.

Seven students placed in the top ten in Ohio in their respective categories. Wesley Cleveland, a senior in Cybersecurity, placed eighth in Computer Security. Gaige Dishong, a junior in IT Support from Northmor, placed seventh in Device Configuration and Troubleshooting. Em (Madox) McCarthy, a junior in IT Support from Lexington, placed seventh in Information Technology Concepts.

The remaining four students placed in the top five, securing a spot at the 2024 Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference (BPA NLC) to be held from May 9 to May 14, in Chicago, Illinois. These individuals include:

Gabe Melvin, a senior in IT Support, placed fifth in Computer Network Technology. Jason Lambert, a senior in Cybersecurity from Goal Digital Academy, placed fourth in Server Administration using Microsoft.

Braden Stidam, a senior in Cybersecurity from Shelby City Schools, placed second in Server Administration using Microsoft.

Brice Browning, a senior in Cybersecurity from Celeryville Christian School, finished first in Computer Security. This achievement marks Brice's second consecutive win in this contest at the state level. Brice is also the defending national champion in this contest.

Business Professionals of America is a CTSO (Career

Technical Student Organization) for high school students preparing for careers in business, finance, management information systems, and other related fields. It provides students and members with invaluable skill development and the opportunity to make personal connections. Advisors Dan Foss and Fritz Fagan have been instrumental with this opportunity.

Visit www.go2pioneer.com or call Pioneer at 419-347-7744 for more information.



PIONEER CTC BPA students advancing to nationals are Brice Browning (1st), Braden Stidam (2nd), Jason Lambert (4th) and Gabriel Melvin (5th).

Richland County Foundation college scholarship applications must be started by Monday, April 1

Delays announced by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will cause changes to the Richland County Foundation's (RCF) college scholarship application process this year. Students must begin the application before or by the April 1 deadline. The Foundation will offer extensions to those students to await their accurate FAFSA information.

How do the FAFSA Delays Impact the RCF Scholarship program?

RCF is committed to ensuring students are awarded scholarships based on the financial need determined by using the Student Aid Index (SAI) and accurate tuition packages. Due to the FAFSA interruption, colleges will be slower to provide tuition packages.

RCF College Scholarship Criteria include: must be a Richland County resident or a graduate of a Richland County high school; have a GPA of 2.5 for first time applicants, 2.0 for past RCF scholarship recipients; and must demonstrate financial need, which is determined using the SAI and the college tuition package.

Those submitting a college scholarship application must start the application by April 1. Applications created before or by April 1 will be offered an extension to give extra time to attach the FAFSA Submission Summary and report the SAI. The form will not be available to new applicants after April 1. The date of the extension is TBD; RCF will post and email deadline updates.

Those applying can complete the other sections of the application but wait to submit until they have a FAFSA Submission Summary. Those applying should complete all the other sections in full but wait to officially submit an application until the correct FAFSA Submission Summary and SAI can be included.

The Permission to Financial Aid Form (PFAO) should be sent to all the schools a student is considering. In addition to filling out the RCF application, students must complete and send the PFAO to the financial aid office at your chosen college. The college cannot share needed information with RCF until they've received the student's consent (per the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act). Students considering multiple schools must send the form to each of them. This will keep the application review process moving once the FAFSA information is attached.

Students should not use a high school email address. It is possible the award determinations will not be made until after graduation. All communications, including award decisions, are shared

Seedling sale to benefit FFA

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://cfcolts.org/?page_id=2838.

through email.

Due to the new timeline for awards, RCF will not be able to participate in recognizing students at the senior award ceremonies. Although this is disappointing, RCF knows it might mean a student receives more scholarship opportunities by waiting for more accurate information.

A new and updated FAFSA form was made available to students Dec. 30, 2023, three months later than the typical Oct. 1 access date.

In late January 2024, an announcement was made by Federal Student Aid of an additional delay as a result of needing to update supporting tables used in the Student Aid Index calculation, that will help account for inflation and provide over \$1.8 billion more in aid for eligible students. More than three million applicants submitted their forms before the announcement. Those forms will be prioritized for updated calculations before those actively submitting forms after the announcement. This update impacts when students and colleges will receive the information, in turn, it delays tuition-packaging timelines for colleges.

The Federal Student Aid Knowledge Center, is the best resource to find current information about the status of data processing for those who have or are planning to complete the FAFSA in preparation for the upcoming academic year (2024-'25). Students who have not started the FAFSA form yet, it is recommended they do so as soon as possible. It will not be beneficial to wait.

For information, email Siera Marth-May (smarth@rcfoundation.org) or Bobby Rhea (brhea@rcfoundation.org) or call 419-525-3020.

RCF has been supporting the educational needs of Richland County students by awarding scholarships since 1958. In 2023, over \$900,000 was awarded for college and career technical education (CTE) scholarships.

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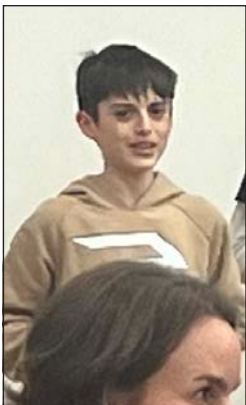
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THE POWER OF THE PEN teams from Ontario Middle School competed at Kent State University for the regional competition on March 16. The combined seventh and eighth grade teams took third place out of 32 teams in the Northeast region. The seventh grade team took third place out of 32 teams. Individual awards went to Sophia Sandwall for her first round district writing and Jackson Buttill for his third round district writing. Both automatically qualify for the state competition. In the regional individual competition, Zahrana Woods placed fourth in the seventh grade competition, and Leeah Ziegler placed 11th in the eighth grade competition. Zahrana and Leeah automatically qualify for the state tournament as well. The teams anxiously await for the final tabulations to see if more team members qualify for state. Seventh grade regional team members are Jackson Buttill, Maddy Hocker, Ella Mans, Sophia Sandwall and Zahrana Woods. Eighth grade regional team members are Kihanna Clark, Stella Durbin, Rylee Vandenburg and Leeah Ziegler. The team would like to thank Aiden Armstrong, Lexi Conrad and Kendyll Mullins for serving as runners. Special thanks go to Mrs. Hocker and Mrs. Buttill for serving as tab room volunteer and lunch supervisor, respectively. Eighth grade coach is Wendy Wilging and seventh grade coach Kellie Ritchey.



Columbia Gas shares safety tips for Severe Weather Awareness Week

Just in time for Severe Weather Awareness Week in Ohio, which runs Sunday, March 17 through Saturday, March 23, Columbia Gas of Ohio is reminding customers of the steps they can take to prepare for potential severe weather.

“With spring right around the corner, the time to prepare for storms is now,” said Columbia Gas of Ohio President and Chief Operating Officer Vince Parisi. “Severe Weather Awareness Week is a great time for our customers to learn how to keep themselves and their families safe while enjoying the many benefits of natural gas.”

Tips severe weather include:

- Have an emergency plan and practice it with your family.
- Label gas valves, water valves and electricity main switches. Consult a qualified professional to teach responsible family members how and when to turn them off.
- Store any flammable liquids, such as gasoline, paint and cleaning products away from any natural gas appliance with a pilot light.
- If appliances have been impacted by severe weather, do not attempt to place natural gas appliances back in service yourself. A

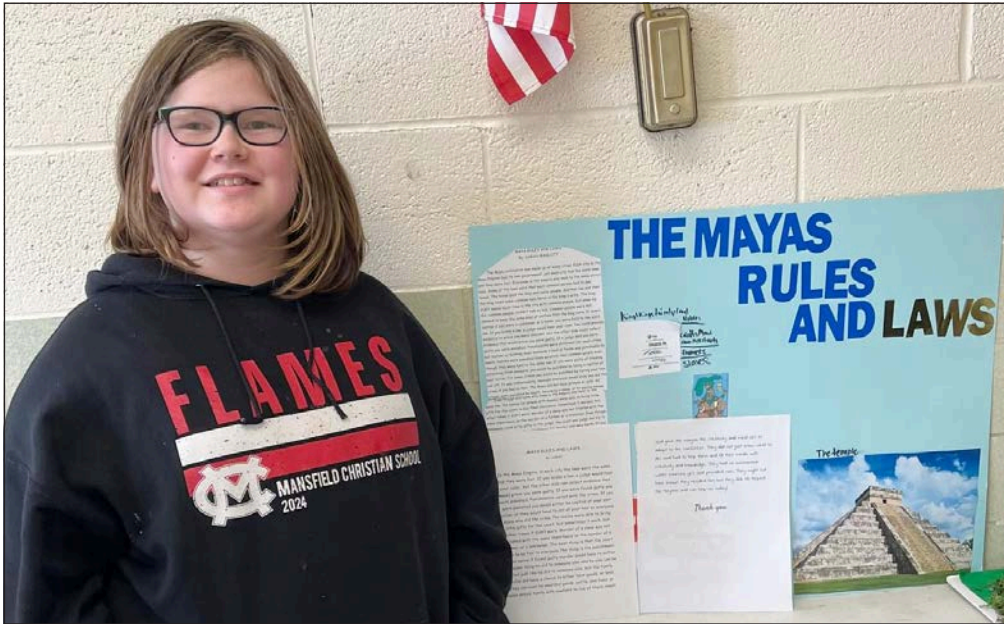
qualified professional should check, clean, repair and test all gas appliances and pipes.

If there is a smell of sulfur-like “rotten egg” odor of natural gas or if there may be a gas leak, leave the area immediately, and then call 911 and the Columbia Gas emergency line at 1-800-344-4077.

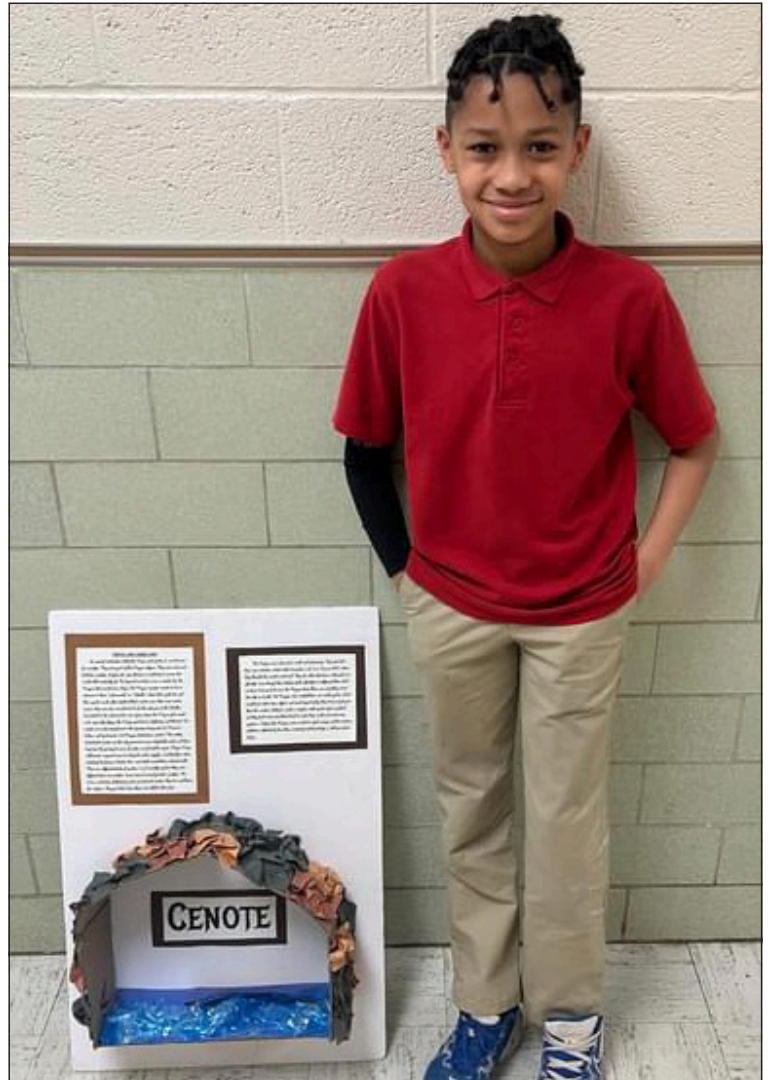
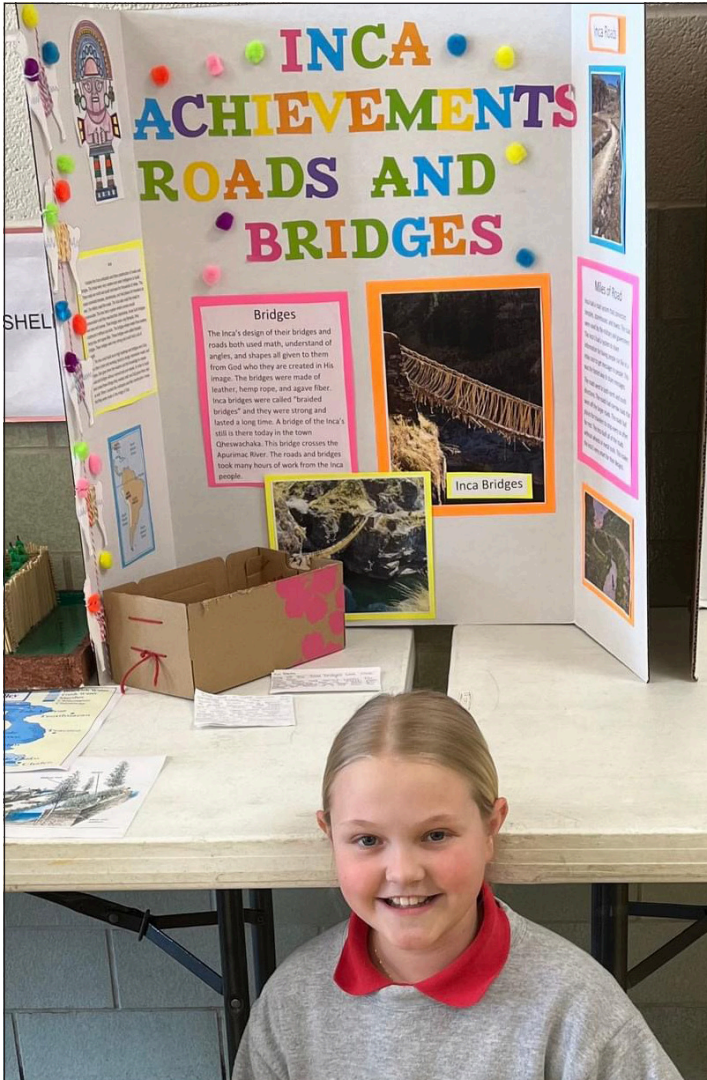
Flooding safety tips include:

- In the event of a flood, if safe to do so, turn off electrical power to each appliance and leave it off.
- If the natural gas is shut off at the meter, call Columbia Gas of Ohio to turn it back on for you.
- If water levels are high enough to cover the gas meter, call us to check your meter and regulator before using your gas appliances. Floodwaters may have shifted your home or caused other stresses, possibly resulting in a natural gas leak.

For more severe weather and flooding safety tips, visit ColumbiaGasOhio.com/safety.



THE FIFTH GRADE social studies classes at Mansfield Christian School recently finished a unit about the ancient American civilizations of the Aztecs, Incas, Mayans and Mississippians. For their final project, students chose an achievement of one of these civilizations to research and write about. They also created an artifact, model or display to represent the achievement. In addition, students wrote about how their abilities to make these achievements reflect that ancient Americans were made in God's image.





ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL presented "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" March 15, 16 and 17 in the OHS auditorium. Staring in the production were Payne Schwartz as Charlie Brown, Emma Henderson as Snoopy, Jeremiah "JT" Viscioni as Schroeder, Sophia Fraley as Sally, Moe Bolen as Linus and Davanna Parks as Lucy.



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Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Whippets continue wild ride to state finals

Photos and Article By Kris Leiter

Who let the dogs out? The Shelby Whippets are state bound after a wild ride at Bowling Green last weekend.

As they say, sometimes you have to be there, and being present last Thursday and Saturday for the regionals, brought nights full of excitement.

Shelby is no stranger to being in the regional scenario over the years. As a matter of fact, they have been in that boat three times previously.

It is quite a task to make it that far and those past three times Lima Shawnee has been their foe, always sending Shelby packing their bags in defeat. This was Shelby's fourth chance with this same opponent.

If there was ever a year for Shelby to advance, this would be the one, with the great players they have this year.

As the game began, I would imagine Coach Greg Callaway had the word redemption on his clipboard and apparently it worked as the Whippets kicked in the gear with a 19-5 first quarter lead!

Lima was getting warmed up and after two quarters Lima Shawnee captured a second quarter run, 11-8. At halftime, the Whippets were sitting in the lead by 11 points, 27-16.

The third quarter brought a tight scoring battle between the two teams. Lima had an 18-16 third quarter run.

Would Shelby flip the script and make this fourth visit against

Shawnee the one to move them into Saturday's finals?

As the fourth quarter began, Shelby's Alex Bruskotter scored six of his 17 points, and by time the fourth quarter would cease, the Whippets toppled Lima Shawnee and advanced the Whippets to the finals for the first time in school history! Shelby sent Lima home with the Whippet's 59-50 victory!

The stage was set for Saturday and the finals!

The Whippets were pumped at the packed house at the Stroh Center on the beautiful Campus of BGSU as they took on Lutheran West.

Lutheran West was ready right out the gate and was showing no mercy. However, Shelby wasn't far behind, scoring 12 and keeping up quite nicely with a first quarter run of 14-12.

The second quarter brought a well fought quarter by both teams with two big three-pointers by Issaiah Ramsey back-to-back at 6:10, making it 29-26, Whippets!

As the third quarter commenced, Bruskotter scored four of his amazing 27 points on the night, and held the lead 37-33 after three quarters.

The final quarter would bring Bruskotter, Lantz and Ramsey to seal the deal and and phenomenal fourth quarter run of 22-9, bringing the Whippets to a grand finale 55-46 and their first trip to the state finals in school history!

Leading the scoring was Alex Bruskotter in double figures with 27 points, Issaiah Ramsey was also in double figures with 11 tallies.

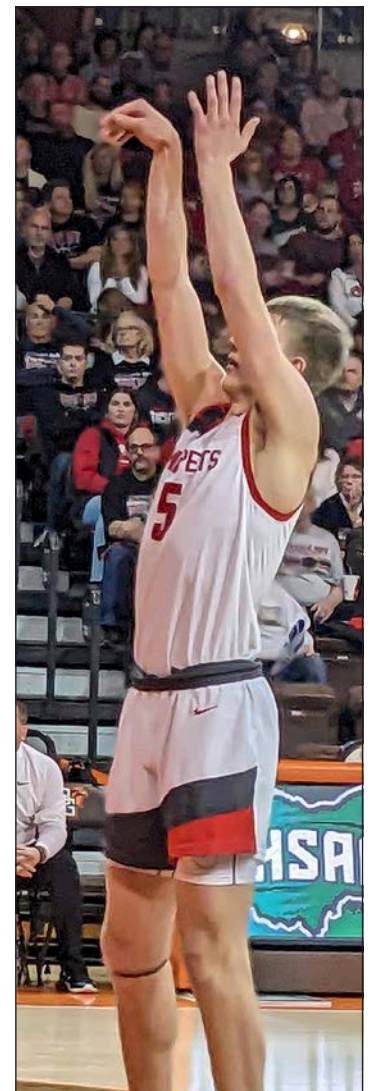
This was another great victory by the Whippets! They will be playing this Saturday at the University of Dayton in the state semi-final Saturday at 2 pm. Good Luck Whippets!



Shelby's Casey Lantz (10) jumps against Lima



Shelby's Issaiah Ramsey was a top leading scorers in the regional semi-finals against Lima Shawnee



Shelby's Alex Bruskotter takes foul shots against Lima on Thursday night in Bowling Green

Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



Shelby's Karson Holman (2) and Brayden DeVito (3)



Shelby's Carson Homan (44) played in Saturday night's game in the regional finals



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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Madison Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a special public hearing Tuesday, April 9, 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 02-24 and 03-24 for Variance Zoning of parcels #0250950019002 and #0250950019003 to allow for erection of multi-family dwelling (Tri-Plex) on Parcels 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 applicants granted or denied his request.

Daniel Bishop, Chair
Madison Twp. Zoning Board of Appeals
Mansfield, Ohio
(T-C 3-21 '24) 23L

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 March 6, 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. 24-05 – AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A SIX (6) MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE, CONSIDERATION AND/OR GRANTING OF ANY APPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL LICENSING APPROVAL, AND/OR ANY ZONING, OCCUPANCY, OR OTHER PERMITS RELATING TO CULTIVATORS, PROCESSORS OR RETAIL DISPENSARIES OF MARIJUANA WITHIN THE CITY OF ONTARIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 3-14, 21 '24) 27L

Fun Center Chordsmen to celebrate 50th anniversary on March 23

This year the Fun Center Chordsman celebrates 50 years of acapella 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.

"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.

New documentary to highlight the return to Vietnam 50 years later

In November 2023, ten Vietnam veterans embarked on a journey they never thought possible, returning to Vietnam, and exploring the locations and memories that for 50 years have held deep significance for each of them. Mission Veteran Expedition, a collaborative venture between CDLLife, FASTPORT, and nonprofits Waypoint Vets and Wreaths Across America, made this journey possible and, together, proudly announce the upcoming release of a new documentary of the trip, *Mission Veteran Expedition: Honoring Vietnam Veterans in the Transportation Industry*.

The documentary, captured and produced by U.S. Army veteran Nicholas Mott, will be released and available at no cost on Wreaths Across America's YouTube channel on Friday, March 29.

The trip offered ten veterans, each of whom has made a living in the transportation industry, an extraordinary opportunity to revisit Vietnam and reflect on their service there. The documentary explores this impactful journey, which combines travel, camaraderie, and history.

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.

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 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

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