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THE LEXINGTON BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL was held last week in Lexington. The newly crowned Lexington Miss Blueberry Court members are Miss Teen Blueberry Sophia Fisher; Miss Blueberry Sadie Gunter; Jr. Miss Blueberry Naomi Boehm; Little Miss Blueberry Madilynn Christman; Wee Miss Blueberry Carson Rose Brashers; and Baby Miss Blueberry Selah Beal. See the Lexington Blueberry Festival Special section beginning on Page 10.

First Hamilton Insurance golf outing raises over \$13,000 to keep police dogs on duty

Hamilton Insurance Group, Inc. in partnership with the Mansfield Rotary Club raised \$13,773 for the Mansfield Police Department's K9 Unit during the first-ever golf outing on Aug. 1.

The donation, presented on Aug. 8 at the Mansfield City Building, will help keep the department's highly trained police dogs equipped, healthy and ready to serve the community for years to come.

City of Mansfield Mayor Jodie Perry expressed her gratitude, saying, "The city is very thankful to the Mansfield Rotary Club, Hamilton Insurance Agency and the other sponsors who helped put such a successful event together. These donated funds allow us to keep our K-9 program active and serving the citizens for years to come."

Police Chief Jason Bammann emphasized the importance of community support for the unit, stating, "Our K9 program is a vital component of our daily operations, serving as an essential resource in fulfilling our mission to preserve life, protect property, and reduce crime in our community. Sponsorships play a crucial role in sustaining this program by providing the funding necessary for on-going training and equipment."

Christine Myers of Hamilton Insurance Group, Inc. shared, "At Hamilton Insurance, we believe in being deeply involved in the communities we serve. Giving back has been part of our culture for years. When the Mansfield K9 Unit presented at one of our Rotary meetings, Neil Hamilton, our president, and I were both moved by their work".

"Our management team came together and decided to launch our first-ever golf outing to raise funds—and we're proud to see the incredible impact it will have. These dollars will directly support the K9s in their daily mission to protect and serve Mansfield."

Melanie Riggelman, President of the Mansfield Rotary Club, added, "The Rotary Club of Mansfield was so impressed with the K9 program when they presented at our club meeting. Huge thanks to Christine Myers, Neil Hamilton, the team at Hamilton Insurance for coordinating a great event and all the Rotarians who helped with the event. The Rotary Club was proud to partner with Hamilton Insurance Group, Inc. on this event."

The Mansfield Police K9 Unit plays a critical role in public safety through narcotics

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Famous Clydesdales will visit Mansfield, Bellville in September

The world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales will march into Mansfield and Bellville this September.

A single horse will make an appearance for a photo opportunity in Mansfield on Sept. 10, from 5–7 pm, at The Brickyard, 21 W. Temple Ct., Mansfield.

The eight-horse hitch will be harnessed to the iconic turn-of-the-century beer wagon on Sept. 12, from 4–6 pm, at the Bellville Street Fair.

The Clydesdales' appearances in Mansfield and Bellville are one of hundreds made annually by three teams of traveling hitches based out of operational headquarters located at the St. Louis Brewery in Missouri. Brought to the U.S. in the mid-1800s as draft horses used for farm work, Clydesdales today are used primarily for breeding and show.

The Clydesdales have been the mascot of Anheuser-Busch since 1933, when a team of these majestic horses was presented to August A. Busch Sr. to celebrate the repeal of Prohibition. Nearly 90 years later, the celebrity horses are staples of fairs, festivals, and sporting events. Most notably, the Clydesdales have marched in two presidential inauguration parades.

"We are honored to have the opportunity to bring the Budweiser Clydesdales to Richland County," said Justin Berry, General Manager of Mansfield Distributing. "They are true ambassadors of the Budweiser brand."

The Clydesdales can also be viewed in St. Louis at the Anheuser-Busch brewery and at Grant's Farm, as well as at Warm Springs Ranch, the 300-plus-acre Clydesdale breeding farm located in Boonville, Missouri.

Fall Harvest Show set for this weekend

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.

LOST IN A BOOK



A Book Review
By Mandy Belczak Gurney



I was able to hear Mary Kay Andrews speak a few years ago and a few things stuck with me.

First, she is a machine of an author that is always ready to deliver a crowd favorite.

Second, she cares about us as readers and how we feel in the end. She said, "My books are a promise to the reader that there will always be a happy ending. I want them to close the book and feel so satisfied that they call up their friends and tell them to buy a copy."

In her sassy and southern way she always delivers a mystery, a beautiful setting and a story to carry you through summer, *Summers at the Saint* is no different.

My rating: ★★★★★

Follow my blog at GreenGurneys.com

A1C screenings available for donors

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. Donors will receive one A1C test result in a 12-month period.

Schedule a time to give by visiting 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.

Upcoming opportunities:

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

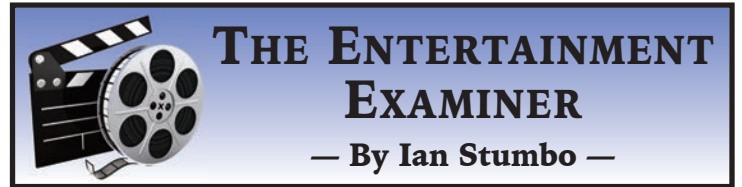
Saturday, Aug. 30, 9 am to 2 pm, The Ontario Center, 2209 Richland Mall; and 10 am to 3 pm, Mansfield Senior High School, 124 N. Linden Rd., Mansfield

•Golf outing raises over \$13,000

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detection, suspect apprehension, search and rescue operations, and community outreach. The funds from the golf outing will help cover costs associated with specialized training, veterinary care, and essential equipment to keep the unit strong and effective.

The Mansfield Rotary Club and Hamilton Insurance Group, Inc. extend their sincere appreciation to all sponsors, volunteers, and participants who made the event possible.



The 38th Annual TSIA (Third Saturday in August) Comedy Club was held at the Renaissance Theater in Mansfield this past weekend.

This is an annual comedy event that spans around two hours and hosts three stand-up comedians. These comedians range from newer names to more seasoned comics. The comedy club has in its past years hosted such big names as Jeff Foxworthy and Larry the Cable Guy.

The opening comedian was Ophira Eisenberg and she was a good opener. She had a great style to her comedy and talked about living in Brooklyn, expensive food prices and had some good relationship material. She was enjoyable and fun to watch.

The second comic was Rodney Laney and was my personal favorite. He had some great stories especially about experiences with children on a cruise ship, the ways people used to take and develop pictures and interesting observations about everyday life. Rodney had great delivery and kept the audience

laughing.

The closer was the headliner, Jackie Flynn. He was a seasoned comedian and very funny though I personally thought he started slow and really ramped up to being simply hilarious in the middle portion when he did a long bit about medications and their side effects. Flynn certainly knew how to work the stage though he spoke so fast that many times it was difficult to understand him, so the jokes didn't always work.

The TSIA is always a great live event and people seem to have a blast every year. It is highly recommended if you can get tickets for next year. This was a solid year, and all three comedians were good though Laney stood out from the other two.

The best thing is if you don't like one year, there will be a completely different lineup the next. While not my personal favorite lineup, there were plenty of laughs throughout the evening. Thanks as always to Sam and Janet Vancura for putting this show on every year.



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News Briefs

Richland County EMA will host its 2nd Annual Community Preparedness Fair in partnership with Avita Ontario and the Ontario Center.

Last year, the Richland County EMA partnered with Avita Health Care and The Ontario Center to host a Community Preparedness Fair, which included 24 community partners. This year, the event has expanded to include not only preparedness information but also other valuable community resources and information.

The fair will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, from 1–4 pm in the Avita parking lot at The Ontario Center, formerly Richland Mall.

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, 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.

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 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.

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Brian Moore on Sunday, Aug. 24, at 10:30 am. The subject will be "Living With Constancy."

For information visit www.allsoulsuohio.org.

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 Sept. 17, with broasted chicken.

Hospice of Western Reserve will be in attendance and a collection will be taken for Richland County Humane Society. Those attending

are asked to bring paper/cloth towels, cleaning supplies, newspapers, wipes, disposable gloves, canned food and Purina Cat or Dog Chow.

The group will meet Sept. 3, at 11 am for lunch at Hong Kong Buffet, 333 N Lex- Springmill, Ontario, in the Walmart plaza.

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

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.

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.

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.

First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Avenue West will be offering senior boxes of non perishable food provided by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm or until supplies run out. This comes with a 15 lb. box of fresh produce and a two lb. box of cheese.

These items are free to those who qualify by age (60+) and low income guidelines. Recipients must have at least one person age 60 or older in the household.

These items are available on the fourth Tuesday of each month, year round. The distribution is held in the South Mulberry Street parking lot. The next distribution is Tuesday, Aug. 26.

State Route 545 between 5th Ave and Piper Rd., Madison area, closed Monday, Aug. 18 for a culvert replacement. The detour route for southbound motorists will be SR 545 south to SR 96 east to SR 13 south to SR 545 and reverse for northbound motorists. Estimated completion is Wednesday, Sept. 10. The dates for the closing have changed from a previous announcement.



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Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville

419-886-4333 • www.clearforkalliance.org

Rev. Matt Merendino

Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor

9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship

Sunday Evening 6 pm Home Groups

Monday Men's Group 7:30 pm

Wednesday evenings: 6:45 pm, Prayer Meeting

6:30-8 pm and TeamKID and Youth Group

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

200 West Third St., Mansfield

419-524-4813 • mansfield1stcc1833@gmail.com

Rev. David Zerby

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

10:30 am Sunday Worship

Christian Builders, Sunday, 9:30 am

www.FirstChristianChurchMansfield.com

FB: FirstChristianChurch,Mansfield,Ohio

First Congregational Church

640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield

419-756-3046 • www.mansfieldfcc.com

Pastor Brad Bunn

8:30 am Chapel • 10:30 am Sanctuary

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

10:30 am Monday Morning Bible Study

7:30 am Wednesday Men's Breakfast

First English Lutheran Church

53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield

419-522-0662 • www.felc-mansfield.org

Pastor Jay Jackson

9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship

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

Grace Episcopal Church

41 Bowman Street, Mansfield

419-524-2661

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

Rev. Daniel Orr, Associate Priest

Worship: Sundays, 8 am and 10:15 am

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

Food Pantry: Thursdays, 9-11 am

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 4-6 pm

gracemansfield.org • facebook.com/GraceChurchMansfield

G & M Body & Paint Shop

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

Wappner Funeral Home

Mansfield • Ontario • Ashland • 419-522-5211

Lexington Church of Christ

230 Delaware Ave., Lexington

419-884-1532 • www.lccoh.com

Lead Minister Brandon Bogue

9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship

Lexington Presbyterian Church

35 Church St. West, Lexington

419-884-1330

Pastor Denny Nezrick

10:30 am Sunday Worship

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

Mansfield 1st Presbyterian Church

399 Trimble Rd., Mansfield

419-756-7066 • www.mansfield1st.com

Rev. Joseph Yerger

9 am Adult & Youth Sunday School

10 am Traditional Sunday Worship

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 Worship • 11 am Sunday School

Bible Study Mondays 2 pm

Open house will feature music, food trucks

Hospice of the Western Reserve in Mount Vernon (formerly HNCO/Hospice of Knox County), will host an open house event on Aug. 21, from 11 am to 3 pm.

HNCO/Hospice of Knox County was acquired by Hospice of the Western Reserve on Aug. 1, 2024. It is an Ohio-based non-profit organization dedicated to end-of-life care in the community for over 40 years. This partnership allowed us to expand our services and comprehensive care.

The open house is an opportunity to bring the community together to learn about our hospice and palliative care services, meet our local team members, and to see our newly renovated space.

During the open house, those attending can enjoy local food trucks, music and light refreshments while touring the facility and learning about the care, comfort and support Hospice provides for patients and families.

A table of informational materials will be available as well as goody bags for the first 100 visitors.

On the Rise Bar-B-Que and Round Hill Dairy will be selling and serving food and ice cream from their food trucks. The local band Side Effects is scheduled to perform from 11 am to 1 pm, followed by Granny Creek from 1-3pm on our back patio.

Hospice of the Western Reserve is located at 17700 Coshocton Rd., Mount Vernon.

Students named to BGSU Dean's List

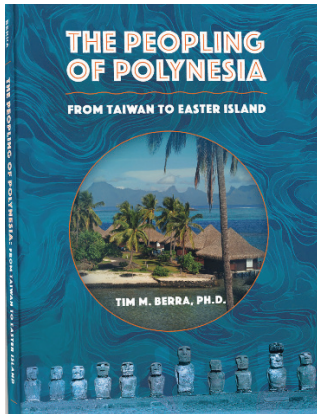
Bowling Green State University undergraduate students who achieved grade point averages of 3.5 or higher during the Summer 2025 Semester have been named to their respective college's dean's list.

To be selected for the list, students must carry no fewer than 12 letter-graded credit hours per semester.

Local students on the list are Jerry Mowry, College of Engineering and Innovation, Mansfield (Madison area); and Breanna Ford, Education & Human Development, Mansfield.

OSU-M professor's book launch is September 2

An academy professor emeritus in the Department of Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology at The Ohio State University at Mansfield will hold a public book launch Sept. 2 for his latest book, *The Peopling of Polynesia: From Taiwan to Easter Island*.



Tim Berra, of Bellville, will answer questions about the early people of Polynesia, including who the early inhabitants were, where they came from, when they arrived and when the last uninhabited land was colonized.

The lecture will feature maps and photographs, plus excerpts from his book, published by Acclaim Press, of Missouri.

This is the perfect book for anyone interested in the people of Polynesia and the last major period of human expansion, from Taiwan to Hawaii, Easter Island and New Zealand.

During the discussion, Berra will explore ancient evidence from linguistics, archaeology and biology.

"The Austronesian language family will be discussed in relation to nearby Papuan languages," said Berra. "The Lapita Culture and its unusual pottery will reveal pathways through Melanesia into Polynesia."

The discussion will include Polynesian Pacific rats, pigs, dogs, chickens, sweet potatoes, etc. along with parasites, genetic studies and the Polynesian genetic motif.

"Special attention will be given to Rapa Nui (Easter Island), with its fantastic statues known as moai," said Berra. "We will explore what instigated its population collapse, including hypotheses about ecocide caused by deforestation, and genocide caused by European interference."

The event is open to the public and will be held at 5 pm in the John and Pearl Conard Performance Hall inside Riedl Hall, located on the Ohio State Mansfield campus. Copies of his book will be available the day of his presentation. For more information, Berra can be reached at berra.1@osu.edu or 419-755-4310.

Tim Berra is a three-time recipient of Fulbright Fellowships to Australia (in 1969, 1979 and 2009) and is the author of 10 books and 100 scientific papers. He holds concurrent positions as a University

Professorial Fellow at Charles Darwin University in Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia, and a research associate at the Museum and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory, Darwin, Australia.

Tim and his wife of 58 years, Rita, live on a 20-acre wooded property near Bellville, Ohio. They are surrounded by a library of over 5,000 books, a stream with 44 species of fishes, a lake, woods and over 200 bottles of bourbon.



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Cynthia Mae Bishop, Aug. 13
Carol Jean Campbell, Aug. 14
Wanda Jean Price, Aug. 14
Anton "Tony" John Freiheit, Aug. 15

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New grant program will provide funding for public safety education and training initiatives

Columbia Gas of Ohio will launch a new grant program to support public safety education and training program initiatives. This grant will fund grant recipients' public safety education and first responder training, while aligning with Columbia Cares' basic needs and safety priorities and grant-making criteria.

For more information on the Columbia Gas of Ohio and NiSource Charitable Foundation priorities and application link visit www.columbiagasohio.com/our-company/about-us/columbia-cares/public-safety-grant.

Grant funding is intended for public safety education and training programs. General operating costs and equipment purchases, unless essential for training, are not eligible for this grant program.

Applications must be submitted via the YourCause platform beginning Aug. 8 through Aug. 29, 2025, and must come from or through nonprofits with 501(c)(3) status.

A committee of Columbia and NiSource team members will review and score submissions. Grants range from \$500 to \$5,000 and are awarded as one-time stipends, with potential for annual renewal. Grant recipients will be notified and announced in early Q4.

For more information about the grant application process contact COH_Community_Engagement@nsource.com.

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OSU-M education majors teach STEAM across the country

Four senior education students from The Ohio State University at Mansfield are spending their summer teaching youth about science and art, at military bases around the country.

Makena Northcutt, Mikayla Russ, Jasmine Boyce and Star Griffin are traveling to Air Force bases as far away as California, to teach youth ages 9–18 about the importance of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics — also known as STEAM.

Employed through the “We Are Camps” program, the four college seniors received formal training in May and have since held camps at military bases in North Dakota; Colorado, Nebraska and Oklahoma. Later this summer, they will teach at bases in Texas and California.

The week-long sessions teach students the basics of STEAM, with hands-on activities that include animal dissection, building a small-scale paper rollercoaster and a DNA experiment using strawberries and chemicals — all designed to get the youth thinking, creating and collaborating.

“Each day it’s a different type of science,” said Mikayla. “Biology, engineering, coding for robots plus science-affiliated games known as STEAM challenges. We have a big game activity that we start with, where they can learn in a kid-friendly way.”

The student teachers are divided into pairs, with Mikayla and Makena focusing on North Dakota, Colorado and California, while Jasmine and Star are deployed to Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas.

One of the first projects students are tasked with is to build the foundation for a mini rollercoaster, capable of transporting a marble from start to finish, through twists, turns and drops, without falling off the track.

er-coaster, capable of transporting a marble from start to finish, through twists, turns and drops, without falling off the track.

“This project allows them to be creative and use their own curiosity to create a final product,” said Makena. “By the end of the week, they have a rollercoaster competition and it’s so much fun to watch them compete. Some students even decorate their rollercoasters and give them names.”

The youth live near the military bases where the STEAM classes are held, and some of their parents are stationed at the same bases. Students are divided into two age groups, 9–12, and 12–18, and are among five other teams of student teachers in the country, providing the same service.

The student teachers say they’ve enjoyed getting to teach students from other parts of the country, and getting to explore places they’ve never been.

“Ever since I started thinking about my future career, I imagined myself going from place to place, teaching and connecting with students in different communities,” said Star. “Getting to explore new places I’ve never been while also doing something I love has been such a blessing. It’s helped me step outside my comfort zone, grow as an educator and really see how powerful hands-on learning can be.”

Mikayla and Makena said some of their favorite sightseeing places so far are the Rocky Mountains, Denver Aquarium and the Red Rocks Amphitheatre. This was Mikayla’s first time on a plane, and the first time she and Northcutt had visited Colorado.

“It’s so pretty that it brings tears to your eyes,” said Makena.

Some of Jasmine and Star’s favorite visits include the natural beauty in Nebraska, botanical gardens and the riverwalk in Oklahoma City, hiking through caverns in San Antonio, Warner Bros. Studios in California and spending time at the beach.

While the program is not officially affiliated with Ohio State, it’s still a great opportunity for education students to practice teaching in front of diverse groups of youth.

“It’s really nice to get this experience of teaching on our own, and then go right into student teaching back in Ohio, after we’re done with this project,” said Jasmine. “We are gaining experience that will help us in our next steps as teachers.”

As it turns out, some of the youth have travelled to more places than their teachers.

“A lot of these kids have a lot of life experiences,” said Mikayla. “They’ve traveled abundantly, they’ve been to different places and they’ve met a lot of diverse people, often because their parents are involved in the military.”

All four student teachers say their time at Mansfield empowered them to do things they probably wouldn’t have experienced at a larger college.

“The opportunities I’ve had here, feel like are so much more than I would have received elsewhere,” said Mikayla. “I’m so happy with my decision to start at Mansfield my freshman year of college, because without it, I wouldn’t be where I am right now.”

According to Makena, they each “intentionally” chose to finish their degrees at Mansfield and are happy with the decision.

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Makena Northcutt

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MOHICAN STATE PARK hosted an open house to celebrate its new visitor center on Aug. 12. Located at 3136 OH-3, Loudonville, total funding for the project totaled \$4,734,239. Strategically located near the park's main campground entrance, the visitor center is a prominent feature visible from State Route 3. Nestled next to the State Scenic Clear Fork of the Mohican River, the site offers a unique blend of natural beauty and accessibility. The building's design includes an extended, low-slope ramp leading to the entrance. Inside, it offers a central exhibit space, merchandise area, seating and staff support space. There is a large display of recreational equipment and inspiration for how to enjoy the park.



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2025 Richland County Junior Fair Outstanding Market Livestock Exhibitor

Feeder Calf: Cami Gowitzka, Great Expectations 4-H
Goat: Mary Thompson, True Grit 4-H
Poultry: Alivia Hicks, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H
Rabbit: Abigail Secriskey, Roaming Rovers 4-H
Sheep: Shelby Bays, Next Generation 4-H
Steer: Cami Gowitzka, Great Expectations 4-H
Swine: Chesney Secor, True Grit 4-H

Outstanding 4-H Members

Mariah Barciz, Marissa Barciz, Bryson Bays, Shelby Bays, Tanner Beer, Kaley Bowman, Katie Crider, Corbin Eldridge, Brooklyn Gilger, Kassie Kleman, Reagan Kleman, Makenzie Mills, Westen Rehberg, Gracie Rodman, Finlay Rowlands, Abigail Secriskey, Carson Secriskey, Sarah Smith, Katie Thompson and Zoey Weltmer

Honor Project 4-H Members

Mariah Barciz, Marissa Barciz, Bryson Bays, Shelby Bays, Tanner Beer, Kaley Bowman, Katie Crider, Corbin Eldridge, Brooklyn Gilger, Makenzie Mills, Gracie Rodman, Finlay Rowlands, Abigail Secriskey, Carson Secriskey, Sarah Smith, Katie Thompson and Zoey Weltmer

Herdsmen Awards

Alpaca:
Individual: Kaley Bowman and Alice Lux, Wild-n-Free 4-H
Club/Chapter: Wild-n-Free 4-H
Beef – Barn A (steer)
Individual: Trenton Braska, Shelby FFA
Club /Chapte: Shelby FFA

Beef – Barn B (beef breeding):
Individual: Hadley Williams, Great Expectations 4-H
Club/Chapter: Final Drive 4-H

Beef – Barn C (feeder calves):
Individual: Chloe Lohr, Final Drive 4-H
Club/Chapter: Shelby FFA

Goat:
Individual: Helena Newmeyer, Country Pals 4-H
Club/Chapter: True Grit 4-H

Horse:
Individual: Paityn Barker, Triangle T 4-H
Club/Chapter: Rusty Riders 4-H

Poultry:
Individual: Daxton Reece, All Star Gang 4-H
Club/Chapter: Shelby FFA

Rabbit:
Individual: Stella McNary, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H
Club/Chapter: Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H

Sheep:
Individual: Shelby Bays, Next Generation 4-H
Club/Chapter: Next Generation 4-H

Swine:
Individual: Chesney Secor, True Grit 4-H
Club/Chapter: Bibs & Boots 4-H

2025 4-H Jr. Fair Horse Awards

Overall Hi-Point Sr.: Landon Hickinbotham
Reserve Overall Hi-Point Sr.: Chevelle Howard
Overall Hi-Point Jr.: Adleigh Guegold
Reserve Overall Hi-Point Jr.: Norah Cochran
Senior Contesting Hi-Point Grand Champion: Chevelle Howard Jr.
Contesting Hi-Point Grand Champion: Kinzley Barker
Championship Showmanship: Emma Tingley
Championship Horsemanship: Emma Tingley
Grand Champion Walk Trot Jr.: Natalie Adkins

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•Education majors teach STEAM across the country

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“We could have all transferred to Columbus, but we all chose to be here because of the opportunities,” she said. “There’s so many more opportunities.”

Mansfield is a welcoming place, according to Star, who moved here from Akron.

“Coming from an inner-city background into a slower-paced town was a big adjustment,” she said. “But the people at Ohio State Mansfield really helped me step out of my comfort zone. They supported me, encouraged me, and opened doors to opportunities I know I wouldn’t have gotten at another university.”

Along with learning more about people from different parts of the country, the student teachers are also learning a lot about each other.

As part of their last assignment, Northcutt and Russ will complete their program in California, on Friday, Aug. 22, and then drive 30-plus hours back to Ohio to begin their student teaching experience in Richland County, the following week.

“We’re going to get back on that Friday and then start student teaching on Monday,” said Northcutt. “It will be a bit of a whirlwind weekend, but we are making a difference for these kids and making memories that will last a lifetime.”

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Grand Champion Walk Trot Sr.: Braden Montgomery
Grand Champion Ranch Jr.: Adleigh Guegold
Grand Champion Ranch Sr.: Emma Tingley
Grand Champion Western Jr.: Norah Cochran
Grand Champion Western Sr.: Jordan Tedrow
Grand Champion Gaited: Hayden Skropits
Grand Champion English Jr.: Adleigh Guegold
Grand Champion English Sr.: Emma Tingley

Contesting Trophies For Least Accumulated Time: Sr.: Chevelle Howard; Jr.: Kinzley Barker

Versatility English Showmanship: 1st, Emma Tingley; 2nd, Jordan Tedrow; 3rd, Landon Hickinbotham; 4th, Lynn Montgomery

Ranch Horsemanship: 1st, Emma Tingley; 2nd, Jordan Tedrow

Reining: 1st, Jordan Tedrow; 2nd, Emma Tingley

Poles: 1st, Landon Hickinbotham; 2nd, Lynn Montgomery; 3rd, Emma Tingley; 4th, Jordan Tedrow

Stakes: 1st, Landon Hickinbotham; 2nd, Lynn Montgomery; 3rd, Emma Tingley; 4th, Jordan Tedrow

Sr. grand Champion: Emma Tingley

Sr. Reserve Grand Champion: Jordan Tedrow

English Showmanship: 1st, Adleigh Guegold; 2nd, Norah Cochran; 3rd, Yona Pamer

Horsemanship: 1st, Adleigh Guegold; 2nd, Yona Pamer

Reining: 1st, Adleigh Guegold

Poles: 1st, Adleigh Guegold; 2nd, Norah Cochran; 3rd, Yona Pamer

Stakes: 1st, Adleigh Guegold; 2nd, Norah Cochran; 3rd, Yona Pamer

Jr. Grand Champion, Adleigh Guegold

Jr. Reserve Grand Champion, Yona Pamer

Speed Challenge Ribbons To Classes

Seniors Class #1: 1st, Chevelle Howard; 2nd, Lynn Montgomery; 3rd, Landon Hickinbotham; 4th, Makenzie Mills; 5th, Amia Noe; 6th, Aubrey Crain; 7th, Maylanna Gamble; 8th, Mia Gledhill

Class #2: 1st, Chevelle Howard; 2nd, Landon Hickinbotham; 3rd, Makenzie Mills; 4th, Amia Noe; 5th, Aubrey Crain; 6th, Mia Gledhill; 7th, Emma Tingley; 8th, Aria Edgell

Class #3: 1st, Chevelle Howard; 2nd, Emma Tingley; 3rd, Jordan Tedrow; 4th, Lynn Montgomery; 5th, Mia Gledhill; 6th, Aria Edgell; 7th, Maylanna Gamble; 8th, Landon Hickinbotham

Class #4: 1st, Chevelle Howard; 2nd, Landon Hickinbotham; 3rd, Aubrey Crain; 4th, Jordan Tedrow; 5th, Mia Gledhill; 6th, Aria Edgell; 7th, Emma Tingley; 8th, Lynn Montgomery

Class #5: 1st, Lynn Montgomery; 2nd, Amia Noe; 3rd, Landon

Hickinbotham; 4th, Aubrey Crain; 5th, Mia Gledhill; 6th, Aria Edgell; 7th, Jordan Tedrow; 8th, Emma Tingley

Sr. Grand Champion: Landon Hickinbotham

Sr. Reserve Champion: Emma Tingley

Junior Class #1: 1st, Kinzley Barker; 2nd, Paityn Barker; 3rd, Adleigh Guegold; 4th, Ava Owens; 5th, Norah Cochran; 6th, Alizae Thompson; 7th, Yona Pamer; 8th, Amyah Chiverton

Class #2: 1st, Adleigh Guegold; 2nd, Ava Owens; 3rd, Norah Cochran; 4th, Alizae Thompson; 5th, Yona Pamer; 6th, Paityn Barker; 7th, Raelynn Coy; 8th, Kinzley Barker, Amyah Chiverton and Zamiah Lambert

Class #3: 1st, Norah Cochran; 2nd, Adleigh Guegold; 3rd, Raelynn Coy; 4th, Paityn Barker; 5th, Alizae Thompson; 6th, Ava Owens; 7th, Yona Pamer; 8th, Zamiah Lambert and Kinzley Barker

Class #4: 1st, Adleigh Guegold; 2nd, Raelynn Coy; 3rd, Alizae Thompson; 4th, Yona Pamer; 5th, Norah Cochran; 6th, Zamiah Lambert; 7th, Kinzley Barker and Amyah Chiverton

Class #5: 1st, Adleigh Guegold; 2nd, Paityn Barker; 3rd, Alizae Thompson; 4th, Raelynn Coy; 5th, Yona Pamer; 6th, Norah Cochran; 7th, Zamiah Lambert; 8th, Ava Owens

Jr. Speed Challenge Grand Champion, Adleigh Guegold

Jr. Reserve Speed Challenge Champion, Alizae Thompson

Outstanding Exhibits

Marshal Adkins, Beef Feeder, Calf Country Clovers 4-H; Market Hog, Bibs & Boots 4-H

Addie Amert, Market Goat, Country Champions 4-H

Brayden Amert, Market Goat, Country Champions 4-H

Allyson Arnold Canning and Freezing, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H

Mariah Barcz, Market Goat; Racing the Clock (foods); Shopping Saavy; em*bel*lish; Market Goat; Next Level Photography; Quick Breads; Science Fun w/ Kitchen Chemistry; Sports Nutrition, Next Generation 4-H

Paityn Barker, Horse, Triangle T 4-H

Whitney Barrett, Breeding Beef; Market Lamb, Final Drive 4-H

Bryson Bays, Market Goat; Market Lamb, Next Generation 4-H

Shelby Bays, Breeding Sheep; Market Lamb, Next Generation 4-H

Tanner Beer, Breeding Rabbit; Market Rabbits, Roaming Rovers 4-H

Brenna Berry, Market Rabbits, Dirty Boots Country Roots 4-H

Emerson Biglin, Market Broilers, Next Generation 4-H

Kyleigh Biglin Draft Horse, Red & Gray Gang 4-H

Emma Blanton, Breeding Poultry; Breeding Rabbit; Market Rabbits, Next Generation 4-H

Harper Blanton-White, Breeding Goat, All Star Gang 4-H

Kaley Bowman, Alcohol & Drug Abuse; Alpaca/Llama; Global Gourmet, Wild-n-Free 4-H

Maddie Boyer, Beef Feeder Calf; Breeding Beef; Market Beef, Market Goat Kickin' It Kountry 4-H

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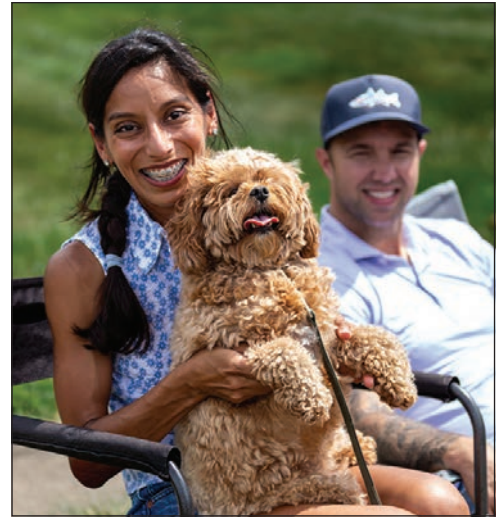


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Carlee Breinich, Breeding Goat; Market Ducks, Freedom Wranglers 4-H

Kenley Brenner, Beef Feeder Calf, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H
Ava Burkhart, Gardening, Ring Raiders 4-H
Dominic Butts, Gardening, Richland Co Livestock Lovers 4-H
Layla Carver, Market Goat, Rusty Riders 4-H
Kyrsten Caudill, Dog Obedience; Dog Performance; Dog Showmanship, You and Your Dog, Plymouth FFA

Brantlee Chapman, Market Rabbits, Next Generation 4-H
Brylee Chapman, Rabbits, Next Generation 4-H
Amyah Chiverton, Horse, Neighhh Not Today 4-H
Lily Clark, Market Ducks, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H
Caleigh Cook, Market Hog, Great Expectations 4-H
Morgan Cook, Dairy Beef Feeder; Market Hog, Great Expectations 4-H
Dakota Craner,, Market Hog, Richland Co Livestock Lovers 4-H
Katie Crider, Alpaca/Llama; Horse; Market Goat, Ring Raiders 4-H
Olyvia Culler, Market Beef; Market Goat, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H
Owen Culler, Dairy Beef Feeder, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H
Addison Cyrus,, Market Hog, Final Drive 4-H
Rylie Davidson, Let's Start Cooking; Market Goat; Market Rabbits, Country Clovers 4-H

Ty Dawson, Market Goat; Market Rabbits, Country Clovers 4-H
Kenzie Dech, Market Goat, All Star Gang 4-H
Kyler Dull, Market Hog, Bibs & Boots 4-H
Olivia Dunn, Market Ducks; Market Rabbits, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H

Luke Eckenwiler, Grill Master, Great Expectations 4-H
Madelyn Egner, Dairy Beef Feeder, New Edition 4-H
Corbin Eldridge, Market Turkey, Ring Raiders 4-H
Sawyer Eshelman, Market Rabbits, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H
Ava Estep, Market Lamb, Next Generation 4-H
Brylee Everhart, Explore the Outdoors; Let's Start Cooking, Ring Raiders 4-H

Jacob Everhart, Explore the Outdoors; Magic of Electricity, Ring Raiders 4-H

Landon Foulks,, Beef Feeder Calf; Breeding Beef, Final Drive 4-H
Kate Freeman, Beef Feeder Calf, Final Drive 4-H
Grace Fry, Breeding Sheep, Richland Round-Up 4-H
Maylanna Gamble, Dog Obedience; Dog Showmanship, Wild-n-Free 4-H

Myah Gee, Market Turkey, Clear Fork Colts & Fillies
Roslyn Gerback, Market Broilers, Bibs & Boots 4-H
Evelyn Gerber, Breeding Sheep; Market Lamb, New Edition 4-H
Mason Gerich, Dairy Beef Feeder, Next Generation 4-H
Brooklyn Gilger, Market Rabbits; Take a Break for Breakfast, True Grit 4-H

Mia Gledhill, Horse - Beg. Horse Mgt.; Horse - Gymkhana; Horse; Small Equine, Neighhh Not Today 4-H

Cami Gowitzka, Beef Feeder Calf; Market Beef, Great Expectations 4-H
Breyden Hamilton, Market Rabbits, Freedom Wranglers 4-H
Charlotte Hayhurst, Rifle, Country Pals 4-H
Brock Hendricks, Market Goat, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H
Raylan Hendricks, Market Goat, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H
Landon Hickinbotham, Horse, Branded Pony 4-H
Alivia Hicks, Market Broilers; Market Rabbits; Market Turkey, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H

Logan Hoffman, Beef Feeder; Shotgun, Lucky 4-H'ers
Morgan Hollinger, Breeding Rabbit, Dirty Boots Country Roots 4-H
Courtney Howarth, Market Rabbits; Small Equine, Bibs & Boots 4-H
Griffin Howell, Beef Feeder Calf; Breeding Beef, Bibs & Boots 4-H
Cooper Iceman, Market Goat, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H

Anna Irwin, Market Goat, Triangle T 4-H
Ava Irwin, Market Rabbits, Triangle T 4-H
Niko Irwin, Small Equine, Triangle T 4-H
Xander Irwin, Market Ducks; Market Goat, Triangle T 4-H
Taneila Jarvis, Beef Feeder Calf; Horse, Neighhh Not Today 4-H
Olivia Keith, Olivia; Market Goat; Country Champions 4-H
Deacon Keller, Market Goat, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H
Macie Keller, Market Goat, Red & Gray Gang 4-H
Jaycee Kelly, Dog: You and Your Dog, Wild-n-Free 4-H

Audrey King, Getting Started in Art, Freedom Wranglers 4-H
McKinnley King, Breeding Rabbit; Clothes - High School; Market Rabbits, Freedom Wranglers 4-H

Julianne Kinnunen, Take a Break for Breakfast, Roaming Rovers 4-H
Teagan Kirsh, Market Hog; Market Rabbits, Lucky 4-H'ers
Columbus Knight, Market Rabbits, Final Drive 4-H
Brantley Knipp, Market Rabbits, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H
Emma Krietemeyer, Terrific Tops, New Edition 4-H

Evelyn Kruse, Market Turkey, Richland Co Livestock Lovers 4-H
Henry Kruse, Market Turkey, Richland Co Livestock Lovers 4-H
Oliver Kruse, Market Broilers, Richland Co Livestock Lovers 4-H
Weston Lacey, Robotics Essentials, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H

Aubrey Lambert, Market Goat, Country Champions 4-H
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Toby Lux,, Breeding Rabbit, Wild-n-Free 4-H

Julia Lynch, Alpaca/Llama; Let's Start Cooking, Ring Raiders 4-H
Ashley Markley, Market Hog; Market Lamb, New Edition 4-H
Vivian Martin, Market Turkey, Rusty Riders 4-H
Abbigail McGinty, Market Rabbits; Photography Basics, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H

Josephine McNary, Market Rabbits; Self-Determined, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H

Stella McNary, Sports Nutrition; Market Rabbits; Star Spangled Foods, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H

Adalie Miller, Horse, Branded Pony 4-H
Lucas Miller, Market Rabbits, Rusty Riders 4-H
Maddie Miller, Market Rabbits, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H
Maverick Miller, Rifle, Rusty Riders 4-H
Max Miller, Shotgun, Rusty Riders 4-H

Payton Miller, Market Hog, Bibs & Boots 4-H
Wyatt Miller, Beef Feeder Calf, Triangle T 4-H
Brock Mills, Arcs and Sparks, Wild-n-Free 4-H
Makenzie Mills, Dog Obedience; Horse, Wild-n-Free 4-H
Braden Montgomery, Horse; Market Goat; Market Rabbits, Plymouth FFA

Colten Montgomery, Market Beef, Rusty Riders 4-H
Emma Montgomery, Beef Feeder Calf, Shelby FFA
Lindsay Montgomery, Horse, Freedom Wranglers 4-H
Isabelle Moore, Market Hog, Rusty Riders 4-H
Charlie Mullins, Dog Obedience; Dog Performance, Wild-n-Free 4-H
Kay Myers, Self-Determined, Neighhh Not Today 4-H
Helena Newmeyer, Market Goat, Country Pals 4-H
Hadley Nickelson, Market Rabbits; Let's Start Cooking, Roaming Rovers 4-H

Charlotte Niese, Dairy Beef Feeder, Rusty Riders 4-H
Amiah Noe, Dog Obedience, Wild-n-Free 4-H
Hunter Oney, Market Goat, Country Champions 4-H
Alexandrea Pace, Breeding Goat; Market Goat, Barnyard Buddies 4-H
Yona Pamer, Market Ducks, Branded Pony 4-H
Macey Parks, Market Goat, Richland Round-Up 4-H
Serenity Potts, Market Goat, Ring Raiders 4-H
Cami Rachel, Horse, Neighhh Not Today 4-H
Cheznie Reece, Breeding Goat, All Star Gang 4-H
Izaya Reynolds, Market Rabbits, Triangle T 4-H
Gracie Rodman, Ag Careers are Everywhere; Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Freedom Wranglers 4-H

Finlay Rowlands, On the Cutting Edge, Next Generation 4-H
Brynn Sauder, Dairy Beef Feeder; Market Beef, Triangle T 4-H
Hagen Sauder, Dairy Beef Feeder; Market Beef, Triangle T 4-H
Jase Sauder, Market Goat, Neighhh Not Today 4-H
Parker Sauder, Measuring Up (woodworking), Neighhh Not Today 4-H

Chesney Secor, Market Hog, True Grit 4-H
Abigail Secriskey, Dog Obedience; Dog Performance; Dog: You and Your Dog; Let's Bake Quick Breads; Market Rabbits; Mentoring: Ldp in Action; and Next Level Photography, Roaming Rovers 4-H

Carson Secriskey, Cooking on Your Own; Market Broilers; Market Rabbits, Shelby FFA

Ashlynn Sexton, Market Goat, Country Clovers 4-H

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Wyatt Shepherd, Market Turkey, Rusty Riders 4-H
Katie Smith, Market Goat, Great Expectations 4-H
Liliana Smith, Market Rabbits, Freedom Wranglers 4-H
Natalie Smith, Horse, Wild-n-Free 4-H
Novalene Smith, Market Rabbits, Country Clovers 4-H
Sarah Smith, Beginning Fishing; Farm to Table to Career; Intermediate Fishing, Roaming Rovers 4-H
Tyler Smith, Getting Started in Art; Market Broilers, Roaming Rovers 4-H

Abby Snyder, Breeding Goat; Breeding Sheep, Rusty Riders 4-H
Abby Stacy, Market Rabbits, Freedom Wranglers 4-H
Kelsey Stiving, Market Goat, Country Clovers 4-H
Jack Stover, Beef Feeder Calf, Rusty Riders 4-H
Payton Stover, Horse, Rusty Riders 4-H
Alaina Strassel, Market Goat, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H
Olivia Strassel, Market Goat, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H
Ella Strassel, Market Goat, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H
Kennedy Studer, Market Hog, Shelby FFA
Lucas Studer, Market Rabbits, Rusty Riders 4-H
Riley Stumbo, Market Rabbits, Rusty Riders 4-H
Jordan Tedrow, Horse, Branded Pony 4-H
Kendall Thomas, Market Goat, Triangle T 4-H
Katie Thompson, Let's Start Cooking, True Grit 4-H
Mary Thompson, Breeding Goat; Market Goat; Sew Fun, True Grit 4-H
Hannah Timmons, Horse; Market Broilers, Freedom Wranglers 4-H
Chad Tingley, Market Ducks; Shotgun, Branded Pony 4-H
Emma Tingley, Horse, Branded Pony 4-H
Emelyn Truax, Basic Archery; Market Rabbits, Roaming Rovers 4-H
Evie Truax Basic Archery; Market Rabbits, Roaming Rovers 4-H
Morgan Trumpower, Market Goat, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H
Riley Trumpower, Market Goat, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H
Madilynn Tuttle, Market Broilers, Bibs & Boots 4-H
Kinsley Van Dine, Beef Feeder Calf, Rusty Riders 4-H
Aurelian Von Ehrenkrook, Shotgun, Roaming Rovers 4-H
Hadrian Von Ehrenkrook, Terrific Tops, Roaming Rovers 4-H
Persephone Von Ehrenkrook, Self-Determined, Roaming Rovers 4-H
Carter Wade, Breeding Rabbit, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H
Lauryn Wade, Breeding Rabbit, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H
Kendra Walp, Market Hog, Rusty Riders 4-H
Aliya Walter, Market Goat, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H
Shiloh Walter, Market Goat, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H
Zackory Walter, Market Goat, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H
Zoey Weltmer, Getting Started in Art, New Edition 4-H
Jack Whatman, Market Ducks, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H
Cody Wolford, Making the Cut (woodworking), Country Chamions 4-H
Arianna Yetzer, Finding Your Voice; Market Rabbits, True Grit 4-H
Rilynn Yetzer, Racing the Clock (foods), True Grit 4-H
Charlie Yoakum, Goat, Bibs & Boots 4-H



THE 11TH ANNUAL SHAWSHANK HUSTLE 7K was held in Mansfield on Saturday, Aug. 16. Around 1,500 participants ran or walked the round-trip course that began and ended at the Ohio State Reformatory. Before the race the wedding of Bob Casey and Nicole Walker was held. Casey has been playing the part of the warden for the Hustle since its inception. After the wedding, the couple ran the race together. (Photo below) Placing as the first finishers in the male 80-99 age group were Robert Thompson of Columbus, 85, with a time of 56:15; and Charles Mann, 81, coming in at 1:06:25.



Teachers of Tomorrow opens applications for annual scholarship

Teachers of Tomorrow (ToT), the nation's largest Educator Preparation Program (EPP), today opens applications for its annual New Teacher Scholarship for aspiring educators.

Twenty applicants will be awarded scholarships to cover up to \$6,000 in program fees each across nine states where ToT has programs, including Texas, Florida, Arizona, Indiana, Michigan, North Carolina, Nevada, Ohio and South Carolina.

The deadline to apply is Aug. 31.

To qualify, applicants must be fully enrolled in a ToT program by Sept. 30, 2025.

Scholarship recipients will be announced in October.

"As the education landscape evolves, we remain committed to helping passionate individuals become the teachers their communities need," said Dr. Heath Morrison, CEO of Teachers of Tomorrow.

"This scholarship is just one way we're removing financial bar-

riers and building the next generation of life-changing educators."

With more than 85,000 teachers certified since its founding, Teachers of Tomorrow continues to play a critical role in addressing the national teacher shortage and strengthening the educator pipeline through accessible, high-quality certification pathways.

The 2025 New Teacher Scholarship application is available at https://www.teachersoftomorrow.org/new_teacher_scholarship/.

Résumés being accepted for vacant seat

Résumés and Letters of Interest are being accepted to fill a vacancy for the City of Ontario Council Member -At-Large. Please forward letters of interest & resume to Zoi Romanchuk at zoi@prmachine-works.com.

The deadline to apply is Aug. 25.

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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 TW 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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held before Village Council of the Village of Lexington at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at the Village Hall, 44 West Main Street, Lexington, Ohio upon the following proposed zoning variance request:

A change of zoning at 65 South Mill Street in Lexington, Ohio from I1 - Light Industrial to T - Transitional Zoning.

All residents are invited to attend and express their views on this request.

Brenda Barton
Clerk of Council
Village of Lexington, OH
(T-C 8-21, 28 '25) 17 L

My Theatre to perform “Matilda Jr.” in September

The Mansfield Youth Theatre (“MY Theatre”) will present Roald Dahl’s *Matilda Jr.*, the Musical on the stage of the Renaissance Theatre Sept. 12, 13 and 14 as part of the Mechanics Bank Education Series. Performances will take place at 7 pm on Friday and Saturday, and 2:30 pm on Sunday.

Dauphne Maloney directs the show with musical direction by Brian K. Nabors. Tickets are \$15, general admission, and on sale now at the Renaissance Box Office, via phone, and online at www.rentickets.org.

A free sensory-friendly performance of *Matilda Jr.* will be offered Saturday, Sept. 13 at 1 pm for families of individuals on the autism spectrum and with other sensory processing needs. Inter-

ested individuals must register for their free tickets by visiting or calling the Renaissance Education Department at 419-522-2726, extension 212. A limited number of tickets is available for the sensory-friendly performance and no walk-ups will be accommodated.

Matilda Jr. has astonishing wit, intelligence... and special powers. She’s unloved by her parents but impresses her schoolteacher, the lovable Miss Honey. Matilda’s school life isn’t completely smooth sailing, however — the headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, hates children and delights in cruel punishments.

But Matilda’s courage and cleverness may be the saving grace her fellow students need. Packed with high-energy dance numbers and catchy songs, this youth adaptation is a gleefully witty ode to the anarchy of childhood and the power of imagination.

“It’s been such a joy to work with this incredible cast of young performers. Their enthusiasm and dedication bring so much heart to *Matilda Jr.*,” shares Maloney. “Their commitment to the

script and music helps them tell this story of rebellion, imagination, and empowerment that makes this show so special.”

The cast is composed of over 50 students between the ages of 8–18 from area schools including Ashland, Clearfork, Crestview, Lexington, Lucas, Madison, Mansfield, Ontario, Shelby, and more. Leading the cast are Estel Bramlage as Matilda Wormwood, Payne Schwartz as headmistress Agatha Trunchbull, and Josephine Foster as Miss Honey. The Wormwood family is portrayed by Graycen Stevens (Mr. Wormwood), Nicky Morabito (Michael Wormwood) and Lilly Bailey (Mrs. Wormwood).

Additional cast members and ensemble include students from across the region representing Ashland, Richland, Crawford, Huron, Morrow and Knox counties.

Inspired by Roald Dahl’s beloved book, with book by Dennis Kelly and music and lyrics by Tim Minchin, *Matilda Jr.* is a specially adapted version of the award-winning full-length musical, designed for younger performers while retaining all the magic and fun of the original.

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’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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