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**ALL ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL** students participated in a color run at Marshall Park. Students ran the cross country course for about a mile. Along the route, runners had colored powder thrown at them. By the end of the race, students were multi-colored and out of breath.

## Madison board approves substitutes and hirings, considers bus purchase

Madison Local School District's school board meeting was held Wednesday, Sept. 18, in the Madison Middle School Auditoria.

Madison Comprehensive High School Principal Sean Conway and athletic director Doug Rickert gave a presentation.

A donation of \$230 was accepted from the company and employees of TE Connectivity for student lunch charges at the high school.

Treasurer Bradd Stevens received approval of the monthly financial report, the permanent appropriations for FY25 and the student activity budgets for FY25.

The superintendent recommends the board of education approve resident educator mentors for the 2024-'25 school year including Kristen Agee (2), JoAnna Burke, Brittany Farley, Patrick McLaughlin (2), Zinda Thomas and Jim Thompson.

The board approved a stipend in the amount of \$1,800 for Karen VonStein, lead resident educator mentor for the current school year.

Substitute teachers hired on an "on call" basis, as needed for the 2024-'25 school year are Melanie Bradley, Maris Bucci, Bethany Cetinich, Ricky Chambers, Betty Chapman, Dawn Chinn, Laurie Dean, Nathan Deter, Erica Edit, Samantha Hoffman, Jessica Long, Drena Miller, Alice Moreland, Thomas Nesbitt, Hannah Owens, Gaven Remy, Sydney Shasky, Stanley Wertz, Julie Yetzer and Kelly ZaKrajsek.

Madison Adult Career Center hirings for the 2024-'25 school year include Paula Waldruff, Customer & Office Support Technology instructor; Joe Curatti, Corporate Quality Trainer; Alyssa Woody, Customer & Office Support Technology instructor; Melinda Williams, Customer & Office Support Technology instructor; Mike Montry, CPR/First Aid; Diane Schmidt, Sign Language; Leona Thomas, Gardening; Schena Freeman, Photography; Chelsea Hermann, Budgeting/Financial Basics; John Fort, Small Engine Repair; Tim Dean, Electrical Apprenticeship, Level 3; and Jason Phelps, Electrical Apprenticeship, Level 2.

Christopher Clapper was approved as a softball volunteer for this school year. Alex Ferguson was hired as a second shift custodian at the middle school.

Resignations were accepted from Janie Wilson, 4-hour cafeteria worker at Mifflin, effective Oct. 18; and Rachel Adams, special education aide at Eastview, effective Sept. 20.

Substitute employees hired on an "on call" basis, as needed, for the 2024-'25 school year include Hannah Owens, aide; and Tiffany Miller, cafeteria and aide.

The board approved the proposed wage structure and benefit changes for the Madison Early Childhood Learning Center, effective Sept. 9. The Ohio Schools Council Cooperative was authorized to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of one 84 passenger conventional type school bus on the board's behalf. This resolution does not obligate the district to purchase the bus.

The board approved in-lieu of transportation students for the current school year: including Jackson Esterline, Reagan Byus, Ryan Byus, Eli Shoppbell, Bryce Dulaney, Theodore Clayburn and Olin Amert.

The next regular meeting will be Oct. 16, at 6 pm in the Madison Middle School Auditoria.

## Richland Rural Life Center to host annual chicken dinner this Saturday

The Richland Rural Life Center will host its annual chicken dinner on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 4-6 pm.

The dinner includes chicken slow cooked over an open pit, buttered parsley potatoes or Au gratin potatoes, old fashioned slaw salad or applesauce, dinner roll, beverage and a scoop of homemade vanilla ice cream. Adult meals are \$12 for (½ chicken); seniors and children (10 and under) \$7 (¼ chicken). Carry-out meals are avail-

able and extra chicken halves are \$5. Homemade ice cream quarts will be available for \$5.

The center is located at 969 E. Crall Rd., Mansfield. The entrance is located between Stewart Rd. and Rt. 545, Madison area. For more information call 419-544-2418 (leave message). The center is a non-profit organization that supports 4-H and Boy/Cub Scout Troops. Proceeds help maintain the RRLC land and facilities.

THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER — By Ian Stumbo —

The horror movie Tarot was released earlier this year and is now streaming on Netflix. This movie is very comparable to the Final Destination series and also the movie Truth or Dare. A group of friends come together and one of them finds a mysterious box of hand drawn tarot cards. A reading is done and soon all of the tarot cards come to life and start to murder each person based on what their reading said.



Tarot is the definition of a mediocre predictable horror movie. It's a wonder how some of these movies actually get off the page and onto the screen.

The concept itself is interesting as each of the beings on the cards come to life and some look pretty creepy (especially the Fool), though the movie itself just suffers from being terribly boring.

I usually try to look beyond the rating of a film though this one is PG-13 and was almost too tame. The kills in the movie would have been more interest-

ing if the filmmakers just went for it and didn't saturate it. The characters aren't all that likable, though in a 90-minute movie they are dispatched so quickly it's hard to get attached to any of them.

The main story around the box of cards is interesting and there is a central plot line where the friends have to try and break the curse of these cards, though every turn is just achingly predictable and boring that the movie becomes a clock watcher and the audience will probably stick with it just to see how it ends.

Tarot is worth a stream for the concept, though not a good movie just based on how the audience will probably see everything coming from a mile away. The kills are lackluster and the entire movie suffers because of these huge faults with the film.



Love INC announces closing

Love In the Name of Christ of Greater Mansfield is closing. The Love INC Clearinghouse Call Center is no longer taking calls for assistance and will cease operation as of October 18, 2024.

"It has been a privilege for Love INC to serve the community for the past 15 years and we praise God for His work through this ministry," said Cindy Weaver, board of directors member of Love INC of Greater Mansfield. "The organization is grateful for the churches and agencies that partnered with it to help meet individual needs in the Mansfield area. Love INC is confident that God will continue to care for the needs in the community in a new and fresh way. Please call 211 for referral to available assistance."



Photo By Mark Shutt

Agency will give appreciation

The Area Agency on Aging, Inc. invites caregivers of all ages to join together Wednesday, Oct. 30, from 10 am to 1:30 pm for a special Caregiver Appreciation event held at 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario. The event is open to caregivers of all ages but loved ones must be age 60 and over. The event is open to grandparents raising grandchildren, who must be 55 years or older.

This free event is designed to honor caregivers and provide them with valuable resources, information, and self-care strategies. The keynote presentation will be given by AccelWELL and will focus on mindfulness and self-care tailored specifically for caregivers.

Attendees will enjoy a complimentary lunch, participate in giveaways and be treated to fun activities and entertainment provided by Fusion Marketing Group. This is an opportunity for caregivers to relax, connect with others and feel appreciated.

RSVPs are required and space is limited. Call Susan at 567-247-6458 to make a reservation.

Mansfield 1st Presbyterian Church October Blest SUNDAY October 6 (2 - 4 pm) FREE FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL and trunk or treat Games, prizes, donut holes, cider, & canned food drive to support the Salvation Army. 399 S TRIMBLE ROAD, MANSFIELD

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# News Briefs

First Congregational Church, 640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield, will host a rummage sale Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 9–4 pm; and Thursday, Oct. 10, from 9 am to noon. There will be reduced prices on Oct. 10. The sale is handicap accessible and an elevator is available.

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Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, will hold its annual rummage sale/bake sale in October, coordinated by Mary Reynolds. Times are 4–7 pm, Oct. 2; 9 am to 7 pm on Oct. 3; 9 am to 2 pm on Oct. 4; and 9 am to 2 pm on Oct. 5.

The kitchen will offer dinners, sandwiches, soup, homemade pies and other deserts. Rummage sale items and all food items will be available by donation, with all proceeds going to local charities.

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A fall church rummage sale will be held at Mansfield 1st EPC, 399 S. Trimble Rd., (corner of Trimble Rd. and Millsboro Rd.) on Friday, Oct. 11, from 9 am to 4 pm; and Saturday, Oct. 12, from 9 am to noon. There will be a selection of clothing for children and adults, shoes, books, toys, housewares, furniture and more. Proceeds are used for local missions. For information call 419-756-7066.

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Washington Township Fire Department will host a pancake breakfast on Oct. 5, from 7–11 am, at the new station, 222 Vanderbilt Rd.

Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, milk and orange juice. Admission is by donation. Proceeds raised will continue assisting the community and the department. All are welcome to see the new station and enjoy breakfast. For information call 419-756-8330.

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On Sunday, Oct. 6, at 4 pm Scott Berry will lead First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield at a benefit concert for the final Antiphonal Organ Fund drive. The concert will feature the organ, as well as Damian Boyd's band, Redemption Jazz Band. A mixture of instruments and musical styles will be presented. Donations are welcome. There will be open seating in the sanctuary. The fundraising goal of \$5,000 has been set for this concert, which would complete the fundraising efforts.

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The Village of Lexington is holding its 41st Annual Lexington Halloween Walk Saturday, Oct. 19, from noon to 5 pm at the B&O Bike Trail. The walk will travel to Community Park, Lexington Senior Depot and the Lexington Street Department.

The event will be held rain or shine and include food trucks and cake walks. All ages are welcome. There will be music by Nyte Flyte Entertainment. Candies and treats will be handed out by local area businesses. Dress up and bring family and friends.

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Oct. 26 and 27. Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, broken down cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but

no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.

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A free Shelby community meal will be held at Awake Church, 3616 St. Rt. 39, Shelby, on the second Thursday of each month, from 6–7 pm. Dates are Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12.

For information visit [www.awakeshelby.com](http://www.awakeshelby.com) or call 419-342-4636.

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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. 96, Bellville. Meals are \$15.

The next meal will be held on Oct. 16, and will include roast beef. Dave Shaffer will speak on “Scams on Seniors.”

For information visit [www.lexasc.org](http://www.lexasc.org). Dues are \$10 per year.

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Richland Public Health, in collaboration with Avita, Cleveland Clinic, OhioHealth and Third Street Family Health Services, will present the first ever Free Community Health Day on Friday, Oct. 11 from 9 am to 3 pm in the Richland Public Health parking lot, 555 Lexington Avenue Mansfield. Free and low cost health services will be available. Other services available will include mammograms, vaccines, blood testing and blood pressure testing. Resources will be available about community programs.

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Richland County adults 60 and older are invited to penny bingo games on Mondays from April to December at the Lincoln Highway Event Center, 1361 Park Avenue East, Mansfield (Madison area). Bingo starts at 11:30 am with doors opening at 10 am.

Fifteen games of penny bingo and full house will be played. Cost is a penny a card for 15 games and a nickel a card for full house. This is a 100% payout. Snacks are provided.

To RSVP, call Kathy Boyle at 419-543-1813. These events are supported and funded by the Richland County Senior Services Levy, administered by the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc.

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First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Ave. West, Mansfield, offers a free produce distribution the second Tuesday of each month, April through November in the west parking lot.

The next free produce distribution will be Tuesday, Oct. 8, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. The church receives over 8,000 lbs. of fresh produce. This is open to everyone, please bring a state ID, driver's license or proof of residence. This is a drive through distribution. Volunteers will load the produce into trunks or the back of vehicles. Please have vehicle empty and ready for loading. For information call the church at 419-522-0662.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Brian Moore to speak on “Living with Inner Conviction” at 10:30 am on Sunday, Oct. 6. This service will be held off-site. For information visit [www.allsoulsuohio.org](http://www.allsoulsuohio.org).

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The American Red Cross provides free smoke detectors for any family that requests them by calling a toll free number at 1-844-207-4509 to schedule an installation appointment.

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Learn about Alzheimer's disease and win prizes while playing BINGO!

Tuesday, October 8, 2024 1:00 pm

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Reservations Requested: Please sign up through Logan Place Service Coordinator Aaron Mann at the office or by calling 419-775-8894.

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# Red Cross blood donors needed now to help combat critical need

The American Red Cross continues to amplify the ongoing critical need for blood and platelets to keep the blood supply stable as fall begins. Donors of all blood types, especially those with type O blood, those giving platelets and those who have never given before, are needed now.

Only three out of 100 Americans donate blood. With the blood supply still at critical levels, every single donation is key to making sure all patients relying on lifesaving transfusions, including car accident victims and those living with sickle cell disease, get the care they need.

Make an appointment to give now by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App. In thanks, those who come to give by Sept. 30 will receive a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. See [RedCrossBlood.org/Fall](http://RedCrossBlood.org/Fall) for details.

Those who come to give Oct. 1-31 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com gift card by email, plus be automatically entered for a chance to win one of three \$5,000 gift cards.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities include:

Thursday, Oct. 3, 2-8 pm, Mohican Wood Products, 20460 Nunda, Butler

Saturday, Oct. 5, 9 am to 2 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario  
 Wednesday, Oct. 9, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario; and 8 am to 1 pm, Shelby High School, 1 Whippet Way, Shelby  
 Thursday, Oct. 10, 10 am to 4 pm, Schmidt Security Pro, 241 Mansfield Industrial Parkway, Mansfield  
 Friday, Oct. 11, 9 am to 2 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario  
 Monday, Oct. 14, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario  
 Tuesday, Oct. 15, 9 am to 3 pm, TC Energy, 2873 Pleasant Valley Rd., Lucas; and 1-6 pm, Crossroads Ontario Campus, 636 Lexington-Springmill Rd. S., Ontario

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# Church Directory

### Clay Memorial Lutheran Church

1601 Amoy East Rd., Mansfield  
419-747-6882

Pastor Carol Kilgore  
 Sunday School 9:15 am  
 Sunday Worship 10:30 am

### Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville  
419-886-4333 • [www.clearforkalliance.org](http://www.clearforkalliance.org)  
 Rev. Matt Merendino

Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor  
 9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship  
 Sunday Evening 6 pm Home Groups  
 Monday Men's Group 7:30 pm  
 Wednesday evenings: 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting  
 6:30-8 pm TeamKID and Youth Group  
 Wednesday Ladies Bible Study 6:30-8 pm

### Community Bible Church

1043 Springmill St., Mansfield  
567-560-8011

[www.DiscoverCommunity.org](http://www.DiscoverCommunity.org)  
 Pastor Sam Belsterling  
 10:30 am Sunday Worship  
 Live stream at <https://www.facebook.com/CommunityBibleChurchMansfield>

### First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

200 West Third St., Mansfield  
419-524-4813 • [mansfield1stcc1833@gmail.com](mailto:mansfield1stcc1833@gmail.com)  
 Rev. Gregory Bibler

Office Hours: Tu., W., Th. 9 am to 1 pm  
 10:30 am Sunday Worship  
 Christian Builders, Sunday, 9:30 am  
[www.FirstChristianChurchMansfield.com](http://www.FirstChristianChurchMansfield.com)  
 FB: FirstChristianChurch,Mansfield,Ohio

### First Congregational Church

640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield  
419-756-3046 • [www.mansfieldfcc.com](http://www.mansfieldfcc.com)

Pastor Brad Bunn  
 8:30 am Chapel • 10:30 am Sanctuary  
 Sunday School 10:30 am

### First English Lutheran Church

53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield  
419-522-0662 • [www.felc-mansfield.org](http://www.felc-mansfield.org)  
 Pastor Jay Jackson

9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship  
 Call about Prayer Groups, Small Groups, Bible Studies, Book Clubs, Pub Theology, Community Meals, Free Produce distribution and Senior Boxes.

### Hope Lutheran Church

(Formerly St. Paul & St. Timothy)  
 2010 Park Avenue West, Mansfield  
419-529-4351 • [www.lutheranhope.org](http://www.lutheranhope.org)

Pastor Jonathan Stuftt  
 9:30 am Sunday Worship  
 10 am Thursday Bible Study  
 Free Breakfast 2nd Saturdays 9 am  
 Free Dinner 4th Sundays 5 pm

### Lexington Presbyterian Church

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

### G & M Body & Paint Shop

1689 West Fourth St., Ontario  
419-529-2747

### Mansfield 1st EPC

399 Trimble Rd., Mansfield  
419-756-7066 • [www.mansfield1st.com](http://www.mansfield1st.com)  
 Rev. Joseph Yerger  
 9 am Adult & Youth Sunday School  
 10 am Sunday Worship  
 ADA Accessible Nursery  
 and Children's Programming Available

### Mansfield Baptist Temple

752 N. Stewart Rd., Mansfield  
419-589-5413 • [www.mbt.org](http://www.mbt.org)  
 Pastor Rob Kurtz  
 9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am & 5:30 pm Sunday Worship  
 7 pm Wednesday Service

### Ontario United Methodist Church

3540 Park Avenue West., Ontario  
419-529-4345 • [ontarioumc.com](http://ontarioumc.com)  
 Pastor George Lee  
 10:15 am Sunday Worship  
 10:15 am Kingdom Kids

### St. John's United Church of Christ

68 Park Avenue East, Mansfield  
419-522-2813 • [www.stjohnsmansfield.org](http://www.stjohnsmansfield.org)  
 Pastor Faith Proietti  
 10 am Sunday Worship  
 Office hours: Mon-Fri 9am to 1pm  
 AA Meetings M & F 10 am & noon;  
 Wed. noon Brown Bag and Sat. 6 pm  
 Clothing Ministry by appt: 419-512-9817

### Trinity Grace Fellowship

1592 Grace St., Mansfield  
419-589-5890 • [trinitygracefellowship.org](http://trinitygracefellowship.org)  
 Pastor Larry Carnes  
 9:30 am Sunday Worship  
 11 am Sunday School  
 Bible Study Mondays 2 pm

### Wappner Funeral Home

Mansfield • Ontario • Ashland  
419-522-5211



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Red Cross volunteers are greatly needed in Richland County to assist local families dealing with a local fire or disaster (Disaster Action Team Specialist — Richland County) and helping at area blood drives (Blood Drive Ambassador — Richland County). Training is free and volunteer service times are flexible and entirely up to the volunteer. Individuals that could spare around 4-6 hours a month, could make a significant impact in providing these critical Red Cross services in and around our local community. For information visit [www.redcross.org/volunteer](http://www.redcross.org/volunteer).

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Richland Public Health's "Fall Hike for Health" is Saturday, Oct. 12, at Malabar Farm State Park, 4050 Bromfield Rd., Lucas.

Participants can enjoy Ohio's fall colors with a guided 3-mile hike to Ferguson Falls. The hike will include the history of one of Louis Bromfield's stories titled *Murder and Mayhem Up Ferguson Way*, and will include on-site visits of three actual murders and three fictional ones that all occurred in a one-mile stretch of land.

All hikers are encouraged to check in at the visitor's center at Malabar Farm with the guided hike beginning at 9 am, or hike at their own pace between 9 am and noon.

Maps of the walking trails, bug bags for mosquito and tick prevention and snacks and bottled water are provided before and after the hike.

The hike will be held rain or shine and participants are encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather. Sturdy hiking boots are recommended as the trail conditions may be somewhat slippery.

For more information call 419-774-4510.

## Local construction projects planned

U.S. 30 westbound, from just east of Lexington Springmill Road to SR 309, will have lane closures for an overhead bridge repair project on the Home Road overpass. Traffic will be maintained in 11' lanes. Traffic on U.S. 30 eastbound will not be impacted. Estimated completion is October 2024.

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Rt. 181 at the bridge over U.S. 30, between SR 309 and Horning Road, closed Monday, Sept. 30 for two culvert replacements on either side of the bridge. The detour route for eastbound motorists will be SR 181 to SR 61 south to SR 309 east to SR 181, and reverse.

Estimated completion is Friday, Oct. 11, 2024

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SR 13, from Hanley Road to Chilton Ave, will have short term, single lane closures for resurfacing work.

The inside passing lane is closed northbound and southbound from just north of the I-71 ramp to Chilton Ave. Crews are replacing the median shoulder asphalt in preparation for next season's work.

The contractor is completing the necessary preliminary project work. Traffic will be maintained with barrels and the lane closures will be removed on a daily basis.

Estimated completion for the 2024 construction season is November. The estimated completion of the entire project is May 2027.

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U.S. 30 eastbound, from SR 309 to 5th Ave, will have daily lane closures in the passing lane for catch basin inspections in the median. One 12' lane will be maintained. Estimated completion is October.

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SR 603, from Rome Greenwich Road to Ganges Five Points Road, will have daily lane closures for pavement repairs. One lane of traffic will be maintained by flaggers. Estimated completion is October.

## Shelter earns transparency seal

The Richland County Domestic Violence Shelter announced it has achieved the Candid.org 2024 Platinum Seal of Transparency. Along with the seal, the Domestic Violence Shelter also has a nonprofit profile on GuideStar.com where visitors can learn about its mission, programs, organization, impact, and financial information.

"We are committed to transparency and accountability," said Domestic Violence Shelter Executive Director Colleen Rice. "We strive to provide safety for vulnerable clients and that means we must be trustworthy in all aspects of our work including our stewardship of the support we receive. We appreciate the ability to have a profile on Candid.org where the public can access all the information it needs to support our work with confidence."

This is the second consecutive year for which the shelter has achieved the prestigious Platinum Seal of Transparency.

Candid.org is a nonprofit that provides data and insights about the social sector. Candid was formed in 2019 when GuideStar and Foundation Center merged.

### Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

- Jacqueline Theresa Baum, September 19
- Tracy Alan Huffman, September 19
- James Andy Williamson Sr., September 19
- Gary "Chris" Christopher Bond, September 20
- Charlsie Olinger Harris, September 21
- Raymond Albert Salimbene, September 23
- Michele Elaine Brest, September 25
- Sherry Martinez-Madison, September 25

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**Vaccines Provided:**

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**Time: 9:00 AM – 12 PM** for all dates

**Dates and Locations:**

- October 4th, Hawkins Conference Center – 2131 Park Ave, West, Ontario, OH
- October 11th, Third Street Family Health Services – 600 W Third Street, Mansfield, OH
- October 18th, Ashland Health & Wellness Center – 309 Arthur Street, Ashland, OH
- October 25th, Bucyrus Health & Wellness Center – 2458 Stetzer Rd, Bucyrus, OH

**Call Third Street 419-522-6191 (option 4)** for more information and to register.

**Transportation may be available to and from the Richland County clinics for adults over 60 and individuals with disabilities. Please call 567-247-6483**

✓ **GET VACCINATED.**

✓ **GET PEACE OF MIND.**

**The Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative, powered by USAging, has teamed up with community providers in your area to provide easy access to vaccines.**

**Gift cards for older adults receiving vaccinations may be available. While supplies last.**

This project is supported by the Administration for Community Living (ACL, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)) through USAging as part of a financial assistance award to USAging totaling \$74,999,835 with 100 percent funding by ACL/HHS. The contents are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official view of, nor an endorsement, by USAging, ACL/ HHS or the U.S. Government.



## Memorial Arrangements

### Constance L. "Connie" Stuckert

Constance L. "Connie" Stuckert, age 85, of Ontario, passed away peacefully early Saturday morning, Sept. 28, 2024 at her home.

Connie was born Jan. 28, 1939 in Mansfield to the late Clifford J.

and Arlene C. (Long) Stevens. A 1956 graduate of Shelby High School, she then began work at the Autocall Company in Shelby and later Wagner Hardware in Mansfield. Connie married Joe R. Stuckert on January 11, 1958. In 1959, they moved to Findlay where they resided until 1966 before returning to Ontario. It was in Ontario that they deeply planted their roots and made a home.

Upon their return to Ontario, they joined the Ontario United Methodist Church where Connie served for many years as Secretary for the Finance Committee and Administrative Board/Council. She was Chairperson of the Administrative Board/Council, Chairperson of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, and served as the church Treasurer. She was continuously active in all church activities including assisting with confirmation classes for 8 years. Her church and church family always remained a very important part of Connie's life.

Additionally, Connie and Joe were great supporters of Ontario Schools and their students. For over ten years, they enjoyed volunteering at the concession stands for both football and basketball games at Ontario High School. Her greatest joy was her great grandchildren- loving them and being a part of their lives. All children, whether her own or not, brought her much happiness.

For her career, Connie worked with Richland County Legal Aid before being employed for 31 years by the UAW-GM Legal Services Plan as their office manager. Following retirement, Connie continued to work part-time for the UAW-GM Legal Services Plan.

Connie is survived by her family she loved dearly; her daughter and son-in-law: Joni L. and Jeff Davis of Ontario; grandchildren: Angela Cunningham (Ian Zeune) of Ontario, Joshua (Nikki) Davis of Mansfield, and Joe (Alexis) Davis of Galion; great grandchildren: Caden Cunningham, Christian Carver, Matthew Carver, Emily Davis, Olivia Davis, Isaac Davis, Nathan Davis, Braelynn Davis, and Chesney Davis; half-sister: Becky Kathrein; and other relatives and friends, included dear

friend: Barb Petit.

In addition to her parents, her husband, Joe, preceded her in death on March 27, 2021, along with her daughter: Amy Cunningham on Feb. 2, 2022; brothers and sister-in-law: Thomas Stevens and Edward and Carolyn Stevens; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law: Richard and Nancy Stuckert.

The family would like to especially thank the team from Southern Care Hospice for their exceptional care of Connie- specifically her nurse, Brittany, and social worker, Michelle.

Family and friends are welcome on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024 from 11 am to 1 pm at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue W, Ontario, where funeral services will immediately follow at 1 pm.

Pastor Chris Bell will officiate the services, assisted by Pastor George Lee, with burial following in the adjoining Ontario Community Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the church or Southern Care Hospice.

Condolences may be left on Connie's obituary on the funeral home's website at PenwellFuneralHome.com or the Facebook page at Facebook.com/PenwellFuneralHome.

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## Voter registration deadline nearing for November election

The deadline to register to vote or change your address or name for the Nov. 5, General Election is Monday, Oct. 7. The Richland County Board of Elections office, 1495 W. Longview Ave. Suite 101, in the Longview Center, will be open that evening until 9 pm.

After 4 pm, visitors must use the entrance at the lower level back parking area at the southwest corner of the building.

Qualifications for registering to vote include:

- must be a native U. S. citizen or a naturalized citizen of the U.S.
- must be a resident of The State of Ohio 30 days before an Election
- must be a minimum of 18 years of age on or before the date of the General Election on Nov. 5, 2024.

Registered voters who have moved or changed their name must notify the Board office in writing or in person. Voters currently registered in Ohio may change their address online at VoteOhio.gov but must do so by the Oct. 7 deadline.

In addition to the board office, citizens may register or complete a change of address/name at these Richland County locations:

- Any library branch
- All city and village hall offices
- The Bureau of Motor Vehicles office
- The Department of Human Services
- The Richland County Courthouse (recorder or treasurer offices)
- All area high school offices

Registration forms may also be obtained from the Board of Elections website at [www.boe.ohio.gov/richland](http://www.boe.ohio.gov/richland) or requested by mail. Contact the board office at 419-774-5530 to have a form sent by mail. Completed voter registration forms must be postmarked 30 days before election day.

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# Plymouth FFA introduces officer team members

By Nicole Beverage,  
Plymouth FFA Reporter

In the spring of 2024, the Plymouth FFA Chapter elected the 2024-'25 officer team. Candidates went through a series of requirements in order to be put on the ballot.

First, they had to fill out an application that explained how they would make our chapter and community better. Then, they completed an in person interview with alumni members. During the interview, the alumni members graded their responses, confidence, and how well they thought the candidate would assist in running the chapter. Finally, the candidates explained to their classmates why they aspire to become an officer. After explaining, the chapter members cast their vote on who the new officers would be.

The 2024-'25 Plymouth FFA Officer Team members are president, Katelyn Swingle; vice president, Kristen Swingle; secretary, Ava Stine; treasurer, Kansas Huston; reporter, Nicole Beverage; parliamentarian, Addy Vorhees; sentinel, Isaiah Miller; student Advisor, Dallas Thompson; and historian, Matthew Gillum.

Throughout the year, the chapter officer team spends time planning events, making decisions, and setting up chapter meetings. Each officer puts a lot of work and time into the FFA chapter. Biographies have been provided of each officer below.

**President:** Hello, my name is Katelyn Swingle. I am the daughter of George and Sherri Lewis and a senior at Plymouth High School. This is my third year as an officer as I was the vice president last year and the secretary before that. I have been in FFA since eighth grade which makes five years.

Being an officer is an amazing opportunity. I love to oversee our chapter and be able to push people out of their comfort zones. I want to make our chapter the best that it can absolutely be. My favorite things to do in FFA are Career Development Events like food science and poultry. I also love to show animals at the Richland County Fair for my SAE.

**Vice president:** Hi, I'm Kristen Swingle, the daughter of George and Sherri Lewis. I am currently the chapter vice president helping guide my twin sister, who is the president. I have been in FFA for five years with this last being my last to be a Plymouth FFA Member. Going into my senior year is bittersweet to me because it means my time as an officer and member is winding down.

FFA has been an important topic in my life since I first walked in as an eighth grader not knowing how big the impact would be on my life. It has given me more confidence in public speaking, gotten me more involved in many activities, and has gotten me out of my comfort zone.

A big part is that FFA has opened up so many opportunities for me that I'm eternally grateful for. I would recommend to younger members to get involved in FFA and try to do things because you never know where it might take you.

**Secretary:** Hey my name is Ava Stine, I

am a senior and serving as our chapters secretary. This will be my third year serving as an FFA officer and fifth year in FFA. I love being in FFA as it has given me so many opportunities, getting to step out of my comfort zone, and being able to experience so many amazing things. Such as going to leadership conferences to better my skills in being a great leader. I will never forget my journey in FFA with this being my last year! I'm so excited to see what this year brings!

**Treasurer:** Hello, I am Kansas Huston. I am a senior as well as our treasurer. This is my third year being an officer, and fifth year being in FFA. FFA has brought me so many experiences and brought me out of my comfort zone. I'm so glad to have been a part of my chapter; and although I am saddened that this is my last year, I am excited to see what happens this year!

**Reporter:** I'm Nicole Beverage, the daughter of Keith and Jenny Beverage. I am currently a junior at Plymouth High School and serving as the chapter reporter. This is my 4th year being involved in FFA and my 3rd year serving as an officer.

I am beyond grateful for all the opportunities FFA has given me. I enjoy working with my SAE, a market steer, and participating in livestock judging in the spring. FFA has pushed me to step out of my comfort zone and helped me to strengthen my confidence in public speaking as well as other areas. Being a part of this organization has had a big impact on my life, in ways I never would have expected. I've attended some incredible trips and met some of my closest friends through this incredible organization!

**Sentinel:** Hi, I am Isaiah Miller, I'm currently serving as the sentinel for the current

Plymouth FFA officer team, I have been in FFA for 2 years. I am also currently a sophomore at Plymouth High School and plan on taking college credit plus classes my junior and senior years.

FFA is a great way for kids to grow and learn new ways to do things, it pushes them out of their comfort zone to do more for the better. FFA has helped me become a better person by helping me be able to publicly speak and be open about different things. FFA has a lot more opportunities to give me and I am ready to take them on.

**Student advisor:** My name is Dallas Thompson, I am the son of Sam Phillips and Renae Reading. I am going on my third year in FFA and if I have learned anything while I have been in the FFA is to include yourself and go beyond your comfort zone.

It has helped me learn so many new things about myself and has given me so many more opportunities that have helped me through life. A fun fact about me is I run track and cross country, I also really enjoy fishing and reading. I would also like to thank my family, Mrs Ringler, and all of my friends for helping me get to this point and for continuing to push me to be a better person.

**Historian:** My name is Matthew Gillum. I am a senior and this is my 5th year in FFA. I serve as our chapter historian. I have attended previous events such as National Convention, State Convention and Washington Leadership Conference. I play football, run cross country and track, and play basketball.

I am also involved in my school's student council. I have found FFA through many experiences to be truly enlightening and something I wouldn't regret.





## Richland County EMA will host response team training

The Richland County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) will host a Community Emergency Response Team training on October 11-13. The training will be held at the EMA office, 597 Park Avenue East, Mansfield (Madison area).

Registration can be made by calling 419-774-5686 or via email at [ema@richlandcountyoh.gov](mailto:ema@richlandcountyoh.gov). Preregistration is required. Attendance is required for all three days to receive a certificate of completion.

The training is offered at no cost and includes workshop materials and all meals. This is great training for your family's personal safety even if you chose not to be a CERT member. The CERT training is conducted by trained professionals with experience in safety services, public health, and disaster preparedness/response/recovery.

Before, during and after disasters, CERT volunteer teams perform basic response activities, including checking in on neighbors, distributing information to the public, supporting emergency operations centers, and helping to manage traffic and crowds.

Local CERT programs train and organize teams of volunteers to assist their families, neighbors, co-workers, and other community members. The Richland County CERT members have assisted in various situations over the years including search and rescue for the elderly, damage assessments during tornados/derecho incidents, and assisting with traffic control for accidents on 71.

## Vaccine clinics hosted by agency

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is proud to announce vaccine clinics will be held from 9 am to noon at the following locations:

- Oct. 4 at Hawkins Conference Center, 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario
- Oct. 11 at Third Street Family Health Services, 600 W. Third St., Mansfield
- Oct. 18 at Ashland Health & Wellness Center, 309 Arthur St., Ashland
- Oct. 25 at Bucyrus Health & Wellness Center, 2458 Stetzer Rd., Bucyrus

Anyone age 18 and older, and from any county, is welcome to participate in these vaccine clinics. Those interested in participating must register by calling the Third Street Clinic at 419-522-6191. COVID vaccines may vary, confirm their availability at registration.

If transportation is needed, call the Area Agency on Aging/Susan at 567-247-6458 and an appointment can be made. What to bring: A form of ID and your insurance card. You do not need to show proof of citizenship or residency status.

The Area Agency on Aging realizes it is critical to ensure equity and access to Ohioans who might not otherwise have a chance to get vaccinated, whether their barrier is transportation, location, mobility, or access to care and education about the vaccine.

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., located in Ontario, provides leadership, collaboration, coordination and services to older adults, people with disabilities, their caregivers & resource networks that support individual choice, independence and dignity.

## Romanchuk announces more than \$1 million for local revitalization projects

State Senator Mark Romanchuk (R-Ontario) announced more than \$1 million for economic development projects in Ashland.

"This funding is a necessary first step in rejuvenating our communities, building businesses, and attracting more people to Ashland," Romanchuk said. "I'm excited to see the results of these efforts."

Ashland County will receive \$1,009,632 for the demolition of 12 vacant and dilapidated buildings. This funding comes from the fifth round of the Demolition and Site Revitalization program, which has so far awarded more than \$233 million to over 5,000 projects in all 88 Ohio counties. This grant program were allocated funds through House Bill 33, the state's main operating budget, which Senator Romanchuk supported.



## City of Mt. Vernon, Ariel Foundation Park to host Servitus 2024 on Oct. 12

Knox County Career Center's (KCCC) Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) has partnered with the City of Mount Vernon and Ariel Foundation Park for "Servitus 2024", which will be a day of celebrating those who serve. The public is invited to join us on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 9 am to 4 pm Ariel Foundation Park, 10 Pittsburgh Ave., Mt. Vernon. There will be vendors, food trucks and military displays, just to name a few items of interest.

In addition, the KCCC's JROTC will host other JROTC units for a fitness competition in the park. JROTC's cadets will be competing against students from 29 other teams from Ohio and Pennsylvania in a tower climb, Army Humvee pull, and obstacle courses.

The public is encouraged to come watch the cadets compete and cheer them on.

"We are looking forward to Celebrating SERVITUS 2024 with the community this year," said Colonel Chris Salvucci, KCCC's JROTC Senior Aerospace Science Instructor. "The word servitus was derived from the Latin root word for servant or someone who serves others, and it matches our purpose for this day. SERVITUS aims to celebrate those who serve others, educate the next generation on what it means to live a life of humble service, and encourage people to start living that life today."

"Whether that life is serving in uniform as a military member, serving locally as a first responder, or serving as a volunteer for a civic organization, no act of serving others is too small. SERVITUS aims to build a commitment to service into the fiber of our community. This characteristic would be a unique strength of our community and bind us together like a braided rope that is stronger than its many parts once woven together."

"If successful, SERVITUS 2024 will plant a seed of hope in future generations who recognize it is better to serve others rather than be served, whether that service is large or small, full-time professional or part-time volunteer. That seed planted today will be the oak tree we find shelter under in the future." Salvucci added, "What began ten years ago as a small fitness competition has expanded to a multi-state competition involving 29 teams and over 400 cadets. This year, as the students are learning about teamwork, self-sacrifice, and supporting others on the field of competition, we will add opportunities for them to meet and speak with people who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Hopefully, they will find the link between their small efforts and sacrifices during the day and the more significant efforts and sacrifices made by those who serve in a profession of service. The community will also be able to interact with these service-driven individuals and organizations throughout the day, expanding the outreach of our efforts beyond the JROTC program. In the end, we hope to build a stronger community and country by celebrating those who serve, learning from them, and taking encouragement from their actions that will set all of us in motion as SERVITUS or servants for others."



Photo by OHSchoolBoards

## Mary Jean Theaker recognized for 35 years of board service

Pioneer Career & Technology Center has announced that Mary Jean Theaker was honored for her remarkable 35 years of dedicated service as a school board member at Pioneer Career and Technology Center.

Mary Jean was recognized at the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Fall Conference on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the Tolles Career & Technical Center in Plain City.

Throughout her tenure, Theaker has played a pivotal role in shaping the direction and success of both students and the community. Her leadership and vision have led to numerous initiatives that have positively impacted students and career-tech education.

"Mrs. Theaker has been an integral part of the organization for over three decades," said Pioneer Superintendent Greg Nickoli "Her dedication, wisdom and passion for our mission have inspired many, and we are grateful for her unwavering support."

The Fall Conference featured recognition and awards for the Central Ohio Region.

## Richland Academy of the Arts brings back Haunted Academy

Richland Academy of the Arts (RAA) has announced the return of Haunted Academy on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 3–6 pm. This fun-filled, family-friendly event offers all the thrills of Halloween without the fright, providing a festive atmosphere for all ages.

The historic academy will be transformed into a creatively designed space where guests can explore themed rooms, enjoy arts-related activities and experience the Halloween spirit.

"We're thrilled to bring back Haunted Academy this year. It's a chance for families to celebrate Halloween while experiencing the magic of the arts," said Sheri Hughes, RAA's assistant director and director of community schools

Tickets are \$5 per person, with a family pack of four tickets available for \$15. Additional tickets with the Family Pack are \$3 each, and children ages 2 and under are free. All tickets can be purchased upon arrival, with proceeds benefiting the RAA Theater Department.

Costumes are encouraged, so come dressed according to the family-friendly spirit! For more information, please contact Richland Academy of the Arts at 419-522-8224.

RAA is committed to accessible community arts and offers a tuition assistance program. Founded in 1991, the academy of the Arts is located on the corner of 4th Street and Walnut St., Mansfield.

## News Briefs in Education

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) has announced students on the summer 2024 president's list. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the list. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

On the list are Steven Clark of Mansfield, Max Basye of Ontario, Robert Broyles of Mansfield and Hunter Hemmings of Mansfield.

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Adryanna Swiger of Mansfield has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's summer 2024 dean's list. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the list. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

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Aiden Compton, a graduate of Lexington High School, is one of nine newcomers to continue their career at Baldwin Wallace University. The Yellow Jackets open the 2024-'25 season on Saturday, Oct. 5 when they travel to Columbus to compete in the Ohio Bowling Conference Tournament #1 at the Columbus Square Bowling Palace at 10 am.

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Ashley McLaughlin of Mansfield was named to the dean's list for the summer 2024 term at the University of Maryland Global Campus. To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

## OWU students share summer research project results

Ohio Wesleyan University students shared the results of their 2024 summer science research projects Sept. 26 during the university's 32nd annual Patricia Belt Conrades Summer Science Research Symposium.

More than 50 OWU students presented information and answered questions about their 10-week mentored research projects during the two-hour symposium. Local residents presenting, their projects and their mentors included:

Cooper Christie of Mansfield presented "Computer Vision for Root Tip Analysis." Christie was mentored by Chris Wolverton of the Ohio Wesleyan Department of Biological Sciences.

Callie Kampe of Mansfield presented "Developing Pharmacological Treatments for Jet Lag." Kampe was mentored by Chelsea Vadvie of the Ohio Wesleyan Department of Psychology.

Ava Swanson of Mansfield participated in a group presentation of "How Predator Size Affects the Strength of Nest Defense Behavior in House Wrens." Swanson was mentored by Dustin Reichard of the Ohio Wesleyan Department of Biological Sciences.

Laura Tuhela-Reuning, director of the Summer Science Research Program (SSRP), shared her thoughts on the value of such mentored research experiences in the symposium's abstract book.

"Authentic research is quite different from classroom labs — more challenging, more creative, more frustrating, and, ultimately, more rewarding," she said. "One of the most rewarding parts of SSRP for me is watching the students grow as scientists, seeing them take command of a research project, and knowing that they are gaining the confidence to speak and act as scientists."

The Summer Science Research Symposium was held as part of Ohio Wesleyan's annual fall OWU Connection Conference. The conference enabled students to share how their participation in the university's signature experience - the OWU Connection — is helping them to create the personal and professional futures they seek.

Learn more about the OWU Connection and conference at [www.owu.edu/OWUConnection](http://www.owu.edu/OWUConnection) and more about the Summer Science Research Program and annual symposium at [www.owu.edu/ssrp](http://www.owu.edu/ssrp).

# Ontario High School Senior Sunrise



**STUDENTS IN MRS. SCOTT'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS** at Ontario's Stingel Elementary learned more about each other's family. Parents sent in family pictures and students presented them to the class. After reading several stories about families, students created family portraits. They also used letters to build family themed words.

## Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

## Friday Night Lights shining bright for local teams

By Kris Leiter

We just wrapped up week six last Friday, and tomorrow is week seven, and it's hard to imagine we were just talking about week one, or so it seems.

You may remember last year, I spun a yarn and brought you up to speed on the OHSAA computer rankings for football playoffs. This year, the top 16 teams will make the post-season playoffs.

**Division IV — Region 14**

1. Sandusky Perkins (5-0) 12.9
2. Shelby (5-0) 10.65
3. Ontario (5-0) 10.15
4. Lorain Clearview (4-0) 9.7083
5. Clyde (4-1) 7.6
6. Tontogany Otsego (4-1) 7.25
7. Caledonia River Valley (3-2) 6.9
8. Lodi Cloverleaf (4-1) 6.3222
10. Napoleon (3-2) 5.65
11. Vermilion (4-1) 5.3
12. Bay Village Bay (2-3) 4.6
13. Bellevue (2-3) 4.1
14. Orrville (2-3) 3.7
15. Sheffield Brookside (3-2) 3.5
16. Ottawa-Glandorf (2-3) 3.05
17. Upper Sandusky (2-3) 2.8
18. Wauseon (2-3) 2.6
19. Bellville Clear Fork (1-4) 2.3

Clear Fork 1-5 (0-3, eighth place, Mid-Ohio Athletic Conference)

The Colts may be starting out slow this year going into week seven, but there are still four weeks left. Going into week seven, they are only a few spots outside the 16 team playoff bubble.

Kudos to the Colts, even though they lost to their first opponents, Sandusky Perkins (Sandusky Bay-Lake Conference) and the Granville Blue Aces (Licking County-Buckeye Conference), they are currently ringing in with an unblemished record of 4-0, and each team is currently in first place in their respective conference.

The Colts were able to notch a win in week three against Lexington of 28-3, holding the Minutemen to a mere field goal. Hats off to the defense!

Ontario 6-0 (3-0 Mid-Ohio Conference)

The Warriors are still tauting a great undefeated 6-0 season on the warpath! Warrior defense has held their opponent to only 14 points on many occasions this year. They are currently in the 3 spot in the playoff picture, just under rival Shelby Whippets. These two teams will tangle again on Oct. 18 for another big game!

**Division VII — Region 25**

1. Berlin Center Western Reserve (5-0) 9.1
2. Hillsdale (5-0) 8.25
3. Monroeville (5-0) 7.25,
4. Malvern (4-1) 7.1
5. Warren John F. Kennedy (4-1) 6.6
6. Windham (5-0) 5.9222
7. Cuyahoga Hts. (2-2) 5.75
8. Lucas (3-2) 3.8111
9. Crestline (3-2) 3.6735
10. McDonald (3-2) 3.6111
11. Lowellville (3-2) 3.5
12. East Palestine (3-2) 3.2606
13. New Washington Buckeye Central (2-3) 2.4091
14. Fairport Harbor Fairport Harding (2-2) 2.25
15. Waterloo (2-3) 2.2051
16. Norwalk St. Paul (2-3) 2.2
17. Lisbon David Anderson (1-3) 1.8194
18. South Central (1-4) 1.5
19. Independence (1-4) 1.4

20. Ashtabula St. John (1-3) 1.125

Crestline 3-2 (0-0 Mid-Buckeye Conference)

Let's give some praise to our Western most school in our Richland County coverage — the Crestline Bulldogs. I have to give a big shout out to the growling Bulldogs, as I cannot remember the last time Crestline has had such a great season!

The Bulldogs notched another victory over Manchester last Friday with 14-6, pushing Crestline over the .500 mark for the season thus far. The Bulldogs are holding their own in the 9 slot in the OHSAA Computer polls, just one slot below MBC member Lucas.

Crestline is a member of the Mid-Buckeye Conference, along with Lucas, Mansfield St. Peters, Mansfield Christian and Central Christian High School. The only two schools in the MBC that have football are Lucas and Crestline. Central Christian is located in Kidron, an easy hour drive east along Interstate 30.

Lucas 3-3 (0-0 eighth Mid-Buckeye Conference)

The Cubs are no stranger to the playoff scenario as they are currently in eighth place, just above MBC conference foe, the Crestline Bulldogs.

You may recognize a few notable teams listed such as Warren JFK in the 5 spot, along with Hillsdale at number 2, as well as McDonald in the 10 spot, all previous playoff opponents to the Cubs. It seems like Lucas handles adversity well for the most part.

The Cubs in weeks two and three fell to defeat at the hands of Hillsdale 26-8 and Smithville 30-25 but toppled Warrensville Heights 21-14.

This Friday, the Cubs will host another long distance opponent, the Amanda-Clearcreek Aces. The Aces are from the Mid-State League - Buckeye Division, approximately 1.5 hours south in Mansfield, located in Licking county. The Aces currently are 3-3.

**Division III — Region 10**

1. Tol. Central Cath. (4-1) 11.2371
2. Cle. Benedictine (4-1) 10.1639
3. Rocky River (4-1) 9.85,
4. Medina Buckeye (4-1) 8.1
5. Richfield Revere (4-1) 6.7
6. Defiance (3-2) 5.95
7. Grafton Midview (3-2) 5.25
8. Norwalk (2-3) 4.6
9. Maumee (3-2) 4.5
- 10t. Bowling Green (3-2) 4.4
- 10t. Parma Padua Franciscan (3-2) 4.4
12. Cle. Central Cath. (2-3) 3.95
13. Lima Shawnee (2-3) 3.75
14. Parma Hts. Holy Name (2-2) 3.7222
15. Tiffin Columbian (2-3) 3.0596
16. Lexington (2-3) 2.95
17. Rocky River Lutheran West (1-4) 2.85
- 18t. Mansfield Senior (1-4) 2.3
- 18t. Tol. Rogers (2-3) 2.3
20. Copley (1-4) 1.8

Lexington 3-3 (2-0 Ohio Cardinal Conference)

Big Lex is currently .500 and undefeated 2-0 in the OCC. They ring in as the victors the past three weeks. Last week, the Minutemen held the Tygers of Mansfield to only six points! Hats off!

As of week six, they currently sit in the 16 slot, currently in line to qualify for the post season playoffs. Big Lex will host West Holmes in Lexington tomorrow.

West Holmes, an OCC conference foe will also bring in a 3-2 record into Lexington Friday. The Knights have also had victories in their last three games. This may be a game to keep your eye on!

Mansfield 0-6 (0-3 Ohio Cardinal Conference)

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Photo By Jenna Wolford

**THE CRESTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL** girls cross country team took first place at the Denny Stevens Invitational at Kokosing Dam in Fredericktown on Tuesday, Sept. 24. Leading the team in sixth place was Leyna Gerich with a time of 19:37.38. She was followed by teammates junior Alina Durbin, 7th (19:40.96); junior Audrey Wolford, 17th (20:35.58); freshman Laynie Kemp, 31st (21:18.32); junior Emmie Kemp, 35th (21:30.15); senior Georgia McFarland, 43rd (21:41.34); senior Mia Humrichouser, 45th (21:49.12); freshman Gracie Gallaway, 52nd (22:24.60); and freshman Emily Pond, 204th (30:31.84).

## Denny Stevens Invitational High School Girls

(Top 10 of 221)

1. Lydia Price, 18:49.52, Marion Harding
2. Iriel Mena, 19:07.06, West Holmes
3. Riley Patrick, 19:08.79, Mans. Christian
4. Leah Price, 19:09.72, Marion Harding
5. Meagan Them, 19:14.55, Mans. Christian
6. Leyna Gerich, 19:19:37.38, Crestview
7. Alina Durbin, 19:40.96, Crestview
8. Kimberly Staley, 20:03.14, Mount Gilead
9. Camryn Baker, 20:04.13, Utica
10. Payton Tucker, 20:07.18, Centerburg

## High School Boys

(Top 10 of 295)

1. Will Baker, 15:08.33, Mount Gilead
2. Caleb Burton, 16:03.18, Team FCA
3. Cooper Brockway, 16:27.65, Crestview
4. Ryan Baker, 16:34.76, Heath
5. Tommy Emberg, 16:35.17, Mount Gilead
6. Aiden McManis, 16:44.44, Fredericktown
7. Hayden Quinif, 16:48.23, Utica
8. Elliot Weston, 16:52.65, Ridgedale
9. Owen Hershner, 16:53.36, Mount Gilead
10. Sam Krueger, 16:56.20, Utica

## Middle School Girls

(Top 10 of 119)

1. Adayalaise Trumpower, 11:32.74, Mansfield
2. Nena Green, 11:54.32, Gilead Christian
3. Madisyn Ruh, 12:04.01, Pleasant
4. Audrey Lahmers, 12:32.51, Fairbanks
5. Abbie Montgomery, 12:36.42, Buckeye Valley
6. Lexy Green, 12:36.65, Gilead Christian
7. Ava Reiheld, 12:58.41, West Holmes
8. Mickenzie White, 13:00.51, Card-Lincoln
9. Avery Thiel, 13:04.32, Ridgedale
10. Aven Kloss, 13:08.80, Centerburg

## Middle School Boys

(Top 10 of 164)

1. Andrew Gannon, 10:51.10, Mount Gilead
2. Jack Dean, 11:29.26, Northmor
3. Calvin Heithaus, 11:42.41, Mount Vernon
4. Kirby Crawford, 11:51.42, Team FCA
5. Solomon DeVassie, 11:54.11, Team FCA
6. Ben Lefor, 11:54.98, Team FCA
7. Kaeden Bossard, 11:55.16, Gilead Christian
8. Jeremiah Rumschlag, 11:55.30, Team FCA
9. Ridge Meyer, 11:56.14, Mapleton
10. Aiden McLain, 12:04.52, Mount Gilead



**CRESTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL** senior Cooper Brockway took third place at the Denny Stevens Invitational with a time of 16:27.65.



Photos By Jenna Wolford

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## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids for the Spring Village Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation in the City of Ontario, Ohio will be received by Adam Gongwer, Service-Safety Director, at 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio 44906 until 10:00 AM, local time Thursday October 24, 2024, and then, at said office, publicly opened and read aloud.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and other contract documents may be examined at KE McCartney & Associates, 52 North Diamond Street, Mansfield, Ohio 44902 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

In order to be a plan holder of record and eligible to submit a bid, bidders will be required to purchase and download an electronic set of plans and bid documents via the KEM Web Site by visiting <https://kemcartney.com/project-bids/>. All documents become the property of the prospective bidder, with no portion of the payment being refunded.

The project includes the installation of 2,663 LF of 8-inch & 628 LF of 10-inch cured-in-place pipe liner for sanitary sewer mains along with the lining of 27 6-inch diameter sanitary sewer service laterals consisting of approximately 1,629 LF of 6-inch sanitary lateral sewers. The estimated cost of construction is \$300,000.

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

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

Each bid must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will, to the extent practicable use Ohio Products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of the Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123, the Governor's Executive Order of 1972, and the Governor's Executive Order 84-9 shall be required.

The Owner intends and requires that this project be completed by May 1, 2025.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Richland County and City of

Ontario, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Wage and Hour Division, 614-644-2239.

First Bid Advertisement: Thursday, September 26, 2024

Second Bid Advertisement: Thursday, October 3, 2024

Bid Opening: Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, OH  
(T-C 9-26, 10-3 '24) (91L)

### CITY OF ONTARIO CIVIL SERVICE EXAM GENERAL LABORER

The City of Ontario, an Equal Opportunity Employer, currently has an opening for a General Laborer in the Water Department. Duties may require operation of hand and power tools, heavy equipment, capable of lifting 50 pounds or more, working in inclement weather or other unpleasant conditions and call-in on short notice. Applicants must have a valid Ohio driver's license. Overtime is likely. Starting hourly rate is \$20.86 per hour. Position includes an excellent Benefits package.

Applications may be picked up at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, or on line at [www.ontarioohio.org](http://www.ontarioohio.org); and must be returned to the Municipal Building by noon on October 9, 2024, in a sealed envelope addressed to the Civil Service Commission.

The Civil Service exam for General Laborer will be held Sunday, October 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., in the Community Room at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio. Doors open at 8:30 a.m.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, OH  
(T-C 9-26, 10-3 '24) (34L)

### VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON WATER/ SEWER FULL-TIME POSITION

The Village of Lexington Water / Sewer Department will be hiring one full-time Laborer to assist with maintenance responsibilities. Workers will perform a wide variety of tasks including, but not limited to, general water system maintenance, meter replacement, water main repairs, hydrant maintenance, mowing grass, trimming grass, and operating commercial and light duty trucks and equipment. CDL preferred, but not required to apply. Water and/or Sewer License are preferred, but not required. Hours of work can vary and may include weekends and holidays. Benefit package included. All applications to be submitted to the Administrative Director's Office at Village Hall no later than 4:00p.m. on October 14, 2024.

Peter L. Them  
Administrative Director  
Village of Lexington, OH  
(T-C 10-3, 10 '24) (25L)

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Notice is hereby given that i, Tonya Marie Speck (nee' Rogers) lawful daughter, of Ruhl Edward Rogers do hereby claim my father's property(s) Nunc pro tunc, February 25, 2020; All rebuttals sent by affidavit to 1 Mechanics Street, Box 193, Lockbourne, Ohio 43137  
Publication Dates  
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**CHICK QUEST** has begun in Natasha Jolin's third grade classroom at Stingel Elementary at Ontario. To prepare for chick incubation, students are becoming scientists. Students observed and labeled the inside of a table egg. Students also made predictions on if they have a raw or hard boiled egg based on three experiments. Students rolled their egg, candled their egg and tested their egg in water. Then, students tested their prediction outside.

## BUSINESS DIRECTORY



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