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UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS SAMARITAN MEDICAL CENTER in Ashland celebrated Nurses Week and the hospital earning an "A" for safety from The Leapfrog Group.

Paid internship positions available

The Domestic Violence Shelter of Richland County is looking for two interns to join the team and support important initiatives within the organization. These are hands-on opportunities for individuals interested in communications, nonprofit work, advocacy, event planning or community impact.

The creative/legacy project intern should have a special interest in marketing, social media, events planning or journalism. This internship will be based in Mansfield and the Richland County area and it a paid role.

The intern will help with planning and coordinating The Domestic Violence Shelter's 50th anniversary celebration and develop creative marketing and outreach ideas for the 50th anniversary.

The role includes assisting with marketing and event planning, exploring and organizing historical archives, photos and stories to share organizations history in an engaging way. This role requires strong written and verbal communication skills, a creative thinker with attention to detail, organization and the ability to manage multiple projects or ideas at once.

The Community Outreach Intern position requires an interest in communications, social work, education, events planning or psychology. It will also be based in Mansfield/Richland County area.

This paid role will help represent the organization at community

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UH Samaritan celebrates Nurses Week, Hospital Week and National "A" Safety Grade

Photos and Article By Traci Little

ASHLAND — At University Hospitals Samaritan Medical Center, celebration is coming in many forms this month — from tea parties and ice cream socials to a hospital leader walking the halls dressed in a frog costume.

But behind the fun is a deeper message centered on appreciation, patient care and a nationally recognized achievement in hospital safety.

UH Samaritan Medical Center recently earned an "A" Hospital Safety Grade from The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit organization that evaluates hospitals on more than 30 measures related to patient safety, including medical errors, injuries and infections. The recognition places the Ashland hospital among the top hospitals in the country for patient safety.

The announcement comes during National Nurses Week and is just ahead of National Hospital Week, making the recognition truly special for staff members who work daily to care for patients throughout the community.

"This really belongs to our caregivers," said Sylvia Radziszewski, chief operating officer at UH Samaritan Medical Center. "We couldn't achieve Leapfrog A ratings without the work our teams do every single day. Receiving this recognition during Nurses Week is the perfect time to say thank you."

Radziszewski said the Leapfrog grade reflects UH's ongoing "Zero Harm" commitment and the hospital's emphasis on safety, accountability and teamwork.

"At UH Samaritan Medical Center, patient safety is more than a priority — it's a shared commitment embraced by every caregiver, every day," Radziszewski shared in a message to staff. "This recognition belongs to every member of our team."

She noted that Leapfrog evaluates hospitals using more than 30 safety measures tied to errors, injuries and infections, making the "A" grade especially meaningful.

"Patients and families expect quality care when they walk through our doors," she said. "But to have another organization confirm that yes, this is the best care possible, is incredibly important — especially in a wonderful community hospital setting like Ashland."

As part of the celebration, Radziszewski spent the day visiting departments and interacting with patients and families while wearing a frog costume — a playful nod to the "Leapfrog" honor.

"Patients would look at me and I'd say, 'Yes, you are seeing things. I am dressed like a frog,'" she laughed. "If they didn't know why, it gave us an opportunity to talk about quality and patient safety."

She said the costume was intentionally meant to bring some

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From the Classroom to the Page: Amanda Belczak brings a life of faith and resilience to print

By Traci Little

For Amanda Belczak, books have never simply been stories on a page — they are invitations into connection, healing and understanding.

As a longtime contributor to the Tribune-Courier’s book review section, Belczak has built a special community of readers, sharing stories that spark conversation and offer comfort. Now, she is stepping into a new role—author—with the release of her debut book, *Under His Wings: A Faith-Filled Odyssey*.

The book, available on Amazon and through her website amandabelczak.com, tells the true story of Annemarie, a woman whose life journey spans from surviving as a child refugee during World War II to later working alongside civil rights leaders during the 1960s.

A Love for Stories That Connect

Belczak’s path to writing began with a simple belief: stories bring people together.

“Books start interesting conversations,” she said. “To share a good review is a chance to hand someone else a little piece of joy and connection - we are never alone when we have a good book.”

Her approach to reviewing is deeply personal. Rather than focusing solely on critique, she considers the emotional needs of readers — whether they’re looking for suspense, comfort or something deeply reflective.

“Not every book is right for every person,” she explained. “But there is a special magic when you can help someone find that memorable book that really shaped who they are.”

That philosophy has helped her cultivate significant relationships with readers who often reach out after reading her reviews—sharing their own thoughts, preferences and connections to the stories she recommends.

When a Story Demands to Be Told

Belczak’s transition from reviewer to author began unexpectedly — through her time as a fifth-grade teacher.

After hearing Annemarie speak to students about her life, Belczak witnessed something rare.

“One hundred fifth-grade students sat completely still and silent for over an hour,” she said. “They were mesmerized—and the adults were too.”

Encouraged by the students’ heartfelt responses, Belczak offered to help turn Annemarie’s story into a book.

“There is a lot of research and careful work in telling someone else’s story,” she said. “The goal isn’t to honor my feelings — it’s to honor her words and memories.”

A Story of Faith, Resilience and Service

Under His Wings is much more than a historical account — it is a story with roots in faith, perseverance and compassion.

Annemarie’s journey begins in wartime Europe but expands into a life shaped by service, including her involvement with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and its educational efforts during

the Civil Rights Movement.

For Belczak, one of the most powerful takeaways is Annemarie’s perspective.

“She is like a wind chime on a front porch,” Belczak said. “Life has blown her in so many directions, but she makes it sound like music — welcoming people in.”

The themes of gratitude, faith and caring for others resonated deeply with Belczak during the writing process—especially as she navigated personal seasons of grief.



“It reminded me that we are cared for, even in our darkest moments,” she said.

Why Stories Like This Matter

Belczak believes preserving stories like Annemarie’s is essential — not just for history, but for how we choose to live today.

“Maybe more important than learning from these stories is finding a way to connect to them,” she said. “Believing it’s important to live a life worth telling.”

Her hope is that readers walk away not just inspired but truly changed.

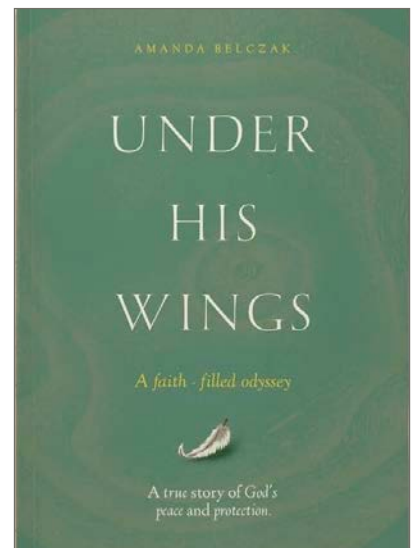
“I hope they feel this isn’t just something that happened,” she said. “But the beginning of what can still be true in the way we live — doing what is right, loving mercy and walking humbly.”

A Humble Milestone

Despite the accomplishment of publishing her first book, Belczak remains grounded in the life she loves.

“I’m just a local teacher who likes to read in the yard with her chickens,” she said with a smile.

Still, moments of recognition have made the experience unforgettably impactful — like when a young student told her, “You’re a real author, and we get to see you every day.”



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News Briefs

The Madison Ram Marching Band Alumni Football Game will be held Friday, Aug. 28, at the Madison Comprehensive High School and Stadium, 600 Esley Ln., Mansfield.

Practices are held Monday, Aug. 24, from 2:30–4:30 pm and Thursday, Aug. 27, from 6–8 pm, in the high school band room.

Musicians should report to the band room at 5 pm on the night of the event. The game begins at 7 pm.

To sign-up visit <https://forms.gle/Ez93fK7YLoXQvVsk6>. Sign ups close on Friday, July 24.

For information email kfanning@mlsd.net or Imann@mlsd.net for the band and mpoland@mlsd.net for Ramettes.



A special meeting of the Ontario Board of Education will be held in the Ontario High School Library, 467 Shelby-Ontario Rd., Ontario on Wednesday, June 17, at 6 pm. This will held to discuss the development of tax policy with Rockmill Financial.



The Franklin Township Fire Department Ice Cream Social will be held Saturday, June 13, at Crestview Elementary School, 1575 St. Rt. 96, Ashland, from 4–7 pm.

The event will feature homemade ice cream, food, bounce house inflatables, Touch-A-Truck with multiple agencies, kids' activities and more.



Springfield Township Fire Department will host its first annual open house and pancake breakfast on Saturday, May 30, from 8:30–10:30 am.

The event will be held at Station #1, 3700 Park Avenue West, Ontario and is brought to the community with the assistance of the Ontario Lions Club. Those attending can meet the trustees, fiscal officer, zoning inspector, fire chief, assistant fire chief and road department crew.

Free breakfast and handouts are available for residents and kids.



A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, May 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. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.



The City of Ontario will hold meetings at the municipal building, 555 Stumbo Rd., Ontario, in May.

Meetings are scheduled for May 13, 1 pm, Civil Service Commission and 4 pm, Planning Commission; and May 20, 6:15 pm, Caucus and 7 pm, Council.



Ontario UMC, 3540 Park Ave West, Ontario, will host exercise/walking led by an instructor for various age groups every Thursday at 10

am. This is open to the community at no charge. This will include chair yoga, dance exercise, resistance bands and walking.



The Lexington Area Senior Citizens Inc., invites those 55 and older to attend meetings the third Wednesday of every month at 11:30 am at Der Dutchman, Rt. 97, Bellville. Cost is \$17 for the meal, with an additional \$2 for pie.

The next meal will be May 20, and will include chicken. This is the LASC's 52nd anniversary. Jane Horton will be the guest.

For information visit the Facebook page at Lexington Area Senior Citizens (LASC). Dues are \$10 per year.



The City of Ontario's 2026 Concerts in the Park will be held at the band shell in Marshall Park at 6 pm.

Concerts are scheduled for June 9, Canyon Echoes; June 26, I Told You; July 7, Conne; July 21, Oolong Gurus; Aug. 11, Soul Town; and Aug. 25, Red Ball Jets.

This is event is free to attend. Lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged.



The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. will host a free Senior Spring Extravaganza on Friday, May 29, from 10 am to 2 pm, at the Mid-Ohio Education Center, 890 W. 4th St., Mansfield.

The Mardi Gras-style event will be focused on healthy and positive aging. Guests will enjoy resources and information on aging-related topics, along with a free lunch, BINGO, an on-site classic car show, music by Randy Velez and a variety of community vendors.

Register for the car show by calling 567-247-6458. Registration is not required to attend the event. For more information call 419-524-4144 or follow www.facebook.com/aaa5ohio. Sponsorships are available by visiting www.aaa5ohio.org



All Souls Unitarian Universalist of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Josh Ghiloni on Sunday, May 17, at 10:30 am. The subject will be "Take Hold of My Hand, for You Are No Longer Alone." For information visit www.allsoulsuohio.org.



The Lexington Farmers Market's season will begin Wednesday, May 20, and run weekly through Oct. 14. The market will be held every Wednesday from 4–7 pm in the Lexington–Shelby Elks Lodge #2554 and Common Ground Training parking lots, 320 E. Main St., Lexington. For information contact lexohiofarmersmarket@gmail.com.



Richland Public Health announced a change to its regular board meeting schedule. Effective June 2026, board meetings will now be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 5 pm. All meetings will continue to be open to the public unless otherwise noted.



The 16th Annual Ashland Downtown Dream Cruise and Car Show will be held Saturday, July 11, from 12–3 pm, in downtown Ashland. All proceeds go to support Shop With a Cop.

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Richland County Foundation grants over \$8.2M in 2025

During the Richland County Foundation annual meeting, President & CEO Allie Watson reported that the Foundation granted \$8,223,066 in 2025. Donors continue to be generous and gifts for the year totaled \$5,057,567.

Foundation donors were most passionate about supporting education and youth with grants totaling \$3,589,613. Other sectors receiving grants were community and economic development \$2,234,733,

arts and culture \$1,167,923, health and human services \$934,430, churches \$175,425 and environment \$120,942. To review the 2025 annual report, go to richlandcountyfoundation.org.

Watson outlined the Foundation's Downtown Forward Project, which is a transformational revitalization initiative made possible through the donation of 14 historic downtown Mansfield buildings from John and Mimi Fernyak.

The gift places approximately 180,000 square feet of property under community leadership and launches a \$25 million redevelopment project in partnership with Windsor Companies, an Ohio-based development firm specializing in historic redevelopment and community-centered downtown revitalization. The phased project will restore historic buildings, introduce new housing, and activate commercial spaces in the heart of the city.

The project applied for federal and state tax credits. If those are approved in June, the project could begin in late summer.

"This is one of the most significant moments for downtown Mansfield in generations," said Watson. "The Fernyak family's extraordinary gift ensures these historic buildings remain community assets while creating new opportunities for residents, businesses, and investment. Downtown Forward represents long-term commitment, thoughtful growth, and belief in Mansfield's future."

During the business portion of the meeting, DJ Daniels, Crystal McMillen, and Nyasha Oden were approved as incoming Board of Trustees members. The following trustees will serve as officers this coming year: Chair Lee Tasseff, Chair Elect Dakota Durbin, Secretary Jack Stewart, and Treasurer DJ Daniels.

Jana Mulherin completed her nine-year term and was recognized for her dedication and service to the community.



RCF President & CEO Allie Watson and Board of Trustees Chair Lee Tasseff

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419-756-3046 • www.mansfieldfcc.com
Pastor Brad Bunn
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10:30 am Sunday School (nursery-high school)
10 am Monday Morning Bible Study

Lexington Church of the Cross

236 Otterbein Dr., Lexington
419-884-2150 • Churchofthecrosslex.com
Pastor-Rev. Dr. Edna Stahl
Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Junior Church for 10 and under • Wesley Class 10:45
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419-529-4345 • ontarioumc.com
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9:30 am Grace & Eggs
11 am Sunday Worship and Kingdom Kids

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events and tabling opportunities, develop and design engaging programming and outreach initiatives and give presentations to organizations and community groups.

This intern will assist with event planning, promotion and community engagement activities and create outreach materials and marketing content.

The role requires strong written and verbal communication skills, a creative thinker with attention to detail, organization and the ability to manage multiple projects or ideas at once.

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•UH Samaritan celebrates Nurses Week, Hospital Week

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laughter and encouragement to staff and visitors.

“Healthcare can be tough,” Radziszewski said. “Whether you’re a caregiver, EVS staff member, patient or family member, if there’s something we can do to make someone smile, that medicine is priceless.”

Throughout the week, nurses and hospital staff have been recognized through a variety of appreciation events, including tea gatherings, snacks, crossword activities and community celebrations.

“We like to do things a little unconventional,” Radziszewski said. “It’s about creating moments to say thank you.”

She added that balancing the emotional demands of healthcare with moments of joy is an important part of supporting caregivers.

“Sometimes we get so busy taking care of everyone else that we forget to laugh,” she said. “If you can create a moment where someone says, ‘Oh my gosh, are you really wearing that?’ and it makes them smile, then it’s worth it.”

While the playfulness brought a good amount of laughter, she emphasized the honor behind the Leapfrog achievement. According to The Leapfrog Group, hospitals earning an “A” grade demonstrate excellence in protecting patients from preventable harm.

“This additional recognition reassures patients and families that they are receiving the best care possible,” Radziszewski said. “Especially in a wonderful community setting like Ashland, that’s incredibly important.”

Radziszewski, who has worked in healthcare for decades and originally began her career as a respiratory therapist, said the hospital’s greatest strength is its people.

“There’s something special here — I call it Samaritan’s special sauce,” she said. “Most of our caregivers live in this community. They are taking care of their neighbors, friends and family members. That creates a level of compassion and commitment you can feel when you walk the halls.”

She said that culture extends beyond bedside care and into the way employees support one another during difficult moments.

“Are all days good? No,” she said. “Healthcare teams go through really hard situations. But what’s incredible here is how our staff is there for one other.”

She added that the hospital’s strong culture helps support both patient outcomes and staff retention.

“When we hire, we’re looking for more than just skill,” she said. “We look for people who fit our culture and who have the hunger to make a difference. Healthcare is a calling.”

Radziszewski said Samaritan continues to focus on finding caregivers who are passionate about serving the community.

“If you get the right person on the team, retention kind of falls into

place,” she said. “People become engaged because they understand the mission and the impact they’re making.”

Beyond bedside care, Samaritan staff members are also active throughout the community, helping educate residents on topics such as stroke awareness, diabetes management, hypertension and mental wellness.

“At the end of the day, we want people healthy,” Radziszewski said. “We want them to live long, happy lives. We don’t want heads in beds — we want people staying well.”

For Radziszewski, the most rewarding part of healthcare remains the personal connection with patients and families.

“If I ever lose that connection, I’ll know it’s time to hang up my lab coat,” she said. “That’s what fills my cup back up — knowing we made a difference in somebody’s life.”

Reflecting on her years in healthcare, she said the work continues to feel deeply meaningful.

“At the end of the day, I can go home and say I made a difference for someone,” she said. “Small, medium or large — it doesn’t matter. It’s making that difference that matters. It’s a blessing to be where I am.”

As Nurses Week transitions into Hospital Week, Samaritan leaders say the celebration is ultimately about recognizing the people behind the care.

“Every single role matters,” Radziszewski said. “This recognition belongs to the entire team.”

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Water main repairs require closures

Due to water main repairs it is necessary to close sections of Marion Avenue from Woodland Road to Woodhill Road in Mansfield.

The road is closed and construction signs have been posted at the work site. Traffic is advised to plan an alternate route to avoid possible delays. No traffic will be permitted to pass through until further notice. The road re-open date has been extended to May 15.

Also due to water main repairs, Auburn Avenue from Wayne Street to 1st Avenue in Mansfield has been closed and construction signs are posted at the work site. Traffic is advised to plan an alternate route to avoid possible delays.

No traffic will be permitted to pass through until further notice. The road is set to re-open by May 15.

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Mrs. Mid-Ohio uses platform to support Rubies Women's Group and expand community awareness

By Traci Little

MANSFIELD — What began as a single step outside of her comfort zone has grown into a mission centered on advocacy, awareness and helping women rebuild their lives.

For Lara Newman, currently serving as Mrs. Mid-Ohio in the Ohio America pageant system, pageantry has become more than competition or crowns. It has opened the door to community outreach efforts tied closely to Rubies Womens Group, a local nonprofit supporting women overcoming human trafficking, addiction and difficult life circumstances.

"I thought my first pageant was just going to be one and done," Newman remarked. But she ended up really loving it and began seeing the benefits not only for herself, but for her daughters and the causes she cares deeply about.

Newman first became involved with Rubies Women's Group in 2024 through volunteering during the organization's annual Love for Rubies fundraiser.

Over time, that connection deepened into a leadership role. She now serves as secretary of the board and chairs the organization's events and marketing efforts.

Her responsibilities include helping oversee social media, planning fundraising initiatives and spearheading a new "Run for Rubies" 5K planned in partnership with the revitalized Mansfield Speedway.

"Every step we take supports women in our community," Newman said in a recent social media post promoting the event.

In addition to the 5K, Newman has helped transform the 5th annual Love for Rubies fundraiser into a formal gala experience beginning earlier this year. The sixth annual event, scheduled for next year, will also include the launch of the new Mid-Ohio preliminary within the Ohio America Pageant system.

Previously competing under the title Mrs. Richland County, Newman said the transition to Mrs. Mid-Ohio reflects a broader regional vision aimed at creating opportunities for more women throughout the area.

"There were things coming up that were outside of my county, so I wanted to broaden my horizons," she explained. "We only have one other preliminary in the state, Mrs. Northern Ohio, so I thought this would create opportunities for more women in this area."

Newman is currently preparing to compete at the upcoming Mrs. Ohio America Pageant on June 13, at The Memorial Theatre and said community support throughout the journey has meant a great deal to her.

Looking ahead, Newman is also helping launch the new Mid-Ohio Preliminary to Ohio America, scheduled for Feb. 11, 2027, at Roseto Event Venue in downtown Mansfield.

Following the crowning ceremony, attendees will move directly into the annual Love for Rubies Gala, celebrating 11 years of Rubies Womens Group and its work supporting women transitioning out of addiction and human trafficking situations.

The Mid-Ohio preliminary will also be tied directly to Rubies Women's Group, with titleholders serving as ambassadors for the organization throughout their reigning year. Newman's daughter, Presley, is also participating as Junior Miss Mid-Ohio.

Beyond fundraising and pageantry, Newman said her biggest passion is helping expand awareness and prevention efforts across Ohio.

At the center of Newman's advocacy work is the nonprofit's new statewide initiative, Eyes Wide Open, which focuses on educating communities about human trafficking awareness and prevention.

The program aims to equip schools, churches, healthcare workers, emergency responders and law enforcement agencies with tools to recognize warning signs and respond appropriately.

Newman said she also hopes to expand educational outreach to children by introducing age-appropriate books focused on online safety, substance abuse awareness and trafficking prevention into local libraries and schools.

"I've always had a heart for children," she said. "If we can educate children early, we have a fighting chance. Let's teach them how to have a voice."

Her growing involvement with Rubies Women's Group stems largely from a close friendship formed with founder and executive director Candace Cole, whom Newman credits as a major inspiration.

"She's able to focus on the things only Candace can do because now she doesn't have to worry about some of these other things," Newman said. "Getting a board that's ready to hit the ground running is tough, but we've really found alignment."

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Mrs. Mid-Ohio Lara Newman



Jr. Miss Mid-Ohio Presley Newman

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•Mrs. Mid-Ohio uses platform to support Rubies Women’s Group

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Rubies recently celebrated 10 years of providing housing and life-skills support for women transitioning out of addiction and trafficking situations. The organization was also recognized as the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development’s 2024 Small Non-Profit of the Year.

As Newman prepares to compete at the upcoming Mrs. Ohio America Pageant in June, she said her focus remains fixed on using the platform to amplify the work happening through Rubies.

“The Mrs. Ohio America title would allow me to amplify this mission across the state,” Newman said. “I’m ready to use that platform to grow both this initiative and the Mid-Ohio preliminary.”

For Newman, the journey has become less about overcoming fear and more about stepping into purpose.

“If it’s not about me, but about what I’m advocating for, then it becomes bigger than my fear,” she said.

Newman said one of the biggest lessons she has learned through pageantry and advocacy is that leadership does not require a title.

“You don’t have to wait for a state title to lead well,” she said. “You can show up with integrity, discipline and heart right where you are — and create opportunities for others to step in and grow too.”



Ryenne and Judy



STUDENTS IN BRITTANY RHODES’ global foods class at Ontario High School have been working on a food truck entrepreneurial project. They learned the behind the scenes of entrepreneurship-startup capital, budgeting, career pathways and starting a business. Each student created a 3D model of their food truck, shared a sample of a dish from their food truck menu and presented their whole project to the class.



Intergenerational Pen Pal Program connects seniors and students

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. has announced the success of a heartwarming partnership with the Discovery School through its Intergenerational Pen Pal Program.

Created by Carlee Lightle, Marketing Coordinator at the Area Agency on Aging, the inspiring initiative brought together senior adults at local meal sites and third and fourth grade students for a year of meaningful connection through handwritten letters.

The Intergenerational Pen Pal Program was designed to foster relationships across generations by encouraging participants to share stories, life experiences, hobbies, favorite memories and friendly questions through monthly letters.

The program helped reduce social isolation among older adults while also supporting students’ literacy, empathy and communication skills.

Participants committed to writing one letter per month throughout the school year and attended orientation sessions that helped prepare them for the exciting journey of connecting with a new friend through written correspondence.

“At our school, taking action is at the heart of learning,” said Mrs. Shepherd, third grade teacher at Discovery School.

“Through connecting with our pen pals, students brought their learning to life, turning our primary sources unit of inquiry into a real-world experience filled with stories, history, and human connection.”

To celebrate the success of the program, the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging hosted a special end-of-year field trip where students and senior adults were finally able to meet their pen pals in person. The festive event featured music, lunch, and a fun art project, all designed to create a welcoming and memorable atmosphere for everyone involved.

“Area Agency on Aging did a wonderful job hosting our third and fourth graders,” shared Mrs. Shepherd. “The room was set up with a Scooby-Doo theme in a way that was appealing to the kids, and they were able to feel comfortable while meeting the people behind all of their letters.”

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. continues to provide leadership, collaboration, coordination and services to older adults, people with disabilities, caregivers, and community resource networks that support individual choice, independence, and dignity.

For more information about programs and services offered through the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., contact the agency directly.

Angelman Strong Walk brings awareness, support and hope

Photos and Article By Traci Little

ASHLAND — Families, volunteers and community supporters gathered at Freer Field in Ashland on Saturday, May 9, for the second annual Angelman Strong Walk, an event focused on raising awareness, building community support and funding research for individuals living with Angelman Syndrome.

Hosted by Cari Campbell in honor of her son, Logan, the event welcomed approximately 175 attendees throughout the day and featured music, games, raffles, food, adaptive bike rides, sensory activities and a community walk celebrating individuals and families affected by the rare neuro-genetic disorder.

So far, organizers have reported raising approximately \$22,768.11, with additional donations still continuing to come in following the event.

During the opening remarks, Campbell spoke emotionally about why the walk holds such deep meaning for her family and others navigating life with Angelman Syndrome.

“Logan is my why,” Campbell shared during her speech. “He’s the reason I took the first step — and he’s the reason I’ll never stop.”

Angelman Syndrome is a rare neuro-genetic disorder that affects approximately 1 in 15,000 live births. Individuals with Angelman Syndrome often experience developmental delays, seizures, balance and movement disorders, little to no speech and other medical challenges. Despite those challenges, individuals with Angelman Syndrome are widely known for their joyful personalities, smiles and loving spirits.

Campbell said the walk is about much more than fundraising. “I organize and participate in the Angelman Strong Walk because of my son, Logan, and for every individual and family affected by this rare disorder,” Campbell said. “This walk is deeply personal to me. It is about raising awareness, building a stronger community of support, helping families feel less alone, and raising critical funds for research and resources.”

Throughout her speech, Campbell encouraged attendees to look around at the families and individuals gathered together, reminding them that the event represented strength, resilience and hope.

“These families face challenges most people never see, but they continue to show incredible strength, love and resilience every single day,” she said.

Funds raised from the walk support the Angelman Syndrome Foundation, which provides advocacy, educational resources, counseling support, family assistance programs, conferences and research funding focused on treatments and advancements toward a cure.

Campbell also expressed gratitude to the many businesses, volunteers and organizations who helped make the event possible.

Sponsors for the 2026 walk included Coca-Cola Consolidated, Ashland Water Group and Mc B Paving & Sealcoating.

A special thank you was also extended to Lisa Lee for coordinating donations, organizing pizza contributions and helping oversee event logistics.

Campbell additionally recognized the Ashland Noon Lions Club for volunteering during the event, along with approximately 15 volunteers who assisted throughout the day.

Food donations were generously provided by Gionino’s Pizzeria, Ohio Fire and Papa Johns.

Campbell also thanked Ashland Special Needs Ministry, Schultz Sound Services, The Sweetest Bug, photographer Traci Little, Toni Orender and community supporters who donated raffle items, purchased wishlist items or helped spread awareness online.

“Watching the community come together for these amazing individuals means everything to our families,” Campbell said. “Every registration, donation, sponsorship, volunteer and shared post helps spread awareness and gives hope for the future.”

As families gathered for photos, music and fellowship following the walk, the day was a reminder that even in the face of challenges, community support and awareness can help families feel seen, supported and hopeful for the future.



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ANGELMAN STRONG WALK



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OhioHealth, Nationwide Children's break ground on medical campus

Photos and Article By Traci Little

ONTARIO — Community leaders, healthcare officials and local partners gathered last Wednesday morning to celebrate the groundbreaking of a new outpatient medical campus in Ontario — a major investment expected to expand healthcare access for families across north central Ohio.

The new 42,000-square-foot facility, a partnership between OhioHealth and Nationwide Children's Hospital, will be built on West Fourth Street at the campus of the existing Ontario Health and Fitness Center. Officials say the project will bring expanded adult and pediatric healthcare services together under one roof while making specialized care more accessible closer to home. Jessica Gribben, president and CEO of the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development, welcomed guests and praised the continued healthcare investment in Richland County.

"We are so grateful for their investment here," Gribben said during the ceremony. "This is an exciting day in the City of Ontario. This means a lot to me as the president of the chamber, but beyond that I am a mom of a young man who has received care at Nationwide Children's for 19 years of his life," she added. "It means a great deal to me personally to help bring that care closer to home."

The project includes not only the construction of the new outpatient center, but also renovations and enhancements to the current OhioHealth Ontario facility. Plans call for the addition of a specialty care hub with expanded providers and services aimed at meeting a growing range of community health needs.

Services provided by OhioHealth at the new facility will include adult primary care, obstetrics and gynecology, and advanced imaging services including a new mammography unit.



Nationwide Children's Hospital will provide pediatric specialty clinics, laboratory services, radiology and audiology services, along with occupational, physical and speech therapy. Pediatric primary care services will also be offered at the facility.

Dr. Curt Gingrich, president of OhioHealth Mansfield and Shelby Hospitals, said the project grew out of conversations with community leaders about improving coordinated care for families and expanding pediatric services locally.

"This groundbreaking represents more than a new building. It's a promise to this community," Gingrich said. "We are investing in the future of care in Ontario by bringing more services, more access and more support for families right here at home."

Gingrich noted that OhioHealth and Nationwide Children's have partnered for years to provide pediatric and neonatal care at OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital, including around-the-clock support for labor and delivery, special care nursery services, pediatric care and adolescent behavioral health services.

"This is really about improving access, reducing barriers and making healthcare simpler and more convenient for patients to receive that care," he said.

"The project is about creating a place where families can access high-quality care for every stage of life right here in this community," Gingrich said.

Libbey Hoang, vice president of planning and business development at Nationwide Children's Hospital, said the partnership reflects a shared mission of expanding pediatric care access while reducing the burden many families face when traveling long distances for specialty treatment.

"Bringing specialized care for children closer to the communities we serve is exactly what we are doing here," Hoang said. "This allows families to focus on what matters most — caring for their children at home — rather than managing the stress of travel, lodging and time away from home."

Michael Ezzie, MD, president of OhioHealth Physician Group, said the project does not change current services.

"As we sit here today, people are still walking in and out with their gym bags, and that will continue," Ezzie said. "That is a core part of our service offering, as well as urgent care and work health."

He said some services will move into the new building while others will remain in the existing facility.

Dr. Ray Bignall, nephrologist and chief health equity officer at Nationwide Children's Hospital, emphasized the importance of extending nationally recognized pediatric care into local communities, noting that transportation and work schedules often create obstacles for families seeking specialized treatment. He said he feels responsible for ensuring every child receives excellent care, no matter where they live or who they are.

"Families shouldn't have to choose between getting care and getting there. I can't tell you the number of times I have seen patients

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at the main campus at Nationwide Children’s who have difficulty coming to see us because of the drive,” Bignall said.

He pointed to transportation barriers and lost time from work as major challenges for families trying to reach care.

“It’s our responsibility to extend that care for every child who needs it,” Bignall stressed. “Facilities like this one are so important. While the building itself is significant, what excites us most is the opportunity to fill it with patients, families and caregivers who want to ensure the best care possible is provided.”

Construction on the approximately \$38.4 million project officially began following the groundbreaking ceremony, with the new facility expected to open in roughly a year and a half. Services at the existing Ontario Health and Fitness Center will continue uninterrupted during construction.

Officials said the project represents another major step toward expanding healthcare access in Richland County while allowing more families to receive comprehensive care close to home.

National Police Week, Peace Officer Memorial Day celebrated during May

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15, as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which it falls as National Police Week.

Each year, communities across the nation come together to honor the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers.

This year, the United States Congress has designated May 10–16 as National Police Week.

Peace Officers Memorial Day will be observed on Friday, May 15, and all area residents are encouraged to pause and honor the officers who protect and serve the community.

The brave officers of the Mansfield Police Department who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty are remembered during this time. They are Brian D. Evans, end of watch Dec. 26, 2007; Michael R. Hutchison, end of watch Feb. 6, 1976; William J. Taylor, end of watch Feb. 26, 1949; and John Englehart Jr., end of watch Aug. 7, 1893.

According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, 111 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty in 2025, representing a 25% decrease compared to the 148 officers who died in 2024.

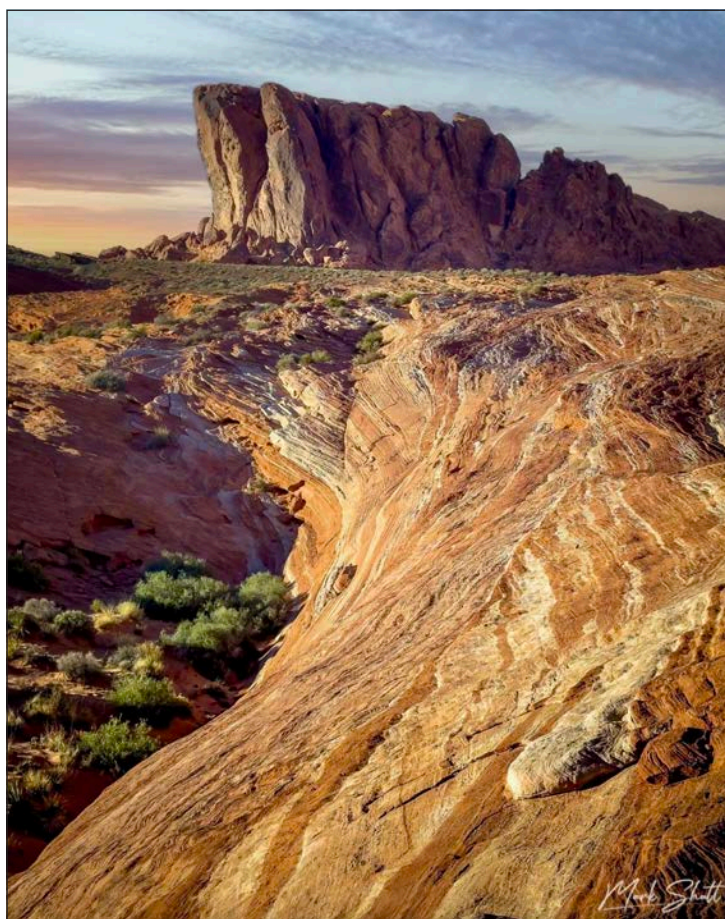


Photo By Mark Shutt

Richland Public Health will host free GuardCare event in 2027

Richland Public Health has announced that it will host GuardCare 2027, a large-scale community health and wellness event, from July 30 through Aug. 1, 2027, at The Ohio State University at Mansfield campus.

GuardCare is a community outreach initiative led by the Ohio National Guard that provides free health services and resources to the public. The program is designed to increase access to care for individuals and families by offering a wide range of essential services at no cost. Traditionally, GuardCare events include medical evaluations, dental care and optometry services, along with health screenings, wellness education and connections to community resources.

Richland Public Health plans to provide core services, including medical, dental and vision care during the 2027 event, while also expanding its offerings through partnerships with local healthcare providers and community organizations.

“This is an incredible opportunity for our community,” said Dr. Julie Chaya, Health Commissioner of Richland Public Health. “We are honored to bring GuardCare to Richland County. Events like this help remove barriers to care and connect residents to vital health services in a meaningful way. While we expect to offer medical, dental, and optometry services, I fully anticipate expanding programs and services throughout the weekend to meet even more community needs.” Dr. Chaya also emphasized the importance of collaboration in bringing the event to life. “We are thrilled to partner with The Ohio State University at Mansfield, whose campus provides an ideal setting to welcome thousands of participants, volunteers and community partners. Guardcare is open to everyone so anyone in need of services is encouraged to attend.”

RPH is seeking local organizations, healthcare providers, and community groups and volunteers to participate. Additional details will be announced as planning continues.



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK was celebrated at Ontario High School with a superhero theme. Principals Chris Smith (Batman) and Johnny King (Nacho Libre) dressed up and gave out snacks to teachers.

Temple Christian School hosts spring concert

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Patriotic music filled the auditorium at Temple Christian School on May 7 as students took the stage for the school's 2026 Spring Concert, "America, Land That I Love."

The evening featured performances by student musicians and vocalists across multiple grade levels, showcasing months of preparation and musical growth. Families and friends gathered to support the students as they performed a variety of selections that highlighted both instrumental and vocal talents.

Throughout the concert, students shared their love of music with the audience through spirited and heartfelt performances celebrating America and patriotism. Applause and encouragement filled the room following each performance, creating an uplifting atmosphere centered on faith, learning and the arts.

School staff praised the dedication of the students, teachers and volunteers who helped make the evening a success, highlighting the concert as a yearly celebration of both musical achievement and school community.





Photos By Traci Little

News Briefs in Education

In recognition of academic performance, the Office of Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberlands has named Abigail Little of Mansfield to the dean's list for the spring 2026 semester.

To be eligible for the list, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours (a full course load), maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50 for the semester and be in good academic standing.

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Ohio Wesleyan University inducted 40 new members May 8 into its Eta Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa National Academic Honor Society. The new inductees join a historic organization that counts 17 U.S. presidents, 42 Supreme Court justices, and more than 150 Nobel laureates among its members.

Among those inductees were Cooper Christie and Ava Swanson, both of Mansfield.

In addition to Ohio Wesleyan, Phi Beta Kappa has chapters at over 290 colleges and universities in the United States. Its mission is to champion education in the liberal arts and sciences, foster freedom of thought and recognize academic excellence.

Based in Washington, D.C., Phi Beta Kappa was founded in 1776, and its name originated from the motto "Love of learning is the guide of life." Ohio Wesleyan's Eta Chapter was founded in 1907.

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Bowling Green State University has released the names of local students recognized on the dean's list for spring semester 2026.

On the list are Nate Lind of Bellville, Jaxon Brown of Bellville, Caitlyn Drockton of Butler, Cameron Wuchich of Shelby, Isabelle Pohl of Shelby, Trinity Baker of Shelby, Alexis Mohn of Shelby, Luke Lesseuer of Shelby, Katherine Cole of Shelby, Riley Lewis of Shelby, Kendall Lantz of Shelby, Maryn Lantz of Shelby, Aspen Payne of Mansfield, Kennedy Weiler of Ontario, Alexander Phillips of Ontario, Landon Sowards of Mansfield, Jayla Hall of Ontario, Chloe Dean of Mansfield, Max Montgomery of Mansfield, Lily Fessel of Mansfield, Madalyn Huvler of Lexington, Chance Boggs of Mansfield, Nicholas McKean of Mansfield, Olivia Barley of Mansfield, Alivia Ash of Mansfield, Macy Chambers of Mansfield, Sarah Thatcher of Mansfield, Sydney Phillips of Mansfield, Emma Kline of Mansfield, Isabelle Thoman of Mansfield and Jiselle Martinez of Mansfield.

Ashland students on the list are Ethan Portz, Adley Grabowski, Alexandra Richey, Ian Owens, Gilana Lewis, Dorian Duerson, Claire Plank, Alex Jordan, Eva Andree, Luca Portz, Alexander Klock, Kara Bell, Cameron Arbaugh and Erin Dobec.



FIELD TRIP — Ms. Spencer, Mrs. Echelberger and Mrs. Reese's preschool classes at Ontario visited Gorman Nature Center for a field trip. Preschoolers were able to bring a special adult to explore Gorman's pond, woodland and prairie ecosystems. They looked for creatures in the pond using dipping nets, hiked through the woods and prairie areas and met a few animal friends in the Gorman Nature Center's Visitor Center. Students learned about Ohio biomes and were able to muck/rake for native organisms in the pond.



BEAU KELLER, a senior Knox County Career Center Precision Machining student, earned first place in 2-Axis Turning at state competition. He is pictured with Joe LaFevre, KCCC SkillsUSA co-advisor and Precision Machining instructor.

KCCC students compete at state

The SkillsUSA State Competition was held in Columbus, Ohio on May 5 and 6 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

The SkillsUSA State Competition brings over 5,000 competitors, business and industry partners, instructors, and vendors together in over 100 contests in all 16 Career Pathways to showcase Career and Technical Education in Ohio.

KCCC had over 20 students who competed in various SkillsUSA State competitions. Beau Keller (Precision Machining) earned first place in 2-Axis Turning and will be moving on to SkillsUSA Nationals in June.

Brandyn Thomas (Health Technologies) earned second place in Medical Terminology. Melinda Hart (Health Technologies) earned third place in Phlebotomy. Olivia Huffman, Abby Dickerson, and Kendall Riel (Health Technologies) earned third place in Career Pathway Health Tech Team.

Joe LaFevre, KCCC's SkillsUSA Co-Advisor and Precision Machining instructor, said, "All of our students competed extremely well at the SkillsUSA State competition. KCCC was well represented! I am extremely happy for Beau. He is a sharp young man and has worked hard perfecting his craft."



AT ITS FIRST STATE CONTEST appearance since 2022, the Ontario Symphonic Band earned a Superior Rating (I), the highest honor awarded in any Ohio Music Education Association contest. This is the second Superior rating earned in school history. This is the first time in school history that "straight ones" have been earned at "Large Group," meaning that the highest rating was awarded by each judge.

University Hospitals offering free screenings and educational events

May is American Stroke Month, and University Hospitals Neurological Institute is offering the community peace of mind with free stroke screenings, educational events and health talks with neurologists.

A stroke occurs when an artery in the brain is either blocked or ruptures, intervening with blood flow to the brain. Every 40 seconds, someone in the U.S. suffers a stroke, but few people know the warning signs. It is important to recognize the stroke, as rapid detection and treatment helps improve the stroke outcomes. Use the acronym BE FAST to help remember the warning signs of stroke, and actions to take if someone near you is experiencing them.

B.E. F.A.S.T.

Balance: Balance off

Eyes: Blurry vision

Face: Face droops

Arms: Arm drifts downward

Speech: Words slurred

Time: Symptoms, call 9-1-1

Ischemic stroke is the most common type of stroke and occurs when a fatty substance (plaque) builds up in the arteries and narrows them, causing blood to flow more slowly and blood clots to form. The two main types of ischemic stroke are:

Embolic stroke: When a clot forms somewhere in the body and travels through the blood vessels to the brain, stopping blood flow.

Thrombotic stroke: When clots form in the artery that supplies blood to the brain.

"Our telestroke network across UH stroke system as well as our partner systems expand reach for highest level of stroke diagnosis and early management across Northeast Ohio. Our multidisciplinary team of experts in the fields of vascular neurology, neurosurgery, neurocritical care and neurointervention ensure timely comprehensive care from the very point of arrival improving outcomes for our patients," explained Amrou Sarraj, MD, FAHA, FSVIN, UH Neurological Institute and Director, Comprehensive Stroke Center and Stroke Systems, George M. Humphrey II Endowed Chair, and Professor of Neurology, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

A hemorrhagic stroke occurs when a blood vessel in the brain ruptures or leaks causing bleeding into or around the brain. There are two main kinds of hemorrhagic stroke.

Intracerebral hemorrhage: Occurs when a fragile brain artery ruptures causing bleeding into the brain tissue. This rupture is very sudden and can be severe, causing brain damage and swelling.

Subarachnoid hemorrhage: Results from bleeding around the brain, often causing a severe, "worst of my life" headache. Although this type of stroke only causes 5 percent of all strokes, it is the most severe.

"Our state-of-the-art stroke system approaches the critical moments of a hemorrhagic stroke with the best tools available today. By utilizing advanced techniques to secure aneurysms from inside the blood vessels and minimally invasive surgery to carefully clear blood clots, we offer a comprehensive care that prioritizes precision, patient safety, and the best possible recovery outcomes." Dr. Sarraj added.

According to the American Stroke Association, approximately 80% of strokes are preventable, and the best way to treat a stroke is to prevent it. When it comes to stroke, it's important to know the risk factors – high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol and heart disease. Making healthy choices, such as quitting smoking, watching your weight and exercising regularly can help with prevention.

The stroke risk screenings offered throughout the health system and community this month include an assessment of blood pressure, blood glucose, cholesterol and body mass index. Preregistration isn't required. A screening will be held at 9 am on May 21, at Ashland University Convocation Center, 638 Jefferson St., Ashland.

Stroke Awareness Month: Stroke 101 Virtual health talk will be held Wednesday, May 13, from 6–7 pm. It will be presented by Cathy Sila, MD, Chair of the Department of Neurology at University Hospitals and Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, and the Gilbert W. Humphrey Endowed Professor of Neurology.

For more locations of screenings and educational events visit <https://www.uhhospitals.org/health-information/classes-and-events?keyword=Stroke&event=5>

Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

MCS celebrates softball seniors

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Mansfield Christian School recognized five senior softball players during a special Senior Night celebration on Thursday, May 7.

Honored during the evening were seniors Adalynn Keller, Brooke Badgley, Emerson Docherty, Lillie Mowry and Maddie Hockman. Family members, teammates, coaches and supporters gathered to celebrate the athletes and their contributions to the program throughout their high school careers.

School officials shared words of encouragement and appreciation for the seniors, recognizing both their dedication on the field and the example they have set within the school community.

“Congratulations, ladies, we are so proud of each of you and all you have accomplished,” the school shared in a statement. “We are excited to see what God has planned for your futures. Good luck in all that comes next and always keep your eyes on Jesus.”



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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 May 6, 2026.

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. 26-06 – A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-07 – A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE RICHLAND COUNTY 9-1-1 REVIEW COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 128.06 (A).

RESOLUTION NO. 26-08 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE- SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE 2026 CITY OF ONTARIO SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-11 – AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR BE A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-13 – AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A SIX (6) MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE, CONSIDERATION AND/OR GRANTING OF ANY APPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL LICENSING APPROVAL, AND/OR ANY ZONING, OCCUPANCY, OR OTHER PERMITS RELATING TO DATA CENTERS SUPPORTING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WITHIN THE CITY OF ONTARIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-14 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE (CHIEF OF POLICE) TO DONATE UNNEEDED AND OBSOLETE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY FROM THE POLICE EVIDENCE ROOM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Abbey Beaver
Asst. Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
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Road will close

State Route 98 from Fenner/Preston Road to Kuhn Road will close Monday, May 18 for a culvert replacement.

The detour route will be SR 98 north to SR 598 north to SR 61 south to SR 98 and reverse.

Estimated completion is Friday, May 22.



SOME OF THE ONTARIO Warrior Leadership Council freshmen and sophomores provided a meal for people in Mansfield through the nonprofit People Helping People. The school does this two times a year to give students the opportunity to serve others.

“Titanic” leads the lineup of DOME Movies After Dark

The 1997 Academy Award winning *Titanic* is returning to the Cleveland Clinic DOME Theater on May 21 in conjunction with the grand opening of TITANIC: The Artifact Exhibition, which features over 200 authentic artifacts recovered from the wrecksite that tell the story of the ship, its passengers and crew.

The film took home 11 Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Director, Best Original Score and Best Original Song. The star-studded cast includes Winslet, Dicaprio, Billy Zane, Frances Fisher, Kathy Bates and Bill Paxton.

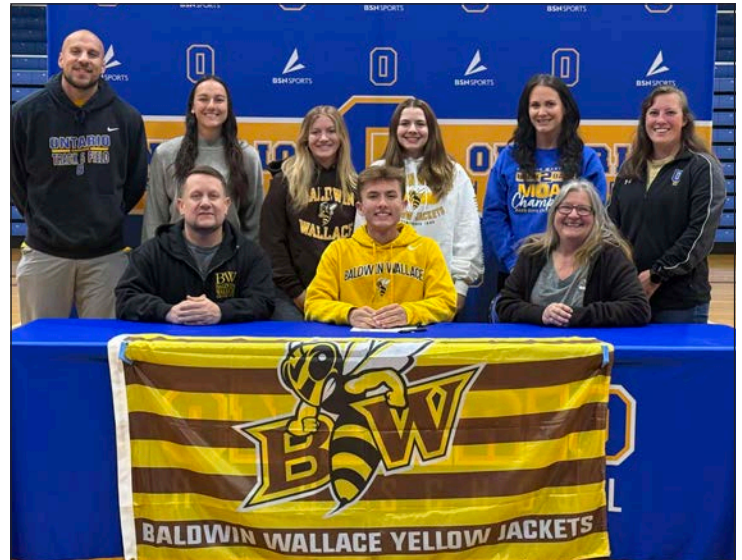
The DOME Movies After Dark summer line-up continues with:

- June 18: *Jaws*
- July 9: *Superman*
- July 30: *Project Hail Mary*
- Aug. 20: *One Battle After Another*

Sept. 24: *Contact*

All movies start at 6 pm and tickets are \$10.95 for adults and \$8.95 for children aged 2-12.

The Science Center is now open late on Thursday nights, so guests can come early and explore the exhibits.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL senior Michael Ward signed to run track and field at Baldwin Wallace. He is the son of Edward Ward.

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