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MISS OHIO STEPHANIE FINOTI visited Ontario High School's STEM classes last week.

## Miss Ohio Stephanie Finoti working to break barriers in STEM and beyond

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Stephanie Finoti, Miss Ohio 2024, is a ballerina, scientist, first-generation American and college graduate. Finishing fourth runner-up at Miss America 2024, Finoti visited Ontario Middle School to inspire girls in STEM last week.

Finoti encouraged the middle school girls to pursue science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) without feeling limited. Her message, "If you can't see her, you can create her," truly resonated with the students. Ontario's STEM program, currently 80% male, aims to increase female participation through hands-on training and career pathways.

STEM and CAD instructor, Heath Sager, is excited that Ontario Career Tech students have the opportunity to have real-world resources and hands-on training that will prepare them for future careers.

"The students deserve it and all of the resources that Mr. Strickler and the Board are bringing here are just outstanding! It gives them a sense of direction about what their future could hold and that's really neat!"

Finoti was super impressed with what Ontario High School is offering their students. "These resources are just incredible! I'm blown away by the machinery that is available to these students. When I was in high school, I didn't even have a proper lab, so you guys are ten steps ahead and that's incredible!"

Growing up in a marginalized community without resources or mentorship, Finoti

created That STEM Girl to empower over 20,000 girls in STEM and medicine. She stresses that medicine isn't limited to becoming a doctor or nurse — fields like coding, robotics, and biomedical research offer countless opportunities.

"The energy in the room was electric," Finoti said after teaching girls in grades 5–8 about STEM. She also had the opportunity to tour the school's state-of-the-art STEM lab, praising the opportunities available to students and encouraging more girls to get involved.

Finoti shared her story of having to choose between choir and advanced geometry in middle school — a decision that inspired her to blend creativity and science. After a dance injury sparked her interest in anatomy and medicine, she realized that STEM and the arts are deeply connected.

"Who knew I could dance, be a scientist, and appear on the Miss America stage?" Finoti said. She emphasized that young women shouldn't have to pick between creativity and logic — they can succeed in both.

"When we separate students from their creative and logical sides of their brain, and don't allow them to work together, we really limit them from all the possibilities that they have. With balance, determination, and confidence, these women can succeed in all aspects of their life without shedding pieces of themselves to fit in," she said.

Finoti highlighted the need for more women in STEM, especially in medicine,

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## Community invited to Chamber Business Expo this Thursday

The Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development invites the public to attend the 18th Annual Business Expo on Thursday, March 20, from 10 am to 4 pm at the Richland County Fairgrounds.

This year's expo, presented by Hamilton Insurance Group, will feature an interactive pet-themed atmosphere with over 100 local businesses and non-profit organizations showcasing their products and services.

A special ribbon-cutting ceremony with local officials will kick-off the event at 9:45 am. The expo offers free admission and parking and is open to the general public. Individual booths will offer samples, prizes and giveaways throughout the day, with additional prize drawings hosted by the Chamber.

"We're excited to bring back the Business Expo for its 18th year with a theme that's already generating a lot of excitement," said Lisa Duckworth, Chamber Program & Events Director. "This is the perfect chance for the public to engage with local businesses and support our community. Plus, with food trucks, live demonstrations, and adoptable pets, there's something for everyone!"

The Mansfield Police Department K9 Unit will give a demonstration at 1 pm and Ontario Police Department will have a BearCat Display from 10 am to 2 pm.

The 4 Leaf Rover Spay/Neuter Mobile Clinic will be on-site all day and the Humane Society and Richland County Dog Shelter will share adoptable dogs.

Chubby the Dalmatian will appear at noon and food trucks will include Bytchn Kitchen and Truckin Trav Street Food.

The Chamber is also hosting a special donation drive to support the Humane Society and Richland County Dog Shelter. Attendees who bring a donation items will receive an entry into an exclusive prize drawing. Donated items can include canned and dry pet food, bleach, laundry detergent and paper towels, dog toys, soft treats and Busy Bones, cleaning supplies and Amazon gift cards.

The Expo is made possible thanks to nearly 30 local businesses including American Homestead Exteriors, Heartland Design Concepts, New Mercy Outreach and YWCA Referral & Childcare. A full list of sponsors and event details, including a prize entry ticket, can be found at <https://portal.richlandarea-chamber.com/events/details/business-expo-2025-unleash-the-pawibilities-6179>.

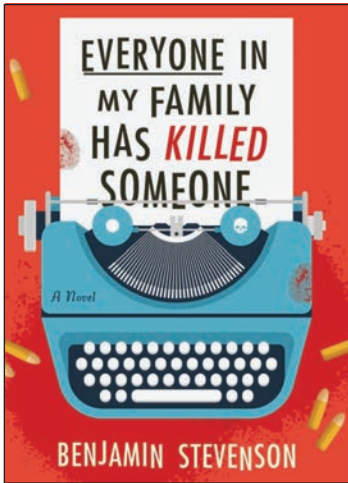
The Chamber is the largest regional business advocacy organization, representing nearly 1,100 members in the Mid-Ohio area.

For more information visit [www.RichlandAreaChamber.com](http://www.RichlandAreaChamber.com) or call 419-522-3211.

## LOST IN A BOOK



A Book Review  
By Mandy Belczak Gurney



I really wanted to like *Everyone in my Family has Killed Someone* by Benjamin Stevenson, but was disappointed. It's a dark humor thriller with plenty of murders and an odd narrator that breaks the fourth wall the whole time. The setting at a suspicious ski lodge is interesting and anyone in the family or on the mountain could be suspects. It was a strong start, but halfway through I kept feeling confused and lost. I think the quirky writing style was meant to be thrilling, but it just felt like plot holes. In the end, there were some interesting twists that tried to make up for the confusion, but honestly it was still just terribly disjointed.

My rating: ★★  
Follow my blog at [GreenGurneys.com](http://GreenGurneys.com)

## Local churches continue March of Prayer services

"A Year of Jubilee" is the theme of this year's March of Prayer in the Mansfield and surrounding area. It is 31 nights of prayer services from 6-8 pm, each in a different location.

"This is the seventh year we have held a March of Prayer, and Biblically, seven is the number of completion, called a Year of Jubilee in the Old Testament," said coordinator Paul Lintern.

"Although we had all 31 dates filled, others churches asked to be included, so we went another 19 days, until Easter that year," Lintern said. "The next year, Covid, stopped us 16 days in, but we continued another 45 days with nightly livestreams."

Each host is invited to create a service authentic to their way of worship and invite anyone to come and participate.

The remaining 2025 schedule includes: March 19, Journey Life Center, 2578 Springmill Rd.; March 20, Recovery Road, 378 Park Ave. West (ARC Empowerment Center); March 21, Open Bible, 1150 Rayfield Dr., with a performance by Glory Way; March 22, Sar Shalom (10:30 am), 2510 W. Fourth St., Ontario, guest speaker from Israel; March 23, Linden Road Presbyterian, 160 S. Linden Rd.; March 24, Mansfield Four-square Gospel, 393 Davidson St.; March 25, Abundant Life, 1085 Bedford Blvd, Ontario; March 26, Avenue, Gathering, 1756 Park Ave. West; March 27, River Church, 152 Cline Ave.; March 28, Faith Global Methodist, Rte 96, across from Crestview High School; March 29, Fusion, Lexington, 2200 Industrial Parkway; March 30, Gracepoint Lexington, 1887 W. Cook Rd.; and March 31, Wordside, 541 St. Rt. 97, Bellville.

## THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —



Jack Quaid stars as an average, everyday assistant manager of a bank named Nathan in *Novocaine*. Nathan has one secret though, he has a condition where he can't feel pain. When his bank is robbed, a young teller he has taken an interest in gets kidnapped and he takes it upon himself to find her.

Quaid (the son of actors Dennis Quaid and Meg Ryan) is great in this movie as his performance requires him to do some pretty elaborate stunt work (including one in a restaurant kitchen) though also be charming and funny too.

Nathan gets himself in some pretty outrageous situations though since he cannot feel pain the results can be pretty enter-

taining. A sequence in a booby trapped house is especially well done. The movie does overdo the violence a little as the ending fight is a bit much though does not ruin the movie.

Throughout *Novocaine* is Jack Quaid's charming character and he steers the ship of the film. The movie combines an endearing storyline between him and his co-worker with some action packed, stunt filled scenes and some humor along the way.

This movie seemed to really fail at the box office this weekend but it is definitely worth your time.



## Voter registration deadline for primary election is April 7

The deadline to register to vote or change an address or name for the May 6, primary/special election is Monday, April 7.

The Richland County Board of Elections office will be open that evening until 9 pm. This office is located at 1495 W. Longview Ave. Suite 101 in the Longview Center.

After 4 pm, those coming to vote 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 either a native U. S. citizen or a naturalized U.S citizen
- must be a resident of Richland County and 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. 4, 2025.

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](http://VoteOhio.gov) but must do so by the April 7 deadline.

Online registration is also now available at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov).

In addition to the Richland County 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
- 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 [vote.richlandcountyooh.gov](http://vote.richlandcountyooh.gov) or requested by mail.

To have a form sent by mail, contact the board office at 419-774-5530. Completed voter registration forms must be postmarked 30 days before election day.

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# News Briefs

Construction projects are anticipated to affect ODOT roadways in Richland County. All outlined work is weather permitting and is subject to change.

SR 13 northbound and southbound, from Hanley Road to Chilton Avenue, will have daily single lane closures for a resurfacing project. Traffic will be maintained with barrels in 11' lanes. Estimated completion for the 2025 construction season is November 2025. Estimated completion of the entire project is May 2027.

I-71 northbound and southbound, between SR 39 and U.S. 30, will have single lane closures for a slope stabilization project. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained. Estimated completion is November 2025.

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Madison Local School Board held a special meeting on March 13 to approve the overnight trip for the SkillsUSA Ohio State Competition March 18-19, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus and to discuss renewal levies for 2027 and 2028.

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CACY's Store it Safe Richland Program offers lock boxes for firearms, sharp objects and medications to protect and reduce risk of injury and save lives.

Contact the CACY office at 419-774-5683 or andersont@cacyohio.com for details. If someone is thinking of harming themselves, call the local crisis helpline at 419-522-HELP (4357).

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The Ashland Cancer Crusaders Relay for Life Team will host a Relay for Life Craft Extravaganza on Saturday, April 5, from 9 am to 3 pm at Ashland County Fairground's Mozell Hall.

Along with vendors, there will be food and a 50/50 drawing. All money raised from the rental fees and the 50/50 will go to the American Cancer Society Relay For Life.

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, March 29 and 30. Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, broken down cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.

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The Lexington Area Senior Citizens Inc., invites those 55 and older to attend meetings the third Wednesday of every month at 11:30 am. February through May, the group will meet at New Life Church of Christ (NLC of C), 195 W. Durbin, Bellville. Cost is \$17 for the meal.

Meetings June through December will be held at Der Dutchman, Rt. 96, Bellville. Meals are \$16, with an additional \$2 for pie.

The next meal will be held on April 16 with turkey and a visit from the 179th Cyberspace Wing. Those attending are asked to bring a non-perishable item, can opener, paper product or monetary donation for the Salvation Army.

The group will meet for lunch April 2, at 11 am at the Golden Corral in Ontario.

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

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Kingwood Center Gardens, 50 N Trimble Rd., Mansfield, will host a Free First Monday on April 7 where everyone enjoys free admission. From 1-3 pm, there will be an educational drop-in program.

Those attending can take a garden stroll, explore Kingwood Hall and discover exotic plants in the display greenhouse.

The Gateway Café and Garden & Gift Shop will be open.

Kingwood will host the spring plant market May 2-4. Items include herbs and veggies including heirloom varieties, annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs.

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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, March 25.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Ivie Sorkin who will speak on "It's Spring" on Sunday, March 23 at 10:30 am. For information visit [www.allsoulsuuohio.org](http://www.allsoulsuuohio.org).



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## Area Agency on Aging accepting senior, community award nominations

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging Inc. has announced that the Outstanding Senior Award and the Community Service Award nominations are now open and will close April 5, at 5 pm.

Each year the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council and the Corporate Board selects older adults and one organization who have made a difference in their communities and present a positive image of aging.

There is one Outstanding Senior award recipient for each county in the Agency's service area (Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca and Wyandot) and one organization selected for Community Service award across all of the nine counties. Since 1976, 415 Outstanding Senior Citizen Awards and 45 Community Service Awards have been presented.

Awardees must first be nominated by an individual or organization who reside in one of the following counties (Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca, and Wyandot) and are then selected by the Advisory Council and the Corporate Board based on the impact of their contributions and accomplishments within the community made after reaching age 60.

Applications can be found and submitted online at <https://www.aaa5ohio.org/events/awards/>

[aaa5ohio.org/events/awards/](https://www.aaa5ohio.org/events/awards/)

Awardees will be recognized at the annual Outstanding Senior and Community Service Award Ceremony in August.

For additional information contact Sue Montgomery at [smontgomery@aaa5ohio.org](mailto:smontgomery@aaa5ohio.org) or 567-247-6458.

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 and resource networks that support individual choice, independence and dignity.



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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](http://www.clearforkalliance.org)  
Rev. Matt Merendino  
Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor  
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship  
Sunday Evening 6 pm Home Groups  
Monday Men's Group 7:30 pm  
Wednesday evenings: 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting  
6:30-8 pm TeamKID and Youth Group

### First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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

### First Congregational Church

640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield  
419-756-3046 • [www.mansfieldfcc.com](http://www.mansfieldfcc.com)  
Pastor Brad Bunn  
8:30 am Chapel  
10:30 am Sanctuary  
10:30 am Sunday School (nursery-high school)  
10:30 am Monday Morning Bible Study  
7:30 am Wednesday Men's Breakfast

### First English Lutheran Church

53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield  
419-522-0662 • [www.felc-mansfield.org](http://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.

### Lexington Church of Christ

230 Delaware Ave., Lexington  
419-884-1532 • [www.lccoh.com](http://www.lccoh.com)  
Lead Minister Brandon Bogue  
9 am Sunday School  
10 am Sunday Worship

### Lexington Presbyterian Church

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

### Mansfield 1st EPC

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

### Mansfield Baptist Temple

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

### Oakland Lutheran Church

2045 Olivesburr Rd., Mansfield  
419-571-9920  
Pastor Paul Lintern  
9 am Sunday Worship

### Ontario United Methodist Church

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

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

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

### Southside Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

2055 Middle-Bellville Rd., Mansfield  
419-756-3436  
Pastor Paul Lintern  
10:45 am Sunday Worship

### Trinity Grace Fellowship

1592 Grace St., Mansfield  
419-589-5890 • [trinitygracefellowship.org](http://trinitygracefellowship.org)  
Pastor Larry Carnes  
9:30 am Sunday Worship  
11 am Sunday School  
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### G & M Body & Paint Shop

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

### Wappner Funeral Home

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# Wreath making event will be held at Mansfield Cemetery

By Traci Little

Spring is just around the corner and Mansfield Cemetery is welcoming the season with a special event designed to bring the community together in remembrance and creativity.

The cemetery will host its first-ever "Memorials In Bloom" — a spring wreath making event where attendees can craft beautiful wreaths to lay on their loved one's grave for the season.

This unique chat and craft gathering offers a chance to honor

loved ones while connecting with others in a relaxed and supportive environment.

Sessions are available for Saturday, April 12, from 1–3:30 pm and Sunday, April 13, from 2–4:30 pm at Mansfield Cemetery, 389 Altamont Ave., Mansfield.

Cost is \$40 per person and includes all supplies and light snacks.

Space is limited with only 16 spots available for each session. Paid reservations are required in advance by April 1. To reserve a spot, call 419-522-1831 or visit the office Monday–Friday between 9 am and noon or 2–5 pm, message on Facebook @MansfieldCemeteryAssociation or email [info.mansfieldcemetery@gmail.com](mailto:info.mansfieldcemetery@gmail.com).

All wreath-making supplies will be provided, but participants are welcome to bring additional crafting items to personalize their wreaths.

Light snacks will be served, and guests are encouraged to bring their own snacks or something to share with the group.

Whether you're a seasoned crafter or a first-timer, this event is about more than making a wreath — it's about creating something meaningful while sharing stories and laughter with others.

Participants will have the opportunity to enter a special raffle for a handmade wooden urn, crafted from locally sourced wood by one of their groundsmen. Ticket prices are \$15 for three tickets or \$20 for five tickets. The drawing will take place on Monday, April 14.



Dolomites, Italian Alps • Photo By Mark Shutt

## Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Linda Ann Kunkel, March 6  
Della Jean Sampsel, March 7  
Carol June Amstutz, March 8  
Marcille Jean Bookwalter, March 11  
Barry Mart Lewis, March 12  
Stephen Lawrence Salamon, March 13  
Cheryl Ann Swanciger, March 13

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## OSU-M to host Buckeye Preview Days

The Ohio State University at Mansfield admissions staff is holding two Buckeye Preview Days, March 26 and April 21, from 10 am to 12:30 pm. Both events are open to students of any age and are particularly helpful for high school juniors who will soon begin their college search process.

At the preview, students will learn more about scholarship and financial aid, campus housing, student clubs and organizations and much more. Faculty and current students will share their perspectives as well as their experiences on campus.

Each preview day will conclude with a campus tour and time for all guests to ask questions. All events will begin in Riedl Hall and students can register online at [go.osu.edu/visitmansfield](http://go.osu.edu/visitmansfield)

While registration is encouraged, walk-in participants are welcome. For more information, contact the office of enrollment services at [mansfield-askabuckeye@osu.edu](mailto:mansfield-askabuckeye@osu.edu) or call 419-755-4317.

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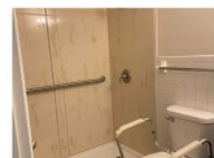
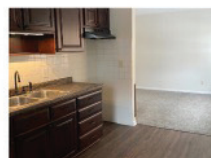
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# •Finoti working to break barriers

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where personal understanding of women's health can drive better outcomes. She urged girls to pursue their dreams boldly:

"Your ideas matter, your voice belongs, and your dreams are possible."

Finoti, along with the current Miss Ontario, Katie Bolin, had a captivated audience and encouraged the students to step out of their comfort zone and get involved in the local Miss Ontario pageants.

Finoti's mission is clear: inspire girls to embrace both their creative and logical sides, challenge stereotypes, and create their own path to success — in a lab coat and a crown.

"Dream big, break the mold, and build a life that is uniquely and unapologetically you!"



Photos By Traci Little



MISS OHIO STEPHANIE FIONTI sits with Ontario Assistant Superintendent Mike Ream.



FIONTI meets with Ontario STEM and CAD instructor Heath Sager.



## Donations needed for Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Richland Public Health (RPH) is in need of help to keep the Dolly Parton Imagination Library running in Richland County.

Over the past year, this program has provided over 4,100 Richland County children between the ages of birth to five years a free book in the mail every single month.

It costs \$130,000 a year to keep this program operational and enrollment in the program continues to increase.

The State of Ohio helps pay for half of the total amount (state contribution, \$65,000), which leaves Richland County with the responsibility to pay for the remaining \$65,000.

RPH is contributing \$15,000, Altrusa has pledged \$5,000 and OhioHealth has pledged \$2,600 for April 2025–March 2026. Help is needed to cover the remaining \$42,400.

Any contribution can help provide books to local children.

Business and organization contributions will be recognized in all marketing and programming efforts with a logo on book mailings/communications.

To learn more or to make a financial contribution visit <https://richlandhealth.org/imagination-library/> or contact Leslie DeShane at 419-774-4726 or [sdesbane@richlandhealth.org](mailto:sdesbane@richlandhealth.org). Checks should be made to the Richland County Imagination Library.

Join us for a free program!



Please contact Jennifer at 567.302.3610 or [jencmiller@alz.org](mailto:jencmiller@alz.org) with any questions.

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Centerburg Senior Services | 182 W Houck St, Centerburg, OH

Open to residents 60+. Pre-Registration is requested.

To register, please call Centerburg Senior Services at 740.625.5056.





Photo by Damon Callis

**Day Trippin' With Damon** – Brandywine Falls is part of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park near Akron, OH. The 1.5-mile Brandywine Gorge Loop lets visitors explore beyond the waterfall. Brandywine Falls is open daily from dawn to dusk. The boardwalk may be closed during icy conditions. Brandywine Falls is located at 8176 Brandywine Rd. in Sagamore Hills Township. For information visit <https://www.nps.gov/cuva/learn/historyculture/brandywine-falls.htm>.



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By Kim Sterry

## LOBSTER RISOTTO

### Ingredients

2-3 cups of cooked lobster meat  
1 lb risotto, arborio rice  
2 cups seafood stock  
32 ounces chicken broth  
2 Tbsp. basil, chopped  
2 Tbsp. tarragon, chopped  
2 shallots, chopped  
1/2 cup parmesan cheese  
4 Tbsp. butter  
4 Tbsp. olive oil  
Salt & pepper

### Instructions

In a stockpot, heat the seafood stock and chicken broth together. On a large saute pan over medium heat, combine the butter and olive oil. When the butter has melted, add chopped shallots and saute 2-3 minutes, until shallot is translucent. Add rice and stir to coat well. Continue to stir rice until it is beginning to have a nutty aroma, but does not turn brown. Add a ladle of hot stock to the rice and continue to stir. When the rice is almost dry, continue to add another 1 tbsp. hot stock. This will take 20-30 minutes. (You do want to make sure you wait until liquid is complete absorbed before adding additional liquid.) You will know that the rice is done when it is just al dente to the teeth when you try it. (This means just a bit sticky). You don't want to add any more liquid or you will begin to get mushy rice. Gently stir in the lobster meat, basil and tarragon. Taste and add salt and pepper. Stir in most of cheese (reserving some to garnish on top of risotto when you serve it).

**NOTE:** Seafood Stock - We boiled the lobster shells and discard what we had when we shelled the lobster. (Boil for 1-2 hours). This will make a perfect stock to use in the risotto. If you don't have time or don't want to do this, you can just substitute chicken stock or 1 cup of white wine

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# Interior design inspo



## Transitional STYLE



## Transitional Style

Transitional style decor blends traditional and contemporary design elements to create a balanced, timeless look. It's characterized by clean lines, neutral colors, and a mix of textures that create a sophisticated yet inviting atmosphere.





Photo By Teresa Vore

## MWCD celebrates 15 Years of its Partners in Watershed Management grants program

This year, the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) is celebrating the 15th anniversary of its Partners in Watershed Management (PWM) grants program by awarding \$1,305,707 in new grants to 11 projects that will support flood mitigation and water quality improvement and conservation across Eastern Ohio.

"Eastern Ohio is blessed with talented, committed professionals and organizations that share a common mission: preserving and managing the Muskingum River watershed to protect life, property and our natural resources. For 15 years, MWCD has shared its resources with dozens of these organizations to invest over \$10 million in strategic efforts to both reduce flooding and drive conservation," said MWCD Executive Director Craig Butler.

Since its inception in 2009, PWM has provided over \$10.7 million in grant funding for 156 projects in 18 counties across the Muskingum River watershed, the largest watershed contained entirely within Ohio and a watershed covering almost a third of the state. The program is highly competitive with a multi-step review process to ensure that highly effective projects receive grant dollars. All applications are reviewed by MWCD staff and a select group of volunteer industry experts prior to the Chief Engineer and Chief of Conservation recommending applications for approval to the Executive Director and the Board of Directors.

"We have received three impactful PWM Grants over the last several years and are so grateful for the partnership with MWCD," said Lisa Crock, district administrator, Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District. "The first funded our Aquatic Education Trailer, teaching water quality through a visual contrast of healthy and polluted streams. Since 2011, hundreds of students have benefited. The second grant supported water testing in farm tile drainage, leading some farmers to reduce fertilizer use without impacting yield. The latest grant funds our 'Grow Native' project, providing a small no-till drill to help landowners establish pollinator habitats."

Local projects for 2025 include Ashland County Park District, Ashland, Greentown Native American Preserve, to acquire 58.4 acres of Black Fork riverbank habitat to protect native wildlife, high-quality meadow, forest, wetland areas and historic Native American sites, \$194,000; and West Creek Conservancy, Richland County, Clear Fork Mohican River Wetland Restoration Project, to restore 62-acre property with riverfront forest and wetlands to mitigate downstream flooding and protect water quality in the Clear Fork Mohican River, \$35,500.

Organizations interested in future rounds of funding are encouraged to contact MWCD to discuss projects at least 30 days prior to the application deadline of Sept. 1, 2025, to learn more about the application process and have applications preliminarily screened for eligibility. Contact Lynn Gilland, administrative specialist, at 330-556-4817 or by email at [lgilland@mwcd.org](mailto:lgilland@mwcd.org).

Further information about the PWM program can be found at [www.MWCD.org](http://www.MWCD.org).

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**KNOX COUNTY CAREER CENTER** CollegeU-Business, Computer Network Technology, Digital Media & Software Development and Pre-Professional Mentorship students attended the Business Professionals of America state event. Fourteen qualified for nationals.

## KCCC students qualify for BPA National competition

Knox County Career Center (KCCC) students competed in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) State competition held in Columbus, on March 10 and 11.

KCCC had 14 students qualify for nationals in the BPA State competition. The 14 national qualifiers from KCCC will have the option to compete in the BPA National Leadership Conference in Orlando, FL May 7–11.

KCCC's 14 students who qualified for BPA Nationals include seven students from CollegeU-Business (CLGU), six students from Computer Network Technology (CNT), and a student from Pre-Professional Mentorship (PPM).

Ethan Kapper (CNT) won first place in Server Administration Using Microsoft. Aiden Colgan (CNT) won second place in Linux Operating System Fundamentals. Laura Page (CLGU) won second place in Economic Research Individual. Elizabeth Swartzentruber (CLGU) won second place in Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications. Elliott Anderson, Hunter Brooks, Tyler Ing, and Ryan Snyder (CNT) won second place in Network Design Team.

Lillian Allen (PPM) won third place in Health Administration Procedures. Isaiah Campbell, Austin Hammond, Sami Lacksonen, and Carter Thompson (CLGU) won third place in Financial Analyst Team. Kayleen Small (CLGU) won eighth place in Business

Law & Ethics.

KCCC also had nine other students who placed in the BPA State Top 10 but did not qualify for nationals. Those students include: Luke Overholt and Jacob Spaulding (CLGU) in Small Business Management Team, Carson Hammond (CLGU) in Banking & Finance, Tessa Wahl (CLGU) Entrepreneurship, Tanner Nutter (CLGU) in Ethics & Professionalism, and Hannah Blubaugh, Leon Cornette, Joslynn Rine, and Olivia Stone (DMSD) in Visual Design Team.

BPA is a career technical student organization that allows students to compete in various competitions in the areas of Finance, Business Administration, Management Information Systems, Digital Communications and Design, Management, Marketing and Communications, and Health Administration.

The mission of BPA is to develop and empower student leaders to discover their passion and change the world by creating unmatched opportunities for learning, professional growth, and service. As a co-curricular organization, BPA has the ability to enhance student participation in professional, civic, service and social endeavors.

BPA members participate in these activities to accomplish their goals of self-improvement, leadership development, professionalism, community service, career development, public relations, student cooperation, safety, and health.



**PIONEER CTC STUDENT LOGAN SANTIZ**, a senior from Shelby High School, was named a student of the Month for February. He is excelling in the Medical Technologies program and demonstrating a passion for working in healthcare. At Shelby, Logan has been involved in football activities, supporting the JV football team by managing and tracking game statistics. Logan is currently completing clinicals at Avita Hospital in Galion. Reflecting on his experience at Pioneer, he shared, "Pioneer has been a great experience for many reasons, but one of the most notable is the great teachers who want to see you succeed." Looking to the future, he plans to pursue a career as a phlebotomist and work toward becoming a registered nurse.

## Richland Academy of Arts to hold dance ensemble performance

Richland Academy of the Arts (RAA) has announced the upcoming Richland Academy Dance Ensemble (RADE) Spring Dance Concert, taking place on March 22 at 7 pm at the Robert H. Whitney Performing Arts Center at Lexington High School.

Tickets are now available for purchase at <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/99253447/2025-rade-show>. Tickets are priced at \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, seniors and veterans.

This show is a celebration of classical ballet, modern, jazz, tap and musical theatre. It features choreography by Sarah Horrigan-Ramos, Marden Ramos and Erin Wolford, and celebrates senior Lily Feasel.

"We're thrilled to celebrate the talent and hard work of our dancers in this diverse performance. It's a joy to share this special evening with the community" said Sarah Horrigan-Ramos, dance department chair. "RAA remains committed to providing high-quality arts education and creative programming for all ages."

To learn more about RAA or support the Empower the Arts Campaign — whether through donations or by spreading the word — visit [richlandacademy.com](http://richlandacademy.com). Every contribution makes a lasting impact, helping to empower the next generation of artists.

The Richland Academy of the Arts, founded in 1991, is located in the heart of Mansfield, on the corner of 4th Street and Walnut Street, beside the carousel. It is supported by the Ohio Arts Council and the Area Agency on Aging,

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# Honor and Merit Rolls

## Ontario Middle School

3rd Grading Period

### ALL A

**SIXTH GRADE** — Kale Ames, Harper Armstrong, Crew Arter, Holly Barker, Garrett Bender, Hazel Bessette, Oliver Biddle, William (Will) Bishop, Juliana Blunk, Jacob Bonte, Sophia (Sophi) Breiteringer, Owen Brinker, Khloe Browning, Mei Chang, Kaylee Cochran, Andrew Coley, Liam Conn, Amaya Dean, Kale DeHart, Matthew Dickson, Nico DiOrio, Rebecca (Becca) Dunkle, Wailynn Dzigan, Jordyn Featheringill, Kacey Finley, Evan Fleming, Albany Hacker, Jett Hale, Adam Hamilton, Samantha (Sammie) Hamilton, Addilyn (Addy) Harvey, Aubrey Hawkins, Ryland Hensel, Ava Herold, Elliana Heydinger, Maeley Hiner, Penelope (Pippa) Hines, Isaac Hohman, Jaevin Howard, Daniel Jiang, Blake Jourden, Frank (Kendrick) Kearney, Thomas (Micah) Klopfenstein, Cameron (Cam) Kreinbrink, Brody Kuhlman, James Lee, Lexi McCracken, Jaxon Metelsky, Cali Miller, Claire Moritz, Hudson Morrison, Marley Mullins, Briggs Musick, Chloe Nemeth, Chloe Perry, Larkin Rietschlin, Everly Roig, Miles Ruhe, Riya Sasikumar, Bella Shafer, Carrington Smith, Jonah Smith, Lucy Spellman, Elijah (Eli) Sterner, Hannah Them, Nguyen (Hiep) Tran, Emelyn Truax, Eva Uhde, Briella Van Harlingen, Grace Vermillion, Canela Ward and Trace Wetzels, Benton Willis

**SEVENTH GRADE** — Hudson Born, Nolan Dials, Tyler Domyan, Samuel (Sam) Dumas, Emilee Eberhardt, Reed Eberst, Ava Estep, Nico Fox, Connor Goodlin, Zoey Jones, Ian Linger, Emery Miller, Dylan Milligan, Naomi Mullins, Sophia Nelson, Jarrett Peachee, Hudsyn Pelphrey, Julia Pohlbel, Alyssa Racer, Rychel Rehberg, Ahyaan Saif, Molly Sapp, Blake Schwartz, Chloe Siburt, Walter Tickhill and Cole Walter

**EIGHTH GRADE** — Leah Bonen, Trevor Breiteringer, Jackson (Jack) Buttil, Aleiya Cantey, Noah Coley, Callie Fagan, Evan Gorrell, Leah Gorrell, Jace Hale, Wyatt Herold, Ava Julian, Noah King, Steliana Kruer, Parker Laymon, Tianyi Liu, Taelix Lucanegro, Ella Manns, Hunter Miller, Grace Mills, Alexander (Alex) Morabito, Nicholas (Nicky) Morabito, Braylee Morehead, Kendyll Mullins, Taitum Owens, Natalie Peace, Clayton Petty, Kasen Pittman, Zane Reynolds, Olivia Sandwall, Alayna Secrist, Zoey Shaffer, Alexander (Alex) Simmering, Emerson Weiler, Penelope (Penny) Wilging and Nathan Xiao

### HONOR ROLL

**SIXTH GRADE** — Preston Baumgard, Wyatt Bechstein, Grady Boyd, Asher Clark, Wyatt Click, Jarren Crace, Chloe Cushing, Joseph (Joe) Dahlby, Claritza (Zizi) Decimus, Gavin Fitzpatrick, Kendall Frontz, Cali Godfrey, Flynn Jovani, Larry Kelly, Nathan Kershner, Alexis (Lexie) McClain, Macie McClain, Gavin Meligan, Collen (CJ) Moyer, Lillian Salser, Rowyn Santry, Namaj Seals, Bryson Smith, Sophia Tolar, Hadley Vavra, Braxton White and Liam Wilson-Golden

**SEVENTH GRADE** — Leyton Bender, Breahna Blackstone, Emma Boor, Grayson Bradley, Sylvia (Sylvi) Burns, Chloe Carpenter, John (Brody) Carpenter, Charles (Charlie) Cotter, Jeffrey Davis, Zoe Decimus, Cheyenne Elliott, Brooklyn Gobble, Hayden Grisham, Malia Harris, Hayden Headley, Keatyn Kilgore, Aiden Kirst, Gage Kososky, Ava Lamb, Karsynn Lawhorn, Aubrey McAleer, Alezander (Zander) Monroy, Braylen Moore, Rinka Mori, Carson Mosier, Jocelyn Risner, Mya Rose, Braxton Schneider, Cruz Schroeder, Zoey Schwartfigure, Callie Scott, Trevor Stacy, Aileen (Aileen Steiding) Steiding Mora, Clayton (Clay) Stevens, Carter Tomlinson, Charlotte (Char) Wagoner, Braden Ward, Saniyah Witherspoon and Logan Zeigler

**EIGHTH GRADE** — Sabrina Bilyj, Haylee Breiteringer, Landon Breiteringer, Vincent (Vince) Caudill, Logan Chase, Kurstin Chrysler, Alexa (Lexi) Conrad, Jermetreis Cotton, Nicholas (Nick) Crawford, Abigail (Abby) Crouch, Bryce DeWees, Emryn Fanello, Avi Featheringill, Alayna Foltz, Cory Garn, Gianna (Gia) Gfrer, Parker Hale, Sophia Hamilton, Madelynn (Maddy) Hocker, Paxton Jeffery, Kayleigh Jenkins, Kyleigh Kanouse, Kairi Kearney, Madeline (Maddy) Kennedy, Zachary (Zach) LaCroix, Aubrynn Lawhorn, Kileigh McLaren, Parker Metzger, Reese Miller, Jaria (Mia) Moton, Connor Myers, Frank (Frankie) Nemeth, Sadie Neumann, Keith Pollock, Emma Preuninger, Khayman Reed, Otto Rietschlin, Briar Samuels, Lacey Savage, Wade Schraedly, Justin Shira, Trevor Studer, Que Tran, Bella Viola, Carter Viola, Samantha (Sammy) Wilging and Zahrana Woods

### MERIT ROLL

**SIXTH GRADE** — Cambree Bartolucci, Derrick Bayes, Abigail (Abey) Bercau, Kinzey Blevins, Kara Bradley, Paxton Burghard, Gage

Criss, Wyatt Eddleblute, William (Will) Fenner, Danielle Frasz, Gavin Griffith, Colton Hughes, Konnor Leonhard, Sasha Nimocks, Gavin Peterson, Gavin Polotto, Madison (Maddy) Queer, Abbey Rhoad, Dominic Robbins, Aaliyah Schaade, Connor Spillman and Addalin (Addy) Truax

**SEVENTH GRADE** — William (Liam) Chitwood, Braxton Collins, Wyatt Dzigan, Grayson Eldridge, Timothy (Tim) Elias, Whitley Hall, Renelle Harris, Jason Harwood, Jordan Heckard, Isabella Hobson, Cali Joseph, Deklan Jovani, Sophia (Sophie) Matthes, Gage Miller, Peyton Miller, Karter Mitchell, Julius Neely, Alexis (Lexi Or Alexis) Norman, Le Thao (Thao) Phan, Kylie Pocock, Carter Robinson, Syllas Sabo, Kenneth (Kenny) Sanger, Loewen Shaw, Jaiden Sines, Kole Smith, Jerrett (Jett Soliday) Soliday, Luke Spellman, Brinley Vincent, Olivia Whisler and Azzura (Azy) Young

**EIGHTH GRADE** — Elliot (Elliot Or E.J.) Bechstein, Mason Boyd, Jalyann Craze, Jaxon (Jax) Craze, Naquaris (Moni) Dillon, Luke Fletcher, Makenna Greene, Roman Hardy, Aiden Harley, Rylan Heston, Arabella Horning, Chassity Keaton, Alexander (ALEX) Kern, Sienna Kinniard, Christy Kline, Aven Knapp, Dana Messer, Daniel Moritz, Gatlin OBrian, Autumn Porter, Mark (Markie) Porter, Keegan Roberts, Oliver B Shaw, Jacob Simms, Kaleb Sipes, Graham Thurbur, Mason Unger, Layla Van Harlingen, Corbin Walter, Levi Walter, Kaelynn Wilson and Natalie Wonderskiw



**ONTARIO STUDENTS** in Brittany Rhodes' Textile Design class have been learning how to hand sew. They learned four different types of stitches and they completed their first sewing project — a felt stuffed animal.





**THE ONTARIO ACADEMIC CHALLENGE TEAM** traveled to Mid-Ohio ESC to compete in the winter tournament. There were two varsity and one JV team. Teams competed against 10 other local schools to try for a placement for divisional play. The young team was out-matched but showed improvement.

## Richland County Board of Elections announces ballot issues for primary

The May 6 election is a primary/special election. The whole county will be voting as State Issue 2 is on the ballot. As with all primaries, candidates declare a party and run on that party's ballot.

Winners in the primary election are then nominated to be the candidate in the November general election.

With this being an odd-year election, local offices are on the ballot. Only the cities of Mansfield and Ontario have partisan primaries. Ohio Revised Code allows uncontested candidates to be nominated directly to the November election without being voted on in the primary. Party ballots will be available for:

Mansfield Ward 1: A democrat, republican, and issues-only ballot will be available. The rest of the City of Mansfield will only have an issues-only ballot available. (The other candidates that filed were unopposed and nominated to the November ballot)

City Of Ontario: A republican and issues-only ballot is available. (The democrat candidates that filed were unopposed and nominated to the November ballot).

The rest of Richland County will only have an issues-only ballot available. In addition to the state issue, the following subdivisions have issues on the ballot:

City of Mansfield, 0.25% income tax renewal, 4 yrs, for roads and potholes

City of Mansfield, 0.25% income tax renewal, 4 yrs, P.R.I.D.E

Village of Crestline, 4.5M additional, CPT, safety services

Village of Crestline, advisory election-cannabis dispensary

Village of Plymouth, 1M renewal, 5 yrs, cemetery

Village of Plymouth, 2M additional, 5 yrs, police

Marvin Memorial Library, Shelby, 1.75M renewal, 5 yrs, current expenses

Madison Township, 5.5M replacement, CPT, Fire & EMS  
 Mifflin Township, 2.7M renewal, 5 yrs, current expenses  
 Weller Township, 3M renewal, 5 yrs, fire  
 Galion CSD, 3.5M additional, CPT, general Improvements  
 Lucas LSD, 6M renewal, 5 yrs, avoid operating deficit  
 Loudonville-Perrysville Exempted Village School District, 0.25% income tax and 6.62M additional, 37 years, construct schools  
 MAN 1E, Matt's Mart, local option Sunday sales  
 SHL 4B, Mickey Mart, Sunday sales  
 MAD I, Buckeye Billiards, Sunday sales

## News Briefs in Education

Local students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2024 semester at Grove City College.

Isabel Golias, a junior Biblical and Religious Studies major from Mansfield, has been named to the dean's list with distinction for the fall 2024 semester. Isabel is a 2022 graduate of Mansfield Christian School and is the daughter of David and Andrea Golias from Mansfield.

Mary Golias, a junior Design and Innovation major from Mansfield, has been named to the dean's list with distinction for the fall 2024 semester. Mary is a 2022 graduate of Mansfield Christian School and is the daughter of David and Andrea Golias from Mansfield.

Students eligible for the dean's list with distinction must have a GPA of 3.60 to 3.84.



**MS. SPENCER'S STINGEL PRESCHOOL CLASS** at Ontario looked for ideas for a leprechaun trap and set a trap on Thursday, March 13. Students didn't end up catching the leprechaun but he left them some chocolate treats and a huge mess.



## AARP Ohio commends bill sponsored by U.S. Representative Mike Carey

AARP Ohio commends the reintroduction of the Credit for Caring Act, legislation that would provide financial relief to eligible working family caregivers in Ohio and throughout the nation.

Sponsored by U.S. Representative Mike Carey (R-OH-15), the Credit for Caring Act offers up to a \$5,000 nonrefundable federal tax credit to help offset family caregiving-related expenses, such as home care aides, adult day services, home modifications, and respite care.

"We know that families want to support their loved ones through illness, disability and aging in place. The Credit for Caring Act offers relief to caregivers, allowing them to prioritize their loved ones and worry less about the effects on their family budget," Rep. Carey said. "This tax credit would offset costs American families have to bear to care for their loved ones and provides flexibility to care for them in the way that works best for their family's situation. I hope my colleagues join me in the effort to pass it."

Family caregivers spend on average more than \$7,200 annually — 26% of their income — on out-of-pocket expenses.

"This crucial legislation offers much-needed financial relief for the invaluable contributions of family caregivers, who often sacrifice their own financial stability to care for loved ones, while juggling work and caregiving responsibilities," said AARP State Director Jenny Carlson, a family caregiver herself.

"This act also represents a significant step towards supporting our aging population and ensuring that families can continue to provide high-quality care at home. It also benefits employers by reducing the financial strain on employees who balance work and caregiving responsibilities, leading to a more productive and engaged workforce."

We urge Congress to pass this vital legislation, which will have a profound impact on the well-being of families, the economy, and the overall health of our communities," said Carlson.

Ohio's family caregivers provide 1.4 billion hours of care and up to \$21 billion in unpaid labor per year caring for aging parents, spouses, and others in need so that they can remain in their homes and communities. Nearly one in four of these family caregivers are millennials (currently age 28 to 43) and 40% of them are men.

This often comes at a steep personal cost, however. Sixty-one percent of family caregivers nationwide work either full- or part-time, with many having to cut back on work or even leave their jobs, sacrificing income, retirement savings, and financial security. An AARP analysis estimates that if caregivers aged 50 and older received better workplace support, the U.S. GDP could grow by an additional \$1.7 trillion in 2030.

"Family caregivers play an essential role in supporting their loved ones, yet they often face steep personal and financial challenges. We thank Congressman Carey for sponsoring this important legislation, and we urge Congress to pass this legislation to ease the challenge on family caregivers and help them continue their vital work" Carlson said.

## Stingel to host art show Thursday

Stingel Elementary School in Ontario will host its annual art show this Thursday. The hallways at Stingel are currently filled with close to 1,600 artworks created by kindergarten through fifth grade students during the 2024-'25 school year.

An art open house will be held on Thursday, March 20 from 4-6:30 pm so that students may invite family and friends to come view the display and celebrate their creativity.

Throughout this school year, students have studied color theory, practiced drawing strategies and experimented with the Elements and Principles of Design to compose interesting compositions filled with color, creative decision making and imaginative ideas.

Inspiration for these artworks have come from a variety of areas including Ukrainian artist Sonia Delaunay, the New York landscape artist Grant Hafner, and Jim Dine and Wayne Thiebaud, two of the vibrant Pop artists of the 1950s and 60s. Other inspirations include nature studies, self-portraiture, architecture, and design. Mary Roby, the elementary art teacher, has taught at Stingel for 20 years.



Photos By Traci Little

**THE CITY OF ASHLAND** held a St. Patrick's Day Parade on Monday, March 17. (Bottom photo) During the event Ashland Mayor Matt Miller and his wife, State Representative Melanie Miller, encouraged the crowd.





**CHRISTIAN B** memorized 201 digits for Lexington Eastern's annual pi bee on "Pi Day" March 14.

## Angie Cirone earns CCLP designation

The Association of Leadership Programs (ALP) recognized Angie Cirone, Director of the Mansfield-Richland Area Educational Foundation (OH), as one of the newest recipients of the Certified Community Leadership Practitioner (CCLP) designation.

The CCLP program was developed in response to membership feedback to provide extensive ongoing training opportunities for Community Leadership Program professionals. The designation provides Community Leadership Program professionals an incentive to achieve excellence in professional performance with mastery of essential skills.

The development of the Certified Community Leadership Practitioner program began in 2016, with the first CORE training course offered in 2019 in conjunction with the ALP National Conference held that year in Tulsa, Oklahoma. 23 Community Leadership professionals participated in the first cohort. Since 2019, 79 CLP professionals have completed the required 16 hours of CORE training.

Twenty-three, including Cirone, have completed the process, passed the certification exam and earned the designation.

## Renaissance Theatre to present 'Once'

The Renaissance Theatre will bring the Tony Award-winning musical *Once* back to the stage in an intimate production at Theatre 166. This limited-engagement run will have performances on Friday, March 28 at 7:30 pm; Saturday, March 29 at 7:30 pm; Friday, April 4 at 7:30 pm; Saturday, April 5 at 7:30 pm; Friday, April 11 at 7:30 pm; and Saturday, April 12 at 7:30 PM.

Set on the lively streets of Dublin, *Once* tells the poignant story of an Irish musician and a Czech immigrant whose shared love for music sparks an unexpected friendship and a complicated romance over the course of a transformative week. Featuring the Academy Award-winning song *Falling Slowly*, this emotionally charged production is a testament to the power of music to inspire, connect, and heal.

Before each performance, audiences will have the opportunity to visit an onstage bar, purchase pre-show libations, and enjoy a special serenade from the cast featuring traditional Irish pub songs. Arrive early to be part of the fun!

This production will take place at Theatre 166, the Renaissance's Black Box Theatre, an intimate space with seating for just 120 guests per performance.

Tickets for *Once* start at \$32 and are available now at [www.rentickets.org](http://www.rentickets.org) or by calling the Renaissance Theatre box office at 419-522-2726. The box office is located at 138 Park Avenue West, Mansfield.

## Foundation to host annual meeting

The Richland County Foundation will conduct its annual meeting Friday, May 9 at 11:30 am at Kingwood Center Gardens, 50 Trimble Rd., Mansfield.

The Foundation invites anyone in the community who is interested to the lunch.

Registration is online at [richlandcountyfoundation.org](http://richlandcountyfoundation.org), click the donate tab and then events.

The cost is \$30 per person. You can also pay for the meeting by mailing a check to 181 South Main St., Mansfield, OH 44902 or call 419-525-3020 for additional information.



**ONTARIO KINDERGARTEN** students spent the past couple weeks celebrating all things Dr. Seuss — from "Wacky Wednesday" to green eggs and ham.



## Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

**Ontario wrestlers compete at state**

The State Championship wrapped up the 2024-'25 wrestling season for Ontario High School athletes.

Aiden Ohl finished his junior year third in the State of Ohio. He is a three-time All-Ohioan.

Gavin Miller finished his sophomore year eighth in the State of Ohio and Landon Sowards finished his senior year sixth in the state.

Ty Turnbaugh finished his freshman year as a State Qualifier.

Ontario as a team took sixteenth in the State of Ohio.





## Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

### Ontario High School Volleybros Game (Boys play, Girls Coach) Seniors won the battle of the classes, but the staff defeated the seniors



### Lexington and Madison softball get ready for new season

By Kris Leiter

It's hard to believe as the high school basketball post-season is just wrapping up, softball and baseball season is just around the corner.

I was chatting recently with a few of my umpire friends and they are shining their shoes and pressing their pants. Alas I say, spring is here!

As the next few weeks go by, we will bring additional school capsules, pitching and interviews as the season heads forward. Lexington and Madison are the highlights today.

#### Lexington Lady Lex

We will start things off with Big Lex. Last spring they had a mind-boggling 21-straight win to start the season off.

Lady Lex finished up with a staunch 28-3 overall and a 10-2, first place Ohio Cardinal Conference crown. After those accolades, head coach Galownia should expect another good run this spring.

Lady Lex has had good softball teams over the years. I still remember back in the mid-nineties when Mike Hammond was steering the ship for Lexington.

Get the purple and gold pom-poms out, this should be another good season.

#### Madison Lady Rams

Long-time head coach Tim Niswander rang in the Lady Rams last year with a respectable 20-8 overall record and 8-3 OCC third-place conference record.

Madison always brings a good game to their opponent, whether they win or lose. They dig in their heels for the duration of game. I've heard good stories from people over the years about their toughness and grit.

OCC foe Lex defeated the Rams both times last year, so I'm sure the Lady Rams will be circling those dates with Big Lex on the calendars. Keep an eye out for the green and silver Lady Rams!



## LOOKING BACK • THIS WEEK IN TRIBUNE-COURIER HISTORY



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THE ONTARIO GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM wrapped up a tremendous season recently when the girls bowed out of the district Class AA tournament. The girls ended up 21-3 and added such season highlights as holiday tournament and sectional championships. In front are Laura Howard, Suzi Willis, Cindy Renner, Sherri Starcher and Kim Riddlebaugh. In back are coach Dallas Strickler, Dani Willis, Leslie Bunker, Bobbi Pugh, Shelley Shafer, Laurie Yarman and Amy Butner.

Terri Roesch

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LEXINGTON GOLD fifth grade girls basketball team finished its season with a 17-0 record. Members of the team are, front, Amber Ritchie, Rachel Jones, Ariel Demyan and Krista Yates; middle, Jenna Monica, Rachel Schlarb, Melissa Goodall and Michelle Lammon; back, coaches Mark Schlarb and Wes Lammon.



ENTHUSIASM WAS STILL RUNNING HIGH Sunday afternoon as over 2,000 fans were on hand to congratulate the Lexington Minutemen at the high school gymnasium. Aaron Navratil, nine, is hoisted by Terry Zornes as the crowd shows its approval to the Minutemen on their winning the Division II state championship title.



# Alzheimer's Association offers free resources to help families

During tax season, the Alzheimer's Association is encouraging individuals and families to make financial plans that will create some security in preparing for an unexpected crisis of caring for someone with Alzheimer's or other dementia.

One in nine Americans the age of 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's disease — that's nearly seven million Americans across the country and 236,200 in Ohio.

"Tax season is an ideal time to think about how to pay for future Alzheimer's and dementia care," said Pam Myers, senior director, programs for the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio and Central Ohio Chapters.

"Putting financial plans in place can help families secure their financial future, helping to avoid financial problems, especially those caregivers who have to reduce their work hours or take time off."

Dementia not only takes a tremendous physical toll on diagnosed individuals, but the costs associated with the disease can be overwhelming and put a huge economical strain on families. Disease-related costs can jeopardize a family's financial security, and many families and caregivers make enormous personal and financial sacrifices.

According to the Alzheimer's Association:

- The lifetime cost of Alzheimer's and dementia to our nation in 2024 was \$360 billion. By 2050, these costs are projected to reach \$1 trillion.

- In 2022, the lifetime cost of care for a person living with dementia was \$392,874.

- On average, Medicare beneficiaries who are 65 and older with

Alzheimer's or another dementia paid \$10,289 out of pocket annually for health care and long-term care services not covered by other sources.

- Nearly half (48 percent) of caregivers must cut back on their own expenses — including necessities like food, transportation and medical care — to afford dementia-related care, while others must draw from their own savings or retirement funds.

- Nearly two out of three people incorrectly believe that Medicare helps pay for nursing home care or are unsure whether it does.

To help families navigate these and other financial challenges, the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter offers a free online education program, "Managing Money: A Caregiver's Guide to Finances."

Tips from the program include:

- Plan early — There are many benefits of planning early when it comes to your finances — both for the caregiver and the person with the disease.

- Start a positive discussion about finances — Bring in trusted family members or close friends for a discussion about what the person with the disease wants for the future.

- Avoid financial abuse and fraud — Individuals living with dementia have a greater risk of becoming victims and may struggle with making good financial decisions.

- Organize your finances — Conduct an inventory of your financial resources (such as savings, insurance, retirement benefits, government aid, VA benefits). A financial planner or an elder care attorney can help.

- Create a backup plan — Designate a trusted back-up agent for the person's power of attorney and consider designating responsibilities to more than one person.

For more information on financial planning, visit: Plan for Your Financial Future or alz.org.

The Northwest Ohio Chapter offers free monthly education programs, care consultations and local caregiver support groups. Contact the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter at 419-537-1999 to schedule a care consultation and be connected to free local resources.

There are 236,200 Ohioans 65 and older living with Alzheimer's disease according to the Alzheimer's Association 2024 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures. A total of 414,000 Ohio caregivers provide 624 million hours of unpaid care each year, valued at \$11.4 billion.

To learn more about Alzheimer's or other related dementia, or to access free tools and resources, visit alz.org or call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### LEGAL NOTICE IN THE RICHLAND COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PROBATE DIVISION

22-1628 B DENNIS C. BOTTORF, Administrator of the Estate of Christopher Ramshaw, Plaintiff v. JOHN DOE(S), Potential Next of Kin of Christopher Ramshaw and BART HAMILTON, Richland County Treasurer, Defendants

To the Defendants, the unknown spouse, creditors, executors, administrators, heirs at law, next of kin, devisees, legatees, and/or assigns of Christopher Ramshaw, whose present location is unknown and cannot with reasonable diligence be ascertained:

Plaintiff has brought this action naming you as a defendant in the Richland County Common Pleas Court, 50 Park Ave. East, Mansfield, Ohio 44902, by filing its Complaint on the 12th day of March, 2025.

The object of the complaint is to obtain authority to sell real estate of Christopher Ramshaw, deceased, said real estate located at 523 Heineman Blvd, Mansfield, Ohio 44903.

The relief demanded by Plaintiff is authorization by the Richland County Probate Court to sell the real estate owned by Christopher M. Ramshaw and to determine any next of kin and such other legal and equitable relief to which it may be entitled.

You are required to answer the Complaint within twenty-eight (28) days after the last publication of this notice setting forth whatever right, title or interest you have or may claim to have in the aforementioned premises or be

forever barred from claiming or asserting same. The publication will be published one a week for six (6) consecutive weeks, with the last publication to be made on or about April 21, 2025.

In case of your failure to answer or otherwise respond as permitted by the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure within the time stated, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dennis C. Bottorf, Administrator of the Estate of Christopher M. Ramshaw

**By Cassandra JM Mayer, Attorney for Estate of Christopher M. Ramshaw, 452 Park Ave West, Mansfield, Ohio 44906, Phone: 419-524-2444; Fax: 419-524-2300.**

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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 regular meeting held on March 5, 2025.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 25-01 – AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 1143, CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED USE STANDARDS 1143.03 DESIGN STANDARDS, SUBPARAGRAPH (G) MINI-WAREHOUSES, SUBPARAGRAPH (2), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
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(T-C 3-13, 20 '25) 22L



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