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RICHLAND COUNTY ENGINEER Adam Grove and **ODOT District 3 Deputy Director** Bob Weaver were among those who spoke during a National Work Zone Awareness Week event at the Richland County Fairgrounds April 23.

National Work Zone Awareness Week recognized in Richland County

The Richland County Engineer's office and Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) partnered to remember Trenton Gallaway and recognize National Work Zone Awareness Week during an event held at the Richland County Fairgrounds April 23.

Trenton Gallaway was killed in a work zone crash on Oct. 2, 2024 in Richland County. He was just 20 years old.

National Work Zone Awareness Week is a campaign held at the start of construction season to encourage safe driving through highway work zones and raise awareness of Ohio's Move Over Law.

"State, county, municipal, and contract workers are out every day trying to provide a safe, reliable, and efficient highway system for motorists. We all need to do our part to make sure those workers get home safely every day," said Richland County Engineer Adam Grove.

State Representative Gary Click, Ohio

State Highway Patrol (OSHP), Ohio Laborers Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (LECET), Ohio Contractors Association (OCA), and American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) were also in attendance and spoke about the importance of making safe driving decisions especially during construction season.

Ohio's Move Over law applies to all roadways, from interstates to city streets and requires drivers to move over and slow down for any stationary vehicle with flashing lights on the side of the road. It can be enforced by any law-enforcement officer, including state highway patrol officers, local police, and county sheriff's deputies.

"Safety should be every motorist's top priority while driving," said ODOT District Three Deputy Director, Bob Weaver. "Remember, when you're going through these zones, the men and woman on the highway,

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REAL ID goes into effect May 7

In anticipation of the REAL ID deadline on May 7, BMV locations across the state will have extended hours for service until 3 pm on Saturday, May 3.

Beginning May 7, U.S. travelers will need to present a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or ID, or another acceptable form of identification to board commercial flights and access certain federal facilities.

Obtaining a compliant card requires more documentation than the standard card. Drivers will need to provide documents to prove full legal name, date of birth, legal presence in the U.S., Social Security number, Ohio street address (two documents, from different sources) and proof of name change (if applicable).

For a full list of acceptable documents visit <https://dam.assets.ohio.gov/image/upload/publicsafety.ohio.gov/bmv2430.pdf>

After being approved for the new ID, drivers will receive Ohio interim documentation issued by the deputy registrar location to use until a new card arrives in the mail. Law enforcement will be able to verify the documentation. The interim driver license or identification card documentation must be carried until receipt of the new card.

Scam texts impersonate E-ZPass system invoice

A scam continues to be distributed through text messaging claiming to be the Ohio Turnpike E-ZPass system. Those receiving the texts should not reply or click the link.

Scammers typically use urgency as a way to compel recipients to click the links provided. These Ohio Turnpike messages are also pushing urgency, claiming fines and other consequences for non-payment.

Ohio Turnpike E-ZPass invoices are sent my mail, not by text message.

The official Ohio Turnpike website is <https://www.ohioturnpike.org> where E-ZPass can be accessed.

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LOST IN A BOOK



A Book Review
By Mandy Belczak Gurney



Sylvia's Second Act by Hillary Yablon was just the right fun book to make me laugh during a busy and distracted season.

Sylvia hates her retired life in Florida and after a series of unfortunate events, she decides to start her life over in NYC.

Nobody in her family believes that in her sixties, Sylvia can begin again, but her determination brings about a story that is filled with laughter and endearment for Sylvia and real women like her.

If you like stories with sassy best friends, intense wedding planners, crazy mothers of the bride and wax appointments gone wrong, then this is the book for you.

My rating: ★★★★★

Follow my blog at GreenGurneys.com

THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

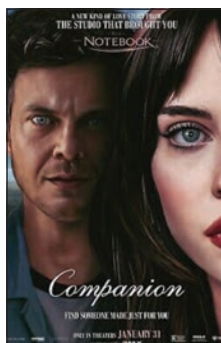
Now streaming on Max is the new release, *Companion*. This movie was released in theaters earlier in the year and is now available to watch at home.

Jack Quaid (who is having quite a year with this film and *No-vocaine*) stars as Josh. He and his girlfriend Iris (Sophie Thatcher) travel to a lake house to spend time with friends. They are having a nice time together until Iris becomes violent with the owner of the house named Sergey (Rupert Friend). When Iris comes back to the house, it is revealed that Iris is an A.I. and she soon gains advanced skills and comes after everybody in the cabin... including Josh.

Companion does not try anything new that has not been done before though what makes this movie interesting is Iris becomes very aware of things and gains access to her own systems and software. The movie tries for more of a thriller/comedy approach and at times it works

and at times it does not. Sophie Thatcher is great as Iris and gives a nice balance between her A.I. self and her progression to becoming more intelligent and skilled. Quaid is becoming a consistently good actor as he knows how to balance the suspense and comedy well.

There is much in the news these days about A.I. and these movies seem topical though also could wear out their welcome quickly. Luckily, *Companion* takes advantage of the topic and, while not bringing anything new to this burgeoning category of films, is a good enough movie that fans of the genre should get a kick out of it.



Breakfast will benefit FFA, 4-H members

The Crestview Buyer's Club will have a pancake breakfast Saturday, May 10, from 6:30-10:30 am at Savannah Town Hall, 12 S. Main St., Savannah.

All proceeds will benefit the Crestview Area Buyers Club and community youth. The buyers club purchases fair animals in support of Crestview 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA).

NAMIWalks event planned for May 31

NAMI Richland County will host a NAMIWalk event on Saturday, May 31, at Ontario Marshall Park, 3375 Milligan Rd., Ontario, lower park. The event will include a 1-Mile Fun Walk and a 5K Race.

Registration opens at 8 am and the 5k and walk begins at 9 am. Family Fun Day begins at 9:30 am.

NAMIWalks are held to promote awareness of mental health and reduce stigma, raise funds for NAMI's free mental health programs and build community and let people know they are not alone. Registering is free and will ensure participants have access to online fundraising and are eligible for incentive gifts. Registered participants who self-donate or raise \$100 or more will earn a t-shirt and those who raise \$1,000 or more will receive a lapel pin.

To register visit <https://www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=register.start&eventID=1744>. For more information call 419-522-6264 or email Families@namirc.org.

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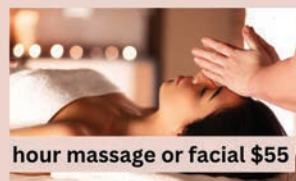
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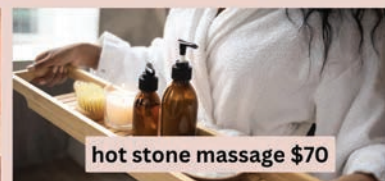
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News Briefs

The Ontario Lions Club will host a special fundraiser on May 3 and 4 from 10 am to 4 pm at Tractor Supply, 2727 W. 4th St., Ontario.

The Lions' food trailer will be on-site, and a portion of all sales will be donated to Matthew 25 Outreach, a local food bank serving Richland, Ashland and Medina counties. The Lions will also be accepting direct donations. By supporting the fundraiser, proceeds will go to produce distributions and the senior food box program.

The next local produce distribution will be at Mansfield Senior High School, 124 N. Linden Rd., on Saturday, May 3, from 10 am to 1 pm. For information or to volunteer call 419-961-0110.

Madison Athletic Booster Club is collecting donations to purchase new wrestling mats. The same mats have been used for decades and the goal is to raise \$10,000 to fund the purchase.

Donate by calling Bryan at 419-632-1896

The 4th Annual SPT Charity Golf Outing will be held Friday, May 16, at Twin Lakes Golf Course, 2220 Marion Avenue Rd., Mansfield. Entry includes breakfast, dinner, beverage, snacks, golf, cart and prizes. Cost is \$340 per team and the registration deadline is May 2.

The event is limited to 18 teams. To register visit <https://files.constantcontact.com/5fc06ec5201/1d2cc196-705a-42f0-97cb-f8ab2ebaf63e.pdf?rdr=true>.

All proceeds benefit Special Olympics Ohio-Richland County. For more information call 419-834-8366 or email aaron@spyohio.com.

Madison Local Schools will host a 100 Years of Madison Carnival Saturday, May 17 from noon to 3 pm, behind the Madison Middle School. The carnival will include games, inflatables, food trucks, music and other activities.

First Congregational Church, 640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield, will host a rummage sale Wednesday, May 7, from 9 am to 4 pm and Thursday, May 8, from 9 am to noon. Thursday will feature lower prices.

Items include new and lightly used men's, women's and children's clothing, toys, books, accessories, vintage items and linens. There is an elevator in the main entrance for those who cannot use the stairs.

There will be two sessions of the Senior Citizen Luncheon at Madison Comprehensive High School's Ramble Inn, 600 Esley Ln., on Thursday, May 8. 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, May 6. Call the board office at 419-589-2600, ext. 65001 or email csmith@madisonrams.net to make a reservation.

A survey is being conducted with its results to be included in the Richland County Coordinated Public Transit Human Services

Transportation Plan. The survey can be accessed at <https://www.aaa5ohio.org/services/transportation/mobility-management/richland-county-mobility-management-transportation-survey/>

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 May 21, celebrating the 51st anniversary of LASC. Entertainment will be the musical group Granny Creek.

The group will join together for a lunch on May 7, at Chinatown, 238 Ashland Rd., Mansfield, at 11 am.

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

Kindergarten Club will be held Friday, May 2, from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Madison Branch Library, 1395 Grace St., Mansfield.

Children ages 4 and 5 can drop by the first Friday of each month for skill building activities focused on kindergarten readiness.

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.

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 RPS. 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.

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 luncheon.

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 Bellville Branch Library, 97 Bell St., Bellville, will host Play-dough Palooza on Tuesday, May 13, from 3:30-4:30 pm. Participants can drop-in for fun squishing, smooshing and rolling different creations with play-dough.

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, May 13, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. The church receives over 6,000 lbs. of fresh produce. This is open to lower income households, please bring a state ID, driver's license or proof of residence. This is a drive through distribution in the west parkin glot. Volunteers will load the produce

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Care Consultation Program: Northwest Ohio Chapter

Care consultation is a free personalized service addressing the issues that arise from Alzheimer's disease or other related dementias. For more information or to schedule a Consult call **419-537-1999** or fill out our online form at alz.org/nwohio.

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Church Directory

Clay Memorial Lutheran Church

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

Pastor Carol Kilgore

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

Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville

419-886-4333 • www.clearforkalliance.org

Rev. Matt Merendino

Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor

9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship

Sunday Evening 6 pm Home Groups

Monday Men's Group 7:30 pm

Wednesday evenings: 6:45 pm, Prayer Meeting

6:30–8 pm 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

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Wappner Funeral Home

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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

Association's local walk set for Septmeber

The Alzheimer's Association invites the community to register for 2025 Walks to End Alzheimer's® taking place across the region.

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research.

Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, this inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to join the fight against the disease. All money raised through Walk to End Alzheimer's benefits the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association.

"Now is the moment we've been waiting for. With new treatments emerging in the fight against Alzheimer's and all other dementia, now is the time for hope," said Vince McGrail, executive director of the Alzheimer's Association Central Ohio and Northwest Ohio chapters.

"Every step takes us closer to a cure and to achieving our mission of a world without Alzheimer's and dementia. We hope Ohioans will register their team and walk to honor our friends and neighbors facing this disease."

The local 2025 Walk to End Alzheimer's will be at North Central Ohio/Mansfield on Saturday, Sept. 13, at Richland Carrousel Park, 75 N. Main St., Mansfield.

To register as a team or an individual and receive the latest updates on this year's Walks, visit <https://www.alz.org>.

MACC open house is May 14

Madison Adult Career Center (MACC) will host an open house Wednesday, May 14, from 5–7 pm, at Madison Comprehensive High School, 600 Esley Ln., Mansfield.

The open house is free and open to the public. It allows those attending to visit labs and programs, meet instructors and staff and begin the enrollment process. Grants and scholarships are available to those who qualify. Some may qualify to attend for free.



RICHLAND SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (Richland SWCD) will host the annual Native Plant Workshop and sale Tuesday, May 13 from 5:30–7:30 pm at the Longview Center Meeting Room, 1495 W. Longview Ave., Mansfield. The event will feature guest speaker Gale Martin of Natives in Harmony. She will share the benefits of native plants and how to incorporate them into landscaping in addition to answering questions. After the workshop, purchase native plants from Natives in Harmony and Wild Acres. The Native Yard Project will also have an information table. The workshop is free and open to all. Register by Monday, May 12. To register, visit <https://richlandswcd.net/events/> or contact the Richland SWCD office at 419-747-8686. Pictured is last year's presenter, Jordan Keller.

Farmer's market vouchers are available to qualifying seniors

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., in partnership with the Ohio Department of Aging, has announced the return of the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) for income-eligible older adult residents of Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca and Wyandot counties.

The program provides income-eligible seniors with \$50 in vouchers to purchase locally grown fruits, vegetables, herbs, and honey at participating farmers' markets and roadside stands.

All new applicants and past participants must apply at <https://www.aaa5ohio.org/services/sfmnp-1/>.

The fastest and most convenient way to apply for the SFMNP program is through the online application form. An email address is required to complete the electronic form.

Applicants in Ohio who register with an email address will receive a confirmation email once approved and can begin using their \$50 benefit beginning May 15.

For application assistance call 567-247-7101.



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Photo By Traci Little

A SQUIRREL enjoys a spring snack at Kingwood Center Gardens. Spring flowers have popped up on the grounds. Kingwood has begun spring hours, opening from 10 am to 7 pm (9 pm on Thursdays).

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Patricia Jane Weidner, April 20
Ella Lee Risser, April 21
Regina Ann Riner, April 22
Glenn Richard Weigler, April 22
Iva Ann Carroll, April 23
John Thomas Kasper Jr., April 23
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into trunks or the back of vehicles. Please have the vehicle empty and ready for loading. For more information call 419-522-0662.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome David FitzSimmons who will speak on "Surviving a Tornado: My First Attempt" on Sunday, May 4 at 10:30 am. For information visit www.allsoulsuuhio.org.

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The Marvin Memorial Library, 29 W. Whitney Ave., Shelby, will host a summer Reading kick-off party on Saturday, May 31 from 11 am to 1 pm in the Kerr Garden Room.

Those attending can sign-up for summer reading while listening to music, playing games, participating in a coloring con-

test and enjoying snacks. Magician Michael Mage perform at 11:30 am.

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Ontario Local Schools is accepting applications for the Peanut Butter & Jelly Food Distribution program at Ontario United Methodist Church.

The program gives groceries during the summer months and financial situation does not impact qualification.

Those interested should contact Ontario Schools for an application.

The application deadline is May 13 and distribution is June 2 through Aug. 11.

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Western Buckeye Council will host a sporting clay event on Thursday, Sep. 11, at Elkhorn Lake Hunt Club, 4146 Klopfenstein Rd., Bucyrus, from 1-6 pm.

Proceeds will benefit scouting programs.

For more information contact Amy Heller at 330-418-282 or email Amy.Heller@scouting.org or visit <https://www.celebrate-scouting.org/western-shoot>.

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The City of Ontario has released the meeting schedule for the next few months:

May 12, 8:30 am, Council at Ontario Middle/High School Auditorium, 447 Shelby-Ontario Rd.

May 14, 1 pm, Civil Service Commission; and 4 pm, Planning Commission

Unless noted otherwise, meetings are held at the city building, 555 Stumbo Rd., Ontario. The Clerk of Council's Office supports the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Those who need special accommodations can call 48 hours prior to a meeting time at 419-529-6714 for arrangements.

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Kid's Day at Charles Mill Marina, 1277 State Route 430, Mansfield, will be held Saturday, June 14, from 10 am to noon.

There will be a kid's boating education seminar, free 15-minute pontoon boat rides, face painting, games and prizes, a photo booth, food trucks, llamas and alpacas from Shady Lane Alpaca Farm, animals from Gorman Nature Center and giveaways courtesy of Outback Steakhouse, State Farm Insurance, Western Southern Bank and Modern Woodman. There will also be booths from Richland Soil and Water Conservation District and Richland County Solid Waste.

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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 MRCPL Main Library will host "Read to the Dog!" on Monday, May 5, from 4-5:30 pm. Students in grade K-3 can come read to Teak, a Border Collie. Call 419-521-3130 to sign up for a 15 minute time slot.

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Timbuk Farms: A year-round destination for family fun and natural beauty in Granville, Ohio

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Tucked away beneath the breathtaking rolling hills of Licking County, OH, Timbuk Farms offers a charming escape for families and nature enthusiasts alike.

Established in 1952, this 300-acre farm has grown from one of Central Ohio's oldest and largest Christmas tree farms into a thriving, year-round destination celebrating the beauty of each season.

Jim and LaVonda Gibson took over Timbuk Farms in 2004 with a deep passion for horticulture and a goal to continue the rich, family-focused culture of the farm.

As a young twelve year old boy, he fondly remembers helping out at a friend from church's vegetable farm, JoÛson's Farm Produce. He always loved the growing of the plant process and fell in love with the world of agriculture. Gibson learned the horticulture industry at Ball Horticulture, a company where he worked for eight years, five in New York and three in Michigan.

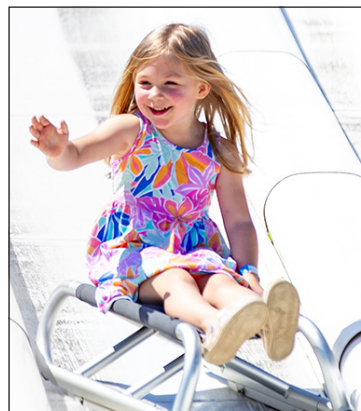
Each spring, Timbuk Farms bursts into color with its annual Tulip Festival, showcasing over 500,000 tulips across four acres, with over 60 varieties in total! The bulbs come from the Netherlands where they plant them mid October. Visitors have the opportunity to stroll through a blooming wonderland full of vibrant fields, pick their own tulips for \$1 per stem, and enjoy a variety of family-friendly activities, including a petting zoo, bounce pad, bobsled hill slides, and playground. Weekends feature live music, food trucks and face painting, creating a festive atmosphere for all ages. Don't miss peak bloom, order tickets now at <https://www.timbuk.com/timbuk-tulip-festival-2025#ticketsales>.

"Here at Timbuk Farms, we're promoting a great day on the Farm. Please come enjoy!" said Jim. "We try to make it fun for the whole family. There's a lot of photo opportunity spots for all the Instagram fans out there."

During the transition from summer to fall, Timbuk Farms continues to draw guests with its lush garden center, offering locally grown plants and gardening supplies. The Fall Festival, running from late August through October, invites families to enjoy sunflower and pumpkin fields, a corn maze, barnyard animals, and live music. With various photo opportunities, it makes it a perfect outing for creating lasting memories with family and friends.

When winter arrives, Timbuk Farms transforms into a holiday wonderland. Families can choose from a variety of homegrown Christmas trees, including Blue Spruce, Canaan Fir, and Douglas Fir, either pre-cut or cut-your-own. The festive atmosphere is enhanced by visits with Santa Claus, hot chocolate by the lodge's fireplace, a holiday gift shop, and seasonal decorations like wreaths and poinsettias. This timeless Christmas tradition will soon become a staple on your family bucket list!

Timbuk Farms, 2030 Timbuk Rd., Granville, operates with seasonal hours, typically opening from 10 am to 6 pm Monday through Saturday and 9 am to 5 pm on Sunday. Whether you're seeking the perfect Christmas tree, vibrant tulips or a fun-filled day with family, Timbuk Farms offers a welcoming and memorable experience throughout the year. For more information on events, hours, and ticketing and peak bloom times, stay up-to-date by visiting www.timbukfarms.com or follow them on social media.





THE MANSFIELD RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY celebrated Outreach Appreciation Day on April 9. The Bookmobile staff helps to bring the library to locations other than MRCPL branches. At the Bookmobile, library patrons can get a library card, pick up holds, return materials and check out books, DVDs and video games. It also offers free WiFi. Upcoming stops include Country Fabrics, 6142 Ganges-Five Points Rd., Shiloh, on Saturday, May 3 from 10 am to noon; Cornerstone Merchandise, 7316 Amstutz Rd., Shiloh, on May 3 from 12:30–2 pm; and the Area Agency on Aging, 2131 Park Avenue W., Ontario, on Tuesday, May 6, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Visit <https://www.mrcpl.org/bookmobile/> for more information.

Ohio and Indiana deploy partially automated trucks

A pair of tractor-trailers with automated truck platooning technology has begun traveling Interstate 70 between Columbus and Indianapolis delivering shipments for EASE Logistics.

This deployment is a collaboration between the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)'s DriveOhio initiative and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) to advance the adoption of truck automation technologies in the logistics industry across the Midwest.

For decades, Ohio and Indiana have leveraged their geography and world-class transportation system to become leaders in logistics. While the majority of automated vehicle testing to date has been done in regions with warmer and more predictable weather, it's crucial to assess technology performance in adverse weather conditions to deliver the safety benefits of this technology to residents in the Midwest.

"Everything we do at ODOT is driven by safety. We're committed to reducing deaths on our roadways and vehicle automation technologies can be part of the solution," said ODOT Director Pam Boratyn. "Many vehicles on the road today have some degree of automated driving systems including adaptive cruise control, lane keep assist, and automatic braking. All of these features are designed to improve safety and reduce driver stress."

"Harnessing truck automation technology is one of many innovative safety efforts underway at INDOT," said INDOT Commissioner Lyndsay Quist. "In partnership with Ohio, our goal is to create a safer, lower-stress environment for all drivers."

The EASE Logistics trucks are equipped with platooning technology provided by Kratos Defense that electronically links the two vehicles and allows the driver of the lead vehicle to control the speed and direction of the second truck, enabling it to precisely follow the path of the leader. During portions of the I-70 trips, the follower truck will automatically steer, accelerate, and brake, supporting safe, efficient operation and consistent vehicle coordination. Professional drivers will be in the driver's seat of both trucks throughout the deployment and can turn off the technology system and take over if needed.

"At Kratos, we have adapted advanced automated truck platooning technology — originally developed for the U.S. military — to address critical challenges facing commercial logistics, agriculture, energy, and mining sectors, all vital to national security," said Maynard Factor, VP of Business Development at Kratos Defense. "This project offers a real-world opportunity to demonstrate how proven automated driving systems can increase safety, strengthen supply chain resilience, and ensure economic vitality. Operating along the I-70 corridor between Ohio and Indiana enables us to showcase per-

formance in complex, all-weather conditions essential to Midwest freight operations and accelerates readiness for broad adoption. This marks a significant step forward in bringing scalable, next-generation automation to the industries that keep the nation moving."

"At EASE, we're committed to driving innovation in logistics with safety at the core of everything we do," said Peter Coratola Jr., Founder & CEO at EASE. "Our work on the I-70 project is a clear example of that commitment—we implemented a Crawl/Walk/Run pre-deployment strategy and required our drivers to complete 260 hours of intensive training to ensure they were fully prepared. We're focused on creating meaningful change in the industry, guided by a clear vision and a deep responsibility to lead. Through projects like this, we're not only advancing innovation—we're helping establish EASE and our region as national leaders in transportation."

The trucks are also equipped with cameras and sensors for object detection that enable the following vehicle to automatically adjust its speed, or stop, if another vehicle or object moves in between the trucks. Because the follower truck travels at a closer distance than is typical, the trucks will have a purple light on the cab that is illuminated when they're in platooning mode to alert law enforcement that they are digitally connected.

"This technology offers a complete safety system with redundancies that could make roadways safer. It is necessary that we continue to explore improving roadway safety," said Ohio State Highway Patrol Captain Chris Kinn. "Unlike human drivers, automated vehicles do not drive impaired, text while driving, fall asleep at the wheel, or recklessly speed. The goal of this technology is to take the human error out of the safety equation."

Funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, this multi-year \$8.8 million project aims to deploy varying levels of automation and integrate these technologies into truck fleets' daily freight-hauling operations. Later this year, ODOT and INDOT will release a Request for Proposals for additional deployments of automated trucks in Ohio and Indiana.



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Clear Fork Reservoir • Photo By Mark Shutt

Leaders join together for foster care discussion

More than 250,000 children are placed into the foster care system in the United States every year. More than 23,000 youth are forced to exit the system annually without having found a forever family, leaving them to fend for themselves.

In Ohio, 14,720 youth are in foster care, and 4,826 will age out in the next five years. They are more likely to endure challenges such as, homelessness, unemployment, academic difficulties, substance abuse and food insecurity.

Richland County Youth and Family Council, in collaboration with Richland County Children Services, is hosting a pivotal event titled "Aging Out of the Foster Care System. What Now?"

This forum, scheduled for Friday, May 9, at 11 am in Eisenhower Hall at The Ohio State University at Mansfield, aims to shed light on the challenges faced by youth transitioning out of the foster care system and explore ways the community can offer support for their successful integration into society.

Attendees will have the opportunity to engage with local leaders, including Michelle Miller, Richland County Youth and Family Council Executive Director; Herbert Ross, Program Director/QMHS/CDCA/Life Coach/Intervention Specialist, Family Life Counseling; Mary Stephan, Independent Living Caseworker, Richland County Children Services; RCCS youths who have aged out of foster care; and Kathy Goodwin, Family Housing Intervention Specialist and Third Street Family Health Services/Safe Program Mansfield City Schools.

The discussion will be moderated by Aurelio Diaz, 5th Ward Mansfield City Councilman.

This forum seeks to inspire collective action in providing a nurturing environment for these young individuals to flourish.

Doors open at 10:45 am with a free luncheon at 11 am.

The forum begins at 11:30 am. For further details, contact Michelle Miller at 419-774-5442.

HEAP application deadline is May 31

The Ohio Department of Development and the Area Agency on Aging want to remind older Ohioans that assistance is available to help with their home energy bills.

The Home Energy Assistance

Program (HEAP) helps Ohioans at or below 175% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for a household of up to seven members and 60% of state median income for a household of eight or more members to pay their heat-

ing bills.

Applied directly to the customer's utility or bulk fuel bill, the benefit can help manage heating costs. Older Ohioans may go to their local Area Agency on Aging office for help with assembling the required documents and completing their HEAP application. They may also visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov to apply online or to download a copy of the application.

When applying, individuals need to have copies of most recent utility bills, a list of all household members (including birth dates and Social Security numbers), proof of income for the past 30 days for all household members (12 months for certain income types), proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members, and proof of disability (if applicable).

HEAP benefits are applied to an energy bill after Jan. 1, 2025. Applications for the HEAP program must be received by May 31.

For more information or assistance with applying for a HEAP benefit, contact Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. at 419-524-4144 and ask for a navigator or visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov.

Zoo to host Trike & Bike event

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo will host a VeloSano Trike & Bike event of Saturday, July 25, from 7-9:30 am.

The Trike & Bike is more than just a fun bike ride for kids. It's part of the VeloSano movement and empowers young riders to fundraise for pediatric cancer research.

This year, an entirely new Trike & Bike experience is being introduced at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

100% of dollars raised by junior riders supports pediatric cancer research at Cleveland Clinic Children's.

The day's schedule includes 7 am, Trike & Bike Festival begins; 8 am, Elephant Loop (ages 3-4); 8:30 am, Trike & Bike program; 8:45 am, Savanna Loop (ages 5-7); 8:45 am, Wilderness Trek Loop (ages 8-10); and 9:30 am, Trike & Bike concludes and participants/guests can enjoy the zoo.

The event is for children ages 3 to 10 from across Northeast Ohio.

Register early at <https://velosano.org/trike-bike> for discounted pricing. Space is limited. Cost is \$30 per child until May 15. Price increases to \$40 after May 15. Each registered child receives two tickets to the zoo on July 26, one for the junior rider and one for a parent/guardian. Additional zoo tickets for family members will be available for purchase in June.

Each participant is encouraged to fundraise, with a suggested minimum goal of \$250 per rider with every dollar going to pediatric cancer research at Cleveland Clinic Children's.

The zoo is located at 3900 Wildlife Way, Cleveland.



•National Work Zone Awareness Week recognized at fairgrounds

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that's their office. And you're driving through their office at 55-60 mph. Put that into perspective. The only wall that they have is the barrels. We want to ensure that they go home to their loved ones at the end of each day."

According to the Ohio State Highway Patrol, there were 4,000 work zone crashes in Ohio last year and 35% of these crashes occurred with workers present. Sadly, 22 people were killed in 21 deadly work zone crashes. Another 123 were seriously injured in 97 work zone crashes.

Speed continues to be a major factor in work zone crashes with 38% of fatal work zone crashes involved excessive speed, over the past five years.

Last summer, ODOT and the Ohio State Highway Patrol teamed up for Operation Cone Zone, an increased enforcement effort in work zones. This initiative resulted in lower numbers of crashes and fatalities compared to 2023. Plans are in place for this effort to take place again in 2025 with a focus on maintaining a visible presence in high-priority interstate work zones to enhance compliance with work zone safety laws.



Sgt. Shane Morrow, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ashland Post

Students will compete in Madison Elementary Olympics on May 15

Madison Elementary Olympics will be held at Ram Field at Madison Comprehensive High School, 600 Esley Ln., Mansfield, on Thursday, May 15, at 6 pm.

The second grade fun run will kick-off the night. All second grade students are invited to participate.

The main event will be when the third grade students face off against fourth grade students. Those competing are students who qualified for the event.

There will be a concession stand and Kona Ice will attend as a fundraiser for the cheerleading squad.

The event is free with donations at the door going towards Brax-

ton Cole and the elementary PE department.

Events will be available for all students to participate on the field lead by the high school soccer, football and basketball team coaches and players.

Dairy industry to remove artificial colors from school lunch program

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins applauded the International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA) announcement on the IDFA Healthy Dairy in Schools Commitment, a voluntary, proactive pledge to eliminate Red 3, Red 40, Green 3, Blue 1, Blue 2, Yellow 5, and Yellow 6 in milk, cheese, and yogurt products sold to K-12 schools for the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs beginning during the 2026-'27 school year:

"America's dairy farmers and milk processors have always led the way in providing our families and schoolchildren with healthy, nutritious, and delicious milk products. While I look forward to getting whole milk back into our schools, today's announcement shows how the dairy industry is voluntarily driving change and giving consumers what they want, without government mandates," said Secretary Brooke Rollins.

"I thank IDFA and the dairy industry for leading the way and look forward to other industries thinking about how together, we can Make America Healthy Again."

FRIENDS of the Galion Public Library will hold spring sale

The semi-annual book sale of the FRIENDS of the Galion Public Library (FGPL) will be May 8, 9 and 10 in the community room at the library, 123 N. Market St.

Hours for the sale are Thursday, May 8 from 9:30 am to 8 pm; Friday, May 9 from 9:30 am to 5 pm; and Saturday, May 10 from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.

FRIENDS members have special early shopping privileges on Wednesday, May 7 from 6 -8 pm.

Books and other media are by donation and proceeds go to the operation of the library and its programs.

Denise Iden, president of the organization points out that "for years now, we have been able to help the library buy computers, children's programs and even furniture that the library does not have the pockets to afford."

This sale is the mainstay of our revenue, and it's the support of Galion and the surrounding community that helps us by generously donating to this sale. Of course in turn, many find the perfect books to fill their summer reading!"

For more information call Denise Iden at 419-366-5740.

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THE STAFF AND STUDENT BODY OF ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL elected seniors to the 2025 Prom Court on the basis of friendliness, outgoing personality, leadership skills, school spirit and school and community involvement. Named to the court are 5-22- Aialyn Bischak, Baylee Black, Katie Bolin, Sophia Fraley, Stella Kaufman, Abigail Kern, Rowan McManes, Morgan Turnbaugh, Adison Viers, Kennedy Weiler, Logan Bernat, Bryan Carrizon Ramos, Aiden Fox, Zachary McChristy, Logan Meyers, Kharmarion Oden, Ethan Radocscics, Evan Ruhe, Landon Sowards and Grady Taylor. 2025 Homecoming King Dean Morrison and Homecoming Queen Nissi Powers will crown the prom king and queen at the conclusion of the Grand March on Saturday, May 3. The Grand March begins at 8pm.

Pioneer board recognizes Staff Appreciation Week

At the regular meeting April 21, the Pioneer Board of Education approved an agreement with NEOnet and adopted a resolution for Staff Appreciation Week.

The board adopted resolutions for the recognition of the Byron Carmean Award winner and for approval of student insurance rates for the 2025-'26 school year.

The board accepted the Richland County Foundation Grant for the Lights, Camera, Action and Explore program.

Donations were accepted from the Alumni Association of Pioneer, Shelby, \$1,000 to the Pioneer Alumni Endowment fund in memory of Rebecca Stacklin; Kim Beveridge, Bellville, various material, sewing machines and thread with an approximate value of \$7,500 to the Performing Arts program; Morgan Ganzhorn, Shelby, various cosmetology items with an approximate value of \$189.25 for the cosmetology program; and Steve JoÛson, Tavens, Mansfield, two crates of cardboard sheets with an approximate value of \$5,000 used for the cardboard boat regatta; Kenny Owen, Shelby, \$150 to be deposited into the Art Barr Scholarship fund; and Angela Sullivan, Shelby, prom dresses for the Pioneer Sharing Closet.

Donations to the Summer Kennard Scholarship fund were given by Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Norris, Ontario, \$100; Mr. & Mrs. Jeffery Ritz, Willard, \$100; Mr. & Mrs. Steven Schmidt, Encourager's Sunday School, Rincon, GA, \$50; and Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Wenzel, Mansfield, \$50.

The board approved student participation in competitive events including the DECA National Competition, Convention Center, Orlando, FL, April 27-May 1; and FFA State Convention, Ohio Expo Center & State Fair, Columbus, May 1-2.

The board accepted the resignation of Shannon Sprang, academic supervisor, effective July 31, 2025. Resignations were also accepted from Kip Stevens, welding instructor, retiring effective June 1, 2025; Joy Downing, intervention specialist, effective at the end of the 2024-'25 school year; and Terry Stuart, home remodeling instructor, effective at the end of the 2024-'25 school year.

Employment was approved for certificated and classified personnel for the 2025-'26 school year.

The board approved a voluntary transfer of Margaret Mergel from intervention specialist to career development specialist beginning with the 2025-'26 school year.

One-year contract hirings included William Dichtl, graphic arts instructor; Paul Gladden, intervention specialist; Lynette Moritz, media communications instructor; Heidi Rietschlin, intervention specialist; and JoÛ Stewart, intervention specialist.

A dock day was approved for Lindsay Neumann, language arts instructor, for one day of unpaid leave, April 4, 2025.

Supplemental contracts were awarded to Robin Hage, 2025 summer school coordinator.

The board also approved credits for 2025 summer school edge-

nity instructors. This will be \$100 per one credit class and \$50 per half credit class.

Contracts to be initiated after completion of enrollments in courses for summer school 2025 include Aaryn Evans, language arts instructor; Robin Hager, social studies instructor; and Emma Jenkins, math instructor; JoÛ Yohe, science instructor.

The board approved stipend contracts for chaperones JoÛ Burgess, Grant Brocwell and Lynette Moritz, State Skills Competition, March 18-19, \$50 each; Kelly Jung, FCCLA State Officer Interview, April 5, \$100; and Melissa Myers, HOSA State Leadership Conference, April 9-10, \$50.

Google Training Stipends were approved for Lynette Moritz, Google Level 2 Certified Educator Training Class Instructor, \$125; and Meghan Townley, Google Level 2 Certified Educator, \$110.

Monica Bautista was hired as a support secretary on a one-year contract. Andrew Craft was hired as an IT field technician on a one-year contract. Jamie Porter was hired on a one-year contract as a student services/EMIS secretary.

Summer custodial workers hired are Joshua Burtscher, Patty Coleman, Heath Jensen, Lauren JoÛson, Riley JoÛson and Travis Slone.

The board approved non-renewal of part-time substitute classified personnel. Amber Reed was hired as an adult education LPN instructor.

An addendum to the agenda was made to approve student participation in the FCCLA State Leadership Conference, Ohio Expo Center, Columbus, April 24-25.

Summer courses offered at OSU-M

Ohio State students who want to complete credit hours this summer still have time to register for summer classes. Nearly two dozen options are available at Ohio State Mansfield. Courses begin May 6 and students have up until that date to register.

Summer courses are exclusively online and meet the requirements of Ohio State's General Education Foundation and Theme courses. Additionally, Ohio State students can enroll in Mansfield's online courses no matter which Ohio State campus they are enrolled.

"Summer courses are a great way for students to meet general degree requirements from any location," said Dawn Kitchen, professor and associate dean at Ohio State Mansfield. "It's easy to enroll, but students need to act fast to secure their spot."

To review summer course offerings at Ohio State Mansfield, visit go.osu.edu/C4hN. Courses include astronomy, dance, food science and technology, mathematics, public affairs, geography, theatre, history of art, sociology, Spanish, art education, environment and natural resources, kinesiology: sport, fitness & health, philosophy, psychology, educational studies: philosophy of education, English, French, human nutrition and international studies.



MADISON COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL'S National Honor Society, under the direction of Tracey Burden, pitched in to help get the Madison Community Youth Park ready for the baseball, softball and t-ball season.

Mother's Day pumpkin will benefit Breast Cancer Research

Renowned glass artist Jack Pine unveiled his 2025 Mother's Day Pumpkin, with the first chance to purchase this collectible at the Jack Pine Glass Garden Art Festival, May 2-4 in the Hocking Hills.

The festival runs Friday, noon-7 pm, Saturday 10 am to 7 pm and Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm.

Pine has pledged to donate 10 percent of all sales of the pumpkin, including online sales through May, to the Smullen Family Fund for Breast Cancer Research at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center-Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute (OSUCCC-James). The Smullen Family Fund was launched in 2018 to honor Ohioan Cindy Smullen, who bravely fought breast cancer for 10 years before husband, Greg, and children Jake, Abby and Emme, said goodbye to her in 2016.

Jack Pine has a history of giving back to his community, with a special interest in funding research aimed at battling cancer and helping needy kids. Last May, Pine's teal blue 2024 Mother's Day pumpkin honored women who fought or are fighting ovarian cancer. He donated 10 percent of 2024 Mother's Day pumpkin sales — \$8,646.99 — to ovarian cancer research at OSUCCC-James.



Thousands of hand-blown Jack Pine glass garden art pieces and his signature pumpkins, along with the work of more than two dozen other artists, will be available at the 11-acre festival.

Local food trucks, kids activities and live music will be available. Parking is limited and festivalgoers are encouraged reserve VIP advance discount parking, which includes a \$5 coupon towards any Jack Pine glass art purchase, for \$5 at glassgardenfestival.com.



Photo By Luke Beekman

THIS WINNING ARTWORK is from the recent Artapalooza exhibit. Winners were: Best of Show, Addison Langston; High School First Place, Hannah Nolan; and Middle School First Place, M. Rannels.

Public art partnership happening at main library

To encourage public art and elevate local artists, the Mansfield Public Art Commission (MPAC) has joined efforts with the Mansfield Richland County Public Library to design a new art gallery space for public exhibitions. The dedicated space is on the second-floor lobby of the Main Library. MPAC will coordinate all of the artwork displayed in this space.

This year's top award winners at the recent Artapalooza, Mid-

Ohio Educational Service Center's annual student art show, were invited by MPAC to exhibit their winning artwork at The Mayor's Show: Rising Artists of Mid-Ohio. Regarding the show, Mansfield City's Mayor, Jodie A. Perry states, "I firmly believe that the arts have the power to transform a community. I am excited for this inaugural show to spotlight some amazing local emerging artists."

This gallery exhibition will be

the first to be displayed in the new space from May 1 to 23.

The community is invited to a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, May 1, at 4:30 pm at the exhibit wall in the Main Library.

The main library, 43 W. Third St., Mansfield, is open Monday through Thursday, from 9 am to 8 pm; Friday and Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm; and Sunday, 1-5 pm. For more information visit mrcpl.org.

Rt. 13 construction project updates given

The Rt. 13 ODOT construction project continues. All outlined work is weather permitting. Visit OHGO.com for travel updates.

SR 13 northbound and southbound, from Hanley Road 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.

The South Main Street entrance ramp to SR 13 north will close Monday, May 5 for 60 days for resurfacing work. The detour route to SR 13 north will be South Main St. south to W. Cook Road west to U.S. 42 north (Lexington Ave.) to SR 13. The estimated ramp reopening is Friday, July 4.

The SR 13 south exit ramp to South Main Street will close Monday, May 5 for 60 days for resurfacing work. The detour route to South Main Street will be to continue south on SR 13 to Hanley Road west to South Main Street north. The estimated ramp reopening is July 4.

Access from Chilton Ave to SR 13 will close Monday, May 5 for 60 days due to resurfacing work. The detour route will be SR 13 to W. Raleigh Ave to Marquis Ave to Chilton Ave. Estimated ramp reopening is Friday, July 4.

Westbound access from Straub Road to SR 13 will close Wednesday, May 7 for 7 days due to resurfacing work. Motorists traveling eastbound along Straub Road will have access to the intersection. The detour route westbound motorists will be Woodville Road south to Hanley Road west to S. Main Street north to Straub Road. Estimated reopening of westbound side is Wednesday, May 14.

Eastbound access from Straub Road to SR 13 will close Wednesday, May 14 for 7 days due to resurfacing work. Motorists traveling westbound along Straub Road will have access to the intersection. The detour route for eastbound motorists will be Straub Road to S. Main Street south to Hanley Road east to Woodville Road north to Straub Road. Estimated completion: Wednesday, May 21.

The I-71 south exit ramp (Exit

169) to SR 13 will close Tuesday, May 13 for 14 days due to resurfacing work. The detour route will be to continue south on I-71 to the SR 97 exit (Exit 165), exit onto SR 97 and reenter onto I-71 north, and take I-71 north to Exit 169 to SR 13. Estimated ramp reopening: Tuesday, May 27.

The SR 13 north exit ramp to Cook Road will close Wednesday, May 14 for 60 days for resurfacing work. The detour route for motorists travelling to Cook Road will be to continue on SR 13 north to E. 1st Street to S. Diamond Street to Woodville Road to Cook Road. Estimated ramp reopening is Sunday, July 13.

The Cook Road entrance ramp to SR 13 south will close Wednesday, May 21 for 60 days for resurfacing work. The detour route for motorists traveling to SR 13 south will be Cook Road to S. Main St to Hanley Road to SR 13. Estimated ramp reopening: Sunday, July 20.

Estimated completion for the 2025 construction season: November 2025.

Estimated completion of the entire project is May 2027.

Presentations to be given at OUMC May 3

Elva Hurst will share her faith story using chalk talk at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, on Saturday, May 3, from 8:30-11 am.

Hurst is an artist from Lancaster County, PA. She grew up in a large Old Order Mennonite family and spent most of her time teaching herself art between chores on the family dairy farm.

After graduating eighth grade from her one room school, she discovered the art of chalk talk.

She now owns and operates the Barnyard Art Studio and Gallery on her 40 acre farm in Lancaster, PA. She does some traveling to share her stories of faith and freedom through chalk talk.

She will share her stories through fluorescent chalk, music and sound effects. The grand finale includes a colored light and an ultraviolet black light to create effects on her art work.

Klye Ray is from Mansfield and is passionate about capturing the beauty and craftsmanship of every church he photographs. He started over a year ago and has photographed nearly 150 churches.

His passion for architecture and history stems from his former job at the Ohio State Reformatory in Mansfield. What started as a small hobby has turned into a large project.

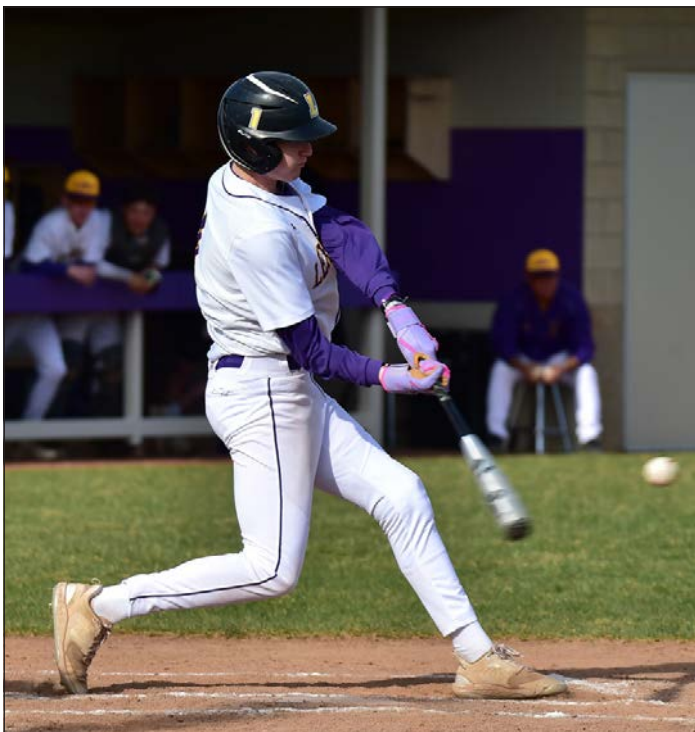
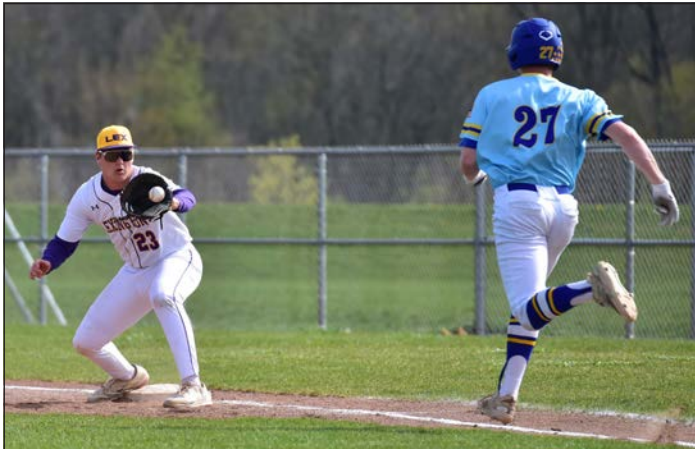
Ray will be sharing his photographs at Ontario United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 3, from 1-2:15 pm.

Both of these presentations are a part of the Ohio Methodist Historical Society's annual meeting. There will be a free will offering for the presentations. Those attending can stay for the day and eat lunch. If staying for lunch RSVP to 419-529-4058



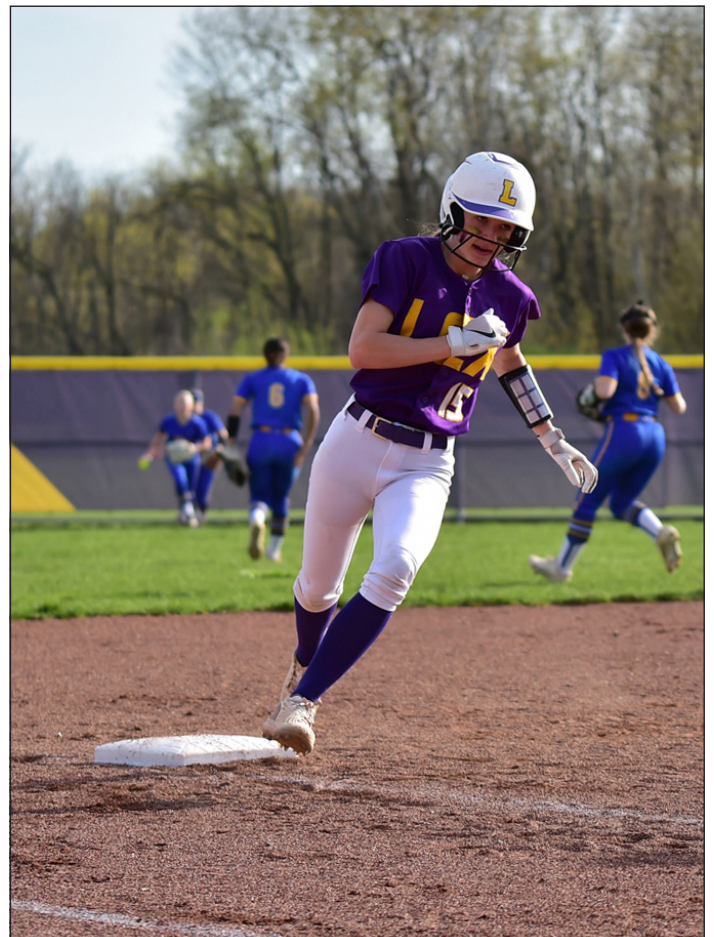
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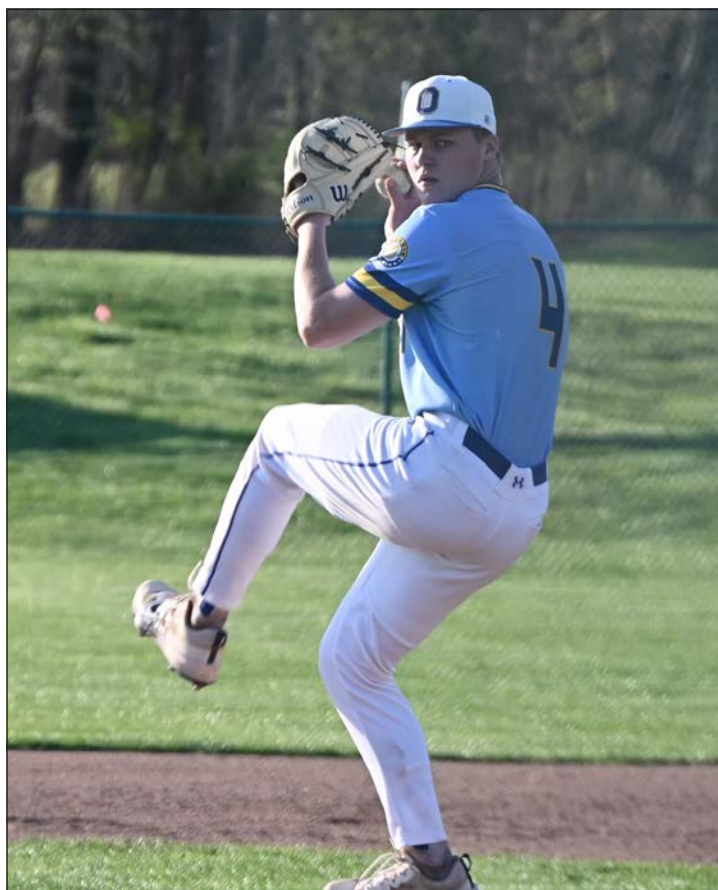
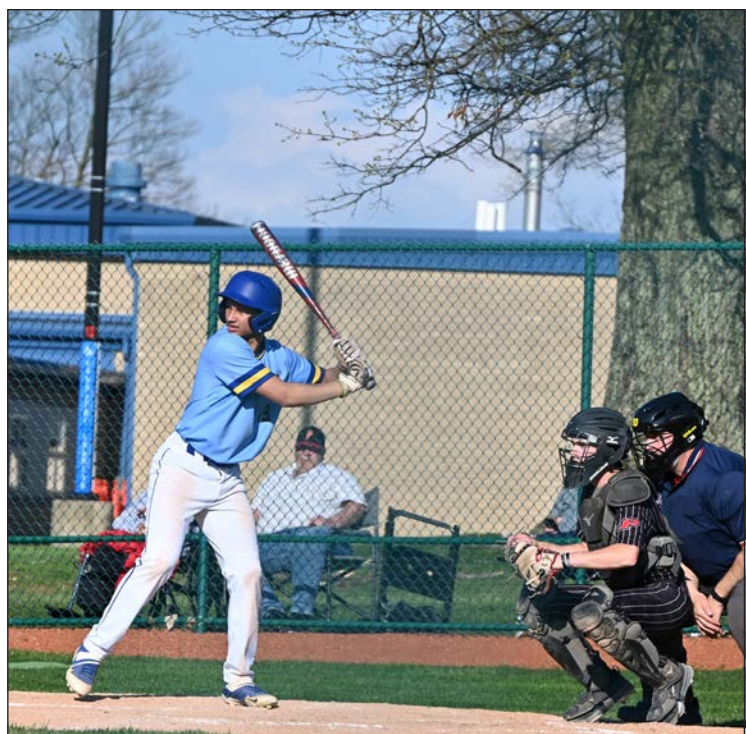
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Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Area baseball and softball teams finally get a break from the rain

By Kris Leiter

Mid-Buckeye Conference

Crestline

Lady Bulldogs Softball (5-6 overall, 3-1, second MBC) took a loss April 9 from the Lucas Lady Cubs and has been on fire ever since with five straight victories. The most recent game on April 23, was a 15-0 shutout against Mansfield Senior.

The Crestline Bulldogs Baseball team (2-12 overall, 1-4, fourth MBC) notched a win against the Mansfield Christian Flames in the second game of a double-header in fine fashion 14-2 on April 18.

Lucas

Lady Cubs Softball (5-7 overall, 5-0, first MBC), under head coach Jackie Ault, are a staunt 4-2 in the last six games. They

are currently undefeated in the Mid-Buckeye Conference. The Lady Cubs handed conference foe Central Christian back-to-back losses of 16-7 and 11-9.

Cubs Baseball's (7-5 overall, 4-1, first MBC) first year head Dean George couldn't be a prouder "papa," as his Cubs are blazing a trail in the last two games since April 22.

Big wins came on April 22

against Central Christian, 7-2, and just last week on April 24 over the Eagles of Colonel Crawford, on the road nonetheless, 15-3, with a huge 10-run rally in the seventh inning to cap the victory!

Firelands Conference

Plymouth

Lady Big Red Softball (5-10 overall, 2-6, seventh, Firelands) notched back-to-back wins on April 17 and 18. On April 17, they pulled out the victory on the road at Lucas in a tight margin of 6-4. On April 18, they exploded against Willard with a 13-2 win!

Big Red Baseball (7-5 overall, 4-3, third, Firelands) is 3-1 since April 17. They have had back-to-back victories in their last two games as well. April 17 was 10-5 against Lucas in Cub country. April 22 was a huge shutout of 11-0 against New London, on the road, as was April 24 in Mapleton, 13-3!

Crestview

The Lady Cougars Softball team (13-2 overall, 7-0, first, Firelands) is roaring in the Firelands Conference and are undefeated! The month of April has been the winning month for the ladies, with nine wins since April 7.

In those nine games, the Lady
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MADISON'S TENNIS TEAM dominated the courts with a 5-0 sweep against Bucyrus. Results were: 1st Singles, Taylor Steffey defeated Seth Price 6-1, 6-3; 2nd Singles, Landon Stone defeated Mason Eldridge 6-1, 6-0; 3rd Singles, Drew Kepple defeated Aubrie Kimmel 6-3, 4-6, 7-5; 1st Doubles, Mason Jacobus/Yusuke Sasaki defeated Will Kuhn/Rielly Bolster 6-0, 6-0; and 2nd Doubles, Trenton Ford/Scott Graham defeated Bella Stang/Reese Garvin 6-2, 6-1.



CITY OF MANSFIELD MAYOR JODIE PERRY recently threw the first pitch at Liberty Park for the eighth grade Madison Middle School baseball team. Many volunteer hours have went to helping get Liberty Park back in shape after years of disrepair.

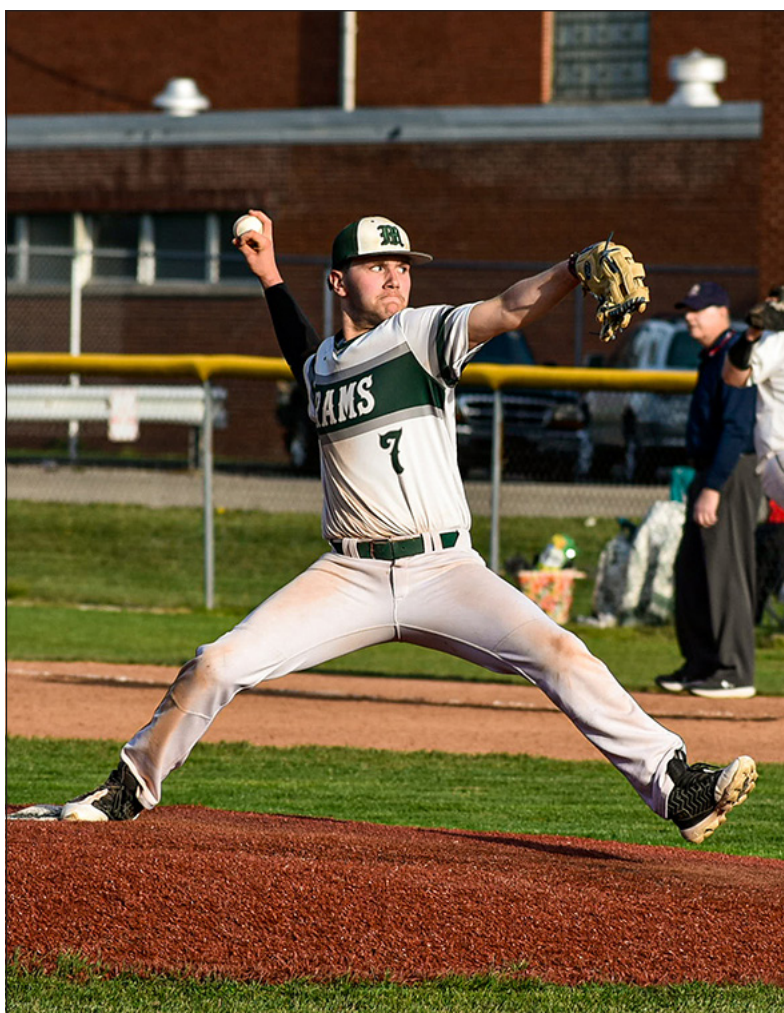
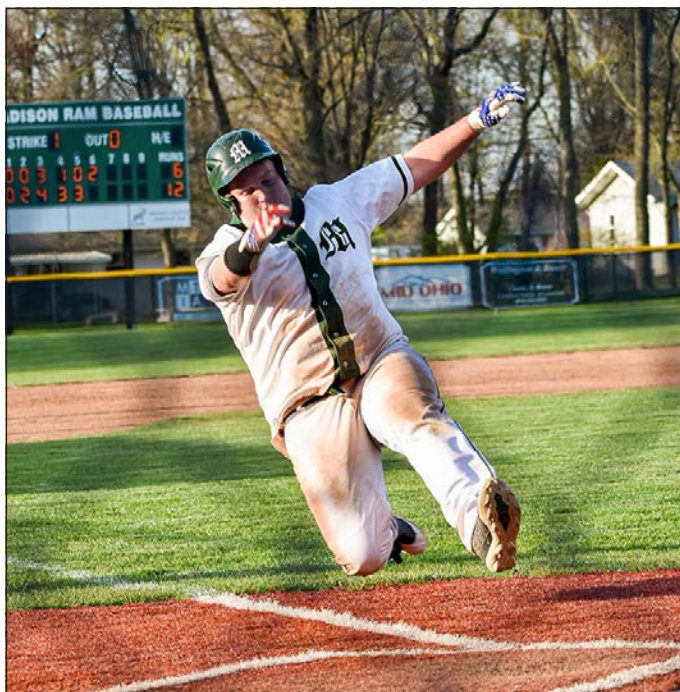
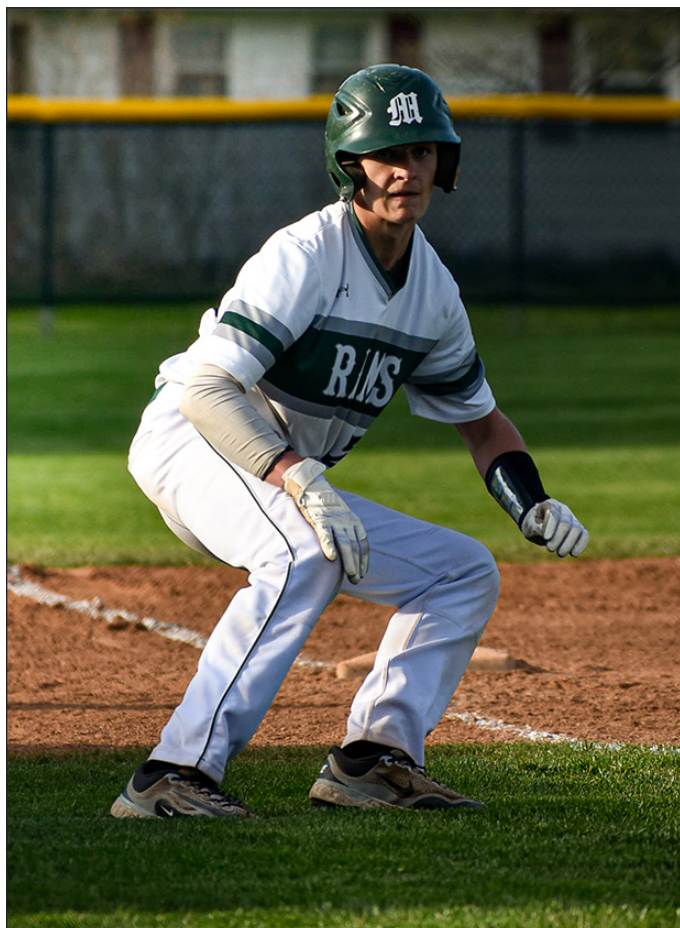
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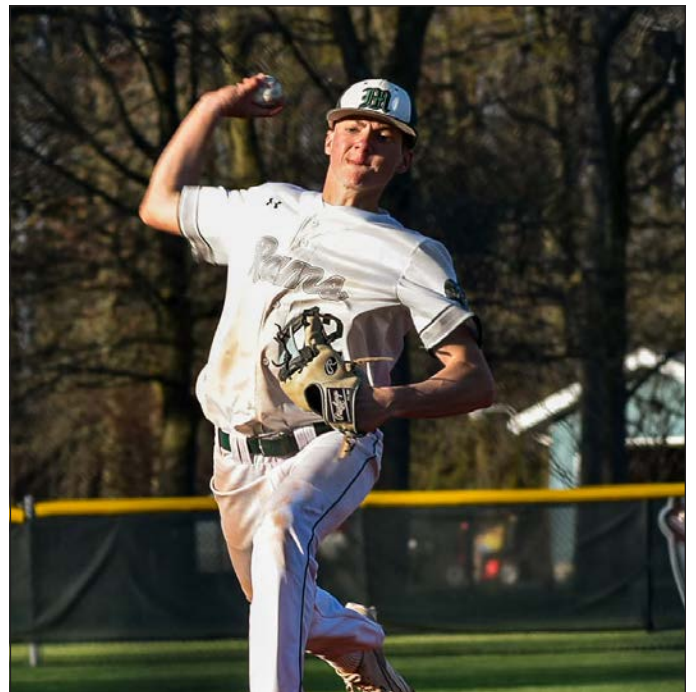
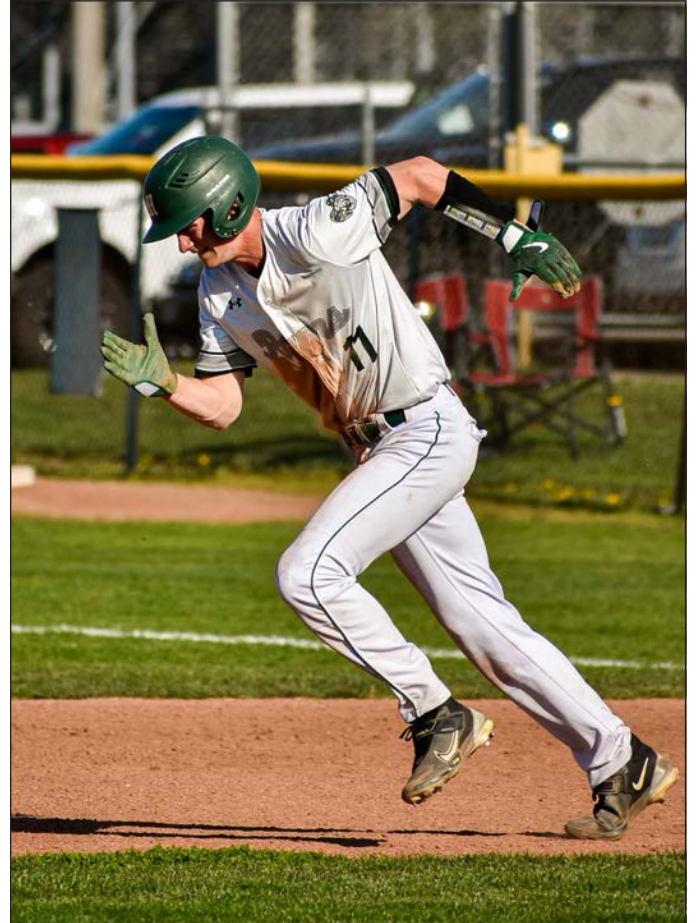
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RAMS WIN 14-8 · PHOTOS BY LILLIANA ALLEN



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MADISON VS WEST HOLMES VARSITY BASEBALL · APRIL 23
WEST HOLMES WINS 10-6 · PHOTOS BY LILLIANA ALLEN



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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids for the 2025 Resurfacing Program, City of Ontario, Ohio will be received by Adam Gangwer, Service-Safety Director, at 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio 44906 until 10:30am, local time Thursday May 8, 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 City of Ontario 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 City of Ontario.

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 September 26, 2025.

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

Adam Gangwer
Service-Safety Director
City of Ontario, OH
(T-C 4-24, 5-1 '25) 64 L

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 April 16, 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-03 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE 2025 CITY OF ONTARIO PAVING PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-04 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-10 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE 2026-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN FUNDS WITH THE RICHLAND

COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, OH
(T-C 4-24, 5-1 '25) 38L

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Madison Township Road Department is seeking a qualified person for summer employment beginning June 2025 through August 2025. Must be 18 years of age or older with a valid Ohio Driver's License.

Duties will include but are not limited to:

General Labor, Shoveling, Raking, Flagging Traffic, Lifting, Mowing, Weed eating, Etc.

40 hours per week, weather permitting, starting at \$18.00 per hour negotiable upon qualifications.

Applications can be received by contacting Larry Weirich @ 419-524-9999 or send resumes to madisonroaddept@gmail.com. Applications or Resumes will be accepted until May 12, 2025.

Larry Weirich
Madison Twp. Road Superintendent
Mansfield, OH
(T-C 5-1 '25) 24L

•Area softball, baseball teams finally get a break from the rain

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Cougars have held their opponents with their mighty defense and have not allowed the opposing team to score more than three.

Crestview Baseball (4-10 overall, 3-4, fifth, Firelands) pulled out the win on April 24, 6-5 over the New London Wildcats on the road.

Ohio Cardinal Conference

Lexington

Lady Lex Softball (13-2 overall, 6-2, second, OCC) is holding their own in the OCC, just below conference foe Madison. They have had three shutouts in the last four games.

Minuteman Baseball (7-4 overall, 4-0, second, OCC) is 3-1 in the last four outings. They have victories over conference member Madison on April 15 and 16 and April 19 against non-conference Johnstown.

Aquarium to offer free entry for military and first responders

Greater Cleveland Aquarium, Flats West Bank, 2000 Sycamore St., Cleveland, is offering first responders and active-duty military and veterans free parking and complimentary admission over four extended upcoming holiday weekends: Memorial Day Weekend, Friday, May 23-Monday, May 26; Fourth of July Weekend, Friday, July 4-Monday, July 7; Labor Day Weekend, Friday, Aug. 29-Monday, Sept. 1; and Veterans Day Weekend, Friday, Nov. 7-Tuesday, Nov. 11.

"This is a small expression of appreciation for their commitment to the community," said general manager Stephanie White, noting that the Flats West Bank destination will make a similar offer to classroom educators in the month of September. "These are demanding jobs, and an aquatic adventure is an opportunity to escape and unwind."

Whether its peering at piranha, observing an octopus, standing under a sandtiger shark or getting nose to nose with native turtles, Greater Cleveland Aquarium adds a splash of wonder to any day. Fresh and saltwater habitats allow guests to explore nearby lakes and faraway oceans, while daily interactive experiences from Sharks & Scuba Underwater Q&As to animal encounters put them in touch with their natural curiosity and the living world.

The Waves of Appreciation Weekends opportunity is open to active-duty military, veterans or reservists, police officers, sheriff/sheriff's deputies, correctional officers, state troopers, federal law enforcement officers, career or volunteer firefighters, physicians, nurses, EMTs, paramedics and 911 dispatchers.

To redeem, first responders and military should present their parking ticket and valid ID in-person at the Aquarium's ticket counter on the day of their visit. The offer is valid for the individual only.

Additional guest tickets are available at regular admission rates — \$19.95 (ages 13+), \$13.95 (ages 2-12) and \$0 (passholders, guests younger than two or better than 100).

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