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RYAN AND VANESSA MCKENNA'S Halloween display at 408 Henry St., Mansfield, was named Community Choice Winner of the Sluss Realty October Hometown Home Awards in the category of Best Halloween and Fall Decor. What is now known as "Haunted Henry Street," the display stretches across three yards. The couple began decorating over two decades ago, adding to the display each year. The display includes over a dozen animatronics, a real coffin and a handmade casket containing a realistic-looking corpse. There will be live actors Saturday, Oct. 31, starting at 5 pm. The community is invited to come see the display, but is asked to not walk through the yards.

Mansfield Playhouse building campaign surpasses \$3.7 million

The Mansfield Playhouse in downtown Mansfield has reached a major milestone in its funding campaign to build a new home, raising more than \$3.7 million toward its building goal of \$5.9 million.

Moving the capital project ahead significantly is a recent anonymous gift of \$500,000.

"The generosity we've experienced over the last several months has been extraordinary," said Doug Wertz, Playhouse president. "To receive a \$500,000 gift from this philanthropist reflects a tremendous vote of confidence in our mission, our future, and the role the Playhouse plays in the cultural life of this community."

Also, from the north central Ohio corporate community, the Playhouse has received a gift of \$54,757 from the Timken Foundation on behalf of Timken employees at the corporation's major manufacturing facility in Bucyrus. In addition, Mechanics Bank has recently given \$50,000, and gifts of \$50,000 have been received from the Gorman Family Fund and the John P. Gross Fund of the Richland County Foundation.

This new funding comes on the heels of the Playhouse's landmark 100th season, underscoring strong community support for one of Ohio's oldest community theaters and its vision for the future.

The campaign, led by Chamber member Chriss Harris, has also benefitted from a previously announced \$1 million commitment from the State of Ohio.

As the other donations coming in weekly, this state gift has positioned the organization to move closer to constructing a new, modern, fully accessible theater facility adjacent to the Playhouse's current East Third Street location.

Following professional evaluation of the existing facility, Playhouse leaders determined that constructing a new theater represents the most practical long-term solution to ensure the organization can continue serving north central Ohio for generations to come. The current building is surrendering to age.

Campaign leaders are encouraging individuals, families, businesses, and community organizations to help them close the remaining funding gap and capitalize on the momentum generated by the recent major gifts.

"These investments have given us incredible momentum," Wertz said. "Now is the time for anyone who has been considering a contribution to join the effort. Together, we can ensure that live community theater remains a vibrant part of our area's future."

Campaign Leader Harris is encouraging each Chamber member to join her in supporting this important community asset in downtown Mansfield. "A gift of any size will help us reach our goal," she said. "The state and our community have helped us reach an important milestone, but we're not finished."

Gifts to support the 100th Anniversary Capital Campaign may be sent to the Mansfield Playhouse at 95 E. Third St., Mansfield, OH, 44902 or at mansfieldplayhouse.com.

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THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

The new DC movie *Clayface* stars Tom Rhys Harries as actor Matt Hagen. His career is on the rise after being nominated for a major award and is known for his good looks.

After spending an evening with the girlfriend of a mobster, the mobster disfigures his face and he turns into an outcast in Gotham City.

He turns to a scientist who is developing a technology that regenerates and heals cells.

After injecting too much into himself, his skin is turned into a clay substance which causes him to take on any human form and imitate anyone.

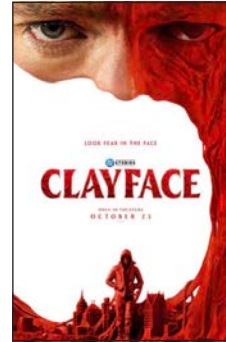
Harries give a good performance as he is trying to figure out what is constantly happen-

ing to him. Naomi Ackie plays the scientist and she and Harries have good chemistry.

The special effects involving *Clayface* are well done. Its a decent origin story though lags in the middle as it struggles to take off, it does pick up near the end as it is revealed more what *Clayface's* powers will be.

The movie succeeds with the performances and special effects though storywise it lags in the middle though has engaging bookends.

A marginal recommendation for *Clayface* though it will be interesting to see what they do with this character.



American Red Cross makes gift cards available to donors

The American Red Cross urges people to leave a lasting impact by giving blood or platelets now. Donors of all blood types, especially those with type O blood, are needed to keep the blood supply steady ahead of the holiday rush.

In thanks, all who come to give now through Nov. 22 will get up to \$20 in gift cards.

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

To help empower and educate our blood donors, in November, successful donations will once again get free A1C testing, commonly used to screen for prediabetes and diabetes. (One result per calendar year; do not fast before donating.) For additional information, see RedCrossBlood.org/Maze.

To donate, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. 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.

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 blood donor ambassador at Red Cross blood drives. Blood donor ambassadors help greet, check in and thank blood donors to ensure they have a positive donation experience.

Volunteers can also serve as transportation specialists, playing a vital role in ensuring lifesaving blood products are delivered to nearby hospitals. For more information and to apply for either position visit redcross.org/volunteertoday.

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News Briefs

A holiday rummage sale will be held at St. Mary Church, 1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison area), on Nov. 5, from 9 am to 4 pm, Nov. 6, 9 am to 4 pm and Nov. 7, 9 am to noon. Those attending the sale should enter at the ramp outside the church basement.

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The Lexington Area Senior Citizens Inc., invites those 55 and older to attend meetings the third Wednesday of every month at 11:30 am at Der Dutchman, Rt. 97, Bellville. Cost is \$17 for the meal, with an additional \$2 for pie.

The next meal will be Nov. 11, with roast turkey being served. A representative of the Alzheimer's Association will visit.

The group will also meet for lunch Wednesday, Nov. 4, at 11 am, at The Local @ 97, St. Rt 97, Lexington.

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

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The 33rd Annual Crestview Craft Show will be held Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 am to 3 pm at Crestview Middle School, 1575 St. Rt. 96, Ashland. Proceeds go to support the music department.

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Downtown Mansfield will host the Halloween Parade at 10 am on Saturday, Oct. 31. The parade will start at the 5-way light at Marion Avenue and Park Avenue West.

Downtown trick-or-treat will be held from 11 am to noon. Local businesses will be opening their doors and handing out candy. Richland Carrousel Park's carrousel will spin in reverse from 2-4 pm.

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.

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The City of Ontario November meeting schedule includes Nov. 4, 5:30 pm utilities committee, 6 pm finance committee of the whole, 6:15 pm caucus and 7 pm council; Nov. 16, 4 pm planning commission; Nov. 18, 1 pm civil service commission, 5:30 pm parks committee of the whole, 6:15 pm, caucus and 7 pm council.

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

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St. Joseph's, 119 Sandusky St., Plymouth, will host a turkey and roast beef dinner on Sunday, Nov. 1, from 9:30 am to 1 pm.

On the menu will be roast turkey or roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and dessert. Cost is \$15 and there will also be a 50/50 drawing.

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

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With too many books to put out for the recent Fall Used Book Sale, the Friends of the Galion Public Library decided to make a special two-day sale featuring biography, vintage and history categories. Other categories will be offered as well.

The event will take place in the community room at the library, 123 N. Market St., Galion, on Friday, Nov. 6 from 9:30 am to 5 pm and Saturday, Nov. 7 from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. All media is offered on donation, and the proceeds go to support programs and materials for the library. For information call 419-468-3203.

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The first annual chili cook-off will be held Saturday, Nov. 14 at Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, Madison area, starting at 1 pm. Local churches are invited to compete. All members of the public who attend will be eligible to vote on which chili is the best. Tickets are \$5 per person.



Study abroad opportunities available for high school students

Qualified high school students are offered a unique opportunity to explore the world by spending an academic year, semester, or summer in Europe, Asia, North or South America, Australia or South Africa as part of the ASSE International Student Exchange Program. A non-profit, public benefit organization, ASSE is dedicated to promoting closer ties of friendship between the United States and other countries by fostering intercultural understanding through youth exchange programs.

Students, 15 to 18 years old, qualify on the basis of academic performance, character references, and a genuine desire to experience life abroad with a volunteer host family. Prior knowledge of the host country's language is not a requirement. Scholarships are available and are based on academic performance, leadership skills, and financial need.

Families abroad are carefully screened, and students do not need to know the language of the host country prior to departure, but will acquire the language skills through experiencing the day-to-day local culture and attending regular high school classes along with their new teenage friends.

ASSE also provides the experience of a lifetime to American families who are interested in hosting an international student from Spain, Italy, Germany, Ukraine, Thailand, Japan, and many other countries. These exceptional young students will attend the local American high school for an academic year or semester.

Students or families interested in learning more about becoming an ASSE exchange student or host family should contact ASSE at 1-800-736-1760, visit www.studyabroad.asse.com, or send an email to asseusawest@asse.com.

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Pioneer CTC board accepts grants totaling over half a million

The Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education met Oct. 19, and accepted grants from Carl D. Perkins HS for \$323,041.70; Carl D. Perkins ADE for \$239,768.02; and Public School Preschool, \$46,750 (\$34,000) with grant eligible enrolled kids.

A contract with Mansfield City Schools for tutors for Ohio Health Mansfield Hospital Home Instruction was approved.

The board approved a consultant services agreements with NCOESC.

Donations were accepted from Sandee Riggs, Millersport, \$39.38 to be deposited and used by the graphic arts program; Bob and Janet Shirk, Mansfield, donation of various tools for the construction labs; and Directions Credit Union, monetary donations totaling \$7,254.56, to be deposited into the Terry Winters Scholarship Fund.

The board approved student participation in competitive events including the FFA National Convention, Oct. 21–24, at the Indianapolis Convention Center; and SkillsUSA Ohio Leadership Conference, Nov. 12–13, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus

The board approved a supplemental contract for Charles Curren, culinary arts instructor, banquet prep 2026–’27 school year, up to 100 hours, as needed outside regular work day, at the hourly per diem rate of pay for the 2026–’27 school year.

Google certification stipends were awarded to Charles (Jay) Follett, Level 1, \$110; and Kaleb Hollar, Level 1, \$110.

The board approved employment of certified substitute school counselor Tod Petit.

Certified substitute instructors include Darlene Daugherty, Rebecca Knipp and Riley Jordan.

Part-time classified personnel hired include Shelly Tanner, Early Childhood Education (ECE) parent coordinator; and Katelynn Hurst, ECE parent coordinator. Shelly Tanner resigned as an ECE parent coordinator.

The board approved employment of part-time adult education CTX instructor James Rippel. Cassidy Cullen was hired as an ECE student worker.

A MOU was reached with Lexington Local School District.

Adopted resolutions include Reduction In Force and an appreciation of donation from DAFgiving360.

A change was made to the November regular board meeting to Monday, Nov. 23 at 6 pm. The December meeting was changed to Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 6 pm.

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
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State Farm donates \$1 million for home fire prevention initiatives

October is National Fire Prevention Month, and the American Red Cross recognizes long-time donor State Farm® for \$1 million in philanthropic support for home fire prevention initiatives across the nation this year. In addition to this gift, our East Central & Central Ohio Chapters received a \$50,000 State Farm grant for home fire safety, education, and installation of smoke alarms in Central & Southern Ohio Region.

Home fires claim seven lives every day, but working smoke alarms can cut the risk of death in half. That's why the Red Cross offers fire safety education in communities across the country. As a steadfast Red Cross donor, State Farm is also committed to helping individuals and families protect what matters most.

"Through lifesaving programs, the Red Cross plays a vital role in helping build safer, stronger and more resilient communities. The philanthropic support State Farm provides Red Cross preparedness programs and disaster relief efforts demonstrates a shared commitment — to be good neighbors," said Rasheed Merritt, State Farm Executive, Corporate Responsibility.

As the national Sound the Alarm sponsor, State Farm helps support home fire safety efforts across the country. State Farm associates also volunteer alongside Red Cross teams at Sound the Alarm events to install free smoke alarms, develop emergency escape plans and share vital home fire safety education. Since Sound the Alarm began in 2014, the Red Cross has documented more than 2,690 lives saved and installed over 3.1 million smoke alarms.

"The American Red Cross responds to a disaster every 10 minutes on average — the majority of which are home fires," said Tim Callahan, Executive Director, American Red Cross of East Central Ohio. "We are deeply grateful for State Farm's generosity helping us prepare for and respond to disasters in our community."

State Farm has served as a Red Cross Mission Leader since 2024, joining an elite group of the organization's most generous supporters — donors contributing more than \$3 million annually.

In April, the Red Cross presented State Farm with the 2026 Mission Leader Award, recognizing its remarkable support and sustained commitment to the Red Cross mission. This annual award honors an organization whose leadership and commitment has driven extraordinary results in advancing the organization's humanitarian work to prevent and alleviate suffering in the face of emergencies.

State Farm's long-standing participation in the Annual Disaster Giving Program (ADGP) demonstrates decades of sustained investment in Red Cross readiness, ensuring teams, supplies and infrastructure are prepared in advance of emergencies. This backing enables the Red Cross to provide safe shelter, meals, emotional support and other critical assistance at a moment's notice while strengthening community preparedness and resiliency for the future.

Beyond its ADGP membership and home fire support, State Farm continues to sponsor key Red Cross initiatives, including Be Red Cross Ready and the Red Cross Emergency App, which collectively help families stay safe and access critical emergency information.

In 2025, State Farm donated 15 vehicles totaling \$1,000,000 — including four Emergency Response Vehicles — to Red Cross regions

around the country to support local preparedness, response and recovery efforts.

Last year, State Farm hosted 33 blood drives across nine states where 154 first-time blood donors helped the Red Cross collect more than 860 donations of lifesaving blood. State Farm employees have given more than 170,000 donations of blood over the last 40 years.

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Commissioners announce new director of job and family services

The Richland County Board of Commissioners formally announced the selection of Shayne Oehlhof Sankoe as the next Director of Richland County Job and Family Services, effective Oct. 26.

This appointment follows the upcoming retirement of Director Lori Bedson, who is completing an outstanding tenure at the agency which began in 1999.

She brings more than 25 years of legal, public administration, and human services experience to this role. Throughout her career, Shayne led complex public sector operations, overseen budgets, ensured regulatory compliance, and developed programs that improve services for children and families. Most recently, she served as Director of the Wayne County Child Support Enforcement Agency, where she directed agency operations, fiscal management, personnel administration, and community partnerships.

Prior to that role, she served as administrator and attorney for Morrow County Job and Family Services. Shayne is a licensed attorney and started her legal career in private practice.

Oehlhof Sankoe grew up in Richland County, and she has called Ontario home for the past decade. She is committed to collaborative leadership, accountability, and strengthening services that support the well-being and self-sufficiency of Richland County families.



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Lexington board hires coaches

The Lexington Board of Education met Oct. 21. H hirings included Phil Schaffner, substitute bus driver; Taran Jones, substitute nurse; Chase Nelson, substitute custodian; and Nicole Williams, substitute bus driver.

The board approved the invoice from the Center for Individual and Family Services in the amount of \$4,725 for student deaf interpretive services.

Salary adjustments were approved for Katie Rogers and Kaitlyn Swartzmiller.

Melisa Watters resigned as head junior high swimming coach and Lauren Moeller resigned as the diving coach.

Coaches hired for the 2026-'27 season include Luke Triska, athletics volunteer; Kierslyn Allen, volunteer assistant bowling coach; Zach Maxey, volunteer freshman basketball; Roger Long, head bowling coach; Jeff Stehle, volunteer assistant bowling coach; Scott Hamilton, varsity boys basketball coach; Tad Davis, ssistant boys basketball coach; Derrick Shelenberger, freshman boys basketball coach; Zach Maxey, volunteer assistant basketball coach; Kevin Morrow, junior high boys basketball coach; Buck Morton, junior high boys basketball coach; Nick Briggs, assistant girls basketball coach; Elijah Miller, junior high girls basketball coach; Kyle Strauch, assistant girls basketball coach; Melisa Watters, head swim coach; Dave Watters, assistant swim coach; Justice Holmes, junior high swim coach; Jordan Hayes, junior high swim coach; Jesse Palser, assistant wrestling coach; Chad Miley, assistant wrestling coach; Jacob Brown, junior high wrestling coach; Seth Cole, junior high wrestling coach; Dustin Bender, junior high wrestling coach; Johnathan Watkins, volunteer assistant wrestling coach; and Nick Dillon, volunteer assistant wrestling coach.

Parent volunteers and chaperones approved include Nichole Baab, Jaime Bratton, Shelby Stout, Amy Doup and Chad Farlee.

The board approved payment for "in lieu of transportation" for Lexington students attending Ashland Christian School.

Tuition students approved are Paxton Kenyon, remainder of the 2026-'27 school year, eighth grade; and Anthony Failor, remainder of the 2026-'27 school year, tuition waived when parents moved out of the district during the student's senior year, per board policy.

A Pioneer Satellite Program was approved at Lexington High School and the junior high.

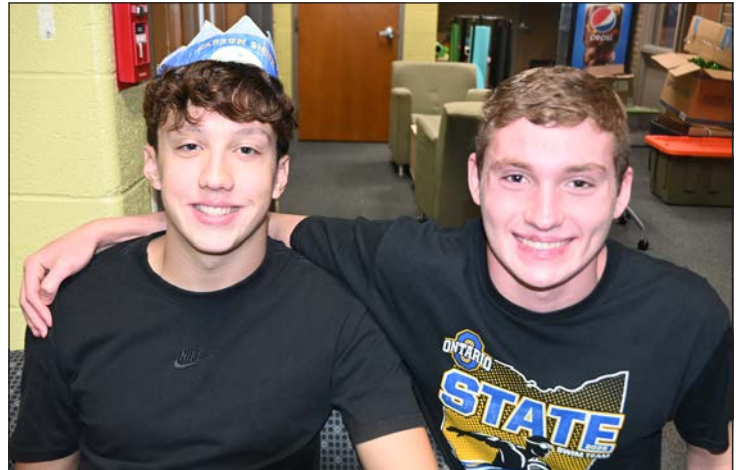
Main Street converts to two-way

City of Mansfield Mayor Jodie Perry announced that pavement striping is taking place on Main Street as part of the Main Street Improvement Project and the conversion from one-way to two-way traffic. Two-way traffic is expected to begin Wednesday, Oct. 28.

Barricades will be placed to block northbound traffic while crews complete the work and implement the new traffic pattern.

Motorists are advised to use caution, follow posted signs and barricades and remain alert for changes in traffic patterns, pavement markings and signage.

"The city appreciates the public's patience and cooperation as we work to improve traffic circulation and accessibility in downtown Mansfield," said Mayor Perry.



CURRENT MEMBERS of Ontario High School's National Honor Society welcomed new members during the traditional tapping ceremony. Each new member received a crown created by a current member before enjoying a celebratory luncheon.

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City of Mansfield begins leaf collection program

City of Mansfield Mayor Jodie A. Perry has announced the start of the 2026 leaf collection program. The city will utilize the service complex at 480 Park Avenue East as the leaf collection site this year. The service complex is currently accepting leaf drop-offs seven days a week from 7 am to 5 pm.

Citizens are required to stop into the office before dropping leaves off on site. No public parks will be utilized this year in order to accommodate EPA clean compost standards and work force restrictions. All residents are encouraged to use the collection site or to compost their leaves.

The City of Mansfield expects to start the curb side leaf program Monday, Nov. 9. The city plans to make a single pass to pick up leaves curb side. An attempt will be made for a second pass, however, with five leaf picking crews covering the entire city, the second pass will be highly dependent upon the weather and equipment.

Weekly progression of the city crews will be posted through the news media and <http://www.ci.mansfield.oh.us>. Crews will be working daily, Monday through Friday 7:30 am to 3 pm, during regular scheduled work hours. If residents would like their leaves picked up, they are asked to rake the leaves up to the curb, but not onto the street. Blowing or raking leaves onto city streets results in a violation of city ordinance 911.06(b), plugs catch basins and can cause flooding. The city will not pick up limbs, brush, grass clippings, trash, debris, plastics bags or paper bags.

The leaf collection route is divided into four areas. The four areas are further divided into zones that the city uses for snow plowing. The city will start in area one. There will be four, four-person crews working throughout the different areas and zones. It will take roughly a week and a half per area, depending upon the weather and equipment. The planned route is as follows

Area 1 contains zones 2, 3 and 4;

- Crew starting at Madison Rd. and Park Ave East working west (Zone 2)
- Crew starting at Oak and Davidson working west (Zone 3)
- Crew starting at Diamond and Main working east (Zone 3)
- Crew starting at Diamond and Main St. working south (Zone 4)
- Crew starting at S. Main St and Stimens Dr. working north (Zone 4)

Area 2 contains zones 5 and 6:

- Crew will start at Main St. and Lexington Ave working south. (Zone 5).
- Crew will start Hanley Rd and Middle Bellville Rd. working north. (Zone 5).
- Crew will start at W. Cook Rd. and S. Main St. working south. (Zone 5).
- Crew starting W. Cook and Woodhill working south west (Zone 6)
- Crew starting in the southwest corner of Royal Oak and work north east (Zone 6)

Area 3 contains zones 7 and 8:

- Crew will start at Cline and Lexington Ave. and working south west (Zone 7).
- Crew will start at Woodland Rd. at W.

Cook and working north east (Zone 7).

- Crew starting at Marion and Sherman Ave working west (Zone 8)
- Crew starting at S. Trimble and Park Ave West working east (Zone 8)
- Crew starting at Home Rd. and Park Ave West working east (Zone 8)

Area 4 contains zones 9, 10 and 1.

- Crew starting at Grace at Ashland Rd. working northwest (Zone 1)
- Crew starting at Trimble and Park Ave West working east (Zone 9)
- Crew starting at Home Rd. and Park Ave

West working east (Zone 9)

- Crew starting at N. Main St. and Sixth St. working west (Zone 10)
 - Crew starting at Walker Lake Rd. and Home Rd. working south and east (Zone 10)
- A map and detail updates are available at <http://www.ci.mansfield.oh.us/>

Once an area has been completed, the city will document it on the City of Mansfield's homepage under the 2026 Leaf Program tab.

Any questions should be directed to the city service complex, Monday through Friday, 7 am to 3:30 pm, at 419-755-9803.



CITY OF MANSFIELD SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR Keith Porch swears in firefighters Luke Kocab and Kellen Kiser. They were sworn in on Monday, Oct. 19, at Station 1, and spent their first week training in a variety of situations and circumstances.



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"America the Beautiful" opens at Great Lakes Science Center

America the Beautiful opens for a limited run at the Cleveland Clinic DOME Theater at Great Lakes Science Center.

Directed by Jen Casey, and narrated by Emmy-winning actor Kelsey Grammer, the film is a sweeping giant screen experience celebrating the diverse natural worlds that define the United States. More than a visual spectacle, *America the Beautiful* reveals that these places were not preserved by chance, but through bold vision, determination, and enduring commitment to conservation that continues to shape the nation's natural legacy.

Along the way, viewers will meet the conservationists working to ensure this national natural legacy is protected for future generations.

The film visits many of the country's national landmarks, including the Devil's Tower in Wyoming, the first U.S. national monument established in 1906 by President Theodore Roosevelt. Roosevelt's legacy as America's conservationist president also includes the cre-

ation of the National Parks Service, five National Parks, 18 U.S. National Monuments, 150 national forests and the public protection of approximately 230 million acres.

"One of the things that was so wonderful about TR is that he has this ability to gather everybody, to help everybody understand that nature and our natural resources were vital to not just American prosperity but probably more importantly to the American spirit and the American character," said Simon Roosevelt, his great-great grandson, who carries on his ancestor's conservation efforts.

Active duty, retired and veteran military members can receive a free ticket to see the movie on Wednesday, Nov. 11 or Thursday, Nov. 12 as a thank you for their service. A valid military ID or related paperwork showing service enrollment is required. The Science Center also offers our military guests half-price general admission on up to four tickets daily. The Science Center is open late on Thursdays until 8 pm and there will be an additional screening of the movie that evening at 6 pm.

America the Beautiful will be shown at 1 pm and 3:30 pm, Nov. 11-25. Tickets are \$10.95 for adults and \$8.95 for children 2-12 years old, or can be added to a general admission as a combo ticket for \$5. Purchase tickets at GreatScience.com or at the box office.

America the Beautiful is produced by Mission Partners Entertainment Group, in association with the Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation, and funded by America the Beautiful Foundation.



LEXINGTON WESTERN ELEMENTARY students welcomed a special visitor when Superintendent Young stopped by their classroom to read a story that connected to their recent "Kindness Week" lessons.

Thanksgiving food available

Richland County Youth and Family Council and local partner agencies are once again joining forces for the "Doing Good Together" initiative. Now in its second year, the collaborative effort aims to provide 400 Thanksgiving food boxes to households across Richland County.

The Youth and Family Council serves many Kinship families, grandparents or relatives raising children due to circumstances related to abuse or neglect, as well as families of children with developmental disabilities. Partner agencies are also seeing a rise in requests for food assistance from older adults in the community.

"Doing Good Together" is a local supplemental food program that provides Thanksgiving meal essentials to county residents. Items included in the boxes are frozen turkeys, corn (canned), green beans (canned), stuffing mix, french fried onions, boxed macaroni and cheese, boxed potatoes (mashed or scalloped), gravy (packets or jars) and other Thanksgiving fixings (cranberry sauce, etc.).

This is a partnership between Richland County Youth and Family Council, Richland County Children Services, the Mansfield Police Department, and the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging Inc. and Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center.

Richland County residents can pre-register for a food box through Nov. 4, by calling Richland First Call 2-1-1. Pick-up will be at Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center, 890 W. 4th St., in Mansfield on Monday, Nov. 23, at pre-determined pick-up times.



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Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Clear Fork, Lucas, Ontario and Shelby enter post-season

By Kris Leiter

It hard to believe our beloved 10 weeks of high school football has wrapped-up. But, the good news is that the sweet sound of playoffs is here!

There have been some really good games this year, and some surprises. Hopefully, your team made the top 12 in the region. The top teams will battle it out on the road to Canton in the next few weeks.

The top four seeds in each region earn a first-round bye. As teams move into weeks two and three of the post-season, the higher seeds

Division IV — Region 14

Nice job Shelby and Clear Fork! This region is one to keep an eye on, considering they are both MOAC conference rivals and ended up first and third place.

Depending on which way the ball bounces, the two teams could possibly lock horns later in the post season.

The two rivals battled it out on Oct. 2, when Shelby won 28-21, winning by only seven points!

Shelby: Number 2 seed (10-0, 7-0, first place, MOAC)

The Whippets will get the first-round bye and next two rounds at the beautiful Whippet Athletic Complex.

Clear Fork: Number 4 Seed (8-2, 5-2, third place, MOAC)

The Colts also made the first-round bye in the number four slot. They will stake their claim in the beautiful Clear Fork valley with home field advantage for the first two rounds after the bye week.

No. 1 Ottawa-Glandorf (10-0), first-round bye, hosts winner of No. 8 vs 9

No. 2 Shelby (10-0), first-round bye, hosts winner of No. 7 vs 10

No. 3 Sandusky Perkins (10-0), first-round bye, hosts winner of No. 6 vs 11

No. 4 Clear Fork (8-2), first-round bye, hosts winner of No. 5 vs 12

No. 5 Otsego (7-3) hosts No. 12 Van Wert (5-5)

No. 6 Bellevue (7-3) hosts No. 11 Highland (4-6)

No. 7 Firelands (6-4) hosts No. 10 Rossford (5-5)

No. 8 Upper Sandusky (6-4) hosts No. 9 Medina Buckeye (5-5)

Division III — Region 10

Ontario: Number 2 Seed (9-1, 6-1, second place, MOAC)

The Warriors enter the post-season as the number two seed with only one loss in the regular season to Shelby. They also receive a first-round bye, then home field advantage at Copeland Field.

Copeland Field was named after long-time legendary Coach Roger Copleland, an Ontario coaching legend for decades. Copeland was infamous for his single-wing style of Warrior football.

Watch out for Tiffin Columbian. They may be a possible foe, as the Warriors and Tornadoes have faced each other in the past years.

No. 1 Celina (9-1) first-round bye hosts winner of No. 8 vs 9

No. 2 Ontario (9-1) first-round bye hosts winner of No. 7 vs 10

No. 3 Cloverleaf (8-2) first-round bye hosts winner of No. 6 vs 11

No. 4 Wapakoneta (7-3) first-round bye hosts winner of No. 5 vs 12

No. 5 Copley (6-4) hosts No. 12 Parma Padua Franciscan (4-6)

No. 6 St. Marys Memorial (7-3) hosts No. 11 Maumee (5-5)

No. 7 Tiffin Columbian (7-3) hosts No. 10 Midview (5-5)

No. 8 Richfield Revere (6-4) hosts No. 9 Holy Name (5-4)

Division VII — Region 27

Lucas: Number 10 seed (5-5)

The Cubs are in! They were floating around the 12 spot for a few weeks and with some help from other teams, they claimed the 10 spot! Lucas had some challenging matchups this season as they embarked in their new N10 league.

Depending on what the next few weeks roll out, Danville may be in the Cubs radar. If the Cubs win Friday, they would face the long-time rival Blue Devils! The two teams have had some mighty battles on the gridiron over the years, as both were members of the Mid-Buckeye Conference for years.

No. 1 Symmes Valley (10-0), first-round bye hosts winner No. 8 vs 9

No. 2 Danville (10-0), first-round bye hosts winner of No. 7 vs 10
No. 3 Toronto (9-1), first-round bye hosts winner of No. 6 vs 11
No. 4 Reedsville Eastern (8-2), first-round bye hosts winner of No. 5 vs 12

No. 5 Shadyside (8-2) hosts No. 12 South Gallia (6-4)

No. 6 Strasburg-Franklin (7-3) hosts No. 11 Frontier (5-5)

No. 7 Eastern (7-3) hosts No. 10 Lucas (5-5)

Tickets for regional playoff games (first four rounds) will go on sale every Monday at noon at www.OHSAA.org/tickets. Regional playoffs will follow bracket format and first-round regional games will be played Friday, Oct. 30, at the better seeded team's venue.

Neutral sites will be used beginning in the fourth round (regional finals). Regional and state semifinal playoff games will be played on Friday nights at 7 pm. Information can be found at <https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/football>

The 2026 State Championship games are Dec. 3-5 at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton. The schedule includes Thursday, Dec. 3, Division II at 7 pm; Friday, Dec. 4, Division V at 10:30 am, Division III at 3 pm and Division I at 7:30 pm; Saturday, Dec. 5, Division VII at 10:30 am, Division VI at 3 pm and Division IV at 7:30 pm.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame has a special package for youth, middle and high school football teams. Teams that have at least 12 athletes can purchase tickets to any of the state championship games. They are \$6 for students and \$12 for up to four adults accompanying the team. For tickets contact Claudia Markoff at cmarkoff@ohsaa.org.

OHSAA championship game tickets to the Pro Football Hall of Fame are \$21.95 per person for groups of 15 or more. For tickets contact Pat Bearducci at pat.bearducci@profootballhof.com.

All-session general admission tickets are \$95 for adults, \$60 for students, including all seven championship games. General admission tickets for Friday and Saturday games are \$42 for adults and \$30 for students. Other ticket options are also available.

Single-game tickets for the state championships will be available Nov. 30.



MRS. DITTY'S AND MRS. JOLIN'S CLASSES at Ontario teamed-up to celebrate fall with some fun, hands-on STEM activities! Students worked together, got creative, solved problems and used their critical-thinking skills while exploring and learning through STEM.

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Photo By Jenna Wolford

CRESTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL'S cross country teams competed in the Division IV District Championships at Amman's Park in Galion on Saturday, Oct. 24. The boys were named OHSA Division IV District Champions and will advance to regionals in Tiffin this coming Saturday. Regional qualifying individuals on the girls team were Laynie Kemp and Gracie Gallaway. The boys team was led by junior Isaac McFarland placing third with a time of 16:42. He was followed by sophomore Isaac Smith, 7th, 17:26; junior Logan Robinson, 13th, 17:49; freshman Easton Smith, 18th, 18:18; junior Brant Leidigh, 19th, 18:19; junior Jackson VanScyoc, 29th, 18:56; and freshman Cody Wolford, 49th, 20:25. Also pictured for the boys team is Titus Kelley. Junior Layne Kemp led the girls team, finishing 9th with 21:46. She was followed by junior Gracie Gallaway in 37th with 23:18; junior Alex Cutlip, 76th, 27:30; junior Emily Pond, 77th, 27:51; and freshman Elianna Kelley, 80th, 28:08. The teams are coached by Emma McCarron and Lauren McCarron.

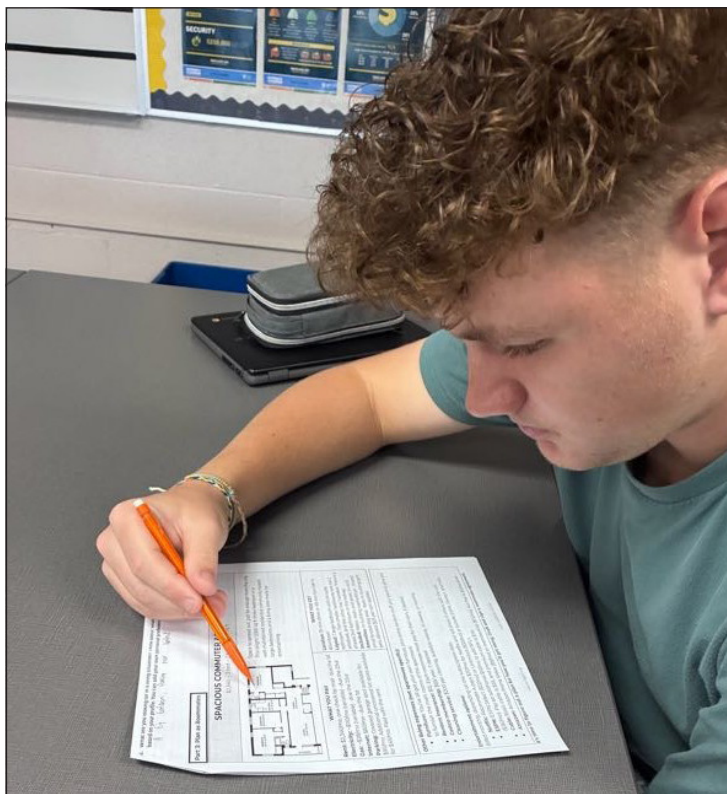


THE LEXINGTON BAND OF GOLD traveled to Ohio State University for the Buckeye Invitational on Oct. 3. The band performed on the field, experienced walking through the famous tunnel and watched the OSU Marching Band perform its halftime show and Script Ohio! Lexington alumni and OSU Band member Logan Bartlett escorted the group. The Band of Gold earned a score of 75.5/100, bringing them closer to qualifying for state finals.

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CLEAR FORK VS CLYDE DIVISION IV SECTIONAL FINAL · OCT. 22
COLTS WIN 8-0 · PHOTOS BY JEFF HOFFER





STUDENTS IN BRITTANY RHODES' CTAG Personal Finance course at Ontario High School completed a budgeting with roommates simulation where students role-played young adults moving into an apartment together with 2-3 other roommates. They had to negotiate and build a shared household budget while managing differing incomes, habits and expenses. Each student took on a persona with a specific financial situation and had to calculate and divide common living costs. Students filled out tracking sheets to auto-sum apartment totals, ensuring individual contributions match the collective bills they agreed upon. Students also practiced real-world compromise —such as deciding who pays for what, handling late-payment penalties and dealing with unexpected scenarios like an “out-of-luck friend.”

Potty training workshop offered for individuals with disabilities

The Richland County Youth and Family Council invites caregivers to attend “It’s Time To Potty!” a supportive and informative potty-training workshop for individuals of any age and ability level.

The event will take place Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 5–8 pm, at North Central State College, Fellarius Building, in room 164.

Led by Emily Carruthers, M.A. of the Collaborative Learning Center, who brings over 25 years of experience using Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) to support learners with diverse needs, the training covers readiness, reinforcement, visual supports, schedules, and practical implementation.

Her approach is compassionate, adaptable and rooted in meeting individuals where they are.

Food and refreshments will be provided by Panera Bread.

This free training is open to caregivers supporting children, youth, or adults, including those with disabilities.

For more information and registration contact Brenda Foley at 567-217-3663. Participants can also register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLS-f4ArGfKCi9V_HGa4B-q5kgE-2eq64UdcRxOwbqYG16A2r-5Clw/viewform

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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 its regular meeting held on October 21, 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. 26-21 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD CONTRACTS FOR VARIOUS MATERIALS AND SERVICES NEEDED DURING THE YEAR 2027 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Abbey Beaver
Clerk of Council
Ontario, Ohio

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of voluntary dissolution of Richland Engineering Limited, an Ohio limited partnership association. To all creditors and claimants of Richland Engineering Limited.

Notice is hereby given that Richland Engineering Limited, an Ohio Limited partnership association, whose principal office is located at Richland County, Ohio, has filed a Certificate of Dissolution and is winding up its business.

Jerod M. Them,
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