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Richland County Foundation gives \$1,352,574 to support community needs, scholarships

The Richland County Foundation Board of Trustees approved grants and scholarships totaling \$1,352,374 during its June meeting.

Competitive and field of interest grants approved by the board included grants to the Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center and Braintree Partners.

Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center (BNOC) received a grant to modernize its elevator and equipment room. The improved elevator will allow BNOC to improve accessibility, enable second floor programming, and meet current safety codes. On average, the organization serves over 450 individuals monthly. Bellville was designated an "Age-Friendly" community by Governor DeWine, further highlighting the center's importance to the local community and the need to update its community space.

Braintree Partners received funding for a Motion Picture Program to support filmmakers by providing small grants to complete production and promote filming in Richland County. The program seeks to boost local economic activity by encouraging film production, with both short-term benefits like local expenditures and long-term goals of enhancing the county's reputation as a filming destination. Utilizing their existing relationships and expertise, Braintree will vet and disburse the grants to eligible filmmakers.

The Board of Trustees approved grants from donor advised funds which allow individuals, families, and corporations the opportunity to make grant suggestions to their favorite charities. Donor advised funds are a flexible and convenient alternative to a private foundation. It is also a way to keep charitable contributions anonymous, at the preference of the donor.

Receiving grants from donor advised funds were Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center, Buckeye Imagination Museum, Catalyst Life Services, City of Mansfield, Denison University, Discovery School, Downtown Mansfield, Inc., First Congregational Church, First United Methodist Church, Friendly House, GroundTruth Project, Inc., Habitat for Humanity of Richland & Crawford Counties, Hope Hollow, Hospice of North Central Ohio Bereavement Camp, Independent Living Center, Kingwood Center Gardens, Love On A Mission, Love Our Heroes, Lucas Community Center, Mansfield Art Center, Mansfield City Schools, NAMI of Richland County, North End Community Improvement Collaborative, Ohio Bird Sanctuary,

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Photos By Jeff Hoffer

THE RICHLAND COUNTY PARK DISTRICT celebrated Flag Day with a special dedication ceremony for a new flag pole on Sunday, June 14 at Gorman Nature Center. During the ceremony, girls scouts from the Bellville and Butler areas raised the flag for the first time. The flag dedication was in honor of America's 250th Anniversary. Among those speaking at the event was Richland County Commissioner Cliff Mears, Richland County Park District Executive Director Jordan Tackett and Rusty Cates.

122nd Army Band will perform in Bucyrus to celebrate 250th

The Crawford County History Alliance (CCHA) and Bucyrus Rotary Club have announced a free performance by the 122nd Army Band of the Ohio National Guard Monday, July 6, at 7 pm at Schine's Art Park, 300 S. Sandusky Ave., Bucyrus.

The evening will begin at 6 pm with an opening performance by local men's singing group, United in Harmony.

Guests are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs and blankets for seating at Schine's Art Park. Food trucks will be available and guests can also enjoy a designated outdoor refreshment area, which will be in effect during the event. The Arrogant Goat Brewery (located nearby at 125 E Rensselaer St.) will be open, allowing guests to enjoy locally-brewed beverages during the concert.

The 122nd Army Band's "America 250" performance will showcase the diverse sounds and styles of American music, from Revolutionary-era fife & drum selections and classic Sousa marches to country music, rock-and roll favorites and patriotic tributes honoring veterans who have defended our nation's freedoms for 250 years.

"This concert is a wonderful opportunity for our community to

come together and celebrate our nation's history through the music that connects us all," said Elaine Gebhardt-Naples, Projects Director for the Crawford County History Alliance (CCHA).

"Our nation's commemoration of its 250th anniversary is a huge milestone, and we are truly honored Bucyrus was selected as one of the host communities for the 122nd Army Band's 'America 250' tour," said Naples.

The 122nd Army Band's "America 250" performance is only in a select number of cities.

"The America 250-Ohio initiative encourages communities across the state to reflect on our shared history," said CCHA co-chair Randy Fischer. "Hosting the 122nd Army Band in Crawford County provides a special opportunity to celebrate our nation's heritage while showcasing the strength of our local community."

Based in Columbus, the 122nd Army Band serves as a musical ambassador for the Ohio National Guard, performing throughout Ohio and beyond. For more information about the 122nd Army Band and its "America 250" tour, visit 122ndArmyBand.com.



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News Briefs

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 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.

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, July 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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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 July 15, and will include roast beef and the game of bingo.

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

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The City of Ontario meeting schedule for July has been released. Meetings are held at 555 Stumbo Rd., Ontario.

The schedule includes July 8, 1 pm, civil service commission and 4 pm planning commission; and July 15, 5:30 pm, personnel committee of the whole, 6:15 pm caucus and 7 pm council.

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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.

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Mechanics Bank will host Live@Lunch performances in the downtown Mansfield courtyard, 2 S. Main St., all summer long, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Food trucks will also be available.

Upcoming performers and food trucks include July 10, Taylor Schlupp, Black Willow; July 24, Tom's Kitchen Table, Panchos Tacos; Aug. 7, EKG, Grunt Grub & Cowgirl Creamery; Aug. 21, Jevan Cole, On the Rise BBQ; Sept. 11, SHaK, The Back Porch Food Co.; and Sept. 18, Tom's Kitchen Table, Cub Country.

The courtyard is open every Friday over lunch.

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Mansfield celebrates America250 by reconnecting past, present, future

City of Mansfield Mayor Jodie Perry invites residents and visitors to join in a community-wide celebration of America's 250th Anniversary with a full day of Fourth of July events, honoring the nation's history while celebrating Mansfield's rich heritage.

All events are free and open to the public. The schedule includes:

11 am: Rededication of the Historic Vasbinder Fountain

The day begins at Central Park Square with the rededication of the fully restored 1881 Vasbinder Fountain, a treasured Mansfield landmark restored for future generations. The fountain was originally dedicated on July 4, 1881. The program will feature the history of the fountain and remarks by Todd Kleismit from the America250 Ohio Commission.



11:30 am to 1:30 pm: Picnic and Ice Cream Social in the Park

Guests are encouraged to bring their own picnic lunch and enjoy community fellowship in Central Park. There will be live music by Jazz Connection in the gazebo and free ice cream dessert will be provided during the picnic (while supplies last). Sponsors are Mechanics Bank, Rich History Alliance, Richland Public Health, Destination Mansfield, Idea Works Kitchen and Velvet Ice Cream.

Judge Steve McKinley will talk about the Declaration of Independence at 11:30 am.

Downtown restaurants scheduled to be open are the Reindeer Grill, 11 am to 8:30 pm; and Hamilton's on Main, 12-10 pm.

1 pm - Opening of the Bicentennial Time Capsule

Immediately following the picnic, the community is invited to the Mansfield City Municipal Building plaza to witness the historic opening of the Bicentennial Time Capsule, reconnecting Mansfield with voices and memories from the past. A new time capsule will be placed, to be opened for America's 300th Birthday in 2076!

Mansfield Speedway Celebration 9 am to 9 pm — Free all-day admission

The celebration continues at Mansfield Speedway with a full day of family-friendly activities, including a classic car show, a hot dog eating competition, the demolition derby, live music and entertainment, rides and family activities and an America250 fireworks spectacular at dusk.

The grand finale fireworks display will celebrate 250 years of American independence in spectacular fashion.

"Our citizens asked for fireworks, and we are making good on that promise," said Mayor Jodie Perry. "The City of Mansfield is proud to sponsor this year's fireworks in partnership with Mansfield Speedway as part of our America250 celebration."

These events are co-sponsored by the City of Mansfield, with appreciation to Mansfield Speedway and Destination Mansfield for their generous community support.

For more America250 Ohio events visit <https://destinationmansfield.com/america250-in-mansfield-richland-county>

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Play for Parkinson's Charity Golf Outing to support new center

The Brethren Care Foundation has announced its annual charity golf outing, "Play for Parkinson's," will be held Friday, Aug. 7, at Ashland Golf Club, 1333 Center St., Ashland. This year's event will officially kick-off a community campaign to support the creation of a new Parkinson's Support Center within the Brethren Care Village Wellness Community Center.

The new center will provide dedicated space, specialized programming, and state-of-the-art equipment designed to enhance the lives

of individuals and families affected by Parkinson's disease throughout Ashland County and the surrounding region.

"We have been providing space and supporting the Parkinson's Support Group in Ashland for many years," said Mindy Scurlock, CEO of Brethren Care Village.

"This initiative gives us the opportunity to designate a dedicated space equipped with state-of-the-art equipment while enhancing our current programming. Our Board of Directors and staff are fully committed to adding this much-needed specialized component to our Wellness Center."

The campaign aims to expand services and therapeutic opportunities for those living with Parkinson's disease, including enhancements to the Wellness Center's current BIG and LOUD Therapy Program, an evidence-based treatment approach that improves movement and communication abilities.

"This specialized project provides an opportunity for our community to support hundreds of individuals affected by Parkinson's disease in our area," said Ralph Tomassi, Volunteer Campaign Chair.

Kristine Miller, Wellness Center and Development Director, expressed excitement about the initiative and the opportunity to further strengthen Parkinson's programming through new technology and therapy equipment.

Community members, businesses, and golfers are encouraged to participate in the outing and support the campaign through sponsorships and donations.

For more information about the services currently offered through the Wellness Community Center or the Play for Parkinson's Charity Golf Outing contact Kristine Miller at 419-496-0356 or kmiller@brethrencarevillage.org.

For more information visit <https://brethrencarevillage.org> or register by filling out the form at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeoYBFtYT_41ZDQkqIJGzd0rShdCMTDulQIBS-rqdcvDZ8DaQ/formResponse

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419-886-3497 • www.allsoulsuohio.org
10:30 am Service and Sunday School
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First Congregational Church

640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield
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
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5th Sunday of the month-Do Something Sunday AA, Girl Scouts,
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Ontario United Methodist Church

3540 Park Avenue West., Ontario
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Rev. J.P. Snyder
9:30 am Grace & Eggs
11 am Sunday Worship and Kingdom Kids

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419-522-2813 • www.stjohnsmansfield.org
contact@stjohnsmansfield.org
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BBB® employment scams study reveals soaring numbers

Job hunters tricked into handing over thousands of dollars are being lured in with a new tactic: Task-based scams where they are offered high pay to “like” and “subscribe” to videos online.

Over the last three years, nearly 50,000 (159 reports in the Akron area) people reported to BBB Scam Tracker after falling victim to an employment scam. Reports exploded in 2025, doubling over the previous year. BBB received hundreds of reports involving task-based scams where fraudsters impersonated popular companies.

In the new study “Employment scams soar, ‘video boosters’ left unpaid, and education needs are paramount,” BBB’s International Investigations Initiative (III) examines patterns of reports, reviews the amount of money lost and shares stories from those caught up in the scams so consumers can avoid them.

Since 2021, the III has laid out ways consumers and businesses can avoid scams and significant monetary loss. Previous studies examined business scams, online gambling, vehicle purchases, identity theft and much more.

Over 600 reports to BBB about employment scams were “task-based.” Job scams conducted over text message exploded in 2025, making up half of all reports. Employment scams are rising, despite extensive public information about this type of fraud. The median losses shrunk since 2023 but remain high at \$1,000 .

Red flags include unprompted job offers, jobs offered without an interview, too-good-to-be-true salaries, high-pressure offers to take a job immediately , interviewers refuse to turn on camera, payment to like or subscribe to videos online, charges or taxes to withdraw money already earned and upfront costs to begin work.

To help avoid scams do research on companies offering jobs. If someone reaches out, attempt to find a posting for the job on the company’s official website. Never pay money to get your paycheck. No legitimate job will ask you to pay taxes or any other fee to “unlock” funds you have already earned.

Avoid jobs paying you to watch videos, like them or subscribe to a channel. In nearly every case, this will be a scam. Always use video in an interview if possible. If an employer offers you a job without an interview, be wary.

Visit BBB.org to check out a business or register a complaint, BBB Scam TrackerSM to report a scam and BBB.org/scamstudies for more on this and other scams.



Milky Way • Photo By Mark Shutt

Bell-tolling will honor 250th

Americans around the country are being invited to join the National bell-tolling celebration to honor America’s 250th at noon on July 4.

America turns 250 years old and across the country, in communities large and small, bells will ring at noon to mark the moment. Church bells, school bells, firehouses, town halls and courtyard bells will ring out.

Freedom Bells is a national civic celebration organized by the Military Order of the World Wars, inviting every American community to participate in a shared moment of patriotic joy on Independence Day.

Freedom Bells provides organizers with all the tools to organize and participate in this national moment of celebration including a countdown to noon local time, a ceremony opening for gatherings with music and words to say or play, a bell tolling moment for local bells, a unique reflection and exploration of the words that our nation’s founders issued this day 250 years ago.

America’s 250th birthday is an important moment to reflect on the hard won principles that this nation is built on, and stands for. It is a moment of reflection; it is a moment of celebration; and for those who may have forgotten, or never knew, it is an important teaching moment.

Visit FreedomBells.org and register participation. Include a “Birthday Wish” to America. Community members, veterans organizations, churches, chapters, posts and schools are welcome to upload a logo to share with the others. All registrants receive a commemorative copy of the Declaration of Independence. Organizers can also use the “Ceremony WebApp” to plan, organize and execute an event.



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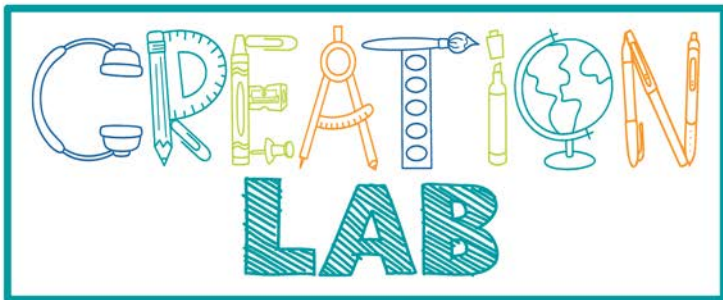
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The Henry Ford offers interesting ways to discover history

Photos and Article By Jenna Wolford

As summer finally gets into full-swing, families load up their vehicles and hit the road for fun and adventure. I am always looking for quick-trip ideas that don't take us too far from home.

We recently made our first visit to The Henry Ford, the famous museum in Dearborn, Michigan, and home to everything automobile. This destination has been on my bucket list for quite some time.

Before planning our visit, I really only knew of the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation, but come to find out, there is even more to see and experience.

We started our day next to the museum at Greenfield Village. I was expecting a few historic buildings and artifacts and I was pleasantly surprised that this 80-acre village includes so much more than "a few things to see."

Arranged like an actual town, it is complete with roads, sidewalks and a full-size railroad.

The village, constructed in the 1930s when Henry Ford brought in dozens of historic structures, was the nation's first outdoor museum. It now includes seven historic districts: Working Farms, Liberty Craftworks, Henry Ford's Model T, Railroad Junction, Porches and Parlors, Main Street and Edison at Work. Every district has its own unique structures and stories to tell.

Among the many buildings are a print shop office, a glass shop and a soybean lab agricultural gallery. The glass shop is used for glass making demonstrations and in 2005, the shop was rebuilt, enlarged and updated with modern equipment. Artisans now create up to 10,000 pieces of historic and contemporary studio glass each year.

The soybean lab was an experimental soybean research laboratory during the 1930s. Ford was looking for ways for farmers to use crops for industrial purposes, especially for making car parts. Special equipment was designed to process soybeans into oil and meal.

In the Henry Ford's Model T district, visitors can find a replica of the factory where he built his first automobiles and take a test ride in a restored Model T. The area includes the Bagley Avenue Workshop replica where he built his first car, the "Quadricycle," in 1896.

Henry Ford was born July 30, 1863, in a farmhouse near the corner of present-day Ford and Greenfield Roads in Dearborn, MI. He moved out at age 16 to find work in Detroit, but restored the farmhouse in 1919 and moved it to Greenfield Village in 1944. Also in the 1940s, Henry Ford added a replica of Miller School, a one-room school building where he attended when he was nine.

In the Edison At Work section, visitors can walk through Thomas Edison's Menlo Park complex to see where he made some of his greatest inventions including the incandescent lightbulb. These are the first buildings to be illuminated by electric light.

Among the buildings is the 1929 replica Menlo Park Laboratory, where in 1876, Edison built his laboratory in Menlo, NJ. It con-

tained his entire operation, a handful of collaborators, an office, library and machine shop. Also in this area are the glass house, machine shop, Fort Myers Laboratory, a library and the Sarah Jordan Boarding House.

Thomas Edison's Fort Myers Laboratory was the first building to be completed in Greenfield Village. It offered seclusion to a select group of Ford Motor Company engineers tasked with developing the Ford V-8 engine in the early 1930s. It was originally manufactured by Kennebec Framing Co. in Fairfield, Maine in 1885 and later erected in Fort Myers, Florida in 1886.

The Logan County Courthouse is significant because between 1840 and 1847, Abraham Lincoln tried cases in the building as a traveling lawyer. He visited once or twice a year and worked mostly on cases resolving neighbors' disagreements over land, contracts and debts. As he traveled, he always took time to talk to residents. This helped him earn votes when he went into politics. The courthouse was originally built in 1840 in Postville, Illinois.

There are over 80 historical buildings, some directly relating to Ford, and some related to the history of manufacturing, the automobile, industry and flight. The Wright Brothers' home and cycle shop are both on Main Street and the George Washington Carver Cabin and Ferris Windmill are found in the Porches and Parlors District.

This district just welcomed a new addition with an open house on June 12 for the Dr. Sullivan and Mrs. Richie Jean Sherrod Jackson Home. More than 1,000 guests came to the grand opening day for the 3,000 square-foot Selma, Alabama home where Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and other leaders planned strategies during the Civil Rights movement.

The village also includes a general store, courthouse, a busy main street, chapel, carousel, tavern, working farms, train locomotives and train depot. Many of the buildings have live demonstrations and visitors can speak with guides and ask questions about the history of the buildings and artifacts.

Unfortunately, we only had a one-day visit planned and the village could absolutely fill an entire day. We did our best to see as much as we could while keeping in mind that we still had an entire museum to explore. If you plan to visit both, I absolutely recommend a day for each.

As we entered the Museum of American Innovation, we were met with a large area of train locomotives, cars and other rail vehicles.

I was expecting the museum to be solely Ford-vehicle focused, but it includes innovations and vehicles from many different manufacturers. History and artifacts are plentiful as are the stories of how the automobile changed America forever.

A memorable piece was the 1961 Lincoln Continental in which President JFK was assassinated in Dallas, TX. It is a part of a collection

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Wright Cycle Co.

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of presidential vehicles which also includes Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Sunshine Special 1939 Lincoln, the first car designed and built for a president.

Vehicle displays include a Texaco station with interactive challenges for children, the Rosa Parks bus, the 1952 Oscar Mayer Wienermobile, farm equipment and various concept cars.

Driven to Win: Racing in America displays race cars from all eras including Buck Baker's 1956 Chrysler 300-B Stock Car and Jim Clark's The Lotus-Ford, which was the first rear-engine car to win the Indianapolis 500.

Large pieces of manufacturing equipment can be found throughout including a Highland Park Engine Generator and various room-size steam engines.

A working replica of Charles Lindbergh's plane is on display in the Heroes of the Sky section. It is a Ryan B-1 Brougham modified to fly in the 1957 movie *The Spirit of St. Louis* starring Jimmy Stewart. Stewart later purchased the plane for his collection before donating it to the museum.

Hanging above the heads of visitors is a 1939 Douglas DC-3 Airplane and in this section, a replica of the 1903 Wright Flyer can also be found. On Dec. 17, 2003, the replica attempted to duplicate the Wright brothers' first flight at Kill Devil Hills, NC, exactly one hundred years after the historic feat. Bad weather cancelled the attempt, though the replica flew successfully in earlier tests.

As we walked through the collection, we came across Lamy's Diner near the center of the museum. Serving customers breakfast and lunch, Lamy's opened in 1946 in Marlborough, Massachusetts and was moved to Framingham, MA in 1947, then Hudson, MA in 1949 before arriving at its final destination at the museum in 1984, where

it was restored to its original appearance.

We spent a good bit of time in the Hallmark Keepsake Ornament display. Glass cases hold more than 6,600 ornaments dating from 1973 to 2009. My family enjoyed finding ornaments that decorate our tree each year and seeing the unique ornaments we had never seen before.

A very unique attraction is the Dymaxion House. A tour guide walked us through the home and explained how the prototype "home of the future" failed to become the new trend in home construction.

R. Buckminster Fuller created the home with his understanding of industrial production, particularly methods developed in the automobile industry, which made it become more of an engineering solution than a home. The home was supported with a central vertical stainless-steel strut on a single foundation. Its structures, similar to the spokes of a bicycle-wheel, supported the entire home.

The goal in creating the home was to create energy-efficient, affordable, sustainable and mass-produced housing. The structure was prototyped in 1946, but was never produced. The Henry Ford contains the only remaining prototype in the world.

As the day ended, we had already resolved to make a future trip so that we can take our time to truly experience everything the museum and village have to offer. Attractions also include the Ford Rouge Factory Tour and the Giant Screen Experience. Tickets can be purchased for each attraction separately or as a bundle.

The Henry Ford is located at 1 Fair Lane Dr. Dearborn, MI. For more information visit www.thehenryford.org.



Lamy's Diner



President Kennedy's Lincoln



Dymaxion House



Dymaxion House



BELLVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH CENTER volunteer Terri Hamilton shows the antiquated elevator equipment room at the organization.

Marion will celebrate America's 250th with special events

Marion America 250 is inviting residents and visitors to "save the date" for an upcoming weekend of patriotism, history, music and family fun during the "Red, White, & YOU" Weekend, taking place July 16-19 throughout Marion.

The celebration will feature community traditions, presidential history, live entertainment, and activities for all ages as Marion continues commemorating America's 250th anniversary with this capstone weekend.

Co-chair for the America 250 Marion steering committee, Kate McCleese, serves as the program director for Marion Community Foundation. McCleese shared many of these activities are funded through a special grant program through the Marion Community Foundation.

The weekend kicks off on Thursday, July 16, at 4:30 pm as Third Thursday goes red, white and blue in downtown Marion. Families can enjoy live music, bounce houses, vendor tents, food trucks, and a festive community atmosphere that is sure to get the party started.

On Friday, July 17, beginning at 4 pm, the Harding Home and Presidential Library & Museum will host a homecoming picnic celebrating President Warren G. Harding and Marion's presidential legacy. The evening includes TED-style talks about the Harding presidency, period children's games, and live music. Food and ice cream will be available for purchase. In conjunction with the picnic, Etowah, which many know as King's Mansion, will be open for tours, talks and treats.

Saturday's events begin at 10:30 am with a wreath-laying ceremony at the Harding Memorial led by military personnel in honor of President and Mrs. Harding and their service to the nation.

At noon on Saturday, families are invited to the "O-H-I-Oh What a Birthday Celebration" Block Party at The Explore-It-Torium. The event will feature music, games, food, and free admission to the children's museum.

Saturday evening concludes with a special concert at the historic Marion Palace Theatre as Marty Stuart and His Fabulous Superlatives take the stage at 7:30 pm.

The celebration continues Sunday, July 19, at 2 pm with an old-fashioned ice cream social at the Marion Women's Club Home. Guests can enjoy live music, lawn games, tours of the historic home, and ice cream in a nostalgic community setting.

The weekend concludes with a patriotic concert presented by United in Harmony at McKinley Park, bringing the community together through music and celebration.

For updates, ticket information, and additional event details, follow Marion America 250 on the Marion Area Convention and Visitors Bureau website and social media.

For information visit www.VisitMarionOhio.com.

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Ohio Genealogical Society, Raemelon Therapeutic Equestrian Center, Renaissance Performing Arts, Richland Community Development Group, Richland County Park District, Richland Soil & Water Conservation District, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio, Rubies Womens Group Inc., Shakespeare Company of Mansfield, Taking Root Farms, The Downtown Arts Theater, Inc., The Domestic Violence Shelter, Third Street Family Health Services, Tri-County Educational Service Center, Visual Bucket List Foundation, Wayne Center for the Arts and YMCA of North Central Ohio

Two hundred seventy six college students were awarded scholarships totaling over \$787,267. The board also approved eight scholarships to students attending a career technical education school. So far this year, CTE scholarships total almost \$85,000. The Scholarship Committee implemented a rolling deadline for CTE scholarships to meet various enrollment deadlines.

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

The foundation helps people in Richland County give back to their community by investing their gifts wisely so that grants can be made to improve the quality of life for all the county's citizens. Collaborating with donors, the Foundation meets important needs today and plans for a strong future.



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Goodwill partners with Mechanics Bank and Catholic Charities

The Goodwill Industries of Akron, Ohio, Inc. (GIA) has announced a new partnership with Mechanics Bank, and Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo to expand GIA's revolving auto loan program to residents of Richland and Ashland counties. This expansion builds upon the program's initial success in Summit and Medina counties, increasing access to safe, reliable transportation for individuals facing barriers to employment.

GIA serves Summit, Portage, Medina, Ashland and Richland counties. Transportation consistently emerges as a primary obstacle for individuals pursuing job opportunities, particularly for those who may struggle to qualify for traditional vehicle loans or who are vulnerable to predatory lending practices.

The revolving auto loan program is made possible through an unrestricted gift from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott, designated by GIA's Board of Directors to strengthen transportation supports across its five county service area. While GIA expanded bus pass and fuel card programs region wide in 2021, the auto loan program has been imple-

mented in phases due to its complexity.

"Transportation is foundational to economic mobility and long term job retention," said Laura Walker, Vice President of Mission Services of Goodwill Industries of Akron. "This partnership reflects the power of collaboration — combining responsible lending, financial education and mission driven support to help individuals in Richland and Ashland counties achieve greater stability and independence."

Under the expanded program, Mechanics Bank will serve as the loan servicer for eligible participants, while Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo will provide the financial education component to support successful repayment, long term financial well being and self-sufficiency. Individuals must be referred to the program through a partnering community agency.

"As a community bank, Mechanics Bank is committed to partnerships that create meaningful local impact," said Jason Painley, Executive Vice President & CFO of Mechanics Bank. "We are proud to support this

program alongside Goodwill and Catholic Charities, helping individuals access reliable transportation while building stronger financial futures."

Catholic Charities brings trusted, community based financial education and coaching to the program, ensuring participants are equipped with the knowledge and skills needed for long term success.

"We see firsthand how transportation challenges can affect employment opportunities and family stability," said Brian Hunt, Community Emergency Services and Disaster Relief Program Coordinator of Catholic Charities. "By pairing financial education and support with access to reliable transportation, this program helps individuals build both confidence and financial resilience."

GIA will continue to collaborate with community partners, employers, and preferred auto dealers to support participants throughout the process and will seek additional lending partners as the program continues to expand. For information, visit www.goodwillakron.org.

Ohio House passes bill to update septic law

State Representatives Justin Pizzulli (R-Scioto County) and Marilyn John (R-Richland County) are pleased to announce that the Ohio House of Representatives recently passed House Bill 692, legislation to update Ohio's household sewage treatment system law, creating greater consistency across the state for homeowners and businesses.

House Bill 692, spearheaded by Pizzulli and John, will limit the authority of boards of health to conduct routine inspections, eliminating mandatory initial and annual inspections without probable cause. This provision aims to remove red tape and unnecessary costs.

The bill will also establish limits on restrictions related to the installation and design of home sewage treatment systems. Boards of health will not be able to stop systems from being built on sloped terrain when they are designed to safely leach downhill. It will also prevent boards of health from requiring new design approvals or permits when replacing a system without substantive changes; and installation solely in undisturbed areas when the soil meets basic functional requirements.

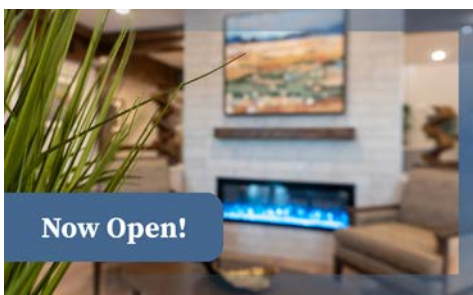
"The current process for installing septic acts as a barrier for many rural Ohioans and directly contributes to the housing shortage our state is facing," said Pizzulli.

"House Bill 692 is a commonsense measure that modernizes Ohio's sewage treatment system regulations while preserving the strong public health protections that Ohioans depend on every day," said John. "By streamlining processes, reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens, and improving efficiency, this legislation better serves homeowners, contractors and local health districts alike."

House Bill 692 awaits further consideration from the Ohio Senate.



Brian Foltz, Brian Hunt, Laura Walker, Lamonica Finklea, Jason Painley and Mark Masters



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Nominations being accepted for City of Mansfield Mayor's Beautification Award

The City of Mansfield has introduced the Mayor's Beautification Award recognizing local businesses, organizations and residents who enhance the appearance, curb appeal and overall attractiveness of our community.

"Beautifying our city starts with the pride and commitment of our local businesses, organizations, and residents. Together, we can create a cleaner, more vibrant Mansfield that reflects the spirit of our community," said City of Mansfield Mayor Jodie Perry.

This award celebrates those who take pride in their properties through landscaping, exterior improvements, cleanliness, creativity, and community spirit. The award program will run from April through October, with an additional recognition awarded in December for a holiday theme.

Nominations will be accepted monthly and must be submitted by the 10th day of each month, beginning in June for the July recognition. Subsequent monthly recognitions will follow the same nomination schedule.

Winners will receive public recognition at a city council meeting with a certificate from the mayor and a yard sign to display.

Nominations will be accepted for local businesses, non-profit organizations and individual residents.

To make a nomination, include the name of the business, organization or resident, address, contact person, phone number, email address and photos showcasing your property improvements, in an email to TGerman@mansfieldohio.gov.

This is an opportunity to showcase commitment to the community while contributing to a cleaner, more vibrant Mansfield.

The city encourages community members to nominate deserving properties that help make neighborhoods a more beautiful and welcoming place.



Abigail Snyder



Kelsey Snyder

Richland County Farm Bureau awards 2026 scholarships

The Richland County Farm Bureau has announced the recipients of the 2026 Richland County Farm Bureau Scholarship.

Abigail Snyder, the daughter of Jason and Lynn Snyder, is a recent graduate of Shelby High School, where she was involved in FFA and 4-H. Snyder is involved in community service organizations and volunteers at her local church. She plans to attend Tiffin Academy of Hair Design to pursue Cosmetology.

Kelsey Snyder, the daughter of Jason and Lynn Snyder, is a graduate of Shelby High School and a recent graduate of Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC). In high school she was involved in FFA and 4-H holding many leadership roles. Snyder is also a member of the Core Community Church and a LLCC livestock judging team member. In the fall she plans to attend Western Illinois University to pursue a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Business.

A maximum of two \$500 scholarships were available to support the further education of Richland County High School graduates.

Downtown Loudonville prepares for annual car show July 3-4

Mohican State Park and Forest are home to many recreational trails, including the only IMBA EPIC mountain biking trail in Ohio.

Whether hiking, biking or by horseback, the Mohican trails are full of scenic views and year-round beauty.

Nearby Malabar Farm is one of Ohio's most unique and interesting state parks, equipped with a new educational visitor center.

Home of Pulitzer Prize-winning author and screenwriter Louis Bromfield, Malabar Farm State Park is a true working farm.

The state scenic river runs along the Wally Road Scenic Byway. Known to be "Ohio's Largest Recreational Complex", the Wally is the heart of the famous camping and canoeing industry. With another new addition of the Spellacy Covered Bridge in 2023.

Downtown historic Loudonville features unique specialty shops and a day trip to Amish Country offers tours of an Amish home and farm.

The summer event schedule includes July 3-4, 25th Annual Classic Car Show and Antique Festival in downtown Loudonville with fireworks on the 4th of July; July 16, Mohican River Exploration SQM at Mohican State Park; Aug. 1, Downtown Sidewalk Sales, Loudonville; Aug. 1, fireworks at Charles Mill Lake; Aug. 8-9, 18th Century Colonial Trade Fair, Wolf Creek Grist Mill; and Aug. 22, Mohican River Exploration SQM, Mohican State Park.

Every Saturday from June through September, the Loudonville Farmers Market is open in downtown Loudonville.

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Senate passes Schaffer, Brenner Bill to keep schools safer

The Ohio Senate passed Senate Bill 422, sponsored by Senator Tim Schaffer (R-Lancaster) and Senator Andrew Brenner (R-Delaware), which prohibits sexual predators from accessing schools and school sponsored functions.

“Our children need to be able to go to school or daycare without the fear of being groomed by convicted sex offenders or being a predator’s next victim,” Schaffer said.

“It is essential that Ohio have statewide policy in place to protect our children from predators.”

“This legislation is about setting clear, statewide standards to protect our students,” Senator Brenner added. “Parents should never have to worry about who is allowed in their child’s school. By keeping convicted offenders out of school environments, we are taking necessary steps to ensure every student can learn in a safe and secure setting.”

The legislation prohibits Tier I offenders convicted of importuning or child enticement, Tier II, and Tier III sex offenders from knowingly entering a school, preschool, childcare center and off-campus school-affiliated events with a few exceptions, the offender is a parent picking up or dropping off their own child or children for the start of or at the end of the school day, for school sponsored programs, and in the event of an emergency, illness or medical appointment.

An offender may also attend a parent-teacher conference as a parent after regular school hours, provided that no children are present at the meeting.

An offender can enter to vote at a polling location located inside one of the prohibited grounds if they are both registered and assigned to vote at the polling location.

An offender may enter if they are a student enrolled at the school, attending classroom instruction on a day that the school is in session or serving an in-school suspension.

In the event that the offender is a student, school districts will be required to impose reasonable safety and supervision conditions on the student’s presence on school premises.

Senate Bill 422 directs county sheriffs’ offices to provide written notice to any convicted offender at the time of their registration that they are prohibited from entering a school, preschool, childcare center, or school-affiliated event.

The notice shall also include the list of the legitimate purposes for which the offender may be present.

Under this bill, any violators will be charged with a misdemeanor of the second degree on a first offense, a misdemeanor of the first degree on a second offense, and a felony of the fifth degree on each subsequent offense.

The Ohio Senate has sent Senate Bill 422 to the Ohio House for further consideration.

News Briefs in Education

Local residents were among 545 who received degrees from Grove City College in Pennsylvania on May 9.

Isabel Golias of Mansfield received a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical and Religious Studies and Mary Golias of Mansfield received a Bachelor of Science in Design and Innovation.



Students have been named to the dean’s list for the spring 2026 semester at Baldwin Wallace University, according to Interim Provost Cathy Dollard. The list recognizes students who earn a grade point average of 3.8 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more graded hours during the semester.

Local students on the list are Marisah Atterholt, a graduate of Hillsdale High School, majoring in nursing; and Austin Fisher, a graduate of Lexington High School, majoring in sport management.



Ohio Wesleyan University held its 182nd commencement ceremony on May 9, celebrating its Class of 2026.

Ohio Wesleyan’s fall, spring, and summer graduates included Cooper Christie of Mansfield, who graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He majored in Computer Science and Genetics and minored in Chemistry.

Callie Kampe of Mansfield graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She majored in Neuroscience and minored in Chemistry and Psychology.

Arianna Morris of Mansfield graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree and majored in French and Sociology/Anthropology and minored in East Asian Studies.

Jameson Myers of Mansfield graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree and majored in Business Administration: Marketing and minored in Data and Society and in Finance.

Ava Swanson of Mansfield, graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree and majored in Zoology: Pre-Professional.

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Madison Local Schools release free and reduced meal program guidelines

Madison Local School District announced its 2026-'27 program year policy for free and reduced priced meals for students unable to pay the full price of meals or milk served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast, After School Care Snack or Special Milk Programs. Each school office and the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines will be used to determine eligibility. Children from families whose annual income is at or below the federal guidelines are eligible for free and reduced-price meals or free milk if the school participates in the Special Milk Program.

Application forms are available to all homes to parents or guardians online or in any of the district buildings. To apply for free and reduced-price benefits, households should complete an application and return it to the school.

Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. A complete application is required.

Households which currently receive Special Nutrition Assistance Program Benefits (SNAP, formally known as food stamps) or Ohio Works First (OWF) funds for a child must provide the child's name, the SNAP or OWF case number and signature of an adult household member on the application. Households that do not receive SNAP or

OWF funds must provide the names of all household members, the last four digits of the Social Security Number of the adult signing the application or state "none" if the adult does not have a Social Security Number, the amount and source of income received by each household member (state the monthly income) and the signature of an adult household member. If any of this information is missing, the school cannot process the application.

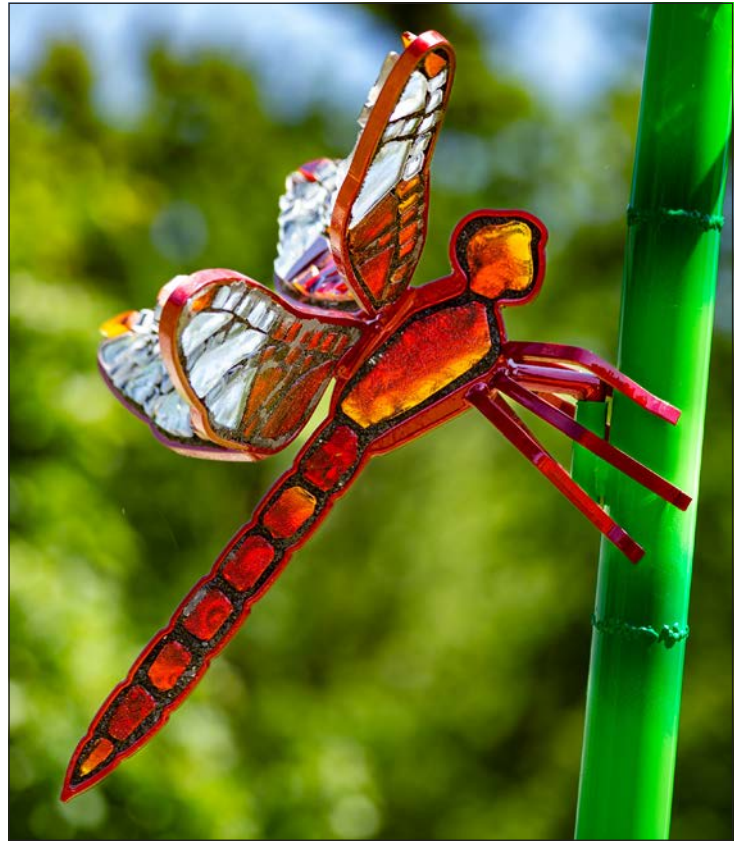
Families with children eligible for school meals may be eligible for free health care coverage through Medicaid and/or Ohio's Healthy Start & Healthy Families programs. These programs include coverage for doctor visits, immunizations, physicals, prescriptions, dental, vision, mental health, substance abuse and more. Call 1-800-324-8680 for more information or to request an application. Information can also be found at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/consumers/familychild.stm>. Anyone who has an Ohio Medicaid card is already receiving these services.

The information provided on the application is confidential and will only be used for the purpose to determine eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program official. To discourage the possibility of misrepresentation, the application forms contain a statement above the space for signature certifying that all information furnished is true and correct. Applications are being made in connection with the receipt of federal funds. Schools or other officials may check the information on the application at any time during the school year. Deliberate misrepresentation of information may subject the applicant to prosecution under applicable state and federal laws.

Households will be notified of the approval or denial of benefits. Foster children are categorically eligible for free meal benefits regardless of the household's income. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals or milk for them, contact the school for more information.

Under the provision of the policy, applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian disagrees with the decision on the application or the result of verification, the decision may be discussed with the determining official on an informal basis. If a formal appeal is desired, the household has the right to a fair hearing. A fair hearing can be requested either orally or in writing from Matt Blankenship, 1379 Grace St., Mansfield, OH 44905. The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

Households may apply for benefits any time during the school year. If a household is not currently eligible but circumstances or household size changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for free or reduced-price benefits if the family income falls at or below the levels shown above.



Photos By Traci Little

THE GLASS IN FLIGHT 2 exhibit has transformed Kingwood Center Gardens into an outdoor gallery featuring more than 40 larger-than-life glass sculptures created by nationally acclaimed artist Alex Heveri. One of the largest outdoor art installations ever hosted at Kingwood, the exhibit invites visitors to explore a collection inspired by pollinators and the natural world. Each sculpture is handcrafted using a technique known as *dalle de verre*, a thick, faceted glass that captures and refracts sunlight. The result is a constantly changing display of color and light. Depending on the time of day, cloud cover and surrounding blooms, the sculptures take on a different appearance with every visit. Glass in Flight 2 is on display daily from 10 am to 7 pm through Sept. 7 at Kingwood Center Gardens. Admission is included with regular garden admission. Adult tickets are \$10, youth ages 7-18 are \$5, children ages six and younger are admitted free, and Kingwood members receive free admission.

Sports Highlights

How tennis came to be

By Kris Leiter

Recently we featured Clear Fork Boys Tennis Coach Aaron Wilson and his upcoming clinic for Clear Fork Students. A few of Wilson's athletes were recently honored at the Mid-Ohio Athletic Conference Spring Banquet.

After I wrote that article, the light bulb went on. I thought since summer is among us, and high school sports are a tad slow right now, why not educate the readers on the origin of how tennis got started.

I graced the courts for the Ontario Warriors for two years back in the 1980s and have played even into my adult years. As educated on the game as I was, there are some really cool things about the game of which I wasn't even aware.

I'm hoping you will enjoy some interesting and fun trivia that you can quiz your co-workers at the water cooler.

Tennis is a sport that we all know about. We might watch it briefly as we are flipping through the channels, to yes, another sport? It doesn't always make the ESPN highlights like the big three sports.

As for popularity, pickleball has blazed a trail in recent years, but tennis is still alive and still growing strong.

Here's a mind-boggling statistic: according to the United States Tennis Association 2025 Tennis Participation Award, just last year 4.9 million people picked up a tennis racquet for the first time!

Tennis has some great life-long benefits. Anyone can learn at an early age, or even later in life and you don't have to be a superstar.

The big three sports can sometimes require extraordinary talent, or in the case of football, require being able to take a tackle with immense bone-crushing hits. Sports like basketball may even work to the advantage of those with tall height.

Tennis is still considered an individual "gentleman's sport," versus a team of 300-pound linemen.

Good memories can last a lifetime as well. A good friend of mine played tennis for Malabar High School back in the 1980'. We actually remember playing against each other and still have fun conversations about the past.

So, how did this unique sport get started? Let's do a deep dive and you might be surprised.

The sport, Jeu de Paume, was actually founded in monasteries by monks and looked more like the game of handball. It was played against a wall and they played with their bare hands...ouch!

I have to chuckle as I envision the monks in the stereotypical long robes running around chasing this ball.

As time went by, good ol' common sense and wisdom would kick-in and the masses of the sport would incorporate gloves, mitts and paddles. A rough form of a racquet would come into existence around the sixteenth century. But it was much different than what we see on television these days.

So how did the sport later take the name of tennis? The word "tennis," originated from fourteenth-century France from the Anglo-Norman word, tenez or the French verb tenir, which means "to take or receive."

The verbal warning would alert the opponent that you were about to serve the ball. Imagine these days shouting "tenez" every time you were going to serve, especially when a match can last hours. My vocal chords get numb just thinking about it.

I'm not sure when the phrase "tenez" got dropped, but apparently, unless the receiving person was sleeping or watching the birds, someone caught on quickly that a simple glance at the server tossing the ball in the air was pretty much a given that the ball was coming their way.

This was just the beginning of the evolution of tennis and there is much more to learn.

Watch for a second installation about tennis and its origins, rules, scoring and some fun memories of major tennis players from years gone by.

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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 June 17, 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-12 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PAY ONE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$105,000) TO THE ONTARIO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY TO BE USED FOR THE PUBLIC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Vendor registration open for Free Community Health Day on July 31

Richland Public Health in collaboration with the Cleveland Clinic, OhioHealth and Third Street Family Health Services will present the annual Free Community Health Day on Friday, July 31, from 9 am to 2 pm in the Richland Public Health parking lot, 555 Lexington Ave., Mansfield.

Free/low cost health services will be offered and local organizations are invited to join the event.

To ensure community members have the opportunity to improve their eight dimensions of personal wellness (physical, emotional, social, spiritual, intellectual, financial, occupational, environmental) th day, local organizations can register for free as a vendor.

Those interested in hosting a booth, bringing a mobile unit or volunteering in the event, register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9TQRHCS> or call 419-774-4761. Vendor registration deadline is Friday, July 17.

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