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Richland County Foundation grants over \$8.7M in 2024

During the Richland County Foundation (RCF) annual meeting, RCF President & CEO Allie Watson reported the foundation granted \$8,771,101 in 2024. Donors continued to be very generous and gifts for the year totaled \$8,721,037.

Foundation donors were most passionate about supporting community development with grants totaling \$2,640,595. Other sectors receiving grants were children/families/youth \$1,618,939, education \$1,599,678, arts & culture \$1,411,118, human services \$877,956, health services \$196,736, environment \$191,436, economic development \$153,537, and churches \$81,106. To review the 2024 annual report, go to richlandcountyfoundation.org.

Guest speaker Chair of the Women's Fund, Amy Hiner discussed their focus on childcare. She said the Women's Fund has invested in childcare since 2019. Access to affordable, high-quality childcare is an economic issue for women and lays the foundation for successful educational outcomes in children ages birth to five. When women and families thrive, our community is strong, and our future is bright. The Women's Fund is seeking companies and organizations to partner with us to fund this effort.

During the business portion of the meeting, Troy Cramer, Laurie McKeon and Marcella Smith were approved as incoming board of trustee members. Trustees serving as officers this coming year are chair, Dr. Theresa Roth-Groth; chair elect, Lee Tasseff; secretary, Jack Stewart; and treasurer, Dakota Durbin.

Jessica Gribben, Jason Guillems, Barbara Zaugg-Joudrey and Jotika Shetty completed their terms and were recognized for their dedication and service to the community.



RICHLAND COUNTY FOUNDATION President & CEO Allie Watson with outgoing board of trustees member Jessica Gribben and chair Chris Hiner at the annual meeting May 9.

Memorial Day events planned

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9943 Auxiliary and Mansfield Memorial Park will hold the 54th Annual Avenue of Flags Ceremony Sunday, May 25, at 1 pm at Mansfield Memorial Park, 2507 Park Avenue West, Ontario.

Over 200 flags, donated in the past by families of deceased veterans interred at the park, will be up throughout the park. Seven new flags will be presented during the ceremony.

The Mansfield Memorial Day Parade will be Monday, May 26, at 10:30 am. The parade begins at the five-way intersection of Park Avenue West and Marion Avenue and continues down Park Avenue to the gazebo on the square. There is a memorial service at the gazebo immediately following the parade. (See Ad on Page 6)



Madison Elementary Olympics brings community together

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Madison Elementary families and friends gathered for an unforgettable evening of excitement, energy, and school spirit at the 2025 Elementary Olympics, held Thursday, May 15, at the high school track. The event brought students, staff, and the community together in a celebration of athleticism and unity — all while supporting a great cause.

The festivities kicked off with a spirited second grade fun run, as young runners made their way around the track to enthusiastic cheers from proud families. The main event followed, as third and fourth grade students went head-to-head in a series of Olympic-style competitions, showcasing their skills, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Adding to the exciting atmosphere, various coaches and teams hosted games and interactive activities on the football field, offering fun for students of all ages. Families also enjoyed tasty treats and refreshments from the concession stand, making it a memorable night filled with Ram Pride.

This memorable event also served as the launch of Madison Elementary's 2025 school fundraiser. With the theme of community and collaboration, the school aims to raise funds for vital improvements including school safety equipment, art supplies, field trip opportunities, classroom resources, and beautification projects around the school.

The high-energy fun run was filled with music, movement, and joy. This event always proves to be a vibrant display of school spirit

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LOST IN A BOOK



A Book Review
By Mandy Belczak Gurney



Fiona Davis never disappoints. I love how she takes historic landmarks in NYC and weaves a historical fiction story from those bones.

The Chelsea Girls is about The Chelsea Hotel and the world of Broadway.

WWII is ending and two friends are ready to make a new life in the world of the theatre.

Politics bully their way into the theatre world and accusations are made out of communist fears. Are there real Russian spies in their midst?

The history was interesting and the mystery kept me hooked.

My rating: ★★★★★

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Scholarship recipients announced

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. Board of Trustees has selected the 2025 Scholarship Program award recipients. Scholarships are made possible by the Annual Meeting Sponsorships.

Trisha Harvey, a student at Youngstown State University and is pursuing an advanced degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner where she hopes to serve older adults and individuals with disabilities.

Aubrey Hoffman is enrolled in the Registered Nursing program at North Central State College. Her goal is to dedicate her career in caring for the older population through quality care.

Tanyn Deskins, an employee of the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, is working as an Adult Protective Services Case Manager, is pursuing his Master's of Social Work degree at Case Western Reserve University through the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences.

The Agency on Aging Board of Trustees elected to provide a total of \$4000 in scholarship awards this year to individuals who will benefit the field of aging.

Applications for the 2026 Scholarship Program will open mid-December 2025. Follow on Facebook for more information at <https://www.facebook.com/aaa5ohio/>

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

THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

2000's *Final Destination* set off one of the most fun and re-watchable horror movie franchises.

Devon Sawa headed a cast where everyone must try to cheat death while knowing it's coming. The second entry made an entire generation switch lanes when there is a log truck in front of them.

The third entry was interesting in terms of how it used photographs to tell the story. This latest installment, the sixth, is titled *Final Destination: Bloodlines*. This is a great entry because it forces a family to work together as they all try to cheat death.

A young woman survives while escaping a collapsing tower in the 1950s, based on a premonition she has. Fast forward to present day, Stefani (Kaitlyn Santa Juanta) keeps having recurring dreams based on her grandmother. She discovers that death is coming for her entire family, and she must try to protect all of them, and herself.

The use of a family is such an interesting approach to this franchise as most entries have followed the same pattern.



Juanta is very good in the lead role as she and her family members all take center stage because the writers give some nice character development not usually seen in this series.

The most entertaining character is her cousin Erik (Richard Harmon) who owns a tattoo and piercing shop and provides some genuine laughs that make this movie really shine.

The deaths are what audiences come for and there is certainly no shortage of memorable ones. The entire opening sequence is very effective and suspenseful. A couple more that stand out include deaths that involve a backyard barbecue and an MRI machine.

Final Destination: Bloodlines works so well bringing this long dormant franchise back to life. With a great lead performance, memorable deaths, funny moments and a nice spin on the usual plotline, this entry is absolutely worth seeing in the theater and is a top tier movie in the franchise.



Tribune-Courier Forum

The Ontario Lions Club would like to thank the following donating businesses who made the Pancake Day, April 5, another really special day: ABC Warehouse, Alta Florist and Greenhouse, Athens Greek Restaurant, Bob & Bob Door Co., Buffalo Wild Wings, Five Guys, Gates State Farm Insurance, The Cap Place, Goodyear, Graham's Auto Mall, Harbor Freight, Hobby Town, Kathy Williams, Mid-Ohio Mind, Body, & Soul, Millie's Music Studio, Oak Tree Golf Club, O' Charley's Restaurant & Bar, Park National Bank, Lion Randy Hanlon, Red Lobster, Reflections Salon & Spa, Rinehart, Walters, Danner, Insurance, Sutton Bank, Texas Roadhouse, T. G.I. Fridays, Thrive Nutrition Studio, Tractor Supply Co., Twin Lakes and What Goes Around.

Again thank you to all the businesses and to all the customers and we hope to see all of you Saturday, Nov. 1, from 6:30 am to noon.

Those wanting to become a member of the Lions Club can contact any member for information or the mailing address is Ontario Lions Club, 3777 Park Avenue West, Ontario, OH 44903.

President Lion Randy Boyce and
The Ontario Lions Members

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News Briefs

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

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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 June 25, with a pork dinner. The McCready Kids will perform.

The group will meet for lunch on June 4, at 11 am at Black Dog (Deer Creek Golf Course) in Bellville.

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

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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 on-line 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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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will host speaker Rev. William Humphrey on Sunday, May 25, at 10:30 pm. The subject will be "Welcome to Summer, Cultivating Joy in a trying time."

For more information visit www.allsoulsuuohio.org.

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

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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.

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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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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, May 24 and 25. Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, broken down cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.

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Madison Local Schools will be accepting open enrollment applications now through May 31 for the 2025-26 school year.

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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: FirstChristianChurch,Mansfield,Ohio

First Congregational Church

640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield

419-756-3046 • www.mansfieldfcc.com

Pastor Brad Bunn

8:30 am Chapel • 10:30 am Sanctuary

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 Neznick

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

HEAP application deadline nearing

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

Applied directly to a 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 an application. Visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov to apply online or to download an application.

When applying, individuals need to have copies of most recent utility bills, a list of all household members (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 must be received by May 31. For information or assistance with applying call 419-524-4144 and ask for a navigator.

RCCS will host foster care event

Richland County Children Services (RCCS) will host a free foster parent recruitment event on Wednesday, June 11, from 5-8 pm at Children Services, 731 Scholl Rd. In event of rain, the event will move to Malabar Intermediate School, 205 W. Cook Rd.

There will be free food, games, prizes, a balloon artist and performance from The Oolong Gurus.

Raffle prizes include a 6-month household membership for the Y, a Rigid Wet/Dry VAC from Home Depot, a Samsung Soundbar from ABC Warehouse and items from A Heritage House. No ticket is required for the raffle, just fill out a foster care inquiry card or be a current foster parent who brings a guest interested in fostering.

For information contact Mark Keck or Susie Curatti at 419-774-4100.

Ontario Library's remodel to be celebrated at grand reopening

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library (MRCPL) invites the community to the grand reopening and ribbon-cutting ceremony of the newly renovated Ontario Branch on Thursday, May 22, at 10 am, at 2221 Village Mall Dr., Ontario. (This is a change in the initially posted May 19 date.)

After a 13-month renovation project, the Ontario Branch is reopening with a fresh look and enhanced features. The \$2.2 million project was completed under budget, with design by HBM Architects and construction managed by Simonson Construction Services.

The branch, which closed on April 21, 2024, underwent a complete interior transformation, with several exterior updates as well. One of the most noticeable upgrades is the relocated main entrance, now conveniently situated adjacent to the parking lot.

Other key improvements include, vibrant, comfortable new furnishings throughout the building; a dedicated, enclosed space for teens; flexible programming areas, a modernized community room, and additional meeting rooms; enhanced lighting across the facility; improved accessibility features; and 24/7 locker pick-up access (not immediately available upon opening).

"The reopening of the Ontario Branch is a significant milestone in MRCPL's commitment to serving as a true community hub that enriches the quality of life for all Richland County residents," said Chris May, Library Director. "These renovations go beyond aesthetics, they offer increased functionality, greater efficiency and reduced operating costs."

Following the grand opening, the Ontario Branch will resume regular operating hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am to 8 pm; Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm; and Sunday, 1-5 pm.

For library information and to browse the catalog visit mrcpl.org.



Venice, Italy • Photo By Mark Shutt

Heydinger will celebrate 90th

A 90th birthday party open house will be held for Carolyn Heydinger on Saturday, June 7, from 2-4 pm, at The Waterford, 1296 S. Trimble Rd., Mansfield.

Those attending should enter through the front entrance. Parking is on the side or back.

No gifts please, but cards are welcome. Cards can also be mailed to Carolyn Heydinger, Room 158, 1296 S. Trimble Rd., Mansfield, OH 44906.

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Christina Chacey, May 12
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AVENUE OF FLAGS CEREMONY AT MANSFIELD MEMORIAL PARK Sunday, May 25, at 1:00 p.m.

ANNUAL PARADE Monday, May 26, at 10:30 a.m.

The parade begins at the 5-way intersection of Park Avenue West and Marion Avenue, and continues down Park Avenue to the gazebo on the square. There is a memorial service at the gazebo immediately following the parade.

PICKING UP FLAGS IN MANSFIELD CEMETERY Saturday, May 31 at 10:00 a.m.

We will have 2 locations to drop off flags - at the Veterans Honor Grounds and by the Vasbinder Monument near the Old Soldiers Ground. All volunteers are welcome!

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STUDENTS IN BRITTANY RHODES' nutrition and wellness class at Ontario High School have been learning about complete and incomplete protein sources and cooked a healthy dinner recipe — a crunchy Italian chicken sheet pan bake with lemon zested green beans and roasted baby potatoes.



PIONEER CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER announced Jack Cotter as the May 2025 Student of the Month. A junior from Ontario High School, Jack is enrolled in our Power Equipment Mechanics program, where he "gives 100%, embraces new challenges and is always ready to lend a hand — whether in the shop or the classroom." At Ontario, Jack stays active playing baseball, working in concession stands and supporting athletic events. In his free time, he enjoys working on the family cattle and hog farm. He also likes hunting and spending time outdoors. "Pioneer has been one of the greatest opportunities for me," Jack shared. "Being here allows me to learn real hands on knowledge with people I may not know all that much about, just like a job. I'm lucky to have a great lab instructor to help me get a head start in my future career." In the future, Jack plans to pursue a career involving agriculture or operating construction-related machinery

OSU-Mansfield electronic camp registration deadline is Friday

High school students entering grades 9–12 for the 2025–'26 academic year can participate in two free electronics camps being held at The Ohio State University at Mansfield in August.

Both camps are offered in collaboration with the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development and the 179th Cyberspace Wing.

"Electronics for Beginners" will take place Aug. 4–7. Students will engage in hands-on learning, exploring the basics of programming in a variant of the C++ language and working with Arduino kits to design interactive systems.

The kits will be provided, but students must bring their own laptop with Windows.

"Electronics for Intermediate Users" will be held Aug. 11–14. This hands-on course will push students to integrate sensors, motors and displays while expanding their coding and problem-solving abilities. This camp is tailored for students who have some prior coding experience and are looking to deepen their knowledge.

"This is an exceptional opportunity for high school students this summer," said Cynthia Callahan, associate professor of English at Ohio State Mansfield.

"Students will engage in experiential learning led by experienced computer science professionals."

These camps help students interested in technology develop skills and understand educational and career pathways, said Mansfield-Richland Area Educational Foundation Director Angie Cirone.

"It's impressive to see the projects the students create over four days," Cirone said.

Students should apply by Friday, May 23, at <https://richlandarea-chamber.com/initiatives/microsoft-techspark-initiative/youth-technology-camp/application/>.

For more information, contact Cynthia Callahan at callahan.138@osu.edu or 419-755-4242.

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THE ONTARIO LIONS CLUB sponsored the GOOD Award for the fourth grade classes at Ontario. One student from each fourth grade class was chosen by their classroom teacher for showing good attendance, work habits, perseverance and, most importantly, good citizenship.

•News Briefs

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If a student is considering open enrolling to Madison Local Schools, applications must be turned in by May 31 to be considered for approval for the upcoming school year.

For more information visit www.mlsd.net or contact the board of education office from 8 am to 4 pm, Monday-Friday at 419-589-2600 ext. 65005.

Dayspring will host the 6th Annual Hope Run 5K and 1 Mile Walk on Saturday, June 28.

The 5k and 1 mile will step-off at 10 am, beginning and ending at Dayspring, 3220 Olivesburg Rd., Mansfield. The course is

cross-country with rolling hills and trails. The event will be held rain or shine unless there is extreme weather.

Cost is \$20 before June 2 and includes a guaranteed shirt. Race day registration begins at 9 am and remains \$20 but does not guarantee a shirt. Prizes will be awarded in every category.

An entry form can be found on the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/DayspringAssistedLivingCareFacility>.

Proceeds will benefit Friends of Dayspring in support of the next Dayspring Levy Campaign. For information call 419-565-3694 or email Rileyboy0907@gmail.com.



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The 4th Annual Juneteenth Parade and Festival will be Saturday, June 14, from 10 am to 6 pm. The free day-long celebration will kick-off with a linedance party at 10:30 am in front of the Renaissance and the parade will step-off at 11 am at Marion Avenue and Park Avenue West featuring marching bands, drumlines.


Following the parade will be the festival in Central Park in downtown Mansfield featuring live music and entertainment, a vendor marketplace, food trucks, community choirs, health screenings, a kid's zone, wine tasting, line dancing and more.

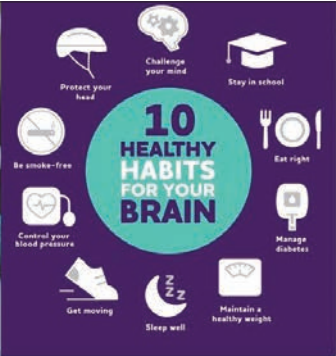
The event will raise awareness about health equity, voter education and engagement, economic empowerment and education. This year's celebration includes youth basketball activities, and book signing featuring local authors. For information call 419-610-6334.

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

These items are available on the fourth Tuesday of each month, year round. The distribution is held in the South Mulberry Street parking lot. The next distribution is Tuesday, May 27.







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Richland Academy of the Arts welcomes four new instructors

Richland Academy of the Arts welcomes four new music educators — Mickey Quimby, Megan Potter, Christian Watson and Robert Futrell — to its growing team of professional instructors. Each brings a unique set of talents and a shared commitment to inspiring and empowering students through music.

Mickey Quimby is a seasoned music educator with over 20 years of experience in instruction, curriculum development and arts integration. A graduate of the University of Massachusetts Lowell, Mickey has led music programs in public schools, private studios, and arts organizations. Mickey currently teaches at Discovery School and serves as a lead teaching artist and camp director with the Center for Arts-Inspired Learning. With a focus on student-centered learning, Mickey fosters creativity and emotional growth through music.

Megan Potter is a nationally recognized vocalist and educator who has performed across the country in opera, symphonic, jazz and musical theater settings. Megan holds dual Bachelor's degrees in Instrumental and Vocal Music Education from Northern State University and a Master of Music in Vocal Performance from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Hailed by *The LA Times* and *Opera Today* for her rich mezzo-soprano voice and compelling stage presence, Megan brings professional performance experience and a deep passion for vocal training to students of all ages.

Christian Watson brings nearly a decade of experience leading instrumental music programs in Ohio's public schools. Currently the head band director at Mansfield Senior High, Christian has led efforts in curriculum design, student engagement and regional music education leadership through the Ohio Music Education Association. A proud Mansfield resident, Christian holds degrees from VanderCook College of Music and The Ohio State University and is committed to creating inclusive, high-quality music education experiences.

Robert Futrell is a dedicated music educator with a passion for helping students grow in both skill and confidence. He currently serves as director of music at Norwalk Catholic/St. Paul Schools, teaching general music and band for grades K-12. A graduate of Heidelberg University with a degree in Instrumental Music Education, Robert is experienced in a wide range of teaching methods and performance preparation. Whether in the classroom or one-on-one, Robert focuses on creating a positive and encouraging environment where students feel supported, challenged, and inspired to develop a lifelong love for music.

"These four music educators bring an incredible amount of talent, passion, and heart to our community," said Michael Benson, executive director at Richland Academy of the Arts. "We're excited to welcome them to the RAA family as we expand our music programming, provide transformative learning experiences, and move forward with our Empower the Arts Capital Campaign to modernize our building and improve accessibility for the entire community."

Founded in 1991, the Richland Academy of the Arts is located in the heart of Mansfield on the corner of 4th Street and Walnut Street, beside the Carrousel. Supported by the Ohio Arts Council and the Area Agency on Aging, RAA was established to enrich the lives of individuals and the community through the arts. To learn more about upcoming classes, private lessons, and music programs at Richland Academy of the Arts, visit www.richlandacademy.com or call 419-522-8224.



Mickey Quimby



Megan Potter



Robert Futrell



MRS. THOMPSON'S KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS at Ontario boarded Stingel Airlines and traveled to Mexico to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. While on their trip, students learned about the Mexican culture and traditions. They also enjoyed posing for family photos, reading the book *Chicks and Salsa*, learning the Mexican hat dance and making quesadillas and salsa. There was even a piñata.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL students performed in the Mansfield Symphony Youth Orchestra Spring Concert at the Renaissance recently.

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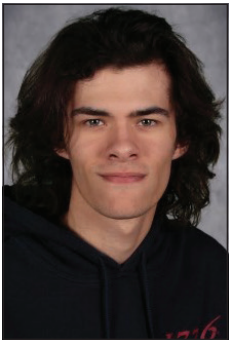
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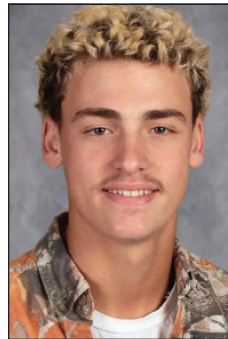
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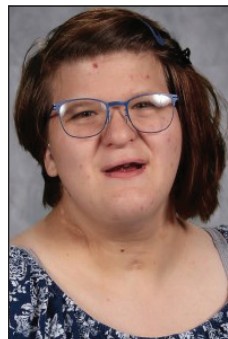
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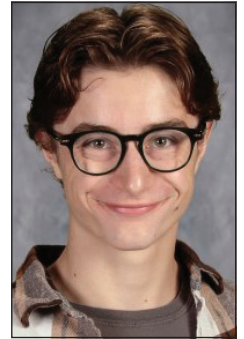
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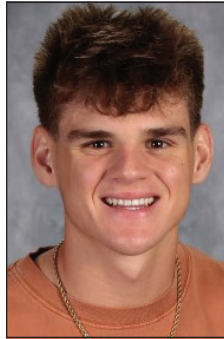
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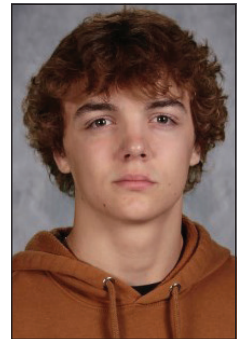
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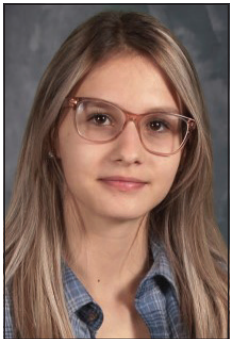


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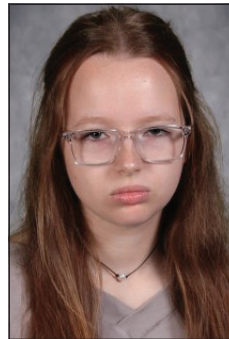
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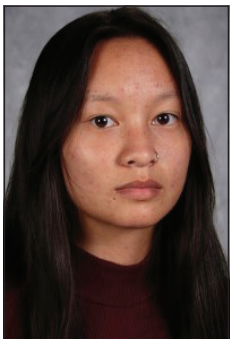
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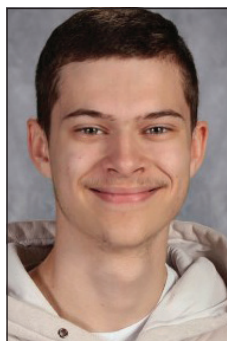
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Peters**



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**Logan
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**Anastasia
Pore**



**Regan
Pore**



**John
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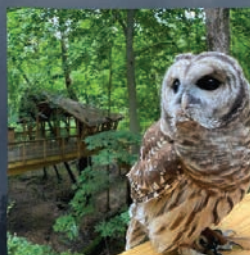


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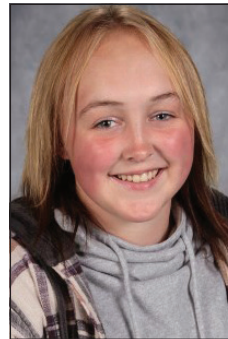
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Wilson**



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Youngblood**

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Colors:

Sage Green and Ivory

Flower:

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THE CLEAR FORK HIGH SCHOOL 2025 McGowan Courage Award recipient was McKinlie Carpenter. This award comes from the Mansfield Rotary Club and is awarded to a graduating senior who has demonstrated courage, resilience and character through personal hardships and adversity. McKinlie has overcome many obstacles and stood up to thank CFHS especially Mr. Ramion, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Hahn, her dad and her sister for helping her through everything to get to her successes.



KNOX COUNTY CAREER CENTER'S FFA CHAPTER hosted a banquet where students were recognized from County Forestry, District Forestry, County Soils Ag, District Soils Ag, County Soils Urban, District Soils Urban, State Soils Ag, Nursery & Landscape and Envirothon. The Nursery & Landscaping Award (fourth place) and Landscape Olympics (second place) were highlighted. The 2025-'26 FFA officers were also announced: president Charley Beheler, vice president Kyra Carpenter, treasurer Sara Wilson and secretary Hudson Henry. Joe Payne, Josh Chalfant, Dashua Allbaugh, Jamie Metzger and Dustin Beheler were awarded Honorary Chapter Degrees and Devon Stanley was awarded the Chapter VIP Award. (Above photo) Clear Fork Senior Lauren Perry holds the second place trophy cup for the FFA Landscape Olympics. Perry is part of the Landscape Design and Management Program at KCCC. She plans to work at Mohican State Park Campground after graduation.



CLEAR FORK SENIOR Evan Tahmalwash was the Midwest Regional Winner of the 2025 Financial Literacy Challenge on Personal Finance Lab. He competed against thousands of students across the United States. This contest was held in conjunction with April's Financial Literacy Month. This was part of an assignment in Mrs. Vaughn's Financial Literacy Class. Evan won a \$50 Amazon gift card.

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Clear Fork Valley Foundation honors 2025 scholarship recipients

Photos and Article By Traci Little

On Monday, May 19, the Clear Fork Valley Foundation hosted its 2025 Annual Awards Dinner at the Butler Event Center. Students, families, educators, and community members gathered to celebrate the achievements of 26 outstanding graduating seniors who were recognized with scholarships for their academic excellence, community service and strong character.

For 33 years, the Foundation has proudly supported students in the Valley by awarding scholarships funded through generous endowments and contributions. This year's program included a welcome by Andy Miller, an inspiring introduction video by Mohican Media, and an invocation by Bryan McClelland. Dinner was served by On the Rise Bar-B-Que.

The scholarship presentation was led by Sue Brown and scholarship representatives.

The 2025 Clear Fork Valley Foundation Scholarship recipients are Addison Blakley, Alexandria Shoemaker, April Berry, Bailey McKee, Baylie Salkovick, Christopher Fenton, Damon Hoskins, Dawson Staley, Emily Montgomery, Grant Keep, Hunter Martin, Isabella Oswald, Jared Bowman, Jayden Bowman-Rasmus, Jazmine Spayde, Kylie Lorentz, Layla Soliday, Leah Mortimer, Madison Merendino, Mason Sansom, Mason Wade, Meagan Them, Melodie Blubaugh, Noel Cline, Rebecca Pryor and Venessa Eicher.

These scholarships represent a wide variety of memorial, academic, and community-based awards — from the Doris E. Horn Memorial Scholarship in Music to the Milo Bretinger Memorial Scholarship Fund for Skilled Trades. Each award was created to support students' diverse goals, whether in the arts, sciences, service, or skilled professions.

In closing, Andy Miller thanked the donors, volunteers, and families who made the evening possible and congratulated the students on their well-deserved recognition. The Clear Fork Valley Foundation continues to "plant the seed" for future success, investing in the next generation of leaders, professionals, and community change-makers.



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CLEAR FORK HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2025 *Senior Bests*

Best Hair: Mason Sansom & Madison Merendino

Teacher's Pet: Noel Cline & Christian Walker

Most Miles Logged in the Hallway: Trevor Kinnamon & Venessa Eicher

Most Athletic: Jay Jackson & Mel Blubaugh

Most Musical: Carter King & Kaybria Sims

Most Involved: Jay Jackson, Mason Sansom, & Lillian Weikle

Best Smile: Jay Jackson & Madison Merendino

Best Laugh: Jay Jackson & Isabella Oswalt

Best Eyes: Carson Shields & Venessa Eicher

Best Dressed: Mason Sansom & Regan Pore

Best Friends: Jay Jackson & Mason Sansom. Lola Stillion & Venessa Eicher

Best Personality: Jay Jackson & Madison Oswalt

Worst Case of Senioritis: Will Stewart & Venessa Eicher

Born in the Wrong Decade: Mason Sansom & Regan Pore

Most Artistic: Carter King & Chloe Mowry

Most School Spirit: Jay Jackson & Lillian Weikle

Class Clown: Trevor Kinnamon & Lillian Weikle

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•Olympics unite community

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and gratitude for the support of the Madison Elementary community.

Thanks to the generosity of families and friends, every contribution — large or small — will help ensure a brighter, more enriching experience for all Madison students. Organizers encourage everyone to continue spreading the word and sharing the fundraiser link to help the school reach its goals.

With strong community involvement and enthusiastic participation, the 2025 Elementary Olympics proved to be more than just a fun evening — it was a powerful reminder of what can be accomplished when a community comes together for its children.

MADISON OLYMPICS

Second Grade Fun Run and Olympic Event Winners

Fun Run Champions

Girls Winner: Zeniyah Theophile (Mifflin)
Boys Winner: Hayes Sauder (Mifflin)

Olympic Event Winners

50 Meter Hurdles – Boys

1st: Xander Holt (Eastview)
2nd: Zack Grant (Madison South)
3rd: Dustin Hardin (Eastview)

50 Meter Hurdles – Girls

1st: Mahlaya Davis (Madison South)
2nd: Brynn Wheatner (Madison South)
3rd: Ava Sigman (Mifflin)

50 Meter Race – Boys

1st: Jaceion Sydnor (Madison South)
2nd: Kent Smith (Mifflin)
3rd: Ra'Mari Lee (Madison South)

50 Meter Race – Girls

1st: Hayden Ohl (Mifflin)
2nd: Emery Lewis (Madison South)
3rd: Brynn Wheatner (Madison South)

100 Meter Race – Boys

1st: Brantin David (Madison South)
2nd: Ra'Mari Lee (Madison South)
3rd: Kent Smith (Mifflin)

100 Meter Race – Girls

1st: Phoenix Lewis (Madison South)
2nd: Emery Lewis (Madison South)
3rd: Brynlee Huss (Mifflin)

400 Meter Race – Boys

1st: Jaceion Sydnor (Madison South)
2nd: Cayne Comisford (Mifflin)
3rd: Kyrie Bryd (Eastview)

400 Meter Race – Girls

1st: Phoenix Lewis (Madison South)
2nd: Hayden Ohl (Mifflin)
3rd: Emery Lewis (Madison South)

Long Jump – Boys

1st: Brody Kanz (Madison South)
Tied 2nd: Graham Livas (Mifflin) & Kyrie Byrd (Eastview)

Long Jump – Girls

1st: Grayson Ohl (Mifflin)
2nd: Phoenix Lewis (Madison South)
3rd: Paige Mathie (Madison South)

Med Ball Throw – Boys

1st: Ryker Cullen (Madison South)
2nd: Lucas Perry (Mifflin)
3rd: Brody Kanz (Madison South)

Med Ball Throw – Girls

1st: Jayla Beasley (Madison South)
2nd: Teagan Kirsh (Mifflin)
3rd: Kinsey Kirkpatrick (Mifflin)



Photos By Traci Little

News Briefs in Education

Bowling Green State University undergraduate students who achieved grade point averages of 3.5 or higher during the Spring 2025 Semester have been named to the college's dean's list.

Local students on the list are Devin Darr of Ashland, Evan Picchioni of Bellville, Jaxon Brown of Bellville, Caitlyn Drockton of Butler, Arica Uplinger of Shelby, Caleb Baker of Shelby, Paige Hoffbauer of Shelby, Luke Lesseuer of Shelby, Jessica Long of Shelby, Riley Lewis of Shelby, Kendall Lantz of Shelby, Allegra Ruhl of Mansfield, Grace Sarbach of Mansfield, Jordan Rader of Mansfield, Jayla Hall of Ontario, Chloe Dean of Mansfield, Brandon Walker of Mansfield, Justin Gibson of Mansfield, Kami Baker of Mansfield, Olivia Barley of Mansfield, Alivia Ash of Mansfield, Brody Phillips of Ontario, Sophie Henderson of Ontario, Madison Carns of Ontario, Sarah Thatcher of Ontario, Luke Hodapp of Mansfield, Damarion Jones of Mansfield, Isabelle Thoman of Mansfield, Breanna Ford of Mansfield and Jiselle Martinez of Mansfield.

★ Pennsylvania Western University has announced that Hannah Smith of Mansfield was named to the spring 2025 dean's list.

Smith, who studies at the Clarion Campus, was among nearly 3,000 PennWest students recognized for outstanding academic excellence during the spring semester.

In order to attain this highly regarded academic honor, degree-seeking students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.4 or higher and complete a minimum of 12 graded credit hours.

★ Ohio Dominican University (ODU) congratulates the 146 students who earned their degrees at the conclusion of the Spring 2025 semester. Among the graduates were Andrew Young and Elizabeth Zerby both of Lexington.

★ Belmont University recently released the dean's list for the spring 2025 semester. Included on the list is Presley Davis of Mansfield. Dean's list eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.



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ON FRIDAY, MAY 9, student in the MD classes K-12 at Ontario competed against kids in MD classes from Lexington, Shelby and Galion. All together there were 120 athletes. At the conclusion, OMS and OHS students gathered to cheer all the athletes in a Parade of Athletes.



Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK • PHOTOS BY ALISON BOLIN



Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

OHSAA softball post season heats up for area schools

By Kris Leiter

Division III – Northwest District

Things are heating up in DIII with our trifecta of the three Ohio Cardinal Conference schools.

Ashland Arrows (4-14) (0-8, sixth OCC) defeated Mansfield Senior (0-13) (0-10 seventh OCC). The Arrows, the five seed handily defeated Mansfield Senior, the six seed in a shutout 11-0, last Thursday in Ashland. The Lady Arrows (five seed) are moving on to the Willard district to take on the Madison Lady Rams, 1 seed, this coming Thursday, May 22 in Willard at 4 pm.

The Lady Rams (1-6) (11-1 first OCC) have had a phenomenal season and are manned by long-time head coach Tim Niswander. He has been a household name in Madison softball for years. The Lady Rams always brings a well-prepped team to the diamond. This should be a good matchup considering Ashland has momentum from the victory last Thursday.

The winner of this game will advance Saturday, May 24 to take on the winner of the Norwalk, 2 seed, and Tiffin Columbian, 3 seed game. These two teams play at 8 pm in Willard on Thursday. The Saturday game will be played at 1 pm in Willard.

Division IV – Northwest District

Let's take a gander at the DIV playoff picture. Our four contenders, Ontario, Clear Fork, Lexington and Shelby are kicking up the dirt and swinging the lumber.

Ontario Lady Warriors (4 seed) (17-8) (11-3 first MOAC) defeated Vermillion Lady Sailors (6 seed) (1-10) (1-5 fifth SBC). The Lady Warriors bring another shutout into our playoff picture by defeating the Vermillion Lady Sailors 15-0 in five innings of quick fashion last Wednesday in Ontario. The Warriors had home field advantage due to being the higher 4 seed. This moves the Warriors to the next round this Tuesday, May 20 at Galion Field (Gill Ave, behind the YM-CA) for the 4 pm upper bracket first game with Lexington (1 seed) (20-3) (10-2 second OCC).

I don't like to make assumptions, but these two teams have been long-time rivals in many sports, so this game should be very competitive at a minimum. I might even bet the farm this may be a nail-biter. Considering the almost-identical records, along with years of this rivalry, it should be no less than an awesomely exciting game!

Lexington, well rested from the first-round bye will be chomping at the bit. They will be in fine form as Lexington and girls softball go hand-in-hand. Lexington's top senior pitcher Makeree Chapman has a mind-boggling 221 strikeouts and 118 innings pitched!

The Warriors will counter, bringing senior pitcher Eden Howard's 83 innings pitched with her 99 strikeouts on the year.

Also at Galion Field May 20, at 6 pm's lower bracket second game, will be the Shelby Lady Whippets (2 seed) (15-10) (9-5 fourth MOAC) against the Clear Fork Lady Colts (3 seed) (15-10) (10-4 third MOAC). This should be another blockbuster of a game!

Shelby (2 seed) and Clear Fork (3 seed) with identical overall records will bring the show as they duke it out this Tuesday. Needless to say, these are usually two superb softball teams year-after-year.

Shelby, who had the first-round bye, should be raring to go for this one. Pitcher Alyssa Booker with a staunt 3.60 era and a season record of 14-5 on the season will wield the ball for the Lady Whippets.

Clear Fork was the victor last week in a defeat over Upper Sandusky 8-2 down in the valley of Bellville. The Colts will send sophomore pitcher Miley Shafer to the pitching circle with her 3.19 era. She has notched a yearly total of 84 strikeouts on the mound!

The winners from these two games will move on to Thursday's final at Galion at 5 pm. Four great teams!

Division V – Northwest District

Let's not forget our fierce Crestview Cougars in the DV playoff picture. The Crestview Lady Cougars (2 seed) (21-2) (14-0 Firelands) defeated the Willard Lady Flashes (7 seed) (3-19) (1-9 sixth SBC).

The Cougars, being the home team, shutout the Willard Flashes

last Wednesday in an amazing 21-0 run-rule victory!

This sends Crestview to the Wednesday showdown against Milan Edison (3 seed) on May 21 at Clyde High School at 6 pm in the lower bracket second game. The Milan Edison Chargers are (19-6) (10-0 first SBC).

Crestview senior phenom pitcher Chesnie Patton brings her 10-2 record, 1.00 era, 104 strikeouts into this game. The Cougars bring only two losses on the year with the last 17 consecutive wins and five shutouts. Both teams have claimed unblemished perfect conference records.

Division VI – Northwest District

Wynford Lady Royals (3 seed) (4-6) (2-1 fourth N10) defeated Mansfield Christian (6 seed) (5-13) (2-3 third MBC).

Mansfield Christian is our DVI rep. They fell to defeat in the first round at Wynford against the Royals last week, 10-0.

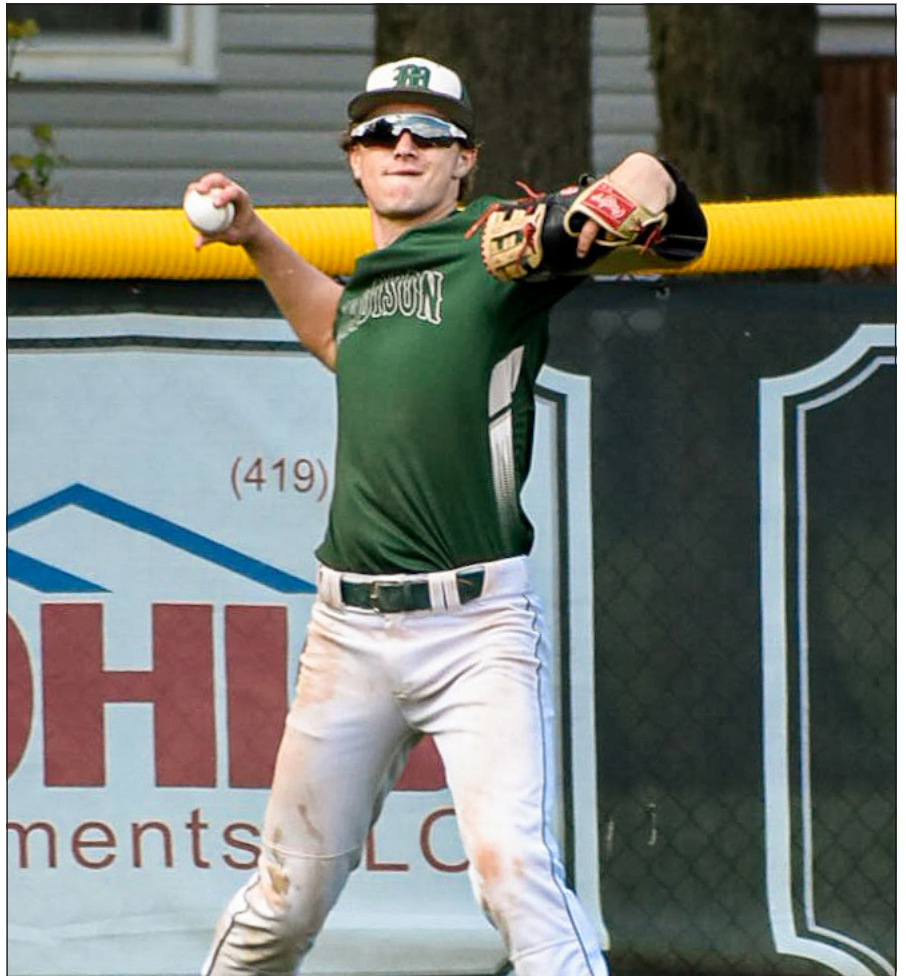


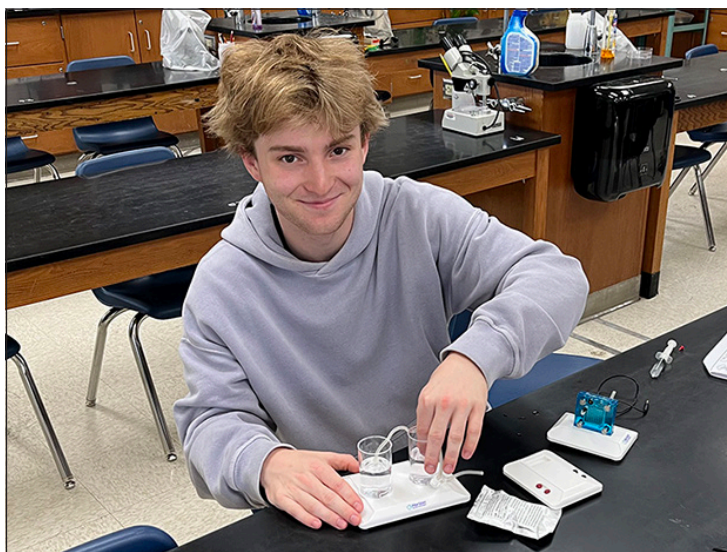
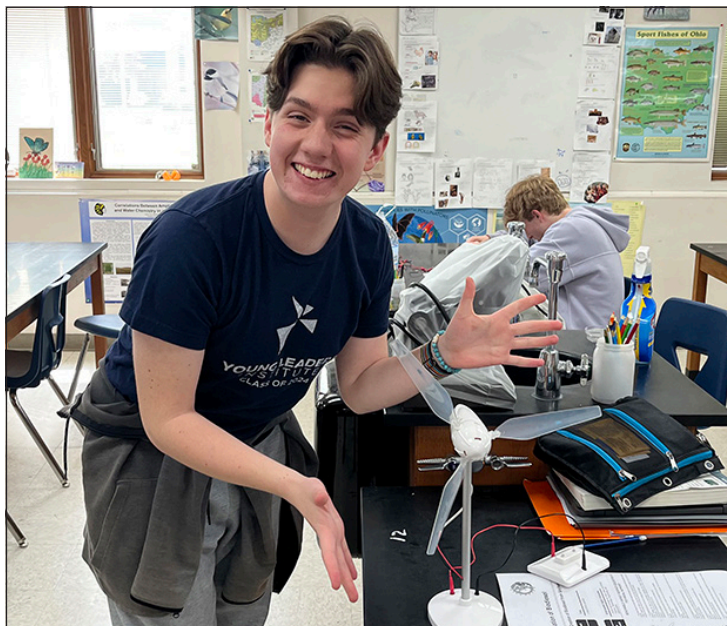
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MADISON COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL'S JV softball team played Ashland on May 14. The Lady Rams won 8-3.

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ARROWS WIN 10-9 · PHOTOS BY LILLIANA ALLEN





THE ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY CCP CLASS at Ontario High School is studying alternative energy solutions. They presented background information on how each energy source is created, the pros and cons of the power source and the future prospects of its use. Afterwards, the students made biodiesel from vegetable oil, a working wind turbine that produces power and a hydrogen fuel cell that functions.

KTC to host junior firefighter bootcamp

Knox Technical Center (KTC) will host a junior firefighter bootcamp for incoming eighth through eleventh grade students for the 2025-'26 school year. The bootcamp will be held June 16–20, from 8 am to noon at the KTC campus, 1481 Yauger Rd., Mt. Vernon.

The bootcamp provides an introduction to the world of emergency services for young people. This program blends classroom learning with hands-on training, covering essential skills like hose operations, equipment handling and basic first aid. Beyond the technical aspects, the bootcamp emphasizes teamwork, leadership and responsibility, fostering a strong sense of community and discipline. This serves as a crucial stepping stone for those interested in pursuing a career in firefighting or simply wanting to contribute to their community. Cost is \$159. For information visit https://www.knoxtechnicalcenter.com/publicsafety-emt-137259-627157-664074.html?fbclid=IwY2x-jawKX8M9leHRuA2FlbQlXMAbIcmIkETFkcjV4T1JOYXM5MEVZW-W5pAR6wGc8M2xEf0R78EsYPn72H3EWQrFu3tE0b0DvjK7kuq_KklSa7KdfZiGlbMw_aem_c15wNnhHJb9gypemNtLBRg

Richland SWCD accepting cover crop cost share applications

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) has announced the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) Cover Crop Cost Share program is accepting applications until June 20. The goal of the program is to encourage landowners and farmers to plant cover crops to reduce soil erosion, improve soil health, and to increase crop productivity, and farm profitability. Producers who plant cover crops and are accepted in the program will receive a cost share amount of \$12 per acre.

In 2024 the MWCD cover crop cost share program assisted in getting cover crops planted on 380 acres of Richland County farmland.

There is a 175-acre cap which applies across multiple counties if the landowner is signing up in multiple counties.

Enrollment is open for those landowners and farmers within the assessment zone. However, any cover crop planted in the watershed of Charles Mill or Pleasant Hill Lakes automatically qualifies for funding with no cap on the acres funded.

This program cannot be enrolled with another program to receive funding for the same cover crop such as EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). There are no exceptions to the United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) seeding dates and rates.

To apply for the program or get more information contact Technician Matt Wallace by calling 419-747-8687 or email Wallace.Matt@RichlandSWCD.Net.

Donations will help farm to house animals of domestic violence victims

Jennifur's Helping Hands Farm is located in Gambier, OH. The farm's mission is to be able to provide housing, love and other necessities to animals that belong to people who are experiencing challenging circumstances such as surviving domestic violence, entering drug/alcohol treatment facilities, deployment, experiencing mental health crises and more.

It is a new non-profit start up with a 16-stall horse barn on 50 acres. The goal is to renovate the barn into a facility that will be able to accommodate animals as small as hamsters, to as large as horses and everything in between. A contractor quoted the cost of materials and labor to be about \$54,500.

Donations are being accepted at <https://gofund.me/05cafb6c> and through the website at jennifurshelpinghandsfarm.com.

Jennifer Heran, president of the farm, is a survivor of domestic violence who stayed longer than she should have because the local domestic violence shelter didn't have the capacity for animals at that time.

"I want to help ensure that other survivors know there is a way out, we can help them keep their animals safe throughout the transition," said Heran.

Teddy bear concert is June 1

The Renaissance Theatre will host the final of its Teddy Bear Concerts in the 2024-'25 Mechanics Bank Education Series on Sunday, June 1, at 2:30 pm. The performance features an original script by Michael Thomas in an adaptation of *Aladdin's Lamp* that features audience participation and interactive storytelling performed by local actors and live musicians from the Mansfield Symphony's Woodwind Duet.

Teddy Bear concerts take place at the Renaissance's Theatre 166 venue with audience members sitting near the performers. Geared to children ages 2–10, each concert offers an interactive element and a relaxed environment. Small audience sizes, lights up, low sound levels and safe sensory-spaces allow audience members with autism and other sensory-processing issues to be accommodated.

Tickets are \$5 each and are on sale at the Renaissance Box Office, 138 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, via phone at 419-522-2726 and online at www.rentickets.org.

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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 April 30, 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. 25-06 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING REVEILLE TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF PART ELEVEN (ZONING CODE) OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, OH
(T-C 5-15, 22 '25) 21L

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before Council of the City of Ontario, during the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 North Stumbo Road, upon a request submitted by Troy Nash for his property located at the southeast corner of W. 4th St. and Rock Road to amend the zoning code as follows:

1. Section 1137.05 Business District, (c) Conditionally Permitted Uses, to include mini-warehouses.

2. Section 1143.03 Design Standards, (g) Mini-Warehouses, to include mini-warehouses in a Business District.

The Planning Commission does not recommend these proposals.

All persons interested in this issue are invited to attend and express their views.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, OH
(T-C 5-15, 22 '25) 27L

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 May 12, 2025.

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ORDINANCE NO. 25-11 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CHARTER NEXT GENERATION, INC., ALLOWING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AMENDMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker
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Cancer advocates gather at statehouse

Cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and advocates from across the Buckeye State gathered at the Statehouse to meet with their elected officials during the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network's Cancer Action Day on April 29.

They let lawmakers know that Ohio can and must do better to reduce the burden of cancer by reducing the incidence of the disease and improving access to care.

Advocates met with lawmakers to ask them to support increasing the state's cigarette tax by \$1.50 per pack, with a parallel tax on all other tobacco products, and allocating \$10 million annually to programs that prevent kids from starting to use tobacco and help those already addicted quit.

Ohio has some of the highest tobacco use rates in the country and it is past time for lawmakers

to take meaningful action.

"I lost my mom to lung cancer because of tobacco use, and now I'm fighting breast cancer myself. That's why my participation in Cancer Action Day, urging our lawmakers to take action to reduce tobacco use and improve access to care, is so important to me," Jill McFarland, Ohio cancer patient. "Far too many families have already suffered enough. It is past time for Ohio to take meaningful action to reduce the burden of cancer."

Advocates also met with lawmakers to ask them to support House Bill 8, which will improve access to biomarker testing. This legislation will help address a significant barrier and bring the promise of precision medicine to more Ohioans, no matter their income or where they live. Biomarker testing opens the door to targeted therapies, which can

benefit patients by leading to better outcomes, improved quality of life, and, in some cases, reduced costs from bypassing ineffective therapies.

Lastly, advocates asked lawmakers to support prostate cancer screening legislation, House Bill 33. This legislation will ensure that more men in Ohio over 40 who are at high risk of developing cancer will have access to the prostate cancer screening they need. This bill also removes cost barriers such as copays or other out-of-pocket expense requirements for these screenings.

An estimated 77,010 Ohioans will be diagnosed with cancer, and 24,440 are expected to die from the devastating disease this year. Those gathered at the Statehouse today are calling on Ohio lawmakers to change this by taking steps to prioritize the fight against cancer.

Postal customers asked to maintain mailboxes

With National Mailbox Improvement Week (May 18–24), the U.S. Postal Service is encouraging customers to inspect, maintain, and upgrade their mailboxes to help ensure safe, secure, and efficient mail delivery.

"Customer's mailboxes are the first point of contact for receiving birthday cards, letters, and important documents," said Acting Postmaster and CEO Doug Tulino. "A well-maintained mailbox helps to ensure that every package and parcel makes it to its intended destination safely and efficiently."

Each year, USPS designates the third week of May as Mailbox Improvement Week to encourage customers with box-on-post-delivery to examine and, where necessary, improve the appearance of their mailboxes. Through regular mailbox maintenance efficient mail delivery, enhanced neighborhood curb appeal, and improved postal service operations are better ensured.

The Postal Service annually calls attention to Mailbox Awareness Week because of the wear and tear that occurs to mailboxes throughout the year. Some of the typical activities homeowners may need to do include replacing loose hinges on a mailbox door, repainting a mailbox that may have rusted or has started to peel, remounting a loosened mailbox post, replacing or add-

ing house numbers and keeping security top-of-mind.

USPS partners with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service to keep postal employees, the mail stream, and the American public safe, prevent incidents through education and awareness, and enforce the laws that protect our nation's mail network.

Tips to secure your mail include:

- Promptly pick up your mail: Try not to leave letters and packages in your mailbox or at your door for any length of time.
- Report mailbox vandalism: If you see someone actively tam-

pering with a mailbox, immediately report it to the police.

If you know of someone who committed an act of mailbox vandalism, report it to Postal Inspectors at 1-877-876-2455.

A newer feature of the USPS is Informed Delivery. Customers can see photos of their mail before it arrives and receive notifications when it's delivered. Customers can also get Daily Digest emails that preview their mail and packages scheduled to arrive soon. The free service also allows customers to track and manage their packages in one convenient place.

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