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Ohio Heritage Days brings history to life at Malabar Farm

Photos and Article By Traci Little

LUCAS — The ring of a blacksmith's hammer, the sight of antique tractors and the sounds of history filled Malabar Farm State Park Saturday during the annual Ohio Heritage Days celebration.

Held Sept. 26–27, the two-day event brings Ohio's past to life through traditional crafts, historical demonstrations, music and activities throughout the farm.

Visitors watched craftspeople demonstrate skills once common in everyday life, including blacksmithing, broom making, quilting and wool spinning. Living-history encampments representing periods from the 1700s through World War II offered a glimpse into the clothing, tools and daily life of earlier generations.

Antique tractors, horse-drawn wagon rides, pony rides, vendors and live entertainment added to the atmosphere as families explored the farm. This year's celebration carries additional significance as Malabar Farm marks 50 years as an Ohio State Park.

The farm was once home to Pulitzer Prize-winning author and conservationist Louis Bromfield, who transformed the property into a working farm known for innovative agricultural practices. Today, Malabar Farm continues to preserve Bromfield's legacy while welcoming visitors to experience the history, agriculture and natural beauty of the property.

Visitors also had the opportunity to explore Malabar's historic buildings, including the Big House, Bromfield's former home, and the Ceely Rose House throughout the weekend.

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Richland County celebrates 30 years of earth stewardship

Community members and volunteers gathered to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Earth Stewardship Celebration at DLX in Mansfield on Thursday, Sept. 16.

Zoe Baumberger of Richland Soil and Water Conservation District shared the Earth Stewardship Celebration began in 1996 through the partnership and dedication of organizations and individuals committed to making our community a better place to live, work, and play. Since its inception, the Celebration has encouraged residents and organizations to come together through acts of community stewardship.

Throughout the years, volunteers and organizations from across Richland County have invested their time, talent, and energy into projects that improved neighborhoods, parks, schools, public spaces, waterways, and natural areas. These projects demonstrated what can happen when community members work together toward a common goal.

This year, 297 volunteers from at least 22 organizations provided over 1,000 hours of service. Volunteers painted 13 fire hydrants, collected at least 48 bags of trash and 4,900 passenger and tractor tires, planted 1,700 flowers, disposed of 300 pounds of scrap metal, and removed several invasive plants.

The event recognized that since 1996, more than 800 projects have been conducted, involved over 66,783 volunteers, and generated an estimated \$2.6 million in donated time, materials, and sponsorships supporting local beautification and conservation projects. Those numbers represent thousands of individuals who choose to make a difference in their community.

At Thursday's event, organizations and volunteers shared details of their projects. From April through August one project was highlighted each month with participants being entered into a random drawing to win \$100 gift cards to area businesses.

The summary of projects includes:

Marvin Memorial Library and the Shelby Health Department conducted littler clean-ups in Shelby.

North End Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC) conducted multi-days of projects with volunteers from the Earth Stewardship Celebration steering committee, Warren-Rupp, Rotary, Kiwanis, Springmill STEM, City of Mansfield – Parks & Recreation, Mechanics Bank, Mansfield Municipal Court, Ohio Health, Park National Bank and North Central State College.

Aurelio Diaz, 5th Ward Mansfield Councilman organizes monthly clean-up projects from spring through fall.

The Richland County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority, Richland Public Health and Richland County Farm Bureau organized a residential and farm tire collection day.

Richland County Park District and BlueScope Recycling and Materials teamed up to clean up and remove structures within the Oxbow Wetland project area and removed garlic mustard. They also hosted two additional events to remove invasive species.

Downtown Mansfield Inc. and volunteers planted flowers to beautify downtown Mansfield.

The Ohio State University at Mansfield, The Ohio State University Extension, Ohio Woodland Stewards and Richland SWCD collaborated to provide an invasive species workshop and along with volunteers, removed invasive species at The Ohio State University at Mansfield Campus.

Ontario High School Warrior Leadership cleaned up the area around Culver's.

Kingwood Center Gardens cleaned up an area of the B&O bike trail along their north property line and along Touby Run.

Baumberger introduced Richland County Commissioners Banks and Mears along with City of Mansfield Mayor Perry and Village of Bellville Mayor Brenkus and members of the Earth Stewardship

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Myself, my late husband, our four children, grandchildren and now great-grandchildren are proud graduates and are attending Lexington Local Schools.

Why I Support Our School Levies

At 90 years old, I watched our community change and grow over many decades. I believe our schools are one of the most important investments we can make in its future.

That is why I support both the renewal and the income tax levy for our schools.

My support for our schools is also deeply personal. My husband Bob Whitney served as a school board member in the Lexington Local Schools for over 60 years. This feat allowed Bob to be the longest serving school board member in the State of Ohio. Through his years of service, I saw firsthand the dedication required to provide children with a strong education. I witnessed how much our schools mean to students, families, educators and the entire community.

That experience is why I support both levies on the ballot: the renewal levy and the income tax levy. The renewal levy continues existing funding for our schools; it is not a new tax. The income tax levy is separate and is based on earned income, not retirement income.

I understand that taxes are a concern, especially for families working hard to make ends meet. But strong schools benefit everyone by giving children the education and opportunity they need to become productive workers, parents and community members.

As a retiree, I also want to emphasize that the income tax will not affect my retirement income. While everyone's circumstances are different, I believe those of us who can support our schools should do so.

Our children deserve a good education, and our community is stronger when our schools are strong. For these reasons I will vote YES on both school levies, and I hope my fellow residents will learn about each levy and consider doing the same.

Sincerely, Carole Sue Whitney

THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

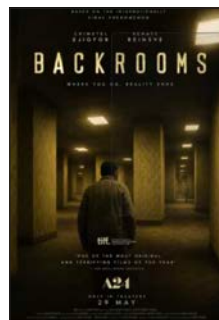


Backrooms is the much talked about movie from earlier this year now streaming on HBO Max.

Chiwetel Ejiofor plays Clark, a manager at a furniture store who is seeing a therapist named Mary (Renate Reinsve) while coping with his alcoholism and divorce. One night, while sleeping at the store, Clark discovers a translucent wall that takes him into a labyrinthine series of backrooms. An entity is tracking him and Mary goes to find Clark after he turns up missing.

Backrooms is directed by Kane Parsons, a Youtuber who creates a very original film that threads a line between horror and psychological thriller with some fine performances.

The rooms are yellow in color, all lit with fluorescent lights and each room is unique in size and shape and what it contains.



Mary has flashbacks to her own traumatic childhood and the movie deals quite a bit with trauma and how to deal with it. The rooms represent parts of reality though the movie does not have a nice and neat ending.

The movie is based on online lore and while most of the movie works, it lost me a little in the third act though there is enough there that a rewatch would probably be helpful.

Parsons does a fine job directing *Backrooms* and gets great performances out of Ejiofor and Reinsve.

This is a wholly original and intriguing horror movie that doesn't quite stick the landing though is an interesting watch.



UH Samaritan Medical Center to Host Champions of Care event

ASHLAND — University Hospitals Samaritan Medical Center and Samaritan Hospital Foundation will host Champions of Care, an exclusive speaker session celebrating advancements in healthcare services, innovative programs and caregiver excellence at UH Samaritan Medical Center.

The event will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at UH Samaritan on Main, 663 E. Main St., Ashland. A reception featuring hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine will begin at 5 pm, followed by the program at 5:30 pm.

The featured speaker will be Sylvia Radziszewski, RRT, MBA, Chief Operating Officer of UH Samaritan Medical Center, who will provide attendees with an overview of recent developments, strategic priorities, and ongoing efforts to enhance healthcare access and quality throughout the Ashland County community.

"Champions of Care provides an opportunity to connect with com-

munity members, supporters, and healthcare advocates while showcasing the exceptional work being done every day by our caregivers," said Radziszewski. "We are proud to share the progress being made across our programs and services and the impact these efforts are having on the patients and families we serve."

The event reflects the shared commitment of UH Samaritan Medical Center and Samaritan Hospital Foundation to advancing healthcare excellence and strengthening the health and well-being of Ashland County and surrounding communities.

Community members interested in attending are asked to RSVP by Monday, Oct. 19, to Amanda Church at Amanda.Church@UHHospitals.org or 216-983-2216. Business casual attire is requested.

Samaritan Hospital Foundation supports the mission of UH Samaritan Medical Center by generating philanthropic resources that enhance patient care, expand services, invest in technology and strengthen healthcare programs that benefit the community.

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News Briefs

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

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.

Mechanics Bank will host a block party to celebrate the Ashland community on Thursday, Oct. 1 from 4:30-7:30 pm, at the Ashland office, 1040 George Rd., Ashland. Tom's Kitchen Table will perform and there will be giveaways, tethered balloon rides, a kids zone and food trucks.

Those attending are encouraged to bring a chair. The rain date is set for Oct. 6.

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

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 419-756-7066.

All Souls Unitarian Universalist of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Colton Stidams on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 10:30 am. For information visit www.allsoulsuohio.org.

Families, couples and singles are invited to join the Johnny Appleseed Squares to experience a free square dance lesson at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 525 W. Cook Rd., Mansfield, from 7-9 pm on Oct. 1.

The event is 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.

City of Mansfield Mayor Jodie A. Perry has announced that city-wide 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.

First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Avenue W., Mansfield, will host a Heritage Organ Concert on Sunday, Oct. 25, at 4 pm.

The City of Ontario October meeting schedule includes Oct. 7, 6:16 pm, caucus and 7 pm, council; Oct. 14, 1 pm, civil service commission and 4 pm, planning commission; and Oct. 21, 6:15 pm, caucus and 7 pm, council.

Meetings are held at the city building 555 Stumbo Rd., Ontario.

The Renaissance Theater will host a free screening of *The Silence of the Lambs* as part of Ohio Goes to the Movies (OGTMM), a signature event of America 250-Ohio.

The showing will be held at the theater on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 7 pm. Tickets are free but reservations are required at rentickets.org or by contacting the theater at 419-522-2726.

The Silence of the Lambs has connections to the Buckeye State and includes the fictional town of Belvedere, OH.

The film used the real-world Bellaire Bridge in Bellaire, OH, as a visual backdrop when FBI trainee Clarice Starling travels into town. Actor Ted Levine, whose performance as Jame Gumb, also known as "Buffalo Bill," became one of the film's most memorable roles, was born in Bellaire.

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Oct. 24 and 25. 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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Celebration Committee.

Earth Stewardship Celebration committee members include Richland Soil and Water Conservation District, Richland County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority, Richland Public Health, City of Mansfield-Parks and Recreation, City of Mansfield – Mayor's office, Richland County Park District, Marvin Memorial Library, Ward 5 Councilman Aurelio Diaz, Downtown Mansfield Inc., the Ohio State

University at Mansfield, the Ohio State University Extension, and the Ohio Woodland Stewards Program.

Zoe also invited future involvement in the Earth Stewardship Celebration through projects or joining the steering committee.

Zoe Baumberger thanked the Richland County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority for providing a \$13,000.00 grant to fund this year's Celebration.

The evening concluded with an additional \$100.00 gift cards randomly given away, along with 30th anniversary commemorative cookies and native trees.

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

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419-589-5890 • trinitygracefellowship.org
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Pioneer board accepts donations, completes hirings

The Pioneer Board of Education met Sept. 21 and adopted a resolution for student activity fund purposes and budgets.

The board approved an activity reimbursement schedule and travel allowance for club advisors for 2026-'27.

Revisions were made to job descriptions and the board adopted a resolution to approve the Red Ribbon Week Celebration in October.

Donations were accepted from Dr. Dewald, Mansfield, table saw and router with an approximate value of \$800; Mr. Steve Churburko, S.C. Machine, Greenwich, various automation components with an approximate value of \$2,500 to be used in various labs; Fraternal Order of Eagles #763, Shelby, \$1,000 to be deposited into the Terry Winters Scholarship Fund; and Mr. & Mrs. Don Paullin, Shelby, \$100 to be deposited into the Rene' Burtcher Scholarship Fund.

The board approved student participation in the FFA National Convention, Oct. 21-24, at the Indianapolis Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN.

The fiscal year 2026 appropriations were approved.

Stipends were granted to Matthew Parr, \$25/month for use of a private cell phone for school use; Daniel Saughter, CTE Licensure Course, \$1,000 per person per semester.

A retirement resignation was accepted from Brian Madison, Shelby Satellite instructor, effective June 1, 2027.

Salary adjustments were made for David Mason, Wynford Satellite Instructor.

Maternity leave was granted to Morgan Schumacher, school counselor, for up to twelve weeks commencing Oct. 26.

Supplemental contracts were approved for Mary Cosker, Student Intervention Team (SIT) coordinator, up to 100 hours.

Pioneer PRIDE and Insight newsletter supplemental contracts were awarded at \$1,000 per individual per quarter to William Dichtl, Karrie Davisson, Morgan Schumacher and Krystal Winters.

Stipend contracts were approved for Jennifer Magers, resident educator lead teacher 2026-'27, \$600; Paul Gladden, mentor stipend (Kaleb Hollar), \$600 (\$300 per semester); and Jennifer Magers, mentor stipend (Ellen Zaebst), \$600 (\$300 per semester).

Lorraine Williams was hired as a substitute instructor.

The board approved the voluntary transfer of position for Ariel Little, attendance secretary to student services/EMIS secretary.

Krista Dull was hired as an attendance secretary. Stipend contracts were awarded to Julie Harless, Google Level 1 Certification, \$110; and Google Level 2 Certification, \$110.

Resignations were accepted from Julie Adair, ECE parent coordinator; and Samantha Ballengee, part-time cafeteria worker.

Debra Tackett was hired as a part-time cafeteria worker, Hannah Beer was hired as a substitute cafeteria worker, Kip Stevens was hired as a substitute bus driver and Lisa Yarger was hired as a substitute educational aide.

Employment of student Early Childhood Education workers was approved for Liberty Hall, Haylee Seymour, Abby Ferguson, Payten Zimnickas, Madelyn Mogle, Madelyn Welling, Amelia McCoy, Melinda Amburgey,

Katie Cook, Rachel Frederick and Aadilynne Kightlinger.

The board approved the agreement with the City of Shelby for the use of their "Jaws of Life." The affiliation agreement with NCSC was also approved.

RRLC will host chicken dinner

The Richland Rural Life Center, 969 E. Crall Rd., Mansfield, will host its annual chicken dinner Saturday, Oct. 3, from 4-6 pm.

The dinner includes chicken slow cooked over an open pit, buttered parsley potatoes or Au gratin potatoes, old fashioned slaw salad or applesauce, dinner roll, beverage and a scoop of homemade vanilla ice cream.

Cost is \$14 for adults \$14 for (half chicken); and \$7 for seniors and children 10 and under (quarter chicken). Carry-out meals will be available and an extra chicken half is \$7. Homemade ice cream quarts available for \$5.

The Richland Rural Life Center is a non-profit organization that supports 4-H and Boy/Cub Scout Troops.

Proceeds from dinners and events help maintain the RRLC land and facilities.



ONTARIO WARRIOR LEADERSHIP COUNCIL members create monthly bulletin boards for the student body. For the upcoming month, Norah Potter, Camilla Perez and Kenzee Hriesek shared their talents and words of wisdom with the school.

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Mansfield Shrine Club hosts annual picnic

By Bruce Joseph-President
Mansfield Shrine Club

Mother Nature threatened rain for the Mansfield Shrine Club's 51st Annual Special Needs Children's Picnic, but in the end, the sun came out and allowed the children and their families to enjoy a wonderful day.

Held at the Richland County Fairgrounds, there were horseback rides, horse-drawn wagon rides, the opportunity to climb into police cars and fire trucks and exotic animals at the petting zoo.

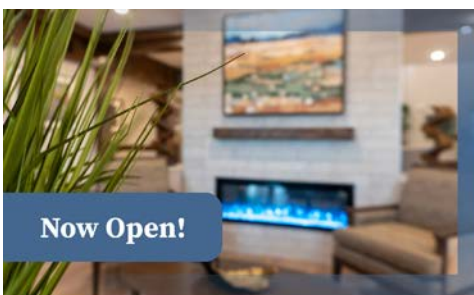
Inside, there were activities and giveaways, face painters and a Grotto Clown. Mechanics Bank helped provide balloon animals.

Advantage Credit Union provided more than 700 Frisbees, allowing each child attending to receive one. Mister Ed kept the music playing and gave the children plenty of opportunities to dance and have fun.

The local restaurant community also demonstrated what Shriners is all about — helping others. When O'Charley's Restaurant closed just prior to the event, Rachel Reed of O'Charley's immediately went to work coordinating with Buffalo Wild Wings, MVP Sports Bar, Gordon Food Services, the Brown Derby Roadhouse, Topgolf and The Local at 97. Their generosity and teamwork made sure there was plenty of food for the children and families. We extend our sincere thanks to Reed and everyone who stepped up when they were needed.

Despite the weather concerns, nothing could dampen the enthusiasm of the children, caregivers, volunteers and Shriners. The day was filled with laughter, smiles, dancing, rides, animals and fellowship.

The club looks forward to another year of service, fellowship, hospital trips, parades and special events for the children and families we are privileged to serve.



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MECHANICS BANK'S MAIN BRANCH celebrated 100 years and the bank's 140 years of serving the community as a local, independent bank. Among the dignitaries attending were Richland County Commissioners Tony Vero and Cliff Mears and City of Mansfield Mayor Jodie Perry.

Mechanics Bank celebrates 100 years at historic main office

Mechanics Bank welcomed customers, community members and downtown neighbors this past Wednesday to celebrate 100 years at its historic Main Office at 2 S. Main St. The milestone comes as the independent community bank also marks its 140th anniversary of serving the Mansfield area.

"As we celebrate 100 years at our Main Office, and 140 years in business, we are grateful for those who came before us who built this strong foundation and for the customers, employees, shareholders, and community partners who continue to shape our future," shared Mark Masters, President & CEO.

The celebration looked back to September 1926, when thousands of people attended the public opening of the Mechanics Building & Loan Company's new home. Contemporary newspaper coverage described an event that continued from early afternoon until late evening, with elaborate floral displays, 1,200 roses distributed to guests and 2,000 souvenir rulers given away. Based on those keepsakes alone, attendance was estimated at more than 3,200 people at the opening in 1926.

Designed by Mansfield architects, built by a local contractor and outfitted by Mansfield merchants, the main office reflected a local-first approach from the beginning. A century later, that commitment remains central to Mechanics Bank as the only local, indepen-

dent bank headquartered in Richland County.

During the September 23 event, guests reflected on how the city, downtown Mansfield, banking, and the Main Office have evolved while Mechanics Bank's commitments to customers, community and in-

dependence have remained constant. The gathering also honored the employees whose dedication has sustained the institution across generations and thanked the customers whose trust has made the milestone possible.



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Ohio Heritage Days



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175th Ashland County Fair



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Dan Jackman named executive director of center

The Independent Living Center of North Central Ohio (ILCNCO) has named Dan Jackman as executive director, bringing more than 33 years of professional experience in public service, leadership, community advocacy and human services to the organization.

Jackman assumed leadership of ILCNCO on Aug. 3. In his

new role, he oversees the organization's operations, programs, staff, community partnerships and strategic direction while working to expand awareness of the services available to people with disabilities throughout North Central Ohio.

Jackman began his professional career in July 1993 and has spent more than three de-

acades serving individuals, families, and communities throughout Ohio.

Prior to joining ILCNCO, Jackman served as Director of Community Advocacy for the City of Mount Vernon Police Department. In that role, he worked extensively with victims of crime, juveniles, older adults, individuals experiencing homelessness, and people facing mental health, substance-use, and other significant life challenges.

His professional experience also includes leadership and supervisory roles within juvenile treatment and behavioral health settings.

Throughout his career, Jackman has worked closely with law enforcement agencies, non-profit organizations, social-service providers, treatment organizations, government agencies, and community leaders to connect individuals and families with needed services and resources.

Jackman has also maintained an extensive commitment to community service, serving with boards, coalitions, and organizations addressing disability services, domestic violence, animal welfare, suicide prevention, juvenile treatment, and other community needs.

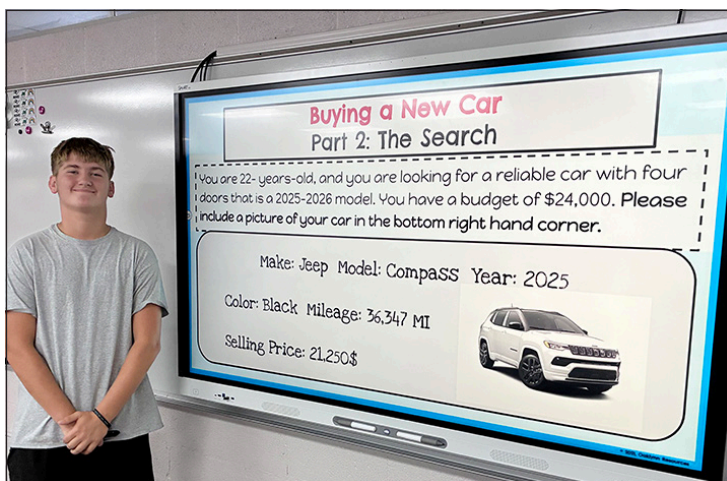
Jackman holds an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from North Central State College, a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Ashland University, and a Master's Degree in Adult

Education from Ashland University. He also holds State of Ohio licensure in drug and alcohol counseling, complementing his extensive professional experience working with individuals and families affected by substance-use and behavioral health challenges.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to lead the Independent Living Center of North Central Ohio," Jackman said. "My career has always centered on helping people, building relationships, and connecting individuals with the resources and support they need. I believe strongly that people with disabilities deserve the opportunity to make their own choices, pursue their goals, and live as independently as possible within their communities."

As Executive Director, Jackman's priorities include strengthening existing programs, increasing ILCNCO's visibility throughout the region, developing new community partnerships, pursuing additional funding opportunities, and ensuring that individuals and families throughout the Center's service area understand the resources available to them.

"ILCNCO has an important mission, and I believe there is a tremendous opportunity to build upon that foundation," Jackman said. "I want our organization to be recognized throughout North Central Ohio as a strong resource, advocate, and community partner. We will continue listening to the people we serve, strengthening relationships throughout our communities, and looking for new opportunities to expand our impact."



MRS. RHODES' college credit personal finance class at Ontario High School compared the cost of purchasing a new and used vehicle with a given budget. They were given three bank loans with different annual percentage rates and terms, and they had to calculate which one offered them the best deal overall including taxes and fees. Lastly they had to plan for the future to purchase a reliable, used minivan or third row SUV to fit their four kids and significant other in. The vehicle had to be a 2018 model or newer with less than 110,000 miles on it, and their budget was \$32,000. Again, they were given three different bank loans and had to calculate the best deal. After wrapping up this project, students learned about depreciation and leasing vs buying a vehicle as well.



SHELBY HIGH SCHOOL'S HOMECOMING COURT members are front, Karlie Walp, Chloe Mahek, Braylee Sturts, Anna Will and Courtney Howarth; and back, Lennon Brady, Brady Bowman, Michael Shepherd, Griffin Yeager and Eason Gao. King and queen Eason Gao and Courtney Howarth crowned during the homecoming football game.

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ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL juniors and seniors had the opportunity to attend Aviation Career Day at Mansfield Lahm Airport. Students explored the many career opportunities available in the aviation industry, including piloting, engineering, aviation mechanics, drone sales and repair and more. Students also had the chance to board a C-17, learn about drones and get an up-close look at the exciting world of aviation. This hands-on experience gave students an opportunity to connect with professionals and see first-hand the many career pathways available beyond the traditional pilot role.



DURING "HELLO WEEK" hello week Ontario students had a lunch activity provided by CACY. The activity was a "One Hello Can Make a Difference" badge. The students picked out a badge to wear throughout the school day, encouraging positive conversations, new friendships and a school atmosphere where everyone feels seen, valued and included.

Mansfield Chamber Music Players to perform October 11

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.

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.

Richland SWCD to host 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 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 information visit <https://richland-swcd.net/events/> or call 419-774-8986.

Food truck festival set for Oct. 2

A food truck festival is planned for Friday, Oct. 2, at South Park, 100 Brinkerhoff Ave., Mansfield.

This year's lineup includes Black Willow Food Truck, Catfish King of the Fish, Cousins Maine Lobster, Chef Shack, Cub Country BBQ, Ibby's Lemon Shake Ups, KC Delights, Mood Boost on Wheel LLC, Star Spangled Express, Steele Concessions and Tony on the Bun.

KCCC competition to bring teams from across the region together

Strength, endurance, teamwork, and determination will be on full display Saturday, Oct. 10, as Knox County Career Center's Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (AFJROTC) hosts its annual Raider Competition from 8:30 am to 4: pm at Ariel Foundation Park.

This year's event is expected to be the largest Raider Competition in Ohio, bringing AFJROTC teams together for a day of challenging, fast-paced events. The competition is free and open to the public. Food trucks will also be available on site.

Raider competitions challenge teams to work together while completing demanding events, including a vehicle pull and tower climb, tire flip and pull-ups, litter carry, heavy-object carry, woodland trek and one-rope bridge.

Each event requires cadets to communicate, plan, encourage one another, and keep moving forward as a team.

"The competition is about building our youth, not only physically, but mentally and emotionally," said Lt. Col. Chris Salvucci, Senior Aerospace Science instructor at Knox County Career Center.

He added, "It gives cadets the chance to learn how to work together, push through adversity, and support one another when the challenge becomes difficult."

While the competition includes awards and results, the Raider Competition is about much more than finishing first. Cadets are challenged to lead under pressure, solve problems together and discover what they can accomplish when they rely on their teammates.

The event also emphasizes discipline, preparation, sportsmanship and putting the needs of the team ahead of individual comfort.

A Growing Regional Event

The KCCC Raider Competition has grown significantly since it began as a small competition between two schools. Last year, the event welcomed 13 schools and 25 teams from Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Beavercreek High School's A team earned the overall championship, followed by Green High School's A team and Beavercreek's B team. Knox County Career Center's A team finished fourth overall.

The continued growth of the event is made possible through the support of students, families, alumni, community volunteers and partner organizations.

Volunteers help judge events, manage scores, prepare the competition site and welcome visiting teams. Their efforts help create an environment that is both challenging and welcoming for hundreds of cadets.

"We are especially grateful for the support and sponsorship of the local AMVETS Post 95 and VFW Post 4027," said Salvucci.

"These veterans organizations have once again demonstrated their commitment to the country by investing in its next generation. Their support helps give these young people an opportunity to grow as teammates, leaders, and citizens."

Salvucci also recognized the Ohio Military Reserve for its planning support and for providing the majority of the event's judges and set-up assistance. The Ohio Army National Guard and U.S. Marine Corps also support the competition with equipment and personnel.

"The awards are meaningful, but the greater value is watching

cadets become stronger teammates and leaders. They leave knowing they can do more than they thought they could," Salvucci said.

Building Leaders Through AFJROTC

The Raider Competition reflects the larger mission of AFJROTC at Knox County Career Center: developing citizens of character.

Through classroom instruction, hands-on activities, community involvement and student-led opportunities, cadets develop leadership skills while gaining experiences that extend beyond the classroom. Students can participate in activities such as Color Guard, field trips, leadership activities and competitive teams.

At KCCC, AFJROTC is guided by the Air Force core values: Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do. Those values are put into action throughout the Raider Competition. Cadets are expected to know their capabilities, support teammates who are struggling and give their best effort while completing each challenge safely.

AFJROTC at KCCC is open to students in grades 9-12 and is offered as a one-period elective. Students may participate for one year or throughout high school, and there is no military commitment.

The program is open to students throughout Knox County, regardless of where they take their core academic classes.

Community members are invited to come out to Ariel Foundation Park on Saturday, Oct. 10, to watch these student-athletes put teamwork, leadership and perseverance into action.

For more information about Knox County Career Center AFJROTC and opportunities to join visit www.knoxcc.org.



ONTARIO STINGEL KINDNESS CLUB students helped load the Salvation Army van with all the food that is saved from lunch everyday. The Salvation Army uses the fruit cups for the brown sack lunch program.



Friends plan book sale in Galion

The previously scheduled spring book sale at the Galion library could not be held due to an emergency sewer issue at the library. The Friends of the Galion Public Library were all staged and ready to go when the library had to shut down.

Now that the cleaning and restoration are complete and the library is fully open, the regularly planned bi-annual fall book sale is scheduled for Oct. 8, 9 and 10, and will include the entire amount of earlier collected books and the books accumulated through the summer months.

Book enthusiasts will find this "double sale" in the community room of the library at 123 N. Market St., Galion.

Books and other media will be on offer by donation, which go directly to support programs and other needs of the library. This sale is the most essential fund-raiser for the FRIENDS every year.

FRIENDS members will have an exclusive pre-sale opportunity for finding their favorite books on Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 6-7 pm.

Sale hours are Thursday, 9:30 am to 8 pm; Friday, 9:30 am to 5 pm; and Saturday, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.

More information is also available by calling the library at 419-468-3203.

Avita expands access to advanced cancer treatments close to home

ONTARIO — Avita Health System has expanded access to advanced cancer care with the addition of Pluvicto® radioligand therapy and bispecific antibody immunotherapy, providing innovative treatment options for patients closer to home.

The addition of these specialized therapies reflects Avita's ongoing commitment to bringing sophisticated, personalized cancer care to the communities it serves. Patients who previously may have needed to travel to larger medical centers for certain advanced cancer therapies can now access innovative treatment options locally, allowing them to remain close to family and support systems while receiving highly specialized care.

Pluvicto (lutetium Lu 177 vipivotide tetraxetan) is an FDA-approved radioligand therapy for certain patients with advanced prostate cancer. The treatment combines a cancer-targeting molecule with a radioactive component, allowing it to seek out prostate cancer cells and deliver radiation directly to those cells while minimizing exposure to surrounding healthy tissue. This targeted "seek-and-treat" approach represents an important advancement in treating eligible patients with metastatic prostate cancer.

Bispecific antibody immunotherapy is another innovative treatment option now available through Avita's oncology program. This therapy helps direct the body's immune system to identify and attack cancer cells and represents a significant advancement in cancer treatment for select patients.

"By introducing cutting-edge therapies like Pluvicto, a precision radioligand treatment for advanced prostate cancer, and advanced bispecific antibody immunotherapy, our program is redefining what is possible close to home," said Dr. VanDeusen. "Behind these complex treatments is a highly specialized pharmacy team whose expertise is critical to safely managing and delivering these advanced regimens. This milestone is part of our wider, ongoing effort to expand comprehensive services, ensuring our community has access to the most sophisticated, personalized cancer care right here, surrounded by their families and support systems."

"Avita's continued investment in advanced cancer care helps ensure that patients have access to innovative treatment options close to home," said Jerry Morasko, President and CEO of Avita Health System. "We are proud to bring these capabilities to our area and remain committed to meeting the growing healthcare needs of our region."

Providing these therapies requires a highly coordinated multidisciplinary team that includes medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, pharmacists, nurses, medical physicists, dosimetrists, imaging specialists, and support staff working together to ensure safe, effective care. Avita's integrated approach includes advanced imaging capabilities, treatment planning, patient education, symptom management, and ongoing follow-up care.

For patients being evaluated for Pluvicto, Avita offers access to PSMA PET imaging, which helps identify patients who may benefit from the therapy. The oncology team carefully reviews each case to ensure the most appropriate treatment plan for every patient.

The addition of Pluvicto and bispecific antibody immunotherapy builds upon Avita's continued investment in oncology services and its mission to provide advanced cancer care close to home. As new therapies, technologies, and services become available, Avita remains committed to expanding treatment options so patients can receive exceptional cancer care without leaving the region.

For more information about oncology services at Avita Health System, call 567-247-0830 or visit AvitaHealth.org.



MRS. DITTY'S first grade classroom at Ontario has started the new school year with many activities and fun ways to learn.

KCCC High School receives a 5-star rating on 2025-'26 report card

The Career Technical Planning District (CTPD) Report Cards for the 2025-'26 school year were released by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW). The CTPD results are made up of data from the Knox County Career Center High School and other career tech programs in the six associate schools: Centerburg, Clear Fork, Danville, East Knox, Fredericktown and Mount Vernon. The data comes from the students enrolled in half-day career tech programming at KCCC and also in the associate schools where career tech classes are offered by class period in areas such as Ag, Family Consumer Science, Project Lead the Way, etc.

Knox County Career Center (KCCC) CTPD received a 5-star rating, which means KCCC significantly exceeds the state standards. 100% (9 of 9) of the Federal Indicators were met. This is the fourth year in a row that the KCCC CTPD has received a 5 out of 5-star rating.

KCCC CTPD received 4 stars for Achievement. The data showed an 89.3% passage rate for Technical Skill Attainment. KCCC CTPD received a 5-star rating for its Graduation Rate. The data showed that our four-year graduation rate was 98.7% and the five-year rate was 98.6%. KCCC CTPD also received a 5-star rating in Career & Post Secondary Readiness. The data showed that our rating increased from 110.9% to 116.6%. This number continues to improve as we increase the number of students in work-based learning opportunities, apprenticeships, internships, and those earning 12-point industry credentials. Finally, KCCC CTPD received a 5-star rating in Post-Program Outcomes. The data showed that our post-program placement was 95.7% for the CTPD, and the KCCC High School had a post-program placement rate of 96.1%.

"We are excited to receive a 5 star rating. We always strive for excellence as we work to prepare students for success. Students at KCCC leave well prepared with industry credentials, work experience, and professional skills. We continue to partner with our associate schools to assist them in providing career technical education to as many students as possible in Knox County. I'm very proud of the career tech education options that we offer in Knox County and all of the work of our teachers and staff," said Kathy Greenwich, KCCC Superintendent.



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Ontario Bill Brown Classic Top 10 High School Boys Team Results

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|---------------------|--------------|
| 1 Marion Harding | 6 Shelby |
| 2 Upper Sandusky | 7 Ashland |
| 3 Ontario | 8 Buckeye |
| 4 Ashland Crestview | 9 New London |
| 5 Mount Vernon | 10 Northmor |

Ontario Bill Brown Classic Top 20 High School Boys Individual Results

- 1 Calvin Heithaus, sophomore, 16:26.49, Mt. Vernon
- 2 Alex Stankus, senior, 16:55.08, Buckeye Valley
- 3 Carter Hicks, junior, 16:55.13, New London
- 4 Jackson Peters, seniors, 16:57.56, Marion Harding
- 5 Joey Dietsch, senior, 17:05.33, Pleasant
- 6 Oliver Watson, sophomore, 17:16.07, Ashland
- 7 Jack Dean, sophomore, 17:21.10, Northmor
- 8 Andrew Tackett, senior, 17:26.27, Marion Harding
- 9 Franklin Arnold, junior, 17:29.10, Upper Sandusky
- 10 Carter Pohlman, junior, 17:31.94, Upper Sandusky
- 11 Isaac McFarland, junior, 17:40.54, Ashland Crestview
- 12 Owen McCombs, sophomore, 17:42.50, Marion Harding
- 13, Liam Hershberger, junior, 17:43.05, Ontario
- 14 Henry Minehart, senior, 17:57.16, Upper Sandusky
- 15 Andrew Lightey, junior, 17:57.40, Upper Sandusky
- 16 Isaac Smith, sophomore, 17:59.49, Ashland Crestview
- 17 Owen Petrie, senior, 18:00.39, Mt. Vernon
- 18 Alex Simmering, sophomore, 18:03.3, Ontario
- 19 Ryan Twining, senior, 18:04.90, New London
- 20 Jackson Brummett, senior 18:07.25, Madison Comprehensive

Ontario Bill Brown Classic Top 10 High School Girls Team Results

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|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Shelby | 6 Mount Vernon |
| 2 Northmor | 7 Clear Fork |
| 3 Ashland | 8 Buckeye Valley |
| 4 Upper Sandusky | 9 Mansfield Christian |
| 5 Ontario | 10 New London |



Ontario Bill Brown Classic Top 20 High School Girls Individual Results

- 1 Madisyn Ruhe, freshman, 19:18.57, Pleasant
- 2 Vada Walters, freshman, 20:10.81, Northmor
- 3 Anna Will, senior, 20:46.87, Shelby
- 4 Jocelyn Lightey, senior, 20:56.61, Upper Sandusky
- 5 Noel Stidham, sophomore, 21:10.65, Marion Harding
- 6 Abigail Montgomery, sophomore, 21:27.74, Buckeye Valley
- 7 Jordyn Thauvette, sophomore, 21:32.00, Shelby
- 8 Isabella (Bella) Smith, junior, 21:44.04, Northmor
- 9 Madison Miles, sophomore, 21:51.77, Upper Sandusky
- 10 Macie Witherell, senior, 21:52.30, Northmor
- 11 Arya Fisher, freshman, 21:52.34, Ashland
- 12 Kendall Bowman, junior, 22:11.26, Shelby
- 13 Sarah Jordan, senior, 22:19.46, Pleasant
- 14 Natalia Peters, senior, 22:35.15, Shelby
- 15 Emma Mahek, senior, 22:40.17, Shelby
- 16 Bella Britt, freshman, 22:41.83, Shelby
- 17 Jillian Stickney, freshman, 22:44.23, Ashland
- 18 Elijah Molina, sophomore, 22:49.20, Clear Fork
- 19 Melody Smith, sophomore, 22:49.67, Ashland
- 20 Kathryn Naylor, sophomore, 22:50.96, Northmor

Ontario Bill Brown Classic Middle School Boys Team Results

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|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Ashland | 6 New London |
| 2 Lexington | 7 Mansfield Christian |
| 3 Upper Sandusky | 8 Clear Fork |
| 4 Ontario | 9 Shelby |
| 5 Buckeye Valley | 10 Ashland Crestview |

Ontario Bill Brown Classic Middle School Girls Team Results

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|-------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Ashland | 5 Buckeye Valley |
| 2 Lexington | 6 Mansfield Christian |
| 3 Pleasant | 7 Upper Sandusky |
| 4 Northmor | |



Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Local football teams doing well in OHSAA computer rankings

By Kris Leiter

It's hard to believe we have already notched six weeks of high school football. The OHSAA computer rankings just came out this past Tuesday, Sept. 22. Now we can see the contenders.

Remember, with four weeks remaining, anything can happen — you never know who may emerge.

This year, the top 12 teams will make the OHSAA post-season playoffs. Let's see who's leading the pack from our Richland County pigskin teams so far. Points are as of Sept. 22.

DIVISION III — REGION 10

Ontario (6-0, 3-0 MOAC, tied for first place)

1. Celina (5-0) 11.85
2. Ontario (5-0) 10.35
3. Copley (4-1) 8.35
4. Midview (3-2) 6.9
5. Holy Name (3-1) 6.625
6. Maumee (3-2) 6.35
7. Cloverleaf (4-1) 6.2202
8. St. Marys Memorial (3-2) 5.35
9. Akron Buchtel (2-3) 4.3727
10. Tiffin Columbian (3-2) 4.3
11. Wapakoneta (2-3) 4.15
12. Parma Padua Franciscan (3-2) 4.1



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL students held a race at a recent football game to promote the upcoming Ontario Athletic Boosters Fund-raiser "A Night At The Races."

The Warriors are blazing a trail on the reservation with an unblemished record! As you can see, they are sitting in the OHSAA deuce position with four weeks left.

In recent years, Ontario has been one of the forerunners in Richland County for post-season play under the direction of fifth year coach Aaron Eckard. It seems they just keep moving onward and upward.

With their recent demolish of Marion Pleasant of 42-28, it sounds like all cylinders are firing! Coming up in week seven, they tangle with the Marion Harding Presidents who are a respectable 4-2.

DIVISION IV - REGION 14

Shelby (6-0, 3-0 MOAC, tied for first place)

Clear Fork (5-1, 2-1 MOAC, second place)

1. Sandusky Perkins (5-0) 9.65
2. Shelby (5-0) 9.6
3. Clear Fork (4-1) 8.85
4. Ottawa-Glandorf (5-0) 8.4
5. Otsego (4-1) 8.05
6. Van Wert (4-1) 6.15
7. Benjamin Logan (3-2) 4.9687
8. Firelands (3-2) 4.75
9. Bellevue (3-2) 4.1
10. Millbury Lake (2-3) 3.6
11. Rossford (2-3) 3.4
12. Upper Sandusky (2-3) 2.75

The Whippets are neck-and-neck in the MOAC, tied with Ontario first place at 3-0! They recently notched an incredible shutout 54-0 against River Valley!

Coming up in week seven they will battle against the notorious Clear Fork Colts. This could be the game to watch Friday, as the two teams are separated by only one computer point.

If the Colts win, they could claim the spot as the MOAC conference leader, as well as swapping positions in the OHSAA rankings. If the Whippets claim the victory, they could stake their claim in first place over Sandusky Perkins, with identical 9.6 computer points.

DIVISION VI — REGION 27

Lucas (3-3)

1. Symmes Valley (5-0) 9.75
2. Shadyside (5-0) 8.3
3. Danville (5-0) 7.95
4. Toronto (5-0) 7.9404
5. Reedsville Eastern (4-1) 6.55
6. Strasburg-Franklin (4-1) 6.3
7. New Matamoras Frontier (4-1) 5.602
8. Lancaster Fisher Cath. (4-1) 5.4768
9. Portsmouth Notre Dame (2-2) 4.5972
10. Loudonville (3-2) 4.2707
11. Beaver Eastern (3-2) 4.25
12. Lucas (3-2) 3.9

The Lucas Cubs are at the .500 mark. They are on the OHSAA map for the computer polls. Congrats! There are 4 weeks left, so anything can happen.

They have entered the N10 league and have seen a different scenery of teams this year. They would notch a recent victory over Tiffin Calvert, 34-14.

Senior Brady Guegold notched a mind-boggling 17 trips, 210 yards and two touchdowns in the Cubs win! Not a bad day at the office for the senior running back.

Another Brady on the team, Brady Anschutz had 22 yards. Quarterback Carter Cox would add 21 yards and a trip to paydirt, along with a 10-yard touchdown pass to Anschutz.

In Week seven, they will be taking on the Buckeye Central Bucks (1-5) at home at Bob Wine Field.

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American Red Cross offers gift cards to donors through October 18

The need for blood is constant, and the American Red Cross urges people of all blood types to make an appointment to give blood or platelets now to help ensure patients continue to receive the care they depend on.

September is National Preparedness Month — an important time to remember that disasters can happen without warning, but preparedness begins today. A strong blood supply is essential in response to every type of disaster, whether it be home fires or natural disasters.

Book a spot to give blood or platelets now. Visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App to schedule a donation appointment.

Those who come to give now through Oct. 18, will receive a \$15

e-gift card to a merchant of their choice.

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross is to become a volunteer. For more information and to apply visit redcross.org/volunteertoday.

Free Medicare, Part D prescription informational session scheduled

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (AAA) will host a Medicare Part D Information Session on Friday, Oct. 9, beginning at 10 am in the Hawkins Conference Center, 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario.

No registration is required to attend this free event.

This free session will provide clear, unbiased information about Medicare and Part D prescription drug benefits. Representatives from the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP) will be available to answer questions and help attendees explore ways to save money and choose the best plan for their needs.

Those attending will learn about Medicare and prescription drug plan options and will be able to ask questions directly to OSHIIP representatives.

Medicare open enrollment will be open Oct. 15–Dec. 7. This is the only time to review and compare 2027 plans. Any changes made will begin Jan. 1, 2027.

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



THE MISS OHIO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM hosted its second annual Miss Ohio 5K Run/Walk at Mansfield Cemetery on Sept. 26. The event is part of the organization's year-round fundraising efforts to support the Miss Ohio Scholarship Program and help keep the longstanding program connected to Mansfield and Richland County. Although Miss Ohio Week will not return until June 2027, fundraising continues throughout the year to support scholarships, operating expenses and Miss Ohio's trip to compete in the Miss America Pageant. Proceeds and support generated through fundraising efforts help the organization continue providing scholarships to contestants while covering costs associated with operating the program and sending Miss Ohio to the Miss America Pageant.

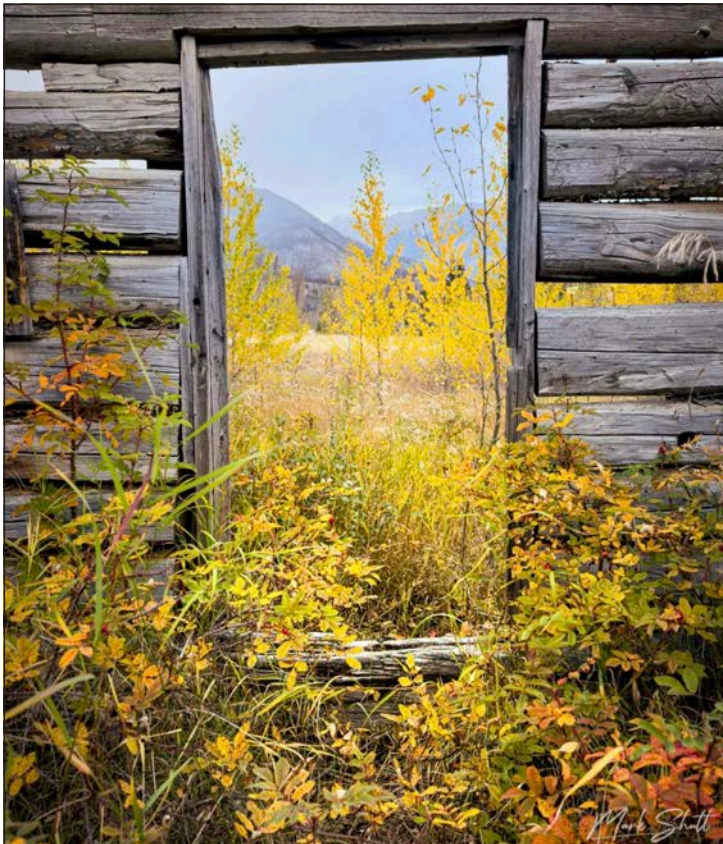


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NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND NO LONGER NEEDED FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

Under the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.41, the Board of Education of the Madison Local School District, Richland County, Ohio, will conduct a public auction to be held online only starting on October 24, 2026 and ending on November 3, 2026 by RES Auction Services, LLC (www.res.bid) for the purpose of offering for sale certain real property which is identified approximately 10.28 acres of real property situated on Reed Road and State Route 430 in Madison Township, State of Ohio, commonly known as the Mifflin Elementary Property, identified by the records of the County of Richland as Permanent Parcels 021-17-106-03-000, 021-17-106-04-000, 021-17-500-02-000, 021-17-500-03-000, 021-17-500-18-000, and 021-17-500-55-000. The terms of sale are cash and shall require a non-refundable deposit in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the highest bid from the highest bidder as security for faithful performance should the bid be accepted by the Board, balance in full payable at closing. The real property shall be sold in "AS IS," "WHERE IS," and "WITH ALL FAULTS" condition and title shall be conveyed by deed or other instrument of conveyance approved by the Board of Education. The successful bidder is responsible for making all inspections, with prior notice to and approval of the Treasurer, prior to said auction. The sale of the real property to the successful bidder shall not be final until accepted by resolution of the Board. The Board will consider and either accept or reject the highest bidder on November 4, 2026 at 5:00 P.M. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all informalities. The full conditions of the sale are set forth in the Board's Resolution of September 14, 2026 which can be accessed on the District's webpage. Additional information, bidding instructions, and online registration requirements may be obtained from RES Auction Services, LLC at www.res.bid.

Bradd Stevens, Treasurer
Board of Education of the
Madison Local School District
Mansfield, Ohio
(T-C 9-24, 10-1 '26) 63L

NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND NO LONGER NEEDED FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

The Board of Education of the Madison Local School District, Richland County, Ohio, has declared certain personal property located at and associated with the former Mifflin Elementary School property to be no longer needed for school district purposes and authorized its sale at public auction. Pursuant to action of the Board of

Education, an online-only public auction of such personal property will be conducted by RES Auction Services, LLC (www.res.bid), beginning October 24, 2026, and ending November 3, 2026. The auction may include furniture, equipment, cafeteria equipment, maintenance equipment, supplies, and other miscellaneous personal property owned by the Board of Education and located in the former Mifflin Elementary School property, except for any items withdrawn from sale or retained by the District. The auction shall be absolute, and all items offered for sale shall be sold to the highest bidder, subject to the terms and conditions established by RES Auction Services, LLC and the Board of Education. All property shall be sold **AS IS, WHERE IS, WITH ALL FAULTS**, and without representation or warranty of any kind, express or implied. The Board of Education expressly disclaims all warranties, including without limitation warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. Prospective bidders are responsible for conducting such inspections and investigations as they deem necessary prior to bidding. Payment shall be made in accordance with the terms and conditions established by RES Auction Services, LLC and provided to registered bidders. Purchasers shall be responsible for removing purchased items within the time period specified by the auctioneer and shall bear all costs associated with removal and transportation. Additional information regarding registration, bidding procedures, inspection opportunities, payment requirements, item descriptions, pickup dates, and auction terms may be obtained from RES Auction Services, LLC at www.res.bid.

Bradd Stevens, Treasurer
Board of Education of the
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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 16, 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. 26-16 – A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FIVE YEAR UPDATE OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN OF RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO.

Abbey Beaver
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