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THE THIRD ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN PROM was held at Ontario Middle School on Saturday, May 4. Thirty-one students and staff were on hand to make sure this was a night to remember for the 102 guests who attended. The night included music, dancing, food and raffle prizes. The Yearbook Club hosted a photo booth, providing attendees with framed keepsakes to take home. Ontario Community Events and Ontario Local Schools joined together to host the free event. *More Photos on Page 9.*

Alzheimer's Association seeks volunteers

The Alzheimer's Association is seeking volunteers for initiatives across Northwest Ohio, including community education, support groups, fundraisers, advocacy and Walks to End Alzheimer's. The chapter serves 24 counties including Ashland and Richland.

"Millions of Americans are impacted by Alzheimer's disease, which is a public health crisis with no current cure. The good news is, you can do something to help by becoming an Association volunteer," according to Vince McGrail, executive director of the Alzheimer's Association and Northwest Ohio and Central Ohio chapters. "Our ability to reach and support those affected by Alzheimer's and other dementia depends on people in our communities who are dedicated to the fight against this disease."

Through the tireless efforts of volunteers to spread awareness in the community by leading and delivering education programs, participating in advocacy efforts, and driving fundraising efforts, the Alzheimer's Association is able to help many more families and provide hope and assistance throughout Northwest Ohio.

Individuals can use their unique talents to make a meaningful impact in their local community, while connecting with others who share their passion.

Opportunities might include:

- members of the chapter board of directors
- committee members for fundraisers in-

cluding Walk to End Alzheimer's and The Longest Day

- Walk team members and Walk team captains
- community educators
- support group facilitators
- state advocates
- event volunteers
- fundraisers and special events
- community representatives

"We are grateful for every person who dedicates their time as an advocate or volunteer," said Pam Myers, senior director, programs for the Northwest Ohio and Central Ohio chapters.

"We are lifted by the strength of the community that surrounds us, and we truly couldn't achieve our vision of a world without Alzheimer's without our volunteers. Every dollar we raise through our fundraising events directly supports the Association's free educational programs and support groups, Alzheimer's care services and advancements in treatment and research."

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, fill out a volunteer interest form or call the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter at 419-537-1999.

Those concerned about themselves or a loved one call 419-537-1999 to schedule a care consultation and be connected to free local resources.

To learn more or to access free tools and resources, visit alz.org or call the 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900.

Village looks for solutions to traffic exiting park

The Village of Lexington Council meeting was held April 15, with Mayor Jarvis presiding. Attending were council members Keith Bacin, Adam Gongwer, Aaron Hoptry, Wynn Kearns, Kim Little, Jeff O'Brien and Todd Wise. Also attending were Attorney John Studenmund, Chief Troy Weaver, Finance Director Jim Banks and Administrator Peter Them.

Charles Comstock of Essex Road asked why there is a large general fund balance and why the village is not using those monies for CD investments which are currently at high rates.

Them replied that some CDs were cashed for availability of funds per a request of Mayor White. Others were pulled due to low interest rates. Comstock pointed out that current rates are exceptionally high and Them replied that Mechanics Bank is always working for the best interest of the village and he will re-evaluate with the finance committee.

Them reported that the books have been balanced through March 2024. The village had one reconciliation issue which was quickly resolved. Rachel Fagan is working out very well as the new assistant finance director.

A contact with MOM software was up for discussion regarding document software necessary for scanning old and new documents. This will help immensely clear up the crowded basement and manage older documents. This will be presented to the Finance Committee before moving forward.

Walker Brothers has begun work on the village's water valves. They will start with valves on Oxford Road. Some work will be completed on Saturdays so as not to inhibit traffic flow.

The sewer department is currently pumping the north lagoon. The lagoon is overflowing due to all the rainfall.

Councilman Little asked if Them had started addressing yards in need of mowing. The example was given of the old Bucks, now abandoned. Them was waiting for all the rainfall to slow down, allowing the residents to get a chance to catch up on their mowing.

Councilman Bacin asked if the Cadillac located at 142 Delaware has been addressed. Them reported photos have been taken and they are currently researching the ordinance that has been violated.

Mayor Bob Jarvis said, "I talked with Senator Mark Romanchuk. He has confirmed that he had submitted our request for help on behalf of our Main Street Corridor development. Representative Marilyn John has also

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The Mansfield Riots of 1900

By Bob Carter

Part 2

Cyrus Fockler, the Dowie faith healer, had more trouble than he figured. On July 4, 1900, the six week old child of the Charles Bower family died after “being treated with prayer” by Fockler. The matter was reported to the Health Officer Craig, who referred the case to Coroner Bushnell.

Coroner Bushnell went to the Bauer home where he found the child had died from convulsions. No physician had been called in the case as Folkner was endeavoring to demon-strait his ability as a divine healer. Coroner Bushnell was of the opinion the life of the child may have been saved with proper medical treatment.

The death of the Bauer infant and newspaper account lit the fuse for big trouble! Cyrus Fockler kept it going the following Sunday, July 8, when he delivered a bitter tirade at the church services, held at North Lake Park, against Mansfield officials and the newspaper that carried the story.

The prelude to Fockler’s address was advertised to be, “The Lies of the Devils Shield Exposed.” He referred to Mansfield as “Devilsfield.”

This was in response to the *Mansfield Shield and Banner* newspaper story about the death of the Bauer infant.

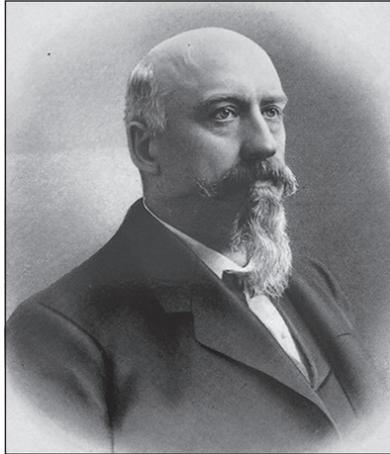
In addition to blasting the Mansfield officials and the newspaper he also delivered a bitter tirade against Elder Johnson, of the Methodist Church and branded him an “ignoramus.” He also used the words “hain’t and aint” in his address.

The same day Charles Bauer went to the mayor’s office and angrily complained about the treatment he and his wife had received from Fockler. His wife was bed ridden with nerves over the loss of her child and on the day of the funeral, a doctor was summoned. Fockler objected and attempted to force his way into the house. He told her if she took medicine she would die.

When Bauer returned home from an errand, he found Fockler and three followers holding funeral services over the dead infant with out his knowledge or consent.

Mayor Brown said there was nothing he could do under the law but suggested Bauer get a club and “give Fockler a good beating the next time he crosses your threshold.”

Mayor Brown was a practical man. That as it turned out, was the starting gun for mob action. The following day a mob of infuriated citizens met at the town square and hatched a plan to capture Fockler, tar and feather him and ride him out of town on a rail. They



Mayor Huntington Brown was watching a baseball game and informed of the riot. He suggested the mob not kill or injure Fockler, and continued watching to game.

had everything they needed. They decided they would pay Fockler a visit at his home at 9 that evening. At the stroke of 9 pm, a mob of an estimated 250 to 500 men and boys in a rather quiet compact group moved down the north side of Park Avenue East and paused at the Zion Church to see if Fockler was there and then south to Second Street to the home of Enoch Leiby, where Fockler was staying.

Fortunately for Fockler, he had gone back to Chicago earlier to see church leader Dowie, but mob leaders insisted on searching the house anyway. Leiby allowed one person to look. Some remained in the area for some time, but most with their tar bucket, long rail and feathers went home disappointed. It was to be a night of fun and excitement!

Sheriff “Barney” Pulver was called for help during the mob’s actions but he refused to interfere saying it was out of his jurisdiction even though he could possibly see the Leiby house from an upper jail house window. The Mansfield police were called but all the officers “were in the southern part of the city.” One gets the impression that if the law enforcement looked the other way all the problems with Fockler would go away. If they did, they were very wrong.



THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

I have been a fan of the *Planet of the Apes* films since I was young and I had the original five movies on VHS tapes. The series came out with a new trilogy in recent years and those have been terrific and revitalized the franchise.

Wes Ball jumps into the director’s seat with ease with *Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes*. Set generations after the passing of beloved Caesar, a young clan of apes breed eagles and go about retrieving eggs from the treetops. Young chimp Noa (Owen Teague) discovers a group of vicious apes who worship their new Caesar (Kevin Durand).

Soon, Noa’s whole clan is kidnapped, and he joins up with an ancient orangutan and a human woman named Mae (Freya Allen) to find his family.

The CGI and motion capture of these apes is just amazing to watch, as it has been with the most recent movies. The apes look completely realistic, and Ball directs a beautiful movie with lush forests, trees and landscapes.

The director also has a great knack for an action set piece as the raiding of the village and the final scene involving water are both first rate. It is possible to see this movie without seeing the previous trilogy, though those films are highly recommended

to watch before this one.

It’s amazing this franchise has been going for as long as it has dating back to 1968 with Charlton Heston as astronaut Taylor and Roddy McDowell and Kim Hunter as the apes. That original film is still a classic and really holds up.

Tim Burton tried a remake in 2000 though that was not well received. Starting with the 2011 film *Rise of the Planet of the Apes*, this series has been back and on a roll.

While not quite as good as the last two movies, there is sure a great deal to enjoy here. The lead character of Noa is so engaging, the villains are really fleshed out and the humanity of Mae takes an interesting turn at the end. Also look out for William H. Macy as another human who has decided living with and obeying the apes is in his best interest.

Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes takes these movies on a fun, engaging journey with some thought-provoking moments. The motion capture is amazing, and this series deserves to keep going if they can keep churning out solid entries like this one.



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News Briefs

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, May 25 and 26. Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, broken down cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.

The 29th Annual Ruth Lindsey HNCO Charity Golf Outing is scheduled for Monday, June 24, at Westfield Country Club. The annual event is named in honor of HNCO founder, Ruth Lindsey and is sponsored by Mechanics Bank. Last year's outing raised over \$15,000 in support of HNCO.

Registration is limited to 31 teams. For more information or to register, access HNCO's website at: www.myhnco.org, call Ralph Tomassi at 419-289-4859 or send a check in the amount of \$165 (individual golfer) or \$650 (foursome) with golfer names to HNCO Golf Outing, 1021 Dauch Dr., Ashland, OH 44805.

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 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 Jacquie Zarley to speak on "The Illusion of Privilege" at 10:30 am on Sunday, May 19. For more information visit www.allsoulsuohio.org.

First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Avenue West, will be offering senior boxes of nonperishable food provided by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. This comes with a 15 lb. box of fresh produce and a 2 lb. box of cheese. These items are free to those who qualify by age (60+) and low-income guidelines. Participants must have at least one person age 60 or older in the household.

Senior boxes are available on the fourth Tuesday of each month, year round. They may be picked up between 10:30 am and 12:30 pm.

Due to the volume of clients, distribution is moving to the Mulberry St. parking lot at the corner of Park Avenue West, beginning in May. This is directly across the side street from the church.

Those attending should pull in and follow signs and directions.

A Lexington High School Alumni Celebration will be held Saturday, June 8, in the Lexington High School Cafeteria and Auditorium.

Registration, social hour and tours of the new grade 7-12 facility begin at 4 pm. Opening remarks will be at 5:45 pm with dinner at 6 pm. Dress is casual and the dinner is \$30 per person. The dinner will include a buffet of pulled pork, grilled chicken, cheesy potatoes, green beans, garden salad, dessert, rolls and beverages.

The tour will involve walking but an elevator is available.

After the meal, those attending will adjourn to the auditorium for entertainment and updates, including recognition of this year's scholarship awards. Register by Tuesday, May 21 by emailing wal66@gmail.com. Follow the event on Facebook at Lexington Ohio Annual Alumni Banquet.

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 June 19, and will include roast pork and a program from the Area Agency on Aging.

The group will meet for lunch on June 5 at Red Lobster in Ontario at 11 am.

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

The Lexington Kiwanis will host 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, but will be available at discounted prices. All teams and money must be in before May 29. Proceeds help support Kiwanis youth services. Register at <https://form.jotform.com/231093806474054>. For more information email lexkiwanispresident@gmail.com.

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.

The Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Richland County will hold its monthly Board meeting on Tuesday, May 21, at 5:30 pm at 87 E. First St., Mansfield.

For additional information call the Board office at 419-774-5811.

Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, will hold its annual Vacation Bible School July 21-25 from 6-8:30 pm for kindergarten through 12th grade.

The theme of this year's VBS will be the "Great Jungle Journey - an Epic Cruise from Genesis to Revelation."

The Richland County Fairgrounds Craft, Antique & Shabby Chic Extravaganza will be held May 18, from 9 am to 4 pm at 750 N. Home Rd., Mansfield.

Vendors will be located in Fairaven Hall and scattered around the grounds. The cafeteria will be open in Fairhaven Hall.

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Area Agency on Aging hosting Senior Spring Extravaganza

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. will hold a Senior Spring Extravaganza on Thursday, May 16 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Richland County Fairgrounds in Mansfield.

The free event, hosted by the Area Agency on Aging, is held in recognition of Older Americans Month, and offers guests entertainment, refreshments, resources, information regarding aging issues and the opportunity to connect with others in the community.

This year holds special significance as it not only marks the celebration of Older Americans Month, but also commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging. Because of this, the event theme this year is the 1970s.

The Older Americans month 2024 theme named by the Administration for Community Living (ACL) is "Powered by Connection!"

This year, the agency is celebrating older adults and the 50th anniversary with an on-site classic car show, entertainment by Fusion Marketing Group, brunch, resource fair, Bingo and much more.

To participate in the car show call 567-247-6487 to register.

Registration is not required to attend. No early birds, please. Doors open at 9 am. Follow the Facebook page to keep up to date on upcoming events at www.facebook.com/aaa5ohio.



Photo By Sue Hoffer

Church Directory

Clay Memorial Lutheran Church

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

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

Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville
419-886-4333 • www.clearforkalliance.org
Rev. Matt Merendino

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

Community Bible Church

1043 Springmill St., Mansfield
567-560-8011

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

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

200 West Third St., Mansfield
419-524-4813 • mansfield1stcc1833@gmail.com
Rev. Gregory Bibler

Office Hours: Tu., W., Th. 9 am to 1 pm
10:30 am Sunday Worship

Christian Builders, Sunday, 9:30 am
www.FirstChristianChurchMansfield.com
FB: FirstChristianChurch,Mansfield,Ohio

First Congregational Church

640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield
419-756-3046 • www.mansfieldfcc.com

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

First English Lutheran Church

53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield
419-522-0662 • www.felc-mansfield.org

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

Hope Lutheran Church

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

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

Lexington Presbyterian Church

35 Church St. West, Lexington
419-884-1330
Pastor Denny Nezrick
10:30 am Sunday Worship
<https://www.facebook.com/Lexington-Presbyterian-Church-117768414915815>

Mansfield 1st EPC

399 Trimble Rd., Mansfield
419-756-7066 • www.mansfield1st.com
Rev. Joseph Yerger
9 am Adult & Youth Sunday School
10 am Sunday Worship
ADA Accessible Nursery
and Children's Programming Available

Mansfield Baptist Temple

752 N. Stewart Rd., Mansfield
419-589-5413 • www.mbt.org
Pastor Rob Kurtz
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am & 5:30 pm Sunday Worship
7 pm Wednesday Service

Ontario United Methodist Church

3540 Park Avenue West., Ontario
419-529-4345 • ontarioumc.com
Pastor Christine Bell
10:15 am Sunday Worship
10:15 am Kingdom Kids

St. John's United Church of Christ

68 Park Avenue East, Mansfield
419-522-2813 • www.stjohnsmansfield.org
Pastor Faith Proietti
10 am Sunday Worship
Office hours: Mon-Fri 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
9:30 am Sunday Worship
11 am Sunday School
Bible Study Mondays 2 pm

G & M Body & Paint Shop

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

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This Week's Pet Looking for A Forever Home



X-Ray

X-Ray came into the shelter as an 8 month old puppy on 10/28 of last year, so he has spent a lot of his life at the shelter! Everyone who meets X-Ray absolutely loves him; he is friendly, sweet, loves attention, and is absolutely hilarious. X-Ray still has a lot of puppy energy, and he sometimes doesn't understand how to act "appropriately." If you get X-Ray out, you will be jumped on. One volunteer take this as her pick me up of the day- "X-Ray likes me so much he can't keep all his feet on the ground!" With that said, he does need some manners. X-Ray seems to be potty trained, although he will use the restroom in his kennel when he has to. When he uses the bathroom in his kennel, he tends to

spread it everywhere when begging people to say hi to him and get him out. After adoption, a shelter volunteer doesn't think this will be an issue as long as he gets to go outside on a regular basis. X-Ray is stressed at the shelter and is having a hard time gaining weight. He is so absolutely wonderful and is going to make a perfect companion to someone. X-Ray is hard to get pictures of, because he's always on the move out of his kennel, although he does know how to sit now. Please come give this phenomenal boy a chance; come meet X-Ray!

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.

Welcome to Medicare event scheduled

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., in partnership with the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OS-HIIP), will host a "Welcome to Medicare" event for Ohioans new to Medicare on Thursday, May 23, from 2-4 pm at Hawkins Corner, 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario in the Hawkins Conference Center.

This is a free and informational event. Area Agency on Aging staff will be available to assist with additional outreach resources.

For information contact the Benefits Enrollment Center (BEC) at 419-524-4144. No registration is required to attend.

OSHIIP also conducts additional events and seminars.

For additional information visit insurance.ohio.gov or call 800-686-1578.

Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

- Marilyn Jane Shinabargar, April 30
- Dixie Lee Lucas, May 2
- Juanita Loretta Walker, May 2
- Ken Fleming Sr., May 4
- Rita Eileen Bachmann, May 5
- Tamara Jo Taylor, May 5
- Ila Mae Bryant, May 7
- Harlean June (Laughlin) Cole, May 8

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NEW VENUE : Richland Carrousel Park 75 N. Main Street , Mansfield Event Details : Check in 9:00 am | Ceremony / Walk at 10:00 am

Sterkel Park construction underway, more support needed

Construction has begun at the Sterkel Community Park for All, but additional funding for play equipment is needed so that the park can open in the fall.

The 20-acre park site off Hillcrest Street in the heart of Mansfield is set to be one of Ohio's premier community parks where residents of all ages and levels of abilities can visit and enjoy.

The park project, a collaboration among Newhope, Richland Community Development Group (RCDG), and the City of Mansfield, has raised \$4,350,000 so far, including a recent gift of \$50,000, but needs \$4.5 million to order the equipment that completes the first three play zones.

Plus, a generous donor has offered to match another \$25,000 if the project reaches the \$4.5 million mark.

"We are so grateful for the donations we have received so far, and I am thrilled to see the construction activity begin, but we need one final push to make this park a reality," said Michele Giess, superintendent, Richland County Developmental Disabilities Board of Directors (Newhope).

"We can't wait any longer to order equipment, as costs continue to increase. We must move forward and secure the funds we need."

Zone 1 work is underway. Most of the equipment for this zone has been installed, and the remaining equipment will be put in place when the weather permits. The park pavilion has been built and restrooms are almost complete. This zone will also feature pickle ball courts, fitness equipment under roof, ping pong tables and benches.

"Park security is something that is very important to us," said Giess. "We've had Schmidt Security install a state-of-the-art system that will allow the city to monitor the area and after-hours activity to keep the park safe and secure."

Zones 2 and 3 will include a railroad train, track, and train station, a 26-foot-high Sky Tower, and other special play equipment funded by community donors. These zones can be completed by late August if the equipment is ordered in May. The final two zones, Zones 4 and 5, will be completed as more funds come in.

"This park will be a wonderful asset for Mansfield and the surrounding area, as it will provide a safe, accessible, and fun place for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy nature, exercise, and socialize," said Giess. "We hope everyone who can contribute to this project will step up and help us open this park. I am looking forward to the grand opening and a ribbon cutting celebration later this year."

Donations can be made online at the Richland Area Chamber of Commerce website at www.richlandareachamber.com by scrolling to the bottom of the Chamber's home page and clicking on "sector groups" under "Initiatives"; then, click on Sterkel Park Sector's "donate" button. Gift checks can be sent to PARK-RCDG, in care of Newhope, 314 Cleveland Avenue, Mansfield, OH 44902.

For more information about the park project, contact Michele Giess at 419-774-4200 or mgiess@rnewhope.org or Susan Gentile at 419-543-0972. Visit <https://www.mightycause.com/story/T71pfg> to donate.

Donations collected for program

Junior Miss Ontario Rylee Schoonover is collecting items and cash donations for Ontario United Methodist Church's Peanut Butter & Jelly summer food ministry.

Last year, the church fed 759 children from June–August. The children that are in the program attend Ontario Schools and the families have been on free and reduced meals through the school year. This helps supplement food for those families during the summer months. Items needed include applesauce, jelly, peanut butter, canned fruit, vegetables and soups, plain pasta (spaghetti, macaroni, etc), canned spaghetti sauce/pasta sauce, canned meat (tuna, chicken), boxed macaroni and cheese, canned pasta (spaghetti and meatballs, ravioli, etc), box pudding or Jello, pudding and Jello cups and fruit cups. Please make sure expiration dates are not too close.

Donations can also be made through Venmo, FB pay or Cash app. The donation deadline is Friday, May 24. For information email meg31so2@gmail.com or call 567-274-1672.



Photo By Mark Shutt

Richland County Pasture and Grazing School Series coming soon

How we manage the land is becoming increasingly important. Storms are happening with increasing frequency and intensity. If land is over-grazed, over-planted and nutrients removed, we could have another Dust Bowl on our hands.

To help prevent these scenarios and for the current generation's land goals be met while looking to future generations, the Richland County Pasture & Grazing School Series was developed. Partners involved in the series are Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD), the United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS), the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA), the Ohio State University Extension and the Ohio Forage and Grasslands Council.

The series is designed for anyone interested in pasture and grazing management. This is for both new and experienced in livestock and forage management. The series is broken into three parts and participants can attend all three workshop parts or pick and choose which best meets their needs and interests.

The series schedule is as follows:

Field Day for Plain Growers: June 14 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Shiloh Fire Station Pavilion. 11 N. Delaware St., Shiloh.

Women for the Land Learning Circle: June 15 from 9 am to 2 pm at Shady Lane Alpacas, 3073 Gass Rd., Mansfield.

The cost per workshop is \$10 per person and lunch and a grazing stick are included. Register by June 11.

Pastures for Profit Grazing School: The Grazing School is July 23 and 25 from 6–9 pm, at the Longview Center, 1495 W. Longview, Mansfield. The Pasture Walk is on July 27 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Eisenhower Farm, 7146 Guthrie Rd., Shiloh. The cost for the school is \$30 per person and includes a light dinner July 23 and 25, agrazing stick and USB with the course materials. Registration is requested by July 19. Register at <https://richlandswcd.net/> or call 419-747-8688.



By Mátiece Thomas
 Today, I want to talk about a hot topic that I have heard several people in conversation about recently. How healthy is the food that we are eating and feeding to our family?

Simple fact is, there are chemicals in or on most of our food. This can be scary when cancer is at an all-time high and we wonder why.

Yes, it could be easy to sit and worry about it or rant to everyone who will listen, but that does not fix the problem. We need to take control of our food to the best of our ability!

Buying organic when you can

or purchasing from local farmers markets is the best way to reduce chemicals in your food.

When talking to the growers at the farmers market, ask them what they are using on their plants. Remember, it's okay to ask questions, keep the farmers accountable for their product.

When purchasing meat, by going to a butcher rather than your local grocery store can be a great way to get leaner cuts with less hormones. Once again, it's okay to ask where the meat is coming from and its hormone levels.

It might take a little more time and sometimes a little more money, but we can reduce the chemical footprint on our plates.

Buy organic when you can, stay away from processed junk, and remember to always ask the right questions!

Follow me at Instagram-5pts-fitness_trainergirl for nutrition and workout tips.



GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICHES

Ingredients

- A good hearty/crusty bread (sourdough works well)
- Provolone Cheese
- 1 small package of grape tomatoes (10 oz)
- Meatballs
- Red peppers (to add to meatballs when poached in sauce) (or)
- Roasted red peppers
- Olive oil

Instructions

Wash grape tomatoes and coat in olive oil and salt and pepper, roast in a 350 degree oven for 20-30 minutes. You want them to cook out most of moisture and begin to get blackened on outside. Save the oil and use that to put on your bread before you grill sandwich. Assemble your sandwiches, butter (or oil one side and butter the other if you want to use the oil from the tomatoes) both sides and you can cook on a griddle to brown and then put in oven to finish cooking. (we used a thicker slice of bread, so this was a great way to make sure cheese melted but we didn't burn bread). Some variations of a sandwich could be whatever cheese you want to substitute, you could add some spinach or arugula. Maybe add some prosciutto or ham. Fresh tomatoes and fresh mozzarella would make a really good grilled cheese, add some basil and you will not be disappointed.

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Coney Island Inn, a Mansfield staple for many years

By Kris Leiter

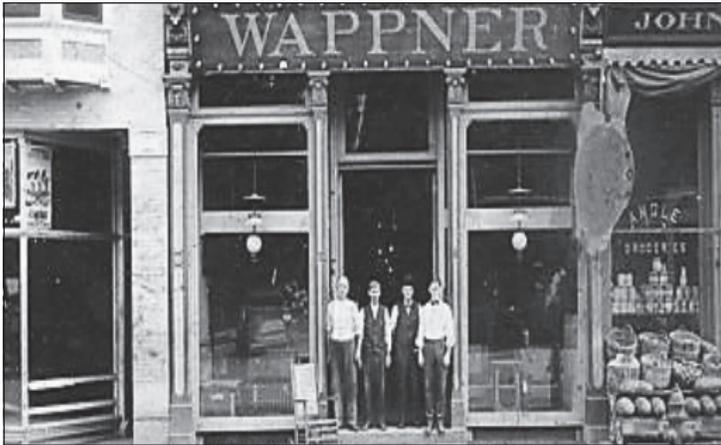
Have you ever thought about dining in a funeral home? I had a delicious meal in one...true story...sort of.

The Coney Island Inn building, 20 S. Park St., Mansfield, has graced Mansfield since 1873, and continues to serve that good ole' diner food that you just can't find on every street corner like in days gone by.

As for the funeral home part of this story? The original building was owned by the Wappner's, which is still one of Mansfield's long-time funeral establishments.

The building actually originated in 1873, as Wappner's Funeral Home and, throughout the years, has been a number of different establishments.

In the 1930s, it became the Wonder Bar with dancing, dining and drinking until it was gutted by a fire in 1945.



THE CONEY ISLAND INN building in downtown Mansfield once housed the Wappner Funeral Home.

By 1948, the building was occupied by Park Billiards, a cigar store, along with an Army & Air Force recruiting office upstairs.

As time moved along, Park Billiards remained but the second floor turned into a "Sportsman's Club," where various interesting forms of illegal gambling took place until they got caught at it. (Ooops!)

In subsequent decades, the upstairs served as a central group headquarters for Mansfield's AA community, and the street level was re-established as a restaurant, as it is today: The Coney Island Inn Family Restaurant.

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Photo by Damon Callis

Day Trippin' With Damon – Sandstone Falls is located in West Virginia. It spans 1,500 feet across and is the largest waterfall on the New River.

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•Village looks for solutions to traffic exiting park

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confirmed that she submitted funds requested for the same project.” Richland County has received only approximately \$1 million for the housing project.

Chief Troy Weaver, said “We had no problems during the eclipse. There was minor parking at the schools and heavy usage of the parks, in particular Bicentennial.

Council Bacin brought up the discussion regarding traffic flow after soccer and baseball games on Plymouth Street. Discussion was held but nothing was resolved. They will talk to coaches about the possibility of staggering times played next year. Chief Weaver has sent a patrol to assist. It was noted that Saturday morning games have the most problems. Encouraging those attending to turn right only when departing the fields was mentioned.

Comstock of Essex Road noted the exiting and entering of games on Plymouth Street have been an issue for several years. He believes that the only solution would be right turn only upon exiting. There are no other roads available to leave the park except the one exit.

A resolution was approved authorizing the appointment and re-hiring of patrolman Andy Little after retirement as a full-time officer, and declaring an emergency.

•Restaurant, a community staple

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The Valentine Family, who currently owns the venue, still brings the quaint “diner” atmosphere to this current era. I frequent this venue quite often and always walk away satisfied.

Oh...you ask about the prices? Let's just say their prices are so good that you feel guilty for not paying them more.

The staff is always attentive and if you are a “regular” (yours truly), they usually bring your regular beverages without asking.

A few of their specialty items are the “Krissey” omelette, that includes everything, including the kitchen sink.”

The “Krissey” is a phenomenal three-egg omelette that has more items than a you can count on both hands and toes. I don't believe (in my rusty brain) that I've still been hungry after indulging in this colossal beast of an omelette.

Let's not forget about their claim to fame...the coney dogs!

You can order a regular coney with their famous sauce or my “go-to” is the king coney, and it also sounds so cool. The king coney is an all beef ¼ lb. hot dog that always satisfies my craving, even at the breakfast hour. The staff sometimes reminds me., “Did you forget to order your king coney today Kris?” And yes, I usually can't walk out without ordering one, along with my omelette, weird combo I guess. But I am not what some may consider normal anyways. I mean, how many people do you know have a spreadsheet of every restaurant that they've ever eaten at? I will not confirm or deny. There are also many additional items to select from, but it would take a novel to list them all.

So, when you're rolling through Mansfield, make this one of your pit stops. You won't walk away hungry — at least I haven't.



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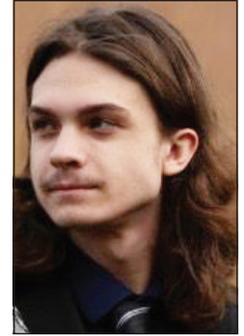
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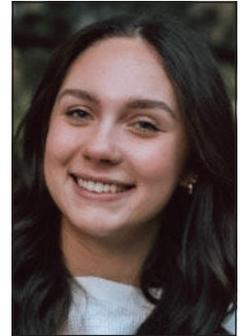
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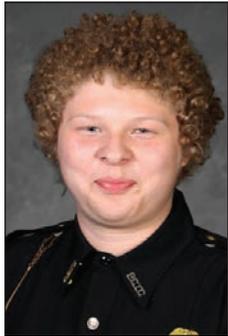
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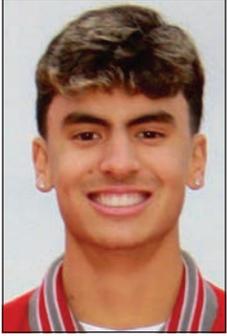
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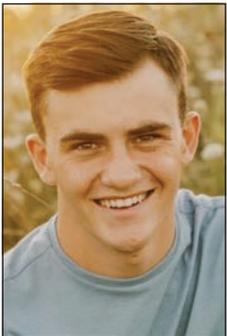
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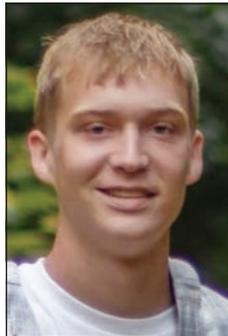
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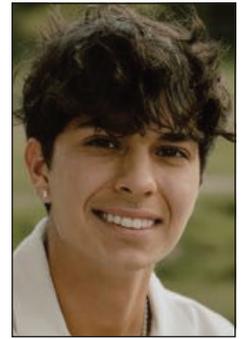
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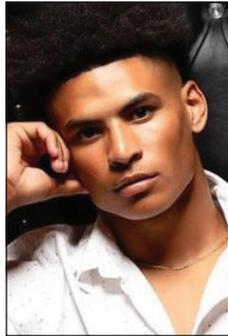
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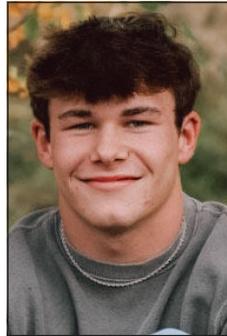
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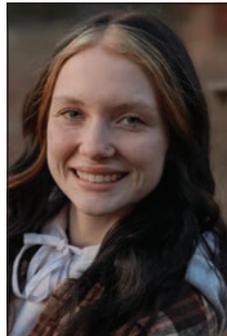
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Senior Signing Day hosted for Class of 2024

Shelby High School held its Senior Signing Day for the Class of 2024 on Thursday, May 9, in the high school gymnasium.

Shelby High School Counselor Bobbi Weaver welcomed students, family and friends.

Senior addresses were given by Shelby High School Senior Executive Committee members Alexis Booker and Guinevere Wagner.

Mayor of the City of Shelby Steven Schagg gave an address, followed by Tim Tarvin, former SHS student and superintendent.

Students were each given a customized pen and signed their name to certificates stating their future plans. Many will attend colleges or universities, some have committed to job training and a few will enter the U.S. Military.

The closing remarks were given by John Gies.

Shelby High School Class of 2024 plans are:

Enlistment

Trenten Cain, Air Force; Makenzi Harrison, Air Force; Marshall Moore, Air Force; Miles Swisher, Air Force; Hayden White, Air Force; Issiah Beck, Air National Guard; Ethan Dawson, Air National Guard; Camden Dorsey, Air National Guard; Zoe McNary, Air National Guard; Brooke Herman, Army; and Van Winchester, Navy.

Foreign Exchange Students

Franka Dittmer from Germany will work at his Family's Printing Business.

Ismael Sirvent Martinez from Spain will enroll in college.

Employment/Apprenticeship

Dyonna Ball, security officer; Mckenzie Conrad, cosmetologist; Tyler Dickerson D.T.E. - IT Support; Hayden Faith, Kelstin Construction; Hayden Gatten, Discount Drug Mart; Josiah Guertler, Personal Trainer; Serinity Merritt, BP; Michael Mosely, Home Depot; Emma Opie, Bankz Salon; Allison Roll, Dollar General; Carter Scott, My Floors; Gabrielle Stumbo, Phlebotomist; and Mason Vent, Richland County Highway Department.

Enrollment

Sylvia Beer, Ashland University; Olivia Hicks, Ashland University; Casey Lantz, Ashland University; Will Magers, Ashland University; Mackenzie Martincin, Ashland University; Roger Moon, Ashland University; Jada Mountz-Grove, Ashland University; Issaiah Ramsey, Ashland University; Peyton Putnam, Baldwin Wallace University; Hannah Reiman, Baldwin Wallace University; Colton Braska, Bowling Green State University; Lily Collier, Bowling Green State University; Elizabeth Croft, Bowling Green State University; Kendall Lantz, Bowling Green State University; Maryn Lantz, Bowling Green State University; Luke Lesseuer, Bowling Green State University; Izzy Pohlbel, Bowling Green State University; Jaleeza Zehner, Bowling Green State University; Grace Garrett, Cedarville University; Sarah Hubbard, Cedarville University; Channon

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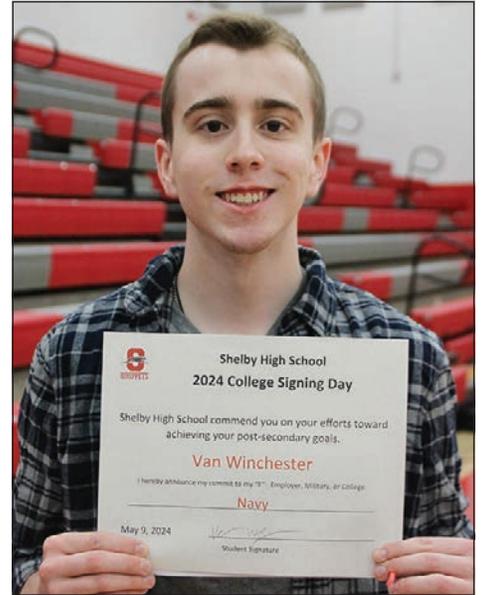
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Richland Academy opens registration for summer

Richland Academy of the Arts has opened registration for summer group classes, private lessons, camps and workshops. Online registration is available and will be ongoing in dance, music, theatre, visual arts, martial arts and film. The summer programs will run from June 3 to Aug. 16.

There are ongoing and multi class discounts and a chance to win a \$50 RAA gift card for early bird registration. Richland Academy of the Arts offers a tuition assistance program that supports the mission of accessible community arts. Applications are currently being accepted. To learn more and to register for classes visit richlandacademy.com or call 419-522-8224.

RAA will provide new and returning summer offerings for all ages. There are over 30 dance classes and camps, 29 art classes and workshops, five music classes, six martial arts classes and seven theatre and film classes and much more.

Some new summer offerings include Bluey Ballet & Dance Camp and Swifties Dance Camp with Miss Sarah and Miss Erin. Also offered this summer will be Skateboard Design, Pizza Box Challenge, Dragon Eye Drawing with Miss Autumn, Violin 101 with Miss Sonia and Rhythms and Rhymes with Miss Megan.

The Summer Film Camp with Leapyear Studios has support provided by the Summertime Kids Grant from the Richland County Foundation and the Carl and Annamarie Fernyak Fund of the Richland County Foundation.

There are also 17 private music instructors who offer instruction in piano, voice, guitar, strings, bagpipes and more instruments. RAA welcomes new private music instructors Derek Roland, teaching guitar and bass; Dr. Cynthia Mahaney teaching voice, violin, and viola; and Thomas Secrist teaching violin. RAA's private lessons are ideal for students looking for a thoroughly personalized and dynamic learning experience.

Richland Academy is located at the corner of 4th and Walnut St., Mansfield. It was founded in 1991 and is supported by the Ohio Arts Council.



Photos By Jeff Hoffer

THE OHIO BIRD SANCTUARY held Edgar's Hawaiian Luau on Saturday, May 11. Visitors experienced traditional culture, music and a hula dance show. Kids and adults had the opportunity to engage in creating enrichment for the resident crows, as well as making rainbow bracelets, a rainbow crow coloring contest, photo booths, hula lessons and food and drink, and so much more. Part of the proceeds went directly to the conservation of the Hawaiian Crow, which is currently extinct in the wild.



AS PART OF MRS. SECRIST'S end of the year balloon pop, third grade students at Ontario enjoyed a day at "Camp Secrist." Their classroom transformed into a campground and was complete with all kinds of summer camp activities. Students shared stories, played games, tie dyed, made crafts and even cooked s'mores in homemade solar power ovens. A special thank you goes to Pizza Hut for its donation of pizza boxes.

BrandRichland community-wide video showcases area vibrancy

The eagerly awaited BrandRichland video was released today and offers a captivating glimpse into the dynamic work, life, and leisure opportunities in Mansfield and Richland County.

The BrandRichland video, a collaborative effort with local partners and stakeholders, is now available for viewing on BrandRichland.com and the social media channels of the City of Mansfield, Richland County Commissioners, Destination Mansfield – Richland County, and the Richland Area Chamber and Economic Development.

Richland County Commissioner Tony Vero underscored the video's role in fostering community unity, stating, "Our brand, eloquently captured in this video, serves as the glue binding a community together, a family of communities, embodying shared values, aspirations, and a collective identity."

Produced by DRM Productions, the 2-minute and 22-second production, born through the Mansfield Rising community branding project in the summer of 2023, includes over 40 locations in Richland County. View filming locations.

Mayor Jodie Perry expressed enthusiasm about the video's release, stating, "Mansfield and Richland County are in the midst of a resurgence, and this video is going to help us tell the story of all the great things that are happening here. The City is proud to be a partner in the video and also the branding project as a whole."

Lee Tasseff, President & CEO of Destination Mansfield - Richland County, emphasized the video's potential to promote the county, stating, "We hope this video presentation provides a glimpse at what

can be created to promote our county. To be the beginning of developing a long-term awareness campaign built with the community brand."

"Successful branding is a critical component of a dynamic and well-rounded community marketing strategy which is essential for effective business attraction and retention. The Mansfield Rising Community Branding initiative was developed in cooperation with over 20 community partners and nine funders and will be used as an anchor for a strategic marketing plan to raise awareness about Richland County's work, life, and leisure opportunities."

Sandy Messner, Director of Marketing at Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development, highlighted the video's invitation for viewers to engage with the community narrative, stating, "The BrandRichland video captures the essence of Mansfield and Richland County, inviting viewers to engage with our story. It's the beginning of a journey towards a stronger, more cohesive community narrative."

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THE CCP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE class at Ontario High School made biodiesel fuel from vegetable oil as part of the energy unit. Students then set up an apparatus to measure the energy released and pollution emitted comparing regular diesel, ethanol and biodiesel test results.

News Briefs in Education

Hannah Smith of Mansfield was named to Pennsylvania Western University Dean's List for the 2024 spring semester.

Over 3,100 Pennsylvania Western University students earned placement on the Dean's List. Degree-seeking undergraduate students who achieve high academic standards are identified in accordance with the following criteria:

The student must earn a minimum semester GPA of 3.40 and earn a minimum of 12 graded credits during the semester, not including credits by proficiency examinations, incomplete grades, temporary grades (e.g., Not Reported), or satisfactory/unsatisfactory grades.

Smith studies at PennWest's Clarion Campus.



Zoe Swanson of Mansfield was inducted May 10 into Ohio Wesleyan University's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest academic honor society. The historic organization counts 17 U.S. presidents, 42 Supreme Court justices, and more than 150 Nobel laureates among its members.

Nationwide, only 10 percent of all U.S. colleges and universities have Phi Beta Kappa chapters, and each of the 293 chapters selects only 10 percent of its graduates annually to join through a highly selective, merit-based invitation process.

Based in Washington, D.C., Phi Beta Kappa was founded in 1776, and its name originated from the motto "Love of learning is the guide of life." Ohio Wesleyan's Eta Chapter was founded in 1907.

The honor society's mission is to champion education in the liberal arts and sciences, recognize academic excellence, and foster freedom of thought and expression. Learn more about Phi Beta Kappa at www.pbk.org.

KCCC's Precision Machining program receives \$18,000 for scholarships

Knox County Career Center's (KCCC) Precision Machining program recently received an \$18,000 grant from the Gene Haas Foundation to support scholarships.

Scholarships are to be awarded to students who are currently enrolled or will be enrolling in a CNC Technology Training or CNC Machining-Based Engineering program. The criteria for determining recipients of these scholarships will be determined by the program's instructor and/or advisory committee.

The Gene Haas Foundation was established in 1999 by Gene Haas, founder and owner of Haas Automation, Inc., to support the needs of the local community, through grants to such local charities like the Boys and Girls Clubs, Food Share, Rescue Mission, and others.

Seeing a growing need for skilled manufacturing employees industry-wide, the Foundation expanded its mission to include support for manufacturing training programs throughout North America and beyond. By providing scholarship grants, sponsoring individual and team CNC competitions, and partnering with the very best CNC training programs in the world, the Foundation helps expand the availability of high-quality manufacturing technology training worldwide.

The Gene Haas Foundation donates millions of dollars every year to manufacturing education and the community. In 2022, the Gene Haas Foundation provided more than \$27 million in grants, bringing the total since inception to more than \$175 million.

"We are so thankful that our program has been awarded this grant. The Gene Haas Foundation is a staple of the manufacturing world when it comes to education. Not only have they made a very solid name for themselves in the industry but the fact that they cater to education is such a gracious thing. We are thankful and grateful!" said Joe LaFevre, KCCC's Precision Machining instructor.



ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL sixth grade students recently completed a study of the world's earliest civilizations. Each class has been using what they learned to create artifacts for a museum exhibit about a civilization of their imagination.



SUPERINTENDENT GREG NICKOLI congratulates Charles Naylor, 2024 Byron H. Carmean Award winner.

Pioneer CTC announces award and scholarship winners

Pioneer Career and Technology Center hosted the annual Honors Night on Wednesday, April 24. Students, families and faculty gathered for the special event to celebrate the outstanding achievements of students who have excelled and demonstrated extraordinary commitment to their education.

Over \$2.1 million worth of scholarships were awarded to students for continuing their education. Pioneer students also received recognition for several awards, including the Director's Attitude Awards and Citizenship Awards, as well as honoring students who have enlisted in the military.

A major highlight of the evening was the announcement of the 2024 Byron H. Carmean Character, Dedication and Service Award winner, Charles Naylor, a senior from Northmor High School.

Naylor has excelled in Pioneer's Welding program under the direction of Kip Stevens. The Carmean Award is the highest award given to a Pioneer student and was created to recognize students with outstanding qualities of character, personal dedication and service to education. At Pioneer, Naylor has been involved with SkillsUSA (Career Tech Student Organization) and placed first in the SkillsUSA Regional Conference.

At Northmor, he played football throughout many of his school years and was actively involved in Ag. class for all 4 years of high school. As a part of his success in the Welding program, he earned a unique opportunity to work at Local 550, Iron Workers through Pioneer's Early Job Placement program. Naylor saved his earnings during his senior year and purchased his first home, before graduation. He continues to build a very impressive resume.

This year's other deserving nominees for the Carmean Award includes seniors Gabriel Melvin, IT Support, home school; Zachary Krupa, Medical Technologies, Lucas High School; Mia Felder, Dental Assisting, Galion High School; Molly Reidman, Culinary Arts, Willard High School; Hugo Andrade, Home Remodeling, Willard High School; Zachary Kever, Industrial Electricity, Lucas High School; LJ Ebner, Performing Arts, Galion High School; Hunter Sager, Welding, Wynford High School; Makayla Dickson, Dental Assisting, Ontario High School; Harmony Fry, Horticulture, Lexington High School; and Cayden Moore, Collision Repair & Power Equipment, Crestview High School.

Premier Bank opens new branch

Premier Bank has announced the opening of a new community bank branch at 830 N. Court St., Medina. The branch opened on March 18. The grand opening was recently celebrated in partnership with the Greater Medina Chamber of Commerce with a ribbon cutting ceremony with local dignitaries and Premier Bank executives in attendance.

In conjunction with the ribbon cutting ceremony, Premier Bank also presented a \$5,000 donation to Medina Creative Housing, a local non-profit organization that is committed to providing a comprehensive lifestyle for individuals with developmental, intellectual and physical disabilities, including housing, supportive services and programs. The funds will be used for general program support.

As a full-service bank, Premier offers both in-branch and digital solutions to address customer banking preferences. The branch provides an array of retail, residential mortgage and commercial lending products and services, as well as wealth management products. To serve the needs of the community, Premier has hired three associates for the branch and Eric VanHorn, has been named Branch Manager.

"We're very excited about this growth opportunity in Medina County," said Steve Hendricks, EVP, Northcentral Market President, Premier Bank. "The opening of this new office represents many months of planning and preparation. We are excited to introduce our suite of financial products and services to the residents and business owners of this thriving community."



PREMIER BANK presented a \$5,000 donation to Medina Creative Housing. Pictured are Steve Hendricks, EVP, Northcentral Market President, Premier Bank; Nichole Miller, VP, Retail District Manager, Premier Bank; Erin Vanhorn, AVP, Branch Manager, Premier Bank Medina and Dianne DePasquale-Haggerty, CEO, Medina Creative Housing.

Mansfield Walk to End Alzheimer's scheduled for September 14

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter has announced the North Central Ohio/Mansfield Walk to End Alzheimer's will be Saturday, Sept. 14 at Richland Carrousel Park, 75 N. Main St., Mansfield.

The Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research.

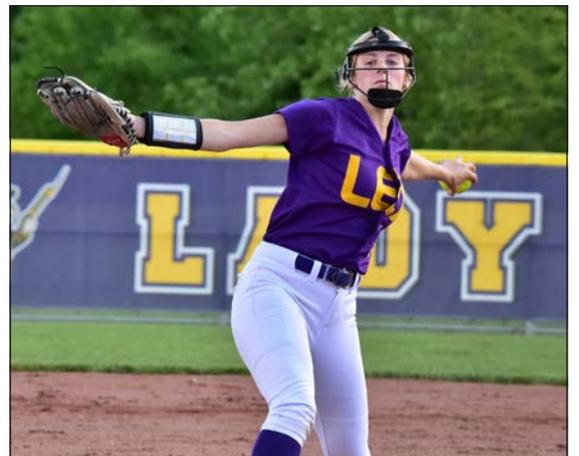
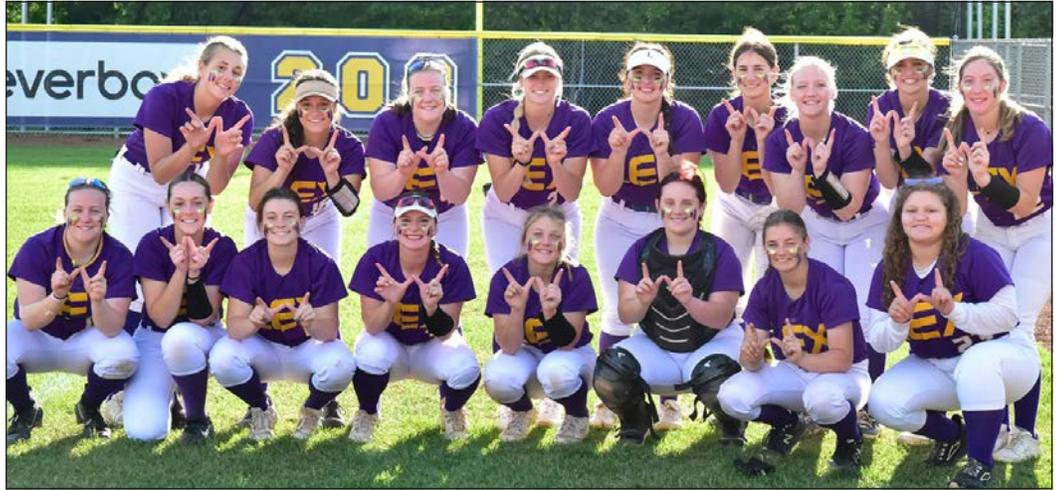
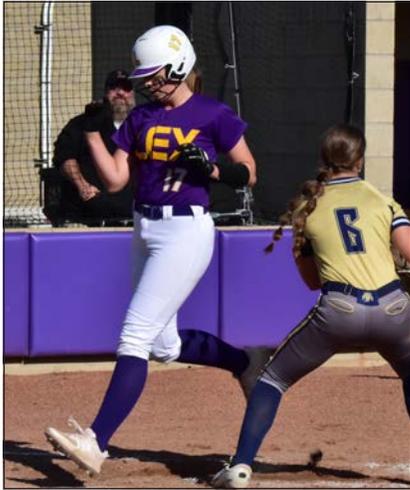
Supporters walk in memory of mothers, fathers, grandparents and loved ones who are impacted by the disease and other dementia. Alzheimer's disease is the seventh leading cause of death in the U.S., more than breast and prostate cancers combined.

To register a team, sign up as a team captain or register to walk as an individual, visit alz.org/nwohio/walk.

There are 236,200 Ohioans 65 and older living with Alzheimer's disease according to the 2024 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures. A total of 414,000 Ohio caregivers provide 624 million hours of unpaid care each year, valued at \$11.4 billion. Those concerned about themselves or a loved one can contact the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter at 419-537-1999.

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LEXINGTON VS TIFFIN SOFTBALL DIVISION II SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
MAY 10 · PHOTOS BY JEFF HOFFER (LADY LEX ARE SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS)



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ONTARIO VS HIGHLAND JV BASEBALL · MAY 9



Sports Highlights

Softball Tournament Update

By Kris Leiter

The Crestview Girls bowed out to Galion last Friday, May 10 with a 10-5 loss.

The Division II Northwest III District tournament of Lexington (1 seed) vs Ontario (6 seed) will be held at Willard High School on May 14, at 3 pm.

It looks like we have some heated action on the diamond coming up with Lady Lex (24-2) (9-2 OCC), manned by Todd Galownia. Lexington has always brought some stout talent to the table when it comes to softball over the years. Even as years gone by, I remember Coach Mike Hammond bringing some very hard playing teams as well.

The Lady Warriors, coached by Jamee Burke, have notched victories in their last three regular season games and recently defeated Clyde in the first tournament game on May 11 in extra innings. The Warriors were deadlocked with Clyde 2-2 for seven innings. Ontario tallied six runs in the top of the eighth inning to seal the deal and the win, putting Clyde in the rear-view mirror and advance to face Lexington.

Ontario and Lexington have been backyard rivals for years and this game should prove to bring excitement to the table.

The Clear Fork (2 seed) vs Norwalk (4 seed) game will be held at Willard High School on May 14, at 5 pm.

The Lady Colts of Clear Fork (16-8, 13-1 MOAC) coached by Chris Clapper will grapple with Norwalk (15-8, 8-2 Sandusky Bay). Clear Fork has been on a roll, defeating River Valley 5-1, on May 13.

The winner of the Ontario-Lexington game will advance to the next round on Thursday, May 16, at Willard at 5 pm. If Clear Fork pulls out a victory, there will be some very good softball continuing with our spotlight teams.



FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES from Warrior Leadership Council at Ontario had the privilege of serving lunch in downtown Mansfield on May 6, in cooperation with the nonprofit People Helping People.



THE ONTARIO ACADEMIC CHALLENGE TEAM visited Primrose Retirement Home to challenge the residents to a friendly match of trivia. This was the second annual "Dan (Henige) the Trivia Man" challenge. The students were surprised to be beaten by the still very sharp residents.

Red Cross in need of donors

The American Red Cross asks the public to give blood or platelets during Trauma Awareness Month in May to keep hospitals prepared for all transfusion needs, including emergencies. Type O blood donors and donors giving platelets are especially needed right now.

Book a time to give by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App. Thanks to Sport Clips Haircuts, all who come to donate through May 31 will get a coupon for a free haircut by email.

Friday, May 17, 9 am to 3 pm, Area Agency on Aging, 2131 Park Avenue W., Ontario

Saturday, May 18, 9 am to 2 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Monday, May 20, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Tuesday, May 21, 1-6 pm, Crossroads Church, 1188 Park Ave West, Mansfield

Wednesday, May 22, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Friday, May 24, 11 am to 5 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Tuesday, May 28, noon to 5 pm, Berean Baptist Church, 2145 Middle Bellville Rd., Mansfield

Wednesday, May 29, 11 am to 4 pm, Dairy Queen, 309 Ashland Rd., Madison area, Mansfield; and noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Thursday, May 30, 2-7 pm, Community Building, 21555 Pealer Mill Rd., Butler

Friday, May 31, 9 am to 7 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

CLASSIFIEDS

ATTORNEY REESE F. MILLS IS RETIRING FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW EFFECTIVE JUNE 28, 2024

Original Wills and other files of clients can be picked up from Mabee & Mills, 24 W. Third St., Suite 300, Mansfield, Monday to Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 12 Noon. Please call ahead at (419) 524-1403 so your document(s) can be readily available to you when you arrive.

All Wills and other files remaining at Mabee & Mills after June 28, 2024 will be transferred to the custody of the law firm of Renwick, Welsh and Burton, 58 W. Third St., Suite B, Mansfield, Ohio. Telephone: (419) 522-2889.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids for the Spring Village Sanitary Sewer Replacement in the City of Ontario, Ohio will be received by Kris Knapp, Service-Safety Director, at 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio 44906 until 10:00 AM, local time Thursday May 30, 2024, and then, at said office, publicly opened and read aloud.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and other contract documents may be examined at KE McCartney & Associates, 52 North Diamond Street, Mansfield, Ohio 44902 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

In order to be a plan holder of record and eligible to submit a bid, bidders 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/>. All documents become the property of the prospective bidder, with no portion of the payment being refunded.

The project includes the installation of 2,218 LF of 8 & 12-Inch sewer main along with service laterals. The estimated cost of construction is \$800,000.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularity which does not affect the competitive nature of the bidding process or to reject any or all bids. Contract will be awarded based on the lowest and best bid. The City of Ontario 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 City of Ontario.

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. All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will, to the extent practicable use Ohio Products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of the Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123, the Governor's Executive Order of 1972, and the Governor's Executive Order 84-9 shall be required.

The Owner intends and requires that this project be substantially completed by December 31, 2024.

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

First Bid Advertisement: May 9, 2024
Second Bid Advertisement: May 16, 2024
Bid Opening: May 30, 2024

Kris Knapp
Service-Safety Director
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 5-9, 16, 23 '24) 85L

SEASONAL HELP WANTED

Madison Township Road Department is seeking seasonal help from June 1, 2024 to September 1, 2024. Requirements: valid Ohio drivers license, CDL optional, starting pay is \$18.00 per hour negotiable with experience. This position will aid in the road department operations. Resumes can be sent to clerk@madisontwp.us

Leanna Rhodes Fiscal Officer,
Madison Twp. Richland Co., Mansfield, OH
(T-C 5-16, 23 '24) 12L

OFFICE PERSONNEL CIVIL SERVICE EXAM

The City of Ontario, an Equal Opportunity Employer, currently has an opening for an Office Personnel position in the Administration Department. This position requires skills in general office duties such as data entry, customer service, phone calls, and general clerical work. Starting hourly rate is \$20.49. The successful applicant must be bondable. We offer an excellent benefit package.

Applications may be picked up at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, or online at www.ontarioohio.org, and must be returned by May 31, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. in a sealed envelope addressed to the Civil Service Commission-Office Personnel Position. The Civil Service examination for the Office Personnel position will be held Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 10:00 a.m., in the Ontario Municipal Building Community Room, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio.

Job Duties and Responsibilities
•The Office Personnel Position shall assist the Mayor, Service-Safety Director, Clerk of Court, Water & Sewer Clerk, Clerk of Council, Law Director,

Treasurer, Income Tax, and Recreation Director by providing administrative support.
•Perform general office duties to include, but not limited to, mailing, answering telephones, data entry, and copying.
•Assist customers at the service window.
•Prepares documents as directed by the Mayor and Service-Safety Director.
•Assist Clerk of Council by attending Council meetings, committee meetings, and various boards and commission meetings as needed.
•Receive and protect confidential information.
•Prepare Board of Control minutes and attend meetings as needed.

•Sort and distribute mail.
•Keeps informed of City policies and procedures.
•Must possess and maintain a valid Ohio driver's license.
•Maintains regular and predictable attendance.
•Performs any other related duties as required.
•Must be able to work well with other employees, follow directions, and practice safe work habits.

Requirements
•A high school diploma or equivalent is required.

Cathy VanAuker, MMC
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 5-16, 23, 30 '24) 68L

FEMA Disaster Recovery Center opens in Richland County

A temporary FEMA Disaster Recovery Center will open Tuesday, May 14 in Richland County to help residents kickstart their recovery after the March 14 tornadoes.

Specialists from FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration will be at the centers to help survivors apply for federal disaster assistance, upload documents, learn about ways to make their property more disaster resistant, and get their questions answered in person.

The Richland County center will be open temporarily at the following location at Plymouth Township Hall, 7025 Kuhn Rd., Shelby, OH 44875. Hours are Tuesday-Friday 7:30 am to 6:30 pm; May 14-May 17. This center will close Friday, May 17 at 6:30 pm.

Additional recovery centers will be opening in other impacted counties soon. To find the center nearest you, visit FEMA.gov/DRC. Survivors may visit any center for assistance.

Assistance in languages other than English, including American sign language, and translated materials are available at these centers. Disaster Recovery Center locations are chosen for their accessibility, with the goal of reaching as many people as possible. Accessible parking spaces are available at all centers.

Survivors don't need to visit a Disaster Recovery Center to apply for FEMA assistance. To apply without visiting a center, go online to DisasterAssistance.gov, download the FEMA mobile app or call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362. If you use a relay service such as video relay service, captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service when you apply.

For even more information about the disaster recovery operation in Ohio, visit www.fema.gov/disaster/4777.





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