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North Central Ohio's Alzheimer's **Association hosts Walk to End** Alzheimer's in Mansfield

Photos and Article By Traci Little

The annual Walk to End Alzheimer's took place on Saturday morning, Sept. 14, at Mansfield's Carrousel Park. It was a mild and sunny day, with Mansfield's streets filled with a beautiful tapestry of purple and teal, colors representing the cause.

For many in North Central Ohio, Alzheimer's is a personal crisis, and the crowd reflected the strength and determination of the community to fight this disease. Whether you've been personally affected or simply believe in the vision of a world without Alzheimer's and other dementias, the Walk was a powerful moment of solidarity. It was a day to show support, compassion, and hope. Participants fearlessly advocated for their loved ones, helping fuel groundbreaking research simply by being present.

A new era of treatment and care is on the horizon, paving the way for a future where Alzheimer's may be a thing of the past. Every dollar raised makes a difference. By walking together, we are creating history and fighting for those living with the disease, ensuring they receive the treatment, care, and support they need and deserve. Through generous giving, we are bringing new treatments home to our friends, families, and neighbors.

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event dedicated to raising awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support, and research. As the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support, and research, the Alzheimer's Association leads the charge to end Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia by accelerating global research, promoting risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support.

This year, 342 participants across 78 teams took part in the Walk. Mindy Taylor-Tishue, from Kingwood Center Gardens, opened the event with a heartfelt rendition of the national anthem and shared what the Walk means to her. "My grandfather passed away from complications related to Alzheimer's," she said. "This cause is near and dear to my heart, and I'm honored to be part of it as a community participant with Kingwood Center."

Brenda Nelson, the 2024 North Central Ohio Executive Event Chair, also spoke about her personal connection to the disease, expressing her dedication to making the Walk a success.

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Voter registration deadline nearing for November election

The deadline to register to vote or change your address or name for the Nov. 5, General Election is Monday, Oct. 7. The Richland County Board of Elections office, 1495 W. Longview Ave. Suite 101, in the Longview Center, will be open that evening until 9 pm.

After 4 pm, vistors must use the entrance at the lower level back parking area at the southwest corner of the building.

Qualifications for registering to vote include:

- •must be a native U. S. citizen or a naturalized citizen of the U.S.
- •must be a resident of The State of Ohio 30 days before an Election •must be a minimum of 18 years of age on or before the date of
- the General Election on Nov. 5, 2024.

Registered voters who have moved or changed their name must notify the Board office in writing or in person. Voters currently registered in Ohio may change their address online at VoteOhio.gov but must do so by the October 7th deadline.

In addition to the Board of Elections office, citizens may register or complete a change of address/name at the following locations in **Richland County:**

- Any library branch
- •All city and village hall offices

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- •The Bureau of Motor Vehicles office
- •The Department of Human Services
- •The Richland County Courthouse (recorder or treasurer offices)
- All area high school offices

Registration forms may also be obtained from the Board of Elections website at www.boe.ohio.gov/richland or requested by mail. Contact the board office at 419-774-5530 to have a form sent by mail. Completed voter registration forms must be postmarked 30 days before election day.

Ontario Board approves hirings

The Ontario Board of Education met Sept. 10. Cathleen Johnson and ADIOS students presented the submissions from their drug prevention contest. Canaan Wentz also gave a presentation.

The board approved Tracy Baxter as the head girls basketball coach, at \$8,521.

The board accepted the resignation of Nicole Carney, preschool intervention specialist; Sandy Toth, middle school 2 1/2 hour cook; Wanda Boyce, high school 2 1/2 hour cook; and Wendy Wilging, Power of the Pen advisor.

Extracurricular/supplemental staff personnel approved for the 2024-'25 school year include Amanda Secrist, middle school Power of the Pen, \$1,138; Logan Leitzy, Video News Production Club, \$1,198; Jared Hamm, varsity assistant football volunteer, \$0; Deb Henry and Brooke Trumpower, high school swim head coaches, 50% each shared stipend for head coach and assistant coach, \$5,149.50; Jerry Moton, boys basketball head coach, \$8,521; Robert Sharrock, Eric Barrison, John Heydinger and Ryan Ball, boys basketball assistant, four sharing three stipends, \$3,316.50; Tyler Coley, eighth grade boys head basketball, \$4,538; Bronx Baxter, girls basketball volunteer assistant, \$0; Todd Ivy, girls basketball assistant, \$3,902; Jeremy Bise, girls basketball assistant, \$3,902; Troy Sapp, seventh grade girls head basketball, \$3,302; Heath Sager, middle school winter activity coordinator, \$2,976; Dan Hall, high school winter activity coordinator, \$3,602; and Maggie Love, volunteer middle school assistant cheerleading advisor, \$0.

The board approved employment of substitute classified staff personnel for the current school year including Crystal Holbrook, cook, custodian; Bambie Glasener, playground aide, cook, custodian, secretary, latchkey; Brenda Weber, secretary; Kathryn McClenathan, cook, custodian; Teri Argo, cook; and Samantha Gear, secretary.

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Library hosts cartoonsit exhibit

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library will present "Mansfield's Legendary Scott Brown: An Exhibit at the Main Library" at 43 W. Third St., Mansfield, Sept. 16 to Oct. 4.

Ohio's legendary Scott Brown (1909–1982), cartoonist and soda shop philosopher, will be honored in this one-of-a-kind exhibit.

Brown was best known locally as the proprietor of Brown's Soda Shop, which served up "the largest, coldest, and best chocolate soda on Route 30" to generations of locals and those passing through. The rest of the country, however, knew him as a cartoonist. Readers coast-to-coast laughed at his cartoons in *The Saturday Evening Post, The New Yorker®* and others. This exhibit showcases Brown's cartoons and artwork set within a narrative of his life.

In addition, the community is invited to a presentation by Christopher Kuntz, MD, Brown's grandson and author of *Scott Brown: Cartoonist,* on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 6 pm in the Main Library Community Room. Dr. Kuntz will give a behind-the-scenes peek at the creation of the book while entertaining with cartoons, artwork and stories from Brown's life.

For more information visit mrcpl.org.



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While vacationing in Europe, a family befriends another couple and their child only to be invited to their home which turns

into a weekend of terror in the new release *Speak No Evil.*

This is a very recent remake of a 2022 Danish film. Having not seen the original it is unfortunate to not be able to compare the two, though this movie has quite a bit of positives on its own.

James McAvoy stars as Paddy. He, his wife

and hi son befriend an American couple named Louise and Ben played by Mackenzie Dalton and Scoot McNairy.

Upon returning home, Mackenzie and Ben and their daughter are invited to Paddy's home, a rustic, rural location seemingly in the middle of nowhere. As Paddy acts out and things become uncomfortable, Ben and Mackenzie try to find a way out.

There is nothing being revealed here that hasn't been seen in the numerous trailers released. The movie's strength is in its performances. McAvoy is

a terrific actor and brings charm and terror to his lead role. Everybody involved in the movie down to the child actors are re-

ally top notch and elevate this film. The beginning is pretty slow though, and it takes a while for the film to get going.

Its main strength is certainly when one family turns on the other.

There are some great scenes towards the end with lots of suspenseful moments

and that whole sequence could have been drawn out a little more as it gets to be very intense and exciting.

A mixed review, though pretty positive, for *Speak No Evil*. There is nothing particularly unique about this suspense/thriller though the performances, especially from McAvoy, and the movements and reveals of the characters are solid enough to make for a fun time.



Vaccine clinics hosted by agency

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is proud to announce vaccine clinics will be held from 9 am to noon at the following locations:

•Oct. 4 at Hawkins Conference Center, 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario

•Oct. 11 at Third Street Family Health Services, 600 W. Third St., Mansfield

•Oct. 18 at Ashland Health & Wellness Center, 309 Arthur St., Ashland

•Oct. 25 at Bucyrus Health & Wellness Center, 2458 Stetzer Rd., Bucyrus

Anyone age 18 and older, and from any county, is welcome to participate in these vaccine clinics. Those interested in participating must register by calling the Third Street Clinic at 419-522-6191. COVID vaccines may vary, confirm their availability at registration.

If transportation is needed, call the Area Agency on Aging/Susan at 567-247-6458 and an appointment can be made. What to bring: A form of ID and your insurance card. You do not need to show proof of citizenship or residency status.

The Area Agency on Aging realizes it is critical to ensure equity and access to Ohioans who might not otherwise have a chance to get vaccinated, whether their barrier is transportation, location, mobility, or access to care and education about the vaccine.

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., located 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.

News Briefs

Richland County adults 60 and older are invited to penny bingo games on Mondays from April to December at the Lincoln Highway Event Center, 1361 Park Avenue East, Mansfield (Madison area). Bingo starts at 11:30 am with doors opening at 10 am.

Fifteen games of penny bingo and full house will be played. Cost is a penny a card for 15 games and a nickel a card for full house.

This is a 100% payout. Snacks are provided.

To RSVP, call Kathy Boyle at 419-543-1813. These events are supported and funded by the Richland County Senior Services Levy, administered by the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc.

Washington Township Fire Department will host a pancake breakfast on Oct. 5, from 7–11 am, at the new station, 222 Vanderbilt Rd.

Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, milk and orange juice. Admission is by donation. Proceeds raised will continue assisting the community and the department. All are welcome to see the new station and enjoy breakfast. For information call 419-756-8330.

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Resumes and letters of interest are being accepted for the appointment to fill the vacancy in the council member-at-large for the City of Mansfield. Applicants must be a resident of the City of Mansfield and a registered republican. Candidate interviews will be conducted on Oct. 2. The appointment meeting will be held on Oct. 10. Both meetings will begin promptly at 5 pm in the Community Room at the Main Mansfield Library.

The deadline to apply for consideration is Sept. 26, by 5 pm. Forward letters of interest & resumes to megan.whatman@gmail.com.

The Richland Rural Life Center will host its annual chicken dinner on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 4–6 pm.

The dinner includes chicken slow cooked over an open pit, buttered parsley potatoes or Au gratin potatoes, old fashioned slaw salad or applesauce, dinner roll, beverage and a scoop of homemade vanilla ice cream. Adult meals are \$12 for (½ chicken); seniors and children (10 and under) \$7 (¼ chicken). Carry-out meals are available and extra chicken halves are \$5. Homemade ice cream quarts will be available for \$5.

The center is located at 969 E. Crall Rd., Mansfield. The entrance is located between Stewart Rd. and Rt. 545, Madison area. For more information call 419-544-2418 (leave message).

The Richland Rural Life Center is a non-profit organization that supports 4-H and Boy/Cub Scout Troops. Proceeds from dinners and events help maintain the RRLC land and facilities.

Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, will hold its annual rummage sale/bake sale in October, coordinated by Mary Reynolds. Times are 4–7 pm, Oct. 2; 9 am to 7 pm on Oct. 3; 9 am to 2 pm on Oct. 4; and 9 am to 2 pm on Oct. 5.

The kitchen will offer dinners, sandwiches, soup, homemade pies and other deserts. Rummage sale items and all food items will be available by donation, with all proceeds going to local charities.

The Village of Lexington is holding its 41st Annual Lexington Halloween Walk Saturday, Oct. 19, from noon to 5 pm at the B&O Bike Trail. The walk will travel to Community Park, Lexington Senior Depot and the Lexington Street Department.

The event will be held rain or shine and include food trucks and cake walks. All ages are welcome. There will be music by Nyte Flyte Entertainment. Candies and treats will be handed out by local area businesses. Dress up and bring family and friends.

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. September 2024 Corporate Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Sept. 19 at 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario, Ohio, in the Board Room. For information contact sdanuloff@aaa5ohio.org or 567-247-7105.

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Sept. 28 and 29. 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.

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.

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Christopher Reynolds to speak on "Introduction to the Labyrinth Wheel: Union of Western and Indigenous Wisdom" at 10:30 am on Sunday, Sept. 22. This service will be held off-site. For information visit www.allsoulsuuohio.org.

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 Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12. For information visit www.awakeshelby.com or call 419-342-4636.

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 courtyard is open every Friday over lunch.

The schedule concludes with Sept, 20, with music by Tom's Kitchen Table and food by Mr. Bill's Wood Fired Pizza.

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 Oct. 16, and will include roast beef. Dave Shaffer will speak on "Scams on Seniors."

On Oct. 2, the group will meet for lunch at El Campestre, 1593 W. 4th St., Ontario, at 11 am.

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

Richland Public Health, in collaboration with Avita, Cleveland Clinic, OhioHealth and Third Street Family Health Services, will present the first ever Free Community Health Day on Friday, Oct. 11 from 9 am to 3 pm in the Richland Public Health parking lot, 555 Lexington Avenue Mansfield. Free and low cost health services will be available. Other services available will include mammograms, vaccines, blood testing and blood pressure testing. Resources will be available about community programs.

First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Avenue West will be offering senior boxes of non perishable food provided by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm or until supplies run out. This comes with a 15 lb. box of fresh produce and a two lb. box of cheese. These items are free to those who qualify by age (60+) and low income guidelines. Recipients must have at least one person age 60 or older in the household.

These items are available on the fourth Tuesday of each month, year round. The distribution is held in the South Mulberry Street parking lot. The next distribution is Tuesday, Sept. 24.

Johnny Appleseed's 250th birthday will be celebrated at the historic South Park on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 10 am to 5 pm. Johnny will be making an appearance and a variety of activities have been prepared for a fun-filled family day. The event location is at 100 Brinkerhoff Ave., Mansfield.

A flag raising will be held by the Boy Scouts at the Johnny Appleseed Monument at 10 am. An Appletree Watercolor Class with Juli Parsons will be from 10–11 am.

The Johnny Appleseed Square Dancers will perform from 1–2 pm and at 11:30 am James Hedges will be portrayed by Paul Lintern.

At 12:30 pm, a Johnny Appleseed Storytime will be with Ken Hammontree and Mary Johnson will host a children's storytime at 1:30 pm. At 2:30 pm: Jacob Newman will be portrayed by Jeff Mandeville. The Lincoln Highway Bluegrass Band will play from 3–5 pm.

Ontario Board approves hirings

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The board approved the employment of new substitute teachers and the Coaches Handbook and Guide for the 2024-'25 school year. The board approved the Applied Behavior Analysis Service Agree-

ment (ABA) for a BCBA for the 2024–'25 school year.

The board approved the transportation contracts in lieu of bus transportation and the school year salary notice revisions for certificated staff personnel who have completed additional college credit hours.

Donations were accepted from The Local Project, Secrist Family, Kim Riggenbach, \$560 for Stingel School Supplies; \$150 for Stingel school supplies from Mid Ohio Mind, Body & Soul and Thrive Nutrition Studio; \$300for football from Charities Aid Foundation America through Greg Atkinson; and \$844.50 for the Camstrong Fund from high school senior parking spot sales.

Donations for wrestling made in memory of Connie Turnbaugh included \$100 from Andrew Walker; \$50 from Jane Wiecher and \$50

from Jeffrey Fisher.

Facility requests were approved by the board.

The next Ontario Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 8.



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Clay Memorial Lutheran Church

1601 Amoy East Rd., Mansfield 419-747-6882 Pastor Carol Kilgore Sunday School 9:15 am Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville 419-886-4333 • www.clearforkalliance.org Rev. Matt Merendino Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor 9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship Sunday Evening 6 pm Home Groups Monday Men's Group 7:30 pm Wednesday evenings: 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting 6:30–8 pm TeamKID and Youth Group Wednesday Ladies Bible Study 6:30-8 pm

Community Bible Church

1043 Springmill St., Mansfield 567-560-8011 www.DiscoverCommunity.org Pastor Sam Belsterling 10:30 am Sunday Worship Live stream at https://www.facebook.com/ CommunityBibleChurchMansfield

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

200 West Third St., Mansfield 419-524-4813 • mansfield1stcc1833@gmail.com Rev. Gregory Bibler Office Hours: Tu., W., Th. 9 am to 1 pm 10:30 am Sunday Worship Christian Builders, Sunday, 9:30 am www.FirstChristianChurchMansfield.com FB: 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 Pastor Jay Jackson 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 Stufft 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-Pres-byterian-Church-117768414915815

G&M Body & Paint Shop

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

Mansfield 1st EPC

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

Mansfield Baptist Temple

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

Ontario United Methodist Church

3540 Park Avenue West., Ontario 419-529-4345 • ontarioumc.com Pastor 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 9am to 1pm AA Meetings M & F 10 am & noon; Wed. noon Brown Bag and Sat. 6 pm Clothing Ministry by appt: 419-512-9817

Trinity Grace Fellowship

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

Wappner Funeral Home

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Memorial Arrangements

Betty Lou (Wehinger) Brinley
It is with great sadness that the family of Betty Lou (Wehinger) Brinley announces her passing on Sept. 9, 2024, at the age of 90. Betty was born

Aug. 23,1934 to Gerard and Elizabeth Wehinger, one of two children. Betty was preceded in death by her infant son Jeffrey, son Ted, her brother Bob and husband Keith.

As a native of Mansfield, Ohio, Betty and Keith were married November 19, 1953, and together they raised five children: Bob (Marcia) Brinley, Ted Brinley (deceased), Tracey (Shawn) Brenneman, Andi (Jay) Sneeringer and Leslie Altimier.

She will be lovingly remembered by her remaining four children: Bob, Tracey, Andi and Leslie; Eleven grandchildren Erik (Divya) Brinley, Kristin (Marc) Mitchell, Jessica Brinley (Colton Dunnavant), Adam (Gusty) Brinley, Erin (Wes) Kemme, Danny (Kelly) McGatha, Ally (Casey)



Payne, Denise Komitau, Jennifer (James) Hall, Julie Altimier, Kevin (Nicole) Altimier; 18 great grandchildren: Chloe and Neil Brinley, Travis, Iris, and Josephine Mitchell, Anya, Axel and Avry Brinley-Smith, Fergus Dunnavant, Anderson Brinley, Liam, Rowan and Keegan Moore, Brinley, Landry and Adley Kemme, Evan and Addison Komitau; many nieces and nephews and her beloved dog, Pippin.

Betty graduated from St. Peter's Catholic High School in1952. She was a stay-at-home Mom raising five children. She became a local sales representative for J.R. Holcomb selling school supplies in Northern Ohio.

She is best known as one of the first women to sell Apple computers to schools when computers first hit schools. She helped Keith set up a

business as a service center for Apple Computers.

She was involved with all her kid's school and extracurricular activities, which meant she was very busy with five children! She was like a second Mom to many of the kids in the neighborhood as there were always more than five kids in the house.

She put her family first but was always helping people in need. She volunteered for Steven Ministries through St. Peter's Parish.

Mom was a constant source of love and encouragement for everyone who encountered her.

She loved playing golf and having family visits as her family grew.
The family would like to offer a special thanks to the staff at Mansfield Place who took great care, showed her and her dog Pippin love and support during her time there.

We would also like to thank Southern Care Hospice who helped all of us through this difficult time. In lieu of flowers, donations to Southern Care Hospice at 2291 W. Fourth St., Suite G, Mansfield, OH 44906, would be appreciated.

Betty decided many years ago to donate her body for scientific research to The Ohio State University. A private memorial service with family will be announced at a later date.

Awareness Walk is September 25

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. invites the community of all ages to participate in a walk on Wednesday, Sept. 25, to help bring awareness to the prevention of falls.

The walk will be held in Lexington on the B&O Bike Trail from 7–11 am. Participants are welcome to start at any time during these hours and walk as much or as little as they like. Parking is available at the Lexington Senior Center, 64 E. Main St., Lexington, with the walk starting at Y-Not Cycle & Fitness, 64 E Main St, Lexington.

This event is an opportunity to get steps in, connect with the Area Agency on Aging team and learn about wellness programs and transportation services. The total steps will be submitted to the Ohio Department of Aging as part of a statewide tally. All participants will receive a free walking gift. Bikes and adaptive riding equipment can also be rented from Y-Not Cycle & Fitness at own expense.

This walk is part of National Falls Prevention Awareness Week, aimed at highlighting ways older Ohioans can reduce their risk of falling. Each year, one in three Ohioans over the age of 60 will experience a fall, which can result in serious injury or even death. However, falls are not an inevitable part of aging, and most can be prevented. Regular physical activity, such as walking, is one of the most effective ways to reduce the risk of falling, making it the focus of this annual event.

For information about the walk or free classes on falls prevention call Sue at 567-247-6458. In case of rain, the walk with be canceled.



Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Debra Anne Caines, August 27 Robert Laverne Leather, August 31 Barbara Lee Schlereth, August 31 William Eugene Payne, September 3 Alan Bryant Crawford, September 4 Charles Eugene Morgan, September 4 Merritt Marshall Narance, September 6 Debra Suzanne Papst, September 6 Edna Corinne Motson, September 8 David Brian Lemming, September 9 Merion "Bill" Ambrose Bear, September 12 Arlene Marie Wolf, September 12

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Clinic available for area cats

A spay/neuter clinic for feral, homeless and stray cats and cats from low income households will be held at Animal Medical Center of Ontario, 2211 Village Mall Dr., Ontario, on Saturday, Sept. 28.

For \$35 per cat (cash only) services include spay or neuter, retroviral testing, FVRCP & rabies vaccines, pain medication, flea/tick treatment and ear tip or tattoo.

Reservation drop offs are 7–7:30 am with limited walk-ins beginning at 7:30 am. For reservations call 419-529-5052, select option 3 and leave name and phone number.

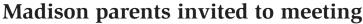
Cats should not be fed the morning of surgery. All cats must come in a trap or carrier, one cat per container.

4 Leaf Rover is dedicated to reducing the pet overpopulation problem in thecommunity.

Sponsors are Taylor Metal Products, Milark Industries, Idexx Labs, Virbac and AMC of Ontario.

Low income households must show proof (EBT/WIC, Medicaid, Molina, Caresource, etc.).

Walk-ins are first come, first serve until the schedule is full. All participating cats must be either tattooed or ear tipped.



Parents of Madison Middle School students are invited to a "Coffee with the Principals" event on Saturday, Sept 21, from 9-11 am. The meeting will be held in the middle school auditeria.

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Photo By Justice W.

FIVE LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS were voted by the student body to represent Lexington's 2024 Homecoming Court. The Queen will be announced on Oct. 4 during a school assembly. Court members are Emily T., Ruthie T., Savannah W., Natalie S. and Alexa B.



MACKENZIE. REESE'S preschoolers at Ontario enjoy a readaloud from Miss Jennie. She visited from the Richland County Public Library and brought along some books to share.

Community Preparedness Fair hosted by Richland EMA

A Community Preparedness Fair was held at The Ontario Center (Richland Mall) in Ontario on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 1–5 pm. Those attending were able to learn about preparedness and meet with first responders, The Red Cross and emergency management and public health officials.

The event was hosted by Richland County Emergency Management Agency and opened with a welcome from Rebecca Owens, Director of Richland County EMA.

Joining the event and speaking to those in attendance were Ohio Emergency Management Executive Director Sima Merick, Richland County Sheriff Steve Sheldon, Mansfield Fire Department Chief Dan Crow and Avita Health System Director of Safety, Security and Emergency Management Chris Adler.

Highlights of the event included a Mansfield Hazmat trailer, an Ontario Police Department command vehicle, ODOT snow plow truck, Mansfield Police Department command vehicle and cruisers, Bearcat Tactical Response Vehicle, K-9 officer, Ohio EMA Tornado Safe Room, Medflight Chopper, Mansfield Fire Museum Antique

fire truck, Richland County Skywarn Storm Spotter vehicle and trailer, Springield Township ladder truck and EMS, RCSO response vehicle and dive team boat, Richland Public Health

Mobile Health Clinic and kids activites from the Buckeye Imagination Museum.







Photo By Dan Starche

RETIRING WAYNE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY (WMHA) Executive Director Deb Catlett and incoming Director Rodney Mitchell embrace after Mitchell presented her with a plaque at the 29th annual Appreciation Day Picnic held at the agency's training center on Old Columbus Road in Wooster. Mitchell, who became the Executive Director on Aug. 1, said of Catlett "The brain of the operation, working behind the scenes, she does everything. She has been more than a director, she's been more than a friend, she's been more than a mentor, she has been a mother to all of us at this agency. Thank you so much. You have never once turned your back on us, you never left us high and dry, and you were always there for us. Thank you for being a part of my life personally and thank you for being a part of this agency." Catlett will officially retire at the end of the month. She resides in Mansfield with her husband, David.

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Library expands free meal service

Due to the program's success at the main library, Mansfield Richland County Public Library is expanding its partnership with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank to help fight food insecurity in Richland County. The Butler, Madison, and Plymouth branch locations have joined in offering free Backpack Meals to children 18 and under. Each meal bag will include two breakfast items, two entrees and two snacks. Customers can pick up the shelf-stable meals at the children's service desks in all four locations beginning at 4:30 pm each Thursday while supplies last. There are no eligibility requirements to receive meals. Visit mrcpl.org for location hours.

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SQUARE DANCERS

•Alzheimer's Association hosts Walk to End Alzheimer's in Mansfield

(Continued from Front Page)

Nancy Jo Todd shared heartfelt memories of her dear friend, John Nielson, followed by a moving performance of Chris Mann's song "Remember Me." The poignant lyrics, such as "When I feel I'm forgotten and lost in this world, won't you please remember me, struck a chord with the audience, leaving few dry eyes. Nancy first met John while working in the memory care unit at Brookdale Senior Living in Mount Vernon, where she quickly realized the honor of walking part of the Alzheimer's journey with him and his wife, Janice. John's journal entries reflected his feelings of burden and fear of losing relevance, emotions that deeply touched Nancy as she became his close friend over the years. John was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2016, but his life before the diagnosis was rich and full. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and a man of deep faith in Jesus Christ. He served as a pastor, professor, published author, church leader, missionary, storyteller, choir member, Sunday school teacher, spiritual mentor, and a compassionate friend to many. During their many conversations over the seven months at the memory care unit, John repeatedly asked Nancy, "Have I done enough in my life? Will it all be forgotten?" She consistently reassured him that his life had mattered to countless people, including her, and that his legacy would live on in the hearts of those who loved him. Nancy promised to remember him for the profound impact he had on her and so many others. John passed away and entered heaven in April 2023.

As participants looked around at the colored flowers — orange for those supporting the Alzheimer's Association, purple for those who've lost a loved one, yellow for caregivers, and blue for those diagnosed — the personal connections to Alzheimer's were evident. The hope is that one day we can add a white flower to the mix, symbolizing survivors of Alzheimer's.

After the Walk, participants placed their flowers in a garden to honor their connection. While there's still no cure for Alzheimer's,

new treatments are emerging that may change the course of the disease, helping individuals manage symptoms and improve their quality of life. Every step forward brings us closer to stopping Alzheimer's, and there's still time to make a difference. You can donate today at alz.org/nwohio/walk. So far, \$93,939 has been raised toward the North Central Ohio chapter's goal of \$107,000. Donations can be made directly from your phone by texting 2endalz to 51555.

In Ohio, more than 236,200 people are living with Alzheimer's, with over 414,000 family members and friends serving as caregivers. Across the U.S., the number of people living with dementia is expected to reach nearly 13 million by 2050 unless new treatments are developed. Alzheimer's is currently the 7th leading cause of death in Ohio.

The Alzheimer's Association expresses deep gratitude to the sponsors who made this event possible, including Edward Jones, the National Presenting Sponsor, and local sponsors such as Altercare Bucyrus, Avita Health, Gentiva Hospice, and Jack Stewart Elder Law.

The Alzheimer's Association is a volunteer-driven organization, and there are many ways to get involved. Whether through participating in future Walks or joining other Association events and programs, everyone can contribute to the fight against Alzheimer's. Visit alz.org/volunteer to learn how you can help.

For those facing Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia, help is always available. The Alzheimer's Association's 24/7 Helpline offers free, confidential support, resources, and crisis assistance in over 200 languages. Call 800-272-3900 to speak with a dementia expert and receive the guidance you need. Remember, you are not alone in this fight.



Join us for a free program!



For questions or to register, please contact Jennifer at 567.302.3610 or jencmiller@alz.org

The Empowered Caregiver Building Foundations of Caregiving

Explore the role of a caregiver and changes they may experience. This program will explain the importance of building a support team and managing caregiver stress.

Monday, September 23 (6 - 7 pm)

Bucyrus Public Library, 200 East Mansfield St, Bucyrus













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174TH BELLWILLE STREET FAIR • 2024

Merista Brown crowned Bellville Fair Queen

Photos and Article By Traci Little

The 174th Bellville Street Fair, held from Sept. 11–14, delighted visitors with four days of family-friendly entertainment.

Established in 1850, the Bellville Street Fair is the oldest street fair in Ohio. It's truly unique and special, celebrating community, heritage, and local talent.

Attendees enjoyed a variety of rides, concessions, and live music performances, including acts like Red Ball Jets and Six Miles to Nellie. The fair also honored its traditions, featuring an art show at the Bellville Public Library, various livestock competitions, a pet show, and the much-anticipated Junior Livestock Sale.

On the evening of Sept. 11, Merista Brown was crowned the 51st Bellville Fair Queen, with Lauren Perry and Gwyneth Jones named first and second runners-up, respectively.

Other contestants included Jazmine Spayde, April Berry, and Chloee Steward. Brown, a senior softball player and member of the Future Farmers of America (FFA), attends Knox County Career Center, where she studies metal fabrication and welding.

She shared her excitement about representing her community and creating lasting memories. Former Queen Mikka Knapik, who was unable to attend the event due to school commitments, reflected on her reign, expressing gratitude for the opportunities to represent Bellville, meet new people and participate in community events.

Guest speaker Lara Newman, Mrs. Richland County, spoke about her work advocating for substance abuse awareness. As a Bellville native, she has partnered with local libraries to provide resources for families impacted by addiction. Her involvement in pageantry has allowed her to raise awareness and inspire others to seek support.

The Miss Blueberry crew, special guests at the event, helped distribute flowers and awards. After the crowning, the Clear Fork Marching Band gave a performance, continuing a long-standing tradition of showcasing local talent and fostering community spirit.





Bellville Fair Queen Merista Brown and Mrs. Richland County Lara Newman



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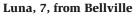


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Lucas football is going new places, seeing new faces

By Kris Leiter

As the saying goes, "New places and new faces," which is the case on the gridiron for the Lucas Cubs this year.

After Long-time head coach Scott Spitler retired last year, Spitler handsed the reigns off to long-time assistant Jim Sweat. Sweat played for the Cubs back in the 1990s, obviously no stranger to the

Sweat has also been a part of the Cub coaching staff for a number of years. In addition to the coaching staff ranks, we welcome his

Jim Sweat Jr. played for the Cubs during his tenure at his Alma Mater just a few short years ago, then played on the offensive line at Tiffin University for the Dragons.

Sweat Jr. joined the Cub coaching staff last year. Sweat Jr. will coach the offensive line this year, bringing his wealth of college experience to the Cubs staff.

Two other long-time assistant Cub coaches, Coach Barrett and Coach Fanello, are still among the ranks.

Recently, due to an original opponent schedule change, the Cubs made a bus ride to Smethport, Pennsylvania — a 4.5 hour trip "over the hills and through the woods."

It seems like Lucas handles adversity well for the most part as they dealt the Smethport Hubbers a hefty defeat of 48-12.

As you may recall, a few years ago another Cub opponent had to cancel and within that same week, they traveled to Lakewood, a staunt Division I school in Cleveland, and Lucas, ringing in at a Division VII school, defeated the "giant" of the Lakewood Rangers in their own backyard.

The Cubs in weeks two and three fell to defeat at the hands of Hillsdale 26–8 and Smithville 30–25.

This past Friday, the Cubs again endured a bus ride to Warrensville Heights, another Cleveland suburb, to topple the Tigers 21–14.

Brady Guegold has been making some heads turn as he tallied a trip to the end zone. He stacked up a mere 125 yards on only 17 carries for the Cubs, not a bad day for the young sophomore!

A veteran for the Cubs, running back Dan Hockensmith also notched two touchdowns for the Cubs. Bobby Grover grabbed an interception for Lucas as well.

The Cubs are now back to an even .500 so keep your eyes out. A bear cub itself may not sound too intimating, but when the mighty Cubs of Lucas take the field, they are far from timid.







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ONTARIO VS VERMILION SOCCER · SEPT. 14 · PHOTOS BY JEFF HOFFER











Photo By Jenna Wolford

THE CRESTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL girls cross country team took second place in the Galion Cross Country Festival's Division III race Sept. 14. The team was led by senior Leyna Gerich, 11th (20:26.10) and was followed by junior Audrey Wolford, 14th (20:32.70); junior Alina Durbin, 19th (20:58.20); freshman, Laynie Kemp, 29th (21:42.30); senior Georgia McFarland, 35th (22:04.70); senior Mia Humrichouser, 36th (22:07.90); junior Emmie Kemp, 41st (22:33.90); freshman Gracie Gallaway, 50th (22:58.20); freshman Alexandra Cutlip, 126th (25:25.00); and freshman Emily Pond, 200th (29:47.40). The team also took first at the Forest Pruner Classic held at Crestview Tuesday, Sept. 10 with Gerich taking first in the two-mile race with 12:05.43. Also placing in the top ten were Durbin, 3rd (12:30.49) and Wolford, 7th (13:23.75). Pictured with the runner-up trophy at Galion are Audrey Wolford, Alina Durbin, Emmie Kemp, Georgia McFarland, Laynie Kemp, Mia Humrichouser and Coach Amy McFarland.

Ontario 4–0 with help from Bodpegn Miller

By Kris Leiter

"Bo knows," as in Bo Jackson from the 1990s. If you were a sports fan in that era, you would probably chuckle watching the commercials.

Jackson could probably play any sport and play it with excellence. He was one of those talented athletes that emerged in our lifetime. Jackson was quite the talented professional athlete from that era. Bo could do it all!

Ontario might be able to ditto those quotes, as they have a phenom of an athlete, Bodpegn Miller, who can handle the duties of quarterback, running back, wide receiver and kicker. He will take all his capabilities to Ohio State next fall.

Ontario is holding an unblemished 4–0 in the record books as we speak.

In week 4, they had a victory against Marion County foe River Valley, 27–14. Miller had 20 carries for 212 yards with a touchdown and had 68 yards with seven passes and a score in the Warriors' 27–14 win. Mason Vantilburg had 20 carries for 126 yards and Landon Foltz had a 40-yard touchdown as well.





Ontario High School Freshman Football vs Northmor on Sept. 16

ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TENNIS









ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING WEEK Pajama Day Monday & Hawaiian Day Tuesday







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LEGAL NOTICE

The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their special meeting held on September 4, 2024.

The complete text of this Ordinance may be viewed and copies obtained at the Office of the Clerk of Council, Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, during regular business hours.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-12 – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-16 - AN ORDI-NANCE IMPOSING A MORATORIUM UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 2024, ON THE ACCEPTANCE, CONSIDERATION AND/OR GRANTING OF ANY APPLI-CATIONS FOR LOCAL LICENSING APPROVAL, AND/OR ANY ZONING, OCCUPANCY, OR OTHER PERMITS RELATING TO CULTIVATORS, PRO-CESSORS OR RETAIL DISPENSA-RIES OF MARIJUANA WITHIN THE CITY OF ONTARIO, AND DECLAR-ING AN EMERGENCY.

> Cathy VanAuker Clerk of Council City of Ontario, OH (T-C 9-12, 19 '24) (34L)

VILLAGE COUNCIL SEAT OPEN

The Village Council of Lexington, Ohio is looking to fill the remainder of Councilman Mr. Gongwer's term which ends December 31, 2025. Persons seeking this appointment must be at least 18 years of age and reside in the Village for at least 18 months. All resumes/applications must be turned in to Brenda Barton, Clerk of Council at 44 West Main Street in Lexington, Ohio on or before October 4, 2025.

> Brenda Wilson Administrative Assistant Village of Lexington, OH (T-C 9-26 '24) (15L)



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OHS yearbooks are available for pickup

The 2023-'24 Onarama Yearbook has arrived at Ontario High School.

Beginning Monday, Sept. 23 through Friday, Sept. 26, yearbooks will be available for pickup at lunchtime for Ontario High School students. Yearbooks can be picked up in the office by OHS graduates.

CACY program offers lock boxes

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