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Field of Honor marks 25 years since September 11

Photos and Article By Traci Little

ONTARIO — Hundreds of American flags moved in the September breeze last Friday, each carrying a name, a story or a sacrifice. Many in the crowd choked back tears as memories of Sept. 11, 2001, returned — the burning towers, debris falling from the sky and the images of a day that forever changed the nation.

Twenty-five years after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the Kiwanis Club of Mansfield's Field of Honor brought the community together to remember those who were lost, recognize those who answered the call to serve and honor the men and women who continue that service today.

The ceremony was held at the Area Agency on Aging, 2131 Park Ave. W., where the Field of Honor created a patriotic backdrop of American flags dedicated in memory or honor of veterans, active-duty military members, first responders and others.

This year's ceremony carried added significance as the nation marked the 25th anniversary of the attacks that killed thousands and forever changed the lives of countless others.

Kiwanian Bob Miller welcomed those gathered and read the dedications attached to the flags, putting names and individual stories to the rows of red, white and blue surrounding the ceremony.

Rev. El Akuchie offered the invocation, remembering not only those who died on Sept. 11, but the first responders who ran toward danger while others were running away. His prayer also recognized the dangers, trauma and burnout first responders continue to face in their service today.

The Richland County Honor Guard presented the colors, followed by the national anthem performed by Miss Ontario Teen Volunteer Morgyn Beasley.

Mansfield Mayor Jodie Perry then reflected on how vividly she still remembers that September morning.

"I'm not sure how many of you would remember what the weather was like on August 11, 2001, or July 11, 2001," Perry said. "But I think for those of us who lived through it, we'll never forget what the weather was like on September 11, 2001."

She remembered the bright blue sky and beautiful morning — an ordinary day that quickly became anything but ordinary.

Perry described Sept. 11 as one of the defining moments in life when there is a clear "before" and "after." Before attending the ceremony, she pulled out the journal she kept in 2001 to compare what she remembered with what she had written that day.

At the time, Perry was working at Ashland University and had stepped away for a quiet morning without the television on. Her father called around 10:15 am and asked what she thought about what was happening.

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Volunteers attend 30th Annual Earth Stewardship Celebration

Photos and Article By Traci Little

MANSFIELD — For 30 years, volunteers across Richland County have picked up litter, planted flowers, cleared trails and rolled up their sleeves to make their communities a little better than they found them.

Last Thursday evening, many of those efforts came full circle as community organizations and volunteers gathered at DLX in downtown Mansfield to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Earth Stewardship Celebration.

The event celebrated the community partners who spent the spring and summer picking up litter, planting flowers, removing invasive species, painting fire hydrants and improving public spaces throughout the county. The evening offered an opportunity to look back at the program's history while recognizing the people continuing that work today.

Over the first 29 years, the Earth Stewardship Celebration recorded more than 808 projects involving 66,783 volunteers. Those volunteers contributed an estimated \$2.2 million worth of time, with total community contributions exceeding \$2.6 million when donated materials and sponsorships were included.

"This year marked the 30th anniversary of the Earth Stewardship Celebration, a program that began three decades ago through the

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THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

Pressure is a singular story taking place right before D-Day. General Eisenhower (Brendan Fraser) is anticipating the weather for this eventful day and hires a top notch meteorologist named James Stagg (Andrew Scott) who will make the weather favorable for the invasion.

The movie is very interesting from a historical standpoint and is one of those difficult to review films because it feels like a short play (which it is based on) and not very rewatchable.

The events of the movie are very interesting though and its great to see the back and forth between Stagg and a rival meteorologist who is extremely confident in his predictions and Stagg

does not trust him.

Fraser does fine work as Eisenhower, he commands the screen though never disappears into the role.

As D-day gets closer and closer, the tension amps up and the scenes showing the rival forecasts are good because of the historical events.

Pressure is a good film if you are a fan of history and the events surrounding World War II. I cannot quite recommend this based on the fact that some more engaging scenes and rewatchability would have helped. A solid, well made and well acted film though.



30th annual concert scheduled

The Mansfield Chamber Music Players will present the Thirtieth Annual Donald Bernhardt Memorial Chamber Music Concert on Sunday, Oct. 11 at 4 pm in Riedl Hall at The Ohio State University, Mansfield Campus. Music will be performed by a violin, oboe, piano trio, a string quintet, a woodwind sextet and a wind-string nonet.

These concerts were organized by Carol Bernhardt in memory of her late husband, Donald Bernhardt who was concertmaster of the Mansfield Symphony and the Ashland Orchestra, as well as an avid chamber music player. Since the first concert in 1997, the Mansfield Chamber Music Players have performed over 115 different pieces on these concerts.

Performing this year will be: violin, John McLaughlin Williams, Michael Sieberg and Steve Domka; viola, Jim Froelich; cello, Robert Rashid; bass, David Lenigan; flute, Carol Oberholtzer; oboe, Carol Bernhardt; clarinet, Pamela Ellis; French horn, Keely Krumweide; bassoon, Jane Price; and piano, Susan Gregg.

The concert is free and open to the public and is provided by the Donald Bernhardt Memorial Chamber Music Fund at Chase Bank in cooperation with The Ohio State University – Mansfield Campus.

Domestic Violence Shelter will collect donations through Richland Gives

For more than 45 years, The Domestic Violence Shelter has provided safety, support and hope to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking throughout Richland County.

Every day, individuals and families come to the shelter seeking refuge from violence and a chance to begin again.

Last year alone, it provided emergency shelter and support services to 144 survivors, answered 847 crisis calls, and assisted 172 individuals through the Sexual Assault Program.

Through the Room to Heal Campaign, community members, businesses and organizations can help ensure that every survivor who walks through the doors is met with comfort, dignity and hope. Donations directly supports safe shelter, advocacy services, crisis intervention and the resources survivors need to rebuild their lives.

To donate visit <https://richlandgives.mightycause.com/organization/Dvs> or <https://thedvshelter.app.neoncrm.com/campaigns/17>

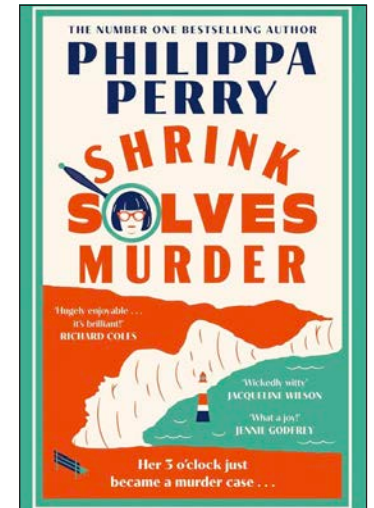
For information contact Donna Hight at the shelter at 419-774-5843 ext. 110 or dhight@thedvshelter.com

The Domestic Violence Awareness Month Kick-Off will be held Oct. 1, at Richland Carousel Park from 11:30 am to 1 pm. There will be an award ceremony and free hot dogs, popcorn and water courtesy of the carousel team.

LOST IN A BOOK



A Book Review
By Amanda Belczak



Shrink Solves Murder by Philippa Perry is a funny, quirky murder mystery with endearing characters.

I loved the coastal setting of Sussex and the oddities all the way through.

At times the story was a little slow or disjointed, but I thought the humor brought just the right amount of levity while Patricia and Prichard were out to solve the crime.

My rating: ★★☆☆

Follow my blog at amanda-belczak.com

Richland SWCD will recognize volunteer of the year on Oct. 1

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) will celebrate the past year and recognize the Cooperator of the Year and the Volunteer of the Year at the Annual Celebration Tuesday, Oct. 1.

The celebration will begin at 11:30 am at the Ohio Area Agency on Aging District 5, Hawkins Center, 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario.

Eligible voters may cast their vote for two board supervisor positions from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. The candidates are Brian Alt and Vincent (Skip) Malaska.

Absentee and in-person voting will be available from Sept. 2 at 8 am until Sept. 30 at 4 pm at the Richland SWCD office.

Election information is available at <https://richlandswcd.net/get-involved/board-supervisors>.

The Annual Celebration is open to the public and includes lunch and refreshments. The cost is \$25 per person. Reservations are requested by Sept. 22 at <https://richlandswcd.net/event/annual-celebration-5/>

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News Briefs

Mechanics Bank will host its final Live@Lunch performance for 2026 in the downtown Mansfield courtyard, 2 S. Main St., from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Food trucks will also be available.

Tom's Kitchen Table will perform Sept. 18 and Cub Country will serve food.

Free registration is open for Richland Gives, an online giving event hosted by the Richland County Foundation (RCF). 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

First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Avenue West will be offering senior boxes of non perishable food provided by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank from 10 am to 12 pm or until supplies run out.

This comes with a 30 lb. box of non-perishable food and a two lb. box of cheese. These items are free to those who qualify by age (60+) and low income guidelines.

Recipients must have at least one person age 60 or older in the household. The minimum income begins at \$1,995 per month for a one-person household.

These items are available on the fourth Tuesday of each month, year round. The distribution is held in the South Mulberry Street parking lot. The next distribution is Tuesday, Sept. 22.

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.

The City of Ontario will host a city-wide trick-or-treat night on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 5-6:30 pm

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.

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Sept. 26 and 27. Ac-

ceptable 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.

Mansfield 1st Presbyterian Church, 399 S. Trimble Rd., Mansfield, will host a rummage sale on Friday, Oct. 9, from 9 am to 4 pm; and Saturday, Oct. 10, from 9 am to noon.

The sale will include a selection of clothing for children and adults, shoes, books, toys, housewares, furniture and more. Proceeds are used for local missions.

For information call the church office at 419-756-7066.

All Souls Unitarian Universalist of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Christopher Reynolds on Sunday, Sept. 20, at 10:30 am. The subject will be "The Re-Visioning and Re-Enchantment of Psychology." For information visit www.allsoulsuuohio.org.

The Mansfield Richland County Public Library will host a "Word—Beyond the Basics" program on Wednesday, Sept. 23, from 9:30-11 am in the Learning Lab Classroom at the main library branch.

Adults and teens attending will learn how to configure the Quick Access Toolbar and use proofing, autocorrect, the ruler, tabs and tables in the Word program.

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.

The Washington Township Fire Department will host a pancake breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 7-11 am at the new station, 222 Vanderbilt Rd. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, milk and orange juice. Admission is by donation. Proceeds raised will continue assisting the community and the department. All are welcome. For information call 419-756-8330.

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. 21, with ham being served. Ken Huber, saxophonist, will perform.

The group will also meet Oct. 7, at 11 am at Outback Steakhouse in Ontario.

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

The Mansfield Richland County Public Library will host a "Design a Football Jersey Contest" at all branches Sept. 17-26. Teens can drop-in at any time to design a jersey for the contest. One winner will be chosen at each library location.

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Voter registration deadline for general election is October 5

The deadline to register to vote or change an address or name for the Nov. 3 general election is Monday, Oct. 5. The Richland County Board of Elections office will be open that evening until 9 pm. The office is located at 1495 W. Longview Ave., Suite 101 in the Longview Center. After 4 pm, those registering must use the entrance at the lower-level back parking area at the southwest corner of the building.

Those registering to vote must be either a native U.S. citizen or a

naturalized citizen of the U.S., be a resident of the State of Ohio 30 days before an election and be a minimum of 18 years of age on or before the date of the General Election on Nov. 3, 2026.

Registered voters who have moved or changed their name must notify the board office in writing or in person. Voters currently registered in Ohio may change their address online at VoteOhio.gov, but must do so by the Oct. 5 deadline.

In addition to the board of elections office, citizens may register or complete a change of address/name at any Richland County library branch, all city and village hall offices, The Bureau of Motor Vehicles Office, The Department of Human Services, The Richland County Courthouse (Treasurer's Office) all area high school offices.

Registration forms may also be obtained at vote.richlandcountyooh.gov or be requested by mail. Contact the board office at 419-774-5530 to have a form mailed. Completed voter registration forms must be postmarked 30 days before election day.

Church Directory

All Souls Unitarian Universalist

25 Church St., Bellville
419-886-3497 • www.allsoulsuohio.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
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419-522-2813 • www.stjohnsmansfield.org
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Ontario Board of Education completes staff hirings

The Ontario Local Schools Board of Education met Sept. 8.

The board approved Tracy Baxter as the head girls basketball coach, \$10,358

Cameron Bias was employed as a bus driver, \$23,419, for the current school year.

Employment of extracurricular/supplemental staff for the 2026-'27 school year included Kelly Conn, LPDC committee member, \$725; Annalee Stover, LPDC committee member, \$999; Mindy Leach, LPDC co-head chair, \$1,331; Molly Calhoun, LPDC co-head chair, \$1,331; Tonya Winningham, resident educator coordinator, \$1,500; Tonya Winningham, resident educator facilitator, \$300; Michelle Laymon, mentor to Harkness, Taylor, \$1,050; Melissa Fittante, mentor to Reven, Guillerault, \$1,050; Tyler Coley, mentor to Keinath, \$750; Annalee Stover, mentor to Sandru, \$750; Kelli Eddleblute, mentor to Stoner, \$750; Morgan Schneider, mentor to Sansalone, \$750; Aubrey Cardwell, mentor to Rockwell, \$750; Melissa Fittante, OMS Fall Facility Coordinator, 50 percent stipend, \$1,578.50; Jake Gleason, OHS Winter Facility Coordinator, \$5,256; Jerry Moton, OHS Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach, \$10,358; Benji Hall, OHS Boys Basketball Assistant Coach, \$5,697; Eric Barrison, John Heydinger and Jalen Douglas, OHS Boys Basketball Assistant Coach, three sharing two stipends, \$3,651 each; Jeremy Bise, OHS Girls Basketball Assistant Coach, \$4,348; and Ryan Tinsley, OHS Girls Basketball Assistant Coach, \$5,697.

The board approved the HB33 plan for online make-up hours in the event of calamity days beginning with day six.

Substitute classified staff personnel and new substitute teachers were approved for the 2026-'27 school year.

The eighth grade Washington D.C. field trip, Oct. 21-24, 2026, was approved. Teachers to receiving a \$250 stipend for chaperoning the trip are Danielle Basham, Doug Basham, Brooke Breiteringer, Zack Canfield, Tyler Coley, Karen Kaufman, Addison Sandru and Annalee Stover.

The treasurer was authorized to request property tax advances from the Richland County Auditor as needed.

Transportation contracts, in lieu of bus transportation, were approved for Brittany Howard, Tucker Johnston and Kelly and Megan Kleman.

The 2026-'27 school year salary notice revisions for certificated staff personnel who have completed additional college credit hours was given approval.

Donations were accepted from Addie's Helping Hand, an iPad for use at the middle school to track diabetic students and snacks to treat low blood sugars; Tracy Graham, two backpacks filled with school supplies; Los Taco H's LLC, \$100 for a Spanish trip (Rosa Minnear); and Melissa and Sam Weiler, \$1,000 for cheerleading.

Facility requests were granted.

Mrs. Hiner gave a Legislative Liaison Report.

The next regular board of education meeting will be held on Oct. 13.



ALTRUSA CLUB OF MANSFIELD installed a new Little Free Library at Prospect Park in memory of Deanne Morell. The library was built by Joe and Kelli Cyrus and installed with help from the Mansfield City Parks and Recreation Department. Pictured are Adam and Altrusa member Candy Brenner. The Altrusa Club supports two other Little Free Libraries in Mansfield, one near the Methodist Church on Park Avenue West and another at the Third Street Clinic.

American Red Cross offering incentives to donors

The American Red Cross urges residents to make a lifesaving impact this fall by scheduling a blood or platelet donation appointment.

Those who come to give Sept. 1-20, will receive a Red Cross and Hello Kitty® plush mascot clip and surprise sticker pack, while supplies last.

Those who come to give Sept. 21-Oct. 18, will receive a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant of their

choice. Additionally, all who give Sept. 21-30, at Red Cross blood donation centers and mention "pickleball" to staff or volunteers onsite can score a custom Red Cross pickleball paddle and ball (limited quantities).

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in.

Reserve a spot to give by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or using the Red Cross Blood Donor App to schedule a blood or platelet donation appointment.

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2026 ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING COURT members are sophomores Cayden North and Natalie Peace; seniors Braedon Watson, Maia Fox, William Wang, Kaylei Chandler, Jamir Jones, Tatum Mottayaw, Carson Smith, Emma Bell, Connor Dawson and Sydney McManes; juniors Ian Morrison and Kendall Thomas; and freshmen Aiden Kirst and Alyssa Racer.



THE ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR COURT members are Braedon Watson, Maia Fox, William Wang, Kaylei Chandler, Jamir Jones, Tatum Mottayaw, Carson Smith, Emma Bella, Connor Dawson and Sydney McManes.

Award will honor Richland County veterans

Nominations are now open for the Richland County Veteran of the Year Award — Honoring Those Who Continued to Serve.

This award recognizes an outstanding veteran whose leadership, volunteerism, integrity and commitment have made a meaningful and lasting impact on Richland County.

Nominations are being accepted for veterans who continue to strengthen the community through community involvement and volunteerism, mentorship and charitable work, civic leadership, support of fellow veterans and through other service to Richland County.

Eligible nominees must be living United States military veterans who received an Honorable Discharge, currently reside in Richland County, and demonstrate continued service within the community.

The recipient will be honored at the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development Annual Meeting.

Nominations are due Nov. 1, 2026. To nominate someone visit <https://portal.richlandarea-chamber.com/form/view/40305>

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She had no idea what he meant.

After turning on the television, Perry watched the events unfold. Having moved from Washington, D.C., only a year earlier, she immediately thought of friends and family in the area. Then she watched as the second World Trade Center tower fell.

For many Americans, she said, the idea of an attack happening on American soil was something for which they had no language.

"Unfortunately, it's one that we're all fluent in now," Perry said.

Twenty-five years later, she reflected that life has returned to normal in many ways — but in others, it never has, particularly for those directly affected by the attacks.

Col. Jack W. Johnson, commander of the 179th Cyberspace Wing at Mansfield Lahm Air National Guard Base, brought another perspective to the anniversary — one shaped by a military career that began shortly before Sept. 11 and now places him at the helm of a mission designed to confront a very different kind of threat.

Johnson entered the Air Force through Officer Training School in September 2000 and later deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and operations in Afghanistan.

"Looking back twenty-five years, there's a lesson in it for me, the threat we faced changed and America adapted," Johnson said. "That lesson is just as relevant today."

He pointed to the transformation of the 179th as an example of that adaptation.

"Our lives—and our military—are now extraordinarily dependent upon technology and our adversaries understand those dependencies," Johnson said. "That's why what is happening right here in Mansfield matters. For generations, this community could look up and see the 179th's flying mission. Today, much of our mission is invisible, but it is no less important."

The 179th, made up of approximately 1,000 personnel, now serves as the Air National Guard's first cyberspace wing. Johnson assumed command in June.

For Johnson, the wing's new mission also carries a personal connection to where he was 25 years ago.

"Our new mission is ultimately about leveraging technology to dominate the airspace anywhere in the world," he said. "Twenty-five years ago, I was working behind the scenes, looking at computer screens and trying to understand what was happening in America's skies. Today, I have the privilege of leading Airmen in Mansfield who work behind the scenes to help America control the skies of the future."

But Johnson's message ultimately returned to remembrance — and to the generations of Americans who have served since that September morning.

"Today, I get to stand here as the commander of the 179th Cyberspace Wing and tell you something I could not have known then: We made it. America endured," Johnson said. "And right here in Mansfield, another generation of American Airmen stands ready for whatever comes next."

On the 25th anniversary, Johnson asked those gathered to remember those who were lost and honor those who served and continue to serve.

"Be proud of our nation and the communities they served and then go live a life worthy of their sacrifice. Treasure today, tomorrow is not promised," he said.

Keynote speaker Doug Theaker continued that message of remembrance with a tribute honoring those who have served, those who have been lost and the men and women who continue to protect their communities and country.

Theaker asked the crowd to consider, "Where were you on that fateful day?" and offered a sweep of history from Lexington and Concord to Iwo Jima, Vietnam, and 9/11.

"God help us so that we never forget what took place on that day," he said. "We are the home of the free because of the brave."

Recalling the courage of firefighters on 9/11, Theaker noted, "As people poured out of the burning buildings, who was going in? The firefighters."

The ceremony concluded with Douglas Keppler playing the bagpipes, providing a solemn close to an afternoon centered on remembrance and service.

Throughout the Field of Honor, the flags served as more than a patriotic display. Each represented an individual story — veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan and other conflicts; current military members; first responders; and those who died on or as a result of the Sept. 11 attacks.

For Perry, remembering the events of 25 years ago also means remembering what happened afterward.

In the days, weeks and months following Sept. 11, she said, Americans needed one another.

That lesson, she said, remains worth remembering today.

"On a day like today when we pause to remember what happened, may we be reminded that we are always stronger when we are working together."





Photos By Traci Little

25 YEARS — The victims of Sept. 11, 2001, were remembered during a ceremony at the Area Agency on Aging in Ontario. The Kiwanis Club of Mansfield's Field of Honor displayed American flags dedicated in memory or honor of veterans, active-duty military members first responders and others.



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partnership and dedication of organizations committed to making our community a better place to live, work and play," said Zoe Baumberger of the Richland Soil and Water Conservation District.

That legacy continued in 2026.

This summer alone, 297 volunteers representing 22 organizations contributed 1,102 hours of service. Together, they painted 13 fire hydrants, collected at least 48 bags of trash, planted 1,700 flowers, disposed of approximately 300 pounds of scrap metal and removed invasive plants from natural areas.

Thousands of unwanted tires were also collected through community cleanup efforts.

Projects stretched across Mansfield, Shelby, Ontario and other areas of Richland County and included everything from neighborhood litter collection to environmental restoration.

At Oxbow Woods near Finnigan's Run Dog Park, BlueScope Recycling partnered with the Richland County Park District for a May 15 cleanup. Employees and park district staff removed debris and invasive plants and cleared old structures from the property. Approximately 360 pounds of recyclable material was recovered during the project.

Downtown Mansfield's annual beautification effort continued to grow as well. What began years ago with roughly 60 planters, has expanded to 145 planters and 52 hanging baskets this year. More than 100 donors and volunteers supported the project, along with approximately 15 garden clubs and other community service groups.

Organizers said the project does more than add color downtown. Volunteers develop a sense of ownership in the flowers they plant and continue watching over them throughout the season.

At Gorman Nature Center, 10 volunteers spent a May workday removing approximately an acre of invasive honeysuckle, autumn olive and multiflora rose while clearing roughly 1,200 feet of trail. Volunteers contributed 34 hours of work during the event, with additional invasive-species projects continuing throughout the season.

In Shelby, Marvin Memorial Library participated in its first community cleanup July 31. Fifteen volunteers concentrated their efforts around Black Fork Commons and Veterans Memorial Park, collecting approximately 15 bags of garbage.

One of the season's largest coordinated efforts took place along Mansfield's Springmill corridor.

A four-day cleanup organized by the North End Community Improvement Collaborative brought together 102 volunteers who contributed 616.5 hours of service. Volunteers filled nine dumpsters with trash along the corridor from Mulberry Street to Home Road while also repainting fire hydrants and involving local students in

the work.

Springmill STEM Elementary students tackled another stretch of the neighborhood. Fourth-grade teacher DaVeta Dennis said her students cleaned Springmill Street from Bowman Street to Parker Street.

Environmental education was also part of this year's celebration.

At The Ohio State University at Mansfield, approximately 30 participants learned to identify and control invasive species before putting those lessons into practice on campus.

Ontario High School's Warrior Leadership students continued a community service tradition that has been underway for roughly eight to 10 years. Approximately 20 to 25 students typically participate in the cleanup, working along the commercial corridor and into Culver's Woods. This year's volunteers collected approximately 30 bags of trash.

Another major effort focused on something much larger than litter bags.

The Richland County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority's Tire Amnesty Day, held Aug. 22 at the Richland County Fairgrounds in partnership with the Richland County Farm Bureau, drew 394 vehicles during the four-hour event.

Organizers filled three 53-foot semi-trailers with an estimated 3,500 to 4,000 passenger tires, along with four 40-yard containers holding large agricultural tires.

Shelby's annual community cleanup added to the countywide effort. The Shelby City Health Department collected approximately nine dumpsters of furniture, trash and other unwanted materials as well as approximately 200 tires. The department also partnered with Shelby City Schools' Eco Whippets to collect electronics.

Ward 5 residents and businesses continued their own neighborhood cleanup initiative in Mansfield. The effort began nearly five years ago after litter and illegal dumping emerged as concerns among residents. Volunteers now select a different area of the ward each month from spring through fall.

Ward 5 Councilman Aurelio Diaz said the effort demonstrates that residents don't have to accept litter and dumping as permanent parts of their neighborhoods.

"It shows all the residents that you're empowered to make your neighborhood look as beautiful as you want it to be," he said. "Even if people continue to dump in it, we can still continue to make it better."

The 2026 celebration also included projects involving Kingwood Center Gardens, Richland Public Health, the Richland County Farm Bureau, Rotary Club of Mansfield and other community partners.

Supporting those efforts was a \$13,000 grant from the Richland

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County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority. Funding was used in part to provide \$100 gift cards to local businesses through drawings for participants in monthly volunteer projects and during the anniversary celebration.

The Earth Stewardship Celebration is coordinated through a steering committee representing organizations including Richland Soil and Water Conservation District, Richland County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority, Richland Public Health, Mansfield City Parks and Recreation, Richland County Park District, Marvin Memorial Library, Downtown Mansfield Inc., NECIC, The Ohio State University and Ohio State University Extension.

Richland County Commissioners Cliff Mears and Daryl Banks were also recognized during Thursday's anniversary gathering.

While the evening celebrated three decades of work, organizers repeatedly pointed toward the future — inviting new volunteers, organizations and community partners to become involved.

Every project, Baumberger said, represents people willing to invest in the place they call home.

"Every bag of litter collected, every flower planted, every tree cared for, and every volunteer hour contributed has helped make Richland County an even stronger and more vibrant community."

Thirty years after the effort began, that simple idea remains at the heart of the Earth Stewardship Celebration: Plant Pride, Not Litter.



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Women's Fund seeks nominations for the volunteerism award

The Women's Fund of the Richland County Foundation is accepting nominations for the JoAnn Dutton Volunteer Community Service Award.

The award celebrates and honors women leaders who devote a significant amount of time and energy in a meaningful way to local charitable organizations.

This award sponsored by the Women's Fund of the Richland County Foundation was named in honor of JoAnn Dutton.

As executive director of the YWCA, JoAnn was known as a strong collaborator who initiated new programs and opportunities within the organizations she served. Her personal and leadership approach was always inclusive, and she sought to enable all members of our community to achieve their full

potential. In addition to serving 10 years at the YWCA, she enjoyed a lifetime of volunteer community service.

The award honors JoAnn and all women in our community who demonstrate that individual volunteer service makes a community a better place to live.

A nomination form is available at <https://www.richlandcountyfoundation.org/community-impact/womens-fund>. The deadline is Oct. 5. The winner will be honored during the Women's Fund annual grant awards lunch Nov. 6 at Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center.

JoAnn Dutton Award recipients are 2025 Vivian Winters, 2024 Suzanne Allen, 2023 Christine Myers, 2022 Margaret Black, 2021 Linda Smith, 2020 Brigitte Coles, 2019 Pam

Siegenthaler, 2018 Mary McDonald, 2017 Valerie Rust, 2016 Karen Bierly, 2015 Jeanne Meisse, 2014 Joanne Humphrey, 2013 Chris McQuillan, 2012 Nancie Cummins, 2011 Jo Black, 2010 D' Wisenbarger, 2009 Geneva Cummins, 2008 Suzanne Davis, 2007 Betty Finlayson, 2006 Reba Gribben, 2005 Lucy Amsbaugh, 2004 Suzanne Schamadan, 2003 Mary Riedl, 2002 Bets Risser and 2001 Pat Bell.

The Women's Fund was established in 1996 as permanent endowment to support programs that benefit women and girls in our community. 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.

Food vendors invited to Savor & Sip

Restaurants, caterers, food trucks, bakeries and other food-related businesses are invited to showcase their specialties and reach potential new customers at the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development's 10th annual Savor & Sip Auction and Food Tasting on Thursday, Oct. 22, from 5-7:30 pm at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center in Mansfield. Savor & Sip typically attracts a sellout crowd of approximately 500 guests.

Participating vendors provide bite-sized samples that highlight their food, beverages or specialties. Vendors may also distribute menus, coupons and other promotional materials. Participating vendors will be featured in the chamber's event marketing leading up to Savor & Sip.

There is no participation fee for chamber-member food vendors. A non-member rate is also available.

"Savor & Sip gives local food businesses an opportunity to put their best offerings directly into the hands of hundreds of potential customers," said Lisa Duckworth of

the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development. "Guests come ready to discover new places, revisit longtime favorites and enjoy the variety of culinary options available throughout our area."

Savor & Sip celebrates the local culinary community with samples of appetizers, entrees, desserts, pastries, beverages and more from area restaurants, caterers, food trucks, bakeries, delis and beverage companies. The evening will also feature live music, a cash bar and a silent auction with a wide selection of items.

Attendance is limited to 500 guests. Tickets are \$30 per person when purchased by Oct. 1 and include samples from more than 20 participating food vendors. Guests can also bid on silent-auction items throughout the evening.

Businesses interested in participating can contact Lisa Duckworth at 419-522-3211 or lduckworth@richlandareachamber.com. Guest registration is available through the event calendar at richlandareachamber.com.

Agency, Gorman-Rupp partner on working caregiver pilot project

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (AAA5) has partnered with Gorman-Rupp on a pilot project designed to better support employees who are balancing work with caregiving responsibilities for an older adult family member or friend.

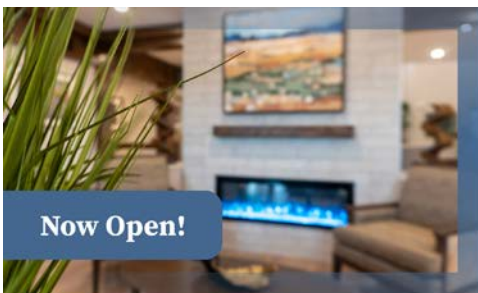
Funded by the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and the University of Southern California Center for Advancing Family Caregiving Financial and Workplace Security (CACFWS), the pilot uses a caregiver support toolkit designed to help employers better understand the prevalence and needs of working caregivers and connect employees with available resources.

As part of the pilot, Gorman-Rupp employees have the opportunity to complete an optional survey to help identify working caregivers, better understand their needs, and increase awareness of the services and supports available through AAA5. Education and resource connections will help caregivers navigate the challenges of balancing employment and caregiving.

"Working caregivers are an essential part of our workforce, yet many may not identify themselves as caregivers or know where to turn for support," said Tammy Rearic, Gorman-Rupp Human Resources Manager. "This partnership provides an opportunity to increase awareness, connect employees with resources, and learn how employers and aging services can work together to support caregivers."

Gorman-Rupp will serve as a lead employer partner in testing the toolkit resources available and providing feedback that can help inform future efforts. AAA5 hopes to use this pilot partnership to expand employer engagement and reach more businesses across the region, impacted by the growing number of employees providing care for older adults.

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., is located in Ontario. Learn more at aaa5ohio.org.



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Mansfield Public Art Commission and MRCPL announce art exhibit: “A Cabinet of Curiosities”

The Mansfield Public Art Commission, in partnership with the Mansfield Richland County Public Library are pleased to announce their upcoming collaborative art exhibit, “A Cabinet of Curiosities.” The exhibition opened to the public on Sept. 14, and will run through Nov. 13.

Inspired by the Renaissance and Enlightenment-era Wunderkammer — or “Cabinets of Curiosities” — the exhibition explores humanity’s enduring fascination with collecting, cataloging, and marveling at the extraordinary. These early collections brought together remarkable objects from across the known world, blurring the boundaries between science, art, history, and myth.

Hosted in the second-floor lobby of the library’s Main Branch at 43 W. 3rd Street in Mansfield, “A Cabinet of Curiosities” is a juried exhibition celebrating the wonder, mystery, and beauty of the natural world through two-dimensional art showcasing local talent.

“This partnership highlights the vibrant intersection of public art and community learning,” said Jennifer Pennell, Public Art Commission Chair. “By utilizing the library’s lobby space, we are bringing unique and accessible art directly to the heart of downtown Mansfield.”

The main library, 43 W. Third St., Mansfield, is open Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 8 pm, Friday and Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, 1–5 pm. For more information visit mrcpl.org



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FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT was represented at the Central Ohio 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb held in honor of the 343 firefighters who lost their lives. The event was held in Upper Arlington, OH, on Sunday, Sept. 13. Participants climbed 110 flights of stairs in honor of the firefighters and medics who lost their lives on 9/11. Each participant carried an individual's badge in memory of them. After completing the climb the individual's name was announced and a bell was rang.

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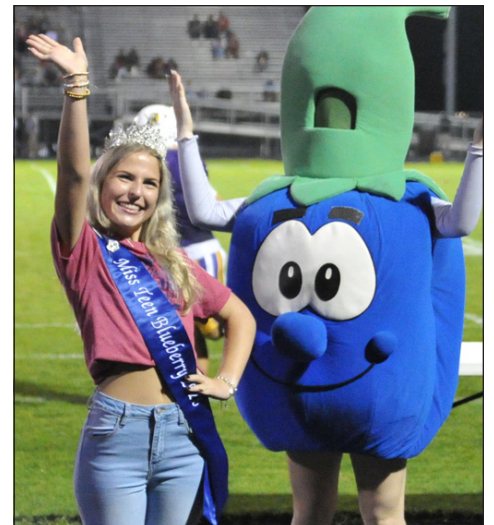
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Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Ontario remains unbeaten with 17-7 win over Clear Fork

Photos and Article By Traci Little

ONTARIO — The Ontario Warriors continued their perfect start to the season last Friday night, Sept. 11, turning back a tough Clear Fork squad, 17-7, at Copeland Field at Niss Stadium.

The victory moved Ontario to 4-0 on the season and kept the Warriors unbeaten in Mid-Ohio Athletic Conference play. Clear Fork, which entered the matchup with a 3-0 record, dropped to 3-1.

Ontario has now opened the season with four consecutive victories, previously defeating Lexington, Norwalk and Columbian before Friday night's conference showdown with the Colts.

Against a Clear Fork team that had yet to suffer a loss, the Warriors came away with a hard-earned 10-point victory and another strong early-season statement.

Ontario will look to keep its unbeaten record intact when the Warriors travel to Galion on Friday, Sept. 18.



Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



Photos By Traci Little



Warrior season looks bright ahead

By Kris Leiter

The Ontario Warriors' record of 4-0 and 1-0 for the Mid-Ohio Athletic Conference shows a good start to another season.

You would think that when a team loses 15 seniors it would put a damper on things the following year, but that doesn't seem to be the case.

The team gained 24 upperclassmen of juniors and seniors this season, which explains the success thus far in the 2026 campaign.

According to the word on the street, "fast" is the key word in the Warriors' playbook this year. They started the season off by dismantling their long-time rival Lexington 35-7 and in weeks two and three, respectively, Ontario mercifully shut-out the Norwalk Trunkers 58-0 and toppled Tiffin Columbian 49-28.

This is coach Aaron Eckard's fifth year with the Warriors.

As the Warriors met with the Clear Fork Colts last week for the first conference matchup, they came with identical records. The Colts had previously put away Granville 28-14, Zanesville 38-12 and Lexington 17-7.

In 2024, the Warriors toppled the Colts 31-14 and later knocked them out of the playoffs 24-2.

Moving into 2025, the Colts had redemption and won a tightly fought game 14-10.

Keep your eyes on both teams moving into week five, as the computer points will be starting and then the fun begins!



Community's generosity pays off wheelchair-accessible van

By Traci Little

ONTARIO — What began as one Ontario couple's need for reliable, wheelchair-accessible transportation has grown into something much bigger — a community effort they now hope will help other families facing the same challenges.

Jeff and Joni Davis recently announced that their 2023 Chrysler Voyager has been paid in full, thanks to an outpouring of support from friends, neighbors, their church family, community members and local organizations.

"We're both still in awe and can't believe the generosity of so many people," Joni said.

Among those contributing to the effort were the Consolidated Electric People Fund, with assistance from Mike Ziegelhofer, and an anonymous local nonprofit whose contribution helped eliminate the remaining balance on the vehicle.

For the Davises, however, paying off the van is not the end of the story.

With their own transportation needs met, the couple hopes to turn the generosity they received into an ongoing effort to help others who need accessible wheelchair transportation. They are exploring the possibility of partnering with an established local nonprofit and adding their van program to its existing services or eventually obtaining their own 501(c)(3) nonprofit status.

Their goal is to help another individual or family obtain a wheelchair-accessible van or assist with the cost of installing a wheelchair lift or ramp in a vehicle they already own.

"We'd love to bless another family or person in need that needs a wheelchair van or wheelchair ramp put in an existing vehicle," Joni said.

They are also working to establish a Venmo account so people can continue contributing to the effort. In the meantime, a savings account has been established at First Federal Bank of Ohio, 1728 W. Fourth St. in Ontario. Donations can be made at the branch by asking to deposit funds into the Jeff & Joni Davis Van Fund.

The couple is also seeking suggestions from the community about established non profit organizations that might be interested in partnering with them as the effort moves forward. Those with questions about donating or information about a potential nonprofit partnership may contact the Davises at 419-545-6646.

Joni said the response has been especially meaningful because so many people and organizations stepped forward simply because they wanted to help.

"I wish we had a way to thank each and every person and organization that contributed and are still contributing," she said.

She also credited local news coverage with helping the family's story reach people who were in a position to make a difference.

"We're so thankful to the Tribune-Courier and other media outlets for helping share our story about the need and getting this vehicle," said Joni.

Now, the Davis family hopes the same community spirit that helped put them behind the wheel of a fully paid wheelchair-accessible van can be passed along to someone else.

"It's great with all the negativity going on and then you hear a story as great as this one because of the kind people that are still willing to do great and generous things," said Joni.



Richland Carrousel Park joins "This Seat is Waiting" Foster Campaign

Amidst the familiar calliope music and spinning wooden figures at Richland Carrousel Park, a single stationary chair has appeared, serving a vital purpose for local youth.

The historic downtown attraction at 75 N. Main Street is the latest community destination to join Richland County Children Services' (RCCS) ongoing "This Seat is Waiting" awareness campaign.

The carousel joins an expanding network of local businesses and churches across Richland County hosting symbolic empty chairs to represent children waiting for safe, nurturing foster placements.

Attached to the carousel's campaign chair is an informational flyer featuring a prominent QR code. By scanning the code with a smartphone, visitors are taken directly to the RCCS fostering resources page, making it simple to research licensing requirements or request information.

"The carousel is a place built on family and community," said Joyce Wells, CEO of Richland Carrousel Park. "When we saw other area businesses and churches stepping up to host these chairs, we knew we wanted to join the effort. If hosting this seat helps even one child find a loving, temporary home during a difficult time, it is an absolute success.

"Local foster homes are critical for keeping children within their own school districts and close to familiar surroundings when they cannot safely remain with their biological families. RCCS provides comprehensive training, financial assistance, and support to all licensed foster families. By placing the campaign chair in one of Mansfield's most popular family landmarks, we hope to inspire residents who have previously considered fostering to finally take the first step," said Brigitte Coles, Community Engagement Specialist.

Residents interested in learning more about foster care or adoption can view the display at Richland Carrousel Park, scan the QR code, or contact Richland County Children Services directly at 419-774-4100 or visit www.richland-countychildrenservices.org and click Foster/Adoption Inquiry to learn more.



Richland Carrousel Park CEO Joyce Wells



Ohio ranks third nationally for sports participation

With almost 350,000 high school student-athletes during the 2025-26 school year, Ohio ranks as the third-largest state for high school sports participation in the annual NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey, trailing only Texas and California.

Ohio ranked in the top five nationally in participation of most sports and is now the national leader in the number of high schools that have a team in three sports, including girls wrestling (525), girls bowling (505) and boys bowling (517). The continued growth of girls wrestling and girls flag football in Ohio and across the country helped lead to a national record for total

high school student-athletes.

Ohio's 347,994 total student-athletes last school year ranked third behind Texas (911,405) and California (859,022). Following Ohio were Illinois (326,756), Pennsylvania (315,647), New York (312,563), Florida (311,233) and Michigan (295,634).

The full NFHS survey is posted at: <https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/NF-HSParticipationSurvey2025-26.pdf>

"We are very proud that Ohio is among the national leaders in high school sports participation," said OHSAA Executive Director Doug Ute. "This is a tribute to the teams and programs

that our member schools have built and the coaches who create those fun and educational opportunities for kids. The tradition of high school sports in Ohio is amazing and so many kids grow up waiting for their turn to play for their school."

Ohio ranks seventh in the country in total population. There are currently 813 member schools of the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

Among boys sports in Ohio, the top sports for participation include football (40,302), track and field (28,964), baseball (20,892), basketball (20,246) and soccer (17,540).

Top sports for Ohio girls participation include competitive spirit/cheerleading (26,635), track and field (23,739), volleyball (19,867), soccer (14,605), softball (13,977) and basketball (12,879).

The NFHS, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the national leadership organization for high school sports and performing arts activities.

Lanterns will be made at workshop

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) will host a conservation creation workshop on Oct. 13, from 6-7:30 pm at Gorman Nature Center, 2295 Lexington Ave., Mansfield.

All are invited to attend the workshop. Participants will be making a lantern using recycled jars, tissue paper, pressed flowers and seasonal stickers.

Karen Pryor, Education and Outreach Manager at Richland County Park District will introduce attendees to live animals and speak about nocturnal critters and the things that go bump in the night.

All materials for the workshop will be provided by Richland SWCD free of charge due to the generosity of money raised through Richland Gives sponsored by the Richland County Foundation.

The workshop is limited to 25 participants. Reservations may be made at <https://richlandswcd.net/event/conservation-creations-arts-crafts-workshop/> For more information on this workshop and future events, please visit <https://richlandswcd.net/events/> or call 419-774-8986.

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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 September 2, 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. 26-23 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE (THE CHIEF OF POLICE), TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM THE GORMAN FAMILY FOUNDATION TO THE CITY OF ONTARIO POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-24 – AN ORDINANCE CORRECTING AN UNIDENTIFIED PAYROLL ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-25 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PROJECT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CITY PARKS COMMITTEE TO CREATE A VETERANS MEMORIAL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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The Trustees of Springfield Township, Richland County, Ohio will accept sealed bids until 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2026 at the Trustee's office located at 3700 Park Avenue West, Ontario, Ohio 44906. At that time, they will be publicly opened and read by the Fiscal Officer. Minimum accepted bid will be \$3,000.00 (Three Thousand dollars).

Bids must be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked "2012 Ford F-350 Truck." Each bid must contain the full name, address & telephone number of the person or company placing the bid. Questions may be directed to Assistant Chief Anthony Shelton at (419) 529-5512 ext. 202 or by email Ashelton@springfieldtwprc.org. Sold "AS IS."

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Mayor Perry announces city's trick-or-treat

City of Mansfield Mayor Jodie A. Perry has announced that citywide trick-or-treat is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 31, from 5-7 pm.

Residents who wish to participate are asked to turn on their porch lights. Young children will be out walking throughout the community. Please use extra caution when driving.



STUDENTS IN MR. COLEY'S Current Events class at Ontario High School used diplomacy to reach a nuclear agreement between Iran and the United States (with meditation provided by the UN and Oman).

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