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A RIBBON CUTTING was held Sept. 26 to celebrate a new public health vending machine and free prenatal vitamin program at Richland Public Health. The vending machine is stocked with a wide range of free items designed to promote the health and well-being of individuals and families in the community. The vending machine is accessible 24 hours a day.

RPH launches “Wellness Within Reach” with new lifeline vending machine

Photos and Article By Traci Little

A crowd of community leaders, partners, and residents gathered at Richland Public Health on Friday, Sept. 26, for a ribbon-cutting ceremony that unveiled a cutting-edge tool for health access: a lifeline vending machine. The initiative, called Wellness Within Reach, makes essential health items available 24/7, at no cost to the public.

Located at 555 Lexington Ave., Mansfield, the machine is stocked with dental and hygiene supplies, first aid necessities, COVID-19 and flu test kits, pregnancy tests, Narcan kits and more — resources meant to reduce barriers to health and provide immediate support for urgent needs.

Richland Public Health Commissioner Dr. Julie Chaya called the unveiling a milestone for the community.

“Anything that you would absolutely need, if Kroger or CVS isn’t open at 2 am, you can come here to get it,” she said. “From first aid kits to Narcan to even pads and tampons — if you have an emergency need, it’s here. And if you can’t get here due to transportation barriers, we’ll mail items out or deliver them through our mobile unit. Access to health should never be limited by time or circumstance.”

Chaya emphasized that Richland County is the first in Ohio to launch such a program, calling it a model of innovation. “This is only going to bring the best to the best,” she said. “Richland County deserves it.”

Several local leaders applauded the

initiative. Commissioner Cliff Mears remarked, “Nobody can say Richland County doesn’t have a robust public health program. As far as we know, we’re the first county to have this, and we expected no less from Dr. Chaya.”

Commissioner Tony Vero congratulated the department for bringing something “cutting-edge” to the community.

Mansfield Finance Director Kelly Converse added, “When we think of vending machines, we think of grape soda and candy bars. This is a unique way to promote health and safety in our community. Thank you for being forward-thinking.”

The project was made possible through a regional harm reduction grant originally awarded to Summit County Public Health. “This was gifted to us since that grant was closing out,” explained Chaya. “It came to us at completely no cost, and everything in the machine is funded through additional grants or donations we continue to secure.”

She added that the machine is designed to dispense one item at a time to encourage fairness. “We want people to take what they need but also be mindful of everyone else in the community who might also need it. We’ll be keeping a close eye on it and making sure it stays stocked.”

Alongside the vending machine, Chaya announced another statewide first: a partnership with Vitamin Angels, a nonprofit that provides free prenatal vitamins.

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22nd Annual Make A Difference Day Food Drive set for Oct. 24

Catholic Charities and Wayfinders are once again joining forces to fight hunger in the community through the 22nd Annual Make A Difference Day Food Drive. The event will take place on Friday, Oct. 24, from 7–10 am in front of DLX/Dan Lew Exchange on the square in downtown Mansfield.

The food drive will collect donations to restock the Catholic Charities Hope Pantry and Wayfinders’ food pantry.

Community members are encouraged to contribute non-perishable food, toiletries, and paper products. Monetary gifts are also welcome, with checks made payable to either Catholic Charities or Wayfinders. Credit and debit card donations will be accepted on site.

For those unable to attend the morning drive, additional drop-offs can be made from 10 am to 4 pm at Catholic Charities, 2 Smith Ave., Mansfield, and Wayfinders, 124 W. 3rd S., Mansfield.

Sponsors of this year’s event include WMFD, Mix 106.1, 97.3 The Spur, 106.7 WRGM, 99.3 FM The Light and Dan Lew Exchange.

For more information or to arrange a donation pick-up, contact Doc Stumbo at 419-524-0733 between 9 am and 4 pm.

Workshop to feature felted acorn crafts

The next Conservation Creation Arts & Crafts Workshop hosted by Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) is Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 5 pm at the South Park Log Cabin, 100 Brinkerhoff Ave., in Mansfield.

The evening begins with tours of the historical village buildings located in the park.

Afterward, learn about the mighty oak tree and how to identify the different species with Jason Veil from Secrest Arboretum.

The workshop will continue with Jean McClintock of Shady Lane Farm leading the hands-on project to make needle felted acorns to display throughout the year.

All workshop materials are provided and costs \$12 per person.

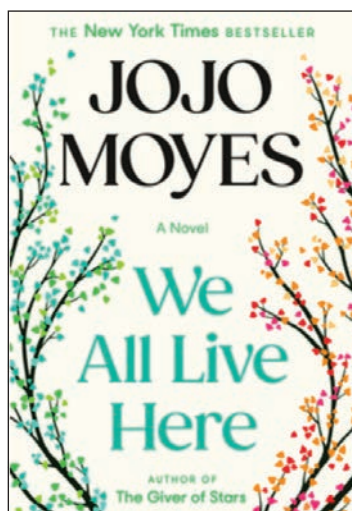
Reservations are required by Oct. 7. Visit <https://richlandswcd.net/event/conservation-creation-arts-crafts-workshop-acorn-ornaments/> or call 419-747-8685 to register for the workshop.



LOST IN A BOOK



A Book Review
By Mandy Belczak Gurney



Dare I say *We All Live Here* is my favorite Jojo Moyes book so far? That's saying a lot when her titles include treasures like *Someone Else's Shoes* and *The Giver of Stars*.

Lila is an author and mother who is going through a divorce, raising her two daughters and caring for an old house whose charm is more and more fleeting every time the plumbing backs up.

Her step father, who really raised her, lives amongst their chaos trying to provide order. Just when things seem like they can't get worse, her absent-for-most-of-her-life father shows up.

Between writing deadlines, school play costumes, and dinners her kids won't eat, Lila

finds herself trapped between the drama of so many emotions in her house and intrigued by a possible romance of her own.

Jojo Moyes delivered just the novel I needed for this moment in my life. I walked in these characters' shoes. They helped me cry out my feelings and laugh away my worries.

These flawed characters remind us we all are in need of redemption and that families can break, but can also find new ways to be well again. I'll recommend it to any reader who needs a heartfelt redemption story with a side of laughter.

My rating: ★★★★★

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Free session will discuss Medicare Part D

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. invites the community to a Medicare Part D Information Session on Friday, Oct. 10, at 10 am in the Hawkins Conference Center, 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario.

This free session will provide clear, unbiased information about Medicare and Part D prescription drug benefits. A live feed will also be on the Facebook page at facebook.com/aaa5ohio.

Representatives from the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP) will be available to answer questions and help attendees explore ways to save money and choose the best plan for their needs.

Medicare Open Enrollment is Oct. 15 through Dec. 7, and is the only time to review and compare 2026 plans. Any changes will begin Jan. 1, 2026.

For more information, contact Consumer Assistance at 1-800-860-5799 or 419-524-4144.

THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —



One Battle After Another is one of the best films of the year. Directed and written by the great Paul Thomas Anderson, this is the story of two resistance fighters named Bob (Leonardo DiCaprio) and Perfidia (Tiana Taylor) who are engaged in trying to right events in the country they see as wrong.

Soon, after the birth of their child and events that occur including their arrests and relocation, Bob is raising their 16-year-old daughter (Chase Infiniti) until one day he learns that his past has caught up to him.

Anderson has always been an interesting director making such movies as *Boogie Nights*, *Magnolia*, *There Will Be Blood* and *The Master*. This one is among his very best.

The performances are terrific and among them are Sean Penn as a sinister colonel looking for Bob and seeking him out for personal reasons.

Penn creates a whole character with his voice, mannerisms and look and is awards worthy. Benicio Del Toro is also worth mentioning as a martial arts instructor who helps Bob escape.

Car chases and gunfights are

expertly filmed though this movie also has some very funny moments. There is an entire edge of your seat sequence where Bob is trying to escape and it also provides some very funny moments as he is trying to plug in his only phone he can use. DiCaprio is great, he does not go over the top but keeps it grounded and also shows how flawed he is.

Anderson has double digit Oscar nominations without a win and finally deserves one for this movie.

There are so many interesting twists and turns and the movie eerily feels very current with events happening throughout the country though never takes a side.

I hope that everyone goes to see *One Battle After Another* for a thought provoking, truly entertaining ride. Once the movie gets going it will grab you until the end. It has action, suspense, humor and a lot of heart. That is difficult to do in one film though Anderson does it here. Go see this movie.



Community dumpster day returns

The North End Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC), the Richland County Land Bank, and new sponsor, Metal Conversions LLC, announce the return of community dumpster day on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 9 am to 1 pm (or until dumpsters are full) at the NECIC Community Outreach Center, 486 Springmill St., Mansfield.

Community Dumpster Day provides Mansfield residents with the opportunity to dispose of unwanted junk and debris, contributing to a cleaner and greener community.

This fall, thanks to the support of Metal Conversions LLC, scrap metal will also be accepted at the dumpster day location.

Most household junk is welcome.

Prohibited items include liquid wastes (paints, oils, etc.), tires, batteries, harmful chemicals or explosive materials, large appliances (refrigerators, stoves, freezers), yard waste and construction, demolition or remodeling materials.

The event is free to the public. Optional monetary donations will be accepted on-site to support NECIC.

Volunteers are encouraged to participate. For more information or to sign-up contact Shanican Pender at 419-522-1611.

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News Briefs

The Richland Rural Life Center, 969 E. Crall Rd., Mansfield, will host its annual chicken dinner on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 4–6 pm. The dinner includes chicken slow cooked over an open pit, buttered parsley potatoes or Au gratin potatoes, old fashioned slaw salad or applesauce, dinner roll, beverage and homemade vanilla ice cream.

Adults are \$12 for (½ chicken); seniors and children (10 and under) are \$7 (¼ chicken). Dine-in and carry-out meals are available. An extra chicken half is \$5. Homemade ice cream quarts are available for \$5.

The entrance is located between Stewart Rd. and Rt. 545 in the Madison area. For more information call 419-544-2418 and leave a message. The Richland Rural Life Center is a non-profit organization that supports 4-H and Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts and Cub Scouts. Proceeds from dinners and events help maintain the RRLC land and facilities.

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A B&O Trail 30th Anniversary Event will be held Saturday, Oct. 4 from 9 am to 4 pm. The event will be held in Mansfield at North Lake Park, 268 Hope Rd., at 9 am; in Lexington at the Lexington Depot, 67 E. Main St., at 11 am; in Bellville at the Bellville Depot, 24 Bell St., at 1 pm; and in Butler at Hitchman Park, 21 W. Elm St., at 3pm. There will be a raffle, food, commemorative items and more.

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Washington Township Fire Department will host a pancake breakfast on Oct. 4, from 7–11 am, at the new station, 222 Vanderbilt Rd., Lexington. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, milk and orange juice. Admission is by donation. Proceeds raised will continue assisting the community and the department. For information call 419-756-8330.

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Registration is open for the Ruck for Vets event on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 9 am. The walk will start at the pavilion behind the Ralph Phillips VFW Post 291 in Shelby and take a 10-mile course through Shelby, around both city reservoirs, and end back at the VFW for the awarding of patches to finishers.

This event was started to raise money for veteran's organizations that are having a positive impact in the surrounding areas.

The first \$3,000 in registration fees will be matched by the Ralph Phillips VFW Post 291. Cost is \$50 and all proceeds go to local charity Vets with Pets and national charity Mighty Oaks. Register online at ruckforvets.org

There will be food trucks and a Howl-oween event honoring National Veterans Pets for Veterans Day happening downtown as well.

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The City of Ontario will have its Trick or Treat night on Thursday, Oct. 30, from 5:30–7:30 pm.

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The annual rummage and bake sale will be held at Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, Wednesday through Saturday, Oct. 1–4. Hours are 4–7 pm on Oct. 1; 9 am to 7 pm on Oct. 2; 9 am to 2 pm on Oct. 3; and 9 am to noon on Oct. 4.

Sales are by donation and proceeds and the remaining items will be donated to the community through other local ministries. Food will be available for purchase to eat in or take out.

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Mansfield 1st Presbyterian Church, 399 S. Trimble Rd., Mansfield will host a fall rummage sale on Friday, Oct. 10, from 9 am to 4 pm and Saturday, Oct. 11, 9 am to noon. The church is located at the corner of Trimble Road and Millsboro Road. Proceeds are used for local missions. For information call 419-756-7066.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Wendy Bartlett on Sunday, Oct. 5, at 10:30 am. The subject will be "Dark and Stormy: Unitarian Theology and Ghost Stories." For information visit www.allsoulsuuohio.org.

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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 Oct. 15, with roast beef. Jane Horton, country western singer, will perform.

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

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Trinity Grace Fellowship Church, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, will hold community prayer meetings from 6:30–7:30 pm, Oct. 12 and 19. The public is invited.

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Richland Early American Center for History will host the 9th Annual American Heritage Days at Southpark, 100 Brinkerhoff Ave, Mansfield, Oct. 4 and 5, from 10 am to 4 pm. Living history reenactors will demonstrate life in America in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Throughout the day there will be crafts, trades, demonstrations and activities, including blacksmithing, games and children's activities, open hearth cooking demonstrations and civilian and military reenactments. Admission and parking are free to the public.

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A free family fall festival with trunk-or-treat will be held at Mansfield 1st Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Oct. 5, from 2–4 pm.

There will be games, prizes, snow cones and more.

Kirkin O' the Tartans will be held at the church, Sunday, Oct. 26, at 10 am. A shortbread social will be held after the worship service featuring piper Jesse Tucker. Children can participate in a kid-friendly version of the traditional Highland Games. The church is located at 399 S. Trimble Rd., Mansfield. For information call 419-756-7066 or visit www.mansfield1st.com.

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A fall rummage sale will be held at First Congregational Church, 640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield on Wednesday, Oct. 8 from 9 am to 4 pm and Thursday, Oct. 9, from 9 am to noon. Lower prices will be featured on Thursday. The sale is handicap accessible with an elevator inside the main entrance.

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

The next free produce distribution will be Tuesday, Oct. 14, 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 parking lot. Volunteers will load the produce into trunks or the back of vehicles. Please have vehicle empty and ready for loading. For information call the church at 419-522-0662.

There will be no distribution in November due to Veterans Day.

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The Friends of the Galion Public Library has a Cincinnati Bengals raffle basket worth approximately \$450 and features Bengals and other football items.

Items include a Bengals t-shirt, blanket, key chain, tumbler, Joe Burrow Hat, cups, a M&S Pizza gift certificate for a large three-item pizza, three books, flag and snacks and utensils for game day.

The basket also has a signed and authenticated Ja'Marr Chase jersey. The basket will also be on display during the fall book sale Oct. 9, 10 and 11.

Tickets can be purchased at the library, 123 N. Market St., 419-468-3203, through Oct. 11. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 with the drawing on Oct. 13. All proceeds go to the library.

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Richland Rural Life Center
969 E. Crall Rd., Mansfield

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
10:30 am Sunday Worship
Office Hours: Tu., W., Th. 9 am to 1 pm
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

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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 Church of the Cross

236 Otterbein Dr., Lexington
419-884-2150 • Churchofthecrosslex.com
Pastor-Rev. Dr. Edna Stahl
Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Junior Church for 10 and under • Wesley Class 10:45
5th Sunday of the month-Do Something Sunday AA, Girl Scouts,
Yoga, Knotty Ladies
and Bible Study.

Lexington Presbyterian Church

35 Church St. West, Lexington
419-884-1330 • 10:30 am Sunday Worship
Pastor Denny Nezrick
https://www.facebook.com/Lexington-Presbyteri-
an-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
ADA Accessible Nursery & Children's Programming

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 Olivesburg 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
Rev. J.P. Snyder
9:30 am Grace & Eggs
11 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 School • 11 am Sunday School
Bible Study Mondays 2 pm

Roundabouts shown to decrease crashes

During National Roundabouts Week, it was announced that roundabouts have proven to be a safety tool for decreasing crashes and virtually eliminating crashes that result in serious injuries or deaths.

The Ohio Department of Transportation analyzed crash data from 76 intersections that had been converted to roundabouts. The data showed that single lane roundabouts decreased injury crashes by 69% while multi-lane roundabouts resulted in a 25% decline.

In July, Governor Mike DeWine announced an additional \$137 million for 55 traffic safety projects across the state. Of those projects, 25 include installing roundabouts.

One of the best safety success stories attributed to roundabouts can be found in Clark County at State Route 41 and State Route 235. Over the past several decades, ODOT installed several countermeasures like rumble strips, multiple stop signs and flashing beacons. In 2000, a traffic signal was installed. While the signal reduced overall crashes, deadly and serious injury crashes went up. In 2014, a roundabout was installed. In the 11 years since, there has not been a single fatal crash. The lone serious injury crash occurred in 2023 and involved a motorcycle with the rider impaired by drugs and without a helmet or motorcycle endorsement on their license.

In Richland County, the E. Cook Rd./Illinois Ave. and Mansfield-Lucas Rd. roundabout showed that from 2015–2018, the two-way stop-controlled intersection saw 21 total crashes — an average of five per year with 15 resulting in injury. The roundabout was opened in August 2022 and in the two years since its opening, crashes have decreased by 40% with an average of three per year and there have been zero injury crashes.

Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

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Chad A. Humes, September 18
Danny Lee Bowles, September 19
Harold Leslie Staiger Jr., September 19
Mary Casolari, September 20
Marilyn Alice (LaBarre) Gilbert, September 20
John Patrick McCarrick, September 30
Sally Lou Micheli, September 30
Bubbie Don Stallard, September 21
Geraldine M. Brandt, September 22
Belinda Kay Smith, September 24
Leroy G Sutton, September 25

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Lexington BOE approves hirings

The Lexington Board of Education met Sept. 17.

The monthly financial report for August 2025 and permanent appropriations for Fiscal Year 2026 at the fund level were approved.

The board approved an invoice in the amount of \$3,078 to Liminex GoGuardian Pear Deck Learning for a student assessment subscription for the junior high for the 25-'26 school year.

Payment was approved to mentoring teachers during the 2025-'26 school year including Sarah Beck (I.S.) year 2 Jackie Rhodes \$250; Anna Wellin (first grade) year 2 Jen Brane \$250; Addeline Haring (I.S.) year 1 Rachel Smith \$350; Jodi McChesney (I.S.) year 1 Rachel Smith \$350; Megan Shupe (third grade) year 2 Stephanie Blackstone \$250; and JR Davis (I.S.) year 2 Jaimie Chambers \$250.

Mitch Sellers will resume as the high school weight/strength coach for the months of September and October, pro-rated.

Positions were awarded to Kevin Richer, co-Advisor run club; Michelle Smith, co-Advisor run club; and Valerie Fraizer, junior high AM/PM duty. Anna Maria Guentert was hired as 4-hour general help at Central Elementary. Food service substitutes approved for the 2025-'26 school year were Lisa McClain, Susan Meister, Cheryl Rose, Gary Weaver, Mike Ziegelhofer, Mary Luers, Michele Shiplet, Jennifer Fry, Sharon Klaehn, Valecia Madaris, Shelly Lutz, Deborah Bess and Christina Hicks.

Also hired for this school year were Katie Kosht, substitute educational aide; Frank Wuichich, 2-hour van driver; Harry Myers, 2-hour bus aide; and Sarah Snyder, 4-hour driver.

John (J.R.) Davis will be the head varsity baseball coach and Michael Moore will be the track coordinator.

Parent volunteers approved for the 2025-'26 school year include Jessica Klupp, Amy Stofer, Kelly Canfield, Sara Vrooman, Kristen Wendling, Amy Hempfield, Shelly Sautter and Alicia Thomas.

High School music department volunteers are Curtis Stewart, Raejean Stewart, Bryan Burton, Elizabeth Burton and Brenda Domka.

Debbie Livingston, Susan Clewell, Darlene Dill, Brittany Waite and Dianne Wheaton will be Eastern parent volunteers; Nichole Baab will be a Western parent volunteer; and Linda Volz and Sarah Jackson will volunteer at Central as classroom volunteers.

The board approved the substitute lists as provided by MOESC dated Sept. 15-Oct. 14. The 2025-'26 substitute pay schedule and changes to the athletic handbook were approved. The changes pertain to meal money, mileage reimbursement, uniform purchasing and camp fees.

Payment was approved for "In Lieu of Transportation" for Lexington students attending Discovery School, Ashland Christian, Gilead Christian Foundations Academy and Legacy Academy.

It was decided that the school will not provide career-technical education in grades 7 and 8.



•RPH launches "Wellness Within Reach"

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"This is the first time this program has ever been brought to Ohio," she said. "It includes a six-month daily supply to help mothers and babies develop and

grow happy and healthy together. Nobody should have to worry about the financial burden of vitamins."

The vitamins aren't in the vending machine but can be requested directly by calling 419-774-4500 or visiting Richland Public Health in person.

Dr. Chaya, who became Health Commissioner in February 2023 after years of service as Director of Community Health & Prevention Sciences, has been praised for her leadership and determination.

Board of Health President Dr. Robert Exten described her as demonstrating "an exceptional commitment and passion for public health service" and noted her ability to forge strong community partnerships.

Chaya summed up the mission simply: "Public health is about prevention, protection, and access. With Wellness Within Reach, we're removing barriers and ensuring our residents have what they need, whenever they need it."

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Questions: Call Don Karger at 419-545-6564



Photos by Damon Callis

Day Trippin' With Damon – Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park in Hamilton OH, is a 470-acre park known for its over 70 outdoor sculptures, an ancient antiquities collection, rotating contemporary exhibitions and Pyramid House. For information visit <https://www.pyramidhill.org>.



48th Annual Ohio Heritage Days held at Malabar Farm State Park

Photos and Article By Traci Little

The 48th Annual Ohio Heritage Days Festival brought thousands of visitors to Malabar Farm State Park on Sept. 27-28, for a weekend full of history, tradition, and community fun.

The festival grounds came alive with more than 75 artisans and crafters showcasing traditional skills such as blacksmithing, weaving, woodworking, quilting, and candle making. Horse-drawn wagons carried families across the park, while antique tractors and engines reminded guests of Ohio's agricultural roots.

Living-history camps were a highlight once again, featuring Civil War and pioneer encampments, costumed interpreters, and the sounds of black-powder demonstrations echoing across the hills. Both the "Big House," the historic home of Pulitzer Prize-winning author Louis Bromfield, and the Ceely Rose House were open for tours, connecting guests with the rich legacy of Malabar Farm.

Food vendors served everything from kettle corn to hearty fair favorites such as funnel cakes, homemade cider and live music added to the festival atmosphere.

Families, history enthusiasts, and curious day-trippers all found something to enjoy, whether it was hands-on demonstrations, children's activities, or simply soaking in the fall scenery of Malabar Farm.

Best of all, admission and parking were free, continuing the tradition of making this event accessible to all. Ohio Heritage Days once again celebrated the state's rural past, honored its cultural traditions, and gave families a chance to create new memories together.



Big band music will be featured in “Swing Time Afternoon” performance

The Dogwood Blossoms Chorus will present “Swing Time Afternoon — A Salute to Love in the Golden Age of Big Band Music” on Sunday, Oct. 19, at 3 pm at the Woodward Opera House, 107 S. Main St., Mt. Vernon.

The event will feature guests the Blue Phoenix Quartet

Tickets are \$15 per person with children 10 and under free, but each must have a free ticket from the website.

Visit www.thewoodward.org to purchase tickets. Admission will also be sold at the door if not sold out.

The chorus is a registered 501(c)3 fine arts nonprofit organization and a member of Sweet Adelines International based in Mt. Vernon. For information visit www.dogwoodblossoms.org.

CROP Walk is this Sunday in Mansfield

The Mansfield CROP Hunger Walk will be held Sunday, Oct. 5, at 1 pm. The 2-mile walk will begin at the Jericho Wall on W. Dickson Ave., Mansfield. Register at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/mansfieldoh>

Donations made be made in cash or checks can be made payable to CWS/CROP or online at the above event page.

CROP Hunger Walks are community fundraising events sponsored by Church World Service (CWS), an international relief, development, and refugee resettlement agency.

Money raised by CROP Hunger Walks nationwide are used by CWS to provide food, medical care, disaster relief and self-help development for needy people around the world

For information call Greg Bibler at 419-670-5279.



Photo By Mark Shutt



Sutton Bank partners with Children's Hunger Alliance

Sutton Bank employees came together last week to help fight childhood hunger by packing 600 weekend meal bags — a total of 3,600 meals — for children served by Children's Hunger Alliance.

The meal-packing event, hosted at Sutton Bank's Ontario branch, supports the organization's mission to ensure children throughout Ohio have access to nutritious food outside of school hours. Each meal bag contained six meals, providing vital weekend nourishment for kids who might otherwise go without.

“A food insecure child who is of school age can get two meals through the school during the week and potentially a third meal from an afterschool program, but when the weekend hits that child may not have anything to eat until they go back to school Monday morning,” said Jamie Harter, PhD, Director of Development, Northwest Ohio, CHA. “For this reason, CHA started offering ready-to-eat meals for children to have on the weekend to address this issue. We could not provide this critical program without the generous support we receive from corporations like Sutton Bank.”

According to CHA, 400,000 children across Ohio live in food-insecure households, meaning one-fifth of children are unsure where their next meal is coming from.

“Giving back to our community is at the heart of at Sutton Bank,” said Tony Gorrell, CEO of Sutton Bank. “It was inspiring to see our employees work side-by-side to help children who face food insecurity.”

Children's Hunger Alliance partners with local organizations and volunteers across the state to provide meals, nutrition education and advocacy to end childhood hunger. The weekend meal packages consist of a variety of food options, with each package consisting of meals and snacks that meets USDA nutritional requirements.

Founded in 1970, Children's Hunger Alliance is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to ending childhood hunger in Ohio. Through their work, the alliance provides healthy meals to hungry children, advocates for the welfare of Ohio's youngest citizens and teaches nutrition and physical education to those they serve.

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OSU-Mansfield posts four-year enrollment high

Student enrollment at The Ohio State University at Mansfield is at a four-year high, according to the enrollment census released by the university for autumn 2025.

A total of 911 students are enrolled this fall, a 7.3% increase over last year. First-year student enrollment is up more than 18% compared to 2024.

The campus continues to see strong growth locally, as well as throughout northeast Ohio, as far north as Lake Erie and as far east as the border with Pennsylvania. Counties with the most students include Richland, Cuyahoga, Crawford, Summit and Lorain.

The growth is part of an overall trend across Ohio State's regional campuses, including Ohio State ATI, which saw enrollment increase an average of 8.6%, to nearly 6,000 students across all five campuses.

Including the Columbus campus, total student enrollment is up half a percent, to 67,255 students.

"It's a great pleasure to see our campus grow and to know that The Ohio State University, one of the top public universities in

the country, continues its commitment to our future growth," said Jason Opal, dean and director of Ohio State Mansfield. "It's an exciting time to be here at the Mansfield campus, aka 'Buckeye North.'"

"We have incredible momentum right now, and I'm proud that Ohio State is the destination of choice for so many students and families, including many from right here in Ohio," said President Walter "Ted" Carter Jr. "True to our land-grant mission, we offer an exceptional education at an affordable cost, and we have exciting plans to elevate our academic excellence and student accessibility even further. It's a great time to be a Buckeye."

Enrollment in health and rehabilitation at Mansfield is up 73%, the business program is up 36%, engineering increased 16% and arts and sciences are up 12%.

The campus attributes a portion of its success to programs like Upward Bound, a federally funded pre-college program, as well as LeaderRichland for Richland County middle school students, and Manufacturing Days,

which brings high school students to campus to learn about careers in manufacturing.

New first-year students across the university are Buckeyes at heart, with 68% of the total class coming from Ohio. This class of new first-year students is also exceptionally talented, with 97% graduating in the top 25% of their high school class and with an average ACT score of 30.6 and SAT score of 1397.

In the State of the University address this month, Carter announced two new scholarship programs to support more Ohio students who choose Ohio State. The President's Ohio Scholarship Program will provide full cost of attendance scholarships, plus a \$5,000 supplemental award to support educational opportunities and academic support, to Ohio students who score a perfect 36 on the ACT or a perfect 1600 on the SAT.

The university's Regional Campus Commitment program will cover tuition and fees for students from families with an adjusted gross income of \$100,000 or lower who start at one of Ohio State's regional campuses before transferring to the Columbus campus.



ONTARIO'S STINGEL SCHOOL had a coffee at the curb recently. Staff served parents donuts and coffee to say thanks to parents for all their daily support.



MRS. SUNNUCKS FIRST GRADE CLASS worked with STEM materials during reading rotations. This provides students with a chance to problem solve and improve hand-eye coordination while building a love for science, engineering and math.



Annual youth pro-life essay contest is accepting entries

Priests for Life and Stand True have announced the topic for the second annual pro-life essay contest for students in junior high through college.

Students are invited to submit essays of 500–800 words on the topic, "Why I Am Pro-Life in a Culture that Promotes Abortion." Essays should explore the challenges of being pro-life and the importance of helping peers understand that every abortion ends a human life.

Youth are bombarded daily with pro-abortion propaganda in the media and on social media. They are told that young people are choosing colleges depending on the abortion laws in certain states, and that families are uprooting themselves to move to places where there are few limits, or none at all, on abortion.

At Priests for Life, they highly esteem young people who hold fast to their pro-life convictions in the midst of this culture of death and also try to change the mind-set of their peers.

The submission deadline is Nov. 7. Essays may be mailed or sent electronically. Complete contest rules and eligibility requirements can be found at StandTrue.com/EssayContest. Winners will receive a cash prize and plaque, and will be recognized at the National Prayer Service in Washington, D.C., on the morning of the March for Life on Friday, Jan. 23, 2026.

The winning essays also will be featured in Priests for Life publications, and winners will have the opportunity to be interviewed. The college-level prize is \$1,000; high school, \$500 and junior high, \$300.



SAMARITAN HOSPITAL FOUNDATION Heart of Giving Award recipients were Warren Jones, Angela Woodward, Dwight McElfresh and Kim Mager. The Samaritan Hospital Foundation Power of Youth Award recipient is Logan Frazer.

Samaritan Hospital Foundation hosts annual Heart of Giving Awards

For over a decade, each year a crowd of nearly 200 gathers to celebrate individuals in our community who give generously of their time, talent, treasure, and service to help others.

The event began with a special recognition of Jack Vanosdall for his more than 25 years of serving on the Samaritan Hospital Foundation (SHF) Board.

Over the past 12 years, SHF has granted \$734,000 in scholastic awards to the next generation of nursing and allied medical students. This year, the Foundation, through the Paul R. Myers Medical Scholastic Award and the Dr. Philip E. Myers Medical Scholastic Award, approved two of the highest scholastic awards granted to date. Tyler Radziszewski and Cody Luke each received a \$7,000 scholastic award toward their education, in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements and community involvement.

The Power of Youth Award, introduced in 2023, recognizes a young person in our community who shares his or her time and talents to help others. This year, Logan Frazer received the award, which included a \$4,000 check to go toward his education.

Logan, a 2025 graduate of Ashland High School, was a member of the marching band, jazz band and symphonic band and earned a National Merit Scholarship as the top 1% of PSAT test takers in the nation. He started giving back to the Ashland community in middle school as a student at Ashland Christian School. Christina Tevan, Director of the Ashland Special Needs Ministry, was looking for students to buddy with special needs individuals for the ministry's respite program. Since then, Logan has become very involved in serving the special needs community in Ashland. He helps with programs throughout the school year and volunteers a week over the summer at the Joni & Friends Family Retreat.

The event also featured a video highlighting how SHF grants have positively impacted the health and wellness of individuals in Ashland County and the hospital over the years. The Foundation has supported a wide range of initiatives through grants to non-profit charities in our community, the hospital, scholastic awards for nursing and allied medical degrees, our local schools, law enforcement, fire/EMTs, and local churches, making an indelible mark through life-saving equipment and programs.

During the Heart of Giving Awards portion of the evening, SHF recognized four individuals in our community for their faithful service to make a difference in the lives of others:

Warren Jones was honored for decades of giving back to our community with his time and using his talents to put Ashland, Ohio, on the map hosting national fast pitch and softball events. Beyond bringing large softball events to Ashland, Warren has played a significant role in giving back to our community as a volunteer for

Camp Focus, an organization founded by Mike Gottfried, that helps boys ages 9 to 16 without a father figure in their home. And in 2022, during the Wendy's Golf Classic fundraiser that he helps organize every year, Warren was the recipient of a proclamation by Mayor Matt Miller honoring him for his lifetime of work, which included raising more than \$1 million dollars for various charities. In Warren's honor, SHF donated \$5,000 to Camp Focus.

Kim Mager, retired detective from the Ashland Police Department, was recognized for a lifetime of serving the Ashland community with her time and talents in law enforcement protecting our children. Early in her career, she helped create the Shop with a Cop program and served as program director for several years, investing a lot of her time to raise money to provide Christmas gifts for children. She also had a hand in establishing the Reach Out Cops and Kids program to foster community connections between cops and the youth in our community. Throughout her career, Kim has been recognized with many awards for her service. When she retired, one of the many victims that she helped over the years spoke. She shared, "I'm here to say that I'm here today because she's good at her job." In Kim's honor, SHF donated \$5,000 to the Shop with a Cop program.

Dwight McElfresh, retired Dean of Ashland University Founders School of Continuing Education, was recognized for his lifetime commitment to education and ensuring a legacy of continuing educational support in our community and beyond. He serves on the Ashland City Schools Foundation and Ashland County Community Foundation. He is the immediate past chair of the North Central State College Board of Trustees and continues to serve on the board. Dwight also started the Fastbreak Club to provide and maximize opportunities for Ashland University women's basketball team members, while creating a community of support. In McElfresh's honor, SHF donated \$5,000 to the Ashland City Schools Foundation.

Angela Woodward was recognized for her many years of service to the Ashland community letting her light shine to help those battling cancer. Now the director of the Ashland County Cancer Association, she discovered the organization when she was undergoing cancer treatment. As director, she has initiated vital programs, including a transportation service that allows the organization to transport clients to and from their treatments and appointments. Through her awareness efforts, the Cancer Association now serves more than 700 individuals, including caregivers. In addition to her advocacy work, she serves on city council for the 4th Ward, working on initiatives aimed at improving public safety, increasing community engagement, and supporting local businesses. In her honor, SHF donated \$5,000 to the Ashland County Cancer Association.

Mansfield Christian School Fun Run & Color Field Game



Photos By Traci Little

Renaissance will show film with Mighty Wurlitzer accompaniment

The Renaissance Theatre invites audiences to a night of cinema and live music with a special screening of *Nosferatu* (1922) on Friday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 pm.

Widely regarded as the film that launched the horror genre, F.W. Murnau's *Nosferatu* will come to life in a rare hybrid performance featuring live accompaniment on the Renaissance's legendary Mighty Wurlitzer Organ, performed by acclaimed organist Jay Spencer.

This presentation blends the eerie imagery of Murnau's silent masterpiece with the dramatic, immersive power of the theatre's historic organ. Each spine-tingling note enhances the atmosphere, drawing audiences deeper into the gothic world of Count Orlok.

The Mighty Wurlitzer Organ is itself a star of the evening. Originally installed in the Warner Brothers Vitaphone Studios in 1929, it was later owned by Hollywood actor Joseph Kearns before finding a permanent home at the Renaissance Theatre in 1985. Today, it remains a treasured piece of cinematic and musical history, continuing to thrill audiences with its extraordinary sound.

"Nosferatu is not just a film — it's an experience," said Renaissance President & CEO Chelsie Thompson. "The combination of this iconic movie and the Wurlitzer creates a powerful, atmospheric event that you truly can't replicate at home."

Whether you're a classic film enthusiast, a horror aficionado, or simply seeking a one-of-a-kind evening of live performance, this event promises to be an unforgettable encounter with vintage horror and musical artistry.

Tickets are \$10 and can be reserved online at rentickets.org, by calling the box office at 419-522-2726, or in person at the Renaissance Theatre, 138 Park Avenue West, Mansfield.

Columbia Gas provides cost-saving tips for winter energy efficiency

Columbia Gas of Ohio is sharing tips that can help customers lower their energy usage and save money on their bill during the colder months ahead.

- Maintain the furnace:** Before the first frost arrives, schedule an annual furnace tune-up. Make sure a furnace is clean, safe and ready for its months-long workout — remember to include a filter change.

- Set the thermostat:** Save energy and money by using the thermostat's schedule function. On cooler days, set the thermostat to around 68 degrees while home and lower it while asleep or away. On sunny days, open curtains and blinds to use the sun for warmth.

- Save on water:** Save energy and avoid scalding by setting the water heater temperature to 120 degrees or lower. When washing dishes, use the dishwasher instead of washing by hand. Also save by using the short cycle and letting dishes air dry.

- Seal cracks and leaks:** Keep a home warmer and more energy efficient during the colder months by sealing cracks and leaks. Before the first frost, spend a day caulking and weatherstripping windows and doors to help seal air leaks, which can be a significant source of energy drain.

- Buy ENERGY STAR® products:** When shopping for new appliances, look for the ENERGY STAR label. These appliances are certified as high-efficiency and use up to 65 percent less energy than non-ENERGY STAR alternatives.

Customers can save on their bills by spending some extra time this fall preparing their homes to be more energy efficient. For room-by-room tips on how to make your home more energy efficient, visit ColumbiaGasOhio.com/Energy-Efficiency.

Income-eligible customers may benefit from the WarmChoice® program, which provides qualified customers with free weatherization services year-round, like air sealing, natural gas appliance repair or replacement, wall insulation, and more.

Always remember that if a rotten egg-like odor of natural gas is detected, leave the area and call 911 and Columbia Gas at 800-344-4077 from a safe location.

Ontario High School Senior Sunrise



Mansfield Christian School Homecoming Parade



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Mansfield Christian School Homecoming Parade



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Ashland overpowers Madison 38-7 during homecoming celebration

Photos and Article By Traci Little

On a crisp Friday evening under the lights, Ashland High School celebrated homecoming with a colorful Hawaiian Aloha theme — and the Arrows capped the night with a commanding 38-7 victory over Madison Comprehensive.

Festivities kicked-off with the annual homecoming parade, where convertibles drove around this year's homecoming court including Ellee Bowman, Adi Herbert, Eva Early, Rilynn Aijian, Kate Aber, Gabe Baith, Blake McCarty, Reed Emmons, Brandon Briggs and Nathan Bernhard.

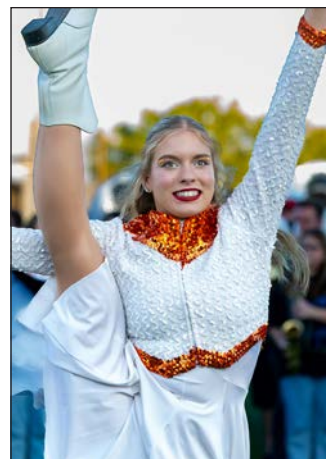
The crowd cheered as Brandon Briggs, a stand-out lineman for Ashland, was crowned Homecoming King, while Eva Early was named Homecoming Queen. In addition, senior Mateo Stephenson was recognized as Mr. Football 2025 prior to kickoff, adding another layer of celebration to the night.

From the opening whistle, Ashland set the tone, racing to a 14-0 first-quarter lead and holding Madison to just 13 passing yards all night. By halftime, the Arrows were firmly in control, up 24-7.

The defense dominated throughout, with Gunner Lacey and Budha Martin leading the charge up front and Jordan Ferguson grabbing a momentum-shifting interception.

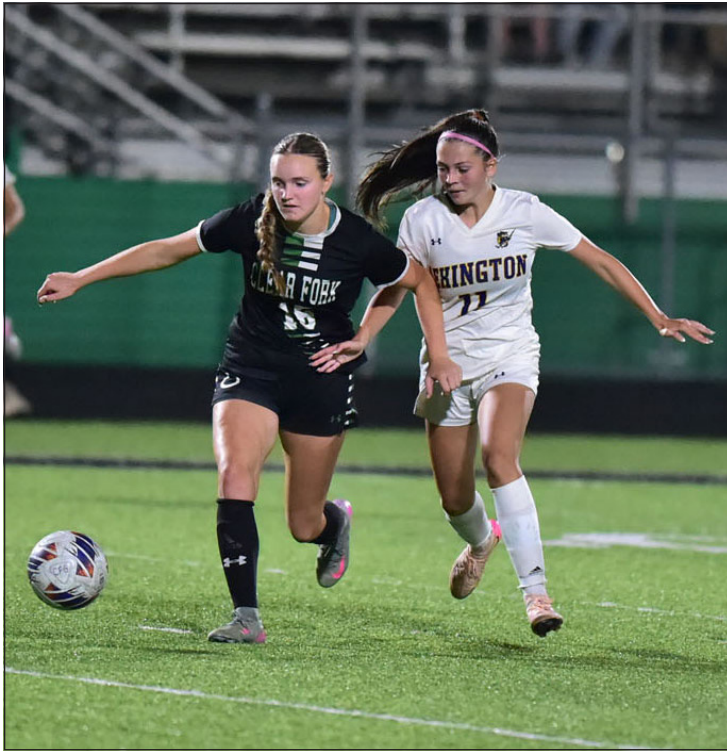
Offensively, Nathan Bernhard scored twice on the ground, Gabe Baith hauled in seven catches for 72 yards, and Killian O'Brien added 101 receiving yards. Carson O'Brien was perfect on five PATs and hit a 36-yard field goal.

Madison never found a rhythm, and Ashland pulled away in the second half to close out a 38-7 Homecoming victory. The win strengthens the Arrows' conference standing as they head into next week's road matchup at Mansfield Senior, while the Rams continue to search for their first home win.



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CLEAR FORK VS LEXINGTON GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER · SEPT. 25
LADY COLTS WIN 2-0 · PHOTOS BY JEFF HOFFER



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OHSAA football marches into week 7

By Kris Leiter

Well, we just finished week 6 last Friday night with another wild, wonderful week of high school gridiron!

Remember, last year, the top 16 teams made the first round of the playoffs, but OHSAA and others committee members made the hard decision to revert back to the top 12.

The 72 largest schools are in Division I, while the remaining schools are divided equally in Divisions II through VII (approximately 106 schools in each division).

We will take a peek at a few of our smaller schools this week.

CRESTLINE (4-2, 1-0 Mid-Buckeye Conference)

2025 record: 4-2 (as of 9-28)

2024 record: 4-6 (made post-season first time in 19 years)

Head coach: Hastings Robinette

Division VII: Region 27

- 1 Hillsdale (5-0) 7.6
- 2 Strasburg (5-0) 6.95
- 3 Willow Wood Symmes Valley (5-0) 6.8
- 4 Fisher Cath. (4-1) 6.05
- 5 South Gallia (4-1) 4.8306
- 6 Gloucester Trimble (3-2) 4.8
- 7 Waterford (3-2) 4.6202
- 8 Corning Miller (3-2) 4.55
- 9 Steubenville Cath. Central (3-2) 3.7667
- 10 Conotton Valley (3-2) 3.7646
- 11 Hannibal River (3-2) 3.4854
- 12t Danville (2-3) 2.65
- 12t Crestline (3-2) 2.65 (4-2 as of Sept. 27)
- 14 Millersport (2-3) 2.5
- 15 Shadyside (2-3) 2.45
- 16 Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans (2-3) 2.4

Crestline's nickname the "Bulldogs" originated sometime after 1939. As one would note, the breed is a very strong breed. "Strong" would definitely be applicable for this fierce football team for the past two seasons.

The 2024 campaign would see second-year head coach Hastings Robinette enter post-season playoffs for the first time in 19 years. That's an awesome thing for the quaint village with just over 4,500 residents.

The momentum from last year seems to be addictive as the Bulldogs are currently 4-2 and 2-0 in Mid-Buckeye conference play.

During week one, things started off a tad lean as they lost 22-7 in the home opener against Buckeye Central. The Bucks came out of the gate swinging with a 15-0 opening first quarter.

Crestline battled back with seven points in the second quarter, as would the Bucks. Halftime had the Bucks leading 22-7.

As the third and fourth quarters would come and go, the Bulldog defense would not allow another point, ending with the 22-7 loss.

During week two, the Bulldogs would see redemption and notched a win in fine fashion over the Vanlue Wildcats on the road 48-6.

Crestline would be on the road again for week three, traveling to Ashland County to tangle with the Mapleton Mounties for a narrow defeat 34-28. Looks can be deceiving as the Bulldogs were actually leading and holding their own for the first-half 14-12. As the third quarter would roll in, Mapleton opened the lead into the third quarter 28-14.

As the fourth quarter commenced, the Bulldogs came to life and fought and clawed their way back to tie the game 28-28 with minutes remaining until the final horn. Overtime was a possibility. As the few minutes would tick away, Mapleton scored in their last possession of the game with a touchdown as time would expire, ending the game 34-28, the Mounties would prevail.

As they hit week 4, it seemed the Bulldogs embraced the road games with victories, which is contraire to sports logic.

They traveled to St. John and notched another victory of 28-21 and carried a 2-2 record going into week five. The Bulldogs were tied for the 12-spot with Danville.

This past Saturday, Sept. 27, the Bulldogs notched another victory over the Manchester Greyhounds (5-1, 2-0 Mid-Buckeye). The contest was held Saturday due to the long distance between the schools.

Manchester rolled into the Bulldogs' stadium from their 2-hour bus ride from Southern Ohio and met the Crestline dog pound with the Bulldogs ready to tangle.

The Greyhounds were undefeated thus far in 2025, and their margin of victory has been no less than 12-points against any of their opponents.

Crestline surprised the Greyhounds with some thing that they had not experienced thus far this year — their first loss. There is nothing like being the spoiler and that's what Crestline would do.

They showed no mercy in blemishing the Greyhounds' undefeated record with a staut win of 48-12.

Keep your eyes on the Bulldogs, as they entertain St. Thomas Aquinas, from Louisville, OH. The Knights play in the Portage County league, just east of Canton.

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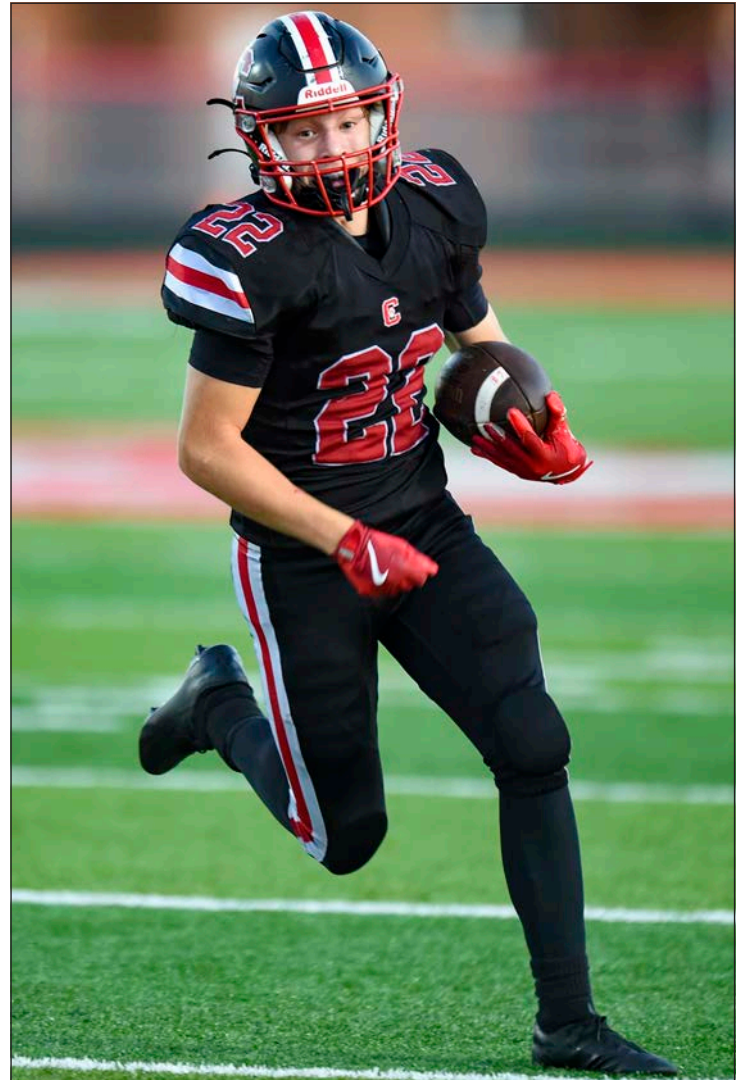


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Crestview Sophomore Wyatt Barber

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Another smaller school for Richland County is the Crestview High School Cougars in the Firelands Conference.

Crestview (4-2, 3-0 Firelands) took advantage of the home field and shut-out Firelands foe Plymouth (0-6) with a 42-0 win on Friday, Sept. 26 during the Cougars' homecoming game.

It's been awhile since I visited Crestview for a football game, and it was a beautiful crisp fall evening in the country. There is nothing like rural football teams battling it on the gridiron.

The Cougars victory notched their fourth consecutive win. This keeps the Cougars currently at 4-2 overall and undefeated in conference play at 3-0, holding first place in the Firelands Conference.

The Big Red are 0-6, hinging on the two losses from the 2024 campaign.

Hats off to Crestview notables Ayden Reymer and Liam Kuhn. Reymer rushed for 81 yards on the ground and Kuhn notched 181 yards in the air and two touchdowns.

Crestview began the battle by putting seven points on the scoreboard shortly into the first quarter. With 5:08 remaining in the first, Carter Goon cradled a completed pass, taking the ball into the Big Red 30-yard line and a first down.

The Cougars kept the momentum rolling and with 3:53, the Cougars would hit paydirt with a 21-yard touchdown and a successful extra-point! This would bring the tally to 14-0!

Plymouth would now start on offense with 3:44 on the clock. Big Red rushed a few times and notched a first down with 2:32 left.

The Cougar defense would stand tall and hold the Big Red to a punt with :31 and as the first quarter would cease, the score remained 14-0, Crestview.

The Cougars added seven points with a 4-yard run and extra point in the second quarter to extend their lead to 21-0 at halftime.

What would the second half bring for the Big Red?

Starting the third quarter, Plymouth kicked-off to the Cougars with the Cougars starting on their own 32-yard line.

Within minutes, the Cougars completed a 60-yard pass to Max Durbin to the end zone for another score. The extra point would round off the score to 28-0.

Plymouth started on their own 27-yard line after the kick-off from Crestview. With a short series on offense, the Big Red punted the ball back to the Crestview 32-yard line...again.

Crestview started on offense again and would see Ayden Reymer

with a long run. Crestview made its way to the Big Red 5-yard line and into the Plymouth red-zone! The Cougars would put another 8 points on the scoreboard for a total of 36-0.

Three minutes would expire on the clock with a short offensive series by Plymouth. Crestview would get the ball back and the continued what they had been doing all night by scoring on another touchdown pass for another touchdown! 42-0!

Both teams would trade short offensive series and the Big Red defense would bend but not break. Neither team would score and kudos to the Big Red as they would hold the Cougars to a scoreless fourth-down. Hats off the Big Red!

Top scoring for the Cougars came from Bransen Hider, senior, running back, 7 carries for 45-yards with 2-touchdowns (player of the game); Ayden Reymer, senior running back, 8 passes for 81 yards and one touchdown; and Liam Kuhn, senior, quarterback, 9 completions on 11 attempts, 181-yards with 2 touchdowns, 3 rushes for 23-yards.

Next week, Crestview will host another Fireland opponent, the Norwalk St. Paul Flyers. Will the Cougars add another victory and make it five consecutive wins?

St. Paul is currently 3-3 overall and 2-1, fourth place in the conference. They recently upset New London with a convincing victory of 47-6 on Sept. 26.

See football stats at <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/football>.



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Crestview Homecoming Queen Tori Kidney
and King Karter Goon



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SEPT. 22 · PHOTOS BY JEFF HOFFER



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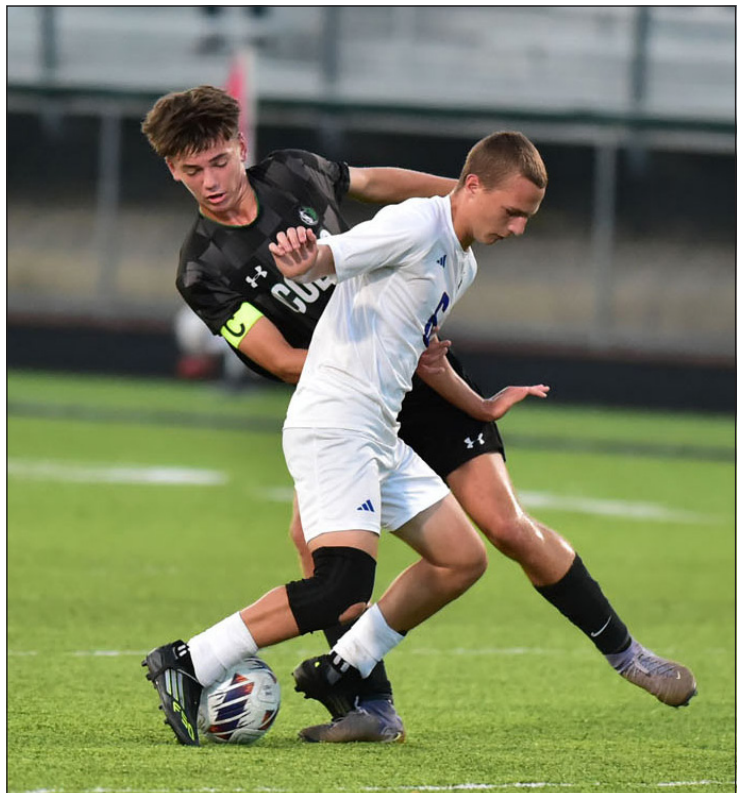
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WARRIORS WIN 27-24



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CLEAR FORK VS HIGHLAND BOYS VARSITY SOCCER · SEPT. 23
COLTS WIN 4-1 · PHOTOS BY JEFF HOFFER



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MADISON VS WOOSTER VARSITY FOOTBALL · SEPT. 12
RAMS WIN 28-17 · PHOTOS BY LILLIANA ALLEN



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MADISON VS WOOSTER JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL · SEPT. 13 PHOTOS BY LILLIANA ALLEN



Harvest Craft and Vendor Show to benefit Richland Outreach Center

Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Ontario, will host the 3rd Annual Harvest Craft and Vendor Show on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 10 am to 3 pm.

The event will have over 30 vendors. That same day there will also be a mini ice-cream social with take out and limited inside seating. Items served will include homemade soups, sloppy joes, coneys, pies, cakes, brownies and ice cream.

The Ontario Lion's Club will be selling hotdogs, chips and drinks as well.

The event will also include a mini kids festival. The cost for admission is \$2 per person and 100% of proceeds benefit Richland Outreach Center. There will be bounce houses, a train ride, games and pedal go cart bike races. Cost is \$2.

Vocal Fusion, a youth pop a capella choir, will perform the National Anthem. For more information call Joni Davis at 419-545-6646.



MS. SPENCER'S class at Ontario has been learning all about families and emotions. Students made family trees.



COMEDIAN AND MAGICIAN David McCreary visited Ontario High School recently. He uses guests from the audience in every trick he performs.

Voter registration deadline nearing for November election

The deadline to register to vote or change an address or name for the Nov. 4, general election is Monday, Oct. 6.

The Richland County Board of Elections office will be open that evening until 9 pm. This office is located at 1495 W. Longview Ave., Suite 101, in the Longview Center. After 4 pm, visitors must use the entrance at the lower-level back parking area at the southwest corner of the building.

Those registering to vote include must be either a native U. S. citizen or a naturalized citizen of the U.S., be a resident of the State of Ohio 30 days before an election and be a minimum of 18 years of age on or before the date of the general election on Nov. 4, 2025.

Registered voters who have moved or changed their name must notify the Board office in writing or in person. Voters currently registered in Ohio may change their address online at VoteOhio.gov, but must do so by the Oct. 6 deadline.

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

- Any library branch
- All city and village hall offices
- The Bureau of Motor Vehicles office
- The Department of Human Services
- The Richland County Courthouse (recorder or treasurer offices)
- All area high school offices

Registration forms may also be obtained at vote.richlandcountyooh.gov or requested by mail. Contact the board office at 419-774-5530 to have a form sent by mail. Completed voter registration forms must be postmarked 30 days before election day.



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