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A B&O TRAIL 30TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT was held Saturday, Oct. 4 from 9 am to 4 pm. Part of the event was held in Lexington at the Lexington Depot, 67 E. Main St. The event was also held at Mansfield's North Lake Park at 9 am, at the Bellville Depot at 1 pm and in Butler's Hitchman Park. There was a raffle, food, commemorative items and more. Village of Lexington Mayor Bob Jarvis describes a conceptual site plan and site rendering for the Lexington Depot and trailhead for the B&O Trail.



Survivors will be celebrated

Many Shades of Pink, the Cleveland Clinic Cancer Center, Richland County Children Services (RCCS), We ACT and Titus 6 will celebrate breast cancer survivors and promote early detection as part of October Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Many Shades of Pink (MSOP) Breast Cancer Awareness organization was established in 2014 by breast cancer survivor Wahnita Johnson and represents all races and stages of breast cancer. Survivorship is a unique and ongoing journey that is different for every woman.

The Many Shades of Pink Luncheon "Pink Ribbon Warriors" will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, from noon to 3 pm at the United Steelworkers Hall, 376 W. Longview Ave. Mansfield.

Doors open at 11:30 am and the celebration will begin at noon. There will be a complimentary soup and salad luncheon featuring the melodic harmonies of The McCruter Family. This event is free and open to the public.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Tiffany Onger with the Cleveland Clinic Cancer Center. Testimonial speakers will be Wahnita Johnson, Founder of Many Shades of Pink, and LaDonna Simms. The Mistress of Ceremonies will be overseer E. Renea Collins of Kingdom Grace Fellowship Church. Special thanks to Keisha Allen, Deputy Warden, of Richland Correctional Institution (RiCI), and the male residents of the RiCI Knitting Program who will be providing Pink Teddy Bears for those who will be in attendance at the event.

Many Shades of Pink will also honor heroes in the fight against breast cancer for their contributions to breast cancer awareness and their dedication to uplifting others in our community.

The mission of MSOP is to empower, inspire and help women and those affected by breast cancer through education, early detection, and support programs.

This event is sponsored by MSOP founder/chair Wahnita Johnson, We ACT, the Cleveland Clinic Cancer Center, Titus 6 Advertising Marketing Design and Richland County Children Services (RCCS).

For information call Wahnita Johnson at 567-303-7020.

Community will participate in Prescription Take Back Day

The METRICH Enforcement Unit will be partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and local law enforcement to present another Prescription Take Back event for the community on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 10 am to 2 pm. A drive-through location will be held at Richland County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority, 1125 National Parkway, Mansfield.

Collection programs protect children, water and food supplies and decrease prescription drug abuse by making it easier to properly dispose of unused or expired medication. This is a completely confidential program. No personal information will be collected.

Prescription labels should be removed before arriving.

Accepted items include prescription medicines of any kind, over-the-counter medications, medication samples, pet medications, vitamins, inhalers, medicated ointments and lotions and liquid medications in leak-proof containers.

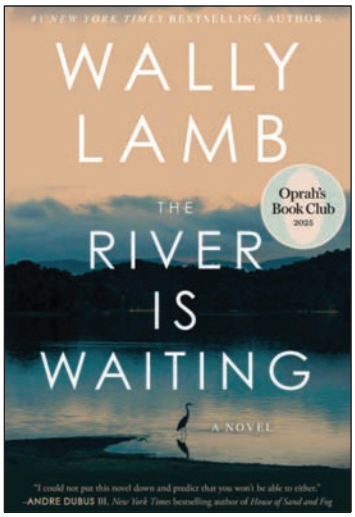
Prohibited items include needles, syringes, lancets, thermometers, aerosol cans, IV bags, hydrogen peroxide, bloody or infectious waste, empty containers and personal products such as non-medicated shampoo.

Community collection locations include Mansfield Police Department, 1125 National Parkway, Mansfield; Richland County Sheriff's Office, 597 Park Avenue East, Mansfield; Lexington Police Department, 44 W. Main St., Lexington; Shelby Police Department, 31 Mack Ave., Shelby; and Plymouth Police Department, 48 W. Broadway St., Plymouth.

Lost In A Book



A Book Review
By Mandy Belczak Gurney



A remarkable fiction book that stands tall next to stories like *Demon Copperhead* and *All the Colors of the Dark*, *The River is Waiting* is the incredible story of Corby, a father who loves his wife and kids but is struggling.

A terrible accident lands him in prison and we are able to see that experience through his eyes.

The point of view and voice are part of what makes this story so special. It makes us want to both believe in accountability and redemption.

Wally Lamb's character work is part of why the writing is exceptional. I felt the anger of Corby's wife, felt the sadness of his mother, and yet, I was still rooting for him the whole time. It's a story, not just of what mistakes define people, but also what they can still make of their life after.

If you are in a distracted season, wait to read this. It deserves slow contemplation to understand its worth.

My rating: ★★★★★

Follow my blog at Green Gurneys at GreenGurneys.com

Make A Difference Day Food Drive set for October 24

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

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

Community members are encouraged to contribute non-perishable food, toiletries, and paper products.

Monetary gifts are also welcome, with checks made payable to either Catholic Charities or Wayfinders. Credit and debit card donations will be accepted on site.

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

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

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

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The Entertainment Examiner

— By Ian Stumbo —

Now streaming on Netflix is *Karate Kid Legends.* This movie seemed to get caught up in all the big summer movie releases.



Young Li Fong (Ben Wang) moves to New York from Beijing with his mother after years of Kung Fu study with his uncle Han (Jackie Chan). After Han reconnects with his old friend Mr. Miyagi's student Daniel (Ralph Macchio), Han must train Li for an event in the big apple.

This movie has some of the spirit of the other movies combining Chan's character from the remake with the classic characters and story. At times it feels like this movie could just have been released to streaming or Disney+. Wang is a capable young actor and has an enjoyable storyline where he befriends a young girl and her father (Joshua Jackson) who owns a pizza shop.

Chan and Macchio, though appearing all over the poster, are only in maybe half of the entire film and Macchio seems wedged in. There are some nice moments throughout especially between Li and the girl he is interested in though at times it feels like two different movies.

While entirely watchable, *Karate Kid Legends* could have been a much better movie with some tightening up of the script. It has a very been there, done that feel. The lead actor is very good though Chan and Macchio aren't in enough of the movie to even enjoy their characters. This movie is a bit of a letdown.

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KNOX COUNTY CAREER CENTER (KCCC) experienced vandalism the past two summers in the Children's Garden. These acts of vandalism prompted KCCC to pursue more extensive security measures in order to keep the Children's Garden open. KCCC applied for grants to receive funding for the security measures and received $7,000 from the Knox County Foundation, and $2,500 from the Knox County Safety Council. KCCC contributed the remaining $2,700. "We are so grateful for the Knox County Foundation and the Knox County Safety Council for providing funds to enhance security measures in the Children's Garden. These measures will assist us in keeping the Garden open to the community," Superintendent Kathy Greenich shared.

News Briefs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Dr. Paul Robinson on Sunday, Oct. 12, at 10:30 am. The subject will be "What Is Becoming of America and Christianity?" For information visit www.allsoulsuuohio.org.

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The Lexington Area Senior Citizens Inc., invites those 55 and older to attend meetings the third Wednesday of every month at 11:30 am. February through May, the group will meet at New Life Church of Christ (NLC of C), 195 W. Durbin, Bellville. Cost is $17 for the meal. Meetings June through December will be held at Der Dutchman, Rt. 96, Bellville. Meals are $16, with an additional $2 for pie.

The next meal will be Oct. 15, with roast beef. Jane Horton, country western singer, will perform.

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

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

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

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

The next free produce distribution will be Tuesday, Oct. 14, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. The church receives over 6,000 lbs. of fresh produce. This is open to lower income households — bring a state ID, driver's license or proof of residence. This is a drive through distribution in the west parking lot. Volunteers will load the produce into trunks or the back of vehicles. Vehicles should be empty and ready for loading. For information call 419-522-0662.

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

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The Friends of the Galion Public Library has a Cincinnati Bengals raffle basket worth approximately $450 and features Bengals and other football items. Items include a Bengals t-shirt, blanket, key chain, tumbler, Joe Burrow Hat, cups, a M&S Pizza gift certificate for a large three-item pizza, three books, flag and snacks and utensils for game day. The basket also has a signed and authenticated Ja'Marr Chase jersey.

The basket will also be on display during the fall book sale Oct. 9, 10 and 11. Tickets can be purchased at the library, 123 N. Market St., 419-468-3203, through Oct. 11. Tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5 with the drawing on Oct. 13. All proceeds go to the library.

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Oct. 25 and 26. Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, broken down cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.

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Richland County Children Services (RCCS), in collaboration with the Madison Township Fire Department and UH Samaritan Richland Health Center, are hosting a trunk-or-treat and touch-a-truck event for the community on Thursday, Oct. 23, from 5:30–7:30 pm at UH Samaritan Richland Health Center, 1033 Ashland Rd. The rain date is Saturday, Oct. 25, from 4:30–6:30 pm.

There will be food, activities, live music and more. To participate as a community trunker or to donate candy, food or other items call 419-774-4168 or email paula.caldwell@jfs.ohio.gov and brigitte.coles@jfs.ohio.gov.

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Church Directory

Clay Memorial Lutheran Church
1601 Amoy East Rd., Mansfield
419-747-6882
Pastor Carol Kilgore
Sunday School 9:15 am • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Clear Fork Alliance Church
1008 State Route 97, Bellville
419-886-4333 • www.clearforkalliance.org
Rev. Matt Merendino • Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship
Sunday Evening 6 pm Home Groups
Monday Men's Group 7:30 pm
Wednesday evenings: 6:45 pm, Prayer Meeting
6:30–8 pm and TeamKID and Youth Group

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
200 West Third St., Mansfield
419-524-4813 • mansfield1stcc1833@gmail.com
Rev. David Zerby
10:30 am Sunday Worship
Office Hours: Tu., W., Th. 9 am to 1 pm
Christian Builders, Sunday, 9:30 am
www.FirstChristianChurchMansfield.com
FB: FirstChristianChurch,Mansfield,Ohio

First Congregational Church
640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield
419-756-3046 • www.mansfieldfcc.com
Pastor Brad Bunn
8:30 am Chapel • 10:30 am Sanctuary
10:30 am Sunday School (nursery–high school)
10:30 am Monday Morning Bible Study
7:30 am Wednesday Men's Breakfast

First English Lutheran Church
53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield
419-522-0662 • www.felc-mansfield.org
Pastor Jay Jackson
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship
Call about Prayer Groups, Small Groups, Bible Studies, Book Clubs, Pub Theology, Community Meals, Free Produce distribution and Senior Boxes.

Grace Episcopal Church
41 Bowman Street, Mansfield
419-524-2661
Rev. Christopher D. Hofer, Priest-in-Charge
Rev. Daniel Orr, Associate Priest
Worship: Sundays, 8 am and 10:15 am
Christian Formation for All Ages: Sundays, 9:15 am
Food Pantry: Thursdays, 9–11 am
2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 4–6 pm
gracemansfield.org • facebook.com/GraceChurchMansfield

G & M Body & Paint Shop
1689 West Fourth St., Ontario • 419-529-2747

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

Lexington Presbyterian Church
35 Church St. West, Lexington
419-884-1330 • 10:30 am Sunday Worship
Pastor Denny Nezrick
https://www.facebook.com/Lexington-Presbyterian-Church-117768414915815

Mansfield 1st Presbyterian Chuch
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 9am to 1pm
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

Milkweed collection underway

One sign of fall, is the tree leaves begining to change colors into hues of red, orange and gold. Another sign of fall is seeing milkweed seed pods starting to dry out in preparation of being harvested.

Milkweed is the only plant monarch butterflies will lay eggs on and the only plant monarch caterpillars will eat. Milkweed also provides a food source for many other pollinators.

The Monarch butterfly population continues to decline and one of the reasons for their decline, is the lack of milkweed. An easy way to help monarch butterflies is to provide a habitat for them by collecting the seed pods and planting the seeds.

Those who don't have space to plant the seeds can collect the milkweed seed pods and drop them off at Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD). Each year the district partners with the Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative (OPHI) and county citizens to collect Common Milkweed seed pods to help foster habitats for Monarch butterflies.

Drop milkweed seed pods off by Oct. 31 in the green and yellow container placed outside the Richland SWCD office at 1495 W. Longview Avenue, Suite 205 B, Mansfield. Place collected pods inside the bin that will have a large paper bag. Do not keep pods in the bag used to bring them.

Those collecting pods should become familiar with common milkweed to avoid harvesting pods from similar plants such as hemp dogbane and swamp milkweed.

Pods will appear slightly gray, begin to dry, and have brown seeds inside. If the center seam of the pod pops with gentle pressure, they can be picked.

Open pods that are already open should not be collected as they might be infested with insects. Pods that are damp should be avoided because they can cause mold and damage to all the pods collected.

Rubber bands should not be used. They can damage the equipment used to remove the seeds from the pods. Pods should be kept in a cool, dry area until they can be delivered. Only collect property where permission is given.

During the winter, seeds from this year's collection will be removed from the pods to be distributed for planting next year. If you want free milkweed seeds with planting instructions, you may pick them up from the hallway table found outside the Richland SWCD office.

For information about collecting milkweed seed pods call 419-747-8685 or visit https://richlandswcd.net/residential/programs/

Free session will discuss Medicare Part D

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

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

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

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

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

Craft show and vendor sale to support LifeWise

The first annual fall craft show/vendor sale to support LifeWise Madison will be held Saturday, Oct. 18 from 9 am to 2 pm at Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield.

Those attending can purchase coffee, hot chocolate, cider and donuts from 9–11 am and sloppy joe and shredded chicken sandwiches, chips and water from 11 am to 2 pm. For information or vendor inquiries contact Pam Adkins at pamelaadkins@lifewse.org or call or text 567-274-8532.

Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Webb Bernhardt, September 26
Linda Kay Steffey, September 26
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Donna Jeanne Hasten, September 30
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Emily Turlo

Mechanics Bank announces promotions

Mechanics Bank has announced the following promotions:

Dan Barwick has been promoted to Assistant Vice President. Dan joined Mechanics in 2023 as an Accountant II and currently serves as a Commercial Loan Officer. Dan holds a bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University.

Emily Dinger has been promoted to Assistant Vice President. She joined Mechanics in 2016 as a Customer Service Representative and currently serves as a Senior Commercial Credit Analyst. Dinger holds a bachelor's degree in Business Management from The Ohio State University.

Tiffany Smith has been promoted to Assistant Vice President. Smith joined Mechanics in 2015 as a Customer Service Representative and later served as an Information Security Specialist. She currently serves as the Information Security and Bank Security Officer.

Emily Turlo has been promoted to Assistant Vice President. Emily joined Mechanics in 2024 as a Senior Accountant. She holds a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Ohio University and a Juris Doctor from the University of Toledo College of Law. Turlo currently serves as the Assistant Controller.

Mechanics Bank is a full-service, independent community bank with nine locations in Richland County.

BBB warns consumers of relief check scam

Better Business Bureau (BBB) Akron is warning consumers about fraudulent calls and text messages offering so-called relief checks or federal assistance payments.

In recent weeks, BBB has received multiple reports through its Scam Tracker about a scheme directing people to visit myreliefcheck.com to claim uncollected funds. The website redirects to My Cash Search, which has been connected to previous scams.

Consumers report receiving automated calls from a man identifying himself as "Dan," who claims they have $5,286 waiting in unclaimed funds. The message urges them to search their name on the website and collect the check before it is "returned."

As of now, BBB has not received reports of financial losses, but officials caution that the calls are fraudulent.

BBB advises consumers to: avoid clicking links or visiting websites mentioned in unsolicited calls or texts, never provide personal or financial information to unknown callers, verify federal relief programs directly through official government websites and report suspicious activity to BBB Scam Tracker at www.bbb.org/scamtracker.

"Scammers are quick to take advantage of uncertainty around government programs," said Devan Weckerly Lambert. "If you receive one of these calls, hang up and report it."

Chamber to host 9th Annual Savor & Sip

The Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development is planning its 9th Annual Savor & Sip Auction and Food Tasting. The event will take place on Thursday, Oct. 23, from 5–7:30 pm at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center in Mansfield. Businesses in the food industry, such as restaurants, caterers and food trucks, are invited to have a table at this event to offer tastings of their food and promote their businesses.

There is no charge for Chamber member businesses to provide tastings. A non-member rate is also available.

The Savor & Sip event celebrates all things culinary in our area, featuring mouth-watering appetizers, entrees, desserts, pastries, and beverages from some of the region's finest restaurants, caterers, bakeries, delis and beverage companies.

New this year, sponsor businesses will face off in a fiery wing-eating contest, adding a fun twist to the evening's entertainment. Guests can also enjoy a seasonal beer tasting featuring unique brews from local partners.

Entertainment and a silent auction will take place throughout the evening, with attendees invited to bid on a wide selection of items.

Entry is $30 per person when registered by Oct. 10 ($40 after Oct. 10). Guests will enjoy samples from 29 food vendors, a cash bar, and live music. The public is encouraged to attend for an evening of great food, fun, and early holiday shopping through the exciting auction experience.

To participate in this event as a food vendor, call 419-522-3211 or email Lisa Duckworth at lduckworth@richlandareachamber.com. Attendees are encouraged to register via the event calendar at richlandareachamber.com or call the Chamber at 419-522-3211.

Event sponsors include Medical Mutual, Park National Bank, Charter Next Generation, Destination Mansfield - Richland County, Edge Plastics, Milliron Auto Parts, Newman Technology, Pinnacle Advisors, and Redwood Apartment Neighborhoods.

For a list of participating vendors visit richlandareachamber.com.

Join us for a free program!



Registration is required. Please contact the Council on Aging at 419-562-3060 to reserve your seat.

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4-H program provides opportunities to local youth

By Dr. Judy Villard Overocker

Long before they step into a college classroom, thousands of young Ohioans take their first steps into higher education through a very different gateway: Ohio 4-H.

Each year, more than 155,000 youth across all 88 counties explore leadership, STEM, agriculture, family/consumer sciences and civic engagement through Ohio 4-H — making it not just a youth development program, but what many consider their very first class at The Ohio State University.

As National 4-H Week is celebrated Oct. 5–11, Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) is shining a spotlight on the powerful role 4-H plays in shaping Ohio's future workforce and leaders.

"4-H is a vital part of our land-grant mission. It provides youth across Ohio the opportunity to learn by doing, to discover their purpose and to develop the leadership skills our communities need," said Cathann A. Kress, vice president for agricultural administration and CFAES dean. "4-H may be the first time they connect with Ohio State, but for many, it won't be the last."

Delivered locally through Ohio State University Extension, CFAES' outreach arm, Ohio 4-H is supported by a network of nearly 12,000 volunteers and 180 dedicated youth development professionals. Together, they empower young people to grow, serve and lead.

This year's National 4-H Week theme — "Beyond Ready" — reflects how 4-H equips youth with real-world skills and the confidence to navigate an ever-changing world. Across Ohio, 4-H members are celebrating in classrooms, barns, town squares and social media feeds.

On Oct. 6, youth and supporters will celebrate "Go Green" day by wearing 4-H colors and sharing what the program means to them. On Oct. 9, clubs across the state will join the "4-H For Good" challenge, a national campaign launched in partnership with NBCUniversal's Wicked: For Good. The initiative encourages young people to perform acts of kindness and post them online using #4HForGood.

4-H extends far beyond agriculture," said Ashley Vetter, a 4-H volunteer. "Through hands-on community and leadership projects, 4-H empowers young leaders to make a lasting impact."

To help fund opportunities like these, the Ohio 4-H Foundation is hosting its annual Celebration of Youth auction, which launches Oct. 1 at noon and closes Oct. 9 at 7 pm. The online auction is open to the public at go.osu.edu/coyauction, with items ranging from handmade jewelry to vacation getaways.

Now in its 28th year, Celebration of Youth is the signature fundraising event for Ohio 4-H. While this year's in-person event is at capacity and closed to additional guests, the online auction welcomes all supporters who want to make a difference.

"The money raised from the Celebration of Youth supports the programming needs in all 88 county programs," said Jeff McCutcheon, interim state 4-H leader with OSU Extension. "It allows our 4-H professionals to provide those high-quality, hands-on learning experiences that help youth succeed."

That statewide impact is only possible with strong community support and investment. For Crystal Ott, Ohio 4-H Foundation director, the fundraiser is not just about dollars raised; it's about opening doors for young people across Ohio.

"Supporting Ohio 4-H means investing in the future of our youth and our communities," Ott said. "Every dollar helps create opportunities for young people to discover their passions, build leadership skills and make a lasting impact.

"We see firsthand how 4-H empowers kids to grow into confident, capable individuals who are 'Beyond Ready' to lead and serve."

While National 4-H Week is a time of celebration, 4-H's impact goes far beyond one week each fall.

"We are deeply grateful to our Extension professionals who provide leadership and support to Ohio 4-H in counties and statewide, every day," said David Civittolo, interim associate dean and director of OSU Extension. "Their dedication ensures that our youth have access to transformative learning opportunities — helping them grow into the scientists, leaders and changemakers of tomorrow."

Ohio 4-H is rooted in experiential learning and guided by caring adult mentors — making it a powerful platform for early academic and career exploration. It's also a key priority area for CFAES advancement and outreach, helping to expand access and deepen impact across the state.

As one anonymous donor shared during a Wood County service event, "The 4-H pledge calls us to use our heads for clearer thinking, our hearts for greater loyalty, our hands for larger service and our health for better living. Our family is honored to give back to an organization that continues to meet real needs and to grow the next generation of leaders."



JEAN MCCAULEY'S CLASS at Ontario finished its apple unit with an apple tasting. The classes favorite color of apple was red. Their favorite apple treat was both apple pie and apple donuts. The students were able to write about apples and graph their favorites.

Harvest Craft and Vendor Show to benefit Richland Outreach Center

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

The event will have over 30 vendors. That same day there will also be a mini ice-cream social with take out and limited inside seating. Items served will include homemade soups, sloppy joes, coneys, pies, cakes, brownies and ice cream.The Ontario Lion's Club will be selling hotdogs, chips and drinks as well.

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

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

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STUDENTS IN TONYA WINNINGHAM'S second grade class at Ontario have been studying ants. Students are learning about how ants improve the environment — from helping the soil to moving seeds and being a good source of food for animals. Students first found some sandy soil for the ants to live in and have been watching the ants dig tunnels and work together in their colony. They have read books about ants and have decided the little pests aren't so bad.

Red Cross schedules bloodmobiles

The American Red Cross asks donors to make an appointment now to give blood or platelets to support patients counting on a consistent blood supply to survive and heal. While emergencies often grab headlines, the need for blood is constant. Especially in October, as donation appointments can often drop quickly when people settle into busy fall routines and make plans around upcoming school breaks.

Additionally, the threat of hurricanes persists this month. Because blood has a short shelf life and can only come from volunteer blood donors, any disruptions in the ability to collect lifesaving blood can have serious consequences for those seeking medical care.

Help patients this fall and make an appointment to give blood or platelets by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App. All who come to give blood, platelets or plasma through Oct. 19 will receive a $10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. For details, see RedCrossBlood.org/Fall. Those who give Oct. 20–Nov. 16, will receive a $10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice, plus be automatically entered for a chance to win one of three $5,000 gift cards. See RedCrossBlood.org/Harvest for details.

Friday, Oct. 17, 11 am to 5 pm, Resurrection Parish, 2600 Lexington Ave., Lexington; 10 am to 3 pm , YMCA, 750 Scholl Rd., Mansfield; and 11 am to 5 pm, The Ontario Center, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Saturday, Oct. 18, 9 am to 2 pm, VFW Post 5101, 3577 US-42, Mansfield

Monday, Oct. 20, noon to 5 pm, The Ontario Center, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 1–6 pm, Crossroads Ontario Campus, 636 Lexington-Springmill Rd. South, Ontario

Wednesday, Oct. 22, noon to 6 pm, The Ontario Center, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Friday, Oct. 24, 8 am to 1 pm, Medical Office Building-4th Floor, 335 Glessner Ave., Mansfield

Saturday, Oct. 25, 9 am to 2 pm, The Ontario Center, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Monday, Oct. 27, noon to 6 pm, Ashland University, 1020 S. Trimble Rd., Mansfield

Wedneday, Oct. 29, noon to 6 pm, The Ontario Center, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Friday, Oct. 31, noon to 5 pm, The Ontario Center, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Buckeye Preview Days planned for October 24 and November 21

The school year is well underway but we are already looking for the next class of Buckeyes to start, and perhaps finish, their degrees at The Ohio State University at Mansfield.

The Ohio State University at Mansfield will offer two campus visit programs this fall, with the first Buckeye Preview Day occurring on Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 pm, and the second on Nov. 21 from 10 am to 12:30 pm. Students are also welcome to visit most days of the week by scheduling an appointment with our admissions office.

"Buckeye Preview Days are perhaps the best way to experience The Ohio State University at Mansfield," said Diane Kanney, director for Regional Campus Recruitment Strategies and Initiatives.

"The day includes an opportunity to learn about campus and the enrollment process during an admissions overview, hear firsthand from current students what they love most about campus and learn about the academic experience from faculty." A key part of the day will be highlighting all Ohio State's affordability initiatives including the recently announced regional campus commitment.

Ohio State Mansfield offers 12 different bachelor's degree options for students to complete on campus, and students can start any of Ohio State's 200-plus undergraduate degrees and finish in Columbus.

"Whether you wish to just start your degree with us or complete all four years, there is a place on our campus for you," said Kanney. "We look forward to welcoming you soon and providing you with a Buckeye experience filled with exciting opportunities, growth and the ability to work toward a degree from The Ohio State University."

At each of these events, students will learn more about scholarship and financial aid, campus housing, student clubs and organizations and much more. Faculty and current students will share their perspectives as well as their experiences on campus.

Each preview day will conclude with a campus tour and time for all guests to ask questions. All events will begin in Riedl Hall and students can register online at go.osu.edu/visitmansfield

While registration is encouraged, unregistered guests are always welcome to join us. For more information, contact the Admissions Office at mansfield-askabuckeye@osu.edu or call 419-755-4317.

Morris presents at OWU symposium

Arianna Morris of Mansfield was among the students presenting posters at Ohio Wesleyan University's 33rd annual Patricia Belt Conrades Summer Scholarship and Research Symposium.

Morris participated in a group presentation of "French for the Future... At OWU and Beyond!" Morris was mentored by Mary Anne Lewis Cusato of the Ohio Wesleyan Department of World Languages & Cultures.

The university's Sept. 18 symposium featured more than 60 OWU students discussing their original research and answering questions at the two-hour event.

Laura Tuhela-Reuning, director of the Summer Scholarship and Research Program (SSRP), shared her thoughts on the value of such mentored research experiences in the symposium's abstract book.

"Authentic research is quite different from classroom labs and work - more challenging, more creative, more frustrating, and, ultimately, more rewarding," Tuhela-Reuning said. "One of the most rewarding parts of SSRP for me is watching the students grow as scholars, seeing them take command of a research project, and knowing that they are gaining the confidence to speak and act as experts in their field."

The Summer Scholarship and Research Program was held as part of Ohio Wesleyan's annual fall OWU Connection Conference. The conference enabled students to share how their participation in the university's signature experience - the OWU Connection - is helping them to create the personal and professional futures they seek.

The OWU Connection, part of the university's general education curriculum, is designed to help students think big (understand complex issues from multiple academic disciplines), do good (volunteer to help others), go global (gain international perspective), and get real (translate classroom knowledge into real-world experience through internships, research, and other hands-on learning).

Learn more at www.owu.edu/ssrp.

KCCC and KTC host annual advisory dinner

Knox County Career Center Schools hosted their annual Advisory Dinner on Thursday, Oct. 2.

Advisory members for each lab are made up of local business professionals in their respective fields associated with each career tech program at KCCC high school and Knox Technical Center. Advisory members provide support and keep lab programs up to date with the latest trends and equipment being used in each career field. They also assist in curriculum decisions and making sure everything being taught is relevant to each career field.

KCCC hosted approximately 225 guests during the dinner. The Advisory Dinner took place in the cafetorium at KCCC, following the meetings that were conducted in each high school career tech lab where different aspects of industries were discussed. The dinner was prepared by students in KCCC's Culinary Arts program under the direction of Chef Russo, KCCC's Culinary Arts instructor. A PowerPoint presentation was presented by administrators sharing the vision of career tech and important data about the KCCC High School and Knox Technical Center. These meetings with stakeholders also fulfill federal funding requirements.

"This is an important evening for us. Our business and industry partners join us to discuss important aspects of the career pathways we have at the high school and Knox Technical Center. We appreciate their time and valuable expertise," said Kathy Greenich, KCCC Superintendent.

For information on how to get involved with KCCC's high school advisory committees, call 740-397-5820 and ask for Elaine Robinson, high school director.

Knox Technical Center (KTC) conducts its advisory meetings at different times than the high school. KTC, the adult education branch of the Knox County Career Center Schools District, offers cutting-edge programs in a variety of fields ranging from healthcare to industrial trades.

Advisory members are people working in or retired from that profession who want to ensure that the next generation is equipped to succeed. "Our community partnerships and advisory boards play a critical role in helping us ensure that our programs are current and relevant as we train an adult workforce," said Kim Williams, KTC Director.

For information about how you can get involved with KTC Advisory committees, contact KTCinfo@knoxcc.org or call 740-393-2933.









ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL DRUG FREE SENIORS visited Stingel Elementary to welcome students in celebration of Hello Week. This national initiative, sponsored by Sandy Hook Promise, encourages kindness, inclusion and building connections to prevent isolation and bullying. By greeting the younger Warriors, seniors helped share the message that a simple "hello" can make a big difference in creating a community of belonging.



STUDENTS IN HANNAH DAVIS' second grade classroom at Ontario have been learning about how animals, insects and humans change the environment. Students created bees using pipe cleaners. They used their bees to travel to a coffee grounds flower, cinnamon flower and baking soda flower. Students were able to see how their bee carries pollen from flower to flower to pollinate different plants. As a class they discussed how important pollination is to our environment.



Photo By Mark Shutt

Park programs scheduled

The Richland County Park District continues its 60th Anniversary Celebration with scheduled programs.

BioBlitz at Fleming Falls – Thursday, Oct. 9, from 8 am to 5 pm
Hike around the Fleming Falls property and use iNaturalist to catalogue the many species found.

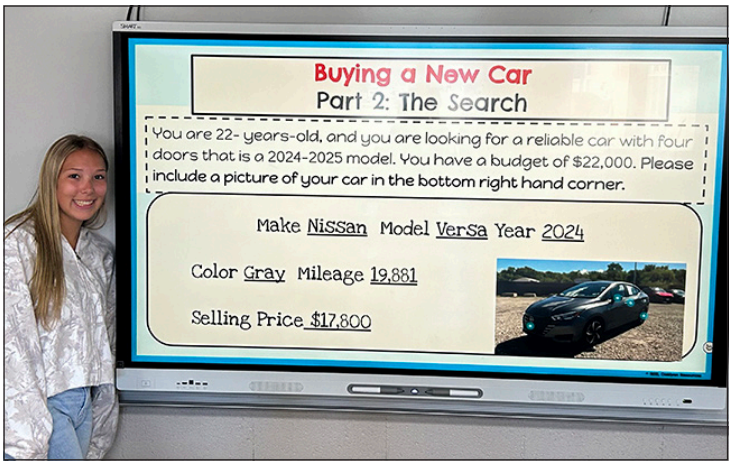
Friday at the Falls Preschool Program – Friday, Oct. 10, from 10–11 am
Children and their adults are welcome to join together at Fleming Falls Preserve for a nature-themed lesson and activity. Meet in the parking area and be sure to dress for the weather because the group will be outdoors the whole time.

The Big Sit – Saturday, Oct. 11, all day
Visit Gorman Nature Center for 24-hour birdwatching.

Parkrun – Saturday, Oct. 11, at 9 am
Parkrun is a free, community 5K where participants can walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate. Everyone is welcome. Meet at North Lake Park. Visit www.parkrun.us for more information.

Bicycling at Fleming Falls – Saturday, Oct. 11, from 10–11 am
Bike enthusiasts, it's time to explore the outback at Fleming Falls. There are old Camp Mowana service roads as well as trails through a 60-year-old pine forest and a prairie. A few hills, dips and curves can be found along the way. The routes are good for mountain bikes, hybrids and wider-tired e-bikes. Guides Rusty and Nelson will show cyclists all the great sights along with histories.

All programs are free to the public unless noted.
For more information, call 419-884-3764 or visit richlandcountyparks.com



STUDENTS IN MRS. RHODES' college credit personal finance class at Ontario High School compared the cost of purchasing a new and used vehicle with a given budget. They were given three bank loans with different annual percentage rates and terms, and they had to calculate which one offered them the best deal overall including taxes and fees. Lastly they had to plan for the future to purchase a reliable, used minivan or third row SUV to fit their four kids and significant other in. The vehicle had to be a 2018 model or newer with less than 100,000 miles on it, and their budget was $30,000. Again, they were given three different bank loans and had to calculate the best deal.

Youth pro-life essay contest is accepting entries

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

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

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

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

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

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





KCCC'S FFA AG SOILS TEAM finished in first place at the district event, which was held at a farm in Fairfield County. The Ag Soils team consisted of Weston Bostic, Galen Ruprecht, Charley Beheler, Ethan Hurlow and Jaxon Plumly. Bostic finished individually in second place overall and Ruprecht finished in third place overall. The Ag Soils team will compete in the State Soils event on Saturday, Oct. 11.

Kaleidoscope series welcomes investigative journalist

The Kaleidoscope Speaker Series continues this fall with a thought-provoking evening featuring acclaimed investigative journalist Mya Frazier, on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 5:30 pm at the Renaissance Theatre.

In her Kaleidoscope talk, Frazier will lead an engaging discussion on economic mobility in America, offering an investigative journalist's lens on the structural barriers many families face in their pursuit of financial stability. Drawing from real-life stories and in-depth reporting, she will challenge assumptions, highlight systemic inequities, and explore what a more equitable economic future could look like.

Audience members are invited to stay after the event for a networking reception in the Renaissance Lobby, where the conversation will continue in community.

A follow-up engagement session, "Economic Mobility," will take place on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 5:30 pm in the Community Room at the Ontario Branch of the Public Library. All are welcome to attend and join a deeper discussion sparked by Frazier's talk.

This event is part of the 2025 Kaleidoscope Series, a collaborative effort by the Richland County Foundation, Richland Source, the Renaissance Performing Arts Association and the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library.

Tickets are pay-what-you-can, with a suggested price of $25, ensuring accessibility for all, available at www.RenTickets.org.





STUDENTS IN CAITLIN HORST'S secong grade class at Ontario Stingel Elementary studied beavers. Students worked together like a team of beavers to build their own mini dams.

Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

High school football wraps-up week 7

By Kris Leiter

Division III — Region 10

How have our Ontario Warriors and Lexington Minutemen been doing? Let's take a peek. The Warriors gained a spot from week 6 to 7. There are just three games left in our season.

This coming week will be a déjà vu as the Warriors will tangle with the mighty Shelby Whippets. These two friendly foes have been going at it strong for a good two years now.

There is major change since last year as the two teams are not in the same division. Last year, the Whippets' athletic complex was host to two very close, exciting games!

Big Lex is tied for the five-spot with Rocky River as of week 7. They have moved up from the seven-spot in week 6. Their only loss was to Shelby in week two 37–13.

Coming up in week 8, Lexington will battle it out with New Philadelphia who is 4–3 and who have been on a three-game winning streak. Even though their record may not be in the top standings, you never know what can happen. This will be a home game for Lex.

Sept. 30, 2025 (Entering Week 7) 1. Medina Buckeye (6–0) 16.2333, 2. Wapakoneta (6–0) 12.3167, 3. Richfield Revere (4–1) 11.2222, 4. Lima Shawnee (5–1) 10.8833, tie-5. Rocky River (5–1) 9.2667, tie-5. Lexington (5–1) 9.2667, 7. Parma Hts. Holy Name (4–2) 8.85, 8. Copley (4–2) 7.7222, 9. Grafton Midview (3–3) 6.8167, 10. Maumee (3–3) 5.8333, 11. Cle. Central Cath. (3–3) 5.5667, 12. Norwalk (2–4) 5.4333, 13. Tol. Central Cath. (3–3) 5.3904, 14. Elyria Cath. (3–3) 5.3, 15. Ontario (3–3) 5.2333, 16. St. Marys Memorial (3–3) 4.6667

Sept. 23, 2025 (Entering Week 6) 1. Medina Buckeye (5–0) 12.05, 2. Wapakoneta (5–0) 9.85, 3. Parma Hts. Holy Name (4–1) 9.05, 4. Richfield Revere (3–1) 8.9583, 5. Lima Shawnee (4–1) 8.65, 6. Rocky River (4–1) 8.5, 7. Lexington (4–1) 8.05, 8. Grafton Midview (3-2) 6.2, 9. Copley (3–2) 5.6717, 10. Cle. Central Cath. (3–2) 5.65, 11. Elyria Cath. (2–3) 4.65, 12. Tol. Central Cath. (2–3) 4.275, 13. Tol. Scott (2–3) 4, 14. Ontario (2–3) 3.9

Division IV - Region 14

The Shelby Whippets are still the big dogs in first place at 7–0! It seems like they keep getting better and better! Stay tuned this Friday as they take on the Ontario Warriors.

The Clear Fork Colts are sitting well in the four-spot in week 7 and have climbed nicely from week 6. They had an exciting game in recent weeks with Ontario and will host Highland this Friday in the Corral.

Sept. 30, 2025 (Entering Week 7) 1. Shelby (6–0) 15.0667, 2. Lima Bath (5–1) 11.1667, 3. Galion (5–1) 10.85, 4. Bellville Clear Fork (5–1) 9.0667, 5. Lodi Cloverleaf (5–1) 8.6167, 6. Napoleon (4–2) 8.4167, 7. Bay Village Bay (4–2) 8.2667, 8. Vermilion (4–2) 8.15, 9. Sandusky Perkins (3–3) 5.7652, 10. Van Wert (3–3) 5.6833, 11. Bellefontaine Benjamin Logan (3–3) 5.5, 12. Orrville (4–2) 5.4, 13. Bellevue (3–3) 4.1333, 14. Oberlin Firelands (3-3) 3.65, 15. Caledonia River Valley (2–4) 3.2667, 16. Upper Sandusky (2–4) 3.2167

Sept. 23, 2025 (Entering Week 6) 1. Shelby (5–0) 13.2, 2. Lima Bath (4–1) 8.5, 3. Vermilion (4–1) 7.9, 4. Galion (4–1) 7.8, 5. Lodi Cloverleaf (4–1) 7.05, 6. Napoleon (3–2) 6.9, 7. Bellville Clear Fork (4–1) 6.7, 8. Van Wert (3-2) 6.2, 9. Orrville (4–1) 6.05, 10. Bay Village Bay (3–2) 5.8, 11. Bellefontaine Benjamin Logan (3–2) 5.6, 12. Sandusky Perkins (2–3) 4.8, 13. Bellevue (3-2) 4.15, 14. Elida (3–2) 3.6, 15. Caledonia River Valley (2–3) 3.2, 16. Upper Sandusky (2–3) 3.05

Division VII - Region 27

Crestline is now 5–2 and 2–0 in the Mid Buckeye Conference. The Crestline Bulldogs are on fire with a 49–0 shutout of the Aquinas Knights (0–7) Saturday in Bulldog Country.

Good things started off right away for the Bulldogs with Aquinas kicking off. Crestline didn't waste any time and within the first minutes of play, Quentin Kapp rushed for three yards for the Bulldogs' first touchdown. The extra-point would also be good, 7–0 Bulldogs.

Crestline kicked-off to Aquinas and the Knights would throw an interception with Crestline's Kody Lawhorn capitalizing! Crestline would have the ball back on their own 2-yard line.

The Bulldogs had fourth down and fumbled to allow Aquinas to get the ball back as the first quarter expired, Bulldogs leading 7–0.

The second quarter would see Crestline contine the scoring frenzy as they would notch a pick-6 with another touchdown and extra-point. The lead was now 14–0, Bulldogs howling!

As the second quarter would progress, each team would trade offensive series with 3-and-outs. With less than one-minute before halftime, the Bulldogs struck paydirt again as Lawhorn launched a 50-yard touchdown pass to #1 (name not available). Colten Keller would ring in the successful extra-point making it 21–0.

As the third quarter commenced, the Bulldogs got the ball back after another 3-and-out by Aquinas, due to the Bulldogs staunch defense. Quentin Kapp added another rushing touchdown to his résumé scoring another six points. And the extra-point would split the upright by Keller to give the Bulldogs a 28–0 lead!

Crestline's Kapp brought another touchdown and extra point making it 35–0.

As the third quarter was nearing the late stages, another TD and extra-point was in order. Lawhorn connected to Keller making it 42–0.

In the fourth quarter, another completed pass would seal the deal

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MADISON VS NEW PHILADELPHIA VARSITY FOOTBALL · OCT. 3
NEW PHILADELPHIA WINS 35–21 · PHOTOS BY LILLIANA ALLEN







•Football wraps-up week 7

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for Crestline, adding another 7 points to finalize the tally at 49–0!

The victory is just adding fuel to the fire in their computer points. Going into week six, as of (Sept. 27), the Bulldogs were tied for the 12-spot with Danville. As of Sept. 30, Crestline has catapulted into the 7-spot!

Sept. 30, 2025 (Entering Week 7) 1. Jeromesville Hillsdale (6–0) 10.2333, 2. Lancaster Fisher Cath. (5–1) 7.65, 3. Willow Wood Symmes Valley (6–0) 7.1641, 4. Strasburg-Franklin (5–1) 7.0833, 5. Waterford (4–2) 6.8639, 6. Glouster Trimble (4–2) 5.7333, 7. Crestline (4–2) 5.3667, 8. Crown City South Gallia (4–2) 5.25, 9. Steubenville Cath. Central (4-2) 5.1439, 10. Bowerston Conotton Valley (4–2) 4.7959, tie-11. Danville (3–3) 4.1667, tie-11. Corning Miller (3–3) 4.1667,

Sept. 23, 2025 (Entering Week 6) 1. Jeromesville Hillsdale (5–0) 7.6, 2. Strasburg-Franklin (5–0) 6.95, 3. Willow Wood Symmes Valley (5–0) 6.8, 4. Lancaster Fisher Cath. (4–1) 6.05, 5. Crown City South Gallia (4–1) 4.8306, 6. Glouster Trimble (3–2) 4.8, 7. Waterford (3–2) 4.6202, 8. Corning Miller (3-2) 4.55, 9. Steubenville Cath. Central (3–2) 3.7667, 10. Bowerston Conotton Valley (3–2) 3.7646, 11. Hannibal River (3-2) 3.4854, 12t. Danville (2–3) 2.65, 12t. Crestline (3–2) 2.65, 14. Millersport (2–3) 2.5

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ONTARIO VS MARION HARDING VARSITY FOOTBALL · OCT. 3
WARRIORS WIN 28–14











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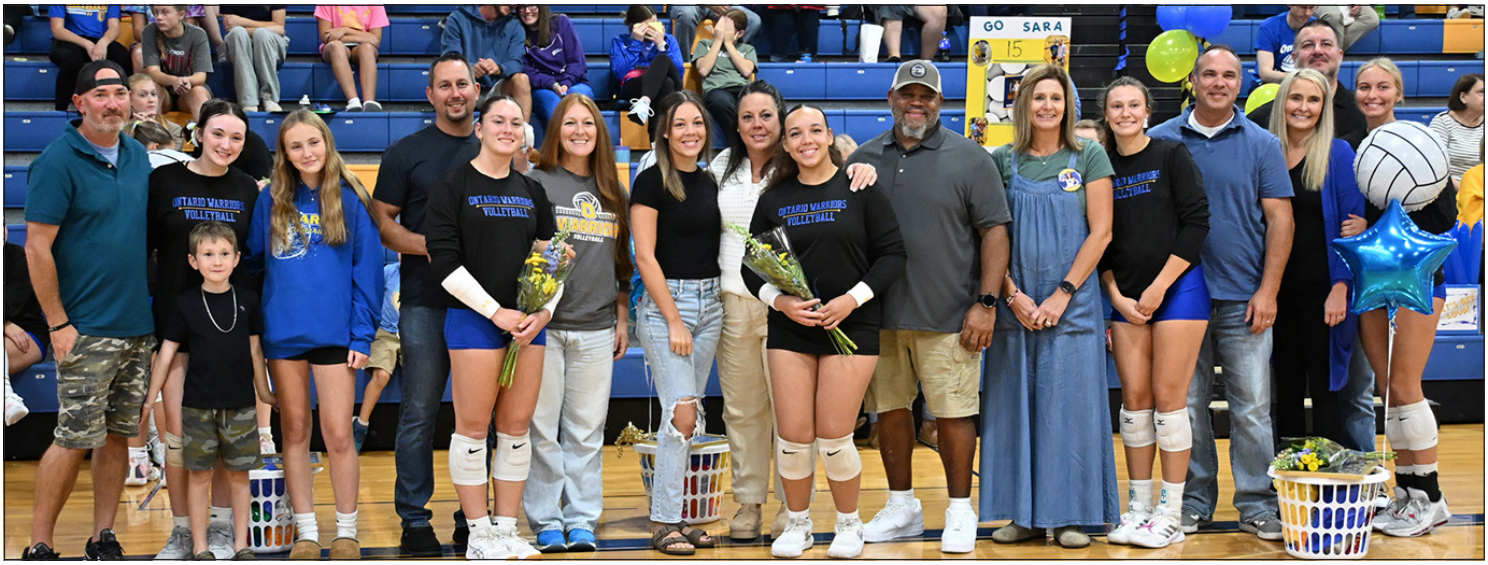
ONTARIO VOLLEYBALL SENIOR NIGHT · OCT. 2











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ONTARIO VS SHELBY JV VOLLEYBALL · SEPT. 30 · WARRIORS WIN









Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

MADISON VS GRANVILLE GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER · SEPT. 29
GRANVILLE WINS 3–0 · PHOTOS BY LILLIANA ALLEN





MADISON VS GRANVILLE GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY SOCCER · SEPT. 29
GRANVILLE WINS 2–0 · PHOTOS BY LILLIANA ALLEN





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MADISON VS LEXINGTON BOYS VARSITY SOCCER SENIOR NIGHT · SEPT. 30
RAMS WIN 3–1 · PHOTOS BY LILLIANA ALLEN











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PROBATE COURT OF RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO, Kelly L. Badnell, Judge, IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF Gracie Abigail Swiger to Gracie Abigail Smith CASE NO. 20259109.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE OF NAME

Applicant hereby gives notice to all interested persons that the applicant has filed an Application For Change of Name in the Probate Court of Richland County, Ohio, requesting the change of name of Gracie Abigail Swiger to Gracie Abigail Smith.

The hearing on the application will be held on the 12th day of November 2025, at 1:30 pm in the Probate Court of Richland County, located at 50 Park Avenue East, Second Floor, Mansfield, Ohio, 44902.

Robin Smith
2656 Eckert Rd.
Mansfield, OH 44904

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 October 1, 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. 25-10 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD CONTRACTS FOR VARIOUS MATERIALS AND SERVICES NEEDED DURING THE YEAR 2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-11 – A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 25-02, TO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-20 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE (CHIEF OF POLICE) TO DONATE TWO (2) UNNEEDED AND SLATED FOR AUCTION PATROL SUVs TO NORTH CENTRAL STATE COLLEGE POLICE ACADEMY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-21 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE (SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR) TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS FOR AN INFLOW AND INFILTRATION REDUCTION PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN THE REMAINING SPRING VILLAGE SEWER-SHED, AND CHAMBERS ROAD AREA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 21 – 22 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE (THE CHIEF OF POLICE), TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF DIRT FROM ADENA CORPORATION TO BE USED TO BUILD DIRT MOUNDS AND BERMS AT THE NEW POLICE SHOOTING RANGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, OH
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Hoskins graduates from Columbus State

Megan M. Hoskins of Mansfield graduated from Columbus State Community College during summer semester on Aug. 8.

2025 Summer Semester dean's list recipients at Columbus State Community College must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and be enrolled for six or more credit hours. Local students on the list are Olivia Krupar and Delaney O'Brien, both of Mansfield.







ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL'S FCCLA has been busy lately. Members created positive chalk drawings on the sidewalk, helped serve lunch with People Helping People and baked over 75 pumpkin flavored dog treats for the Richland County Humane Society.

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