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The City of Ontario Easter Egg Hunt was held Saturday, March 30, at the turf fields in Marshall Park. Due to rain, the start time was pushed back to 2 pm. Helping at the event were the Red Cross, Little Miss Breckelle Miller, Junior Miss Rylee Schoonover and Miss Ontario Jaslyn Lopez.

Orders being accepted for Richland SWCD pond fish sale

As spring arrives, area residents are getting ponds ready for summer. Those who need to stock a pond, can consider ordering pond fish through the Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) pond fish sale now through April 11.

Species for sale are Bluegill, Channel Catfish, Hybrid Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Red-ear Shellcracker, Yellow Perch, White Amur and Fathead Minnows. Pond conditioner, fish food, plastic bags and string may also be ordered through the sale.

This is the only pond fish sale Richland SWCD will sponsor this year, so don't miss this opportunity to stock your pond. Order pick-up is April 19 at 10 am at the Richland County Fairgrounds.

To place an order, visit <https://richlandswcd.net/event/pond-fish-sale-order-deadline/> or call 419-747-8686. (See Ad on Page 3)



WAYLON NOBLE had a basket full at the City of Ontario Easter Egg Hunt.

MRCPL offering free eclipse glasses

To celebrate the upcoming total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8, local libraries are offering special eye protection for safe viewing.

The Mansfield Richland County Public Library still has solar eclipse glasses available at all locations.

Eclipse glasses are free, while supplies last. The limit is one per person/four per household.

Call a local branch for current status of supplies.

Lions will host pancake breakfast

The Ontario Lions Club will host its spring pancake day 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.

(See Ad on Page 7)

THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER — By Ian Stumbo —

Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire is the latest installment in the Monster Verse which began in 2014 with Godzilla and has carried on re-introducing audiences to King Kong and Godzilla with four subsequent entries.

This latest release follows up 2020's Godzilla vs. Kong as the scientists studying both creatures have placed them on opposite sides of the world (including the underground world that Kong is in) so there is no conflict. However, Godzilla is awakened as he senses a new force is coming and Kong keeps going deeper into his environment.

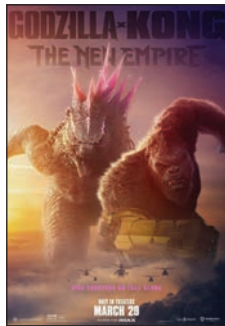
Rebecca Hall, Brian Tyree Henry and Dan Stevens return for this movie and are fine in their roles though they have never been particularly engaging. Stevens is the most entertaining as he goes through the movie with a comical attitude.

The movie is actually pretty good for a while as Hall and her team go underground to find Kong as her adoptive daughter still has a connection to him.

Suspense builds and there are some good early action sequences. Of course, everyone is waiting for the end for the big battle though this is when the movie

gets bogged down.

A new, evil ape is introduced challenging Kong and Mothra is also brought in as another foil. The evil ape is also riding another Titan, a bear looking creature that is from the ice age.



This was the most crowded showing I have personally been to in a while (the movie made a healthy \$80 million in its opening weekend).

There is certainly a fan base for these movies which is nice to see. None of these movies though have particularly been truly great and it comes on the heels of probably the best Godzilla movie, Godzilla Minus One, which is not part of this universe though received huge acclaim and an Oscar for visual effects.

The battle scene at the end is well done though by this point the movie has too many ideas, too many creatures and characters. Paring down one of these adventures and given a more effective storyline would go a long way from taking this series to being average to being truly memorable.



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Kingwood presents landscape inspirations symposium April 13

Kingwood Center Gardens will hold a half-day symposium on Saturday, April 1, 9 am to 12:30 pm in the Garden Gateway King Ballroom. The 2024 symposium theme is "Country Place Era" – a time when American gardens were designed to emulate the formal garden style of European gardens. The event is open to the public but, advanced registration is required.

This year's keynote speaker is Tres Fromme, principal and founder of 3.fromme DESIGN, LLC. and Designer-in-Residence at Cheekwood Estate and Gardens in Nashville, Tennessee, a 55-acre historic estate and gardens. Fromme's presentation – called Ecstatic Beauty: The Enchantment of Country Place Era Estates – will give perspective on how historic estates can creatively evolve decades after their founding.

Two other presentations will be given. Mark N. Gilles, Consultant and former Director of Historic Preservation at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens in Akron, will discuss the Arts and Crafts style of nearby Stan Hywet Hall, and the restoration work of twelve major gardens on the estate.

Finally, former Kingwood Executive Director, Charles Gleaves, will give a presentation, connecting the history of the formal Gardens in Mr. King's time, how these gardens have evolved over the years, and Kingwood's plan to bring the gardens back to their more original forms. A tour of Mr. King's Formal Gardens will follow the presentations.

The symposium has been approved for the following continuing education units: 2.25 CEUs through the Association of Professional Landscape Designers; 2.5 OCNT CEUs through the Ohio Green Industry Association; 2.25 contact hours with a CEU Petition through National Recreation and Park Association; 2.25 CEUs through the National Association of Landscape Professionals. Other CEUs may be available – contact education@kingwoodcenter.org for more information.

The symposium registration fee is \$50 for Kingwood Members and \$65 for non-members. Registration includes morning refreshments. Learn more and register at kingwoodcenter.org or call 419-522-0211.

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.

Residents can sign up for notifications

The Richland County Notification System allows residents to sign up to receive emergency and community alerts. These notifications can be received on your cell phone, work phone, text message, email and home phone.

This is a free service that is provided by Richland County to its residents. Notifications are dependent upon external providers, message and data rates may apply. Richland County cannot guarantee that notifications will be received by the intended recipient.

Notifications will originate from 69310 for text messages, alerts_noreply@richlandcountyoh.gov for emails and 419-774-2001 for voice messages. To sign up call https://entry.inspironlogistics.com/richland_oh/wens.cfm

News Briefs

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging Inc., 2131 Park Avenue West, Suite 100, Ontario, will be closed on Monday, April 8, due to the solar eclipse. The community is encouraged to call in during normal business hours 9 am to 5 pm. Calls will be answered while the building is closed unless technical disruptions occur.

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, April 27 and 28. 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 Richland County Genealogical Society, along with the Morrow and Knox County Chapters of the Ohio Genealogical Society, will sponsor nationally-known speaker, Daniel Horowitz, of MyHeritage on Wednesday, April 17, at 6 pm.

He will present "The Funny Side of Genealogy." Laugh a little as he shares some of the more bizarre techniques and resources he's utilized as a genealogist.

Earlier in the day, at 3 pm Horowitz will present "Where There's a Will There's a Way... To Research Your Family." He will be sponsored by The Ohio Genealogical Society. He will showcase the tools and strategies he used to find the descendants of a distant relative by reviewing the relative's will.

Both events will be held at The Samuel D. Isaly Library, 611 St. Rt. 97 West, Bellville.

St. Rt. 13 (N. Main St.) will undergo bridge repairs in the City of Mansfield, between Olive Street and N. Diamond Street. This area will close Tuesday, April 9. Traffic will be detoured from St. Rt. 13 to E. 6th St. to N. Diamond St., and reverse. Estimated completion is Thursday, May 9.

A showing of the movie "Screenagers: Under the Influence- Addressing Vaping, Drugs and Alcohol in the Digital Age," will be held by Community Action for Capable Youth (CACY) on May 7 at 5:30 pm at Linden Road Presbyterian Church.

The movie examines the impact of our digital age on teens' decision-making in relation to substances such as vaping, drugs and alcohol.

Explore the latest research and learn more about the personal experiences of teens and families. The film highlights the changing landscape of the substances themselves, offering solutions for how to best empower teens as they face decisions about what they will and will not be influenced by.

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 Recycling 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.

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.

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

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, 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 Rev. Joan VanBecelaere to speak on "Feeding Phony Fears" at 10:30 am on Sunday, April 7. 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.

The Firelands Symphony Orchestra (FSO), under the direction of Carl Topilow, presents the season finale concert Violin Virtuosity on Saturday, April 13 at 7:30 pm at Sawmill Creek Convention Center, Sandusky. The concert will not only feature the full orchestra, but also renowned guest violinist Steven Greenman.

General admission tickets are available at FirelandsSymphony.com/Tickets or by calling the FSO office at 419-621-4800 (Monday-Thursday, 9 am to 4 pm). Adult tickets are \$30, and student tickets for youth and college students are free.

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.

First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Ave. West, Mansfield, offers a free produce distribution the second Tuesday of each month, April through November in the west parking lot.

The next free produce distribution will be Tuesday, April 9, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. The church receives over 8000 lbs. of fresh produce. This is open to everyone, please bring a state ID, driver's license or proof of residence. This is a drive through distribution. Volunteers will load the produce into trunks or the back of vehicles. For information call the church at 419-522-0662.

Mansfield 1st EPC, 399 S. Trimble Rd., will host a spring rummage sale on Friday, April 19, from 9 am to 4 pm; and Saturday, April 20, from 9 am to noon.

This is a semi-annual rummage sale with a selection of clothing for children and adults, shoes, books, toys, housewares, furniture, and more. Proceeds are used for local missions.

For information call 419-756-7066. The church is located at the corner of Trimble Rd. and Millsboro Rd.

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ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL celebrated the day before spring break with a pajama day, easter egg hunt and wellness day in the library. There were five golden eggs with special prizes. In the library, students played chess, sculpted, painted rocks and did puzzles. Andi Sneeringer brought her therapy dog, Sophie.

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
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10 am Sunday Worship
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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 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
Bible Study Mondays 2 pm

G & M Body & Paint Shop

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Heating assistance available

The Ohio Department of Development and Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. remind Ohioans that assistance is available to help with home energy bills. The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps Ohioans at or below 175% of the federal poverty guidelines pay their heating bills.

Ohioans can visit energyhelp.ohio.gov to apply online, download a copy of the application or find contact information for a local Energy Assistance Provider.

Senior citizens may go to their local Area Agency on Aging office for help with assembling the required documents and completing their HEAP application.

Individuals will need to have copies of the following documents:

- Most recent utility bills.
- List of all household members (birth dates and social security numbers)
- Proof of income for the past 30 days for all household members (12 months for certain income types).
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members.
- Proof of disability (if applicable).

HEAP benefits are applied to an individual's energy bill after Jan. 1. Those who need immediate assistance with energy bills should contact their local Energy Assistance Provider. A list of providers can be found at energyhelp.ohio.gov.

The last day to apply for the regular HEAP benefit is May 31, 2024.

For more information or assistance with applying for a HEAP benefit, contact the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. at 419-524-4144.

For more information on the programs, visit energyhelp.ohio.gov or call your local Energy Assistance Provider.

Lexington Kiwanis will host annual golf outing at Twin Lakes

The Lexington Kiwanis invites the community to sign up for the fourth annual golf outing at Twin Lakes on Friday, June 7. Registration is at 12:30 pm and shotgun start is at 1:15 pm. This is a four-person scramble format. New this year is a \$10,000 Hole-in-One Challenge.

Dinner will be served at 5 pm. Those unable to golf can come at 5 pm. Cost is \$300 per team of four includes green fees, cart rental, soft drink, chips and hot dog at the turn, dinner and prizes.

Alcoholic beverages are not included in the cost of the outing, but will be available at discounted prices.

\$100 company hole sponsorships are available. All teams and money must be in before May 29.

Money raised at the outing will go to help support youth services that the Kiwanis supports throughout the year.

Twin Lakes Golf Course is located at 2220 Marion Ave., Mansfield.

Register at <https://form.jotform.com/231093806474054>.

For more information email lexkiwanispresident@gmail.com.

Lambert earns State Coach of the Year Award

Keith Lambert, a 2004 graduate of Ontario High School and 2008 graduate of Mt. Vernon Nazarene, won the 2023-'24 State Coach of the Year Award for Division IV, sharing it with Norm Persin. He also won the Central District Coach of the Year and Coaches Association District 10 Coach of the year in Division IV.

Keith Lambert coaches the Shekinah Christian High School basketball team in Plain City, Ohio. This small school boasts 22 boys in the high school per the latest enrollment cycle. The team went 21-4 this year with 19 consecutive wins, setting a school record. There was only one senior on the roster.



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Tenny

This little lady was between 10–12 months when she came in on May 18, 2023.

Poor Tenny has been at the shelter for almost half of her life at this point. Tenny is one of the most friendly dogs and she wants to be friends with everyone.

Tenny gets so excited when people walk by her kennel and will dance to impress them. Tenny absolutely LOVES snuggling. She wants to be on peoples laps and will put her head on a shoulder, if available.

Tenny also loves playing, especially tug of war, and loves

zooming. Tenny is also incredibly happy to sit next to someone outside and just observe everything.

Tenny absolutely loves exploring, but sometimes she gets too excited and will sprint off on her leash. She also will sprint circles around the person walking her. Tenny is incredibly sweet! Come meet this adorable little lady!

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 is always in need of bleach, laundry detergent and dog treats.



Photo By Mark Shutt

Brian McConnell achieves Circle of Success recognition

Brian McConnell, a financial advisor with Sutton Investment Services, a financial advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC. in Ontario, has qualified for the company's Circle of Success annual recognition program and will be honored for this achievement in 2024.

To earn this achievement, McConnell established himself as one of the company's top advisors. Only a select number of high-performing advisors earn this distinction.

He has 16 years of experience in the financial services industry.

As a financial advisor, McConnell provides financial advice that is anchored in a solid understanding of client needs and expectations and provided in one-on-one relationships with his clients.

For more information contact Brian McConnell at 419-747-8883, visit the Ameriprise office at 863 N. Lexington Springmill Rd., Ontario, or visit <https://www.ameripriseadvisors.com/brian.mcconnell/>.

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Clinic joins with food bank to provide free healthcare services

Third Street Family Health Services now provides greater access to healthcare. Visitors to Grace Episcopal Church's food bank can now receive free screenings.

Third Street, a network of community health centers headquartered in Mansfield, will screen for HIV, hepatitis C, blood pressure, and substance use disorder. The rapid testing will be available every fourth Thursday of each month from 9–11 am.

These screenings can detect conditions that are commonly linked to chronic diseases, such as hypertension and liver disease. When these conditions are detected early, preventive measures and medical care can be initiated early to prevent disease complications.

Members of Third Street's healthcare team will be available to provide information and advise on follow-up care. Third Street's Five Points Primary Care campus is next door to the church. Same-day medical appointments will be available at the campus for screening participants. Insurance enrollment or sliding fees may be needed for further medical appointments.

The Third Street team will also assist with Medicaid enrollments. Eligible applicants may be provided with same-day coverage. Presumptive eligibility will be granted after completing full applications.

"When people are experiencing difficulties or stress in their home life, they may forget to take care of themselves or may not have financial resources to devote to their health," said Dr. Chris Yohn, Third Street physician. "We are offering free screenings and education to support individuals in taking charge of their health and reducing the risk of chronic diseases."

Grace Episcopal has operated the food pantry since 2001 and regularly provides meals for an average of 500 families per week. The church is located at 41 Bowman St., Mansfield. The food pantry is on the church's first floor. The health testing will be confidential and held in a private room at the church's Third and Bowman Streets entrance. For more information call 419-522-6191.

Mohican State Park will host informational eclipse meetings this weekend

Informational solar eclipse sessions will be held Friday, April 5; Saturday, April 6; and Sunday, April 7, from 10-10:30 am.

The meetings will be held at Mohican State Park Campground, 3116 OH-3, Loudonville.

Attendees will join the Mohican Naturalist to learn about the 2024 Solar Eclipse that will be viewable in Ohio this year.

Information covered will include: general info, significance, science of an eclipse, types of eclipses, total vs full eclipses and ways to view it safely.

Follow signs to meet at the Camp Store in the Mohican State Park Class A Campground. Not weather dependent.

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

A total solar eclipse is a rare and spectacular event. On average, one happens somewhere on the Earth only once every 1.5 years. Only 21 total solar eclipses have crossed the lower 48 states in the entire existence of the United States.

The last total solar eclipse visible in Ohio was in 1806. The next total solar eclipse in Ohio will be in the year 2099.

ONTARIO LIONS PANCAKE DAY

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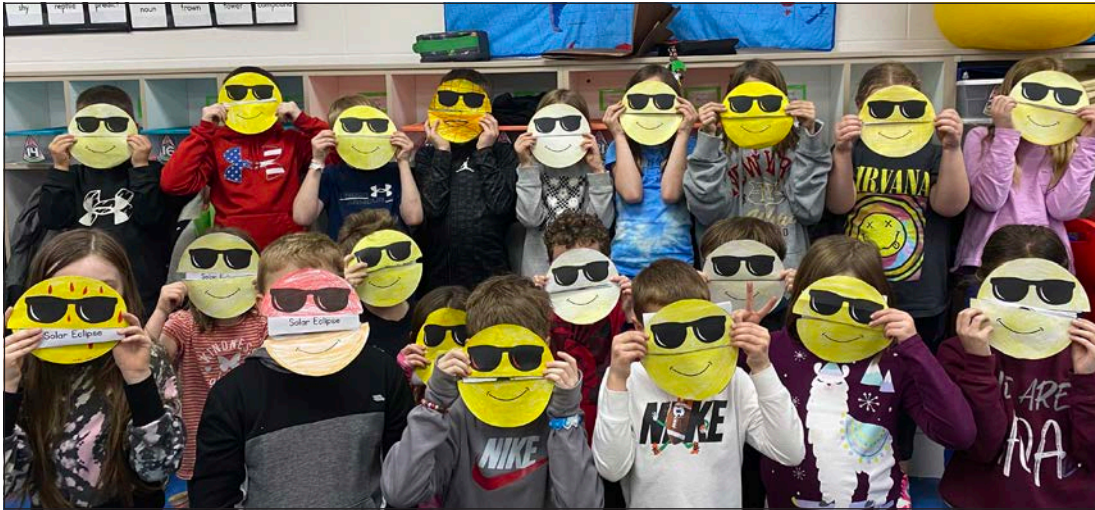
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STUDENTS IN MRS. WINNINGHAM'S SECOND GRADE CLASS at Ontario spent the last few days before spring break learning about the upcoming solar eclipse. They watched a video, made a few models of an eclipse and read about eclipses.

Red Cross offering incentives

This spring, the American Red Cross asks donors to help defend the blood supply by giving blood or platelets now to combat the fact that only three out of 100 people donate blood. When donors give March 25 to April 7, they'll get an exclusive *Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire* and Red Cross t-shirt, while supplies last.

Blood and platelet donation appointments remain vital this month. People of all blood types – especially those with type O blood – are critical to ensuring hospital shelves can be replenished as soon as possible.

To book a time to give, visit RedCrossBlood.org, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or call 1-800-RED CROSS. Additionally, all who come to give April 8–28 will get a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice, plus be automatically entered for a chance to win one of two \$7,000 gift cards. Visit RedCrossBlood.org/Spring for details.

The schedule includes:

Wednesday, April 3, 10 am to 4 pm, OSU Mansfield/NC State Eisenhower Center, 1760 University Dr., Mansfield; and noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario
 Friday, April 5, 11 am to 5 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Tuesday, April 9, noon to 6 pm, Saint Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church St., Bellville

Wednesday, April 10, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario; and 1–6 pm, Planktown Country Market, 1921 Free Rd., Shiloh

Thursday, April 11, noon to 6 pm, Mosaic at Park Avenue Baptist Church, 296 Park Ave West, Mansfield; 1 to 7 pm, Mohican Wood Products, 20460 Nunda, Butler; and 10 am to 4 pm, Ohio-Health, 199 West Main St., Mansfield

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News Briefs in Education

Multiple Ohio University students have been recognized with the 2023 Fall Dean's List.

The list recognizes undergraduate students who complete a particular semester with a GPA between 3.5 and 3.999 with a minimum of 12 hours attempted for letter grades that are used to calculate GPA.

In fall semester 2023, approximately 6,000 Ohio University undergraduate students qualified for the Dean's List.

A complete listing is available online.

Area students on the list are Jillian Ambrose, Olivia Bise, David Koehler, Haley Carpenter and Samuel Brandes, all of Ontario; Dylan Burks, Ashley Chronister, Jonathan Davis, Jacob Dennison, Zoanne Heydinger, Sam Prinz, Paige Thomas and

James Williams all of Mansfield; and Grace Lautzenhiser, Emma Odson and Carina Weaver, all of Lexington.



Following the completion of each semester, Ohio University recognizes the academic achievements of its students by publishing the president's, dean's and provost's lists.

The president's list distinction is presented to undergraduate students who exhibit an exceptional commitment to academic excellence each semester. Criteria for the list include a 4.0 GPA for the given semester with a minimum of 12 credit hours attempted for letter grades that are used to calculate GPA.

In fall semester 2023, approximately 1,800 undergraduate students qualified for the presi-

dent's list. Local students on the list are Meredith Bise of Ontario, Elizabeth Nagel of Mansfield and Jonathan Nagel of Ontario.

The provost's list recognition is shared with high-achieving, part-time undergraduate students who exemplify academic success.

Qualifying students must possess a 3.5 or greater GPA and between 6 and 11.99 credit hours attempted for letter grades that are used to calculate GPA.

In fall semester 2023, approximately 1,800 part-time undergraduate students qualified for the provost's list. Local students on the list are Haley Johnson of Ontario, Rachel Kennish of Ontario, Grace Miller of Lexington, Anna Murray of Lexington, Milan Rodriguez of Mansfield and Isabella Rose of Mansfield.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN earning third quarter highest honors are Emma Bell, Alexander Bilyj, Bryant Born, Kaylei Chandler, Connor Dawson, Alexandria Fender, Eliana Fittante, Maia Fox, Eva Hadsell, Camryn Hanning, Jazlyn Johnson, Yuchen Lin, Madison Mabry, Michael McClenathan, Sydney McManes, Tatum Mottayaw, Skylie Salmons, Cooper Schroeder, Maja Seibel, Ava Spearman, Jackson Swiatek, Lin Angel Tan, Elton Toska, Mirielle Trumpower, Hayden Valdry, Owen Walter, William Wang, Braedon Watson, Timo Winingham, Mitchell Ye and Madelyn (Mady) Yoha.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES EARNING THIRD QUARTER HIGHEST HONORS are Darbie Broom, Sasha Bulakovski, Serena Caudill, Emily Christopherson, Mason Egner, Drake Gerber, Aaliyah Gonzalez, Mackenzie (Kenzie) Goodlin, Kailey Hale, Emma Henderson, Gracie (Grace) Hudson, Brinlee Kreger, Kaylee Lynch, Jonathan (Jon) Mahon, Gracy Miller, Delaney Moritz, Madeline (Maddie) Mullins, Elaina Owens, Jacob (Jake) Palmer, Raiden Rhinehart, Eva Rietschlin, Madeline (Maddie) Saltzgeber, Remington Schroeder, Payne Schwartz, Alexia SESCO, Hayden Sexton, Jacob (Jake) Seymour, Joie Simmering, Alexis Swank, Justin Switaj, Addison Thurber, Jaxson Tinkham, Grantham Trumpower, Michael Ward, Reese Wilkerson, Anson Yan, Jace Young and Hattie Yugovich.



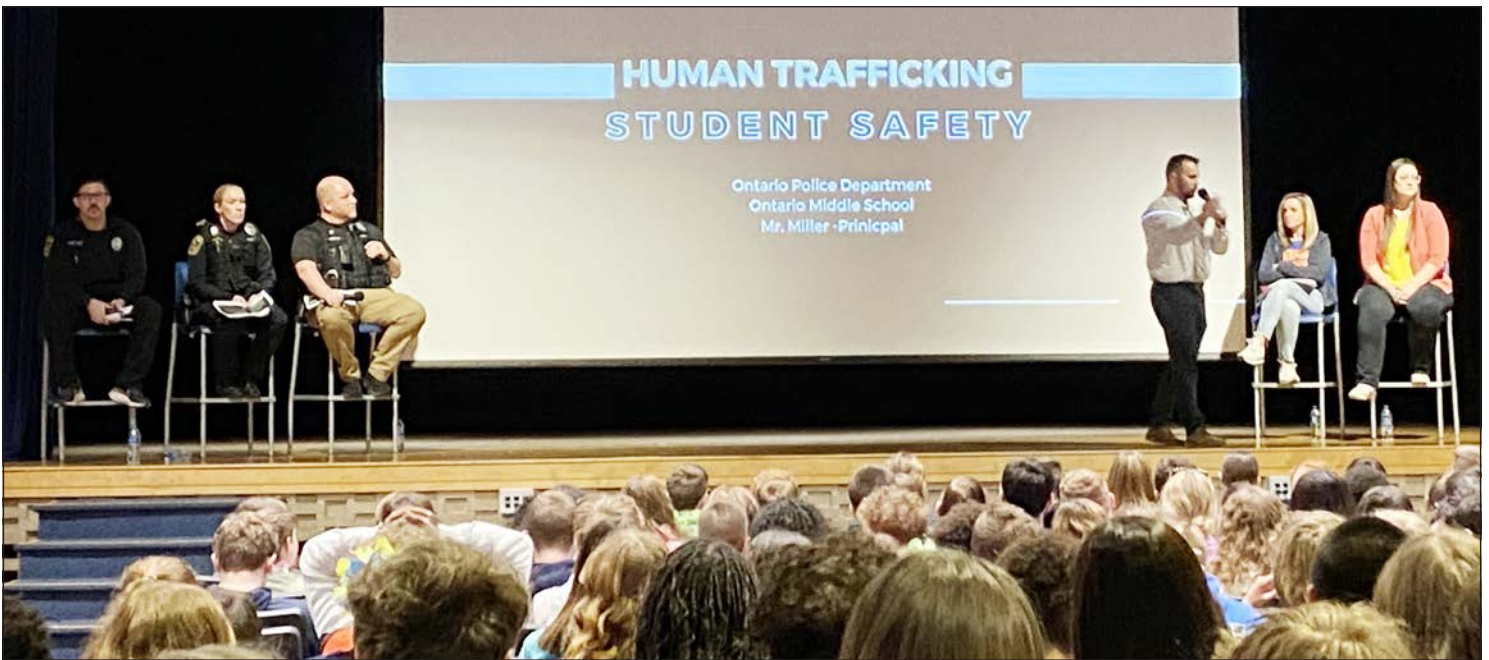
ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS earning third quarter Highest Honors are Jack Belding, Aerialyn (Arie) Bishchak, Katherine Bolin, Cameron Bulakovski, Madison Carpenter, Samuel Crawford, Lena Creed, Taylor Dille, David Draper, Brooke Eyerly, Brady Fletcher, Sophia Fraley, Regan Freiheit, Blake Gregory, Natalie Hall, Cayden Hefner, Parker Henderson, Brooke Holmer, Samuel Jackson, Lindsay Knecht, Vanessa (Sky) Liu, Rowan McManes, Bodpegn Miller, Claire Morrison, Alan O'blisk, Preston Orewiler, Camden Platner, Ethan Radojcsics, Evan Ruhe, Evan Saltzgeber, Isabella (Bella) Schoonover, Claire Shaw, Landon Sowards, Grady Taylor, Mason Turnbaugh, Morgan Turnbaugh, Ava Underwood, Anna Ward, Kennedy Weiler, David Winans And Jack Zahn.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS earning third quarter Highest Honors are Jastyn Allen, Caleb Barabani, Carson Barnes, Michael Barnhill, Abigail (Aby) Bechstein, Grason Bias, Carson Bricker, Shemar Caldwell, Grayson Casey, Taylor Counts, Hailey Crabtree, Charles Danuloff, Makayla Dickson, Peyton Dzugan, Autumn Ervin, Ezri Farley, Rachel Foss, Quinton Frankhouse, Grayson Ginn, Megan Goldbach, Nathan (Nate) Griefenstine, Madeline Hansen, Sarah Hendrix, Michael Howard, Savannah Jackson, Trista Jewell, Jasmine (Jas) Jones, Olivia Kreger, Jocelyn Lehev, Maggie Love, Jena Ly, Kavya Patel, Nishthaa Patel, Brandon Paxton, Ezra Pearce, Joshua Porter, Grayson Purvis, Brayden Robinson, Carter Roth, Brooklyn Rowe, Grady Schroeder, Ella Shaffer, Micah Smith, Jonah So, Bryson Stoots, Sarah Strickler, Chase Studer, Gracie Thurber, Noah Tuttle, Carter Weaver, Brooklyn Weinandy, Canaan Wentz, Kayden Wilson and Brady Zehe.



ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL students were recently awarded PBIS honors for the month of February. (Top left photo) Eighth Grade Integrity Awards went to Yvette Carrizal-Ramos, Jonathan Winans, Mason Wilkerson and Adelina Hines. (Top right photo) Integrity Award winners were Alayna Secrist, seventh; and Callie Scott, sixth. (Bottom left photo) Honor Winners were Sabrina Bilyj, seventh; Alyssa Racer, sixth; and Tim Cole, eighth. (Bottom right photo) Grit Winners are Aleiya Cantey, seventh; Addysen Jacobson, eighth; Connor Goodlin, sixth (not pictured).



MEMBERS OF THE ONTARIO POLICE DEPARTMENT recently spoke to the Ontario Middle School student body to draw awareness to the human trafficking issue and how students can stay safe at school and in the community. Administrators also took part in the discussion.

Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Ashland Lady Eagles recap with another amazing season

By Kris Leiter

Big shout out to Dusty Sloane, the director of communications, for making my media coverage at Ashland University very accommodating this year.

And a big hats off again to the head women's coach Kari Pickens, now in her sixth year manning the helm with the Ashland Women's Basketball program, along with her amazing coaching staff of Jenna Kotas and Karlee Denbow.

Why such a big feather in the cap? In case you haven't had the chance to follow the program in past years, Pickens has compiled a number one ranking, again this year in the Division II!

To add to her amazing résumé under Pickens leadership, she has

tallied an amazing record of 170-16 in those six years, with 2019-'20 and 2022-'23 with undefeated records of 31-0 and 37-0 respectively.

She also led the Lady Eagles in 2022-'23 to another number one ranking, as well as a Midwest Regional, Great Midwest Athletic Conference Tournament and a Great Midwest regular season championship.

In this 2023-'24 campaign alone, the team has notched a daunting record of 31-2, with having an unblemished road record of 14-0!

They came out as victors on March 8, capturing the GMAC Semi-finals by defeating Thomas More handedly 67-56 on Friday, March 8. They then captured the Conference title the next evening by easily defeating Trevecca 99-58!

Ashland was able to flip the script on Thomas More that night, as Thomas More was just coming off three-game winning streak.

A big shout out to the leading scorers as two players would score in double digits.

Savay Brockington would lead the Lady Eagles with 18 points, as well as shooting an amazing 50 percent from beyond the three-point arc for nine points of her 18 tallies. She was also 7-10 from the charity stripe.

Her teammate, Erin Daniels would notch the scoring column in double figures as well with 14 points. Daniels would hit a breathtaking 12 points alone from three-point land, ringing in at 80% on the evening from beyond the arc!

Daniels would also capture the tournament MVP she rang up 17 points in the Championship game against Trevecca.

Let's not forget about the defense kudos as Annie Roshak, who cleaned the glass in the rebound column with nine rebounds!

Great job ladies and Coach Pickens for another incredible season!

Carnegie Hall program provides free Mansfield Symphony performances for area schools

In collaboration with Carnegie Hall, the Mansfield Symphony Orchestra (MSO) and Renaissance Performing Arts Association are proud participants in Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute's Link Up program for the 2023-2024 season. The Link Up concert, titled "The Orchestra Sings," is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2024, at the Renaissance Theatre where area schools are invited to attend free of charge.

The Link Up program, aimed at students in grades 3-5, offers an engaging music curriculum where, if teachers desire, students may learn to sing and play an instrument before performing with the professional orchestra from their seats. This interactive experience, often students' first concert, allows them to apply musical concepts they have studied.

The Link Up Program partnership with Carnegie Hall has come as a natural evolution from the Operation Bridge Building (OBB) Education Concerts offered at the Renaissance for the past 14 years.

In the Link Up Program, the orchestra will present its annual free education concerts on May 2, 2024 and is designed to enhance elementary-level classroom courses and support music education in schools, integrating arts with academics.

The Renaissance, in collaboration with the MSO, has been accepted as a Carnegie Hall Partner Organization, joining over 100 organizations across the US and internationally. This partnership provides access to Link Up resources, including teacher and student materials.

Link Up has a rich history of pairing orchestras with students to explore orchestral repertoire and fundamental musical skills. Since 2003, Carnegie Hall has partnered with organizations globally, serving over 300,000 students and teachers in the 2023-'24 season.

Two presentations will be offered on May 2 at 9:45 am and 11:45 am. Maestro Octavio Más-Arocas, Music Director of the MSO, will lead the concerts, featuring dynamic narration by Renaissance Education Manager and Teaching Artist Dauphne Maloney.

School groups can reserve concert seats by contacting the Renaissance Education Department at 419-522-2726, ext. 212, or via email at dauphne@mansfieldtickets.com.

The Mansfield Symphony Education programs are made possible through the generosity of donors, including Richland County Foundation, the Gimbel Foundation, Ohio Arts Council, Mechanics Bank, and OhioHealth.

Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute produces music education and social impact programs globally, reaching over 800,000 people during the 2023-2024 season.

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Kindergarten registration underway

Kindergarten registration for Madison Local Schools will be held April 2-30. Children are eligible to attend kindergarten during the 2024-'25 school year if they are five years of age on or before Aug. 1, 2024.

The first step in the registration process is to complete the on-line registration through FinalForms. The registration link can be found at www.mlsd.net under Madison FinalForms or using the link under "Kindergarten Registration." Those without internet access can schedule an appointment to complete the online forms with the child's assigned building. Select the 2024-'25 school year in FinalForms when registering a child. Registration will not open until April 1 to complete a child's FinalForms.

Current Madison South preschool students moving into kindergarten will need to log into their existing Final Forms account and complete the 2024-'25 forms.

Once all online forms are completed, parents must drop-off the required documents to the elementary school in which they reside between 9 am and 3 pm Monday-Friday. The district is closed April 8.

School phone numbers are Madison South 419-522-4319; Mifflin 419-589-6517; and Eastview 419-589-7335.

Required documents include student birth certificate, parent/guardian driver's license, custody papers (if applicable), must be date stamped and signed by the court, parent/guardian proof of residency (see final forms for approved list) and immunization records.

Required immunizations for school attendance are four doses of DPT (5 doses if 4 were given before fourth birthday), three or more doses of Polio with final dose after fourth birthday, three doses of Hepatitis B, two MMR's and two Varivax (chicken pox) or history of having disease.

Seniors can apply for scholarship

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People #3190 (NAACP) invites graduating seniors in Richland County to apply for the annual scholarship. The deadline to apply is April 15.

The award is targeted to honor students who exhibit personal integrity and community involvement and demonstrate moderate to significant need for financial assistance. All graduating seniors in Richland County are welcome to apply.

This one-time award will be made to deserving high school graduating seniors of Mansfield/Richland County. The award is targeted to honor students who exhibit personal integrity and excellence through academic achievement, and community involvement and demonstrates moderate to significant need for financial assistance in attaining educational goals. The \$1,000 will cover the cost of educational needs (books, supplies, etc.)

To be eligible, students must be graduating in spring of the award year and enrolling as a full-time student in an accredited college, university or junior college in the fall of the same year.

Students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA or greater on a 4.0 scale and have demonstrated financial need.

A student or one family member must be an NAACP member or willing to become a member.

Interested students can get an application from their guidance counselor or by sending a request to secretary@naacpmansfieldoh.org.

CLASSIFIEDS

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 20, 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. 24-06 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-04 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RICHLAND COUNTY FINAL 9-1-1 PLAN.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-07 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE SERVICE DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 23-26, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuer
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 3-28, 4-4 '24) 33L

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids for the 2024 Resurfacing Program, Village of Lexington, Ohio will be received by the Village of Lexington, Ohio at the office of the Administrative Director at 44 West Main Street, Lexington, Ohio 44904 until 10:00am, local time Thursday April 18, 2024, and then, at said office, publicly opened and read aloud.

Contractors will be required to purchase and download an electronic set of plans and bid documents via the KEM Web Site by visiting <https://>

kemccartney.com/project-bids/. If you would prefer a hard copy be mailed, we will do so upon receipt of payment in the amount of \$50.00 per set, along with your UPS or FedEx account number so that shipping charges can be applied to your account. Checks shall be made payable to K.E. McCartney & Associates and all documents become the property of the prospective bidder, with no portion of the payment being refunded. Should you have any questions during the bidding process please contact jburchholder@kemccartney.com.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities. Contract will be awarded based on the lowest and best bid. The Village of Lexington may reject any or all bids on any basis and without disclosure of reason. The failure to make such disclosure shall not result in accrual of any right, claim or cause of action by any unsuccessful bidder against the Village of Lexington.

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

Each bid must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. The Owner intends and requires that this project be completed by August 17, 2024.

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

Mr. Peter Them
Administrative Director
Village of Lexington, OH
(T-C 4-4, 11 '24) 65L

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