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## Ontario board approves mass hirings for sports and extracurricular activities

The Ontario Board of Education met July 9.

The board approved the employment of Matt Keasal as a middle and high school choir teacher, effective with the 2024-'25 school year, \$64,024.

Peyton Perini was hired as a transition resource teacher for the coming school year, \$44,381.

The board approved amending the treasurer's and superintendent's contracts for the 2024-'25 contract year.

Substitute pay rates were increased and the board approved the employment of classified staff personnel on a one-year contract for the 2024-'25 school year. This includes Faith Krebs as a Stengel Playground Aide, \$5,090.

Sue Wentz, OMS 2 1/2-hour cook resigned at the end of the last school year.

Hirings for the 2024-'25 school year include Matt Keasal as the high school choir director, \$4,538, middle school choir director, \$1,568 and assistant marching band director, \$4,538. Also hired were David Wolbert, percussion instructor, \$2,379; and Wendy Wilgig, eighth grade Power of the Pen, \$1,568.

Athletic extracurricular/supplemental staff personnel hirings include:

Boys soccer: Stephen Armstrong, head varsity, \$5,635; Jacob Brown, varsity assistant, \$4,538; and Doug McPeck, volunteer freshman assistant.

Cheer advisors: Morgan Eckert, varsity, \$1,731; Morgan Eckert and Emily Hadsell, JV, two sharing one stipend, \$865.50 each; Emily Hadsell, freshmen, two sharing one stipend, \$865.50.

Cross Country: Megan Willeke, head varsity, \$5,370; Charlie Ride-nour, varsity assistant, \$4,538; Janey Fulk, middle school (50%)-\$1,488; and Karen Kaufman, middle school (50%), \$1,488.

Flag director: Haley Foss, \$1,731.

Football: Aaron Eckert, head varsity, \$9,764; Ted Mutti, varsity assistant, \$5,370; Jeremy Muncy, varsity assistant, \$5,370; Doug Basham, varsity assistant, \$5,370; Ron Skelton, Ryan Ball and Dale Stevens, freshmen, three sharing two stipends, \$3,303 each; Kyle Ward, seventh grade, five sharing four stipends, \$3,302; Ed Cotter, OMS assistant, five sharing four stipends, \$2,642; and Jonny King, eighth grade, five sharing four stipends, \$3,878. Football volunteers are Joe Baumgard, Preston Alterio, Tim Plumley, Alan Miller, Mark Genders and Chris Miller, all \$0.

Girls soccer: Larry Atkinson, head varsity, \$5,635; Stacy Seif, varsity assistant, \$3,634; Brian Weaver, freshmen assistant, \$4,538; and Greg Atkinson, volunteer, \$0.

Girls tennis: Todd Friend, head, volunteer, \$0

Golden Girls director: Morgan Eckert, \$1,731

Golf: Jake Stimpert, head boys varsity, \$4,538; Heath Sager, boys varsity assistant, \$2,976; and Mike Ellis, head girls varsity, \$3,798

Majorettes director: Darcie Broom, \$1,198

Summer/fall strength coordinator: Jonny King, two sharing one stipend, \$2,685; and Ethan Pensante, two sharing one stipend, \$2,685.

Spring/winter strength coordinator: Jonny King, \$5,370

Ticket manager: Deb Eddleblute, \$1,568

Volleyball: Natalie Shell, head varsity, \$5,635; Taylor Heiby, varsity assistant, \$4,538; Elizabeth Hatfield, JV, freshmen, \$3,302; and Morgan Groscost, seventh grade, \$2,381

Fall activity coordinator: Pete Brophy, Ethan Pensante and Jamee Burke, OHS, three sharing one stipend, \$1,651 each; and Heath Sager, OMS, \$2,976

OMS activity coordinator: Annalee Stover, Concessions, \$2,163

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**THE OHIO BIRD SANCTUARY** held two weeks of "Outdoor Survival Camp." Campers learned about shelter-building, fire-building, basic first aid and went fishing. The sanctuary is located at 3774 Orweiler Rd., Mansfield. For information visit [ohiobirdsanctuary.com](http://ohiobirdsanctuary.com).

## YMCA hosts groundbreaking for sports complex in Bellville

June 12 was a monumental day for the YMCA of North Central Ohio. A celebration, which included local elected officials, stakeholders, and YMCA enthusiasts, kicked-off the build of the \$22 million Sports Complex in Bellville.

The new complex, which is expected to open in late 2025 or early 2026, will provide traditional YMCA programming with indoor and outdoor athletic fields, basketball, volleyball, pickleball, indoor track, and an outdoor walking trail. The late Jim Gorman donated 35 acres of land to the YMCA near the intersection of Interstate 71 and Ohio 97 to the YMCA when the board began looking for land for its third branch in Richland County.

The YMCA's capital campaign has raised more than \$9 million after a recent \$500,000 gift from the Million Foundation and additional donations from Ted and Heidi Sazdanoff, Park National Bank, Mechanics Bank and others. The campaign operates in stages, with a financial goal of \$12 million by mid-summer, and a goal of \$15 million by the end of 2024. The public campaign is now underway, and the YMCA is seeking donations from individuals, businesses and organizations to help reach its target.



# The Mansfield Riots of 1900 — The Stakeout

By Bob Carter

## Part 11

A crowd began to assemble at union station long before the east-bound Erie train number 12 was due at 6:35. Warning that rioters would be arrested, the 24 police, Sheriff Pulver with deputies and firemen from central station were on-hand to keep the crowd in check. As the train was seen coming in, the crowd surged forward, but were staid by police who kept the depot platform clear.

Officers were on the train before it stopped and locked the pullman doors. They refused to let Piper and the elders leave the car. An argument ensued but to no avail.

Mayor Brown made an appeal to the crowd to let the law handle the matter. As the train started to pull out, the crowd, estimated at over 2,000, went as far back as Diamond Street and hooted jeered and seemed satisfied as they began to leave. The two lawyers and three policemen stayed on the train and rode as far as Ashland, where all got off.

*Ashland Times* August 8, 1900: "Ashland instead of Mansfield entertained the Dowie divine healers Sunday, although a large reception committee was awaiting them in the Richmond County Metropolis. The reason elders were here was not that they have a church here but maybe because they were not allowed to get off the train at Mansfield Sunday morning. As it became known all over town that the preachers were here, people gathered to see them and in no time a large crowd was on hand. The elders declared first their intention to return to Mansfield as soon as possible although they made little effort to return on the 5 o'clock train."

"Piper finally prevailed on Mayor H. M. Benner to take them over and paid him \$10. Brenner had his horses harnessed when a few gathered in the barn and threatened to tear the carriage pieces and one man refused to work for him any longer. Several in the unruly crowd showed the unruly mob spirit in them. They left the sta-

bles amid hisses and calls for "where's the paint" and went back to the hotel where they met with Ashland's Mayor Heltman and Sheriff Jones, who advised him to go east and avoid Mansfield. They left declaring their intention to return to Mansfield."

"Mayor Hilton was much opposed to the action of the Mansfield offices coming here as they did and he expressed himself very vehemently in the matter! He gave the deputy sheriff a calling down over the phone and talked very pointedly to Mayor Brown of Mansfield. He told Brown he considered an insult for Mansfield police to come here and help excite our people and spread mob continuation, running the risk of attracting the rabble of Mansfield to Ashland. He reminded Brown that his people had always been a habit of calling Ashland the fifth Ward of Mansfield. Boy was he mad about that."

A little history: When Dowie landed in California from Australia he began a career as a roving evangelist between there and Chicago. He tried Evanston, Illinois, Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Minneapolis with little in gain.

In 1893, with a few followers, he set up a crude tabernacle outside the entrance to the Chicago Worlds Fair. It was next to Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West Show and other attractions. He wrote years later that he was much annoyed when gunshots and war hoops next door spoiled his preaching. He began to draw regular crowds of the curious and from living as a pauper he now developed a financial vision for the future. From that humble beginning in 1893, he began to draw regular crowds.

By 1900, with his faith healing ministry, he prospered to the point that he claimed to be worth \$5,000,000.

## Brown hosts campaign event

By Ian Stumbo

I had the opportunity to meet Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown at a campaign event over the weekend in downtown Mansfield. It was a nice event with some justices also speaking and was well attended.

I have many memories growing up and hearing about Sen. Brown. He is a Mansfield native who got to know my grandparents, Frank and Betty Stumbo, while running for office early in his career. He would often stop into the *Tribune* office to consult with Frank.

Even though my grandparents were republicans and Brown is a democrat they stayed in touch through the years and they always talked well about him and supported him. I always admired this and this is something that would be nice to see in the current day's politics.

Brown was a little late as he had an event in Columbus. He told stories about bills he helped pass and touched on how the government can work for the people. He highlighted the PACT act which was signed into law by President Biden and helps veterans exposed to toxic burn pits, agent orange and other toxic substances.

He told a funny story about how he started going to a new dentist's office a few miles from his house and the receptionist asked him if being a United States senator is a full-time job. He wisely used that opportunity to explain how many people are not politically active or aware and it is a great opportunity to help our fellow citizens become more engaged. He even mentioned the *Tribune-Courier* in his remarks.

I had the opportunity to meet the senator in person and he was very friendly and asked me several questions. We shared memories of my grandparents and family and he even brought up eating chicken dinners with them. It was nice to go full circle in a sense from hearing stories about the senator my entire life to meeting him in person.



**DOWIE BUILT A TABERNACLE** just outside the 1893 Chicago Worlds Fair next to Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. Dowie complained about gun shots and war hoops during his sermons.



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# News Briefs

As part of the Richland County Fair activities, the Junior Fair Bake-A-Rama Auction and Awards will be held Sunday, Aug. 4, at 6:30 pm in the Hartz building.

The 31st Annual Pie Auction will be held at 5 pm on Wednesday, Aug. 7, in the Arts and Crafts Building. To register to enter a pie, visit [www.richlandcountyfair.com](http://www.richlandcountyfair.com) or call 419-565-5285. The deadline to register is July 26.

The junior fair talent show will be held Wednesday, Aug. 7, at 7 pm in the Hartz building.

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State Route 430, at McElroy Road, Madison area, is closed for a culvert replacement. The detour route is SR 430 east to SR 39 south to SR 603 north to SR 430, and reverse. The estimated completion date is Friday, July 26.

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

The next meal will be held on Aug. 21, and will include roast turkey with entertainment from the Colonel Crawford 18th Century Re-enactors.

The group will also meet Aug. 7, at 11 am at Wishmaker House, 116 Main St., Bellville.

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

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Friends of the Galion Public Library will operate "Bring On The Books!" on Saturday, Aug. 3 from 10 am to noon.

The project will be offered in the alley behind the library, 123 N. Market St., as a drive-up operation where volunteers will unload books out of donors' cars.

"Now is the opportunity to clean out those shelves of unwanted books. Donating them to our upcoming book sale is a great way to pass on that knowledge effortlessly and help support the library," Denise Iden-Koffel, Friends president said. "We are looking for any used books, CDs, puzzles and games as well."

Items will be offered at the semi-annual book sales.

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The City of Ontario will host Summer Concerts at Marshall Park this summer. The concert admission is free and those attending are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chairs.

Concerts are at the Marshall Park Band Shell from 6-8 pm. The schedule includes July 23, Oolong Gurus; Aug. 13, Soul Town Live; and Aug. 27, Atermath.

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Madison High School turns 100 this school year. Alumni can be a part of the celebration with events scheduled all year.

Events will be kicked-off at the first home football game, Aug. 30. There will be food trucks, alumni performances and alumni recognition.

Honored prior to kick-off will be the alumni band, cheerleaders, Ramettes, majorettes and football players and coaches (who will line the field to welcome the team).

All Madison alumni attending the event will be honored through-

out the evening, by decades.

To register or for an anniversary t-shirt (which includes admission) visit <https://sites.google.com/view/madison-100/home>.

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First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Ave. West offers senior boxes of non-perishable 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.

Those receiving food must have at least one person age 60 or older in the household.

Boxes may be picked up between 10:30 am and 12:30 pm on the fourth Tuesday. Due to the volume of clients, distribution is moving in May to the Mulberry St. parking lot at the corner of Park Ave West. This is directly across the side street from the church. Those attending should pull in and follow the signs and directions.

The items are available on the fourth Tuesday of each month, year round. The next distribution is July 23.

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Mechanics Bank will host the Live@Lunch 2024 Summer Court-yard Series in the Mechanics Courtyard, 2 S. Main St., Mansfield. All performances will be held from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Performances are free with the opportunity to purchase food.

The schedule includes July 19, music by Tom's Kitchen Table and food by Eshelman's Table; Aug. 2, music by Taylor Schlupp and food by Panchos Tacos; Aug. 16, music by EKG and food by Pasta by Grunt Grub; Sept. 13, music by Sarah Goff and food by Truckin' Trav; and Sept. 20, music by Tom's Kitchen Table and food by Mr. Bill's Wood Fired Pizza. The courtyard is open every Friday over lunch.

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

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The Mansfield Men's Garden Club is currently accepting nominations for its annual community beautification awards. To nominate a garden or landscape that enhances the community, contact Rob Nalley at 419-496-3003 or [robertnalley2023@gmail.com](mailto:robertnalley2023@gmail.com); Ed Pickens at 419-564-0912 or [edpickens48@gmail.com](mailto:edpickens48@gmail.com); or visit [Mansfieldmensgardenclub.com](http://Mansfieldmensgardenclub.com). Residential and commercial nominations will be accepted through July 26.

Winners will be recognized at the annual Mansfield Men's Garden Club Beautification Awards Dinner held on Sept. 3, in the Kingwood Center Gardens King Ballroom.

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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, Aug. 13, 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.

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## Summer crisis program available to help Richland County residents

The Ohio Department of Development and the Area Agency on Aging are once again offering assistance to help Ohio's families stay cool during the hot summer months.

From July 1 through Sept. 30, income-eligible Ohioans can receive assistance in paying their electric bill, purchasing an air conditioner or fan, or making repairs to their central air conditioning unit through the Ohio Department of Development's Home Energy Assistance Summer Crisis Program.

The program assists low-income households or those that have a disconnection notice, have been shut off, are trying to establish new service on their electric bill, require air conditioning or those with an elderly household member (60 years or older) who can provide physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for their health. Qualifying medical conditions can include lung disease, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, asthma and others.

To qualify for assistance, Ohioans must have a gross income at or below 175 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for a family of up to seven members and 60 percent of the state median income for a family of eight or more. For a family of four, the annual income must be at or below \$54,600.

Last year, the program assisted more than 44,000 households in Ohio, providing a total of \$13.4 million in benefits.

To apply for the program, clients are required to schedule an appointment by calling 419-901-9539.

Clients need to bring copies of their most recent energy bills, a list of all household members and proof of income for the last 30 days for each member, proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members, proof of disability (if applicable) and physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed (if there isn't a household member over the age of 60).

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (AAA) is a non-profit agency. Programs are available for all ages and income levels; however, they specialize in services and programs for older adults and anyone with disabilities. Assistance with applying for programs is available at 419-524-4144 or 800-860-5799.

Ohioans enrolled in the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP) program who meet the above criteria may also be eligible for assistance towards their default PIPP payment, first PIPP payment, central air conditioning repairs, or may receive an air conditioning unit and/or fan.

For more information about the program and what is needed to apply, older Ohioans can call 419-524-4144. To be connected to a local energy assistance provider visit [www.energyhelp.ohio.gov](http://www.energyhelp.ohio.gov) or call 800-282-0880. Learn more about our work at [development.ohio.gov](http://development.ohio.gov).

# Church Directory

### Clay Memorial Lutheran Church

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

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

### Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville  
419-886-4333 • [www.clearforkalliance.org](http://www.clearforkalliance.org)  
Rev. Matt Merendino

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

### Community Bible Church

1043 Springmill St., Mansfield  
567-560-8011

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

### First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

200 West Third St., Mansfield  
419-524-4813 • [mansfield1stcc1833@gmail.com](mailto:mansfield1stcc1833@gmail.com)  
Rev. Gregory Bibler  
Office Hours: Tu., W., Th. 9 am to 1 pm  
10:30 am Sunday Worship  
Christian Builders, Sunday, 9:30 am  
[www.FirstChristianChurchMansfield.com](http://www.FirstChristianChurchMansfield.com)  
FB: FirstChristianChurch,Mansfield,Ohio

### First Congregational Church

640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield  
419-756-3046 • [www.mansfieldfcc.com](http://www.mansfieldfcc.com)  
Pastor Brad Bunn  
8:30 am Chapel • 10:30 am Sanctuary  
Sunday School 10:30 am

### First English Lutheran Church

53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield  
419-522-0662 • [www.felc-mansfield.org](http://www.felc-mansfield.org)  
Interim Pastor Lisa Peterson  
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship  
Call about Prayer Groups, Small Groups, Bible Studies, Book Clubs, Pub Theology, Community Meals, Free Produce distribution and Senior Boxes.

### Hope Lutheran Church

(Formerly St. Paul & St. Timothy)  
2010 Park Avenue West, Mansfield  
419-529-4351 • [www.lutheranhope.org](http://www.lutheranhope.org)  
Pastor Jonathan Stuft  
9:30 am Sunday Worship  
10 am Thursday Bible Study  
Free Breakfast 2nd Saturdays 9 am  
Free Dinner 4th Sundays 5 pm

### Lexington Presbyterian Church

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

### Mansfield 1st EPC

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

### Mansfield Baptist Temple

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

### Ontario United Methodist Church

3540 Park Avenue West., Ontario  
419-529-4345 • [ontarioumc.com](http://ontarioumc.com)  
Pastor George Lee  
10:15 am Sunday Worship  
10:15 am Kingdom Kids

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

68 Park Avenue East, Mansfield  
419-522-2813 • [www.stjohnsmansfield.org](http://www.stjohnsmansfield.org)  
Pastor Faith Proietti  
10 am Sunday Worship  
Office hours: Mon-Fri 9 am to 1 pm  
AA Meetings M & F 10 am & noon;  
Wed. noon Brown Bag and Sat. 6 pm  
Clothing Ministry by appt: 419-512-9817

### Trinity Grace Fellowship

1592 Grace St., Mansfield  
419-589-5890 • [trinitygracefellowship.org](http://trinitygracefellowship.org)  
Pastor Larry Carnes  
9:30 am Sunday Worship  
11 am Sunday School  
Bible Study Mondays 2 pm

### G & M Body & Paint Shop

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

### Wappner Funeral Home

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Volunteers will load the produce into trunks or the back of vehicles. Please have vehicle empty and ready for loading. For information call the church at 419-522-0662.

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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."

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The Renaissance Theatre's 2024 Pictures on the Plaza Series will wrap its season with *Shrek* on Wednesday, Aug. 7.

Movies will be shown in the plaza between the Renaissance Theatre and Theatre 166, on the grassy area visible from Park Avenue West. The Renaissance will collaborate with the Buckeye Imagination Museum, Mansfield/Richland County Public Library and YMCA of North Central Ohio for these events. Family-friendly activities will begin at 7:30 pm and movies begin at 8:30 pm.

Those attending should bring lawn chairs and blankets. There will be free popcorn.

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A free Shelby community meal will be held at Awake Church, 3616 St. Rt. 39, Shelby, on the second Thursday of each month, from 6–7 pm. Dates are Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12.

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

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Ron Boyd to speak on "A.I. Part II" at 10:30 am on Sunday, July 21. For information visit [www.allsoulsuuohio.org](http://www.allsoulsuuohio.org).

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The 57th Annual Firemen's Ox Roast will be held July 28 and 29 in Shiloh. Serving of 10,000 lbs of beef will be from 11 am to 9 pm. Also available for purchase will be fries, corn, pie, cake, potato salad, baked beans and hot dogs. The tri-county tractor pull will be Friday at 6:30 pm and the pedal tractor pull will be Saturday at 11 am for kids ages 3–8. Fireworks will be Friday night. For information visit Shiloh Fire Department on Facebook. H

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The City of Ontario, 555 Stumbo Rd., Ontario, will host meetings on Aug. 7, including caucus at 6:15 pm and council at 7 pm.

Meetings on Aug. 14, include the civil service commission at 1 pm and planning commission at 4 pm.

Caucus will be Aug. 21 at 6:15 pm and council at 7 pm.

## Raising Cane's and Grocery Outlet both receive permits in Ontario

Michael Morton, City of Ontario Zoning Inspector, reported that permits were issued in June to Ashley Home Store, N. Lexington Springmill, temporary tent; Tom Acevski, Forest Hill Circle, attached garage; Maurice Edwards, Red Maple Ln., single family dwelling and driveway; Chasity Motom, Oakstone Dr, in-ground pool; Rea-jean Yarger, Tanglewood Dr., above ground pool; and Timmy Evans, Debby Ln. E., above ground pool.

Sign permits were issued to Vape City Smoke Shop, Walker Lake, wall; Lind Media, W. Fourth St., billboard; Grocery Outlet, N. Lexington Springmill Rd., wall signs; and Bath and Body Works, Walker Lake Rd., wall signs. Grocery Outlet will occupy the former Office-Max building.

Erectors permits were issued to Lind Media, N. Main St; Scotty Bs LED, Brint Rd.; and North Coast Sign and Lighting, Broadway St.

Sam Weiler, Tranquil Way, received a permit for a side yard accessory structure and Natasha Repp, Erla Dr., received a day care permit. Prime House Direct, Union St., received a permit for a concession stand.

Raising Canes received a pre-site plan for a new location at 720 N. Lexington Springmill Rd. According to maps, this is the site that Denny's occupies currently.



Lower Dundee Falls, Beach City, OH • Photo By Mark Shutt

## Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Dennis Allen Cannon, July 2  
Aaron Brian Osborn, July 3  
Ruth Ann Sqrow, July 5  
Marguerite M. Hollinger, July 6  
Loretta Viola Peyton, July 7  
Michael Harold Watson, July 8  
Gary Francis Woodard, July 8  
Robert Jeffrey Clum, July 9  
Marilyn Jean Johnson, July 9  
Roger Norman Thornton, July 11

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## Ontario's Breckelle Miller takes first place at vocal competition

Breckelle Miller, a 9-year-old student at Stingel Elementary in Ontario, was chosen as the first place winner of the American Protégé International Vocal Competition, 2024.

She will sing "O Holy Night" in the Winners Recital at Carnegie Hall, one of the world's grandest performance venues in New York City, on Dec. 14.

She competed in the Young Singers 5-10 age group, in the category of classical repertoire. The competition was open to solo vocalists and vocal groups of all ages, nationalities and this year was the largest number of very competitive applicants on record from 73 countries.

Participants were required to submit video recording materials for the audition. A panel of distinguished, qualified judges evaluated the audition videos.

First place winners received a \$300 scholarship. Also at the winners recital, the Judges' Favorite Award Trophy, Judges' Distinction Award Trophy and other Special Awards will be granted based on the judges' recommendations.

Breckelle is a voice student of Bailey Maxfield at Richland Academy of the Arts and Dan Fleming of Mansfield.

To follow Breckelle visit [BreckelleMiller.com](http://BreckelleMiller.com) or [BreckelleMiller4659](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4659) on YouTube.



## Blood and platelet donors critically needed in July

This July, the American Red Cross continues to stress that blood and platelet donors are critically needed to support lifesaving transfusions this summer. Donors of all blood types are in demand, especially those with type O blood and donors giving platelets.

Every donation counts in the mission to keep blood products stocked for patients, including those facing life-threatening situations. More than a quarter of all blood products each year are used in critical care and emergency room cases, highlighting the importance of generous blood and platelet donors. Book a time to give blood or platelets by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

The Red Cross has teamed up with Universal Pictures for the theatrical release of *Twisters* to help avoid a summer blood shortage. All who come to give blood or platelets July 1-31 will receive a Fandango movie ticket by email. Plus, those who come to give by July 14 will also receive a *Twisters* and Red Cross umbrella, while supplies last. Those who come to give blood in July will also automatically be entered for a chance to win a 2025 Ram 1500 Big Horn®.

Wednesday, July 17, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario  
Saturday, July 20, 9 am to 2 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario; and 9 am to 2 pm, Shelby Police Department, 31 Mack Ave., Shelby  
Monday, July 22, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario  
Tuesday, July 23, noon to 5 pm, Berean Baptist Church, 2145 Middle Bellville Rd., Mansfield; and 9 am to 3 pm, TC Energy, 2873 Pleasant Valley Rd., Lucas

Wednesday, July 24, 9 am to 7 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario  
Thursday, July 25, 2-7 pm, Community Building, 21555 Pealer Mill Rd., Butler

Wednesday, July 31, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

## Final Friday Concert is July 26

The Final Friday Concert series will have a concert July 26 featuring three bands. Tegan Allen will begin the night at 5:30 pm, followed by Sweet Umbra at 6:30 pm and the Red Ball Jets at 8:30 pm.

A variety of food options will be available from local food trucks like Bytchn Kitchen, Deja Food, Fry Guys, Panchos Tacos, The Food Tour and The Looney Lemon.

The Final Friday Concert Series is free to attend and open to all ages. The music kicks off at 5:30 pm and runs until 10:30 pm.

The Final Friday Concert series is held at The Carrousel Properties Brickyard Stage and is possible due to generous sponsors including Ohio Eye Associates, Phoenix Brewing Company, Purdy Construction, Techniplas and Spherion MidOhio.

For additional information call 419-522-0099 or email at [info@downtownmansfield.com](mailto:info@downtownmansfield.com).

RCT will be providing fare-free, on-demand response rides to and from the event, making it easy for everyone to get there and enjoy the show.

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## Eagle Mark 4 celebrates milestone with grand opening

Eagle Mark 4, a Kalmar Ottawa Premier Partner, celebrated the grand opening of its newly renovated headquarters with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house event on July 3.

To commemorate the company's milestone, Eagle Mark 4 welcomed the Richland Area Chamber of Commerce, government officials, customers, employees, Scout Construction and local media to the new building for a ribbon-cutting ceremony followed by a lunch.

"Thank you to our community partners and the Richland Area Chamber of Commerce," said Mike Tozzi, Eagle Mark 4 President. "This building has a long-standing history, and we are proud to be able to give it a new purpose with the help of Scout Construction. Thank you to all our employees who have worked so hard over the past year and our customers who have allowed us to reach this point. This new facility presents new opportunities to grow within the Mansfield community and on a national scale."

Ellen Heinz, president and CEO of Richland Area of Commerce, led the ribbon-cutting ceremony. "We are so thankful for Eagle Mark 4's additional investment!" Heinz said.

"They are a leader in the yard truck industry, and we are thrilled the area is home to their U.S. headquarters! This expansion not only retains and creates new jobs but has transformed the property and their footprint in our area. We are so fortunate to have them as a valued member of our business community and to see them growing in our area!"

Located at 95 Ohio Brass Rd., Mansfield, the 40,000-square-foot facility serves as Eagle Mark 4's national headquarters to its satellite

locations in North Carolina and New Mexico with a fully stocked parts warehouse and dedicated space designed for its Cummins-certified, skilled technicians to service yard trucks.

Key features of the new headquarters include a 15-bay shop space with full-service wash bay, 10-acre lot, state of the art parts warehouse, updated employee offices with three conference rooms and a safety and training conference room.

Eagle Mark 4 has been serving the yard truck industry since 1977 with sales, service, rentals and parts.

## United Way and YMCA announce renewal of affiliated partnership

The United Way of Richland County has announced its re-affiliation with the YMCA of North Central Ohio as the 15th funded partner of the organization.

A press conference will be held on July 24 at 2 pm at the YMCA of North Central Ohio, 750 Scholl Rd., Mansfield, to announce the renewed partnership. YMCA of North Central Ohio will be placed in the Family and Community Services funding focus area.

United Way of Richland County allocates donor dollars to the community through more than 40 programs serving health and human service needs. All programs are thoroughly reviewed annually to ensure contributions are properly invested with the highest level of accountability.

*Join us for a free program!*



For questions or to register, please contact Jennifer at 567.302.3610 or [jencmiller@alz.org](mailto:jencmiller@alz.org)

## Understanding ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA

Learn the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, the stages and risk factors, current research and treatments available for some symptoms and the Alzheimer's Association resources available.

**Thursday, July 23, 1-2 PM**

Logan Place Apartments : 800 Logan Road, Mansfield



# Hocking Hills Canopy Tours offers fun adventures in a beautiful setting without leaving Ohio

By Jenna Wolford

After numerous years of traveling and writing about destinations out of state, we decided to stay in the “Heart of it All” and vacation in the beautiful Hocking Hills of southern Ohio this summer.

We stayed in a secluded cabin and spent most of our days enjoying nature on the many hikes the park has to offer and relaxing by the fire and in the hot tub. If you have followed my many years of trips, you know this is out of character for our go-go-go family, but the rest was well needed.

Of course, we can’t go on vacation without some type of fun activity to write about. This year’s adventure was zip lining with Hocking Hills Canopy Tours.

This was my second time zip lining, but for the rest of my family, including my 16 year-old and 12 year-old, this was a first.

We arrived and checked in for our afternoon “X-Tour.” We were soon greeted by our guides Brad and Ella. Our group included my family of four and another family of four, with my kids being the youngest. We geared up, did a safety instruction session and headed for the first tower.

My son, Cody, who had chosen zip lining as an activity he would like to experience, tried to put on a brave face, but teemed with apprehension. Our guide Ella, who assisted each of us with our take-off, did a wonderful job accommodating him and making him feel as confident and comfortable as possible.

On the other end of the line, going before us at each tower, was the lead guide, Brad, helping us to know when to apply the break and assist if anyone was coming in too hot or if someone didn’t quite reach the platform. He knew right when to tell the zipper to apply the break (our glove-covered hand) to come in for a safe landing.

The X-Tour is considered an extreme zipline tour and combines both trees and towers in a cross-country style zipline. The tour takes visitors over 11 zip lines in 2.5 to 3 hours. That may seem like a long tour, but time truly does fly when you are having fun.

By the third or fourth tower, I was now comfortable enough to en-

joy the scenery as I zipped down the line. It was nice on the longer runs to have that time to look around before concentrating on the landing. Two of the lines even cross the Hocking River. The longest line we traveled stretched 1,000 feet.

One of my favorite zips landed us inside a recessed cave. That’s something that definitely sets this apart as a unique experience.

The time spent waiting to zip or for others to arrive to the platform allowed time for sight-seeing from the tall towers. This also gave us time to ask questions of the guides and water breaks were offered around the course.

Brad and Ella were both very professional and careful with safety. They did a great job engaging the group in conversation and helped to ease the nerves of the more reluctant zippers of the group. It was fun to see those few who were self declared “afraid of heights” grow in confidence as the tour progressed. By the end, even my son was declaring that he wants to come back again.

For those worrying about safety, guidelines and procedures have been put in place and zippers are never left in a position where the could fall. There is always a safety line attached while on the platforms. I always felt very safe.

Opened in 2007, Hocking Hills Canopy Tours has six award winning adventures including the Original Canopy Tour, X-Tour, The SuperZip, Dragonfly, Segway Tours and The Rockbridge Encounter. Zip lines range in height from 10 to 70 feet and can reach speeds of 50 miles per hour and each adventure showcases the natural beauty of Hocking Hills.

The SuperZip was named among the top 10 best ziplines in the world at a quarter-mile long and reaching speeds of 50 miles per hour. The dual zip can launch two zippers, side-by-side, from an 85-foot tower. This can be an experience on its own or combined with another tour.

The DragonFly zipline is especially designed for kids. It includes eight zip lines, three bridges and a sky tunnel. The DragonFly uses a “continuous-belay” safety system, the first of its kind in the zipline industry. This allows for children to always be connected to the cable with no switching required.

Discovery Tours allow for the original and X-Tour to be shortened in time and helps those who may be reluctant to commit to a three-hour tour.

Other adventures include a zip lining tour combined with rock climbing or rappelling from cliffs ranging from 35–100 feet and the Rockbridge Encounter which includes a 1.5 mile scenic nature drive to Ohio’s largest natural bridge.

An off-road segway tour takes visitors on a 1.5 to 2 hour professionally guided nature tour and for those new to segways, a half-hour introduction course is offered.

Hocking Hills Canopy Tours is located at 10714 Jackson St., Rockbridge, OH. It is open seasonally from March through November. For more information call 740-385-9477 or visit [www.zipohio.com](http://www.zipohio.com).





## 4th Annual Kay Day Community Celebration planned for July 20

The community is invited to the 4th Annual Kay Day Community Celebration on Saturday, July 20, from 12–4 pm at the NECIC Urban Farm, 311 S. Bowman St., Mansfield.

This free event honors the legacy of North End Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC) community organizer and anti-violence advocate, Geneva ‘Kay’ Smith, who died in December 2019.



## Miller tours largest meat processing facility in Ohio, Heffelfinger's Meats

On Friday, June 12, State Rep. Melanie Miller joined the Ohio Association of Meat Processors, the Ohio Department of Agriculture, and other legislators on a tour of Heffelfinger's Meats, Inc., the largest harvesting facility in Ohio.

The State of Ohio recently announced additional funding for the Ohio Meat Processing Grant Program made possible with support from the 135th Ohio General Assembly in House Bill 33. The \$14 million grant will assist meat processing facilities with the acquisition of new and upgraded machinery, other equipment and technology products, and plant construction or expansion for confinement, processing, and refrigeration.

"This is such an important industry in our great state and especially here in Ashland County," said Miller. "Rick Heffelfinger continues to operate a first-class facility and by investing in Ohio's meat processors, we are supporting the growth of small business and ensuring our residents have access to safe, locally sourced food."

Located in Jeromesville, Heffelfinger's Meats carries both fresh and frozen meats such as Beef, Pork, Bison, Elk, Ohio Goat, Veal, Lamb, Duck, and Free-Range Turkeys. Rick Heffelfinger represents the third generation operating this local landmark, which was established in 1934.

Heffelfinger's Meats was a recipient of the Ohio Meat Processing Grant in 2022 receiving nearly \$227,000. They purchased a generator for the 25,000 square-foot facility in an effort to reduce the impact of power outages.

The celebration includes food, live entertainment, praise dance performances, free backpacks from Legacy Academy of Excellence and school supplies provided by Bar Pregame and the Mansfield Senior High Class of '89 and a balloon release.

The community celebration also serves as a day to uplift mothers who have lost a child recently and kids in the community that need school supplies — both are groups that Smith was passionate about.

This year families in the community whose loved ones were the victims of gun violence will be honored. Each family will be presented with a compassion blanket.

The 4th Annual Kay Day Community Celebration is presented by the Kay Day Committee, Mother's United To S.A.V.E. (Standing Against Violence Everywhere), the North End Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC), City of Mansfield Police Department, Mansfield Branch of the NAACP, Mansfield Community Against Violence (M-CAV), Restored Visions, Richland County Children Services (RCCS) and We ACT.

With the help of Kay's sister, Aretha Grier, and members of the community, 'Kay Day' celebrates all of Kay's accomplishments and her love for the city of Mansfield.

"This event honors my sister's legacy for her service in our community and the lives she touched. She was the founder of Mother's United to S.A.V.E. (Standing Against Violence Everywhere) that meant so much to her," said her sister Aretha Grier.

Some of the initiatives and programs Kay led were: The North End Elder program, Neighbor Up Night, M-CAV, Open Table, My Brother's Keeper, and so much more. She was the Youth Advisor 3rd Vice President of the Mansfield Ohio NAACP Branch. She also was an active partner with the Mansfield Police Department, Richland County Children Services, Restored Visions and We ACT.

For more information contact at Aretha Grier at 419-565-2793 or Tionna Perdue, NECIC Operations Manager, at 419-522-1611. Donations for the event are also being accepted at Park National Bank.

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**THE ASHLAND BALLOONFEST** was held at the end of June at Freer Field and included balloon launches and the popular Balloon Glow. AerOhio Skydiving was also featured at the annual event.

## •Ontario board approves mass hirings for sports and extracurricular activities

*(Continued from Front Page)*

Tonya Winningham will replace Tyler Gates for Stingel news reporting. Tonya Welch will replace Roger Nikiforow for the high school science club.

Doreen Petitwas hired as a Title 1 Reading Tutor for the 2024-'25 school year.

A \$891 grant was accepted from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Grants to Educators program.

The board approved the purchases of Wonders 2023 as the Core Reading Curriculum for K-5. Under ORC 3313.6028(C), beginning in the 2024-'25 school year, districts must use core curriculum in English language arts and reading intervention materials from the lists established by the Department of Education. Total cost is \$192,819.62. ODEW provided \$88,000, state and federal grants provided \$20,000 and the general fund expenditure was \$85,000.

The board approved the HB33 Remote Day Learning Plan and the Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board MOU Agreement.

The board also approved to change funds in the amount of \$5,875 for the 2024-'25 school year.

Donations included \$700 from Ontario Parents for Academic Achievement for OMS FCCLA; \$1,800 for OMS FCCLA from One Plus God Ministries; four Phillips Heart Start AED units and cabinets from Richland AED (Richland County Health Department); and \$300 from Grayson and Julie Pittman for girls basketball.

Steve Arnett was approved to use a high school classroom for football officials' rules study and Brett Baxter will use the OMS gym and commons for physical training for Army National Guard.

Mr. Them gave a legislative report before the board entered into an executive session to discuss the employment and compensation of a public employee or official. No action followed.

The next meeting will be held on Aug. 13.

## News Briefs in Education

Area students have been named to the spring semester 2024 dean's list at Columbus State Community College. To be named to the list, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and be enrolled for six or more credit hours.

On the list are Robin Koehler of Lexington; and Noah Burton, Jamie Henry, Lauren Adkins, Parker Beard, Violeta Colon, Anna Parr and Haley Shepherd of Mansfield.

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Anna Parr of Mansfield graduated from Columbus State Community College during Spring Semester commencement held on Friday, May 10.

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Miami University awarded degrees to students during spring commencement of 2024. Graduating were Alexa Frankhouse of Ontario, Jenna Hiebel of Mansfield, Audrey Riedel of Mansfield and Hope York of Mansfield.

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# Ontario 1980s classes join together for reunion

**Photos and Article By Kris Leiter**

The Ontario Class of 1984 recently had their typical five-year class reunion, but with a twist — deciding to include anyone who graduated from Ontario in the 1980s.

Covering this event was a treat for me, as it had personal meaning. I am a 1982 graduate of OHS. I also bump into alumni frequently, so I was glad to be a part of this event.

If you have never been to a class reunion, I would highly encourage you to attend. I know you may be thinking “Why?”

Maybe you weren’t the most popular student, star quarterback or class president. So why would you want to hang out with people you didn’t really hang out with in high school?

Things really do change after high school. People lose their hair or maybe gain a few extra pounds (yours truly). Remember when we were young and thought of those people over 40 as over-the-hill? That’s us now — scary isn’t it?

As I put pen-to-pape, I hope it tugs at your heartstrings. I hope you see things differently about life after reading this. If you follow me down the “trail” of this article, you will find that this is not about just having a reunion every five years.

I was never popular in high school. I played sports, but wasn’t a star. I was an average student. I minded my own business and had few friends. At the mention of a high school reunion some may cringe or laugh. This double-edged sword can usually bring a number of reactions to people.

I never got too excited about going to mine, as I mentioned, I wasn’t really social or popular and wasn’t in the cool group, and so it goes. So, I never went to any of mine.

Tod Petit, class of ‘84 rep, led the “pep rally” speech at the reunion. He reminisced about the beloved Warrior Football coach, Roger Copeland. “He would get us pumped up during the Friday pep Rallies in the old high school gym.”

Petit also urged those in attendance, “Get connected tonight, don’t wait until later to get someone’s information. Friend them on Facebook tonight. Get their phone number.”

It was more than a speech. You could tell Tod had passion about people reconnecting.

“Life is short,” Petit added, “So the Class of ‘84 wanted to invite all the eighties classes.”

It made me reflect on past years. It made me realize that I was so glad that I joined the fun and memories that night. It will be a memory not forgotten.

Petit is still active in the Ontario community as a high school counselor in the same school he was a part of 40 years ago. He was also a monumental part of research team that volunteered their time and effort willingly along with Trudee Arter-Billo and Leeann Parsons-Hall to find the classmates’ information for the reunion.

A spreadsheet helped Petit keep things organized.

Recognized at the reunion were:

Shortest travel: Mary Bachtel

Longest travel: John Marino

Lived in the most cities: Bryan Burrage

Youngest child: Derek Carr

Most Grandchildren: Bob Greene

Served our country the longest: John Pounds

Fluent in two languages: Ben Sam

Married the longest: Beth Fulmer and Brian Waterhouse

Highest education: Dr. Rich Rader

Most dangerous job: John Pounds

Dirtiest job (intensive special needs): Michelle Sherer

Recently married: Lesa Kimes (Randy Long)

Another willing interviewee was class of ‘89 representative Rich Rader who shared a few words of why he attends this event.

“We had around 133-ish in our class,” said Rader. “We had our five-year reunion, and then we started going every 10 years .I’m not sure why it switched. It just kind of ended up that way.”

“I like to go to see how my classmates have been doing over the years. Hopefully I can be an encouragement to others.”

“I have good memories of choir, as well as the jazz and pep bands, playing the saxophone. We had a good strong band of around 180 members.”

Memories. They are precious and it seems that the older we get, the more we reflect. So, hopefully I have given you a glimpse into the good times of this event and maybe ponder attending your next reunion. As they say, “A good time was had by all.”

*See More Photos on Page 13*



**Angie Heid, Beth Fulmer-Waterhouse  
and Janet Wilson-Behrendsen**

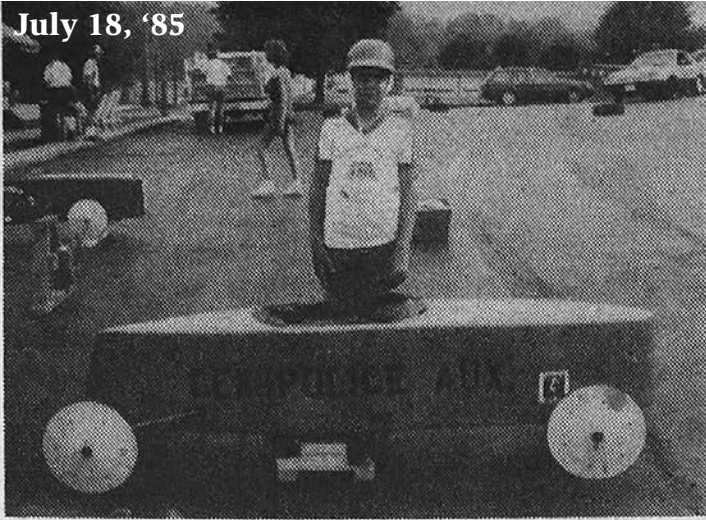


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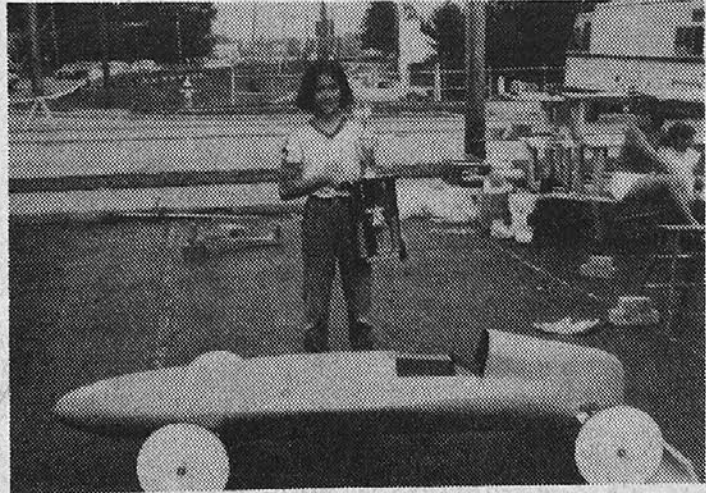
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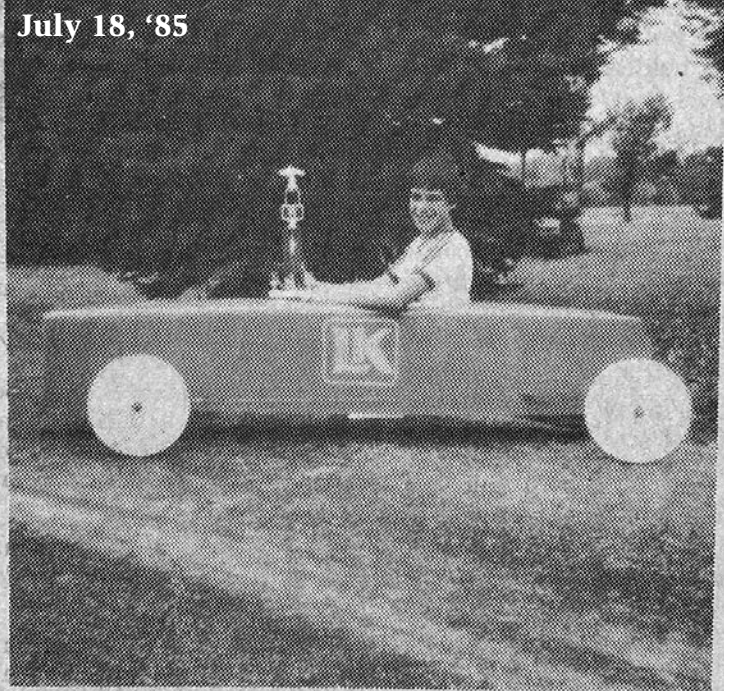
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**FOURTH PLACE WINNER** — Robby Hillman, 10, racing his second year in the Mansfield Area Soap Box Derby Sunday, came in fourth in the junior division. He is the son of Barry R. and Donna K. Hillman, 1665 Olive Dr. He is a fifth grader at Stingel Elementary School, Ontario.



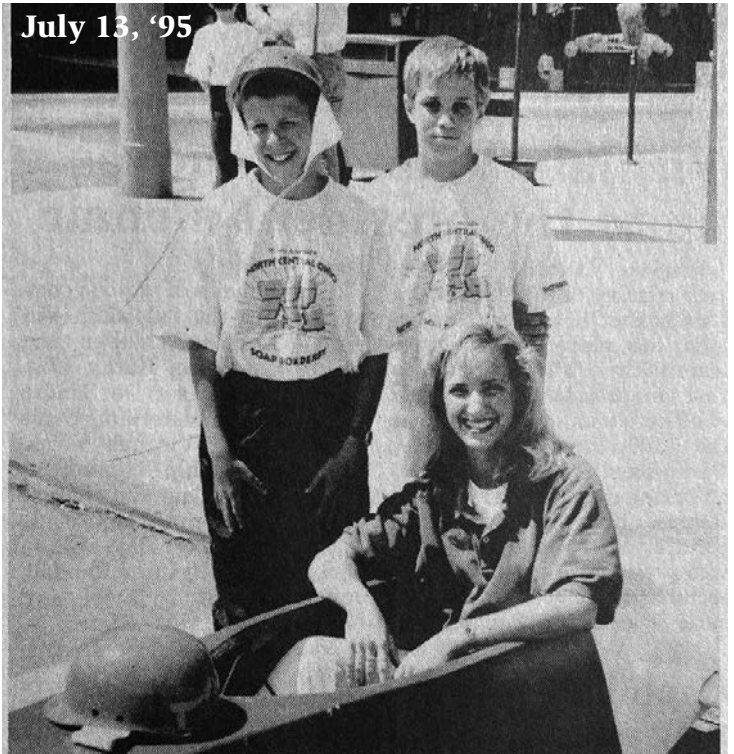
**SECOND PLACE WINNER** — Karen Takashima, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Takashima, 62 Wellesley Dr., Lexington, won the second place in the senior division of Sunday's Mansfield Area Soap Box Derby. Last year she was the junior division champion.

July 18, '85



**THIRD PLACE WINNER** — Brett Baxter, 12, racing his third year in the Mansfield Area Soap Box Derby Sunday, came in third place in the junior division. He is the son of Robert A. and Sandra Baxter, 2421 Millsboro Rd. He is a seventh grader at Ontario Middle School.

July 13, '95



George Billman

**PETER THEM AND MATTHEW MORITZ** give some racing hints to Miss Ohio Ellen Pasturzak before the oil can race Saturday at the local Soap Box Derby. The new Miss Ohio had high hopes of defeated Jim Zellner of the pageant, but his racing experience won out in the end.

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ORDINANCE NO. 24-09 – AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING THE RICHLAND COUNTY GROWTH CORPORATION TO SIGN A REAL ESTATE SALES AGREEMENT AS THE CITY'S AGENT WITH ONTARIO STUMBO III, LLC FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY THAT IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR CITY PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-08 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX REVENUE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ONTARIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-09 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ONTARIO AND VASU COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO LEASE SPACE FOR COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES ON THE CITY WATER TOWER LOCATED ON PARK AVENUE WEST, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 24-03.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-11 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 24-06 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2024 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, ENTERPRISE FUND AND THE TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.

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Rich Rader, Ontario Class of 1989



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