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**THE RICHLAND COUNTY FAIR** wrapped up on Saturday after a week-long run of activities and events. The fairgrounds were bustling with rides, food and animals. (Above Photo) Christian music artist Jordan Feliz took the grandstand stage on Tuesday, Aug. 5, to sing hits such as "Changed," "Jesus is Coming Back" and "Witness." See the Richland County Fair Special section beginning on Page 10.



## Addy's Attic: A thrift store's mission to uplift Mansfield's homeless

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Tucked into a quiet corner of Marion Avenue is more than just a thrift store—it's a ministry, a mission, and a message of hope. Addy's Attic, located at 280 Marion Ave., is a nonprofit thrift shop operated in conjunction with Truth Ministries, created to support individuals experiencing homelessness and to shine the love of Jesus through practical outreach.

Since its founding in 2014 by Peggy Powers, Addy's Attic has offered more than just low-cost vintage finds. It's a place where secondhand treasures become first steps toward healing and stability.

Proceeds directly support Elijah's House, a transitional discipleship home for six men recovering from addiction, incarceration or homelessness, a warming center at the Salvation Army that offers shelter during freezing temperatures; and emergency aid, including hotel stays, transportation, clothing and basic necessities for those in crisis.

When items don't sell they're given to those in need. At Addy's Attic, nothing is wasted. Every purchase, every donated bag, every dollar has purpose.

Addy's Attic offers a constantly rotating inventory of: gently used clothing, including men's essentials (sizes 28–34 especially needed, shoes, toiletries, household goods and other practical items. Many treasures are priced as low as \$2, making this one of Mansfield's most affordable places to shop.

Donations are always welcome and appreciated. Most needed items include new toiletries, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, new undergarments and casual men's clothing.

It is best to call ahead before donating large quantities due to limited storage space.

Addy's Attic is more than retail — it's relational. Founder Peggy Powers and her team believe in offering compassion without judgment,

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## LOST IN A BOOK



A Book Review  
By Mandy Belczak Gurney



*Beach House Rules* by Kristy Woodson Harvey was the sweet and salty story I needed when my mind was too full of life. Kristy Woodson Harvey always delivers a beach read that is accessible and goes down smooth.

It's packed with white collar crime, a string of dead husbands and adult women who know what friendship is all about.

And for all of us who grew up addicted to gossip girl, each chapter is complete with a post from a secret social media account that never fails to share the hot news of the town.

My rating: ★★☆☆

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## Red Cross donors can receive free A1C screenings

In August, the Red Cross will provide free A1C screening – a test commonly used to screen for prediabetes and diabetes – for all donors who make a successful blood, platelet or plasma donation. Fasting is not required for this test, and donors will be able to view their confidential results one to two weeks after their donation in the Blood Donor App or their donor account at RedCrossBlood.org. Donors will receive one A1C test result in a 12-month period.

Schedule a time to give by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App. Those who come to give through Aug. 28, will receive a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. For details on both offers, visit [RedCrossBlood.org/Test](http://RedCrossBlood.org/Test).

Upcoming opportunities:

Friday, Aug. 15, 10 am to 3 pm, YMCA, 750 Scholl Rd., Mansfield; 11 am to 4 pm, The Ontario Center, 2209 Richland Mall

Monday, Aug. 18, noon to 5 pm, The Ontario Center

Tuesday, Aug. 19, 1–6 pm, Crossroads Ontario Campus, 636 Lexington-Springmill Rd., S

Wednesday, Aug. 20, noon to 6 pm, The Ontario Center

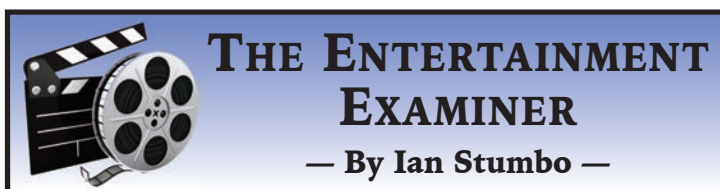
Saturday, Aug. 23, 9 am to 2 pm, The Ontario Center

Monday, Aug. 25, noon to 5 pm, The Ontario Center

Wednesday, Aug. 27, noon to 6 pm, The Ontario Center

Friday, Aug. 29, 8 am to 1 pm, Medical Office Building, 4th Floor, 335 Glessner Ave., Mansfield

Saturday, Aug. 30, 9 am to 2 pm, The Ontario Center, 2209 Richland Mall; and 10 am to 3 pm, Mansfield Senior High School, 124 N. Linden Rd., Mansfield



Original horror is scoring big in 2025 with *Sinners* earlier in the year and now *Weapons*.

Writer/director Zach Cregger who directed 2022's surprise original *Barbarian* returns with this movie that has divided audience but vastly getting good to great reviews.

At 2:17 am, 17 children opened the doors of their homes and ran away. All of the children, except one, came from the same classroom and parents are blaming their teacher played by Julia Garner.

The marketing for this movie was very well done because the more you can go into this movie without knowing anything, the better the experience. Events happen that are scary, thrilling and shocking. Cregger is confident in his material and the studio really let him deliver his own project and it certainly shows on the screen.

The movie is told in a non linear fashion as the story is told from about five or six different viewpoints. Josh Brolin is a

standout as one of the parents and Amy Madigan does terrific work as the aunt of one of the children.

It is difficult to review this movie without giving a great deal away though the performances and directing really stand out as well as how Cregger weaves all of these stories together. The biggest issues with the movie were that the ending was rather abrupt and could have

been shorter, also some of the characters storylines, while essential, could have been more interesting.

*Weapons* contains many different genres such as parts horror, thriller and even some humor. This seems like a movie that either people are loving or hating though for me personally it really worked even if there were issues. Definitely see this one for something truly original, scary, suspenseful and fun.



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# News Briefs

U.S. 42, between Holloway/Eckert Road and Schmidt Road, will close Monday, Aug. 18 for 30 days for a culvert replacement.

The detour route for eastbound motorists will be U.S. 42 east to SR 314 north to SR 97 east to U.S. 42 and reverse for westbound motorists. The estimated completion is Wednesday, Sept. 17.

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Nonprofit Vitalant will give donors a \$10 gift card to anyone who gives Aug. 1–28 and are opted in to Vitalant Donor Rewards. They will also be entered for a chance to win one of three \$10,000 gift cards. View eligibility requirements and make an appointment at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org), download and use the Vitalant app or call 877-258-4825.

A bloodmobile will be held Wednesday, Aug. 27, at Planktown Market, 1921 Free Rd., Shiloh, from 3–6 pm.

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The Women's Fund of the Richland County Foundation is accepting grant applications from nonprofit organizations for programs that support women and girls.

For information about the process or guidelines, contact Foundation Community Investment Officer Bobby Rhea at [brhea@rcfoundation.org](mailto:brhea@rcfoundation.org) or call 419-525-3020 to assure a program complies with the focus and guidelines.

Programs must occur between Dec. 1, 2025, and Aug. 31, 2026. The deadline for submitting an online application is Sept. 1.

Applications are available at [richlandcountyfoundation.org](http://richlandcountyfoundation.org).

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Christopher Reynolds on Sunday, Aug. 17, at 10:30 am. The subject will be "Remember There Is A Heaven, Part 1."

For information visit [www.allsoulsuuohio.org](http://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 Aug. 20, with turkey and entertainment from Olivia Rayburn, music therapist and piano player.

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

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Aug. 23 and 24. 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.

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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.

## Grant will help Milliron Foundation create affordable housing in Mansfield

Brightspeed, a fiber broadband company has sold its Mansfield central office building at a substantially reduced price as an in-kind contribution to the Milliron Foundation, a local non-profit organization helping to improve the lives of Mansfield residents.

Together, Brightspeed and Milliron Foundation completed the transaction at a fraction of the appraised value with the goal of helping create affordable housing for veterans and seniors.

"At Brightspeed, we believe our responsibility to the communities we serve goes beyond building fast, reliable broadband; it's about creating lasting impact," said John Mizerak, government affairs director at Brightspeed. "By working with the Milliron Foundation, we're proud to play a small role in addressing a critical need in Mansfield and Richland County. This project reflects our commitment to strengthening communities."

The Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio recently reported that Ohio's highly visible, unsheltered population has increased 29 percent since the pandemic. Additionally, the local Housing Needs and Assessment Plan, released in January, projects Richland County will need about 2,700 more affordable rental units to meet the community's needs in 2032.

The Milliron Foundation plans to address the affordable housing shortage by transforming the Brightspeed building into apartments for area veterans and seniors.

"Milliron Foundation founder, my father, Grant Milliron, was a true patriot and would be very excited that Brightspeed and the Foundation could come to such a generous agreement benefiting the veterans and seniors of Mansfield," said Karl Milliron, a member of the foundation's board of trustees. "While he never served in the nation's armed forces, my dad said on many occasions that was the only regret in his life."

Built in 1969, the 123,500-square-foot space on 10.3 acres of land has served as a telecommunications office facility until now. The Milliron Foundation plans to rehabilitate the building and grounds to create up to 75 living units, community areas and opportunities to house small businesses. The mixed-use construction project is expected to take approximately four years to complete and will be funded through the foundation, grants and partnerships.

## American Heritage Days are Oct. 4, 5

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. A food truck will be on-site.

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[alz.org/nw ohio/walk](http://alz.org/nw ohio/walk)



**Richland Carrousel Park 75 N. Main Street, Mansfield**

Event Details : Check in 9:00 am | Ceremony / Walk at 10:00 am

# Church Directory

## Clay Memorial Lutheran Church

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

Pastor Carol Kilgore

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

## Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville

419-886-4333 • [www.clearforkalliance.org](http://www.clearforkalliance.org)

Rev. Matt Merendino

Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor

9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship

Sunday Evening 6 pm Home Groups

Monday Men's Group 7:30 pm

Wednesday evenings: 6:45 pm, Prayer Meeting

6:30-8 pm and TeamKID and Youth Group

## First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

200 West Third St., Mansfield

419-524-4813 • [mansfield1stcc1833@gmail.com](mailto:mansfield1stcc1833@gmail.com)

Rev. David Zerby

Office Hours: Tu., W., Th. 9 am to 1 pm

10:30 am Sunday Worship

Christian Builders, Sunday, 9:30 am

[www.FirstChristianChurchMansfield.com](http://www.FirstChristianChurchMansfield.com)

FB: FirstChristianChurch,Mansfield,Ohio

## First Congregational Church

640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield

419-756-3046 • [www.mansfieldfcc.com](http://www.mansfieldfcc.com)

Pastor Brad Bunn

8:30 am Chapel • 10:30 am Sanctuary

10:30 am Sunday School (nursery-high school)

10:30 am Monday Morning Bible Study

7:30 am Wednesday Men's Breakfast

## First English Lutheran Church

53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield

419-522-0662 • [www.felc-mansfield.org](http://www.felc-mansfield.org)

Pastor Jay Jackson

9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship

Call about Prayer Groups, Small Groups, Bible Studies, Book Clubs, Pub Theology, Community Meals, Free Produce distribution and Senior Boxes.

## 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](http://gracemansfield.org) • [facebook.com/GraceChurchMansfield](https://facebook.com/GraceChurchMansfield)

## G & M Body & Paint Shop

168g 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](http://www.lccoh.com)

Lead Minister Brandon Bogue

9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship

## Lexington Presbyterian Church

35 Church St. West, Lexington

419-884-1330

Pastor Denny Nezrick

10:30 am Sunday Worship

<https://www.facebook.com/Lexington-Presbyterian-Church-117768414915815>

## Mansfield 1st Presbyterian Church

399 Trimble Rd., Mansfield

419-756-7066 • [www.mansfield1st.com](http://www.mansfield1st.com)

Rev. Joseph Yerger

9 am Adult & Youth Sunday School

10 am Traditional Sunday Worship

ADA Accessible Nursery & Children's Programming

## Mansfield Baptist Temple

752 N. Stewart Rd., Mansfield

419-589-5413 • [www.mbt.org](http://www.mbt.org)

Pastor Rob Kurtz

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am & 5:30 pm Sunday Worship

7 pm Wednesday Service

## Oakland Lutheran Church

2045 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](http://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](http://www.stjohnsmansfield.org)

Pastor Faith Proietti

10 am Sunday Worship

Office hours: Mon-Fri 9 am to 1 pm

AA Meetings M & F 10 am & noon;

Wed. noon Brown Bag and Sat. 6 pm

Clothing Ministry by appt: 419-512-9817

## Southside Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

2055 Middle-Bellville Rd., Mansfield

419-756-3436

Pastor Paul Lintern

10:45 am Sunday Worship

## Trinity Grace Fellowship

1592 Grace St., Mansfield

419-589-5890 • [trinitygracefellowship.org](http://trinitygracefellowship.org)

Pastor Larry Carnes

9:30 am Sunday Worship • 11 am Sunday School

Bible Study Mondays 2 pm

## Registration now open for RAA fall classes

Registration is officially open for Fall 2025 classes at Richland Academy of the Arts, offering opportunities for students of all ages to explore their creativity, build new skills, and connect with the arts in meaningful ways.

This fall, RAA is offering both new and returning classes and lessons in dance, music, theatre, visual arts, and martial arts, ensuring there's something for every dancer, musician, actor, visual artist and martial artist to discover.

"Our fall programming is designed to inspire artists at every stage of their journey," said Dr. Michael Benson.

"Whether you're trying something for the first time or continuing to grow your skills, there's a class waiting for you at Richland Academy of the Arts."

New fall classes designed to inspire all ages include Teen Tap, Music with Miss Megan, Beginner Painting Class, Rock Band 101 and Dance Conditioning for Boys with Mr. Marden.

Returning classes include Adult Ballet & Adult Tap Dance Classes, Little Black Box Theatre Classes, Martial Arts for All Ages.

Private music lessons in piano, voice, percussion, guitar, clarinet and more are also available.

In addition to these featured classes, RAA offers a wide range of programs for all ages and skill levels. Visit [www.richlandacademy.com](http://www.richlandacademy.com) for full class listings, registration details, and Tuition Assistance applications.

For more information visit <https://richlandacademy.com> or call 419-522-8224.

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Photos By Jenna Wolford

**CLOVER HILL EARLY LEARNING CENTER** held a grand opening ceremony and open house for its second location in Ontario. The celebration was held at the 347 Allen Dr. location on Friday, Aug. 8. In attendance were Richland County Commissioner Tony Vero and City of Ontario Service Safety Director Adam Gongwer. The ribbon cutting was hosted by Richland Area Chamber's Jennifer Wagner, Director of Member Engagement, Retention & Services. The new location, formerly the *Tribune-Courier* office, will accommodate infants, toddlers and preschool children and plans to officially open later this month. The remodel was a labor of love, largely being completed by owner Natasha Repp's family members. For more information call 419-723-0001 or visit <https://cloverhillelc.com>.



### Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Effie Gaynell Copley, July 30  
Jeffrey Thomas Fields Jr., Aug. 1  
Steven James Lee, Aug. 1  
Roger Dale Smith, Aug. 2  
Brooklen Mae Wallace, Aug. 3  
Theodore Joseph Masaitis, Aug. 9

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# •Addy's Attic: A Thrift store's mission to uplift Mansfield's homeless

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a warm smile and practical support to every person who walks through their doors.

"Working in a salon and spa, I love the beauty world," said Peggy Powers. "But there's the other side — people who don't even have anywhere to live. People don't have compassion for the homeless. God has sunk that deep in my heart... We just help them, without any judgment. We show them love and respect."

That passion is fueling growth. Elijah's House continues to disciple men through a year-long, faith-based recovery program. The long-term dream? To create a community outreach center—open seven days a week — with showers, laundry, food, life coaching, and holistic support all under one roof.

While the store may not boast flashy online reviews, its legacy is written in the many lives that have been transformed.

From helping formerly incarcerated men transition into stable housing, to stepping in with hotel stays when shelters are full, Addy's Attic consistently stands in the gap for those who have nowhere else to turn.

"It's heartbreaking when we can't help," said Powers. "But our team is growing. Passion is igniting. God's been growing the whole thing."

The ministry also partners with Wayfinders, 211, and the Great Lakes Homeless Coalition—amplifying their efforts and expanding their reach.

Whether you have an hour to spare, a bag of donations, or just a heart for helping, you can be part of the mission:

- Shop with purpose – Every purchase helps lift someone out of hardship.
- Donate – Bring gently used items or give financially (even \$25/month makes a difference).
- Volunteer – Help sort clothes, assist customers, or lend a listening ear.
- Spread the word – Share their story at church, on social media, or in your workplace.

You never know who might be inspired to give—or receive—through your kindness.

Addy's Attic is located at 280 Marion Ave. Mansfield. The store

can be reached at 567-370-0932 or [truthbaptistchurch14@gmail.com](mailto:truthbaptistchurch14@gmail.com). The website can be accessed at [truth-ministries.org](http://truth-ministries.org) and the store is open Tuesday – Friday, from 10 am to 4 pm and the third Saturday of each month from 11 am to 3 pm.

From a cozy corner thrift shop to a full-fledged faith-based outreach, Addy's Attic is proof that second chances can start with secondhand items. It's a store built on love, dignity, and the belief that no one should be left behind.

So the next time you're clearing out your closet or hunting for a hidden gem, stop by Addy's Attic. Your gently used items—and your generosity—might just become someone else's new beginning. Consider donating items you would proudly wear, or that you would give to your loved ones.

"We are a homeless ministry showing Jesus' love to everyone in need. Help us help them." – Addy's Attic Team



Photos By Traci Little





## Bob & Bob Door Company: A 56-Year Family Legacy in Richland County

By Traci Little

For 56 years, Bob & Bob Door Co., LLC has been more than just a business in Richland County—it's been a family tradition built on trust, service, and community.

Founded in 1969 by father and son Robert D. and Robert W. Crabbs, the company began with a simple mission: repairing garage doors and openers while selling Wayne Dalton garage doors and Genie openers. What started small has grown into a trusted name throughout the area, serving both homeowners and businesses with pride.

Today, the business remains in family hands, led by the younger Bob's daughter, Debbie (Crabbs) Newmeyer. She works alongside her sister Pam, daughter Sarah, daughter-in-law Victoria, and niece Misty. Debbie's son Bobby is also part of the team, making him the fourth generation to carry on the Crabbs' legacy. In total, the company employs seven skilled installers and service technicians who deliver the same dedication to quality that the founders did decades ago.

"We've always believed that treating customers like family is the key to lasting success," Debbie shared. "That's why people in this community continue to choose us after all these years."

From garage doors and openers to entry doors, storm doors, and commercial speed doors, Bob & Bob Door Co. handles both new construction and replacements, always including removal and disposal of old equipment. Their fast, friendly service and attention to detail have earned them the title of Best Garage Door Company in Richland County numerous times, as well as multiple nominations for the Small Business of the Year Award.

As proud members of the Richland County Chamber of Commerce, the Better Business Bureau, and NFIB, Bob & Bob Door Co. remains committed to the community that has supported them for more than half a century.

The office, located at 903 W. Longview Ave., Mansfield, is open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm. To schedule service, call 419-747-2255 or 1-800-676-2507.

After 56 years, one thing is clear: at Bob & Bob Door Co., you're not just a customer — you're part of the family.

## Fall Harvest Show is Aug. 23, 24

The Mansfield Men's Garden Club will hold its 70th Annual Fall Harvest Show Saturday, Aug. 23 and Sunday, Aug. 24, in the King Ballroom at Kingwood Center Gardens.

The public is invited to enter horticultural achievements and artistic designs for the show. Show booklets are available at area garden centers, florists, greenhouses and at the Kingwood Center Gateway Center. Entries will be accepted on Saturday from 9 am to noon with the show opening at 2 pm. All entries should be taken to the receiving area of the Kingwood Gateway Center located on the west side of the building. The show opens at 10 am on Sunday.

For more information email [edpickens48@gmail.com](mailto:edpickens48@gmail.com).

## Bank promotions announced

Mechanics Bank has announced recent promotions.

Laura L. Baker has been promoted to Vice President, Good Life Director. Baker joined Mechanics in 2020 as Director of The Good Life program with over 40 years of experience in the travel industry as a previous owner of a local travel agency. She is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Mansfield, United Way of Richland County's Power of the Purse committee and a graduate of the Travel Management Academy.

Nathan T. Masters has been promoted to Vice President, Commercial and Agriculture Loan Officer. He joined Mechanics in 2009 as a Customer Service Representative and later served as a Business Banker. Masters holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

Christopher J. McClenathan has been promoted to Vice President, Information Technology Manager. He joined Mechanics in 2005 as an IT Service Representative and later served as an Operations Manager. McClenathan holds an associate's degree in Computer Programming from North Central State College and a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

Caroline D. Worner has been promoted to Vice President, Digital Marketing Manager & Community Reinvestment Act Officer. Caroline joined Mechanics in 2008 as a Customer Service Representative and later served as a Digital Marketing Specialist. She holds a bachelor's degree in E-Marketing and Advertising from The University of Akron. Worner serves on the Marketing committees for both the United Way of Richland County and the Renaissance Theatre.

Mechanics Bank is a full service, independent community bank.



Laura L. Baker



Nathan T. Masters



Christopher J. McClenathan



Caroline D. Worner





## RPH launches “Look Before You Lock Richland” initiative

Richland Public Health held a press conference on Friday, Aug. 8, in the Corley Room at RPH to launch “Look Before You Lock Richland,” a countywide initiative designed to help prevent injuries and deaths related to children and pets being left unattended in vehicles.

The program provides both high-tech tools and simple, low-tech reminders to support families and promote everyday safety.

“This initiative is about supporting caregivers with real, usable tools—no matter their situation,” said Dr. Julie Chaya, Health Commissioner at Richland Public Health. “Whether it’s a sensor that connects to your phone or a wristband that reminds you to check the back seat, we want to make safety second nature.”

Look Before You Lock offers participating families: smart safety devices that fit into car seats and connect to a caregiver’s phone, sending escalating alerts if a child is left behind; reminder wristbands and other low-tech options that prompt visual and physical reminders for caregivers; education and guidance from Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPSTs); and community outreach and awareness through local partners, clinics, and events.

The program was open to all families with young children, regardless of income or background. “This can happen to anyone,” said Dr. Chaya. “That’s why we’re offering a range of solutions — because every family deserves support, and every child deserves to be safe.”

## Richland Gives registration is open

Registration for Richland Gives, an online giving event hosted by the Richland County Foundation (RCF), opens August 1. It is free; however, Richland County based nonprofits must register each year.

Thanks to the generosity of donors of the Foundation, \$80,000 in incentives will be awarded as grants to participating organizations, beyond what they raise from online donations.

Richland Gives is designed to encourage people to contribute to local nonprofits they care about through a single giving website. The Foundation hosts the day to build capacity, grow philanthropy and make the community stronger.

Each organization will have an individualized web page to promote their cause. The success of the event will depend on our collective enthusiasm and implementation.

Leading up to the event, the Foundation provides an online toolkit, education, mass media and social media coverage to make it easier for nonprofit organizations to participate.

The Richland Gives donation period is from Nov. 17 at 7 am through Dec. 2 at 7 pm.

For more details or to donate go to [richlandgives.org](http://richlandgives.org).

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

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

## HEAP applications being accepted

The Ohio Department of Development and Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. are offering assistance to help Ohio’s families stay cool during the hot summer months.

From July 1 through Sept. 30, income-eligible Ohioans can receive assistance in paying electric bills, purchasing an air conditioner or fan or making repairs to a central air conditioning unit through the Ohio Department of Development’s Home Energy Assistance Summer Crisis Program (HEAP).

“We’re proud to partner with community action agencies across the state to deliver this critical support during the hottest months of the year,” said Lydia Mihalik, director of the Ohio Department of Development, which administers the program.

The program assists low-income households or those that have a disconnection notice, have been shut off, are trying to establish new service, require air conditioning or those with a person 60 years or older living in the home with physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed. Qualifying medical conditions include lung disease, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and asthma.

To qualify, Ohioans must have a gross income at or below 175 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for a family of up to eight members, and 60 percent of the state median income for a family of nine or more members. For a family of four, the annual income must be at or below \$56,262.50.

Registration can be completed at [energyhelp.ohio.gov](http://energyhelp.ohio.gov). Click “Log into the EA portal,” then click “Create an OHID,” and follow the six-step account creation process.

To apply, clients are required to schedule an appointment with the local County Community Action Commission. Documents needed at the appointment include most recent energy bills, a list of all household members and proof of income for the last 30 days or 12 months for each member, proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members, proof of disability (if applicable) and physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for a household member’s health. For more information call 419-524-4144.

## Farmers market program available

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

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

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

The fastest and most convenient way to apply for the SFMNP program is through the online application form.

An email address is required to complete the electronic form. Applicants in Ohio who register with an email address will receive a confirmation email once approved and can begin using their \$50 benefit beginning May 15.

For application assistance call 567-247-7101. The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., located in Ontario, Ohio provides leadership, collaboration, coordination and services to older adults, people with disabilities, their caregivers and resource networks that support individual choice, independence and dignity.



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**ONTARIO COMMUNITY EVENTS** has announced a new partnership with Ontario Local Schools, made possible by a generous donation from the Richland Correctional Institution (RiCI). A new little free library, built by incarcerated men using repurposed materials and painted by the recreation department at RiCI, has found a permanent home at Stingel Elementary School. In addition to building the library, RiCI also organized a book drive to help stock it. While the library's motto is "give a book, take a book," the donated books will also be used to periodically restock the shelves throughout the year to ensure everyone has access to a book, even if they don't have one to donate. The event was attended by Warden Angela Stuff, Principal Kimberly Johnson, and the City of Ontario Recreation Director Kenn Spencer. Warden Stuff spoke about the importance of giving back to the community, a sentiment that resonates deeply with everyone involved in this collaborative effort.



## Richland SWCD will plant a tree in honor of volunteer of the year

Each year Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) recognizes one person as the Volunteer of the Year for outstanding support of the district. Richland SWCD is pleased to announce this year's recipient is Elaine Oswald of Mansfield.

To recognize her dedication to the district, a Green Gable Black Gum tree will be planted in her honor Aug. 20 at 10 am at Liberty Park in Mansfield.

She will also be recognized at the Richland SWCD Annual Celebration on Sept. 11 at 11:30 am at the Area Agency on Aging Hawkins Center in Ontario. The public is invited to attend both events.

Oswald has volunteered with Richland Soil and Water Conservation District since 2016. Elaine serves the district as a precipitation monitor and provides daily reports of rain and snow amounts on the Richland Soil and Water Conservation District website. Elaine said she volunteers with Richland Soil and Water Conservation District because she has always been interested in conservation of our natural resources and felt monitoring precipitation was an easy way to participate. She holds bachelor's degrees in biology and geology. As part of her education she studied soils and is an avid gardener.

Call 419-747-8686 or go to <http://richlandswcd.net/> to register for the Annual Celebration, learn about volunteer opportunities, services, programs, and upcoming workshops provided by Richland SWCD.

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## Junior Fair Best of Show Awards

### Clothing/Fashion Revue

Best of Show, Emma Krietemeyer; Reserve Best of Show, New Edition 4-H; Hadrian Von Ehrenkrook, Roaming Rovers 4-H

**Conservation of Natural Resources:** Emalyn Truex, Roaming Rovers 4-H

**Demonstration – Intermediate Individual:** Marissa Barciz, Next Generation 4-H

**Family Life Design (getting started in art, scrapbooking, graphic design):** Amery Sexton, Country Clovers 4-H



Junior Fair King and Queen Trent Rodman and Paytan Byrd

## 2025 Junior Fair Royalty

Junior Fair Queen: Paytan Byrd, Shelby FFA

Junior Fair King: Trent Rodman, Freedom Wranglers 4-H and Shelby FFA

Queen First Runner-Up: Abigail Secriskey, Roaming Rovers 4-H

Queen First Runner-Up: Logan Hoffman, Lucky 4-H'ers 4-H

Queen Second Runner-Up: Katie Crider, Ring Raiders 4-H

King Second Runner-Up: Carson Secriskey, Roaming Rovers 4-H and Shelby FFA

**Family Life Hobbies and Leisure (writing, collectibles, cake decorating, leisure):** Selah Schleusener, Richland County Livestock Lovers 4-H

**Foods – Beginner:** Brooklyn Gilger, True Grit 4-H

**Foods – Intermediate:** Abigail Secriskey, Roaming Rovers 4-H

**Foods – Advanced:** Kaley Bowman, Wild-n-Free 4-H

**Gardening/Horticulture:** Ava Burkhart, Ring Raiders 4-H

**Health:** Kaley Bowman, Wild-n-Free 4-H

**Leadership:** Gracie Rodman, Freedom Wranglers 4-H

**Photography:** Abigail Secriskey, Roaming Rovers 4-H

**Shooting Sports:** Logan Hoffman, Lucky 4-H'ers

**STEM (Aerospace, rockets, electricity, physics, robotics):** Weston Lacey, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H

**Veterinary Science:** Finlay Rowlands, Next Generation 4-H

**Woodworking:** Cody Wolford, Country Champions 4-H

**Engineering Sweepstakes:** Weston Lacey, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H



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## Junior Fair 4-H Booth Awards

Most creative: New Edition 4-H  
 Best use of theme: Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
 Most unique: Rusty Riders 4-H  
 Most colorful: Wild-n-Free 4-H  
 Best display of 4-H history: Richland Round-Up 4-H  
 Best use of space: Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H  
 Best promotion to join 4-H: Bibs & Boots 4-H  
 Most inviting/catchy: Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H  
 Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (Go Green!): Country Clovers 4-H  
 Best portrayal of club activities/history/projects: Roaming Rovers 4-H  
 People's choice (voted on by the public): Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H

## 2025 Animal Ambassadors

**Rabbit:** Emma Blanton, Junior Ambassador

**Canine:** Makenzie Mills, Wild-n-Free 4-H, Senior Ambassador; Natalie Smith, Wild-n-Free 4-H, Runner-Up Senior Ambassador

**Horse:** Makenzie Mills, Wild-n-Free 4-H, Senior Ambassador; Lynn Montgomery, Freedom Wranglers 4-H, Runner-Up Senior Ambassador; Norah Cochran, Branded Pony, Junior Ambassador; Sophia Fikentscher, Wild-n-Free 4-H, Runner-Up Junior Ambassador

## Junior Fair Talent Show

Best of Show: McKinnley King, Freedom Wranglers 4-H (vocal)  
 2nd (tie): Johanna Suter, Freedom Wranglers 4-H (dance/gymnastics)  
 2nd (tie): Audrey King, Freedom Wranglers 4-H (instrumental, trumpet)



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Emma Blanton and Abigail Secriskey



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## Junior Fair Poultry Show

Grand Champion Market Broilers: Abby Snyder, Shelby FFA  
 Reserve Champion Market Broilers: Liam Hicks, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H  
 Third Place Champion Market Broilers: Emerson Biglin, Next Generation 4-H  
 Fourth Place Champion Market Broilers: Jack Stephens, Crestview FFA  
 Fifth Place Champion Market Broilers: Alivia Hicks, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H  
 Sixth Place Champion Market Broilers: Kennedy Studer, Shelby FFA  
 Seventh Place Champion Market Broilers: Owen Amburgey, Shelby FFA  
 Eighth Place Champion Market Broilers: Payton Miller, Bibs & Boots 4-H  
 Grand Champion Market Ducks: Norah Cochran, Branded Pony 4-H  
 Reserve Champion Market Ducks: Jack Whatman, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H  
 Third Place Champion Market Ducks: Tanner Beer, Roaming Rovers 4-H  
 Fourth Place Champion Market Ducks: Braxton Dawson, Shelby FFA  
 Fifth Place Champion Market Ducks: Olivia Dunn, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H  
 Sixth Place Champion Market Ducks: Westen Rehberg, Roaming Rovers 4-H  
 Seventh Place Champion Market Ducks: Lily Clark, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H  
 Eighth Place Champion Market Ducks: Mi-

chael Vogt, Shelby FFA  
 Grand Champion Market Turkey: Allie Shrader, Great Expectations 4-H  
 Reserve Champion Market Turkey: Amery Sexton, Shelby FFA  
 Third Place Champion Market Turkey: Ethan Dawson, Shelby FFA  
 Fourth Place Champion Market Turkey: Liam Hicks, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H  
 Fifth Place Champion Market Turkey: Reagan Kleman, Shelby FFA  
 Sixth Place Champion Market Turkey: Ashlynn Sexton, Country Clovers 4-H  
 Seventh Place Champion Market Turkey: Anthony Dawson, Shelby FFA  
 Eighth Place Champion Market Turkey: Kolten Sexton, Shelby FFA

### Pro Showmanship

1st – Cailey Fairchild, Shelby FFA  
 2nd – Finlay Rowlands, Next Generation 4-H  
 3rd – Alivia Hicks, Ganges Happy Hearts, 4-H  
 4th – Ashlynn Sexton, Country Clovers 4-H  
 5th – Greyson Masters, New Edition 4-H

### Showmanship, 17–18 Year Olds

1st – Cailey Fairchild, Shelby FFA  
 2nd – Katelyn Swingle, Plymouth FFA  
 3rd – Alegacy Grose, Lucas FFA  
 4th – Carson Secriskey, Shelby FFA  
 5th – Caroline Martin, Shelby FFA

### Showmanship, 14–16 Year Olds

1st – Finlay Rowlands, Next Generation 4-H  
 2nd – Westen Rehberg, Roaming Rovers 4-H  
 3rd – Katelyn Swingle, Plymouth FFA  
 4th – Westen Rehberg, Roaming Rovers 4-H  
 5th – Caroline Martin, Rusty Riders 4-H

### Showmanship, 11–13 Year Olds

1st – Alivia Hicks, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H  
 2nd – Natalie Adkins, Shelby FFA  
 3rd – Wyatt Shepherd, Rusty Riders 4-H  
 4th – Emma Blanton, Next Generation 4-H  
 5th – Jack Whatman, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H

### Showmanship, 8–10 Year Olds

1st – Greyson Masters, New Edition 4-H  
 2nd – Liam Hicks, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H  
 3rd – Vivian Martin, Rusty Riders 4-H  
 4th – Weston Biglin, Next Generation 4-H  
 5th – Lailah Slayton, Freedom Wranglers 4-H

### Showmanship – Novice B

1st – Amery Sexton, Country Clovers 4-H  
 2nd – Jacob Shade, Shelby FFA  
 3rd – Emily Pond, Crestview FFA  
 4th – Alegacy Grose, Lucas FFA

### Showmanship – Novice A

1st – Ashlynn Sexton, Country Clovers 4-H  
 2nd – Bernadette Price, Red & Gray Gang 4-H  
 3rd – Xander Irwin, Triangle T 4-H  
 4th – Cheznie Reece, All Star Gang 4-H  
 5th – Zoey Weltmer, New Edition 4-H

**Best of Show Poultry:** Cailey Fairchild, Shelby FFA

**Reserve Best of Show Poultry:** Finlay Rowlands, Next Generation 4-H



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## Junior Fair Style Revue Awards

Style Revue Best of Show: Emma Krietemeyer, New Edition 4-H  
Reserve Style Revue Best of Show: McKinnley King, Freedom Wranglers 4-H

Senior Model: McKinnley King, Freedom Wranglers 4-H

Junior Model: Mariah Barciz, Next Generation 4-H

Special Award "Fashion Guru": McKinnley King, Freedom Wranglers 4-H

Deigned by Me: 1st, Mariah Barciz, Next Generation 4-H; 2nd, Addyson Crain, Clear Fork Colt & Fillies 4-H

Em\* bel\*lish: 1st, Marissa Barciz, Next Generation 4-H (Outstanding)

Terrific Tops: 1st, Emma Krietemeyer, New Edition 4-H (Outstanding; construction)

Participation only: Hadrian von Ehrenkrook, Roaming Rovers 4-H

Clothes for High School and Beyond: 1st, McKinnley King, Freedom Wranglers 4-H (Outstanding)

Sew Fun: 1st, Mary Thompson, True Grit 4-H (Outstanding)

Shopping Savvy: 1st, Mariah Barciz, Next Generation 4-H (Outstanding)



Averi Barrett, 12, a seventh grade student at Lexington, sits with her lamb, Cole. Averi made it to the final drive with both of her market lambs.



Whitney Barrett, 14 a freshman at Lexington earned third place overall for her market lamb. Lexington sophomore Lane Schuster earned fourth overall market lamb.

## Richland County Junior Fair Scholarships:

Richland County Agricultural Society (\$250): Emma Montgomery

Richland County Auxiliary (\$250): Logan Hoffman

Donald Garrison Memorial Scholarship (\$500): Logan Hoffman

Lonnie and Paulette McFarland Memorial Scholarship (\$500): Emma Montgomery

Outstanding Junior Fair Board Members:

Paytan Byrd (Shelby FFA)

Makenzie Mills (Wild-n-Free 4-H)

Carson Secriskey (Roaming Rovers 4-H, Shelby FFA)

Abigail Secriskey (Roaming Rovers 4-H)

Hayden Skropits (Barnyard Buddies 4-H)

Emma Montgomery (Shelby FFA)

Addison Shira (Shelby FFA)

Sarah Smith (Roaming Rovers, Shelby FFA)



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## Junior Fair Bake-a-rama and Skill-a-rama Awards

### Bake-a-rama

Best of Show: McKinnley King, Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
Reserve Best of Show: Chesney Secor, True Grit 4-H

### Cookies

1st – Marshall Adkins, Country Clovers 4-H  
2nd – Lucas Miller, Rusty Riders 4-H  
3rd – Mariah Barciz, Next Generation 4-H

### Fruit Pie

1st – McKinnley King, Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
2nd – Bernadette Price, Red & Gray Gang 4-H  
3rd – Marissa Barciz, Next Generation 4-H

### Two-Layer Cake

1st – Callee Breinich, Freedom Wranglers 4-H

### Bar Cookies/Brownies

1st – Marissa Barciz, Next Generation 4-H  
2nd – Abby Stacy, Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
3rd – Molly McGugin, All Star Gang 4-H

### Candy

1st – Chesney Secor, True Grit 4-H  
2nd – Mariah Barciz, Next Generation 4-H  
3rd (tie) – Marissa Barciz, Next Generation 4-H  
3rd (tie) – Marshal Adkins, Country Clovers 4-H

### Baker's Favorite

1st – Audrey King, Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
2nd – Bernadette Price, Red & Gray Gang 4-H  
3rd – Jacob Shade, Freedom Wranglers 4-H

### Skill-a-rama

Best of Show: Brantlee Chapman, Next Generation 4-H

Artwork: 1st – Brylee Chapman, Next Generation 4-H

### Skilled Wood Work:

1st – Brantlee Chapman, Next Generation 4-H  
2nd – Brylee Chapman, Next Generation 4-H



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## Richland County 4-H Program Ohio State Fair Selections

### Clothing

Designed by Me: Mariah Barciz, Next Generation 4-H  
 Sew Fun, Junior: Mary Thompson, True Grit 4-H  
 Terrific Tops: (+ construction award): Emma Krietemeyer, New Edition 4-H  
 Terrific Tops (alternate): Hadrian von Ehrenkrook, Roaming Rovers 4-H  
 Em\*bel\*lish (+ construction award): Marissa Barciz, Next Generation 4-H  
 Shopping Saavy, Junior: Mariah Barciz, Next Generation 4-H  
 Clothes for High School: McKinley King, Freedom Wranglers 4-H

### Creative Arts Day

Cake Decorating, Beginner, Junior: Selah Schleusener, Richland County Livestock Lovers 4-H  
 Scrapbooking, Junior: Ava Burkhart, Ring Raiders 4-H  
 My Favorite Things: Chase Eshelman, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H

### Engineering

Welding – Small: Brock Mills, Wild-n-Free 4-H  
 Welding – Small (alternate): Reagan Kleman, New Edition 4-H  
 Woodworking – Making the Cut, Junior: Cody Wolford, Country Champions 4-H  
 Robotics Essentials: Weston Lacey, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H  
 Science Fun with Kitchen Chemistry: Marissa Barciz, Next Generation 4-H

### Foods & Nutrition

Cooking on My Own: Carson Secriskey, Roaming Rovers 4-H  
 The Global Gourmet: Kaley Bowman, Wild-n-Free 4-H  
 Grill Master, Luke Eckenwiler, Great Expectations 4-H  
 Let's Bake Quick Breads, Senior, Abigail Secriskey, Roaming Rovers 4-H  
 Let's Bake Quick Breads, Junior, Marissa Barciz, Next Generation 4-H  
 Let's Start Cooking, Junior: Julia Lynch, Ring Raiders 4-H  
 Take A Break for Breakfast: Brooklyn Gilger, True Grit 4-H  
 Snack Attack, Junior: Brylee Chapman, Next Generation 4-H  
 Racing the Clock to Awesome Meals: Rilynn Yetzer, True Grit 4-H

### Health

Alcohol & Drug Abuse: Kaley Bowman, Wild-n-Free 4-H  
 Alcohol & Drug Abuse (alternate): Gracie Rodman, Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
 First Aid in Action, Junior: Emmalyn Kleman, New Edition 4-H

### Leadership

Mentoring: Abigail Secriskey, Roaming Rovers 4-H  
 Here, There, Ag Careers are Everywhere: Gracie Rodman, Freedom Wranglers 4-H

### Natural Resources

Outdoor Adventure, Beginning Fishing: Sarah Smith, Roaming Rovers 4-H  
 Explore the Outdoors: Whitley Jackson, Rusty Riders 4-H  
 Canning and Freezing: Allyson Arnold, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H

**Quilting** You Can Quilt, Junior: Mariah Barciz, Next Generation 4-H

### Photography

Photography Basics: Abigail McGinty, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H  
 Photography Basics (alternate): Stella McNary, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H  
 Next Level Photography: Abigail Secriskey, Roaming Rovers 4-H  
 Next Level Photography (alternate): Marissa Barciz, Next Generation 4-H

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## •Richland County 4-H Program Ohio State Fair Selections

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### Self-Determined

Self-Determined, Junior: Josephine McNary, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H  
Self-Determined, Senior: Persephone von Ehrenkrook, Roaming Rovers 4-H

### Shooting Sports

Rifle, Junior: Maverick Miller, Rusty Riders 4-H  
Shotgun, Junior: Chad Tingley, Branded Pony 4-H  
Senior Shotgun: Logan Hoffman, Lucky 4-H'ers

**Veterinary Science** Veterinary Science: Finlay Rowlands, Next Generation 4-H

**Woodworking** Making the Cut: Cody Wolford, Country Champions 4-H

### Work Force Preparation

Here, There, Ag Careers are Everywhere: Gracie Rodman, Freedom Wranglers 4-H



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Riley Clemmons performed Tuesday night before the Jordan Feliz concert. She is known for her Christian music hits including "For the Good" and "Broken Prayers."



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## Junior Fair Alpaca Show

High Point – Alice Lux, Wild-n-Free 4-H  
High Point Runner-Up – Kaley Bowman, Wild-n-Free 4-H

Senior Showmanship:  
1st – Katie Crider, Ring Raiders 4-H

Intermediate Showmanship:  
1st – Kaley Bowman, Wild-n-Free 4-H

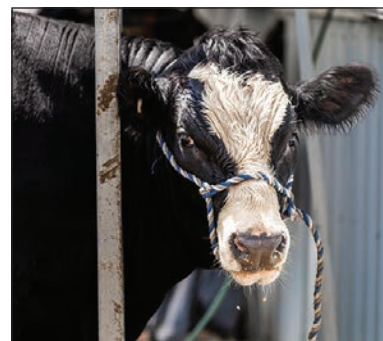
Junior Showmanship:  
1st – Alice Lux, Wild-n-Free 4-H  
2nd- Julia Lynch, Ring Raiders 4-H

Obstacle Showdown:  
Grand – Katie Crider, Ring Raiders 4-H  
Reserve – Alice Lux, Wild-n-Free 4-H

Junior Obstacle:  
1st – Alice Lux, Wild-n-Free 4-H  
2nd – Julia Lynch, Ring Raiders 4-H

Intermediate Obstacle:  
1st – Kaley Bowman, Wild-n-Free 4-H

Senior Obstacle:  
1st – Katie Crider, Ring Raiders 4-H



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## Junior Fair Small Equine Show

### Champions

High Point, Senior: Courtney Howarth, Bibs & Boots 4-H  
High Point, Junior: Xander Irwin, Triangle T 4-H

### Showmanship, 14 years and over

1st – Courtney Howarth, Bibs & Boots 4-H  
2nd – Sophia Gledhill, Neighhh Not Today

### Showmanship, 13 years and under

1st – Xander Irwin, Triangle T 4-H  
2nd – Niko Irwin, Triangle T 4-H  
3rd – Hannah Timmons, Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
4th – Aubrey Timmons, Freedom Wranglers 4-H

### Jumper, 38" and under

1st – Xander Irwin, Triangle T 4-H  
2nd – Hannah Timmons, Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
3rd – Courtney Howarth, Bibs & Boots 4-H  
4th – Aubrey Timmons, Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
5th – Niko Timmons, Freedom Wranglers 4-H

### Hunter, 38" and under

1st – Xander Irwin, Triangle T 4-H  
2nd – Courtney Howarth, Bibs & Boots 4-H  
3rd – Aubrey Timmons, Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
4th – Niko Timmons, Freedom Wranglers 4-H

### Liberty

1st – Xander Irwin, Triangle T 4-H  
2nd – Hannah Timmons, Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
3rd – Aubrey Timmons, Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
4th – Courtney Howarth, Bibs & Boots 4-H  
5th – Niko Timmons, Freedom Wranglers 4-H



### Horse Smarts

1st – Xander Irwin, Triangle T 4-H  
2nd – Hannah Timmons, Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
3rd – Courtney Howarth, Bibs & Boots 4-H  
4th – Aubrey Timmons, Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
5th – Niko Timmons, Freedom Wranglers 4-H

### Mystery Class

1st – Xander Irwin, Triangle T 4-H  
2nd – Courtney Howarth, Bibs & Boots 4-H  
3rd – Hannah Timmons, Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
4th – Aubrey Timmons, Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
5th – Sophia Gledhill, Neighhh Not Today 4-H

**Costume Class** 1st – Sophia Gledhill, Neighhh Not Today 4-H

## Junior Fair Showman of Showmen Contest

Showman of Showmen Winner: Kennedy Studer

### Participants:

Jordan Tedrow, Branded Pony 4-H (horse)  
Emma Blanton, Next Generation 4-H (rabbits)  
Cailey Fairchild, Rusty Riders 4-H/Shelby FFA (poultry)  
Payton Stover, Shelby FFA (beef)  
Kennedy Studer, Shelby FFA (swine)  
Megan Adkins, Shelby FFA (goats)  
Reece Cook, Clear Fork FFA (sheep)



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## Junior Fair Small Swine Show

Grand Champion Market Hog: Jack Stephens, Crestview FFA  
 Reserve Champion Market Hog: Kennedy Studer, Shelby FFA  
 3rd Place Champion – Caleigh Cook, Great Expectations 4-H  
 4th Place Champion – Morgan Cook, Great Expectations 4-H  
 5th Place Champion – Carson Cook, Great Expectations 4-H  
 6th Place Champion – Leyna Gerich, Crestview FFA  
 7th Place Champion – Carson Cook, Great Expectations 4-H  
 8th Place Champion – Ellie Stephens, Crestview FFA

### Pro Showmanship:

1st – Kennedy Studer, Shelby FFA  
 2nd – Lane Schuster, Great Expectations 4-H  
 3rd – Meredith Wolf, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H  
 4th – Chesney Secor, True Grit 4-H  
 5th – Isabelle Moore, Rusty Riders 4-H

### 17-18 Years Showmanship:

1st – Kennedy Studer, Shelby FFA  
 2nd – Jack Stephens, Crestview FFA  
 3rd – Caleigh Cook, Great Expectations 4-H  
 4th – Ashley Markley, All Star Gang 4-H  
 5th – Dakota Craner, Richland County Livestock Lovers 4-H

### 14-16 Years Showmanship:

1st – Lane Schuster, Great Expectations 4-H  
 2nd – Karlie Walp, Shelby FFA

3rd – Ellie Stephens, Crestview FFA  
 4th – Barron Walp, Shelby FFA  
 5th – Carson Cook, Great Expectations 4-H

### 11-13 Years Showmanship:

1st – Meredith Wolf, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H  
 2nd – Lillian Muntis, Shelby FFA  
 3rd – Kash Cooke, Shelby FFA  
 4th – Reese Sifferlin, Shelby FFA  
 5th – Landon McFarland, Great Expectations 4-H

### 8-10 Years Showmanship:

1st – Isabelle Moore, Rusty Riders 4-H  
 2nd – Natalie Wolf, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H  
 3rd – Austin Cyrus, Final Drive 4-H  
 4th – Kyler Dull, Bibs & Boots 4-H

### Novice B Showmanship:

1st – Leyna Gerich, Crestview FFA  
 2nd – Ella Gates, Shelby FFA

### Novice A Showmanship:

1st – Chesney Secor, True Grit 4-H  
 2nd – Ivan Esbenshade, Bibs & Boots 4-H  
 3rd – Teagan Kirsch, Lucky 4-H'ers  
 4th – Kamden Rachel, Rusty Riders 4-H  
 5th – Waylon Lambert, Country Champions 4-H



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# 175<sup>TH</sup> RICHLAND COUNTY FAIR • 2025

## Junior Fair Small Goat Show

Grand Champion Dairy Market Goat: Liam McVey, Rusty Riders 4-H  
Reserve Champion Dairy Market Goat: Liam McVey, Rusty Riders 4-H  
3rd Place Champion Dairy Market Goat: Maggie Lantz, Country Champions 4-H  
4th Place Champion Dairy Market Goat: Mary Thompson, True Grit 4-H  
5th Place Champion Dairy Market Goat: Maggie Lantz, Country Champions 4-H  
6th Place Champion Dairy Market Goat: Waylon Lambert, Country Champions 4-H  
7th Place Champion Dairy Market Goat: Katie Thompson, True Grit 4-H  
8th Place Champion Dairy Market Goat: Lauren Goley, Buckeye Farmers 4-H

Grand Champion Market Meat Goat: Madison Boyer, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H  
Reserve Champion Market Meat Goat: Abby Snyder, Shelby FFA  
3rd Place Champion Market Meat Goat: Hadley Williams, Great Expectations 4-H  
4th Place Champion Market Meat Goat: Tucker Iceman, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H  
5th Place Champion Market Meat Goat: Madison Boyer, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H  
Sixth Place Champion Market Meat Goat: Hadley Williams, Great Expectations 4-H  
7th Place Champion Market Meat Goat: Olyvia Culler, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H  
8th Place Champion Market Meat Goat: Olyvia Culler, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H

### Pro Showmanship

1st – Megan Adkins, Shelby FFA  
2nd – Abby Snyder, Shelby FFA  
3rd – Reese Adkins, Shelby FFA  
4th – Alayna McLellan, Neighhh Not Today 4-H  
5th – Cooper Iceman, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H

### 17–18 Years Showmanship

1st – Abby Snyder, Shelby FFA  
2nd – Madison Boyer, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H  
3rd – Lena Creed, Next Generation 4-H  
4th – Allyson Arnold, Lucas FFA  
5th – Colton Hass, Plymouth FFA

### 14–16 Years Showmanship

1st – Megan Adkins, Shelby FFA  
2nd – Olyvia Culler, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H  
3rd – Mikaela Guegold, Branded Pony 4-H  
4th – Riley Trumpower, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H  
5th – Shiloh Walter, Lucas FFA

### 11–13 Years Showmanship

1st – Reese Adkins, Shelby FFA  
2nd – Addelynn Wittmer, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H  
3rd – Grayden Combs, Shelby FFA  
4th – Tucker Iceman, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H  
5th – Kaiden Lee, Shelby FFA

### 8–10 Years Showmanship

1st – Cooper Iceman, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H  
2nd – Rilynn Yetzer, New Edition 4-H  
3rd – Layne Francis, Rusty Riders 4-H  
4th – Andrew Decapio, Blackfork Friends 2 4-H  
5th – Mary Thompson, True Grit 4-H

### Novice B Showmanship (14 years and over, Jan. 1)

1st – Olivia Markley, All Star Gang 4-H  
2nd – Olivia Strassel, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H  
3rd – Courtney Stiving, Shelby FFA  
4th – Aleca Slagle, Country Champions 4-H  
5th – Carson Slagle, Country Champions 4-H

### Novice A Showmanship (8–13 years)

1st – Alayna McLellan, Neighhh Not Today 4-H  
2nd – Alaina Strassel, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H  
3rd – Kensley Cole, Neighhh Not Today 4-H  
4th – Rhett McVey, Rusty Riders 4-H  
5th – Niko Irwin, Triangle T 4-H

### Breeding Champions

Dairy Champion: Keaton Boggs, All Star Gang 4-H  
Dairy Reserve Champion: Anthony Dawson, Shelby FFA  
Meat Champion: Lena Creed, Next Generation 4-H  
Meat Reserve Champion: Allyson Arnold, Lucas FFA



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# 175<sup>TH</sup> RICHLAND COUNTY FAIR • 2025

## Junior Fair All Beef Showmanship, Beef Breeding Show and Market Beef Show

### Pro Showmanship:

- 1st – Payton Stover, Shelby FFA
- 2nd – Jack Stover, Shelby FFA
- 3rd – Kate Freeman, Final Drive 4-H
- 4th – Riley Cantleberry, Shelby FFA
- 5th – Whitney Barrett, Final Drive 4-H

### 17–18 Years Showmanship

- 1st – Jack Stover, Shelby FFA
- 2nd – Trenton Braska, Shelby FFA
- 3rd – Bergan Leonhardt, Shelby FFA
- 4th – Emma Montgomery, Shelby FFA
- 5th – Madison Boyer, Kickin' It Kountry FFA

### 14–16 Years Showmanship:

- 1st – Payton Stover, Shelby FFA
- 2nd – Ridge Wendling, Clear Fork FFA
- 3rd – Cami Gowitzka, Great Expectations 4-H
- 4th – Claire Howell, Rusty Riders 4-H
- 5th – Grant Freeman, Clear Fork FFA

### 11–13 Years Showmanship:

- 1st – Kate Freeman, Final Drive 4-H
- 2nd – Landon Foulks, Final Drive 4-H
- 3rd – Ann Freeman, Final Drive 4-H
- 4th – Ryder Frech, Great Expectations 4-H
- 5th – Jace Howell, Rusty Riders 4-H

### 8–10 Years Showmanship:

- 1st – Ellie Spohn, Neighhh Not Today 4-H

- 2nd – Rex Freeman, Final Drive 4-H
- 3rd – Emily Foulks, Final Drive 4-H
- 4th – Harper Foulks, Final Drive 4-H
- 5th – Griffin Howell, Bibs & Boots 4-H

### Novice B Showmanship:

- 1st – Riley Cantleberry, Shelby FFA
- 2nd – Aleah Dawson, Clear Fork FFA
- 3rd – Zac Lanker, Clear Fork FFA
- 4th – Cameron Lanker, Clear Fork FFA

### Novice A Showmanship:

- 1st – Whitney Barrett, Final Drive 4-H
- 2nd – Nola Mawhor, Rusty Riders 4-H
- 3rd – Aliya Walter, Kickin' it Kountry 4-H
- 4th – Blake Berry, Dirty Boots, Country Roots 4-H
- 5th – Evelyn Gerber, New Edition 4-H

Breeding Beef Champion – Beef Supreme Female: Landon Foulks, Final Drive 4-H

Reserve Beef Champion – Beef Supreme Female: Ridge Wendling, Clear Fork FFA

### Market Beef Champions:

- Grand Champion – Maycee Tackett, Next Generation 4-H
- Reserve Champion – Cami Gowitzka, Great Expectations 4-H
- 3rd Place Champion – Trenton Braska, Shelby FFA

by FFA

4th Place Champion – Hadley Williams, Great Expectations 4-H

5th Place Champion – Kate Freeman, Final Drive 4-H

6th Place Champion – Payton Stover, Shelby FFA

7th Place Champion – Grant Freeman, Final Drive 4-H

8th Place Champion – Bergan Leonhardt, Shelby FFA

### Dairy Market Beef Champions:

Grand Champion – Joseph Culler, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H

Reserve Champion – Addison Shira, Shelby FFA

3rd Place Champion – Brynn Sauder, Triangle T 4-H

4th Place Champion – Ashley Markley, All Star Gang 4-H

5th Place Champion – Hagen Sauder, Triangle T 4-H

6th Place Champion – Addison Shira, Shelby FFA

7th Place Champion – Ashley Markley, All Star Gang 4-H

8th Place Champion – Brady Guegold, Lucas FFA



Crestview's Leyna Gerich, 6th Overall Market Hog, Woke and Next Contestant



Ridge Wendling, Reserve Champion Beef Feeder Calf, Reserve Champion Beef Female and Open Class Champion Showman 13–18

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## Junior Fair Rabbit Show

Grand Champion Market Rabbits: Gavin Lamb, Shelby FFA  
Reserve Champion Market Rabbit: Sarah Smith, Shelby FFA  
3rd Place Champion – Katelyn Schiffer, Lucky 4-H'ers  
4th Place Champion – Courtney Howarth, Bibs & Boots 4-H  
5th Place Champion – Mya Stine, Plymouth FFA  
6th Place Champion – Madison Conley, Plymouth FFA  
7th Place Champion – Aiden Stone, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H  
8th Place Champion – Carter Crabtree, Shelby FFA

### Pro Showmanship

1st – Emma Blanton, Next Generation 4-H  
2nd – Jaylynn Carpenter, Shelby FFA  
3rd – Braden Montgomery, Plymouth FFA  
4th – McKinnley King, Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
5th – Abby Stacy, Freedom Wranglers 4-H

### 17–18 Years Showmanship

1st – Braden Montgomery, Plymouth FFA  
2nd – Carson Secriskey, Shelby FFA  
3rd – Ava Burkhart, Shelby FFA

### 14–16 Years Showmanship:

1st – McKinnley King, Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
2nd – Madison Montgomery, Plymouth FFA  
3rd – Abigail Secriskey, Roaming Rover 4-H  
4th – Tanner Beer, Roaming Rovers 4-H  
5th – Ava Irwin, Triangle T 4-H

### 11–13 Years Showmanship:

1st – Emma Blanton, Next Generation 4-H  
2nd – Beau Blanton, Next Generation 4-H  
3rd – Emelyn Truax, Roaming Rovers 4-H  
4th – Josephine McNary, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H  
5th – Lauryn Wade, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H

### 8–10 Years Showmanship:

1st – Abby Stacy, Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
2nd – Lucas Studer, Rusty Riders 4-H

3rd – Brantley Knipp, Ganges Happy Hearts n 4-H

4th – McKenzie Crabtree, New Edition 4-H  
5th – Brooklyn Gilger, True Grit, 5:00 p.m.

### Novice B Showmanship:

1st – Jaylynn Carpenter, Shelby FFA  
2nd – Simon Worthington, Plymouth FFA  
3rd – Carter Thomas, Lucas FFA  
4th – Alexis Amonds, Next Generation 4-H  
5th – Colton Stull, Lucas FFA

### Novice A Showmanship:

1st – Brylee Brokaw, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H  
2nd – Bryce Dunn, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H  
3rd – Emma Krietemeyer, New Edition 4-H  
4th – Olivia Dunn, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H  
5th – Adelynn Grasz, Shelby FFA

Breeding Rabbit Champion: Beau Blanton, Next Generation 4-H

Reserve Champion Breeding Rabbit: Alice Lux, Wild-n-Free 4-H

## Junior Fair Feeder Calf Show

Grand Champion Dairy Beef Feeder Calf: Morgan Cook, Great Expectations 4-H  
Reserve Champion Dairy Feeder Calf: Morgan Cook, Great Expectations 4-H  
3rd Place Champion Dairy Beef Feeder Calf: Charlotte Niese, Rusty Riders 4-H  
4th Place Champion Dairy Beef Feeder Calf: Julia Sickmiller, Richland Round-Up 4-H  
5th Place Champion Dairy Beef Feeder Calf: Joseph Culler, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H  
6th Place Champion Dairy Beef Feeder Calf: Maxwell Clayter, Shelby FFA  
7th Place Champion Dairy Beef Feeder Calf: Julia Sickmiller, Richland Round-Up 4-H  
8th Place Champion Dairy Beef Feeder Calf: Charlotte Niese, Rusty Riders 4-H

Grand Champion Beef Feeder Calf: Hadley Williams, Great Expectations 4-H

Reserve Champion Beef Feeder Calf: Ridge Wendling, Clear Fork FFA

Third Place Champion Beef Feeder Calf: Cami Gowitzka, Great Expectations 4-H

4th Place Champion Beef Feeder Calf: Trenton Braska, Shelby FFA

5th Place Champion Beef Feeder Calf: Nola Mawhorr, Rusty Riders 4-H

6th Place Champion Beef Feeder Calf: Cami Gowitzka, Great Expectations 4-H

7th Place Champion Beef Feeder Calf: Grant Freeman, Final Drive 4-H

8th Place Champion Feeder Calf: Annie Freeman, Final Drive 4-H



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## Junior Fair Sheep Show

Grand Champion Market Lamb: Reece Cook, Clear Fork FFA

Reserve Champion Market Lamb: Abby Snyder, Shelby FFA

3rd Place Champion – Whitney Barrett, Final Drive 4-H

4th Place Champion – Lane Schuster, Great Expectations 4-H

5th Place Champion – Reece Cook, Clear Fork FFA

6th Place Champion – KC Cooke, Shelby FFA

7th Place Champion – Landon McFarland, Great Expectations 4-H

8th Place Champion – Abby Snyder, Shelby FFA

### Pro Showmanship:

1st – Reece Cook, Clear Fork FFA

2nd – Kayne Cook, Shelby FFA

3rd – Lane Schuster, Great Expectations 4-H

4th – KC Cooke, Shelby FFA

5th – Sawyer Ralph, Final Drive 4-H

### 17–18 Years Showmanship:

1st – Reece Cook, Clear Fork FFA

2nd – Abby Snyder, Shelby FFA

3rd – Kendra Walp, Rusty Riders 4-H

4th – Dawson Staley, Clear Fork FFA

### 14–16 Years Showmanship:

1st – Kayne Cooke, Shelby FFA

2nd – Shelby Bays, Next Generation 4-H

3rd – Salem Keller, Shelby FFA

4th – Kendall Oakley, Plymouth FFA

5th – Kennedy Fritz, Shelby FFA

### 11–13 Years Showmanship:

1st – KC Cooke, Shelby FFA

2nd – Tynley Cook, Great Expectations 4-H

3rd – Bryson Bays, Next Generation 4-H

4th – Audrey Gerber, New Edition 4-H

5th – Landon McFarland, Great Expectations 4-H

### 8–10 Years Showmanship:

1st – Madilynn Tuttle, Bibs & Boots 4-H

### Novice B Showmanship:

1st – Lane Schuster, Great Expectations 4-H

2nd – Barron Walp, Shelby FFA

3rd – Wyatt Ralph, Final Drive 4-H

4th – Allyson Arnold, Lucas FFA/Kickin' It Kountry 4-H

5th – Ruthie Faith, Shelby FFA

### Novice A Showmanship:

1st – Sawyer Ralph, Final Drive 4-H

2nd – Carter Ralph, Final Drive 4-H

3rd – Mary Gerber, New Edition 4-H

4th – Isabella McMillen, Neighhh Not Today 4-H

5th – Lane Bail, Rusty Riders 4-H

Grand Champion Ewe: Reece Cook, Clear Fork FFA

Reserve Champion Ewe: Abby Snyder, Rusty Riders 4-H



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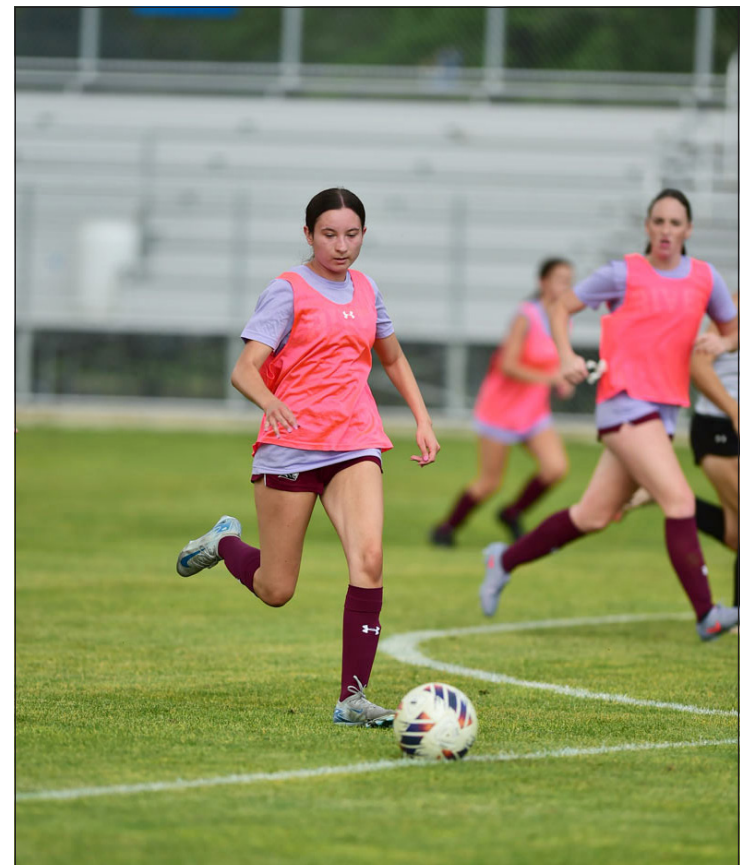
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## Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

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## Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

## Traveling youth sports are alive and well

By Kris Leiter

Times have changed since I was a youth. I just celebrated 61 years around the sun and when I played Little League Baseball in the 1970s, traveling summer youth baseball, softball, soccer and wrestling teams didn't even exist.

Back then we played 10 in-house games and then the All-Star game. Traveling youth leagues have added to the fabric of our society, pretty much playing year-round now.

Travis Lilly, a graduate of Northmor High School, has a wealth of softball experience on his résumé. He previously coached the Northmor Golden Knights High Softball team in 2018 and now resides in Bellville and coaches the first-year Ohio Stingrays, a 10-U girls traveling softball team.

The Stingrays are actually a Columbus-based team and practice locally in Bellville at the youth sports complex.

The season starts in the fall and goes into July, playing between 80 to 120 games.

"It's a pretty big commitment — every weekend pretty much," said Lilly. "The season starts September 1 and it runs through July 31 of the following year and during the winter months, we do conditioning."

He currently coaches his younger daughter with the Stingrays and coached his older daughter years ago, when he coached the Buckeye Heat for six years.

"The Stingrays are probably one of the oldest travel organizations in Ohio, and have been around since the early 80s. They're a prestigious organization, and they're pretty well known."

"I decided to let my daughter go play for EC Ohio Legends, which stands for Emily Clark. Emily Clark played for Ohio State and was a North Union graduate in 2018. She was an All-American and is the hitting coach."

"Younger athletes can play more just because there's more winter tournaments and kids aren't as involved with high school sports. As they get into high school, it makes it harder."

"We've been to college showcases, and there's around 120 college coaches and scouts attending from all over."

"We're heading up to North Ridgeville this week. The next weekend we're going to Evansville, Indiana. We play in Columbus and Berlin a lot."

"Our weekend usually consist of two games on Friday and two on Saturday. They might start bracket play Saturday night. We could be playing all day, Sunday, or we could be done."

"Scouts are not allowed to really talk to players, but when they're done playing for the day they can have some conversations. They can't offer these kids anything until after their sophomore year."

"Most of the time when you go to these showcases, the scouts will have player profile sheets. If they see something like, they can jot down notes."

"A lot of coaches put them on backstops, so if there's a certain college that someone is interested in, they can email them weekly."

I asked Lilly how many kids he keeps on the roster.

"It really depends. The biggest problem is, the more kids you get, the harder it is to get playing time. There's no rule like Little League, where each child has to play a minimum amount of innings per game."

"You never want to cut a kid from the previous year, but I have had to do it. But I hardly ever have. You build relationships with parents over the season and at the ballpark. You have to make that tough decision but I've had kids that weren't ready to move up."

"People want to win. Even at 10U, the developmental age, people want to win. If you aren't winning, then it's hard to keep players because people don't want to buy into the process."

"I try telling players that the coach's job is to find somebody better than you and your job is to make sure that doesn't happen."

How do families afford to do travel baseball?

"We do fundraisers, in the fall and the summer. Our organization

makes money off of that. It takes a lot of money, but it's still a small portion of what it takes. It takes about \$20,000 to run a travel team, but per player, maybe around \$5,000."

"For my 10-U team right now. It's \$900. That's because we can get that kickback from the organization. When I was with Buckeye, our fees were \$1,200 plus uniforms."

"Every organization is different. Some get big sponsors, some do a lot of fundraising."

"To compare, the Beverly Bandits, which is probably one of the biggest national organizations in the country goes to Chicago for uniform fittings. It's \$4,000 to \$5,000 to play on those teams."

## OHSAA awards scholarships

The Ohio High School Athletic Association and its six District Athletic Boards have awarded \$200,000 to 200 recent high school graduates as part of the OHSAA's Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Program.

In addition, the OHSAA has sent \$1,250 to each member high school, a grand total of \$1,020,000, to assist with items needed by each school's athletic department. The money comes from the OHSAA's Athletic Enrichment Fund, which was established in 2023 for the purpose of providing a financial contribution to each member high school's athletic department to assist with costs of equipment, uniforms, game transportation, officials and improving student sportsmanship and adult fan behavior.

Each of the 200 scholarship recipients, who were selected by their respective District Athletic Boards, will receive a \$1,000 award. This marks the second straight year that \$200,000 has been distributed to 200 students; both totals are the highest in the college scholarship program's 31-year history.

"These scholar-athletes represent the very best of high school athletics," said OHSAA Executive Director Doug Ute. "Our District Athletic Boards, Board of Directors and OHSAA staff congratulate them on all their accomplishments and wish them well as they work toward their educational and career goals."

Scholar-athlete recipients are selected based on a point system which rewards students for: grade-point averages, class rank, community service activities, varsity letters earned, and individual and team athletic honors. The number of scholarship recipients from each district is based upon the number of schools within the district. The recipients were selected by special committees within each of the OHSAA's six athletic districts. Individuals who receive athletic scholarships from NCAA Division I or II institutions or appointees to military academies are not eligible for an award.

Local 2025 OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarship recipients include Rebekah Case, Lucas; and Rees Lewis, Shelby.



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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 August 6, 2025.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-07 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE (SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR) TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 25-18 – AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN APPROXIMATELY EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE (8,151) SQUARE FOOT SECTION OF BROOKSTONE DRIVE TO TV PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC, EXEMPTING THE ROADWAY FROM SECTION 1145.07 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 25-19 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DYNEGY ENERGY SERVICES (EAST), LLC D/B/A DYNEGY ENERGY SERVICES, LLC FOR THE ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM, AT A RATE NOT TO EXCEED \$0.09 kwh, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, OH  
(T-C 8-14, 21 '25) 49L

## Richland County Foundation funds education

The Richland County Foundation Board of Trustees approved \$1,835,608 in grants during its August meeting. A large portion of the grants were for educational purposes.

The board approved \$901,400 in college scholarships to 326 Richland County students. Scholarships are awarded based on a student's financial need and grade point average. The average scholarship amount this year was \$2,765.

RCF awarded 21 career technical education scholarships. So far this year, the board has approved \$87,748 in CTE scholarships.

The board approved close to \$67,000 in education grants to K-12 teachers in public or private Richland County Schools to encourage them to develop new programs for their classrooms. Funding was provided from the unrestricted grant budget as well as field of interest funds. Education grants are selected by a committee made up of board

members and people from the community for creative and innovative supplemental programs not covered by school funding.

The Board of Trustees approved grants from donor-advised funds to meet emerging needs at Discovery School, First Congregational Church, Friends

of the Ashbrook Center, Idea Works, Mansfield Community Playhouse, Mansfield Rotary Club Foundation, Ohio State University, Renaissance Performing Arts, Richland Pregnancy Services, St. Jude Children's Hospital and Visual Bucket List Foundation.



**RICHLAND COUNTY FOUNDATION** Community Investment Officer Bobby Rhea hands out a scholarship to a St. Peter's High School student.

## Residents urged to call 811 before digging projects

Columbia Gas of Ohio urges homeowners and contractors to contact 811 at least two business days before beginning any digging project. This free and simple service helps prevent damage to underground utility lines and promotes community safety.

"As the end of summer approaches, we see many homeowners rushing to complete the outdoor projects that got away from them over the last few months. That's why this is the perfect time to remind Ohioans how to dig safely around buried utility lines," said Columbia Gas of Ohio President and Chief Operating Officer Bob Heidorn. "Accidentally striking a single utility line can lead to costly repairs, outages and fines. Calling 811 prior to breaking ground is a free and easy way to help keep you safe and your project on track."

By calling 811 or visiting OUPS.org, residents are connected to the state system which coordinates with local utilities to mark underground lines using color-coded flags or spray paint. These markings help identify the location and type of utility lines.

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