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OSU-M honors three alumni during annual Hall of Fame Awards

The Ohio State University at Mansfield honored three alumni March 25 as part of its Alumni Hall of Fame Awards. The program recognizes graduates who have contributed significantly to their professions and communities.

Carrie Rietschlin Kemerer, Steven Oster and Bertha Villa Bishop were the honorees.

Carrie Rietschlin Kemerer, Class of '01, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, is a dedicated community leader in Richland County. She completed her entire degree at the Mansfield campus.

She is the executive director of The Shelby Foundation, where she leads the strategic investment of grants to better the Shelby community. She also serves on the executive committee of the Community Improvement Corporation of Shelby, playing a key role in revitalization projects like the \$1.6 million Black Fork Commons Plaza. She is a member of the Rotary Club and acting treasurer for the United Fund of Shelby.



Kemerer has been instrumental in growing The Shelby Foundation, particularly by spreading awareness and organizing the annual "For a Brighter Tomorrow" fundraising gala, which raises significant funds for area nonprofits. Her tireless dedication to service and ability to bring people together have made her a central figure in many transformative initiatives throughout the county.

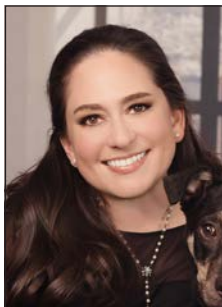
Steven Oster, Class of '00, Master of Arts, Public Policy and Management, is a distinguished leader in developmental disabilities, serving as superintendent for the Knox and Coshoccon County Boards of Developmental Disabilities and executive director for PAR — Professionals, Advocate, Resources. He completed his master's degree in public policy from Ohio State with his first year at Ohio State Mansfield.



His career includes executive roles at the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, the County Board Association, and Summit County Board of DD. He has received numerous awards for his advocacy, including the Ron Kozlowski Award and Betty Macintosh Award. Steve led the campaign to establish Harmony Park, an inclusive playground in Knox County, and holds board leadership positions in various community organizations including the Knox Chamber, Coshoccon United Way and Mansfield Playhouse.

Bertha Villa Bishop, Class of '11, Bachelor of Arts, History, (B.L. Bishop), is a nationally recognized photographer in Mansfield.

She is celebrated for her exceptional talent in capturing life's most precious moments. Bertha is a native of Medellín, Colombia, and her journey in photography began with her passion for storytelling through images while pursuing a journalism degree there. After landing in Mansfield, she left her job as a Spanish teacher, returned to Ohio State Mansfield to earn a degree in history, and founded her photography business full-time.



She earned her certification as a professional

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Photo By Traci Little

STEVE OSTER was among three alumni from The Ohio State University to be honored at the annual Hall of Fame Awards. He spoke at the ceremony held March 25.

MindSprouts Creative Writing Program announces new themes

The Renaissance Education Department has introduced a fresh twist on its annual MindSprouts Creative Writing Program, part of the 2024-'25 Mechanics Bank Education Series.

Now in its 14th year, this beloved program offers a unique opportunity for students in kindergarten through 12th grade to develop their storytelling skills and see their words come to life on stage.

MindSprouts is a creative writing contest that encourages young writers to unleash their imagination through short stories, plays, and poems. Open to all K-12 students in Richland County and surrounding areas, the program provides a platform for students to express their creativity, refine their writing skills and experience the thrill of having their work performed on stage. Selected submissions will be judged, adapted and showcased at the Renaissance Theatre in a special performance on May 1, at 7 pm.

For the first time, MindSprouts will feature two separate themes tailored to different age groups:

Grades K-8: "A Voice to Be Heard" — Students will write from the perspective of someone or something with a unique story to share, whether it's a pet, a superhero, or even an inanimate object with something important to say.

Grades 9-12: "Voices Unheard" — Older students are encouraged to write stories that bring attention to perspectives that are often overlooked or underrepresented, fostering empathy and insight.

Students may submit one entry in the form of a short story, play or poem. Submissions can be made individually or as a group of up to three students.

All entries must be received by Tuesday, April 15 by mail to Dauphne Maloney, Renaissance Performing Arts Education Department, 138 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, OH, 44902 or by email to dauphne@mansfieldtickets.com. For information visit www.rentickets.org.



THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

Jason Statham stars in *A Working Man* as Levon Cade, a former military member turned construction worker.

Cade is leading a good life working while sharing joint custody of his young daughter. Soon, his employer's daughter gets kidnapped and Cade takes it upon himself to solve the clues to try and find her.

Directed by David Ayer, director of *Training Day* and *The Fast and the Furious*, and co-written by Sylvester Stallone, I personally had higher hopes for this movie. This turns out to be just another run of the mill kidnapping plot with the same Russian mobsters that seems to be in every movie.

Statham is fine in the lead role and the movie has some nice touches when he and the young actress who plays his daughter have scenes together though everything else, including the fight

scenes, are very predictable and unmemorable.

There were times *A Working Man* was engaging with some of the characters and the movie seemed to want to flesh out a real character for Statham though the movie gets bogged down in trying to feel like every other movie in this genre. The villains are all over the top, the fights are pretty brutal and the plot feels more direct to DVD than something that should be in theaters.

I can see big fans of Statham really enjoying *A Working Man* for merely delivering on what it promises though maybe a little more character development, unique villains and more engaging plotline would have helped this movie go a long way.



OSU-M to host Buckeye Preview Days

The Ohio State University at Mansfield admissions staff is holding another Buckeye Preview Day 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.

The 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

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

Next week is deadline to register to vote

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 being either a native U. S. citizen or a naturalized U.S citizen, being a resident of Richland County and Ohio 30 days before an election and being 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 but must do so by the April 7 deadline.

Online registration is also now available at VoteOhio.gov.

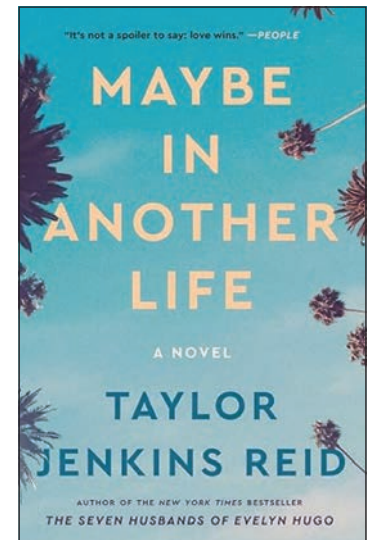
In addition to the Richland County Board of Elections office, citizens may register or complete a change of address/name at Richland County locations including any library branch, all city and village hall offices, The Bureau of Motor Vehicles office, The Department of Human Services, The Richland County Courthouse (recorder or treasurer offices) and all area high school offices.

Registration forms may also be obtained at vote.richland-countyoh.gov.

LOST IN A BOOK



A Book Review
By Mandy Belczak Gurney



I've been slowly working my way through Taylor Jenkins Reid's earlier books and *Maybe in Another Life* did not disappoint.

It found me at just the right time when I needed to be reminded that hard moments in life happen to everyone and it's our choice to find a way to happiness or not.

Hannah moves back to LA and after a life changing incident we see two different lives play out. Who will she fall in love with? Where does she belong? Who is the family she gets to choose and gets to keep?

In both lives, with different tragedies and different triumphs, her best friend Gabby remains constant. Others might say this is a three star book, but I give it more because I needed a story about choosing joy in tragedy, and having gratitude for a faithful best friend.

My rating: ★★★★★

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News Briefs

First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Ave West, Mansfield, invites everyone to Holy Week services. On Palm Sunday, April 13, at 10 am, the church will celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus, then begin the Great Triduum on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 7 pm. This service culminates with the stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday.

The Good Friday service is held at 7 pm, closing out in preparation for the Great Vigil of Easter with gathering around the fire in the South Mulberry St. parking lot. This service begins in candlelight (darkness) and moves to the Glory of Easter with Holy Communion.

On Sunday at 10 am the congregation will celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord with the Festival Easter service. Pastor Jay Jackson will be presiding.

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A Maundy Thursday service will be held April 17, at 7 pm. Pastor Peg Welch will be returning to share communion with Ontario United Methodist.

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Bryan Bielanski, a singer-songwriter based in Charlotte, North Carolina, will perform April 26, at The Mothership, 327 Park Avenue W., Mansfield. Doors open at 6 pm and the show begins at 7 pm.

Born in Parma, OH, Bielanski specializes in acoustic rock & roll. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door. For information visit <https://bryanssuperhappyfuntime.bandcamp.com>.

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First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Ave. West, Mansfield, offers a free produce distribution the second Tuesday of each month, April through November in the west parking lot.

The next free produce distribution will be Tuesday, April 8, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. The church receives over 8,000 lbs. of fresh produce. This is open to everyone, please bring a state ID, driver's license or proof of residence. This is a drive through distribution. Volunteers will load the produce into trunks or the back of vehicles. Please have vehicle empty and ready for loading. For information call the church at 419-522-0662.

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Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, will hold its annual Madison Community Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 12 at 3 pm. This will be held rain or shine for children through sixth grade.

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Mansfield 1st Presbyterian Church, 399 S. Trimble Rd., will host a rummage sale Friday, April 11, from 9 am to 4 pm and Saturday, April 12, from 9 am to noon.

Items will include a selection of clothing for children and adults, shoes, books, toys, housewares and more. Proceeds are used for local missions.

For information contact the church office at 419-756-7066 or office@mansfield1st.com.

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Letters of interest and resumes are being accepted for an appointment to the City of Ontario Auditor. The deadline to apply for consid-

eration is Wednesday, April 16. All letters and resumes can be sent to janezim@icloud.com.

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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.

For information visit 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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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Wendy Bartlett who will speak on "Wisdom of Elders Service" on Sunday, April 6 at 10:30 am. For information visit www.allsoulsuohio.org.

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Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Ave W, Ontario, will host a Grace & Eggs breakfast on April 6, at 9 am, followed by church services at 10:15 am.

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There will be two sessions of the senior citizen luncheon at Madison Comprehensive High School's Ramble Inn, 600 Esley Ln., on Thursday, April 10. The first session will be at 11 am and the second will be at 12:30 pm.

The cost is \$8 per lunch. Reservations must be made by noon on Tuesday, April 8. Call the board office at 419-589-2600, ext. 65001 or email csmith@madisonrams.net to make a reservation.

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The Richland County Republican Party's First Monday Luncheon will be Monday, April 7, from 11:45 am to 1 pm. A candidate forum for local candidates who will be on the ballot in the May 6 Primary will be hosted.

Speakers will include Mansfield City Council candidates Shari Robertson, At Large; Mike Miranda, 1st Ward; Lori Cope, 1st Ward. Also speaking will be Ontario Mayoral candidates Kris Knapp and Josh Bradley.

The event will be held in The Kobacker Room at DLX Events and Catering, 28 N. Main St., in Downtown Mansfield.

To ensure an accurate headcount, RSVP by calling 419-528-8223 or emailing rcogop@gmail.com to reserve seats and optional lunches (\$10 each).

Register online at go.osu.edu/visitmansfield



BUCKEYE PREVIEW DAYS

April 21 : 10 am – 12:30 pm



Church Directory

Clay Memorial Lutheran Church

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

Pastor Carol Kilgore

Sunday School 9:15 am • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville

419-886-4333 • www.clearforkalliance.org

Rev. Matt Merendino

Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor

9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship

Sunday Evening 6 pm Home Groups

Monday Men's Group 7:30 pm

Wednesday evenings: 6:45 pm, Prayer Meeting

6:30-8 pm and TeamKID and Youth Group

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

200 West Third St., Mansfield

419-524-4813 • 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

FB: FirstChristianChurchMansfield, 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

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

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.

Grace Episcopal Church

41 Bowman Street, Mansfield

419-524-2661

Rev. Christopher D. Hofer, Priest-in-Charge

Rev. Daniel Orr, Associate Priest

Worship: Sundays, 8 am and 10:15 am

Christian Formation for All Ages: Sundays, 9:15 am

Food Pantry: Thursdays, 9-11 am

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 4-6 pm

gracemansfield.org • facebook.com/GraceChurchMansfield

G & M Body & Paint Shop

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

Wappner Funeral Home

Mansfield • Ontario • Ashland • 419-522-5211

Lexington Church of Christ

230 Delaware Ave., Lexington

419-884-1532 • 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 Presbyterian Church

399 Trimble Rd., Mansfield

419-756-7066 • www.mansfield1st.com

Rev. Joseph Yerger

9 am Adult & Youth Sunday School

10 am Traditional Sunday Worship

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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

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

Pastor George Lee

10:15 am Sunday Worship and Kingdom Kids

St. John's United Church of Christ

68 Park Avenue East, Mansfield

419-522-2813 • www.stjohnsmansfield.org

Pastor Faith Proietti

10 am Sunday Worship

Office hours: Mon-Fri 9 am to 1 pm

AA Meetings M & F 10 am & noon;

Wed. noon Brown Bag and Sat. 6 pm

Clothing Ministry by appt: 419-512-9817

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

Pastor Larry Carnes

9:30 am Sunday Worship • 11 am Sunday School

Bible Study Mondays 2 pm

Bookshop sale is this weekend

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library (MRCPL) Evergreen Bookshop will be open for the monthly Friends' Used Book Sale on Friday, April 4, from noon to 5 pm, and Saturday, April 5, from 10 am to 3 pm. A preview sale will be held for

Friends of the Library members only on Thursday, April 3, from noon to 5 pm. Memberships may be purchased at Thursday's preview sale (\$3 per year for individuals).

Special pricing in April includes any printed materials with red dots. These last chance books have a sale price of 25 cents.

This sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library (MRCPL). Materials (adult, teen and juvenile items) are library discards and public donations offered for sale at extremely low prices. The bookshop is stocked with "new to the store" items each month.

All proceeds from the monthly sales sponsor enrichment activities provided by the MRCPL Main Library and its eight branches in Richland County throughout the year.

The bookshop is staffed exclusively by volunteers in downtown Mansfield at 37 N. Walnut St. (near the corner of W. Third St. & N. Walnut St., next to the main library). For more information call 419-526-4652.

Egg hunts planned

Crossroads Church, 21 E. Main St, Shelby, will host a helicopter egg drop on Saturday, April 12. Registration and breakfast will be at 9 am with game from 9:45-10:15 am and the egg drop at 10:15 am.

This free event is for children ages three years to fifth grade.

For more information, visit crossroadswired.com/easter.

Richland Carrousel Park, 75 N. Main St., Mansfield, will host an egg hunt on the lawn on Saturday, April 19, at 10 am.

Over 2,000 hidden eggs filled with treats and gifts will be available and those attending can meet the Easter Bunny in person after the hunt. This event will be cancelled if weather is uncooperative.



Vernon and Joann Barnhill

Barnhills celebrate 75th anniversary

The family of Vernon and Joann (Brook) Barnhill of Ontario, announced the celebration of Vern and Joann's 75th wedding anniversary on March 12.

Both graduates of Madison High School Class of 1949. Vern was distinguished as class valedictorian and Joann, who played every sport offered at Madison, was honored her senior year with the title "Ramette Queen".

Vern and Joann, who both turn 94 years old this year, met their junior year of high school. At first meeting, conversations led to a faith discussion about their belief in God. It was at that time they realized both had confirmed their love for Christ at a city-wide evangelical event earlier that year, not knowing each other at the time.

Within a year, Vern and Joann began dating and married in 1950. This began a legacy of Christ followers which has continued through generations totaling eight children, 24 grandchildren and 42 great grandchildren.

Their commitment to a strong and lasting marriage is summed up in an excerpt from Vern's book entitled *Heart to Heart*:

"We have experienced many trials and many blessings. By the grace of God, we discovered the keys to a successful marriage. The principles that we have tried to follow are to compliment each other daily and to forgive each other's faults. Growing love is found in our commitment to each other, even when we make mistakes!"

The family is thankful for the couple's example of a faithful and stable marriage, rooted in God and putting Him first in all things.

In honor of this milestone, a small family dinner celebration was held at their home on Saturday, March 15.

Craft show will support LifeWise Madison

The 1st Annual Spring Craft Show to support LifeWise Madison will be held Saturday, April 5, from 9 am to 2 pm at Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St. Mansfield (Madison area).

Cost is a donation at the door to support LifeWise Madison.

There will be over 20 vendors at the event.

For more information contact Pam Adkins at pamelaadkins@lifewise.org or call or text 567-274-8532.

Construction projects announced for Richland and Ashland counties

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

State Route 13 northbound and southbound, from Hanley Rd. to Chilton Ave., will have long-term lane closures for a resurfacing project. The northbound and southbound driving lanes will be closed for roadway reconstruction and culvert work.

Traffic will be maintained in 10' lanes in each direction with barrels. Estimated completion for the 2025 construction season is November 2025. The estimated completion of entire project is May 2027.

Interstate 71 northbound and southbound, between State Route 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.

State Route 181 will have single lane closures from just south of Main Street in Crestline, to State Route 309. Project work includes pavement repairs and bridge maintenance work. Traffic will be maintained by flaggers. Estimated completion is September 2025.

Beginning the week of April 7, State Route 314 from the Morrow County line to the city of Ontario corporation limits will have single lane closures for a pavement repair project. Traffic will be maintained by flaggers. Estimated completion is June 2025.

State Route 96 from State Route 545 to just east of Baney Road, will have single lane closures beginning the week of April 7 for a resurfacing project. Traffic will be maintained by flaggers. Estimated completion is September 2025.

State Route 96, between Wells Road and Township Road 1193, will close Thursday April 3 for a culvert replacement. The estimated reopening is Monday, April 7.

State Route 96, between Township Road 1443 and County Road 1353, will close Tuesday, April 8 for a culvert replacement. The estimated reopening is Friday, April 11.

Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Kenneth David Heaberlin, March 19
Archie Banner Johnson, March 21
David Eugene Haycook, March 27
Marsha Kay Thompson, March 29
Monna May Au, March 30

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photographer through the Professional Photographers of America in 2019 and has been featured in specialized publications like *Senior Year Magazine*, *Teen Years Magazine*, *Senior Muse Magazine*, *Infinity Photography Magazine* and *Shutter Up Magazine*. Her work is known for its warmth, creativity and storytelling. Bertha is dedicated to community service, with energetic engagement with the Richland County Dog Shelter and as president of the OSU Alumni Club of Richland County.

“The Alumni Awards Program at Mansfield recognizes Buckeyes who go to amazing lengths to make our community and region a better place,” said Ohio State Mansfield Development Director Cindy Wood.

“More importantly, these individuals signify for our current students exemplary career and community achievements, all built upon their foundation at the Mansfield regional campus. All of our nominees represent exceptional career or community service, and the selection process was difficult.”



Photos By Traci Little



Pond Fish Sale

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Pick-up Friday, April 25

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Photo by Damon Callis

Day Trippin' With Damon – Tyler Barn is located in the Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Reservation. Born in 1835, Washington S. Tyler was one of Cleveland's most successful businessmen and founder of the Tyler Company, a pioneer in the introduction of wire specialties. Tyler Barn was part of the family summer residence, known as Woodside, a country estate overlooking the Rocky River Valley. In 1921, a 75-acre parcel was donated to Cleveland Metroparks.



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By Kim Sterry

FARFALLE WITH PISTACHIOS AND BRIE

Ingredients

- 1 lb farfalle pasta
- 1 onion chopped
- 3 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 Wheel of Brie, scrape rind off and cut in cubes
- 2 cups chopped or fresh spinach
- 1-2 lemon(s) — zest and juice
- 1 block Parmesan cheese to grate fresh, use as much as you want
- 1 cup of pistachios, coarsely chopped reserved pasta water

Instructions

Boil pasta. Heat oil in a sauté pan and add chopped onion. Saute until onion is beginning to brown. Add spinach and cook until spinach is well incorporated. Add brie and stir until brie is melted. Add Lemon Zest and Juice. Add $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of pistachios. Continue to Stir (this is where you will want to add some pasta water in to "loosen" it up. Add cooked pasta to the spinach mixture. You may need to add some more pasta water depending on consistency. Add some more fresh lemon juice over top. Add remainder of chopped pistachios. Grate fresh Parmesan cheese over top to finish it off and serve.

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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.

Richland County Foundation will host annual meeting on May 9

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, click the donate tab and then events.

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

The Richland County Foundation, a not-for-profit 501c3, was established in 1945 as a way for individuals to pool and invest their gifts for the long-term good of Richland County and its residents.

The Richland County Foundation helps people in Richland County give back to their community by investing their gifts wisely so that grants can be made to improve the quality of life for all the county's citizens.

Working together with donors, the foundation meets important needs today and plans for a strong future.

ONTARIO LIONS PANCAKE DAY

Saturday, April 5, 2025 • 6:30 am to Noon
at Ontario High School



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April recognized as National Child Abuse Prevention Month

This month and throughout the year, Richland County Children Services (RCCS) encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making Richland County a better place for children and families. We highlight the resilience of families and uplift the vital work being done throughout Richland County to keep children safe and families together.

This year's theme is "Doing Things Differently: Believing in Communities." This theme reflects the idea that communities can come together to support family well-being rather than focus only on responding to incidents of child abuse and neglect. The well-being of children cannot be separated from the well-being of their families and communities.

Some of the most effective prevention efforts work at the community level, strengthening the family's social network and utilizing that network as a source of support.

All families should also have access to tailored prevention programs and services. When a community supports its parents and children, it is easier for all families to thrive. When families thrive, communities thrive.

By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills and resources they need to care for their children, we can help prevent child abuse and neglect by making meaningful connections with children, youth and families in our communities.

"Preventing child abuse and neglect is crucial for ensuring the healthy development and well-being of children. Children are vulnerable and rely on adults for protection, care, and nurturing. Abuse and neglect can have long-lasting emotional, physical, and psychological effects, often resulting in trauma that can affect a child's ability to learn, form healthy relationships and thrive in life. By preventing child abuse and neglect, we can foster safer, more supportive environments where children can grow into confident, resilient adults. Early intervention, awareness, education, and community support are key to stopping abuse before it starts, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to live a life free from harm," said Tara A. Lautzenhiser, Executive Director, Richland County Children Services.

To help spread awareness for child abuse prevention, Richland County Children Services (RCCS) has teamed up with Malabar Intermediate School for a rally and the YMCA of North Central Ohio — Mansfield Branch for "Pinwheels for Prevention."

RCCS staff placed 1,120 Blue Pinwheels on the lawn of the Mansfield YMCA at 750 Scholl Rd. The 1,120 Blue Pinwheels represent every report of abuse or neglect received by the agency in 2024.

"The YMCA is proud to support the Pinwheels for Prevention campaign, an initiative dedicated to raising awareness about child abuse prevention and promoting the health, safety, and well-being of children in our communities. As part of our ongoing commitment to strengthening families and supporting young people, the YMCA is excited to stand with organizations across the nation in promoting positive childhood experiences and building brighter futures for all children," said Cristen Gilbert, Chief Executive Officer, YMCA of North Central Ohio.



BLUE PINWHEELS are displayed in front of the Mansfield YMCA to represent every report of abuse or neglect received by Richland County Children Services in 2024

Richland County Children Services (RCCS) is also inviting individuals, churches, organizations, businesses and schools to tie a blue ribbon on their door, mailbox, tree or fence during the month of April. The blue pinwheels and blue ribbons are national symbols for child abuse prevention. That serve as a reminder that all of us have a responsibility in helping protect children.

In support of this effort, the Richland County Commissioners presented a Proclamation to executive director Tara Lautzenhiser.

RCCS is marking National Child Abuse Prevention Month with several activities. Remaining activities include:

Wear Blue Day, Wednesday, April 9, is an annual statewide event to spread awareness on the important issues of child abuse, neglect and dependency. On this day, local businesses, offices, schools, agencies, factories, retail outlets and media partners are asked to wear blue to show unity against child abuse and neglect. Participants can take pictures of themselves, their group, classmates or co-workers wearing blue and send them to Brigitte.Coles@jfs.ohio.gov and paula.caldwell@jfs.ohio.gov for publication on the agency's website and Facebook page.

Mansfield RCCS has teamed up with Buckeye Bakery for Wear Blue Day. (Continued on Page 10)

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Blue Day on Wednesday, April 9, to give the first 100 customers wearing blue a free cookie in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Buckeye Bakery is located at 21 E. 4th St.

Mansfield Parks & Recreation, RCCS and community partners will host an Easter drive-thru celebration at lower South Park, 100 Brinkerhoff Ave., on April 12, from 11 am to 1 pm. Families are invited to come out and see the Easter Bunny. Each child in attendance will receive an Easter bag, small toys and treats. Participants will be required to stay in their vehicles during their visit.

RCCS will be participating in the longest-running minority health fair in Richland County by participating as a community partner. RCCS will have an informational table providing helpful tips and strategies to help keep children safe and promote family well-being. The fair is held at Providence Baptist Church, 112 W. 6th St., Mansfield, Saturday, April 26, from 10:30 am to 2 pm.

Central Park Gazebo will go "blue" April 1-30. The gazebo will be lit in blue lights in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

For more information about child abuse prevention programs and activities go to richlandcountychildrensenservices.org.

Call the Richland County Children Services 24-hour child abuse hotline at 419-774-4100 to report child abuse and neglect.

'Jiro Dreams of Sushi' documentary will show at Ohio State Mansfield

The Ohio State University at Mansfield will present a special screening of the documentary film "Jiro Dreams of Sushi" Wednesday, April 2 at 6 pm inside Founders Auditorium.

The documentary explores the life of Jiro Ono, a 3-star Michelin-awarded chef whose dedication to sushi is recognized around the world.

The story captures Ono's passion for sushi, his family legacy and the challenges he faces as an 85-year-old chef.

"The film will expose the audience to East Asian culture and cuisine, while also capturing the business and family challenges this accomplished chef faces," said Joe Fahey, professor of theater at Ohio State Mansfield.

Early arrivals will receive two complimentary samples of sushi, provided by Hazel Kim, proprietor and sushi chef in the Lexington Avenue Kroger Sushi Department. Treats will be available before and after the film and a brief panel discussion will follow the screening.

The screening is provided by the Bromfield Library and Information Commons and the Theatre Program at Ohio State Mansfield, with support from The Ohio State University East Asian Studies Center.

The public is welcome and there is no cost to attend. Ohio State Mansfield is located at 1760 University Dr. Mansfield.

For more information Joe Fahey can be reached at fahey.9@osu.edu or 419-755-4276.



THE ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL BAND recently performed for students and staff at Stingel Elementary.

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Submissions now open for Emerging Artists Festival

The Renaissance Performing Arts Association is excited to announce that submissions are now open for the 2025-'26 Emerging Artists Festival. Since its inception in 2020 with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, this festival has become a vital platform for guiding, encouraging, and supporting artists in the creation and development of original works.

The Emerging Artists Festival invites playwrights, composers, musicians, dancers, and poets to showcase their talents. Selected works will undergo a one-week workshop with a director and a cast of actors, culminating in a public staged reading where audiences are encouraged to provide feedback. This immersive experience fosters artistic innovation and helps bring new works to life.

Submissions of plays, musicals, and screenplays are open now through April 11. Interested artists can find more information and submit their work at rentickets.org/emerging-artists.

Michael Thomas, Founder of the Emerging Artists Program and Artistic Director Emeritus, shared his excitement for the festival:

"The Emerging Artists Festival has grown into an internationally recognized program that continues to amplify diverse voices and fresh perspectives. This is a space where artists can experiment, collaborate, and refine their work in a supportive environment."

Selected artists will participate in a two-night rehearsal process with directors and actors, followed by a public staged reading and Q&A session on the third night.

Each season, 3-5 pieces are chosen for these staged readings, with each selected playwright receiving a \$500 award and housing accommodations during their workshop week.

The 2026 festival workshop public staged readings will be held Friday, Jan. 9, 2026 at 7:30 pm; Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2026 at 7:30 pm; and Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026 at 7:30 pm.

"The Renaissance Theatre's Emerging Artists Program is dedicated to fostering the next generation of creative voices," Thomas added. "We encourage artists from all backgrounds and experiences to submit their work and be part of this growing artistic community."

The Renaissance Performing Arts Association is a non-profit organization committed to providing exceptional arts and cultural experiences for the Mansfield community and beyond. Through live performances, educational programs, and community outreach, the Renaissance fosters creativity, collaboration, and artistic excellence.



Terme di Saturnia, Italy • Photo By Mark Shutt

Brenner, Gavarone introduce bill to require proof of citizenship to vote

State Senator Andrew Brenner (R-Delaware) and State Senator Theresa Gavarone (R-Bowling Green) have introduced Senate Bill 153 to protect the integrity of Ohio's elections.

"Having only legal voters cast a ballot each election should be common sense," said Senator Brenner. "This bill makes sure that Ohio has fair and reliable elections so that every time a vote is cast, no one can doubt that their vote will be secure."

"Ohio is the gold standard when it comes to running elections," said Senator Gavarone. "Senate Bill 153 addresses areas of the election law we can improve, including an extra layer of protection to enforce our state constitution's citizenship requirement. This is a simple fix that strengthens trust and integrity in our institutions."

Senate Bill 153 ensures only legal citizens are voting in our elections. Citizenship must be verified upon a voter's registration or after updating their registration.

The bill also requires that the Secretary of State regularly review statewide voter rolls to identify potential non-citizens. The bill also bans the use of drop boxes.

After introducing this legislation, President Trump issued an Executive Order that mirrors SB 153 in many ways. "I was very excited to see President Trump's Executive Order closely aligns with the work we have done in Ohio and the work we will continue with Senate Bill 153," said Senator Gavarone.

The legislation has been referred to the Senate General Government Committee for further consideration.

Ohio gained the most jobs of any state in the U.S.

In its monthly State Employment and Unemployment News Release, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that Ohio employment increased more than any other state in the nation in February 2025.

"These numbers are great news for our state," said Ohio Chamber President & CEO Steve Stivers. "The Ohio business community has been laser-focused on economic development – with JobsOhio leading the charge – and the results are showing. More jobs mean a stronger economy, as well as more and better opportunities for all Ohioans."

The report states that nonfarm payroll employment increased in three states last month and remained largely stagnant in 47 states and the District of Columbia. Job gains occurred in Ohio, New Jersey and Missouri.

Nonfarm payroll employment measures the number of paid workers in the state, excluding farm workers, private household employees, nonprofit employees and actively serving military.

Throughout the month, jobs in Ohio increased by 23,100, a 0.4% increase from January. This is the largest increase Ohio has seen since July 2022.

The full study is available at <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/laus.htm>.

The Ohio Chamber is the state's leading business advocate and represents thousands of companies that do business in Ohio. The mission is to aggressively champion free enterprise, economic competitiveness and growth for the benefit of all Ohioans.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL students worked to prepare for the upcoming production of *Big Fish*, which will be presented on April 4-6. Students worked together to make the sets.



Balderson, Kelly reintroduce bill to prevent prescription opioid abuse

Congressman Troy Balderson (OH-12) and Congresswoman Robin Kelly (IL-2) reintroduced the Remote Opioid Monitoring Act to empower health care providers and combat opioid abuse. This legislation directs the federal government to study the benefits and effectiveness of remote monitoring technology, which would help health care providers track patients prescribed opioids and ensure their well-being.

"The opioid epidemic has devastated communities and families in Ohio and across the country," said Balderson. "To combat this crisis, we must allow doctors to intervene early and prevent prescription abuse and misuse from the outset. This legislation empowers health care professionals to oversee their patients' treatment and monitor how they respond to prescribed medication."

In 2023, opioids claimed the lives of 105,007 Americans, including 4,452 Ohioans who died from an unintentional opioid overdose. For many Americans, their first exposure to opioids comes from a prescription from their physician. Some patients develop an addiction, whether through proper use or misuse.

Improving prescription monitoring has been identified by experts as a key component in the fight against the opioid epidemic. Detecting troubling signs during a prescription regimen allows health care providers to intervene early.

The Remote Opioid Monitoring Act would require the Comptroller General of the United States to study the remote monitoring of

patients prescribed opioids. The study would assess the efficacy of remote monitoring programs, examine their prevalence, and provide recommendations for improving existing federal health care programs.

This legislation passed the House last Congress by a vote of 386-37 when it was included as part of the Support for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act, which focused on equipping communities to combat substance abuse.

Full text of the Remote Opioid Monitoring Act can be found at https://balderson.house.gov/uploadedfiles/baldoh_013_xml_1.pdf

RPS seeking volunteers

Richland Pregnancy Services (RPS) is seeking volunteers with a passion for the unborn to assist in meeting the needs of clients who are facing an unplanned pregnancy decision.

In 2024, RPS served 412 clients and met their needs in a variety of ways through 1,273 service appointments. RPS is committed to providing free support to a woman or man facing an unplanned pregnancy decision and can only do so through reliable and consistent volunteers.

All volunteers must express a faith in Christ, be part of a local church and hold a biblical world view. Volunteers play a vital role in carrying out the mission of Richland Pregnancy Services. Eight-Week volunteer trainings are required and are held Fridays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at RPS, 1560 W. Fourth St., Mansfield.

Contact sydney@richlandpregnancy.com or call 419-522-8863 for more information.



PURPLE DAY was celebrated on March 26 as a global initiative aimed at increasing awareness of epilepsy. Ontario staff and students were encouraged to wear purple to school as a show of support for those in the schools and community who are impacted by this condition.



Kenpo Instructor Jason Farnsworth achieves 7th-degree black belt

Jason Farnsworth, Kenpo Martial Arts instructor at Richland Academy of the Arts, earned his 7th-degree black belt under the guidance of Joe Doyle and Grandmaster Huk Planas. The promotion took place following an intensive seminar at Doyle's studio in Mentor, OH, where Planas has been teaching since 1999.

Doyle set out to cover the entire Kenpo curriculum one technique and form at a time — a challenge Planas once deemed impossible. Through years of dedication and four annual seminars, the full self-defense curriculum was completed by 2006, leading to a second and now a third cycle. Doyle's school remains the only one in the world to achieve this milestone.

After hours of training, Doyle stood before a group, reflecting on this journey. He then called Jason Farnsworth and Al Babinec (of Strongsville) to the front, where Planas, now 78 and still traveling the world teaching Kenpo, recognized their dedication promoting them to 7th-degree black belt.

"In my lifetime, this was never a goal — never on my list of things to do," said Farnsworth. "The responsibility, knowledge and technical background that come with this are overwhelming. Honestly, I'm still processing it. My focus has always been, and always will be, on passing this knowledge down to the next generation — helping my students build confidence in themselves, master their skills, and ensure the legacy of Kenpo continues long after me."

Pond fish sale orders accepted

The Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) has announced orders are being accepted for the pond fish sale until April 17.

Customers can select from bluegill, \$1.25 each; yellow perch, \$1.25 each; largemouth bass, \$1.50 each; fathead minnows, \$8.25 per 100; channell catfish, \$1.25 each; hybrid bluegill, \$1.25 each; redear bluegill, \$1.25 each; and white amur, \$16 each.

In addition to fish, customers may also purchase essential pond supplies including Pond conditioner, prices vary; optimal fish food, \$48; and plastic bag and tie, \$1 each.

Orders may be placed online at <https://richlandswcd.net/event/pond-fish-sale-order-deadline-2/>. A minimum order of \$20 is required.

Pick-up for all orders will take place at the Richland County Fairgrounds Horse Barn on April 25 from 10 to 11:30 am. Customers should bring appropriate containers to transport their fish safely. Five-gallon buckets work well but must have an unscented poly liner to ensure fish have enough oxygen during transportation. Customers should also have their containers filled one-third full with the pond water the fish will be transferred into.

Kindergarten registration underway at Madison Schools

Kindergarten registration for Madison Local Schools is being held now through April 30. Children are eligible to attend kindergarten during the 2025-'26 school year if they are five years of age on or before Aug. 1, 2025.

The first step in the registration process is to complete the online registration through FinalForms. The registration link can be found at www.mlssd.net under Madison FinalForms or use the link under Kindergarten Registration.

Those who do not have internet access or need help can schedule an appointment to complete the online forms with their child's assigned building. Students must register with their assigned building. Be sure to select the 2025-'26 school year in FinalForms when registering a child.

Open enrollment for the 2025-'26 school year will open May 1 and close May 30. Those who are not a Madison resident will need to register with their home district until they have been accepted for open enrollment. If applying for Intra-District open enrollment, parents or guardians must register with their assigned elementary school building.

Current Madison South Preschool students moving into kindergarten will need to log into FinalForms and complete the 2025-'26 forms. They should also reach out to their assigned elementary building.

Once all online forms are completed, those registering should drop off the required documents with the elementary school in which the student resides between 9 am and 3 pm, Monday through Friday. The district is on spring break from April 18-25, and elementary schools will be closed during this time. School contact numbers are Madison South Elementary, 419-522-4319; Mifflin Elementary, 419-589-6517; and Eastview Elementary, 419-589-7335.

Required documents include student birth certificate, parent/guardian driver's license, custody papers (if applicable) which must be date stamped and signed by the court, parent/guardian proof of residency (see FinalForms for approved list) and immunization records.

Required immunizations for school attendance are four doses of DPT (five doses if four were given before fourth birthday); three or more doses of Polio with final dose after fourth birthday; three doses of Hepatitis B, two MMRs and two Varivax (Chicken Pox) or history of having disease.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL held its annual Supporting Mental Health Day in the library. Students could enjoy yoga sessions, do jigsaw puzzles, create sculptures, play chess, write thank you cards, color or paint rocks.

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Hometown Hero: Taylor Huff playing for Bay FC

By Kris Leiter

We have another Hometown Hero to bring you. If you ask some young athletes these days, many would say they have a dream to play professionally.

Taylor Huff, a 2021 Madison Comprehensive High School graduate, is living that dream. She signed to play soccer with Bay FC in San Jose, California, through 2027.

"Our season just started and goes through November, resulting in a nine-month season. High school was only a few months and college is typically four or five months. We have 26 games, but they are more spread out because it's at a higher level."

"We have one game a week on Friday, Saturday or Sunday and we have one day off each week. It's usually the same day every week ideally."

"The Bay FC is in the National Women's Soccer League and it's been kind of a whirlwind traveling these last few months. It's exciting, though."

"It's amazing that I get to do this as a job — it's the coolest thing ever and it is what I've dreamed of."

Reflecting on her high school years, she commented that even during the pandemic, her soccer team was still able to play their matches.

Some people think wearing the number 13 might be bad luck, but Huff displayed it proudly on her jersey. While donning that number she had some impressive stats and Madison even retired her number in honor of her accomplishments.

While at Madison she was a four-time All-American and held a record of 75-6-10. She was named Division II Player of the Year and

Ohio Ms. Soccer, Gatorade Ohio Player of the Year in 2020.

Taylor led Madison to the first-ever OHSAA State Championship in 2020 and broke Madison's OHSAA record with 133 career goals and 93 assists. Taylor also graduated class valedictorian with a 4.0 grade point average.

In addition to playing for the Rams, she gained experience playing club soccer.

"I played for the Mansfield Crew growing up. It was a local club in Mansfield that my dad helped start. Then my parents started taking me to Cleveland for the Internationals Soccer Club and I ended up playing in the East Clubs National League games."

"I loved playing for the International Soccer Club and was an athlete there from seventh grade until I graduated from high school."

"This is where younger kids play competitively and college coaches will come and scout at the big tournaments. I tried not to focus on the fact they were there and just focused on playing."

"We knew ahead of time that a group would be coming in and afterwards, they would send athletes a letter."

During her college years, Taylor was a three-time All-American.

"I knew I wanted to attend a competitive college and I attended The University of Tennessee before attending and graduating from Florida State University."

"When I was younger I had no idea what I wanted, but I am thankful for the guidance that I had from both my parents and my coaches."

"At Tennessee, I had a great coach, Brian Pensky. He ended up leaving to coach at Florida State University, where I later transferred."

"While playing for Florida State, we won a national championship in 2023."

While at college Taylor was an USWNT Futures Camp Invitee in 2025, Three Time All-American, First Team All-ACC in 2024, NCAA National Champion in 2023, NCAA All-Tournament Team in 2023 and U-23 USWNT Selection in 2023.

When asked how she prepared for a life in professional sports Taylor said, "We do a lot of mental training. There are many things you have to stay up to date with including in the training room and on the field."

"Mental training continues as you get older. As I continue into my career as a professional, it is my job. I think it becomes even more important to do mental training and I always need to make sure that I am staying positive and doing the right things."

"It can be hard, but when I'm staying on top of my training, the

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pressure is relieved. I'm able to play at my best. You can revert back to that solid foundation of training all the time."

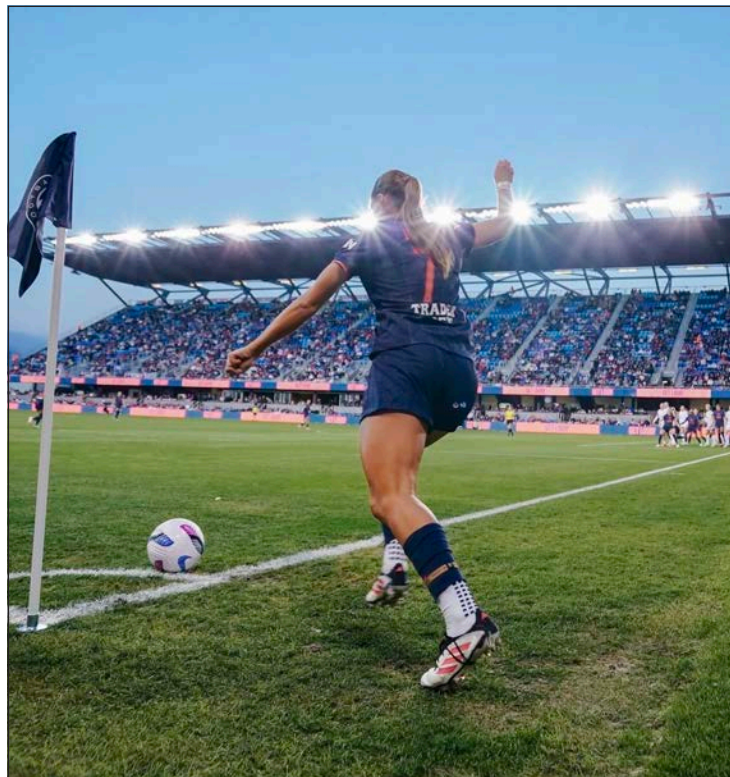
As her professional career continues, she will not have much free time to visit family due to traveling to play all over the United States.

"I'll probably come home once or twice during the year."

"I enjoy San Francisco and it has a lot of different food options. I live in a pretty decent area, so it's always good to try new foods, but I cook a decent amount, too."

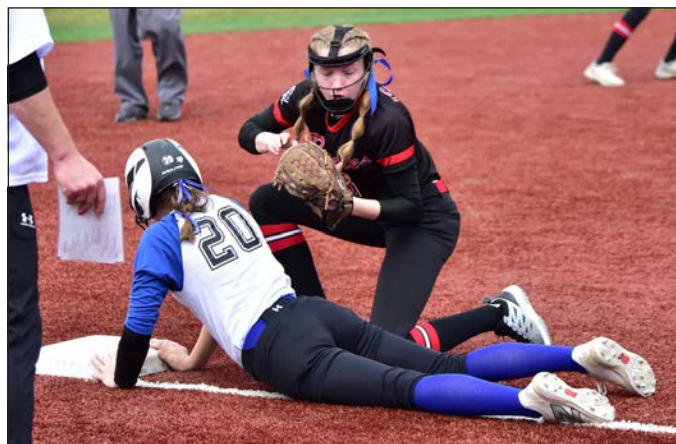
Taylor just received news on March 26 that she is among 24 women selected to attend the USWNT U-23 Training Camp March 31-April 8 in Carson, CA. This is her second invitation this year to a U.S. National Team.

The next home game for the Bay FC is Sunday, April 13 at 4 pm Pacific Time against the Chicago Stars FC at PayPal Park. This game will air for a national audience on ESPN.

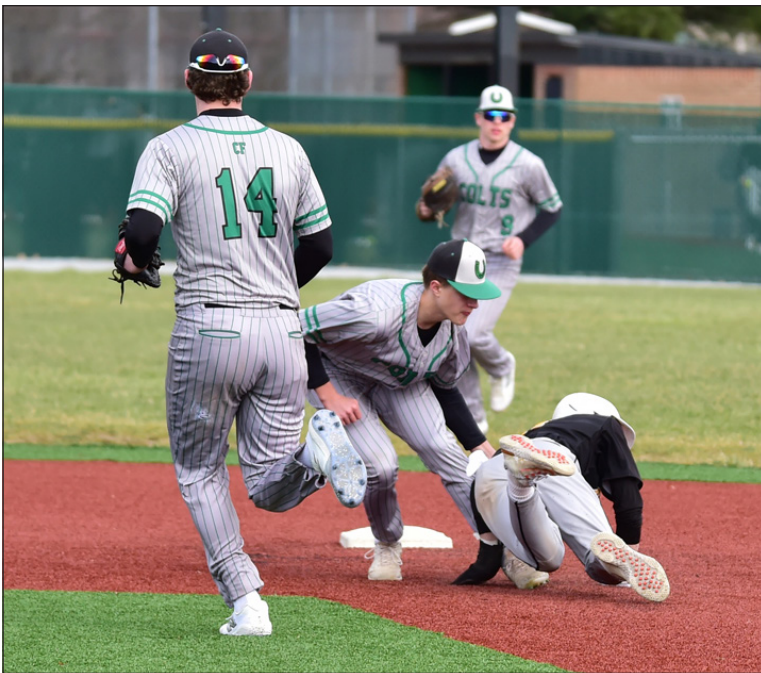
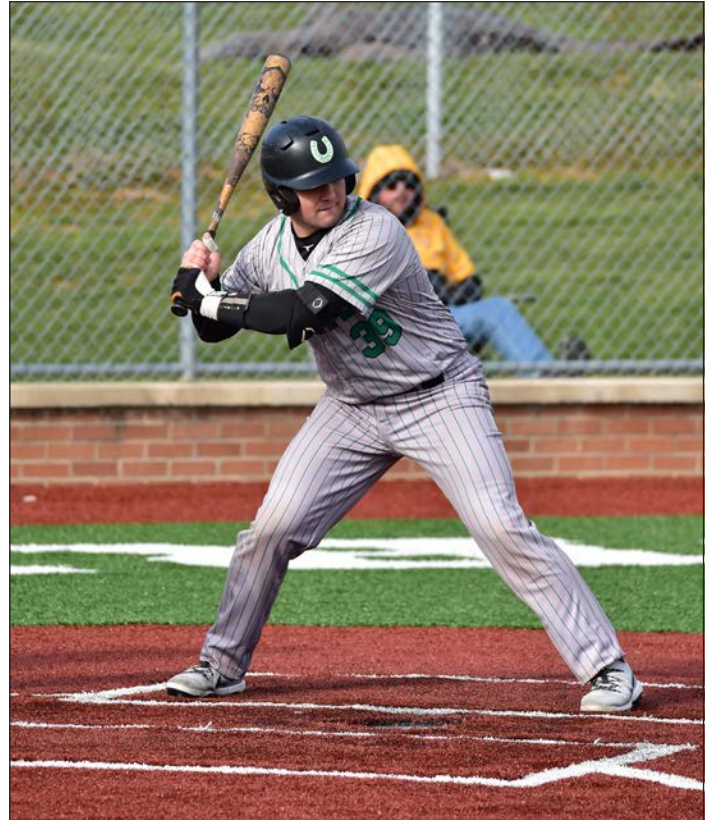


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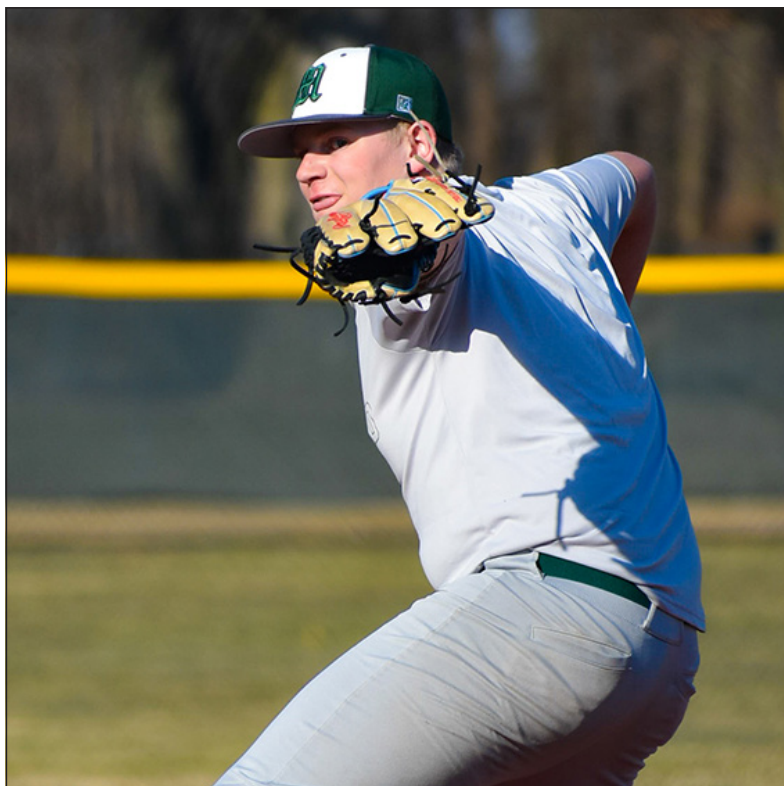
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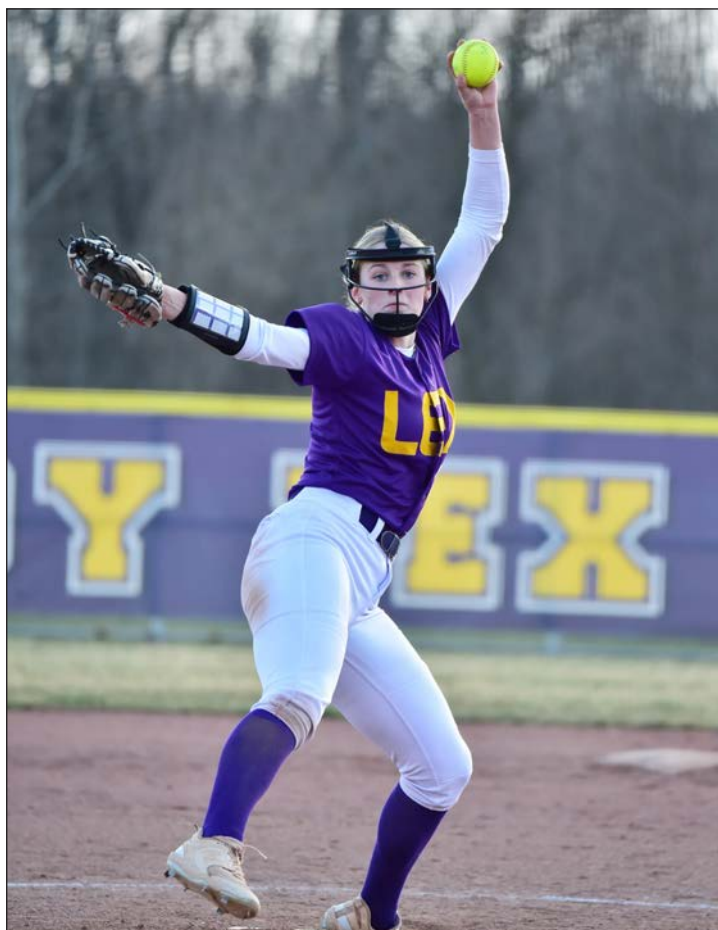
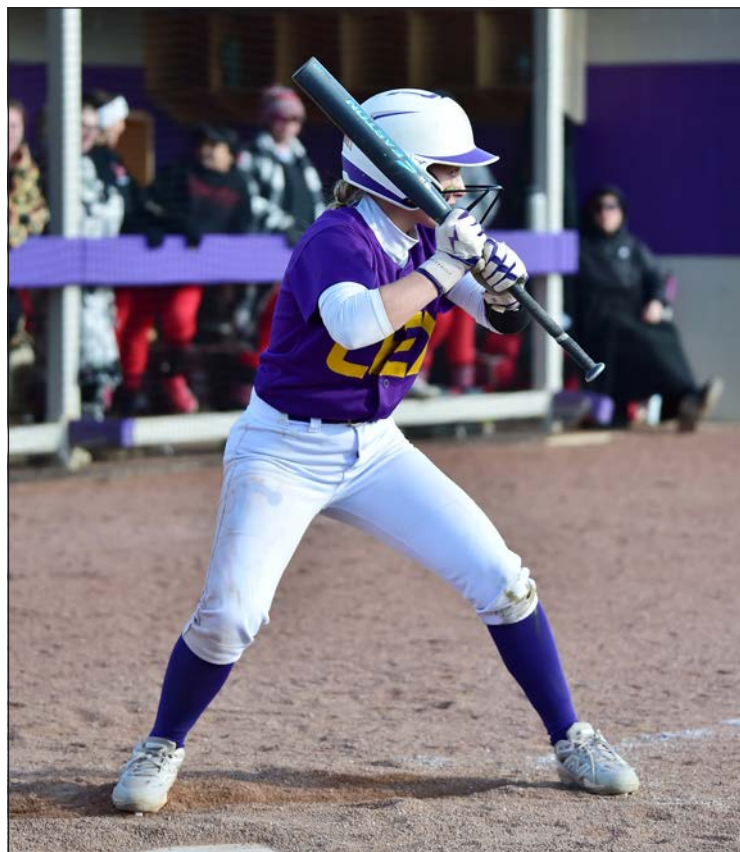
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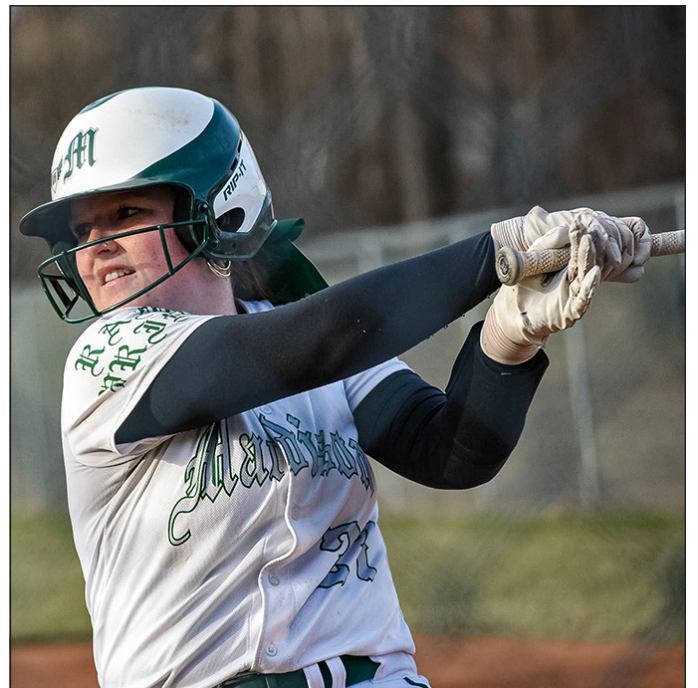
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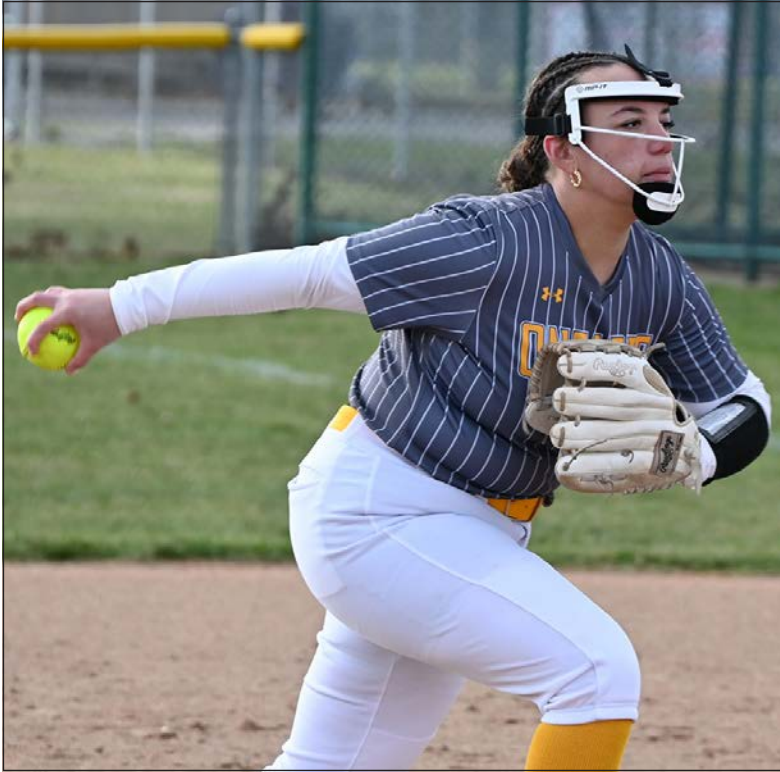
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ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL THIRD QUARTER HIGHEST HONORS



Seniors



Juniors



Sophomores



Freshmen



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL students earning Highest Honors for the third quarter grading period were treated to breakfast.

Sports Highlights

Athletes named to All-Ohio teams

Local boys basketball All-Ohio teams have been announced by the Ohio Prep Sports Media Association. The All-Ohio teams are based on nominations from the seven districts of the OPSMA, which vote on the all-district teams from regular-season accomplishments.

Local athletes honored are:

2025 Division IV All-Ohio Boys Basketball Teams

First Team: Brayden DeVito, Shelby, 5-11, jr., 18.9

Third Team: Garrett Hotz, Bellville Clear Fork, 6-4, sr., 18.8

Honorable Mention: Cardae Brown, Ontario, 6-0, fr., 15.5

2025 Division VI All-Ohio Boys Basketball Teams

First Team: Justice Thompson, Ashland Crestview, 6-3, sr., 25.5

Third Team: Davion Mack, Mansfield Christian, 6-3, so., 19.0

Honorable Mention: Tyson Ringler, Ashland Crestview, 6-4, sr., 12.0

2025 Division VII All-Ohio Boys Basketball Teams

Honorable Mention: Dmoni Lentes, Mansfield St. Peter's, 6-3, sr., 14.3; and Zach Winters, Lucas, 6-4, sr., 15.7

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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/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 19, 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. 25-05 – AN OR-

DINANCE ESTABLISHING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2025.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, OH
(T-C 3-27, 4-3 '25) 23L

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids for the 2025 Resurfacing Program, Village of Lexington, Ohio will be received by the Village of Lexington, Ohio at the office of the Administrative Director at 44 West Main Street, Lexington, Ohio 44904 until 10:00am, local time Thursday April 17, 2025, and then, at said office, publicly opened and read aloud.

Contractors will be required to purchase and download an electronic set of plans and bid documents via the KEM Web Site by visiting <https://kemccartney.com/project-bids/>. If you would prefer a hard copy be mailed, we will do so upon receipt of payment in the amount of \$50.00 per set, along with your UPS or FedEx account number so that shipping charges can be applied to your account. Checks shall be made payable to K.E. McCartney & Associates and all documents become the property of the prospective bidder, with no portion of the payment being refunded. Should you have any questions during the bidding process please contact jburgholder@kemccartney.com.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities. Contract will be awarded based on the lowest and best bid. The Village of Lexington may reject any or all bids on any basis and without disclosure of reason. The failure to make such disclosure shall not result in accrual of any right, claim or cause of action by any unsuccessful bidder against the Village of Lexington. Each bid must be accompanied by either an Ohio Revised Code Section 153.571 Bid and Performance Payment Bond in an amount equal to 100% of the bid; or, a cashier's check, bid bond, letter of credit to be duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon, a surety company approved by the Owner in the amount of 10% of the bid.

Each bid must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. The Owner intends and requires that this project be completed by August 16, 2025.

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

Peter L. Them
Administrative Director
Village of Lexington, OH
(T-C 3-27, 4-3 '25) 65L

April blood donors have a chance to win a \$5,000 gift card

This April, the American Red Cross urges individuals to give life-saving blood or platelets now as seasonal travel ramps up. The impact of busy spring calendars comes on the heels of an incredibly challenging winter, where tens of thousands of blood products went uncollected due to weather.

With upcoming holiday celebrations and record-breaking spring break travel expected in the coming weeks, donors of all blood types are needed, especially those with type O blood and those giving platelets.

Blood has a shelf life of only 42 days. With no substitute for blood and no way to manufacture it, volunteer donors are essential to patient care. Spring plans can disrupt normal giving patterns, but the need for blood is constant.

Donors can book a time to give blood or platelets now by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

All who come to give in April will be automatically entered for a chance to win a \$5,000 gift card. There will be three lucky winners. Additionally, those who come to give April 1-13, will receive a \$15 Amazon.com Gift Card by email.

All who come to give later in the month, April 14-30, will receive an exclusive Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last. See RedCrossBlood.org/Hope for details on all three offers.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Friday, April 4, 11 am to 5 pm, The Ontario Center (Richland Mall), Ontario

Tuesday, April 8, noon to 6 pm, Saint Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church St., Bellville

Wednesday, April 9, 8 am to 8 pm, St. Peter's High School, 111 W. First St., Mansfield; and noon to 6 pm, The Ontario Center

Thursday, April 10, 10 am to 4 pm, Schmidt Security Pro, 241 Mansfield Industrial Pkwy., Mansfield; 10 am to 3 pm, 199 W. Main St, Shelby; and 1-6 pm, Lucas Community Center, 252 W. Main St., Lucas

Tuesday, April 15, 1-6 pm, Crossroads Ontario Campus, 636 Lexington-Springmill Rd. S.

Wednesday, April 16, noon to 6 pm, The Ontario Center; and noon to 6 pm, Planktown Country Market, 1921 Free Rd., Shiloh

Businesses or organizations interested in hosting a blood drive can fill out the form at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/hosting-a-blood-drive/learn-about-hosting/how-hosting-a-blood-drive-works/apply-to-host-a-blood-drive.html>.



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