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Visual Bucket List Foundation celebrates ten years of creating lasting visual memories

What began as one family's desire to fill their daughter's life with unforgettable visual memories has grown into a mission that has touched children and families across the country.

This year, The Visual Bucket List Foundation (VBLF) is celebrating its 10th anniversary, marking a decade of providing once-in-a-lifetime experiences for children facing severe visual impairment or progressive vision loss.



**A Decade of Vision,
A Lifetime of Memories**

Since its founding in 2016, the Mansfield-based nonprofit has granted 32 wishes to children from eight different states, creating personalized experiences designed around the sights, places and adventures each child dreams of seeing while they still can.

To commemorate the milestone, the Foundation will host its 10th Anniversary Gala: "A Night Under the Stars" on Saturday, Sept. 12, at Loft & Rails in Mansfield.

The Italian-inspired evening will celebrate the children and families whose lives have been touched by the organization while recognizing the donors, volunteers, sponsors and community members who have made the Foundation's work possible.

Guests will enjoy dinner, dancing, a cash bar, silent auction, photo booth and special moments highlighting the Foundation's journey over the past decade.

And Buckeye fans won't have to choose between the gala and the big game. Ohio State football fans can cheer on the Buckeyes during a live broadcast of The Ohio State University vs Texas game as part of the event.

Individual tickets are \$50 per person. Tickets can be purchased online through the Visual Bucket List Foundation's Zeffy Link <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/vblf-10-year-anniversary-gala>

The story of the Visual Bucket List Foundation began when Mansfield-area residents Christine and Steve Myers learned that their young daughter, Elizabeth "Lizzy" Myers, had Usher Syndrome Type 2A, a genetic disorder that causes hearing loss and progressive vision loss.

Faced with the possibility that their daughter could one day lose much of her sight, the Myers family created a "visual bucket list" filled with things they wanted Lizzy to see and experience while she could — from simple moments like catching fireflies and watching sunsets to seeing some of the world's most memorable places.

Their story captured the attention and generosity of people near and far. Among the experiences given to their family was a trip to Rome, where Pope Francis blessed Lizzy's eyes and ears.

The extraordinary kindness shown to their family inspired Christine and Steve to pay it forward.

In 2016, the Visual Bucket List Foundation was born.

The Foundation's mission is to provide children facing severe visual impairment or eventual blindness with meaningful, individualized experiences that create visual memories they can carry with them for a lifetime.

Every wish is different because every child is different.

Over the past decade, wishes have ranged from incredible travel experiences and visits to national parks to meeting favorite animals, attending sporting experiences and checking off deeply personal items from a child's own visual bucket list.

What began in Richland County has received national attention over the years.

The family's story and the creation of the Foundation were featured as part of the CBS special "The Gift: Kindness Goes Viral with Steve Hartman," which explored how one act of kindness can inspire another and create a ripple effect far beyond its original recipient.

The Foundation has also been recognized here at home.

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Richland Soil and Water Conservation District's Volunteer of the Year Donald Karger and his wife Roberta Karger

Richland SWCD will honor 2026 Volunteer of the Year Donald Karger

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) expressed its gratefulness to their many volunteers for the hours and assistance they provide to the district.

In addition to thanking volunteers throughout the year, Richland SWCD hosted a volunteer appreciation picnic at Marshall Park in Ontario this summer.

Also, each year the district recognizes a volunteer for their exemplary support of the district and is named Volunteer of the Year. To mark this special designation, Richland SWCD donates a native tree to be planted in the volunteer's honor at a location of their choosing.

This year's Volunteer of the Year, Donald Karger, chose Gorman Nature Center for the location of a serviceberry tree to be planted. The public is invited to attend this event on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 9 am and also the Richland SWCD Annual Celebration Thursday, Oct. 1, where Karger's contributions to the district will continue to be recognized.

Karger has volunteered with Richland SWCD since 2016. He serves as a precipitation monitor and provides daily reports of seasonal rain and snow amounts on the Richland SWCD website.

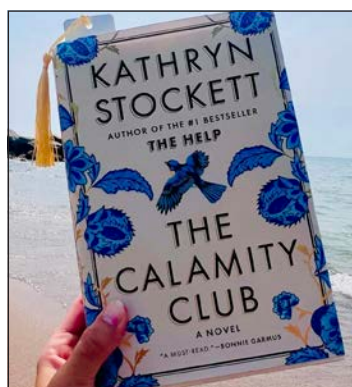
He also volunteers at community events such as Pollinator Festival and the Richland County Fair. He said he volunteers with Richland SWCD because he has had a lifelong interest in precipitation and was inspired by a friend who also serves as a Richland SWCD precipitation monitor.

Call 419-774-8986 or visit <http://richlandswcd.net/> to learn about volunteer opportunities and services provided by Richland SWCD.

LOST IN A BOOK



A Book Review
By Amanda Belczak



It was my goal to finish *The Calamity Club* by Kathryn Stockett before I went back to school — and I finished the night before!

This 630-page book took me the entire summer, but mostly because I was so busy with fun plans that I didn't read as much as usual.

When Kathryn Stockett published a follow-up book 17 YEARS after publishing *The Help*, you know us book girlies were excited.

Set in the south during The Great Depression and prohibition, two stories are told. Birdie is the practical sister who never married. Times are tough and she needs to travel to her sister's to ask for help from her newlywed, wealthy husband.

When she gets there, she finds things are not as expected. Meg is an orphan about to age out of the orphanage. She is smart and tenacious, and holds

onto the belief that her mother is different than the others and must be coming back any day.

Their story unfolds with so many surprises, and such an interesting picture of the choices people had to make during this moment in history.

The characters are incredible. Funny, with beautiful depth. Some people criticize this book and say it was too long, but I loved it. I was always eager to get back to the story and the characters I came to love. I recommend reading it when you have time to focus. It's not a book for a busy season.

It's a five star book for me and made me hope that Stockett might have another book for us in the next 20 years.

My rating: ★★★★★

Follow my blog at amanda-belczak.com

Registration open for Richland Gives

Free registration is open for Richland Gives, an online giving event hosted by the Richland County Foundation (RCF), is open. Richland Gives is designed to encourage people to contribute to local nonprofits they care about through a single website.

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

Richland County-based nonprofits must register each year. Leading up to the event, an online toolkit, education, mass media and social media coverage are provided.

The Richland Gives donation period is from Monday, Nov. 16 at 7 am through Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 7 pm. For more details or to donate go to richlandgives.org.



THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

The End of Oak Street is a sci-fi adventure movie starring Ewan McGregor and Anne Hathaway.

They play Denise and Greg who, along with their two children and pet dog, are living a normal life in the suburbs when their next door neighbor discovers an exotic, ancient plant in her backyard.

Thereafter, their neighborhood is severed from the rest of the world and they are transported to the age of dinosaurs.

As they race around from house to house, they have to find the portal to return them home.

Directed by David Robert Mitchell, this movie features



some fun action scenes involving the dinosaurs and the family (especially the pterodactyl sequence). The only downside

was there is a great deal of family turmoil and drama that takes away from the non-stop fun this movie could be.

The End of Oak Street is enjoyable enough for a marginal recommendation. McGregor, Hathaway and especially the ac-

tors who play their children are great in their roles and the action scenes are fun though a little more creativity and nonstop action would have elevated it.



OSU Mansfield workshop combines art and photography

Participants are invited to explore the intersection of art and nature during a unique, hands-on workshop offered through a partnership between Ohio Woodland Stewards Program and The Ohio State University at Mansfield's Department of Art.

The day-long class will introduce participants to both historic and modern photographic techniques while encouraging a deeper appreciation for the natural world.

The morning session will be led by Professor Kate Shannon, who will teach the historic cyanotype photographic process, an early form of photography known for its distinctive blue-toned prints. Participants will learn about the history of cyanotypes and create their own nature-inspired impressions using materials collected from the environment.

Following a lunch break, Sayeed Mehmood of The Ohio State University School of Environment and Natural Resources will guide participants through the fundamentals of photography, including exposure, composition and developing the art of seeing. The workshop will conclude with an outdoor nature photography session where participants can apply their new skills in a natural setting.

This workshop offers a unique opportunity to experience photography from both artistic and environmental perspectives. Participants will leave with hands-on experience in a historic photographic process and practical skills for capturing the beauty of nature through their own lens.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own cameras, preferably one with manually adjustable settings, to fully participate in the afternoon photography activities. Participants are still welcome to attend if they do not have their own photography equipment.

The workshop will take place on Thursday, Sept. 10, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at 101 Ovalwood Hall, The Ohio State University Mansfield Campus.

Registration is required and cost is \$40. To register or to learn more contact Hayli Skinner at 614-688-3421 or email ohiowoods@osu.edu. More information can also be found at woodlandstewards.osu.edu/events/capturing-art-nature.

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News Briefs

A town hall meeting regarding funding Ohio's public schools and how vouchers impact public school funding will be held Thursday, Sept. 17, at 6 pm at the Ontario library, 2221 Village Mall Dr., Ontario. The event is sponsored by Richland County Democratic Women's Caucus. For more information call or text 419-589-2947.

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City of Ontario meetings are held at the city building, 555 Stumbo Rd., Ontario. September meetings are scheduled for Sept. 9, 1 pm, civil service commission and 4 pm, planning commission; and Sept. 16, 6:15 pm, caucus and 7 pm, council.

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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 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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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 Sept. 16. The Mansfield Dulcimer Players will perform and there will be a collection for the Richland County Humane Society. Those attending are asked to bring paper towels, cleaning supplies, newspapers, wipes, disposable gloves, canned food and Purina Cat/Dog Chow.

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

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Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, will hold its annual rummage sale Sept. 30 through Oct. 3. The sale will be open 4-7 pm on Sept. 30, 9 am to 7 pm on Oct. 1, 9 am to 2 pm on Oct. 2 and 9 am to noon on Oct. 3. The kitchen will be open 4-7 pm on Sept. 30 and from 10 am to sale closing time the remaining days.

All prices are by donation and all proceeds are distributed throughout the community and to other local ministries.

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U.S. 42 between Cedarwood Dr. and Gables Blvd. will close Wednesday, Sept. 9 for a culvert replacement. The detour route will be U.S. 42 north to SR 314 north to SR 97 west to U.S. 42 and reverse. Estimated completion is Friday, Oct. 2, 2026

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The Richland County Board of Elections, 1495 W. Longview Ave., Suite 101, Mansfield, is in need of poll workers. Those 17 and older can call 419-774-5530 for more information. Pay includes training and a minimum of \$145 for working election day.

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Sept. 26 and 27. 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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All Souls Unitarian Universalist of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Jen Gibson on Sunday, Sept. 6, at 10:30 am. The subject will be "Where the Waters Meet Itself."

All Souls' Water Communion will be held for reflection on what each brings to a new beginning. This will be a multigenerational service, with children and adults worshipping together for the full service. Those attending may bring a small amount of water to add to our shared bowl during the water communion.

Nonperishable food will be collected to help stock the Little Free Pantry at the Bellville Branch Library.

For information visit www.allsoulsuuohio.org.

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Local author "Miss Nancy" Foss and her goose puppet, "Waddles" will be reading her recently published book *Toast and Jam at the Library* to the children and signing books at the Galion Public Library community room at 11 am on Saturday, Sept. 12.

This event is free and open to the public.

Miss Nancy has also written a second book, *Caution! Goose Inside!* These books are available for purchasing before this event online at lulu.com/shop to bring in for signing. Refreshments will also be provided. Reservations are not necessary but seating is limited. Call the Galion library for more information at 419-468-3203.

Foss has been a children's librarian at Galion since 2015.

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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, Sept. 8, 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, please 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. Please have vehicle empty and ready for loading. For information call the church at 419-522-0662.

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The Richland County Republican Party's September First Monday Luncheon will be held on Monday, Sept. 14, due to the Labor Day holiday. Guest speakers will be Alex Triantafyllou, Ohio Republican Party chair; and Josh Bradley, Mayor of Ontario.

The meeting will be from 11:45 am to 1 pm in the DLX Kobacker Room. Lunch is available for \$10, or participants are welcome to attend without purchasing lunch. RSVP to 419-528-8223 or rcchgop@gmail.com

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Families, couples and singles are invited to join the Johnny Appleseed Squares to experience two free square dance lessons at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 525 W. Cook Rd., Mansfield, from 7-9 pm on Sept. 24 and Oct. 1. Both events are open to the public. For information call Don Karger at 419-545-6564. Beverages and snacks are available at no charge, while they last.

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2026 Walk To End Alzheimer's NCO/Mansfield

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Mansfield Speedway: 400 Crall Rd E, Mansfield

Event Details : Check in 9:00 am | Ceremony 10 am / Walk at 10:20 am

Library to host author Mindy McGinnis for two free events

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library (MRCPL) will host two free public events in September featuring award-winning, Ohio-born author Mindy McGinnis.

McGinnis is the Edgar Award-winning author of multiple novels spanning historical fiction, fantasy, contemporary and gothic thrillers. Her work is widely known for delivering grit, truth and an unflinching look at humanity.

The author events are scheduled for: Saturday, Sept. 5, at 2 pm at

the Ontario Library, 2221 Village Mall Dr., Ontario; and Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 6 pmat the main library, 43 W. Third St., Mansfield.

During the library programs, McGinnis will discuss her research for her novel *Under This Red Rock*. The murder mystery is set in Ohio's cavern systems and explores themes of mental illness, examining the often-misunderstood behavior patterns of those who struggle with their mental health.

A core focus of both programs is erasing the stigma surrounding mental illness and highlighting the importance of speaking out. McGinnis will share her own personal battles with depression and anxiety, detailing how those lived experiences informed her creative process while writing the novel.

Both events are free and open to the public. Customers may bring their personal copies of McGinnis' books to be signed but books will not be available for sale at these events.

Since Mansfield Richland County Public Library's opening in 1889, the library has been a source for free access to knowledge, information, and resources in Mansfield. Through our interactive website, www.mrcpl.org, it provides access to resources for library card holders 24/7 in addition to nine traditional locations and Book-mobile.

Church Directory

All Souls Unitarian Universalist

25 Church St., Bellville
419-886-3497 • www.allsoulsuuohio.org
10:30 am Service and Sunday School
Adult RE Book Club (quarterly)

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 am Monday Morning Bible Study

Lexington Church of the Cross

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

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

2010 Park Avenue West, Mansfield
(At Hope Lutheran Next to Drug Mart)
419-522-2813 • www.stjohnsmansfield.org
contact@stjohnmansfield.org
Pastor Faith Proietti • 11 am Sunday Worship
Office hours: Mon-Fri 9 am to 1 pm
AA Meetings M & F 10 am & noon;
Wed. noon Brown Bag and Sat. 6 pm

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

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Odis Q. Kiser, August 24
Olive Mae Montgomery, August 24
Leroy "Pete" Stamper, August 27
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Local teachers receive grants from Richland County Foundation

The Richland County Foundation Board of Trustees approved education grants totaling over \$83,000. Funding was provided from the unrestricted grant budget as well as field of interest funds.

Education grants are selected by a committee made up of board members and people from the community for creative and innovative supplemental programs not covered by school funding. The grants are given to K-12 teachers in public or private Richland County schools to encourage them to develop new programs for their classrooms.

The following teachers received funding:

Katelyn Pugh, Buckeye School, Transition Workshop; Rebecca Clapp, Clear Fork, Formative Loop; Charlene Eder, Clear Fork, Let's Build This Thing!; Richard Hoover, Clear Fork, OSR Field Trip; Ashley Cornell, Crestview, 3D Design & Printing; Ariane Hill, Crestview, Boomwhacker Module; Erica Rucker, Crestview, Biology Enhancement; Dwight Souder, Crestview, AI Robotics & Drone; Emily Adams, Discovery School, Classroom without walls; Savannah Gould, Discovery School, Innovation Wall; Emily Volz, Discovery School, Discovery Creates; Tiffany Burrage, Legacy Academy, STEAM LEGOs

Robin Dawson, Lexington, Forensics; Dairia Edmunds, Lexington, Magnetic Shapes; Christine Elder, Lexington, Maps & Maker Space; Kyrstin Kentosh, Lexington, Tech/Stem; Tommie Roseberry, Lexington, Learning with Labs; Lindsay Them, Lexington, STEM & Robotics; Janie Zeger, Lexington, Engage & Explore; Connie Fitzpatrick, Madison, Language & Fine Motor; Craig Green, Madison, The Words and the Song; Janell Kershner, Madison, Science & Phonics; Megan Studer, Madison, Screen Printing; Dorothy Traynor, Madison, Number Fluency; Kimberly Amore, Mansfield Christian, Stories for Every Learner; Alyssa Rivas, Mansfield Christian, Phonics & Literacy

Janna Sanders, Mansfield Christian, Writing; Nicholas Boller, Mansfield, Mission Code; Gena Boyd, Mansfield, Reading; Allison Brockway, Mansfield, Culinary Enterprise; Maria Canzobre, Mansfield, Reading A-Z Spanish; Hallie Cramer, Mansfield, Job Exploration; Soni Crist, Mansfield, Scholastic News; Wendy Doup, Mansfield, Book Publishing; Elisabeth Etzel, Mansfield, Ohio Studies Weekly; Megan Fry, Mansfield, Learning Centers; Alejandra Garcia-Jimenez, Mansfield, Learning A to Z; Kimberly Hall, Mansfield, Encourage Reading; Kimberly Hazlewood, Mansfield, Scholastic News; Carrie Jeffrey, Mansfield, Show me the Money; April Luedy, Mansfield, Reading book sets; Becca Mitchner, Mansfield, Life Skills Refresh; Andrea Murphy, Mansfield, Career Pathways; Emily Nicol, Mansfield, Orchestra Moves; Preslee O'Donnell, Mansfield, Scholastic News; Jennifer Osberg, Mansfield, IXL Learning Program; Heidi Payne, Mansfield, Science & Social Studies; Shannon Pohlbel, Mansfield, Scholastic News; Robin Porter Mansfield, Starfall; Grace Riegel, Mansfield, Kennedy Center; Elizabeth Shirk, Mansfield, Making

STEM Fun; Karen Stallsmith, Mansfield, Draw A Story; Jennifer Uhde, Mansfield, Scholastic News; Melissa Vogt, Mansfield, Multi-Sensory Approach; Jennifer Yoder, Mansfield, Journaling; Kelly Zakrasek, Mansfield, Task It; Rachel Jamieson, Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center (MOESC), Literacy; Julie Pfeifer, MOESC, Art Curriculum; Danielle Basham, Ontario, Culinary Arts & History; Holly Hale, Ontario, Chick Quest; Kellie Ritchey, Ontario, Life Stories; Brianna Maldinger, Plymouth-Shiloh, Move and Connect; Dustin Boyd, Richland School of Academic Arts (RSAA), Spelling Bee & Literature; Melissa Cline, RSAA, Dramatic Play; Holly Eutsay, RSAA, Theater Class; Nivene Hutchins, RSAA, Storylines; Dan Jones RSAA, Entrepreneurship; Amanda Stanfield, RSAA, Garden Club; Heather Stankovich, RSAA, Literacy & Writing; Angel Vega, RSAA, Math & Master; Lexi Vega, RSAA, Sole Beats; Elizabeth Henthorn, Shelby, Classroom Library; Elizabeth Wurm, St. Mary School, Music Program; Jenessa Jorgensen, Temple Christian School, America 250; Madison Kneppshield, Temple Christian School, Science Lab; and Sandy Rissler, Temple Christian School, "Me? An author?"



Partial Lunar Eclipse Aug. 27-28 • Photo By Jeff Hoffer



September is Library Card Sign Up Month

Celebrate with Reed!

Anyone who signs up for a new library card Sep. 1-30 will have the option to get Reed's all-new library card.

Kids & teens, already have a library card? Ask a staff member for your first, limited-edition Reed Storyverse Trading Card.

*while supplies last



you belong at the Library.



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•Visual Bucket List Foundation celebrates ten years of memories

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In 2021, the Visual Bucket List Foundation was named Non-Profit of the Year by the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development, honoring the organization's impact on children and families and the mission that began right here in the Mansfield community.

Ten years later, that original promise to pay kindness forward remains at the heart of everything the Foundation does.

The September gala will be more than an anniversary celebration. It will be an opportunity to reflect on 32 wishes, eight states and countless memories created over the past decade — and to look ahead to the children still waiting for their own visual bucket list experience.

"We could never repay the kindness that was shown to our family when Lizzy was diagnosed," said Christine Myers, Co-Founder and President of the Visual Bucket List Foundation.

"So we decided the best thing we could do was pay it forward. Ten years and 32 wishes later, we are incredibly grateful for every person who has believed in this mission and helped us give these children memories they can carry with them for the rest of their lives."

The Foundation invites the community that helped make its first decade possible to join in celebrating this milestone.

Photo by Damon Callis

Day Trippin' With Damon – The Volkswagen Bug Tower in Defiance, OH, is located at the corner of highways 18 and 281. Over the years, the tower's five cars have had multiple paint changes including a monster theme and a 60's theme with flowers and "The Love Bug," Herbie #53. The tower has been the subject of many Ohio Roadside attraction websites and social media pages.

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Ohio Goes to the Movies™ is a statewide celebration of movies showcasing Ohioans: actors, directors, writers, composers, locations, and topics shown in cities and towns across the state. Mansfield Richland County Public Library was chosen as a host site.

Trivia Night

Thu. Sep. 10, 6:30 PM

Phoenix Brewing Co.

Adults 21+ Only



Celebrate Ohio's role in cinema with movie-themed trivia at the Phoenix Brewing Company! All five categories of questions will center around Ohio movie history and general movie knowledge. Team of 5 or less.



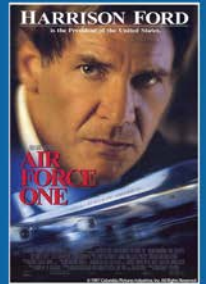
**Mansfield/Richland County
Public Library**

Movie Night

Fri. Sep. 11, 6 PM

Main Library

Adults Only | Rated R



Continue your appreciation of Ohio cinema by joining us for a special after-hours showing of *Air Force One*! Doors open at 5:30 PM. After the film, go behind the scenes with Derek Wilson and discover how the Ohio State Reformatory became one of Hollywood's most iconic filming locations. Explore the movies, television shows, and music videos filmed within its historic walls, along with behind-the-scenes stories and the lasting legacy they've left behind. From *The Shawshank Redemption* to Lil Wayne's "Go DJ," this is a presentation you won't want to miss! Enjoy free snacks and a chance to win one of two \$100 gift bundles.

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OSU-M announces 2026-'27 theatre season and auditions

The Theatre Program at The Ohio State University at Mansfield is announcing its 2026-'27 season, with performances of a famous absurdist comedy, a nation-inspiring tragedy, a full-on romantic farce and an anniversary celebration of a Sci-Fi giant.

"We're very excited about the mix of shows and staged readings in this season lineup, which includes performances that celebrate the life of the brilliant playwright Tom Stoppard, a seldom-performed but vitally-important tragedy, a knockabout farce, and a *Star Trek* 60th anniversary tribute," said Joe Fahey, professor and director of theatre at Ohio State Mansfield.

Fahey continued, "This eclectic lineup will showcase the talent of our student and community artists with auditions and crew positions open to the campus and the public. There really is something for everyone this season."

Auditions for *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* and the staged reading of *Cato* will be held Sept. 1-2 at 6 pm. Auditions for the spring shows are planned for Jan. 19-20 at 6 pm. All auditions and performances will be held in Founders Auditorium (with one exception on April 7).

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead (Oct. 23-26) is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals, in partnership with The Mansfield Shakespeare Company. Tom Stoppard's dark comedy tells the story of Hamlet from the worm's-eye view of two bewildered minor characters, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern. Thrust into the spotlight, this Shakespearean Laurel and Hardy navigate a world where reality and illusion blur, and where fate leads them toward a tragic but inevitable conclusion. Celebrating its 60th anniversary this season, Stoppard's best-known work remains a landmark of modern theatre. Performances are Friday, Oct. 23 and Saturday, Oct. 24 at 7:30 pm; Sunday, Oct. 25 at 2:30 pm; and Monday, Oct. 26 at 7:30 pm.

Cato: The Play that Made a Nation consists of staged readings and conversation (Nov. 8 and 11). In the spring of 1778 the continental army endures the harsh winter at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Smallpox, disunity, and privation threaten the survival of the army and the new nation. In this time of crisis, General Washington defies Congress and orders the performance of a play for his soldiers.

This play, Joseph Addison's and Richard Steele's *Cato*, follows the last days of Cato the Younger as he resists Julius Caesar's rise to power. The popular work offered a model for civic virtue that inspired America's Founding Fathers. This abridged version of the original script emphasizes *Cato's* themes of liberty, duty, honor, and the conflict between personal conviction and political expediency. There will be a free Veterans Day celebration Sunday, Nov. 8 at 2:30 pm and Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 6:30 pm.

The Play's the Thing (March 5-8), by Ferenc Molnár and adapted by P. G. Wodehouse, features young lovers, a puffed-up theatre star, a zany group of servants,

partners, and hotel guests, and a far-fetched scheme to set everything to rights. This combination made this witty and fast-moving farce an over-the-top hit with New York audiences in 1926. When a young man listens to a romantic encounter between his fiancée and her leading man, his uncle — a business-savvy playwright — has to convince him that what he overheard was just a rehearsal for a play. The uncle then frantically writes and rehearses the new play to seal the deal. The title is a nod to Hamlet, and like Shakespeare's masterpiece, this comedy delights in stepping over the line between reality and performance. Performances are Friday, March 5 and Saturday, March 6 at 7:30 pm; Sunday, March 7 at 2:30 pm; and Monday, March 8 at 7:30 pm.

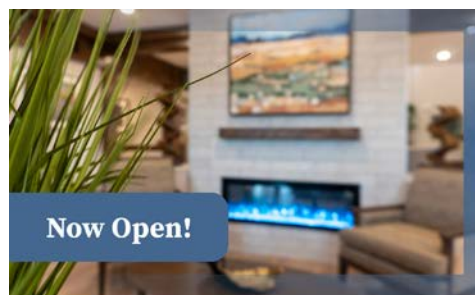
Live Long and Prosper consists of staged readings featuring excerpts from unproduced scripts of the original *Star Trek* series.

To celebrate the 60th anniversary of *Star Trek's* first season, faculty, staff, students and community artists will present selected excerpts from unproduced original series scripts. Drawn from the collection *Star Trek:*

The Original Series Scripts and Writer's Guides housed in The Ohio State University Rare Books & Manuscripts Library and supplemented by related material and images from the Lawrence and Lee Theatre Research Institute, these readings offer a unique look at the iconic series.

A brief discussion will follow the reading. This free event will take place on Monday, April 5 at 6:30 pm in Founders Auditorium and Wednesday, April 7 at 4 pm on the Columbus Campus in Thompson Memorial Library, room 150.

Current students, faculty/staff and alumni can secure tickets at go.osu.edu/mansfield_tickets. Those who have never ordered tickets for an event can call 614-247-4105 to purchase. Phone assistance is available Monday-Thursday, 9 am to 5 pm and Friday, 9 am to 4 pm. Tickets may also be purchased at the on-site box office beginning 45 minutes before each performance. All performances have ample seating and will not sell out. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before showtime to purchase a ticket and help ensure the performance starts on time.



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Falls Prevention Walk is Sept. 10

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is inviting the community to walk, connect and learn during a Falls Prevention Walk on Thursday, Sept. 10, hosted in partnership with Richland County Mobility Management.

Everyone is welcome! Stop by the Hawkins Corner Conference Center, 2131 Park Avenue West in Ontario, anytime between 9 and 11 am to take a walk with Area Agency on Aging staff, enjoy helpful fall-prevention resources, and learn simple ways to stay safe, active and independent.

And don't forget to stop by the free flavored water stand! Choose your favorite refreshing flavor, stay hydrated, and take home your reusable water bottle.

No registration is required — just drop in and take a few steps with us!

Falls are more common than many people realize. One in three Ohioans age 60 and older will experience a fall this year. A fall can lead to serious injury and may have a lasting impact on a person's independence and quality of life. But falls are not a normal part of aging, and many can be prevented. Regular physical activity, including something as simple as walking, is one-way older adults can help improve strength, balance, and overall health.

The event celebrates National Falls Prevention Awareness Month and is part of the statewide effort, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Aging, to take "10 Million Steps to Prevent Falls." Attendees can also get information and resources focused on balance, home and personal safety, mobility and practical fall-prevention strategies.



ONTARIO'S HIGH SCHOOL'S Key Club began a new school year and are ready to make a difference. The club hosts events and fundraisers throughout the year.



Lake Oesa, Yoho National Park, British Columbia, Canada
Photo By Mark Shutt

Brethren Care Village raises \$259,684 for Parkinson's Support Center

Brethren Care Village has announced that its "Play for Parkinson's... Until We Find a Cure" campaign has raised \$259,684, more than 94% of its \$275,000 goal, to establish a new Parkinson's Support Center within the Wellness & Community Center.

The announcement was celebrated during Brethren Care Village's annual golf outing, which welcomed more than 150 golfers, donors, sponsors, volunteers and community supporters-making it the organization's best-attended outing in the past 12 years.

For more than two decades, Brethren Care Village has provided a dedicated space for the local Parkinson's Support Group. The new center will build upon that commitment by expanding specialized therapy services, educational opportunities, support groups, programming and resources for individuals living with Parkinson's disease and their families throughout the greater community.

Brethren Care Village extends its sincere gratitude to Volunteer Campaign Chair Ralph Tomassi, along with John Shultz, Dwight McElfresh, Ev DeVaul and Mike Law, for their leadership and dedication. Special recognition is also extended to Kristine Miller and Amber Howell for their efforts in grant writing, fundraising, research, and event coordination.

Major campaign supporters include Jim and Barb Chandler, through an endowment established at the Ashland County Community Foundation; Vicky Lippert and Sutton Bank, each supporting the campaign at the \$25,000 leadership level; and the Law Family, whose \$50,000 lead gift secured naming rights for the center.

A ceremonial check for \$259,684 was presented to Brethren Care Village Board members, representing the generosity of donors and the community's commitment to the project.

Brethren Care Village continues to seek support to reach the final \$275,000 campaign goal and move forward with Phase One of the Parkinson's Support Center.

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Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Lucas and Plymouth both fall to opponents

By Kris Leiter

Lucas falls to Hillsdale 28-7

In week one, the Lucas Cubs football team endured over an hour-rain delay in Steubenville and overcame adversity of wet weather to bring home their first victory.

This past Friday, the Hillsdale Falcons (2-0) rained on the Cubs' home opener at Bob Wine Field.

Hillsdale is a two-time, back-to-back Division VII state finalist. In 2024 (13-2) they went up against perennial powerhouse Marion Local which had 15 state-titles and in 2025 they fell to St. Henry.

During the first quarter against Hillsdale, the Cubs brought the defense. Neither team would allow the other to notch the scoreboard.

As the second quarter would start, so would the Falcons' offense. They would tally 14 points and go into the locker room at halftime 14-0.

During the third quarter, the Falcons added seven points and spread the score 21-0.

The fourth quarter was the bright spot for Lucas. With 11:19 left on the clock, quarterback Carter Cox scored a 46-yard touchdown. Brady Guegold notched the PAT kick to give the Cubs their first seven points of the game. The Cubs still had plenty of time to redeem themselves with only a 14-point deficit.

With :54 seconds remaining, Mason Sloan, totaling 26 totes on 83-yards rushing, would capitalize on a 5-yard trip to paydirt. Hillsdale's offense would rack up 273 rushing yards on the night.

Hillsdale would close the chapter on the books as the victor 28-7.

Lucas is now 1-1 and will be home again next week as they begin in the N10 Conference. The Lucas School Board accepted an invitation to join the N10 (Northern 10) in March of 2025.

Their first encounter will be the Carey Blue Devils (0-2). Carey staked their claim in 2021 as the Division VI State Champions.

Lucas will tangle with a few current notable teams as the new kid on the block. Hopewell-Loudon went 12-1, 11-1 and 13-2 in 2023, 2024 and 2025, respectively, and was a frequent participant in post-season play.

Lucas had been a member of the Mid-Buckeye Conference from 2013-'25. For years, the Cubs were independent in football, which means they had to schedule all of their football games. That was a challenge in recent years, as they had numerous lengthy trips out of the county and even a few times out-of-state to Pennsylvania and Michigan.

Most schools have a conference commissioner who assigns conference games. This takes the pressure off the athletic directors to do that task.

The N10 was formed in 2012, with nine teams but didn't commence play until the 2014-'15 school year. The original founding teams were Buckeye Central, Bucyrus, Carey, Colonel Crawford, Crestline, Mohawk, Ridgedale, Riverdale and Wynford.

Riverdale was originally included in the nine schools, but decided to move to the Blanchard Valley Conference, and never competed in the league. Upper Sandusky then filled the vacancy from Riverdale that year.

As the deck continued to be shuffled, Crestline left the league after the 2014-'15 season. Ridgedale would then drop out, becoming independent in football. This now gave the N10 eight football-playing schools.

The Rockets left the N10 altogether following the 2020-'21 season. In early 2025, more schools were invited to join the league. Hopewell-Loudon, Lucas, Tiffin Calvert and Willard will start play beginning the 2025-26 school year.

The N10 is divided into two divisions: East and West. The West division consists of Tiffin Calvert, Carey, Hopewell-Loudon, Mohawk and Upper Sandusky.

The East division is made up by the Buckeye Central, Bucyrus, Colonel Crawford, Lucas, Seneca East, Willard and Wynford.

Plymouth falls to Litchfield 38-22

Plymouth fell to the Litchfield Terriers of Michigan 38-22 in week two of play. The Plymouth Big Red evened their record to 1-1.

As with Lucas, the Plymouth Big Red also have some major changes. Plymouth only has eight players on the field versus the usual 11.

The Big Red had some challenges this year, wondering if they would even have a football program. Their football team didn't have enough players to form a traditional 11-player system. In order to play, Plymouth entered the Northern 8 Football Conference, an 8-man league.

The Northern 8 Football Conference, which has 10 schools, was officially launched in the 2020-'21 school year with support from the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association (OHSFCA).

It is not officially sanctioned as a state tournament sport by the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) and the league operates its own schedule and championship events.

The conference has expanded to 10 schools. Teams are from northern Ohio and neighboring Pennsylvania for the 2026 season. Teams are Chalker (Southington, OH), Danbury Lakeside (Lakeside, OH), Holgate (Holgate, OH), Kennedy (Hermitage, PA), Plymouth (Plymouth, OH, new in 2026), Sebring McKinley (Sebring, OH), St. Joseph Central Catholic (Fremont, OH), St. Mary Central Catholic (Sandusky, OH), Stryker (Stryker, OH) and Windham (Windham, OH).

Plymouth, formerly a member of the Firelands Conference, takes the place of Cardinal Stritch, which recently dropped football.

The Big Red has had challenges with shutouts, low scoring and records in recent years. Entering the N8 may be of benefit, considering the member schools are smaller as well.

The Northern 8 will play a nine-game conference schedule. There are currently only nine teams in Ohio that carry 8-man football.

Galion's log house plaque dedication set for September 13

Galion's Log House (cabin) was relocated and restored at Heise Park in 1985. A new bronze plaque explaining its unique history will be dedicated, followed by a glimpse into one of Galion's earliest domiciles on Sunday, Sept. 13 beginning at 1 pm.

Visitors can discover this and Ohio's other amazing heritage through dates in September as historic buildings and fascinating places across the state open their doors for special tours and events as part of the Ohio History Connection's biennial event.

Admission to this and all Ohio Open Doors events are free. Two other Open Doors events will also be happening on the same date in Galion; The Big Four Depot Pavilion and the Gill House will also be open. A list of the statewide events and activities is available at ohiohistory.org/opendoors.

"Ohio Open Doors shares stories of important landmarks and interesting sites right in our backyards, highlighting the history and unique nature of some of Ohio's most treasured places," said Diana Welling, Director of the Ohio History Connection's State Historic Preservation Office and State Historic Preservation Officer.

The Ohio History Connection created Ohio Open Doors in 2016 to promote and inspire pride in Ohio's heritage and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson on Oct. 15, 1966, the Act has proven instrumental in transforming communities from coast to coast, establishing the legal framework and incentives to preserve historic buildings, landscapes and archaeological sites. It drives economic revitalization by attracting investment, supporting small business, stabilizing neighborhoods and creating jobs.

Ohio Open Doors partner organizations include America 250-Ohio, Heritage Ohio, Ohio Local History Alliance, Ohio Museums Association, Ohio Travel Association, and TourismOhio.

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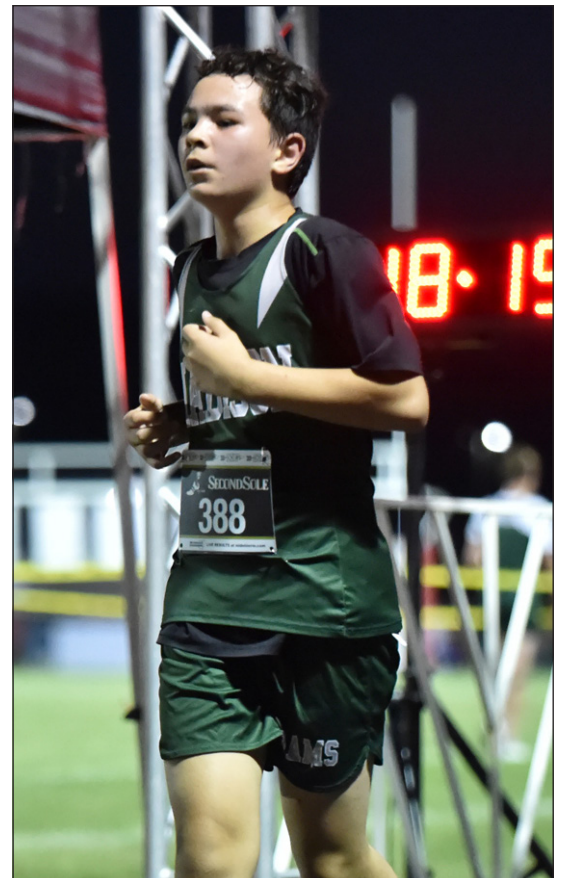
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ONTARIO STUDENTS in Mrs. Rhodes' personal finance class practiced budgeting basics using the bean game to understand the impact a restricted budget can have on their spending habits. They used 20 beans to represent their income, which they allocated to different expenses. Some "life happens" challenges were included that allowed students to make more decisions on where to move their beans. The lesson was wrapped-up with a reflection on their personal budgeting choices and their values.

Students on BGSU Dean's List

Bowling Green State University undergraduate students who achieved grade point averages of 3.5 or higher during the summer 2026 semester have been named to their respective college's dean's list. To be selected for the list, students must carry no fewer than 12 letter-graded credit hours per semester.

Local students on the list are Katherine Bolin, Allen W. and Carol M. Schmidthorst College of Business, Mansfield; Emma Kline, Health and Human Services, Mansfield; and Kara Bell, Allen W. and Carol M. Schmidthorst College of Business, Ashland.



America's Roller Coast — Cedar Point
Photo By Jenna Wolford

University Hospitals nationally recognized for commitment to excellence in stroke care

University Hospitals has received numerous American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines® Stroke quality achievement awards for its commitment to ensuring people experiencing stroke receive timely, appropriate treatment based on nationally recognized, research-based guidelines, ultimately helping to save lives and reduce disability.

Stroke is the No. 4 cause of death and a leading cause of disability in the U.S, according to the American Heart Association's 2026 Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics Report. A stroke occurs when a blood vessel supplying the brain is blocked by a clot or ruptures, preventing blood and oxygen from reaching brain tissue. When this happens, brain cells begin to die. Early detection and rapid treatment are critical to improving survival, minimizing disability and supporting faster recovery.

Get With The Guidelines brings the high-quality standards of the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association into hospitals nationwide, helping ensure patient care is aligned with the latest research- and evidence-based guidelines. Get With The Guidelines - Stroke is an in-hospital program designed to improve stroke care through consistent adherence to these guidelines, which can minimize long-term effects of stroke and help prevent death.

"University Hospitals is committed to providing state-of-the-art, advanced care while adhering to the highest quality metrics," said Amrou Sarraj, MD, FAHA, FSVIN, Director, Comprehensive Stroke Center and Stroke Systems at the UH Neurological Institute, George M. Humphrey II, Chair in Neurology, and Professor of Neurology at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. "Our stroke systems have long been recognized as top performing nation-wide, as evidenced by the standing tradition of achieving awards from the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association since the Get With The Guidelines recognition program began."

Participants qualify for the award each year by demonstrat-

ing commitment to quality care for stroke patients. In addition to following treatment guidelines, Get With The Guidelines participants also educate patients to help them manage their health and recovery at home.

The following hospitals received levels of achievement this year across the UH health system:

Get With The Guidelines - Stroke Gold Plus and Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite Plus

Gold recognizes performance of 24 consecutive months or more. Gold Plus awards are advanced levels of recognition acknowledging hospitals for consistent compliance with quality measures. Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite Plus recognizes 75% of applicable patients experiencing door-to-needle times of 45 minutes or less, and 50% of applicable patients experiencing door-to-needle times of 30 minutes or less. (Door-to-needle times refer to the time between hospital arrival and intravenous thrombolytic therapy (IVT) administration.) UH Ahuja Medical Center, UH Cleveland Medical Center, UH Lake West Medical Center, UH TriPoint Medical Center and Southwest General Health Center (a joint-venture hospital)

Get With The Guidelines - Stroke Gold Plus and Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite

Gold recognizes performance of 24 consecutive months or more. Gold Plus awards are advanced levels of recognition acknowledging hospitals for consistent compliance with quality measures. Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite recognizes 85% of applicable patients experiencing door to needle times of 60 minutes or less. UH Elyria Medical Center, UH Geneva Medical Center, UH Parma Medical Center, UH Portage Medical Center, UH Samaritan Medical Center and UH St. John Medical Center.

Get With The Guidelines - Stroke Gold Plus and Target: Stroke Honor Roll

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LEGAL NOTICE

The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their regular meeting held on August 19, 2026.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-11 – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM THE PURDUE PHARMA L.P. BANKRUPTCY SETTLEMENT.

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PROBATE COURT OF RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO

Estate of Gary Duane Noe, deceased
CASE NO. 20251578

NOTICE AND CITATION OF HEARING ON APPOINTMENT OF FIDUCIARY [R.C. 2113.06 and 2113.07]

TO Ashley Noel, address unknown, has filed an application in this Court, asking to be appointed to administer decedent's estate.
The hearing on the application will be held October 2, 2026, at 1:00 o'clock PM in this court located at 50 Park Avenue East, 2nd Floor, Mansfield, Ohio 44902.

You are one of the persons entitled to administer decedent's estate. and if you wish to be considered for appointment to do so you must apply to this Court. If you do not apply, it will be considered that you renounce your right to administer the estate. The Court may appoint any suitable and competent person to administer the estate. giving due weight to relative priority of right to do so. Even if you decline appointment yourself, if you know of any reason why the above applicant is not suitable or should appear and inform the court.

Probate Judge/Deputy Clerk
Richland County Ohio
(T-C 8-27, 9-3, 10 '26) 33L

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids for the 2026 Resurfacing Program – Part 2, City of Ontario, Ohio will be received by Michael Morton, Service-Safety Director, at 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio 44906 until 10:30am, local time Thursday September 10, 2026, and then, at said office, publicly opened and read aloud.

Contractors will be required to purchase and download an electronic set of plans and bid documents via the KEM Web Site by visiting <https://kemccartney.com/project-bids/>. If you would prefer a hard copy be mailed, we will do so upon receipt of payment in the amount of \$50.00 per set, along with your UPS or FedEx account num-

ber so that shipping charges can be applied to your account. Checks shall be made payable to K.E. McCartney & Associates and all documents become the property of the prospective bidder, with no portion of the payment being refunded. Should you have any questions during the bidding process please contact jburgholder@kemccartney.com.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities. Contract will be awarded based on the lowest and best bid. The City of Ontario may reject any or all bids on any basis and without disclosure of reason. The failure to make such disclosure shall not result in accrual of any right, claim or cause of action by any unsuccessful bidder against the City of Ontario.

Each bid must be accompanied by either an Ohio Revised Code Section 153.571 Bid and Performance Payment Bond in an amount equal to 100% of the bid; or, a cashier's check, bid bond, letter of credit to be duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon, a surety company approved by the Owner in the amount of 10% of the bid.

Each bid must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. The Owner intends and requires that this project be completed by October 30, 2026.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Richland County and City of Ontario, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Wage and Hour Division, 614-644-2239.

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Get With The Guidelines – Rural Stroke Gold

This award recognizes hospitals for their efforts toward acute stroke care excellence demonstrated by composite score compliance to guideline-directed care for intravenous thrombolytic therapy, timely hospital inter-facility transfer, dysphagia screening, symptom timeline and deficit assessment documentation, emergency medical services communication, brain imaging and stroke expert consultation. UH Conneaut Medical Center, UH Geneva Medical Center and UH Samaritan Medical Center.

Target: Stroke Advanced Therapy Honor Roll

UH Cleveland Medical Center also met specific scientific guidelines as a Comprehensive Stroke Center achieving Target Stroke Advanced Therapy Honor Roll for the sixth year for rapid diagnosis and treatment of severe stroke patients requiring thrombectomy procedure. For this award, hospitals successfully treated at least 50% of qualified stroke patients within 90 minutes of arriving directly to their facility and within 60 minutes of arriving as a transfer.

UH Ahuja, Cleveland, Elyria, Geauga, Geneva, Lake West, Parma, Portage, Samaritan, St.

John, and TriPoint medical centers, as well as Southwest General Health Center received Target: Type 2 Diabetes™ Honor Roll awards. These awards recognize hospitals for providing the most up-to-date, evidence-based care for patients with type 2 diabetes who are hospitalized with heart failure, heart attack or stroke.

"Get With The Guidelines helps our teams put proven science into practice every day," Dr. Sarraj added. "Research shows this approach can support better recovery, with the ultimate goal of helping people in Northeast Ohio live longer, healthier lives."

"We are proud to recognize University Hospitals for its commitment to caring for people experiencing stroke," said Steven Messe, MD, volunteer chair of the American Heart Association Stroke System of Care Advisory Group. "Participation in Get With The Guidelines is associated with improved patient outcomes, including greater likelihood of being discharged home, fewer readmissions and lower mortality rates — a meaningful benefit for health care systems, families and communities."

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