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30th anniversary celebration of “The Shawshank Redemption” includes 10th Annual Shawshank Hustle, actor visits

A celebration marking the 30th Anniversary of the release of the No. 1 movie of all time (per IMDb), *The Shawshank Redemption* is approaching quickly.

Made popular by its story, characters, location and messages of hope and “Get busy livin’ or get busy dyin’!” the film resonates with audiences globally, continues to be one the most viewed movies and is considered one of the most beloved films ever made.



Runners take off from the start line during the 2023 Shawshank Hustle.

In 2015, the Library of Congress selected it for preservation in the National Film Registry.

Planned for Aug. 8–11, the 30th Anniversary is being marked by a weekend packed with tours of more than a dozen filming sites in and around Mansfield, actor meet-ups, photo ops, screenings and panel discussions with the film’s writer/director, actors, background actors and others. Details are found at Shawshank30.com and will be updated as events are added on those sites, as well as on social media. Tickets are now on sale and events schedules are available at shawshanktrail.com/event-schedule and events are expected to sell out.

Taking place in Mansfield, Ashland and Upper Sandusky guided and self-guided tours of the prison and other Shawshank filming sites are available, including guided Shawshank Bus Tours Thursday Aug. 8 at noon and Friday at 10 am and noon. Tour stops on the Shawshank Trail include Ohio State Reformatory, Shawshank Museum, Renaissance Theatre, Shawshank Woodshop in Upper Sandusky, Pugh Cabin at Malabar Farm State Park, the bank in Ashland and other sites in and around Mansfield.

The legendary Frank Darabont, who directed the movie and wrote the screenplay based on Steven King’s novella, *Rita Hayworth and the Shawshank Redemption*, will join the big celebration. Visitors can also meet Turner Classic Movies Host, podcaster and writer Ben Mankiewicz; Bob Gunton, who starred as Warden Norton; William Sadler, who played Heywood; Gil Bellows, who portrayed Tommy Williams; Mark Rolston who played Bogs Diamond; Alfonso Freeman who portrayed the Young Ellis Boyd (Red); Mack Miles who was Tyrell; Paul Kennedy who portrayed the Food-Way Manager and

background actors. Renee Blaine who played Linda Dufresne; Scott Mann, who played the role of Glenn Quentin; and Claire Slemmer, who played the Bank Teller, will also attend the weekend and will sign autographs at the locations where their scenes were filmed.

A highlight of the weekend will be the 30th Anniversary Cast Discussion Friday, Aug. 9 from 4–5:30 pm, led by Mankiewicz and featuring Director/Writer Frank Darabont, along with key players. Additional events include the Behind the Scenes & Beyond Panel Friday, Aug. 9, 10–11 am, which features Shawshank location manager Kokayi Ampah who will offer a unique opportunity to go behind the scenes and learn how sites in and around Mansfield were carefully selected to become the iconic locations that brought the film to life. Lively Q&A will help attendees uncover the fascinating process of choosing and creating film settings.

Saturday, Aug. 10 from 10–11 am and Sunday, Aug. 11 from 9–10 am, a Background Actors Panel lets visitors to hear firsthand from key background actors who made *The Shawshank Redemption* so real and meaningful. From filling “The Yard” with prisoners to populating the market realistic shoppers and bank with believable customers, attendees will find out how the 180-plus actors, many of whom were locals, landed their roles and what the experience was like for them.

Events kick off at dusk, Thursday, Aug. 8 with a drive-in movie-style screening of “The Shawshank Redemption” in historic Renaissance Theatre’s back lot on a big screen erected just for this special event. Additional screenings with reserved seats inside the theater are set for Friday at 6:30 pm and Saturday at 12:30 pm.

Red Cross gives critical call for blood and platelet donations

The American Red Cross urges donors to give blood or platelets now to reinforce the blood supply as much as possible before the summer winds down. Type O blood donors and those giving platelets are especially needed to help keep hospital shelves stocked through August.

Donors remain critically needed to support the Red Cross delivery of vital blood products, which are in demand around-the-clock as hospitals work to save lives this summer. When fewer people answer the call to donate, the blood supply can quickly shrink. Help safeguard necessary care for patients – book a time to give blood or platelets by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

In thanks, those who come to give Aug. 1–31 will receive a \$20 Amazon.com gift card by email.

Thursday, Aug. 1, 2–8 pm, Mohican Wood Products, 20460 Nunda, Butler

Tuesday, Aug. 6, 12–6 pm, Saint Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church St., Bellville; and noon to 6 pm, Richland County Fairgrounds, Mansfield

Wednesday, Aug. 7, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario; and noon to 6 pm, Richland County Fairgrounds, Mansfield

Thursday, Aug. 8, noon to 6 pm, Resurrection Parish, 2600 Lexington Ave., Lexington; and noon to 6 pm, Richland County Fairgrounds, Mansfield

Wednesday, Aug. 14, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario; noon to 6 pm, Lucas Community Center, 252 W. Main St., Lucas; and 1–6 pm, Planktown Country Market, 1921 Free Rd., Shiloh

Thursday, Aug. 15, noon to 6 pm, Hope Lutheran Church, 2010 Park Avenue West, Mansfield; and 2–7 pm, American Legion Hall, 77 Bell St., Bellville



Photo By Mark Shutt

Lexington to host recycling event

A summer of sustainability free recycling event will be held at Lexington High School, 103 Clever Ln., Lexington, on Saturday, July 27, from 9 am to 5 pm.

Items collected at the event will include tires, batteries, appliances, newspaper, aluminum cans, fluorescent bulbs and tubes, flattened cardboard and #1 and #2 plastics.

Tires will be limited to 10 per vehicle and they must be free from rims and moisture. An ID is required.

At the event will also be games, a bounce house, food trucks, face painting and learning opportunities.

All proceeds from the scrap metal will go to Lexington Schools.

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THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

Twisters is a follow up to the 1996 classic disaster movie *Twister* starring Bill Paxton and Helen Hunt.

This movie opens with a group of young storm chasers in Oklahoma, including young Kate (Daisy Edgar-Jones).

After a major tragedy, this film moves to five years later. Kate is now a meteorologist with great instincts and a knack for tracking tornadoes.

After a friend asks her to try storm chasing again, she reluctantly agrees. Kate gets involved with a renegade YouTube star named Tyler Owens (Glen Powell) who does the ultimate storm chasing.

The majority of the movie involves this cast of characters and their friendships and relationships surrounding the storm chasing though director Lee Isaac Chung really brings a human aspect to it and to the toll that tornadoes take on people's lives. The real stars of this movie are the tornado sequences. They are expertly done and taken seriously to up the suspense and

thrills that this movie brings.

Twisters feels like an old school disaster film that has not been seen for a long time and that is a good thing. This movie did well at the box office this past weekend and it seems like audiences were clamoring for this sort of picture.

Edgar-Jones and Powell were engaging leads and had pretty good chemistry. The supporting cast was good too, though it

would have been nice to have some more character development with them. The movie started out well then had a little lag but I'm glad to say it got going strong and had a nice flow through the middle to the end.

Absolutely go see *Twisters* on the big screen. The tornado sequences are frequent and engaging. The cast is fun and it will be nice to revisit them with some more depth if they make another movie. *Twisters* is classic summer fun.



OHSAA, District Athletic Boards Award \$200,000 in scholarships

The Ohio High School Athletic Association and its six District Athletic Boards have awarded \$200,000 to 200 recent high school graduates as part of the OHSAA's Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Program.

The 2024 distribution marks the most dollars, and highest number of recipients, in the college scholarship program's 30-year history. Last year, the OHSAA awarded \$169,000 in college scholarships.

Each of the 200 scholarship recipients, who were selected by their respective District Athletic Boards, will receive a \$1,000 award.

"The OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Program is a point of pride for our District Athletic Boards, OHSAA staff, Board of Directors and member schools," said OHSAA Executive Director Doug Ute.

Scholar-athlete recipients are selected based on a point system which rewards students for: grade-point averages, class rank, community service activities, varsity letters earned, and individual and team athletic honors. The number of scholarship recipients from each district is based upon the number of schools within the district. The recipients were selected by special committees within each of the OHSAA's six athletic districts. Individuals who receive athletic scholarships from NCAA Division I or II institutions or appointees to military academies are not eligible for an award.

2024 OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Recipients from the Northwest District are Callie Cyrus, Grayson Sasis and William Keple, all of Madison Comprehensive High School.

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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 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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Madison Class of 1975 members are encouraged to send their information to 1975Madisongrads@gmail.com. Requested information includes name as in yearbook and married name, physical address, email address and cell phone number. All information will be held in the strictest confidence. Invitations will be sent for the 50th class reunion.

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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 Reenactors.

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

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

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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 Aug. 13, Soul Town Live; and Aug. 27, Atermath.

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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 Aug. 27.

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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 or call 419-342-4636.

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Mechanics Bank will host the Live@Lunch 2024 Summer Courtyard 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 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, de-

tergent 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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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.

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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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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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Rev. William Humphrey to speak on "That All Souls May Grow" at 10:30 am on Sunday, July 28. For information visit www.allsoulsuuohio.org.

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The 57th Annual Firemen's Ox Roast will be July 26 and 27 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,

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Richland County Fair August 4–10, 2024

GRANDSTAND EVENTS:

Sunday: Harness Racing, 5:30 pm

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Tuesday: Touch A Truck, 6:00 pm

Wednesday: Rodeo, 6 pm • \$10 Reserved Seats

Thursday: Truck/County Tractor Pull, 7 pm

\$10 Pit or Reserved • \$20 Back Gate

Friday: Motocross 6 pm

\$10 Pit or Reserved • \$20 Back Gate

Saturday: Demolition Derby, 5 pm

\$10 Reserved • \$20 Back Gate

Monday Senior Citizens \$5

Tuesday Kids Day (\$10 Ride Wristbands 12–4 pm)

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Madison prepares to open school next month

The Madison Local School District School Board held a meeting on July 17, in the Madison Middle School Auditoria.

The Ohio Auditor of State Award was presented and Joshua Atwell was recognized for SkillsUSA National Placement.

Mike Yost, transportation supervisor, gave a presentation.

The board approved the donation of \$10,000 from Ashland Eagles for the Spanish Club trip to Costa Rica in June 2025.

The June, 2024 financial report was approved as submitted by treasurer Bradd Stevens.

Resignations were accepted from Peyton Perini, middle school math teacher (sixth grade and advanced math); Amielia Studer, kindergarten, South; Autumn Moore, fifth grade ELA, middle school; Cheyenne Hunt, assistant varsity cheer advisor; and John Hughes, eighth grade science.

Karen Lynch was hired as a middle school intervention specialist for the coming school year. Shelbi Ohl has been awarded the intervention specialist position at the high school, replacing Chris Armstrong who resigned.

Chris Moody has been awarded the math (sixth grade and advanced math) position at the middle school, replacing Peyton Perini

who resigned.

Kristin Ruby has been awarded the English/Language Arts (eighth grade) position at the middle school, replacing Autumn Moore who resigned.

Supplemental positions for the 2024-'25 school year were awarded to Zachery Brandt, ½ assistant seventh grade football coach; Matthew Stancombe, ½ assistant eighth grade football coach; Kate Darnell, senior class advisor; and David Hipp, boys' head varsity basketball coach.

Madison Adult Career Center employments for the coming school year include Crystal McMillen, financial aid advisor/transitions coordinator; Jennifer Taylor, student advocate/community health worker; Jennifer Taylor, job placement/outreach coordinator; Marie Williams, STNA coordinator/substitute instructor for STNA, Medical Assisting & CPR; Melinda Williams, cosmetology program coordinator and cosmetology lead instructor; Kim Mincieli, cosmetology instructor; Laurie Dean, cosmetology instructor; Leslie Pope, cosmetology instructor; Stacey Fairchild, cosmetology instructor and nail technician instructor; Michael Wagner, welding technology instructor

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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 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
Rev. Joseph Yerger
9 am Adult & Youth Sunday School
10 am Sunday Worship
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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 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
Pastor Faith Proietti
10 am Sunday Worship
Office hours: Mon-Fri 9 am to 1 pm
AA Meetings M & F 10 am & noon;
Wed. noon Brown Bag and Sat. 6 pm
Clothing Ministry by appt: 419-512-9817

Trinity Grace Fellowship

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

G & M Body & Paint Shop

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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.

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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.

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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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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 throughout 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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Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Sherry Lynn Burford, July 6

Linda Kay Stutz, July 11

Belinda Jo Morgan, July 13

Betty Mae Perry, July 14

Bernard "Tim" Timothy Park, July 15

Lore Stuenzi, July 15

Charles Robert Tolley, July 15

Jonathan Wade Stephens, July 21

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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 was held on July 24 at the YMCA of North Central Ohio, 750 Scholl Rd., Mansfield, to announce the renewed partnership. YMCA of North Central Ohio has been 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.

United Way of Richland County is a local organization led by local people; Members of the Board of Directors and Allocation members are volunteers. The United Way of Richland County fights for the Health, Education, and Financial Stability of EVERY person in OUR Community.

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Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging honored with Award

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (AAA5) announced that it has been awarded the prestigious 2024 USAging Aging Innovations & Achievement Award in the Technology category for its "Expansion of Programs Through the Use of Technology" initiative. This award was presented at USAging's 49th Annual Conference and Tradeshow in Tampa, FL, recognizing AAA5 as one of 38 pioneering programs that have significantly enhanced the lives of older adults nationwide.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, AAA5 partnered with its county focal points – Ashland County Council on Aging, Crawford County Council on Aging, Enrichment Centers for Huron County, Marion Senior Center, Seniors on Center — Morrow County Services for Older Citizens, Seneca County Commission on Aging,

The Station Break of Knox County and Wyandot County Council on Aging — to identify existing needs and service gaps. Recognizing the critical role of technology in supporting vulnerable and isolated older adults, AAA5 utilized American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and local resources to enhance technology infrastructure and equipment. This allowed for the successful delivery and streaming of essential programs, workshops, and classes to older adults in rural communities.

Duana Patton, Chief Executive Officer of the Area Agency on Aging, stated, "We are incredibly honored to receive the 2024 USAging Aging Innovations & Achievement Award in the Technology category. This award highlights our dedication to using technology to support older adults in our community, particularly during the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic."

"By working closely with our county focal points and using resources from the American Rescue Plan Act, we've been able to improve our technology infrastructure and bring essential programs to older adults in rural areas. This recognition is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team and partners in enhancing the lives of older adults through innovative solutions."

By leveraging each other's resources, AAA5 and its focal points have demonstrated effective programming, shared valuable content, and increased social engagement among older adults. ES Consulting, Inc. of Ontario provided the necessary technology solutions, including site assessments, installations, training, and ongoing support, ensuring the program's success.

"It has been a wonderful and rewarding experience for our team to work alongside the county focal points, utilizing this new technology to impact the lives of so many seniors across our region. We look forward to building upon this project's success as we offer new and exciting virtual programming into the future", Trae Turner, AAA5 Chief of Community Living.

Supported by Caregiving.com and Cumulus.care, the USAging Aging Innovations & Achievement Awards highlight members who have implemented innovative, effective, and replicable solutions for older adults in their communities while exemplifying exceptional management practices. AAA5's recognition underscores its commitment to improving the lives of older adults through technology and collaborative efforts.

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., located at 2131 Park Avenue West in Ontario, provides leadership, collaboration, coordination and services to older adults, people with disabilities, their caregivers & resource networks that support individual choice, independence, and dignity.

USAging is the national association representing and supporting the network of Area Agencies on Aging and advocating for the Title VI Native American Aging Programs. Members help older adults and people with disabilities throughout the United States live with optimal health, well-being, independence and dignity in their homes and communities.

Caregiving.com is committed to engaging and empowering family caregivers worldwide via a multi-faceted support model delivered through our leading-edge platform.

Cumulus helps organizations securely collaborate, automate workflows among partners, conduct intakes, screen and assess clients, streamline social care referrals and track outcomes — even when different IT systems are used.



VICKI SHORT of Galion was the grand prize winner of the Ontario 4th of July Festival raffle. She won a 2015 Nissan Versa Hatchback from New Haven Auto Sales in 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.

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.

News Briefs in Education

Daniel Douglas Domka of Mansfield was among more than 600 students to cross the stage at the Oberlin College and Conservatory 2024 Commencement Ceremony in May. Domka graduated with a Bachelor of Music in Performance with a Concentration in Cello.

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Olivia Workman of Lexington earned dean's list honors at The University of Tampa for the Spring 2024 semester. Workman was a Sophomore majoring in Applied Sociology BA. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher to be eligible for the dean's list.

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A total of 8,586 students received degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison on May 10–1, including students from your area. There were two live ceremonies, one for undergraduates at Camp Randall and one for all graduate degree candidates at the Kohl Center.

Tony Sansalone of Ontario graduated from the School of Business with a Master of Arts-Business, Business: Arts and Creative Enterprise Leadership.



kimmy's cucina
By Kim Sterry

MUFFIN TIN POTATOES

Ingredients

Potatoes, thin sliced with a mandolin
Onions, thin sliced Olive oil
Kosher salt & pepper
Butter
Parmesan cheese
Panko/or bread crumbs
Blue cheese
Bacon, cooked and cut in pieces (Depending on whether you like bacon best, you might be using some leftover ham or sliced deli ham) These can be cubes or small strips
Cheddar cheese, shredded

Instructions

Slice the potatoes and put in a colander and rinse them and then lay out on paper towels and pat dry. (I would suggest are using a really starchy potato. If not, then you can skip this step).

In a bowl add the potatoes and onions, some salt and pepper and olive oil, enough to give them a good coating.

In a muffin tin (you pick the size but this might be a great time to use the one that is a little larger), layer some potatoes and onions (halfway) then add whatever toppings you would like.

Add a small pat of butter and then another layer of the potatoes and onions and then top them some more of the topping.

This would be a great meal to do with the kids and let them be creative in what they choose.

Bake in a 350 degree oven for 20 to 25 minutes, depending on how thin you have sliced your potatoes and your oven. Keep your eye on them. You may want to cover them for the first 10 minutes so that your toppings won't be too crisp on top.

When choosing your potatoes, remember that Russet and Idaho potatoes are a bit more starchy and may break. A new potato or red potato work well for this recipe. You probably won't need to rinse these. A Yukon Gold would also be choice for these as well and you could get away without rinsing them.

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Lifestyle Inspiration



Photo by Damon Callis

Day Trippin' With Damon – Located in the heart of downtown Columbus, the Scioto Mile is an urban oasis comprised of more than 175 acres of lush parkland. Stretching along the waterfront from the vibrant Arena District to the natural beauty of the Whittier Peninsula, the riverfront parks connect downtown to the Scioto River through an integrated system of parks, boulevards, bikeways and pedestrian paths. For more information visit <https://www.sciotomile.com>.





New services and resources available at the library

Mansfield/Richland County Public Library (MRCPL) has recently added several new information resources and services for library customers.

MRCPL library cardholders can now enhance their language learning goals with access to Rosetta Stone® Library Solution.

Whether patrons want to learn a new language, further their ESL learning as non-native English speakers, or brush up on a language for business or vacation travel, Rosetta Stone® Library Solution is the perfect solution. This vital resource includes 24 languages to meet a range of cultural interests. The award-winning interactive approach has been successfully used by millions of learners worldwide and is now accessible via the Library's research databases webpage.

MRCPL recently added a new online financial planning resource, Weiss Financial Ratings, for library cardholders. This new resource empowers individuals who want to protect their finances, invest wisely, grow their wealth, and learn more about financial management. Weiss Financial Ratings is designed to direct users toward safe banking and insurance options and strong investments, while helping avoid unnecessary risk that could lead to financial losses, giving you a sense of financial security. This research can also be found on the Library's research databases webpage.

MRCPL's partnership with PCs for People is helping bridge the digital divide in Richland County. Eligible customers* can shop with PCs for People on the Library's website to purchase low-cost computers, hotspots, and internet service and pick up their purchases on weekdays at any

MRCPL location. Need help with your new device? Schedule a free, one-on-one in-person or virtual session with a member of the Learning Lab team. Find out more on the Library's PCs for People webpage.

The Learning Lab at the main library is now offering a Creation Station. Creators, students, educators, and organizers can now use the on-site laminator, label maker, button maker, and photo printer. The Lab offers supplies for these machines but customers are also welcome to bring their own. Appointments are recommended by calling 419-521-3146, but walk-ins are welcome, based on availability.

These new services and resources support the mission of the Library as a center for people of all ages to come together to have fun, learn, grow, craft, seek knowledge and understanding, connect, and engage. For full details, library locations, hours of operation, library event calendar, and 24/7 access to digital resources, visit [mrcpl.org](https://www.mrcpl.org).

The research database can be accessed at <https://www.mrcpl.org/explore/databases>. PCs for People can be accessed at <https://www.mrcpl.org/services/pc4p/>.

VANEOHS to conduct virtual veteran town hall

VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System (VANEOHS) will host a virtual town hall at 6 pm Wednesday, July 24, to explain the recent expansion of Veteran health care eligibility and to answer questions from Veterans regarding healthcare benefits they are due for their service.

VA recently expanded health care eligibility for millions of Veterans nationwide, years earlier than called for by the PACT Act. As of March 5, all Veterans who were exposed to toxins and other hazards while serving in the military and meet certain requirements became eligible to enroll directly in VA health care. This means that all Veterans who served in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Global War on Terror, or any other combat zone after 9/11 can enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for VA disability benefits. Additionally, Veterans who never deployed but were exposed to toxins or hazards while training or on active duty in the United States are also eligible to enroll. VA also recently expanded health care to all World War II Veterans.

Additionally, the town hall will review reasons to reconsider VA enrollment – including the fact that VA hospitals outperformed non-VA hospitals on all 10 core patient satisfaction metrics — including overall hospital rating, communication with doctors, communication about medication, willingness to recommend the hospital, and more in Medicare's latest nationwide survey of patients. VA health care has also consistently outperformed non-VA care in peer-reviewed studies, overall quality ratings, and affordability for Veterans.

VANEOHS serves nearly 140,000 Veterans enrolled across 21 counties in northeast Ohio and seeks to have all eligible Veterans enroll for primary and specialty care from the Cleveland VA Medical Center and/or the 12 other clinic locations including Mansfield, Canton, and Akron.

This town hall is an example of how the VA continues to aggressively reach out to Veterans to encourage them to come to VA for the healthcare benefits they have earned. VA encourages all Veterans, family members, caregivers, and survivors to learn more about VA to understand how VA fits into their lives, and apply for their world-class health care and earned benefits today. Veterans in Cuyahoga and Medina counties will be called to be advised of the town hall in advance.

The town hall will be an audio/phone-dial-in event with visuals available within a simultaneous Facebook Live event. Participants are encouraged to call 855-962-0953 early to be assured of one of the 10,000 slots available for the call, and to follow along at www.facebook.com/ClevelandVAMC.

For more information about programs and services offered by VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System visit www.cleveland.va.gov or follow us on Facebook @ClevelandVAMC.



THE MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL junior class held a summer party at the Infield in Lexington.

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 or call 800-282-0880. Learn more about our work at development.ohio.gov.

Pioneer approves meal prices, contracts and employments

At the July 15 meeting, the Pioneer Board of Education adopted handbooks for the 2024-'25 School year.

Performing arts adjunct instructors hired were David Crane, Daphne Maloney, Lori Turner, Nick Ulery, Ethan Kerschner and Taylor Eagle.

The board approved College Credit Plus courses for the 2024-'25 school year and an agreement with Lind, Mid-State Multimedia Group and Richland Source for marketing services for FY 25.

The board approved Avita Health Systems as the medical facility site for physicals for van and bus drivers.

The board approved costs of cafeteria breakfast, lunch and milk prices for the 2024-'25 school year. Prices are reduced breakfast, 30¢; lunch, \$3; reduced lunch, 40¢; adult lunch, \$4; and milk purchased outside of lunch, 50¢.

The board approved an addition to the LPDC Committee and updated the field technician job description.

The board approved an agreement with Mid-Ohio Service Center for preschool screening and English Language Learner services, as needed.

The Online Learning Plan for 2024-'25 school year and MOU for Career Coach Programs at District Schools were approved.

Donations accepted include \$500 from the American Red Cross for participation in the high school scholarship program to be deposited and used for annual student scholarships; and \$15 from the Dawn Wright-Smith, Blackburn Giving Fund, Charleston, SC, which will be deposited in the Alumni Endowment fund and used for annual student scholarships.

The board approved a salary move across for administrative personnel and employment of Darien Payne, Satellite Industrial Technology Instructor, Crestline High School, on a one-year contract beginning with the 2024-'25 school year.

The board approved updated certificated sequence of contracts.

Preston Foy was approved as an intervention specialist for two days extended service for the 2024-'25 contract year.

The board approved a stipend contract for HOSA International Leadership Conference chaperones Melissa Myers and Kevin Burke.

The board approved career coaches and substitute instructors and classified personnel for the 2024-'25 school year.

The board approved employment of adult education certificated personnel and adult education classified personnel.

The board approved MOU with JVS and Career Centers Adult Education Programs and a job description for a licensed social worker.

The treasurer was authorized to pay Science of Reading stipends.

Mike Grady was nominated as the official delegate and Ben Blubaugh was nominated as the alternate to the Annual OSBA Business Meeting and Conference to be held in Columbus Nov. 10-12, 2024.

Miller delivers millions in transformative capital funding

The Ohio House of Representatives passed Substitute House Bill 2, the state's two-year construction budget for capital projects throughout the state, announced State Representative Melanie Miller (R-City of Ashland). The bill will allocate more than \$4.2 billion for capital projects, including \$717 million in one-time project funding from the Strategic Community Investment Fund.

"I am so pleased that we were able to secure these state funds for these important local projects. These projects will be transformative for many of our local communities and institutions," said Miller. "Many of these projects would not happen without these funds from the State of Ohio."

Miller secured millions in one-time funding from the Strategic Community Investment Fund that will directly serve the 67th House District which includes Ashland and Medina Counties.

Ashland projects that these state dollars include \$1,100,000 for the Ashland County Fair, \$1,000,000 for the Cinnamon Lake Sewer District Lift Station, \$910,000 for the Charles Mill Marina Houseboat and Path Renovation, \$248,554 for the Hugo Young Theatre, \$200,000 for the Davy McClure Outdoor Education Shelter, \$200,000 for the Ashland Fire Training Facility, \$76,000 for the Hickory Street Sanitary Sewer Lift Station, \$30,000 for the Rowsburg Community Center and \$25,000 for the Hayesville Pedestrian Walkway.

Miller also secured capital investments that will positively impact Ashland and Medina Counties.

Ashland projects that these state dollars include \$500,000 for Davy McClure Outdoor Education Center Site Improvements and \$101,129 for the Foundations Community Childcare Inc.

Substitute House Bill 2 now heads to the Ohio Governor for a signature.

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Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Ontario football hosts 30 teams and captures second place

Photos and Article By Kris Leiter

This past weekend, Ontario captured the second place trophy out of 30 teams in their 7-on-7 High School Football Tournament at Ontario High School. The teams included Ontario Varsity and JV, Columbus East Varsity and JV, North Ridgeville, Lorain, Briggs 1 and 2, Marlinton Varsity and JV, Buckeye Valley Varsity and JV, Akron Ellet Varsity and JV, River Valley Varsity and JV, Hillsdale, Northmor Varsity and JV, Indian Lake, Wooster Triway, Fredericktown, North Ridgeville, South Central, Crestline, Oberlin and New London Varsity and JV.

You may think its a bit early for high school football and if you are a high school football fanatic, you may think you missed this event on the calendar, since the fall leaves aren't falling quite yet.

If you ever get a chance to attend, I would encourage you to do so. Watching the variety of teams you don't normally see is a treat.

Even though most of us have been swimming or enjoying barbecues the past weeks, probably not even thinking of high school football, a lot of teams have been participating in 7-on-7 drills. Ohio is actually the new kid on the block this year with this unique format.

So what exactly is 7-on-7 football? If I reflect back to my youthful days of childhood, I gathered a group of friends from the housing development and would throw on my ripped jeans and Cleveland Browns jersey (either white, number 17 Brian Sipe or brown, number 34, Greg Pruitt). We would find a lot of grass somewhere in the neighborhood and whoever showed up, we would have our "backyard super-bowl." We did this even when it was a snowy Sunday afternoon. I still remember doing this 45 years later. Good memories.

We had watered-down versions of the department store helmets and the padding in them was pretty non-existent, but we still felt larger than life. We did tackle "gently" and called our own penalties. We probably missed a few calls, but hey, we weren't getting paid either. We played for hours. The end of the game was mom's whistle with her two fingers, calling us in for dinner that night. Way before cell phones. How did we survive?

Years ago, summer high school football practices constituted two-a-days in "oven-roasted" heat. Water breaks were rare, depending on whether a player ran a play correctly. Over the years, water became mandatory, due to players getting sick and dehydrated.

The lineman would gather around the blocking sled, consisting of 8,000 pounds of solid steel, that would take a crane to move and the padding looked like it had a few rolls of duct tape holding together.

Let's fast forward to present day 2024 with high school football and Ohio High School Athletic Association. The OHSAA had been noticing a lot other states that were already allowing 7-on-7 as a part of their summer regimen.

Doug Ute, OHSAA Executive Director said "We have been talking the about the football 7-on-7 regulation for some time and we believe that football should be treated the same as our other team sports, essentially allowing football athletes the same opportunities as their peers in other sports. Many players participate in other sports, such as basketball, wrestling, baseball, lacrosse and track and field. In terms of football-specific work within their program, players had been limited to off-season conditioning drills and contact days between May 15 and July 31."

"Most other states already allow it, so there have been a growing number of situations when Ohio student athletes have had to pass up opportunities in the winter and spring, due to our regulations. We want to stress that hitting is still not permitted in the offseason. But this change expands what players can do outside the season."

"There is no limit on the number of events after May 15. The only time 7-on-7 is not permitted is during the 28-day no contact period immediately after the regular season. Players may also attend collegiate camps individually or with their team."

So, the rules, yes, a little more structure than my childhood days.

Each team consists of seven offensive players, a quarterback, center, and five offensive "scoring" type runners. Coaches are permitted on the field to give instruction as well.

The defense has seven players, all raring to stop the ball carrier, and as you can tell, have slight advantage with the "gauntlet", as all seven defensive players chomping at the bit to stop the player with the ball. And there is no tackling or pads, hence its strictly more of a scoring scenario, again, safety is priority giving teams a bit of variety over the mundane blocking their own teammates for hours from years gone by.

The emphasis is focused on the passing game running routes.

It is fun to watch nonetheless, as there are trophies on the line in some tournaments. Some schools, such as Ontario did this past weekend, will host 30 schools and other schools will play one team for hours.

The scoring can vary from each host school as well. With 30 teams, such as Ontario's scenario Saturday, they started at 10 am and the championship game was the highlight at 3 pm.

It is typical to have six points for a touchdown and two points for a 2-point conversion. As in the case with Saturday, there was a 30-minute time limit. Each team started on the 40-yard line and could gain two to three first-downs during their possession.

They utilized two teams simultaneously on each field — the main field and the practice field directly behind.

I had the privilege of watching my Alma Mater Ontario beat the River Valley Vikings in the semi-final game at the 2:30 pm and advance to the 3 pm championship where they were defeated by the Buckeye Valley Barons from Delaware County. Both teams had respective finishes from the 2023-'24 campaign.

Last season, Ontario finished with a phenomenal 10-2 season, with the only regular season loss to Shelby, who also had a respectable record of 10-3. Ontario's first playoff victory came against Lutheran West of 31-22 and fell to defeat to the Tiffin Columbian Tornadoes 55-35.

Things are looking good for the Warriors this upcoming season, with senior Bodpegn Miller manning the helm at quarterback for the Warriors. Miller had an amazing 2023-'24 season with over 2,000 yards passing. Another feather in the cap for Miller, is that he has also committed to The Ohio State University, as he will be utilized as a wide receiver.



Running back coach Ron Skelton was monumental in helping the Warriors ring in second place at the 7-on-7.

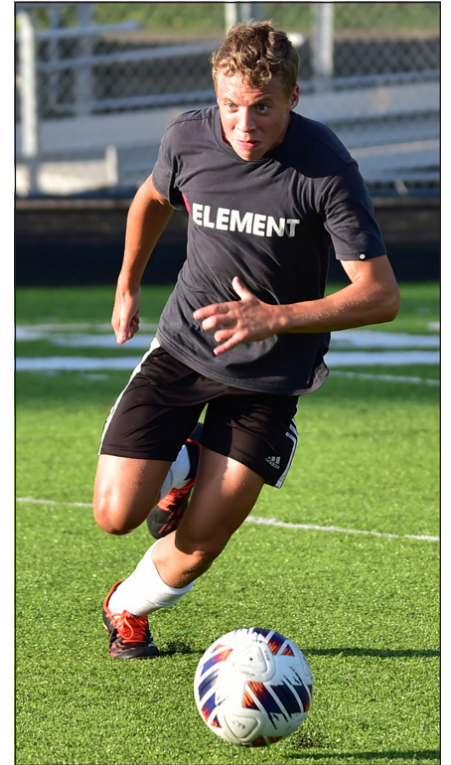


Ontario players participated in the 7-on-7 tournament

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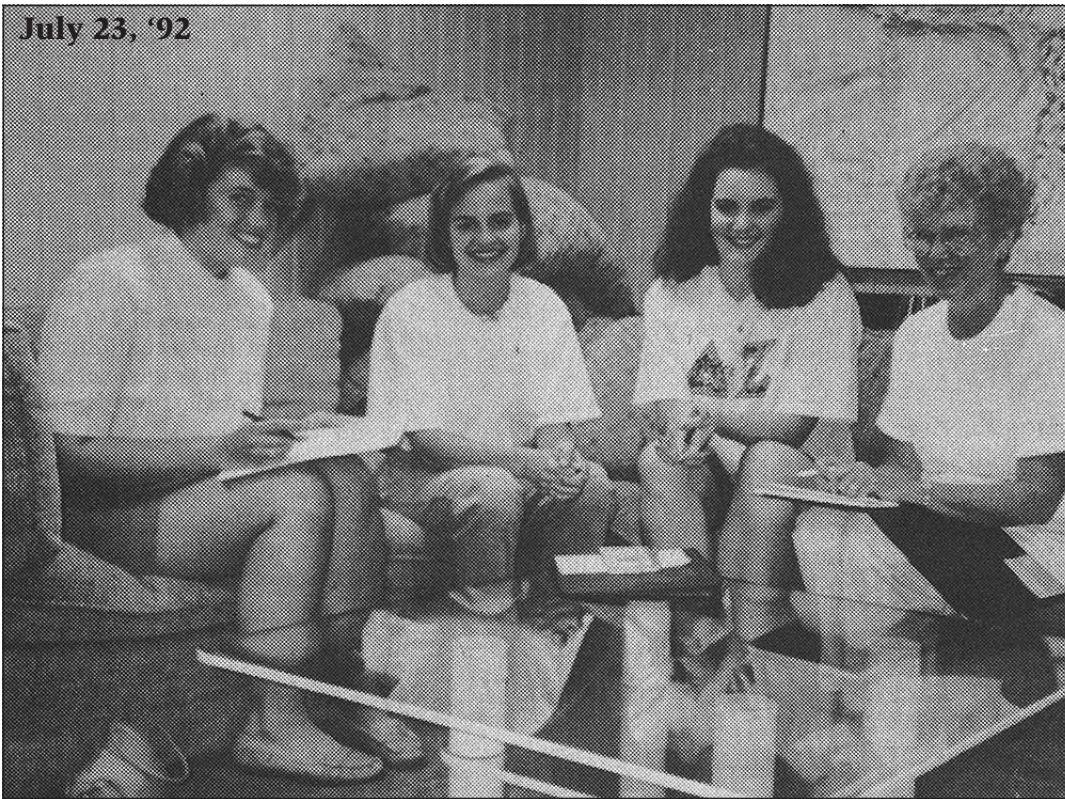
CLEAR FORK ALUMNI SOCCER GAME AT CLEAR FORK HIGH SCHOOL · JULY 20
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Varsity wore black shirts and Alumni wore white
At the end of regulation, the score was tied at 2-2.
A penalty shoot-out resulted in the Alumni team winning 7-5.



LOOKING BACK • THIS WEEK IN TRIBUNE-COURIER HISTORY

July 23, '92



THESE FOUR LEXINGTON WOMEN are shown recently as they discussed the upcoming sorority rush orientation Aug. 4 at Richland Academy of the Arts, sponsored by Mansfield Area Panhellenic. From the left are Roxanne Owens, Amy Gibson, Hillary Holtshouse and Mary Thomas.

July 25, '85



LEXINGTON LITTLE LEAGUE MAJOR DIVISION ALL-STARS — First row, Scott Davidson, Beth Swick, Marty Schmitt, John Reasor, Ryan Dials, Bucky Morton and Steve Morvai. Second row, Coach Jerry Wilson, Chris Medberry, Jeff Studer, Dave Compton, Josh Wilson, Jeff Devore and Coach Bill Devore. Absent from the photo, Darby Ball and Mike Stoner.

This Day in History — July 25, 1956, 45 miles south of Nantucket Island, the Italian ocean liner Andrea Doria and the Swedish ocean liner Stockholm collide in a heavy Atlantic fog. Fifty-one passengers and crew were killed in the collision, which ripped a great hole in the broad side of the Italian vessel. Miraculously, all 1,660 survivors on the Andrea Doria were rescued from the severely listing ship before it sank late the next morning. Both ships were equipped with sophisticated radar systems, and authorities were puzzled as to the cause.

In the mid-1950s, more than 50 passenger liners steamed between Europe and America, exploiting a postwar boom in transatlantic ocean travel. The lavishly appointed Andrea Doria, put to sea in 1953, was the pride of the Italian line. It was built for luxury, not speed, and boasted extensive safety precautions, such as state-of-the-art radar systems and 11 watertight compartments in its hull. The Stockholm, which went into service in 1948, was a more modest ocean liner, less than half the tonnage and carrying 747 passengers and crew on its fateful voyage. The Andrea Doria held 1,706 passengers and crew in its final journey.

On the night of July 25, 1956, the Stockholm was just beginning its journey home to Sweden from New York, while the Andrea Doria was steaming in the opposite direction. The Italian liner had been in an intermittent fog since midafternoon, but Captain Piero Calami only slightly reduced his speed, relying on his ship's radar to get him to his destination safely and on schedule. The Stockholm, meanwhile, was directed north of its recommended route by Captain H. Gunnar Nordenson, who risked encountering westbound vessels in the name of reducing travel time. The Stockholm also had radar and expected no difficulty in navigating past approaching vessels. It failed to anticipate, however, that a ship like the Andrea Doria could be hidden until the last few minutes by a fogbank.

At 10:45 pm, the Stockholm showed up on the Doria's radar screens, at a distance of about 17 nautical miles. Soon after, the Italian ship showed up on the Stockholm's radar, about 12 miles away. What happened next has been subject to dispute, but it's likely that the crews of both ships misread their radar sets. Captain Calami then exacerbated a dangerous situation by making a turn to port for an unconventional starboard-to-starboard passing. About two miles away from each other, the ship's lights came into view of each other. Third Officer Johan-Ernst Bogislaus Carstens, commanding the bridge of the Stockholm, then made a conventional turn to starboard.

Less than a mile away, Captain Calami realized he was on a collision course with the Stockholm and turned hard to the left, hoping to race past the bow of the Swedish ship. Both ships were too large and moving too fast to make a quick turn. At 11:10 pm, the Stockholm's sharply angled bow, reinforced for breaking ice, smashed 30 feet into the starboard side of the Andrea Doria.

Fortunately, the Stockholm, which had suffered a nonfatal blow, was able to lend its lifeboats to an evacuation effort. Several ships heard the Doria's mayday and came to assist. At 2 am on July 26, the Ile de France arrived and took charge of the rescue effort. It was the greatest civilian maritime rescue in history, and 1,660 lives were saved. The Stockholm limped back to New York. At 10:09 am on July 26, the Andrea Doria sank into the Atlantic. *History.com*

•Madison prepares to open school next month

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and customized welding instructor; Douglas Wilson, customized machining instructor; Nicole Williams, State Tested Nurse Aide instructor; Shaan Hess, State Tested Nurse Aide instructor; Angela Carroll, State Tested Nurse Aide sub & clinical assistant; Wendy Poland, State Tested Nurse Aide sub & clinical assistant; Antoinette Shaum, phlebotomy instructor and medical assisting & phlebotomy externship coordinator; Kelly Clements, medical assisting and phlebotomy – instructional wrap up & transition; Denise Brown, Ohio Means Jobs Center representative; Mike Montry, Heartsaver First Aid/BLS; Diane Schmidt, beginning and intermediate sign language; Ginny Walters, cake decorating levels 1 & 2; Leona Thomas, gardening class; and John Fort, small engine repair.

Substitute teachers hired on an "on call" basis, as needed for the 2024-'25 school year include

Hunter Burggraf (long-term sub Madison South intervention spe-

cialist), Ellen Intermill-Shimko (long-term sub high school intervention specialist), Elizabeth Barr, Nathan Batchelor, Martin Breitingner, Marlene Brown, Nicole Chinn, Laura Collins, John Desterhaft, Bruce Desterhaft, Sidney Foltz III, Renee Getz, Carlos F. Villa Gomez, Connie Hanshaw, Savannah Hitchman, Pamela Jackenheimer, William Kepple, Pamela Lehnhart, Julia Litt, Stephen Shaffstall, Pamela Taylor, Wayne Whitehead, Lyndsay Williams, Reta Zody, Diana Kelley, Debra Kuhn, Theresa Roth, KaLeyha Utt and Toni Villers.

The board approved an unpaid leave of absence for Ariel Gough, kindergarten teacher at Mifflin Elementary, effective Sept. 4, 2024 through May 30, 2025.

Resignations were accepted from KaLeyha Utt, two-hour cafeteria worker at Eastview; and Jennifer Taylor, MECLC.

Hirings included Shannon Hardy, second shift custodian, middle school; Jordan Gaston, assistant teacher, MECLC; and RayAnn Kaser, preschool teacher, MECLC.

Jamie Hoffman has been awarded the second shift custodian position at Mifflin, replacing April Moore who accepted another position. Jeff Zeigler has returned to his prior position of second shift custodian at the middle school. Shelly Pogue has been awarded the second shift custodian position at South, replacing Carolyn Carroll who accepted another position.

Robin Lyons, executive secretary to the superintendent resigned. Tammy Harris was hired as the accounts payable clerk for the board office.

A delegate and alternate were appointed for the OSBA Annual Business Meeting to be held Monday, Nov. 11.

The Educational/Special Services Contract and Employment Services Contract between the Tri-County Educational Service Center and Madison Local Schools for the 2024-'25 school year was approved.

The board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, Family Life Counseling and Psychiatric Services and Madison Local School District for implementation of A Wellness Team in the school district effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

The purchase of six-year licenses for the Wonders curriculum for grades K-5 in the amount of \$268,256.56 was approved. The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce is funding \$99,802.83 of the purchase.

The board approved the proposed change to the payroll column of the administrative and confidential employee salary schedules to include the accounts payable position.

The board approved the addition of the Student Services Director/504 Coordinator position to the administrative salary schedule. The index for the position is 1.09, and it includes contracted days in the amount of 260.

The next regular board of education meeting will be Aug. 28, at 6 pm, in the Madison Middle School Auditoria.



TRINITY GRACE FELLOWSHIP continues to host its Vacation Bible School program "The Great Jungle Journey" through Thursday, July 25. Each night, students kindergarten through 12th grade meet for music, games, crafts and Bible studies. The church is located at 1592 Grace St., near Madison Comprehensive High School. Call the church office at 419-589-5890 for more information.

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