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SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT swore in two new full-time firefighters on Monday, Aug. 1. (Top photo) Assistant Fire Chief Adam Spellman, center, stands with Firefighter/Paramedic Nathan Matney and Firefighter EMT Basic Collin McBride.

Nature programs and live music scheduled during fair

In addition to the rides, barns and eating your favorite fair food, make sure you check out what's happening at the Nature Park during the Richland County Fair, August 7 through 13.

At the Nature Park, visitors can relax on seating shaded by large trees and surrounded by beautiful native plant gardens, enjoy natural resource and environmental programs, and listen to live music. Programs and entertainment at the Nature Park are free with paid admission to the fair.

The Nature Park exhibit space, located behind the Nature Park Stage, is open Monday through Friday from 11 am to 7 pm for kids activities, contests and to learn more about conservation, recycling and animals native to Richland County. A Kids Scavenger Hunt will be held Wednesday from 11 am to 2 pm.

In the exhibit area, Richland Soil and Water Conservation District will teach how trees help manage stormwater and offer trivia, sponsored by Meijer, for a chance to win prizes. Visitors can find out how to save 50 percent of the cost to have a nutrient management plan written, and discover more about other soil and water topics.

The City of Mansfield Engineering Department will have educational materials on storm water, trees, volunteer opportunities, recycling, litter prevention and a drawing to win prizes for answering questions found in the educational materials or in the display.

Richland County Solid Waste Management Authority will also have educational materials related to reduce, reuse, and recycle and kids can make a craft.

Richland County Park District will offer the opportunity to hold a snake or turtle and the Richland Area Beekeepers Association will teach about beekeeping and the life of bees.

Displays will also be available from Master Gardener Volunteers, Richland County Farm Bureau and Malabar Farm State Park.

The schedule will include:

Sunday, Aug. 7, 7 pm, Mercy and Grace, gospel music

Monday, Aug. 8, 3 pm, "Soil and Water Trivia," Richland Soil and Water Conservation District; 4 pm, "Malabar Farm-One of Richland County's Hidden Gems" and Dot, a lamb raised by Malabar Farm State Park staff, Mark Sommer, Park Naturalist; and 7 pm, Mid-Ohio Community Band

Tuesday, Aug. 9, 3 pm, "Snakes and Turtles of Richland County, Richland County Park District; 4 pm, "Attracting Butterflies and Pollinators to Your Backyard," Bill Flanagan, Richland County Master Gardeners; and 7 pm, Blue Universe, bluegrass music

Wednesday, Aug. 10, 3 pm, Children's Storytime with a fun activity, Mansfield Richland County Public Library. May move to Big Red Barn depending on weather; 4 pm, "Meet Nathan and his Black Labrador Retriever, May," ODRN Div. of Wildlife K-9 Unit; and 7 pm, Matt Goodrich, country music

Wednesday, Aug. 10, kids ages 8 to 17 are invited to join a scavenger hunt. (Continued on Page 4)

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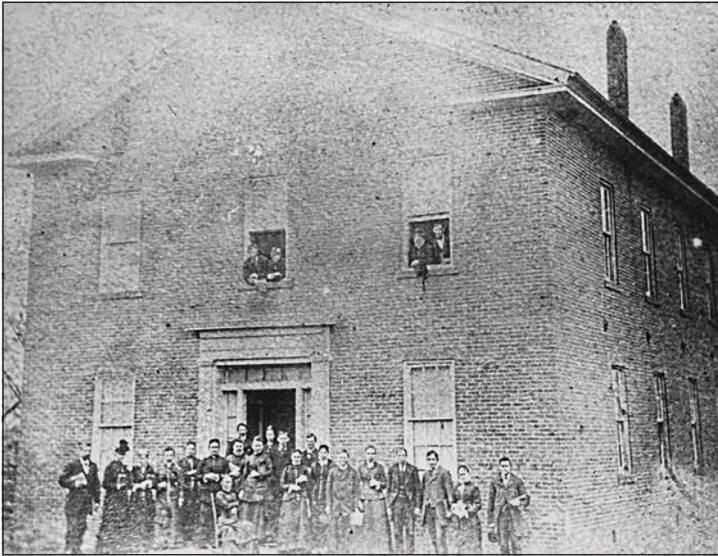
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THIS IS THE ONLY KNOWN photograph of the Gailey Seminary was found in 1964.

READERS' FORUM

I so appreciate the Tuesday evening concerts in the park that are sponsored by Ontario Youth Sports. It is marvelous to sit out under the beautiful blue sky, see the white clouds, see so many come with their chairs.

I love seeing the little ones who are enjoying the playground and having the freedom to run and run and run. It's such a great group of people and its great seeing friends. Everyone seems to be smiling during the wonderful evening that is provided for us.

Usually there is some food trucks if you wish to purchase something, but many just bring a bag and have some snacks and/or soft drinks that are shared with their friends.

There is one group of handicapped young people who are so enjoying the music, some get up and dance around, some just swing with the music. Maybe each concert won't be your type of music, but it is still fun to be there!

It is wonderful to go on those nights and see friends and many I don't know, but all are having a great time.

And, oh yes, it sure beats the re-runs on TV and the silly reality shows that seem to be on every channel.

So if you have never attended one of the concerts, turn off your TV, grab a folding chair or blanket and plan to attend one of the upcoming concerts. There is a schedule available showing which Tuesday nights are involved, and simply drive to the park and follow the traffic. The next concert is Aug. 9, from 6-8 pm, with the Red Ball Jets.

Connie Stuckert
Ontario

The Richard Gailey Seminary

By Bob Carter

Rev. Richard Gailey was a really remarkable man. Born October 31, 1806, in Letterkenny, Ireland, he came to America as a tourist when he was 21.

To learn about the country, he walked from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh. He then came to Mansfield and spent a year at the Lorin Academy, a private school. He went to Jefferson College in Pittsburgh and then to a theological seminary and was ordained as a Presbyterian Minister.

He was called in 1849 to take a three-point charge at Monroe (near Lucas), Pine Run and Troy, a church just west of Lexington. The cemetery on Route 97 next to the dam marks the location.

When Gailey arrived, the Troy church was a log structure. In 1853, the church burned along with all the lumber stored for a new building.

He was a good preacher but all schooling ended at eighth grade. On May 5, 1851, he opened the Monroe Seminary as a private school in the church building near Malabar Farm. Students attended six days a week and boarded with local homes nearby. In spite of its rural location, attendance began to grow.

With the teaching, Gailey was a very busy man, spending six days with the school and preaching three sermons on Sunday.

There was a problem with the somewhat rural location of the school. The limited boarding of students made it difficult to house them and to that end, Gailey moved the school to Lexington which was on the railroad.

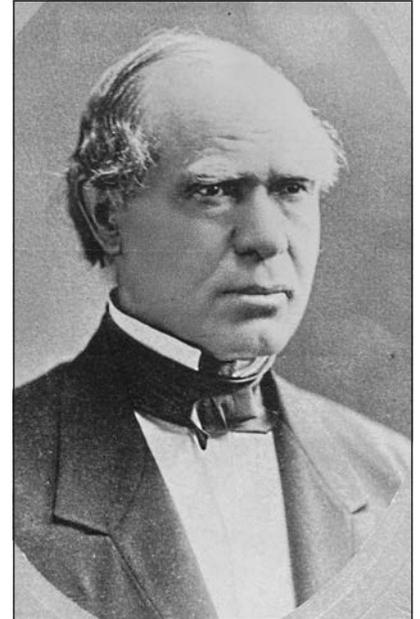
A stock company was formed and a new two-story brick building was erected on Delaware St. The school moved into the first classes in the unfinished building in the fall of 1860. Not all students were local and many boarded in local homes paying \$1.12 to \$1.50 a week. What they learned in classes filtered into the community which was an asset to the village. There were over 100 students enrolled at one time.

When Gailey's daughters graduated from college they were teachers at the seminary. Jane, the oldest, was first assistant and taught music, vocal and instrumental. Mary Elisabeth taught drawing, painting and ornamental needle work.

The minister did most of the teaching and it is recalled "his hour" could last 120 minutes. In 1868, Mary married former student Col. Robert C. Brown, a decorated Civil War veteran. That ended her teaching career as in that era married women were expected to stay home while the men supported them. Other teachers were employed.

Rev. Richard Gailey died April 2, 1875. He was buried April 4, and it's recorded the procession to the Lexington Cemetery was the longest ever seen. Hundreds walked beside and behind the hearse. His wife, Catherine, the two daughters, Richard Jr., a lawyer, and Rev. John Gailey led the mourners. Those that knew him saw to it that the largest monument in the cemetery was erected in his honor. It's on the right at the top of the hill.

The coming of the public high schools ended the Gailey Seminary. At a reunion held in 1880, with an estimated 250 in attendance, speakers noted that 18 had gone into the ministry, 16 became lawyers, 12 had taken up medicine and an uncountable number had become teachers. Another notable student was John Peter Altgeld, later the Governor of Illinois. But that's another story.



IRISHMAN REV. RICHARD GAILEY, founder of the Lexington Seminary was a remarkable man.

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News Briefs

Community Family Fun Night will be held at First Congregational Church of Mansfield, 640 Millsboro Rd., on Saturday, Aug. 27, from 5:30–7:30 pm. This is a free event offering food, games and a live presentation from The Ohio Bird Sanctuary. For more information contact Rev. Brad Bunn at 419-756-3046.

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Ridgeway Church of God, 1380 Park Avenue East, Madison Township, will host a summer grill dinner on Friday, Aug. 12, from 4:30–6 pm in the fellowship hall. Drive-thru ordering will be available. The menu will include bratwurst, hotdogs, corn on the cob, desserts and more. Cost is a freewill donation. All proceeds will benefit the church. For information call 419-589-5385.

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The Mansfield Area Community Hymnsing will be held Aug. 5, at 7 pm, at New Liberty Baptist Church, Lexington Ave., Lexington. The church is a half mile south of Hanley Rd. This is an audience participation event, the congregation calls out the number of a song in the hymnal and everyone joins in to sing. Everyone is welcome.

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Mifflin Fire Department will host a pancake breakfast on Saturday, Aug. 13, from 7 am to noon. The breakfast will be held at 114 Rt. 603, Ashland.

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Little Washington Congregational Church is hosting its 17th annual "Cruise-In" on Saturday, Aug. 13, from 4–7 pm.

There will be plenty of home-cooked food served along with ice cream and pie. Cruise-In participants enjoy sharing information about their restored cars, motorcycles and farm equipment. To register a vehicle to display call Gary Stone at 419-774-2714 or just stop in on the day of the event and register. Please arrive by 3 pm.

For information contact Ronda Stone at 419-774-2714 or Little Washington Congregational Church at 419-756-9292. The church is located at the corner of Washington South and East Hanley Roads.

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Ontario Concerts in the Park will be held at the band shelter in Marshall Park from 6–8 pm on Tuesdays this summer.

Admission is free and those attending are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets. Snacks and picnic dinners are welcome.

Concerts are scheduled for Aug. 9, Red Ball Jets, rock; Aug. 23, Sweet Beats, Beatles Tribute; Sept. 13, Sobos, classic rock; and Sept. 27, Departure, Journey Tribute.

In case of rain, concerts are generally rescheduled for a later date.

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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 Der

Dutchman Restaurant. Lunch begins at 11:30 am, followed by the meeting at 12:30 pm. Cost is \$13 for the meal.

Each month there are speakers and entertainment and members take several trips throughout the year.

The meal on Aug. 17 will be turkey. The group will play bingo and those attending are asked to bring a gift marked for a man, woman or either. Dues are \$5 per year. Guests are welcome to attend.

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The Richland County Republican Party will have a booth at the Richland County Fair and Bellville Street Fair. Volunteer at <https://signup.com/go/RNVdXzJ> for the Richland County Fair and at <https://signup.com/go/BZnucHk> for the Bellville Street Fair.

For information call Megan Whatman at 419-709-7807.

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Aug. 27 and 28. Acceptable items include rinsed 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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Savannah Volunteer Fire Company, 6 Hanley St., Savannah, will host its 18th annual car, truck and motorcycle show Saturday, Aug. 6, from 11–3 pm. Registration is \$10 and will be held from 9–12 and a chicken BBQ will begin at 3 pm. There will be a 50/50, door prizes, DJ and 75 dash plaques will be given.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville will welcome Ivie Sorkin on Sunday, Aug. 7, at 10:30 am. He will speak on "Resilience — UU Women Ministers of the 1800's." All Souls will commemorate the bicentennial of their congregation.

For more information visit www.allsoulsuohio.org

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The 2022 Richland and Ashland County Fairs are quickly approaching and now is the time to support our Crestview 4-H and FFA exhibitors that show market livestock. The Crestview Area Buyers Club is a tax-deductible charitable organization that raises money to purchase market projects of Crestview Students.

The club's goal is to support these students by giving 100% of the funds back to the exhibitors. Donations will be used to purchase an exhibitor's animal at a fair and competitive market price during the auctions. For information call Stephanie at 419-564-0643. Donations can be sent to Crestview Area Buyers Club, c/o Stephanie Bistline, 4430 Mansfield Adario Rd., Shiloh OH 44878.

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Grant opportunities available through Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is offering grant opportunities to address social isolation amongst Richland County older adults.

The purpose of these grant opportunities is to provide funding to organizations that demonstrate the ability to reach and support Richland County older adults (those age 60 and older) with innovative and effective methods for combatting social isolation post-pandemic.

This funding opportunity is made possible by the Richland County Senior Services Levy. There is no required match by awardees.

Successful applicants will demonstrate a clear and innovative plan for how they will interact and engage with at-risk older adults in a

group setting. Successful applicants can receive up to \$10,000 to fund their projects. The funding period is Aug. 11 through Dec. 31, 2022.

To apply, visit www.aaa5ohio.org and find the application link under "Announcements." The deadline is Aug. 10, 2022.

For information call Kim Mercer, Quality and Planning Manager, at 567-247-3479 or email at kmercer@aaa5ohio.org

•Nature Park programs scheduled

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-nger hunt at the Nature Park from 11 am to 2 pm for a chance to win great prizes. Entries will be put into a drawing for three different prizes drawn at noon, 1 pm and 2 pm.

Thursday, Aug. 11, 3 pm, "Basic Beekeeping," Richland Area Beekeepers Association; **4 pm,** "Soak Up the Rain: How Street Trees Retain Stormwater Runoff," Kim Hildreth, Project Planner, City of Mansfield Engineering Department; and **7 pm,** "Tom's Kitchen Table" – Oldies/Bluegrass music

Friday, Aug. 12, 3 pm, Ohio Bird Sanctuary Live Bird Program; **4 pm,** "Egg Catcher Engineer," presented by GrowNextGen. Another program perfect for kids; and **7 pm,** "RLC" – live music

Saturday, Aug. 13, 7 pm, Oolong Gurus, American music

Lions partner with Troop 126

The Bellville Lions Club and Boy Scout Troop 126 are partners in the "Parade of Flag" program.

The Lions wish to thank the citizens of Bellville for participating in this program. When citizens look around the village and see the beautiful American Flags, they can feel good to know so many honor America and our veterans.

The funds that are raised are donated to the Love Our Hero's, Gifts to the Yanks, Boy Scout Troop 126 and many Lions projects.

The Bellville Lions Club supports many programs such as fighting hunger, raising awareness and supporting those with childhood cancer, vision screenings for children, purchasing eye glasses, humanitarian projects, low-vision magnifiers for those that have vision problems and many other programs that the community may need.

The motto for the Lions is to "SERVE."

Lions Clubs are everywhere, where individuals join to give their time and effort to improve their communities and the world.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville
419-886-4333 • www.clearforkalliance.org
Rev. Matt Merendino
Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship
Wednesday evenings: 6 pm Prayer Meeting
6:30 pm TeamKID and Youth Group

Community Bible Church

1043 Springmill St., Mansfield
567-560-8011
www.DiscoverCommunity.org
Pastor Sam Belsterling
10:30 am Sunday Worship
Live stream at <https://www.facebook.com/CommunityBibleChurchMansfield>

Lexington Presbyterian Church

35 Church St. West, Lexington
419-884-1330
Rev. James Randas
10:30 am Sunday Worship
<https://www.facebook.com/Lexington-Presbyterian-Church-117768414915815>

McElroy Road Church of Christ

297 N. McElroy Rd., Mansfield (Madison area)
419-589-2661 • mcelroyroad.org
Minister Dean Jackson
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Sunday Worship
6 pm Sunday Night • 7 pm Wednesday
www.facebook.com/mrccgrace

Ontario Christian Church

1029 Lewis Rd., Ontario
419-529-5684 • ontariochristian.org
Minister Steve Broughton
9 am Sunday School
10 am Sunday Worship

Ontario United Methodist Church

3540 Park Avenue West, Ontario
419-529-4345 • www.ontarioumc.com
Rev. Christine Bell
10:15 am Sunday Worship
Bible Study: Check website for schedule

Ridgeway Church of God

1380 Park Avenue East, Mansfield
419-589-5385 • www.ridgewaycog.cggc.org/
Pastor John Dodds
Associate Pastor Billy Saunders
9:30 am Sunday School
6 pm Sunday Family Events
10:40 am Sunday Worship with live stream
at www.facebook.com/ridgewaycog
2 pm Wednesday Bible Study
9 am Men's Breakfast 2nd & 4th Sunday



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1685 Lexington Ave., Mansfield
419-775-1175 • risensaviormansfield.com
Pastor Brad Wright
9 am Sunday Family Bible Time
10 am Sunday Worship

St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church

1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison) 419-589-2114 • www.mansfieldstmarys.org
Father Matthew Frisbee
Worship: 4 pm Saturday & 11 am Sunday
5:30 pm Tuesday Worship
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St. Paul Lutheran

2010 Park Avenue West • 419-529-4351
www.stpaulmansfield.org
Pastor Jonathan Stufft
9 am Sunday Worship
10:15 am Monday Weekly Bible Study

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

1262 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison area)
• 419-589-5252 • sttimmansfield.org
Pastor Jonathan Stufft
10:45 am Sunday Worship
10:15 am Monday Bible Study
Email: secretary@sttimmansfield.org

Trinity United Methodist Church

1592 Grace St., Mansfield (Madison area)
419-589-5890 • trinityumcmansfield.org
Pastor Micahel W. Mack
9:30 am Sunday Worship

Wappner Funeral Home

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Mansfield clinic to host block party to support school children

Back-to-School time is right around the corner, and Third Street Family Health Services wants to help kids have a great start to their school year.

On Saturday, Aug. 6, the clinic will host its Second Annual Block Party to benefit children and their families.

The party will be held, from 12–4 pm at their Third Street Family Health Services campus, 600 W. 3rd St.

During a day of family fun, they will give away backpacks filled with school supplies, door prizes, food and more. There will also be games, DJs, live entertainment and vendors. The clinic will provide income-based immunizations and wellness checkups for children.

All the basic vaccines required for school-age children will be available. Gift cards will be given to every child who gets all of their required shots. Vaccination walk-ins are welcome. Parents can schedule either service by calling 419-522-6191.

Third Street's annual block party is in recognition of Health Center Week, Aug. 7–13. For more than 30 years, this week has been designated to celebrate the care and services the centers provide to communities.

Crafters can make teacup bird feeders

A conservation creation arts and crafts workshop will be held Tuesday, Aug. 9, from 6–8 pm.

During the workshop, participants will create a bird feeder from a teacup and saucer. Cost is \$6 and the workshop will be held at 1495 W. Longview Ave., Mansfield.

Visit <https://richlandswcd.net> for more information. For advance registration visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/conservation-creation-arts-crafts-workshop-aviary-tea-party-tickets-237722824367>.

The event is part of Richland Soil & Water Conservation District's monthly workshops.

Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Robert Wade Wilson, July 18
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GRANDSTAND EVENTS:

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Monday, Aug. 8, Harness Racing, 5:30 pm, Free
Wednesday, Aug. 10, Rodeo, 7 pm, \$5
Thursday, Aug. 11, OSTPA Tractor Pull, 7 pm
\$10 Grandstand • \$20 Pit • \$25 Back Gate
Friday, Aug. 12, Motocross 6 pm
\$5 Grandstand • \$10 Pit • \$20 Back Gate
Saturday, Aug. 13, Demolition Derby, 5 pm
\$10 Grandstand • \$20 Back Gate

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Hershey Story Museum makes history interactive

Photos and Article By Jenna Wolford

This week we will explore our last stop in Hershey, Pennsylvania with a visit to the Hershey Story Museum.

Located in the heart of Hershey, the museum opened in 2009 and honors and preserves the life and legacy of Milton S. Hershey.

As we entered the museum, we were greeted and led to a beautiful grand staircase where we ascended to the second story. The upper floor contains over 10,000 square feet of exhibit space exploring five phases of Hershey's life.

As we prepared to begin our tour, my kids were provided with special "tokens" which could be used to program their names into a touch screen. Throughout the exhibits, these tokens could be scanned and kid-friendly videos would play. Multiple videos could be played on each prompt.

These help to entertain and educate the younger visitors allowing adults the time to read a little more in-depth.

The first room of exhibits begins with the history of Milton S. Hershey and is aptly titled "Failures to Fortunes." Hershey had declared bankruptcy multiple times before success came with his chocolate company. The room contained Hershey's office desk with ledgers copied from the actual books. These were interesting to look through as ingredient and inventory quantities and pricing could be studied.

As we moved through the exhibits, there were more than 30 stories about Milton Hershey and his life.

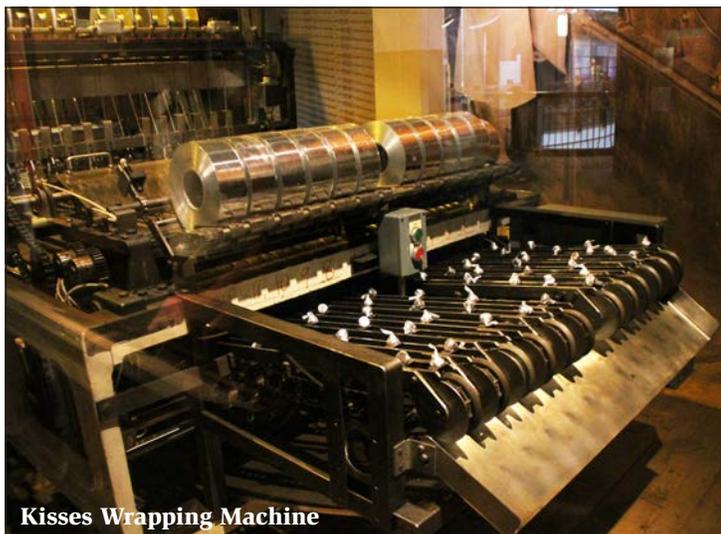
A timeline detailed his birth in 1857 through his apprenticeships with a newspaper and candy maker and the opening of his first candy shop in Philadelphia in 1876. After his business failures in Philadelphia and New York City, and the sale of his successful Lancaster Caramel Company, he broke ground on his Derry Church chocolate factory (now Hershey) in 1903.

Along with the timelines, many Hershey historical pieces are displayed. It was fun to see Hershey bar and candy molds used in the chocolate making process through the years.

One of our favorite pieces from the museum was the Hershey Kiss wrapping machine. By pressing a button, we were able to see the machinery in simulated operation. Kisses were hand wrapped until 1921 and the machine on display was one of the machines used in the factory's history.

Next to the Kisses machine, a video screen challenges all ages to build a virtual Kisses wrapping machine. The pieces of equipment have to be placed so that the right action is taken in the correct order. My family took turns to see whose assembly line would complete the task.

Among the many things I found interesting was how the Hershey Company helped the war time effort, supplying chocolate for the troops' emergency rations with the "D ration bar." I also learned that from 1942 to 1949, production on the Kiss was halted due to aluminum wrappers being unavailable. Milton S. Hershey was truly innovative in keeping the company rolling even through the tough times.



Kisses Wrapping Machine

As we journeyed on, we were also able to see a conche machine from the 1920s. A video shows how the machine worked and visitors can even see the machine in action and how it mixed the chocolate at the factory.

Personal items from Hershey and his wife are also on display including a travel medical kit, passport and deposit for tickets aboard the RMS Titanic. Thankfully, Hershey had unexpected business to attend to and returned home early and did not board the ill-fated ship.

There is so much to see in the museum and family members of all ages remain engaged with the use of touch screens, live working machines, replica props and movies.

The museum also works to engage children with an "I Spy" scavenger hunt activity. Older children can follow a discovery guide to look for specific items and answer questions and short puzzles for the museum's Apprenticeship Program. Upon completion, they can earn a special commemorative Hershey coin to take home.

Some of the exhibits have QR codes that unlock special videos and information about the equipment and artifacts.

As visitors journey through the exhibit rooms, they learn how Hershey perfected his recipe and why he chose his hometown in central Pennsylvania to build his business.

A timeline wall of products drew our attention. Some of these products have stood the test of time, and some — like Hershey's Chewing Gum — are products I never knew had even existed. Special moldings like Easter bunnies and special occasion packaging and signs and advertisements were encased in easy-to-see displays.

In one section, there was an exhibit about Harry Reese, the inventor of the peanut butter cup. Instead of acting like a cut-throat competitor, Milton Hershey actually encouraged Reese and the two eventually became close friends. The company supplied the chocolate for the cups and later purchased the Reese's Peanut Butter Cup rights from Reese's family following Harry's death.

This seemed to be typical of Hershey's character. He cared about others and tried hard to provide a good working and living environment for his workers. He encouraged his workers to own their homes and built many recreational buildings and activities for the workers and their families.

This care for people could also be seen in the special exhibit downstairs, "Mr. Hershey's Cuba: A Sweet Venture in Sugar 1916-1946."

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Pictured is one of the video prompts for children to scan their tokens

•Hershey Story Museum makes history interactive

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The exhibit gives the history of another town named Hershey, but this time in Cuba. This town supported a sugar mill and refinery.

The special exhibit explains how sugarcane was grown, harvested, milled and turned into raw and refined sugar for use in the chocolate factory. The town, referred to as Central Hershey, operated the largest refinery in Cuba. It included many things Cuban towns did not have at that time including a post office, butcher shop, general store and ice plant. Hershey also paid higher wages than other sugar mills in the country.

In the off-season Hershey kept the workers employed by also harvesting peanut oil and henequén (used to make rope). Hershey was also very good at finding new ways to use the remnants left from his products to make something new. Even the peanut shells were sold as cattle feed.

Hershey's town in Cuba was so successful in helping the local people, he was awarded the highest honor that could be bestowed upon a foreigner by Cuba's president in 1933. This medal is on display in the exhibit.

Also included in the exhibit is a videomicroscope which allows visitors to magnify samples of sugarcane and other kinds of sugar crystals. This is especially fun for younger visitors.

While visiting the museum, guests can also visit "Tastings" in the Grand Lobby to sample six warm drinking chocolates from around the world. A dark chocolate lover, my favorites were from Tanzania and the Dominican Republic while the others in my family favored Hershey's Milk Chocolate and Java.

It was very interesting to be able to taste the vast differences in chocolate — some have a fruity taste and some have a caramel, nutty or spice flavor.

Also in the lobby and visible from both floors is the two-story painted mural depicting Milton Hershey visiting modern-day Hershey. Painted by William Cochran, the artwork looks almost three-dimensional and includes landmark buildings.

A Chocolate Lab is also located on the lower level. Inspired by Hershey's own candy-making apprenticeship, the 45-minute interactive class allows "students" to make their own candy bars by pouring melted chocolate into specially provided plastic molds. When making our candy bars we were given the choice to keep the bars plain or add cocoa nibs, cinnamon and even cayenne pepper.

As our bars cooled, we learned how and where the cocoa bean is harvested. We also learned all the steps that go into making a Hershey's Chocolate Bar. We could see what a cocoa bean and pod really look like and learned that one cocoa pod makes the equivalent of two Hershey's bars.

Just outside the lab is Lisa's Café offering soups, sandwiches and salads for hungry visitors.

As we were ready to depart, my kids dropped their token in a slot and a screen with their name thanked them for visiting — a great photo opp for snap-happy parents like myself.

The Hershey Story is an operating division of The M.S. Hershey Foundation, a non-profit organization which exists to preserve and enhance Milton Hershey's legacy and community vision.

Special combo pricing is available for the museum and Chocolate Lab Class. Along with the Hershey Story Museum, passes can also include a visit to Hershey Gardens. High Point Mansion tickets are also available on the website. Active duty military receive free admission to the museum and veterans and guests of active military and veterans receive \$3 off with valid military ID.

The Hershey Story Museum is located at 63 W. Chocolate Ave., Hershey, PA. For information visit www.HersheyStory.org or call 717-534-8939. For more information on the foundation visit www.mshersheyfoundation.org.

Next week, we wrap up the Pennsylvania series with a trip to the Turkey Hill Experience in Columbia, PA.



Sugar Bags used from 1918-'27 (left) and 1926-'46 (right) which are on display in the special exhibit "Mr. Hershey's Cuba: A Sweet Venture in Sugar 1916-1946."



A Chocolate Lab Instructor shows a cocoa (cacao) pod to the class





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Dayspring will break ground on nurses' station addition

Progress is being made with the construction of the Dayspring nurses' station addition.

The community is invited to attend a special groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, Aug. 5, at 1 pm.

Richland County Board of Commissioners, the architect for the project, Dan Seckel from The Seckel Group and Michelle Swank, Executive Director of Dayspring, will speak at the event.

The historic main building will receive a 610 square foot addition to its nurses' station. This addition will include a bedroom and bathroom used for quarantining as well as an additional room that will be utilized for video appointments and treatments.

This new area will also have a dedicated entrance so other medical personnel may enter and not interact with the general resident population.

Dayspring applied for funding through the Target of Opportunity CARES Act (CDBG-CV) Program in 2020. This funding was to service projects that prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dayspring received \$250,000 for the project and the remainder will be paid from Dayspring's operating fund.

The lowest and best bid was \$340,000 from Tusing Builders & Roofing Services, which was within the 10 percent of the \$315,000 estimate.

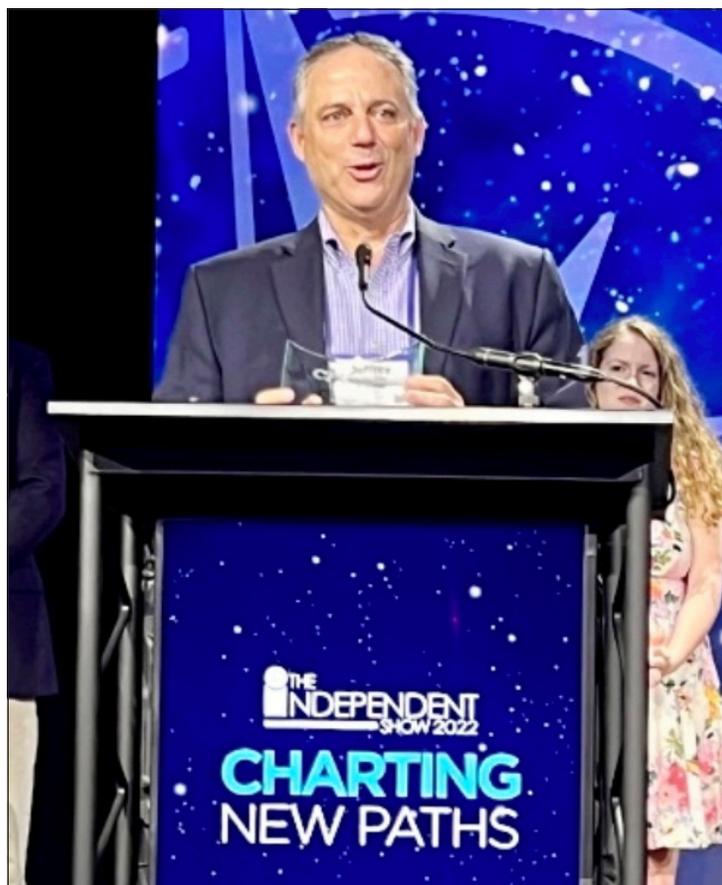
Dayspring, The Richland County Home, is a non-profit, residential facility for economically disadvantaged citizens of Richland County.

Owned and operated by Richland County since 1845, it is located on 226 acres, six miles north of Mansfield at 3220 Olivesburg Rd., Mansfield.

Many of its residents have a disability that prevents them from living independently.

Sarah Close graduates from Champlain College

Champlain College has announced that Sarah Close of Mansfield recently graduated from Champlain College after the spring 2022 semester.



JEFF ROSS, president of Armstrong, accepts the 2022 Independent Cable Operator of the Year Award.

Armstrong named Independent Cable Operator of the Year

Armstrong has been chosen as the 2022 Independent Cable Operator of the Year by *Cablefax Magazine*, the broadband and cable TV industry's leading publication. The honor was announced at an industry conference in Orlando, FL. This marks the second time Armstrong has won the award in the last 14 years.

Armstrong was selected as this year's winner based on a combination of impressive metrics and initiatives. The company's achievements in customer satisfaction, deployment of the latest technology, efforts to work with government entities in building infrastructure to un-served areas and community involvement all received high marks.

"Armstrong has set the standard during a challenging time for the entire country," said Amy Maclean, editorial director of *Cablefax*. "The company continues to serve its customers and communities with outstanding service, while being a leader in deploying 10G technology and helping to bridge the digital divide."

"I accept this award on behalf of our incredible employee team" said Jeff Ross, President of Armstrong. Our employees understand how essential broadband internet service is in today's world and work tirelessly to provide the highest levels of service to our customers."

Close was one of 587 students who completed their degree requirements and received their diploma.

Close completed a Master of

Science degree in Human Relations and Org. Dev.

Champlain College is located in Burlington, VT, and was established in 1878.

This Week's Pet Looking for A Forever Home



Williard

Williard came into the Richland County Dog Shelter on Feb. 9 and is about two years old. He is incredibly friendly, so loving and really wants to please you. Williard loves playing in general, but especially in the baby pool. He seems to know the "sit" command as well. He was tested with other dogs and passed. Williard seems very interested in the cats which means he may chase them. Williard does show signs of food aggression which means he would need fed separately from other pets.

Adoptions are currently \$175 which includes the first set of vaccines, microchip, spay/neuter, and dog license for the year.

The kennels are open from 11-4:15 Monday-Friday, and 10-2 on Saturdays.

During the month of August, the shelter will be having extended hours every Tuesday. The shelter will be open on Aug. 9, 16, 23 and 30 until 6:30 pm.

Volunteers will be available on these nights to help get dogs out or identify dogs that may be a good fit for those who attend.

The shelter is located at 810 N. Home Rd., Mansfield.

Volunteers are always welcome and can stop at the shelter to register as a volunteer. Volunteers help walk dogs, fill Kongs and other tasks.

The shelter uses a lot of bleach, detergent and dog treats and welcomes donations.



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Child Support Bench Warrant Amnesty Day and job fair labeled a success

The Richland County Child Support Bench Warrant Amnesty Day and Job Fair that the court held July 26 has been labeled a success according to Kirsten Pscholka-Gartner, Richland County Domestic Relations Court Chief Magistrate.

“We had several individuals who arrived nearly an hour before the event start time to have their warrant recalled, and we had a steady flow of individuals through 3 pm when the event ended,” said Pscholka-Gartner.

“We finished the last hearing around 3:15 pm, and in total, 30 people appeared to have their bench warrants recalled. Some of those individuals had more than one case with active warrants, so we recalled a total of 40 bench warrants.”

In many cases, the obligors were required to pay a lump sum payment toward their child support obligation within 30 days. If all of the individuals pay the lump sums as ordered, it will result in a total of \$10,565.22 in child support for Richland County Children.

Pscholka-Gartner continued, “The job fair portion of the event was also very successful. I received a follow-up email from Jon Parman of the Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters (IKORCC), who participated in the event to promote their apprenticeship training program. He stated that he left the event with names and phone numbers of 12 individuals who were interested in employment with IKORCC.”

“He further stated that as of July 27, the IKORCC has two people from the event employed, with another three working with IKORCC to become employed within a few days.”

Mr. Parman stated “I have been to hundreds of job fairs, with this by far being the most fruitful. I hope an event such as yours, grows in popularity and catches on in all the courts throughout Richland County and beyond. Thank you for letting us be part of this impressive event.”

Mr. Parman can be reached at 419-564-9340. Other participating employers and staffing agencies included Time Staffing, Surge Staffing, NEICIC Staffing, Mancan, Mansfield Engineered Components, Mansfield Plumbing Products, Stoneridge Manufacturing and Major Metals.

“I believe that as word spreads about the event and the fact that it was an “arrest free zone” as advertised, future events will be even more successful,” said Pscholka-Gartner. “Based on the success of the event, I think it is worth holding similar events every six months as part of the court’s bench warrant reduction and prevention strategy for our child support enforcement docket.”

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Lex's Emma Tingley named three-time Grand Champion

By Traci Little

Lexington's very own Emma Tingley was the Richland County 4-H representative at the 2022 Ohio State Junior Fair Horse Show. Emma is a three-time Grand Champion at the Junior Horse Show. Emma's mom Andrea said, "Emma's biggest critic is herself, and this week it was so nice to see that confidence come out!"

Her placings included:

- First place, 13-year-old Hunter Showmanship
- First place, 13-year-old Hunter Under Saddle division
- Second place, 13-year-old Western Showmanship
- Grand Champion in the Junior Trail (second consecutive year)
- Grand Champion Overall in Western Showmanship
- Grand Champion Overall in the Hunter Under Saddle
- Seventh Overall in the Hunter Showmanship

Emma will be a freshman at Lexington High School this year and loves playing soccer and violin in her free time.

Emma and her horse Scotch N Chocolate (barn name Scotch) have been a devoted team since 2018. Scotch is a 12-year-old Appaloosa horse that came to them from New Jersey and was born in New York. Emma shows Scotch in Novice Youth events throughout Ohio and surrounding areas. Emma started out with her mom's horse Tuffy prior to getting her horse Scotch.

Emma said that Scotch gets bored easily and loves a good challenge. It was neat to see the spark in Emma's eyes as she talked about the process of getting to know her horse. It's quite a unique and special bond they have! To achieve this type of comradery, it takes dedicated years of getting to know one another and watching and learning each other's cues.

This year Emma will be competing at different freestyle events at the Richland County Fair. Emma enjoys this more laid back and fun venue where she can use more creativity and style. She loves being able to pick various music, patterns, and clothing. In 2020 she was the Horsemanship Champion and Freestyle Reining Junior Champion at the Richland County Fair.

Grandparents Kevin and Debbie Kleeer (owners of Kleerview Tree Farm in Bellville) are extremely proud of their granddaughter. Showing animals and livestock at different fairs around Ohio

has been in the family blood for many generations. Upon returning from the Ohio State Fair, Grandpa Kleeer and friends held up signs, congratulating Emma as she returned home from her week.

Emma loves showing horses and competing in different events. She craves the challenge and the drive to learn and master new things. Emma started showing in lead line classes seven years ago. She does Pleasure classes all around, Pattern classes, Western and English.

At different competitions, judges love to watch competitors work together with their horse and see how they interact. It's all about making the horse look pretty, while maintaining control and following through with the tasks given.

Last year Emma spent some time working on and off with a trainer, which gave her an outside perspective. The trainer worked with Emma and her horse, showing them how to work even better as a team.

What's next for Emma Tingley and Scotch? Some goals for Emma this year are to learn Ranch Class, which is faster and covers more ground.

Emma's Mom Andrea said Emma's 4-H group has been amazing for her and is like a big family. They do many community events together, like walking in the Bellville parades and has all around been good to get to know others and serve the community.

It's nice seeing others from her 4-H group at different competitions around Ohio, and the way that the girls cheer one another on is amazing to watch.

Keep an eye out for Emma Tingley at the Richland County Fair this year and be sure to congratulate her on all of her winnings! I asked Emma where she displays all of her awards, and she smiled, saying she was running out of space. Emma, keep up the great work representing Richland County and have a blast doing it!



Breckelle Miller named AAMTC 2023 Talent of the Year

By Traci Little

Seven-year-old Breckelle Miller of Mansfield was crowned the AAMTC 2023 (American Amateur Model and Talent Competition) International Talent of the Year winner. This competition was held by the International Cinderella Scholarship Pageant in Texas. She won a beautiful crown, trophy, banner and \$250.

To win the overall title she had to earn three gold medals and she did it! The three songs that earned her the gold medals were:

1. Novelty Division: "Girl in 14G" with her puppet STARLA
2. Vocal Division: "You Raise Me Up" by Josh Groban
3. Theater Division: "First Time In Forever" from the Broadway Musical, Frozen.

Her mom, Kimberly Miller, is an accomplished ventriloquist coach, acting instructor, producer, actress, and Mrs. Ohio America, 2010.

Below is my interview with Breckelle Miller (and her mom Kimberly's expanded answers).

When did you first get started singing?

Breckelle: "I've been singing for my whole life!"

Kimberly: "When Breckelle was six months old, her great grandma Nonnie was singing to her and Breckelle cooed back copying her and Nonnie said, "This baby girl is going to be a singer one day! She was right! At three she sang with a natural vibrato "Do-A-Deer" from *The Sound of Music* in her car seat and I stopped the car and videoed her. I couldn't believe what I was hearing!"

How did you get started with your puppet and ventriloquism?

Breckelle: "From watching mommy teach girls and Darci Lynne from YouTube."

Kimberly: "I coach in person or via FaceTime teaching ventriloquism to young ladies who compete in pageants. One of my former students is Mackenzie Bart, 2015 Miss Ohio and Miss America talent winner. Mackenzie Perry was also a former student and was crowned 2021 Miss Ohio Talent winner and first runner-up to Miss

Ohio. I'm a former Miss Ashland and Miss Mansfield in the Miss Ohio Pageant system and ventriloquism was my talent."

Tell me about that and who you look up to?

Breckelle: "My mommy. She teaches me how to move the puppet and not move my lips."

Kimberly: "Breckelle takes voice lessons from Alli Lange at Richland Academy and Dan Fleming of Mansfield."

What's the key to being a good ventriloquist?

Breckelle: "To always practice and learn new words to say and do what makes you happy."

What are your favorite hobbies? What do you like to do for fun?

Breckelle: "I like to sing and do art like drawing. I love to draw everything. Except unicorns are so hard (to draw). And ride my scooter and swim."

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Breckelle: "I want to be a famous singer and actress on the best tv show ever. And someday be on YouTube when my dad lets me."

What's your favorite song to sing to?

Breckelle: "This Girl Is On Fire" by Angelica Hale — but actually I love to make up my own songs and sing those the best."

What gives you such a confident presence on stage?

Breckelle: "Because I think of how singing makes me happy, and I just do it. And people smile when I sing too."

Tell me a little about your experience in Texas these past two weeks? High points? Favorite memories? What did you learn?

Breckelle: "My favorite part in Texas was the fun parties with my friends like the western party and the Prince Gilbert frog party because they did a puppet show with a frog puppet on stage. My favorite part of competition was performing (ventriloquism) with my unicorn puppet STARLA singing "Girl in 14G."

Where do you attend school?

Breckelle: "Stingel Elementary School in Ontario. I'm going into first grade. I have two brothers and two sisters and I'm a twin with a boy."

What do you love about the Richland County community?

Breckelle: "I love making new friends at my school and my church (Crossroads Church) and eating at Wokano!"

What are you most proud of?

Breckelle: "That I won three gold medals and got a big trophy. But I was so excited on the way home because in the airport I learned how to blow a big bubble with my gum. That was really hard!"

Kimberly: "This year she has performed at so many great places. We are so grateful for the opportunities she was given to sing that gave her live audience experience. She has sung at Ashland University's men's and women's basketball games singing the National Anthem, she got a standing ovation singing at Miss Ohio in June, she was a featured performer at Richland Academy's 30-year celebration, she was a top 4 finalist in the Ohio Has Talent



American Amateur Model and Talent Competition International Talent of the Year winner Breckelle Miller and her mom, Kimberly

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Competition, and most recently performed for thousands at the Ontario 4th of July Fireworks Celebration (just to name a few.) She also acted and sang in 4 feature films starting movie stars Kevin Sorbo and Dean Cain for JCFilms productions. Recently she got accepted to work with Heyman Talent Agency."

What is your dream venue to perform at?

Breckelle: "I want to perform for Jesus because he gave me my voice to sing. And someday go on America's Got Talent. That would be fun!"

Do you ever get nervous? If so, how do you overcome this?

Breckelle: "No way Jose! I never get nervous. I just don't. I love to sing, and I'm used to it."

Kimberly: "She told me the more people the better. She loves performing for a large crowd. Never had a hint of nerves. But If I ask her to sing for one or two people she says, "Mommy, I'm shy!"



Senior Day festivities return to fair

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging Inc. will host its second annual Senior Day at the Red Barn as a part of Senior Citizen Day at the Richland County Fair on Monday, Aug. 8.

This event is free with paid admission to the fair and will be from 9 am to 2 pm.

Senior Day at the Red Barn will showcase many resources and programs available to older adults and caregivers, including diabetes and chronic disease self-management information, fraud and scams information, fall prevention exercise demonstrations, blood pressure checks and more. The Area Agency on Aging will provide music, games, and giveaways.



THE MANSFIELD/RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY now has a "Family Workstation" at the main library. Caregivers with children ages two and under can get work done on a computer, but let their children be free from the stroller. The desk can be used in the children's department.

Food will be collected to help community fight hunger

Farm Credit Mid-America, Rural 1st® and several area county fairs have partnered together to raise food donations to benefit local food banks as part of a state-wide food drive contest. Morrow and Richland counties have committed to participating in the contest this summer.

Now in its second year, Fight Hunger, Stock the Trailer is a friendly competition that helps junior fairs raise food donations for local food banks across Ohio. The contest is one of many ways Farm Credit Mid-America and Rural 1st® give back to rural communities and support local agriculture.

"Fight Hunger, Stock the Trailer has grown from a pilot project to a state-wide initiative that encourages the local community to come out and help stock the shelves at local food banks," says Evan Hahn, a Regional Vice President of Agricultural Lending for Farm Credit Mid-America in Ohio. "Last year, eight counties across Central and Southeast Ohio collected more than 21,000 pounds of food that went on to benefit 18 local food banks. We're very excited to see what the growth and impact will look like as the contest expands across Ohio this summer."

Local community members may bring non-perishable food items to the Richland County Fair from Aug. 7-13 and the Morrow Fair from Aug. 29 through Sept. 5.

Attendees may look for signs and banners to direct them to the food donation area at each county fairground. The total weight of all donations will be calculated at the end of the fair, with first, second, third place and cash prizes awarded to the county fairs who raise the most food at the end of the summer.

Prizes include a \$500 award for each county fair that contributes, followed by a \$5,000 donation to the fair that raises the most food, followed by \$3,500 for second place and \$1,500 for third place. All prize money awarded will support local junior fair activities.

The Fight Hunger, Stock the Trailer contest is being hosted on a regional basis. Farm Credit Mid-America Financial Officer, Robb Webb, and Associate Financial Officer, Lindy McLaughlin, are local leaders of the Fight Hunger, Stock the Trailer initiative.

To learn about which counties are participating in 2022, reach out to Farm Credit Mid-America and Rural 1st® at 330-823-8884.

Leaf Home Water Solutions can help with hard water issues

By Traci Little

Have you ever dealt with hard water? After moving to our new home in Ohio, the white film, corrosion and mineral build-up that occurred on our faucets was our first clue. Did you know that some- where between 80 and 90 percent of U.S. households deal with hard water? Some problems that hard water can cause are:

- Soap scum
- Scale buildup that can clog your pipes
- Buildup that can damage your plumbing fixtures and appliances
- Dingy laundry

It can also impact your beauty routine due to the dissolved particles of calcium and magnesium:

- Skin issues like acne and eczema
- Dry and coarse hair
- Dry skin and scalp itchiness/build up
- It can strip away hair color and other dyes
- Soap and shampoo that doesn't effectively lather

We decided to get a free quote from Andrea Vann from Leaf Home Water Solutions. Their customer service is top notch, and within 24 hours someone had returned our call and came out to our home. Andrea was completely knowledgeable and very friendly.

Leaf Home Water Solutions is part of North America's largest home improvement company with 150 locations across North America. Their water treatment systems are backed by a seven-year warranty, providing peace of mind that you're getting the best water and the best customer service around.

The neat thing is the treatment systems are perfectly customized to the chemistry of your home's water. Andrea tested our water while she was at our home and showed us the different levels we were at. This free water test provided a scientific sample of our water within minutes.

If you have city water, you get your water from a public facility that infuses water with chemicals like chlorine and fluoride to kill contaminants. Pharmaceuticals are often present in city water. Tap water may include contaminants like aluminum, arsenic, uranium,

pesticides, and herbicides. If you have well water, you are most likely getting untreated water right from the local groundwater supply where pollutants may still be present like fertilizers, sewer overflow, runoff from livestock feeding operations, manufacturing runoff waste and bacteria that could cause a host of diseases.

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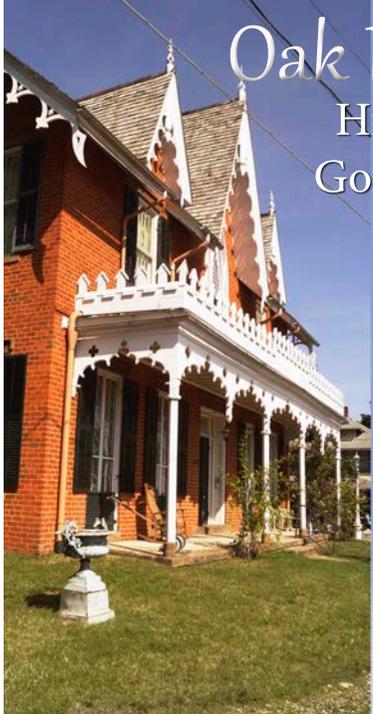
Products include UVs, Reverse Osmosis + Undersink Ultrafiltration, pH neutralizer, Water Softeners, iron filtration tanks, and more.

My husband and I decided that it would be an investment to purchase this system for our home! Some benefits we are looking forward to from having a Leaf Home Water Solutions installed in our home are:

- Extending the life of our home appliances
- Keeping our faucets, shower heads, coffee pots in peak operating condition
- Preventing hard water spots on dishes and discolored laundry
- Using less soap and detergent
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- Enjoying filtered water with less impurities and contaminants

It's nice to deal with a company right here in Ohio! Leaf Home Water Solutions claims to be dedicated to enhancing the well-being of you, your family, and your home. If this is something that you think your home might need, give them a call at 216-202-4284 or visit www.leafhomewatersolutions.com.





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NECIC and community partners to host Soul-A-Bration August 13

The Soul-A-Bration is an opportunity for everyone in the City of Mansfield to come together and learn ways to heal the mind, body, and soul. The free event will be held Saturday, Aug. 13, from 11 am to 5 pm at the NECIC Urban Farm, 311 Bowman St., Mansfield.

Join NECIC, and ASI Community Wellness Group on the NECIC Urban Farm for workshops, music, food trucks and fellowship.

"So much loss has happened thus far this year, and people are looking for ways to understand and heal their trauma and physical well-being. This event gives everyone, young and old, an opportunity to come together in a positive environment," explains Cheyla Bradley, NECIC Receptionist.

The Director of ASI Community Wellness Group, Buffi Williams, emphasizes that "The Soul-A-Bration is focused on the healing of the soul, which starts with connection. Soul-A-Bration will allow the community to reconnect, celebrate, and embrace relationships through focus groups facilitated by professionals as well as fun activities. To have a strong and thriving community, people need a connection to each other. This event will enable people to feel the power of support and solidarity required to begin again."

For information contact Cheyla Bradley at 419-522-1611 ext. 106.

Chordsmen will perform in Ontario

The Fun Center Chordsmen will host its first annual summer concert at the Marshall Park Bandshell, 3375 Milligan Rd., Ontario, on Monday, Aug. 29, at 6:30 pm.

The free event is open to the public and will feature The Chordsmen and Quartets.

The Chordsmen are directed by Trevor Garrabrandt.

For information about the Chordsmen visit <https://funcenterchordsmen.com>.

Summer Crisis Program can assist residents

The Ohio Department of Development and Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. will help income-eligible Ohioans stay cool during the hot summer months.

The Home Energy Assistance Summer Crisis Program provides eligible Ohioans assistance paying an electric bill or assistance paying for central air conditioning repairs. The program runs from July 1 until Sept. 30, 2022.

To apply for the program, clients are required to schedule an appointment with the Community Action Commission of Richland and Huron by calling 419-901-9539.

Clients need to bring copies of the following documents to their appointment: most recent energy bills, list of all household members and proof of income for the last 30 days or 12 months for each member, proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members, proof of disability (if applicable) and physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for a household member's health (if there isn't a household member over the age of 60).

Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (AAA) programs are available for all ages and income levels; however, they specialize in services and programs for older adults and anyone with disabilities. For information on programs such as HEAP, Medicare, Medicaid, Extra Help or other programs contact the office at 419-524-4144 or 800-860-5799.

The Summer Crisis Program assists low-income households with an older household member (60 years or older), that can provide physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for a household member's health, have a disconnect notice, have been shut off, are trying to establish new service on their electric bill, or require air conditioning. Conditions can include such things as lung disease, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, or asthma.

Also, Ohioans enrolled in the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus Program (PIPP) who meet the above criteria may be eligible for assistance towards their default PIPP payment, first PIPP payment, central air conditioning repairs, or may receive an air conditioning unit and/or fan.

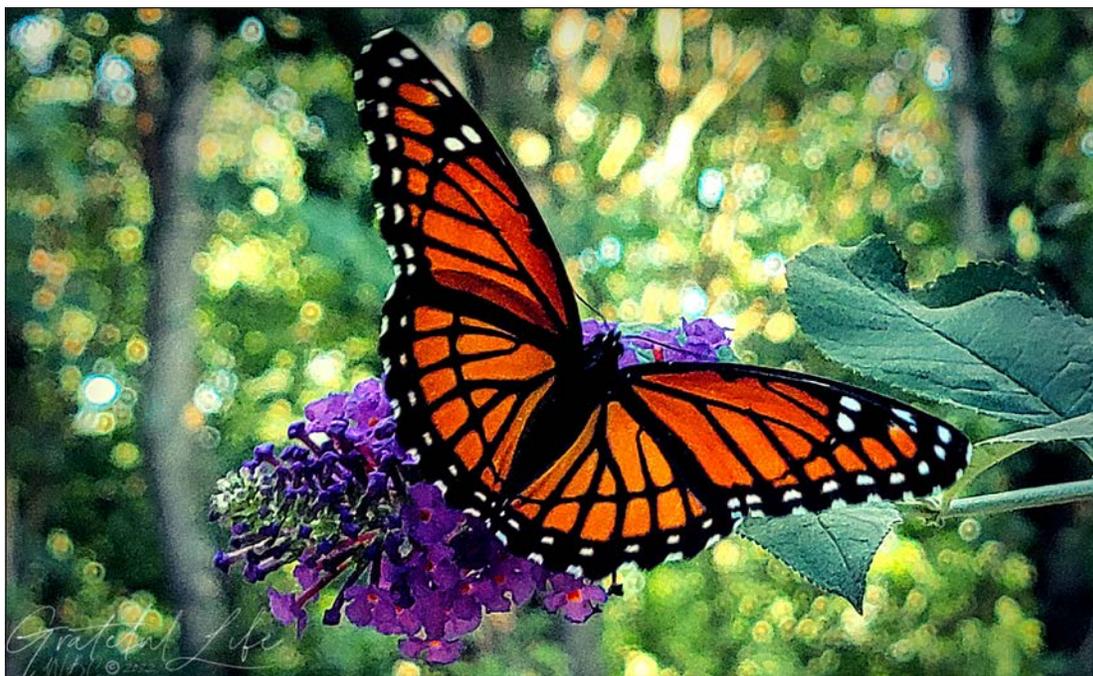


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Ontario Middle School 2022-'23 Supply List

SIXTH GRADE

- Earbuds or headphones (must have)
- Highlighters, pens, pencils, colored pencils
- Pencil pouch
- 10 pocket folders
- 2 packs of loose-leaf notebook paper (100 + ct)
- 2 composition notebooks (NO spiral bound)
- Large eraser and 1 large glue stick (art)
- 3 glue sticks
- 2 pads multi-colored post-its (1.5 x 2)
- (100) 3 x 5 white index cards
- 1 box tissues for Warrior Time (8th Period)
- 1 canister of Clorox wipes for Warrior Time (8th Period)

SEVENTH GRADE

- 1 box tissue (1st period class)
- 1 canister of Clorox wipes - (1st period class)
- Earbuds or headphones - each student must have a set to be used in all classes
- 3 3-ring binders (1.5" or larger) (Science, Math, Writing)
- 2 sets of dividers with at least 6 tabs - Writing, Math
- 2 sets Colored pencils - Writing, Stimpert
- 1 3-hole pencil pouch - Math
- 1 pkg post-its and 1 highlighter - literature
- 2 spiral writing notebook - literature, science

- 4 sturdy pocket folders - literature, math, FCS
- 1 White eraser and 1 large glue stick (Art)
- Notebook paper (all classes)

EIGHTH GRADE

- General supplies: pencils, colored pens, colored pencils, highlighters, and glue stick(s)
- 1 Quality set of earbuds or headphones
- 1 3-ring binders (2" or larger)
- 1 pack of tab dividers (at least 6 tabs)
- 2-3 large packs of College-Ruled paper (loose leaf)
- 2 large packs of Graphing paper (loose leaf)
- 4 sturdy pocket folders (preferably with clasps)
- 4 packs of Post-it notes. (multi-colored if possible)
- Math 8 students need a TI-30XIIS calculator / Algebra students need graphing calculator (TI-83 or higher)
- 1 ruler (with 3 holes to keep in Math binder)
- 1 three-hole pencil pouch (to keep in Math binder)
- 2 boxes of Kleenex - to 1st Period
- 1 pack of dry erase markers - to 1st Period
- 1 sturdy pocket folder if taking Family & Consumer Science (FCS)
- 1 White eraser and 1 large glue stick (art)

Area nonprofits can apply for a Women's Fund Grant

The Women's Fund of the Richland County Foundation is accepting grant applications from nonprofit organizations for programs that support women and girls.

For more information about the process or guidelines, contact Foundation Community Investment Officer Siera Marth-

May at smarth@rcfoundation.org or call 419-525-3020 to assure a program complies with the focus and guidelines.

Programs must occur between Dec. 1, 2022, and Aug. 31, 2023. The deadline to submit an online application is Sunday, Sept. 4.

Applications are available at richlandcountyfoundation.org,

click Community Impact then Women's Fund.

The Women's Fund of RCF was formed in 1996 to promote philanthropy among women and to provide funding for programs to empower women and girls. The Women's Fund has awarded 312 grants that total \$483,917.

LOOKING BACK • THIS WEEK IN TRIBUNE-COURIER HISTORY

Aug. 8 '85



CROWNED MISS ONTARIO — Robin Jolene Motter gets some help with her crown from outgoing Miss Ontario Michelle Sherer and pageant emcee Debbie McDaniel (Mrs. Ohio 1984) at the conclusion of the Miss Ontario Pageant held Saturday evening in Lazarus in the Richland Mall. In the background is Julie Gerhart, winner of the Miss Talent award for her performance of the gospel song "Upon This Rock." First runner-up is Paula Henson and Miss Congeniality honors went to Johna Ramey.

Aug. 8 '85



SURPRISE GUEST — Richland County Sheriff Richard Petty was a surprise guest during the performance of Charley Pride's warm-up act last Tuesday evening at the Richland County Fair. Petty sang the familiar bluegrass tune "Mountain Dew" to an enthusiastic audience of country music fans.

Aug. 9 '90



AND THEY'RE OFF! — These youngsters participating in this year's Safety Town program at Stingel Elementary School in Ontario are learning traffic safety during the week-long program. Pictured are, from the left, Andrea Wilson, Freddie Cooper, Kelli Boggs, Justin Garver, Brandon Stoffer and Amanda Phalar. Teachers pictured in the background are, from the left, Tim Rinehart, Angie Walters and Cindy Gerhart. The program concludes with a graduation program on Friday.

Aug. 9 '90



JUNIOR FAIR KING AND QUEEN — Andy Scoles of Ontario's Blue & Gold 4-H Club was named 1990 Richland County Junior Fair king Monday evening following the annual contest. Andy, the son of Frank and Lois Scoles of Ontario, will reign along with queen Kim Schumacher of the Richland County Wranglers 4-H Club from Shelby. First runners-up were Shelly Oehlhof of Shelby and Joshua Kinkel of Mansfield. Christy Kuhn from the Crestview area was second runner-up as was Jim Bricker of Shelby.

This Day in History — Aug. 4, 1944, Acting on a tip from a Dutch informer, the Nazi Gestapo captures 15-year-old Jewish diarist Anne Frank and her family in a sealed-off area of an Amsterdam warehouse. The Franks had taken shelter there in 1942 out of fear of deportation to a Nazi concentration camp. They occupied the small space with another Jewish family and a single Jewish man, and were aided by Christian friends, who brought them food and supplies. Anne spent much of her time in the so-called "secret annex" working on her diary. The diary survived the war, overlooked by the Gestapo that discovered the hiding place, but Anne and nearly all of the others perished in the Nazi death camps. Annelies Marie Frank was born in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, on June 12, 1929. She was the second daughter of Otto Frank and Edith Frank-Hollander, both of Jewish families that had lived in Germany for centuries.

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO OFFERORS

SCOPE OF WORK

The Springfield Township Fire Department, Ontario, Ohio (hereinafter referred to as "Agency or Agency's") is requesting sealed bid proposals for the installation of a complete exhaust system installation including the exhaust fan, control box, ductwork, track, hose, and nozzle connection must be completed. All electrical work from the panel out is included in this scope of work. Tailpipe modifications from the muffler out that are required to ensure proper system operation are to be included in the scope of the work. All duct material installed shall conform to existing Class II SMACNA Standards. An appropriate rain cap shall be provided on the building exterior on the new system. The Labor, Materials, and Demo of an existing hose reels/ductwork and electrical at both stations also to be included. The system will be turnkey once completed.

All system components shall be labeled with manufacturer identification and be standard equipment from the manufacturer.

As part of this package, a current ISO-9001-2015 certificate must be included in the bid package from the manufacturer of the system for the manufacturing of the product.

RECEIPT OF BIDS

Bids will be received until 5:00 P.M. EST on 09/06/2022. The proposals shall be made on the forms provided or as indicated in the Request for Proposals. No proposal will be accepted via walk-in or hand to hand delivery. All proposals shall be sent via U.S. Postal Service, Federal Express, DHL or UPS to the following address

Attn: Fire Chief Matthew Carey
Springfield Township
Fire Department
P.O. Box 133
Ontario, Ohio 44862

All proposals will be opened and reviewed for accuracy and compliance at the Springfield Township trustee meeting on 09/06/2022 after the deadline for receipt. The Fire Chief or his designee will make a formal recommendation to the Springfield Township Board of Trustees, followed by notification to the successful bidder.

OBTAIN BIDDING DOCUMENTS

Copies of the full Request for Proposal and project specifications are available in hardcopy for pick-up at the following address or digitally via email at mcarey@springfieldtwprc.org

400 S. Lexington-Springmill Rd
Mansfield, Ohio 44906
Phone: Fire Chief Matthew Carey
(419) 210-6784

Kirstin Gray
Springfield Township Fire Department
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Silent auction to benefit veterans

VFW Post 9943, 806 Grace St., Madison area, is currently hosting a silent auction which began on July 29 and with final bidding Friday, Aug. 6.

Bidding is open to the public and winners will be announced Aug. 6, at 8 pm.

Many area merchants are supporting this fundraiser for local veterans. Some include Cinemark, Buckeye Children's Museum, Buffalo Wild Wings, Deschner's, Leaning Tower, Altitude Trampoline Park, The Reformatory, Buckeye Car Wash and more.

Karaoke With Liz will be from 7-11 pm on Aug. 6 and the kitchen will be open. For more information call 419-526-1907.

Funding available to create a nutrient management plan

For those looking for ways to save money on their farm, A Nutrient Management Plan and Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) can help.

Richland SWCD received a grant from the Richland County Foundation to pay 50 percent of the cost to have a nutrient management plan created. A plan is tailored to the land's needs and could save money and time in gas, fertilizer, and equipment use. Land is left in good shape for future generations and helps prevent nutrients running off fields into streams, lakes and rivers, which can cause algae blooms and are harmful to aquatic life.

A nutrient management plan helps achieve farm and environmental goals through best management practices. Incorporating the 4Rs of nutrient management into a plan will optimize fertilizer and manure use. The 4Rs are Applying the Right Amount from the Right Source at the Right Place at the Right Time.

Nutrient Management Plan Funding:

- The land must be in Richland County
- You cannot be receiving other state or federal funding for a nutrient management plan to be created.
- 50% of the cost of a nutrient management plan is covered; the remaining 50% is paid by the farmer/producer.
- Total grant award amount is \$100,000.00.
- Grant money will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis
- Grant application deadline is Dec. 1, 2022

Join Richland SWCD for a Question-and-Answer session about the nutrient management plan grant program on Monday, Aug. 8, at 7 am at the Show Arena located at the Richland County Fairgrounds at 750 N. Home Rd., Mansfield. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

Those interested may also stop by the Richland SWCD booth at the Nature Park during the Richland County Fair Monday, Aug. 8 through Friday, Aug. 12 from 11 am to 7 pm or contact Matt Wallace at 419-747-8687 or AgTech@richlandswcd.net for more information.

Anyone who has been considering having a nutrient management plan written for their farm, this is the time to get a plan.

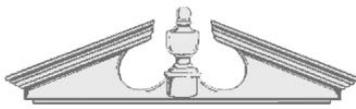
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Programs and assistance of the Richland Soil and Water Conservation District are available without regard to race, color, religion, sex, gender identity, age, national origin, ancestry, disability, or veteran status.

Support for this program was provided by a grant from the Richland County Foundation.

The Richland County Foundation is one of the largest private sources of grant making in Richland County and administers over 375 charitable funds established by individuals, families, and businesses. The mission of the Richland County Foundation is to improve and enhance the quality of life in Richland County through strategic philanthropy and community leadership.

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St. Peter's School science teacher mentoring NASA summer interns

St. Peter's School science faculty member Janene Smith has been busy this summer, recently finished a summer mentorship role with the NASA STEM Enhancement in Earth Science (SEES) program and serving as a panelist with The GLOBE Project's Virtual Annual Meeting.

Smith's role with SEES was to mentor a group of high school NASA interns. During their internship, the students learn about a topic and are tasked to pose a research question, which they will investigate and test using the scientific method.

The group met virtually throughout the summer, then spent two weeks at the University of Texas at Austin to complete their project and presented their findings during the SEES Virtual Science Symposium.

Smith's mentor group studied air quality using data from The GLOBE Project, another NASA-funded program. Students study aerosol data from air monitoring devices across the globe. As a mentor, she provided support as they completed their project research and experiments.

The interns also took several day trips where they could experience science hands-on with a little fun thrown in. That included a trip to Houston to visit the NASA Johnson Space Center for a behind-the-scenes tour and presentations by former NASA astronauts, current NASA engineers, and scientists.

Smith also was recognized this summer for her work in the classroom with The GLOBE Project, serving as a panelist during The GLOBE Project's Virtual Annual Meeting. As a panelist, she shared her experience teaching investigational science and completing group projects through the COVID-19 pandemic.

The GLOBE Project is an international program sponsored by NASA to bring a hands-on approach to the scientific method. The GLOBE project is a worldwide community of students, teachers,

scientists, and citizens working together to understand better, sustain and improve Earth's environment on a local, regional, and global scale.

Last school year, St. Peter's introduced the Investigational Science elective for seventh and eighth-grade students. The STEM-focused class teaches students using tools from The GLOBE Project. In the class, students focus on becoming citizen scientists using the scientific method to observe and test scientific questions. The class culminates with student projects being reviewed and judged by scientists from the University of Toledo. In addition to air quality, students also study soil samples and observe weather conditions.

"We are excited to have Janene's passion for science in the classroom," said Laurie McKeeon, St. Peter's Head of School. "She brings real-world research to the classroom, and students see firsthand how our air changes daily. This hands-on approach to STEM will challenge our students and help them prepare for more rigorous science classes in high school and college."

To support the student's research, St. Peter's School installed a weather monitoring station that allows students to track real-time and historical weather data. This data is also made available to scientists worldwide through The GLOBE Project's website to assist their research. The weather station is also available online through WeatherUnderground.com and other weather websites.

This fall, St. Peter's School will also bring an air quality monitor online to track pollutants in the downtown area. Plans include installing a high-definition camera so students can match weather data with sky conditions. The cost to install a 4K weather camera is \$4,000, allowing students to match weather data with sky conditions.



Buckeye Imagination Museum to celebrate grand opening

Buckeye Imagination Museum (previously known as Little Buckeye Children's Museum) will open its new facility to the public on Wednesday, Aug. 10. Its new building is located next to the Renaissance Theatre at 175 W. Third St., Mansfield.

The entrance and parking lot can be accessed from W. Third St. and the museum will be open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm, to start.

"We are excited to welcome guests into our new facility, which we feel will better serve them," says Fred Boll, Executive Director, "Our new building features a zero-level entrance and an elevator which allows us to be more accessible. It also has a parking lot, which will be much more convenient to our guests."

"We are delighted at the many new opportunities this building offers us" shares Museum Manager, Suzanna Roemer, "With added space and private classrooms we will be able to offer more programming, private parties, and new events."

Members of the museum receive early access to the new building on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022, from 10 am to 4 pm by showing their membership cards and a valid photo ID.

"We want our members to be among the first to see our new space and help us get acquainted with it," explains Boll.

If you don't have a membership, yet, but would like one it's not too late. Visit littlebuckeye.org/service/membership/ to purchase a family membership.

Buckeye Imagination Museum, which was part of a joint capital campaign with the Renaissance Performing Arts Association, originally purchased its new building in late 2018. Before that the building had sat vacant for roughly 15 years.

Since being purchased, the building has received a new roof, new windows, new HVAC system, new electrical work, new parking lot, and completely remodeled bathrooms and flooring. Repairs were also made to the elevator.

The next phase of construction will begin in September 2022

and will consist of building the exhibits for the second-floor gallery which are designed for individuals ages 10 and up, along with outdoor improvements, and additional artwork. This phase is anticipated to conclude in late 2023/early 2024. The museum will remain open during construction. Conceptual drawings for first- and second-floor exhibits were designed by Kevin Haring at Splashmakers.

Follow "Buckeye Imagination Museum" on Facebook to stay up to date. For questions about hours or location email info@littlebuckeye.org or call 419-522-2332.

"We are so grateful for the support of our donors, members, and the whole community," says Museum Manager, Suzanna Roemer, "We cannot wait to share our new space with you and continue to provide a fun, safe, and enriching place to play!"

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