

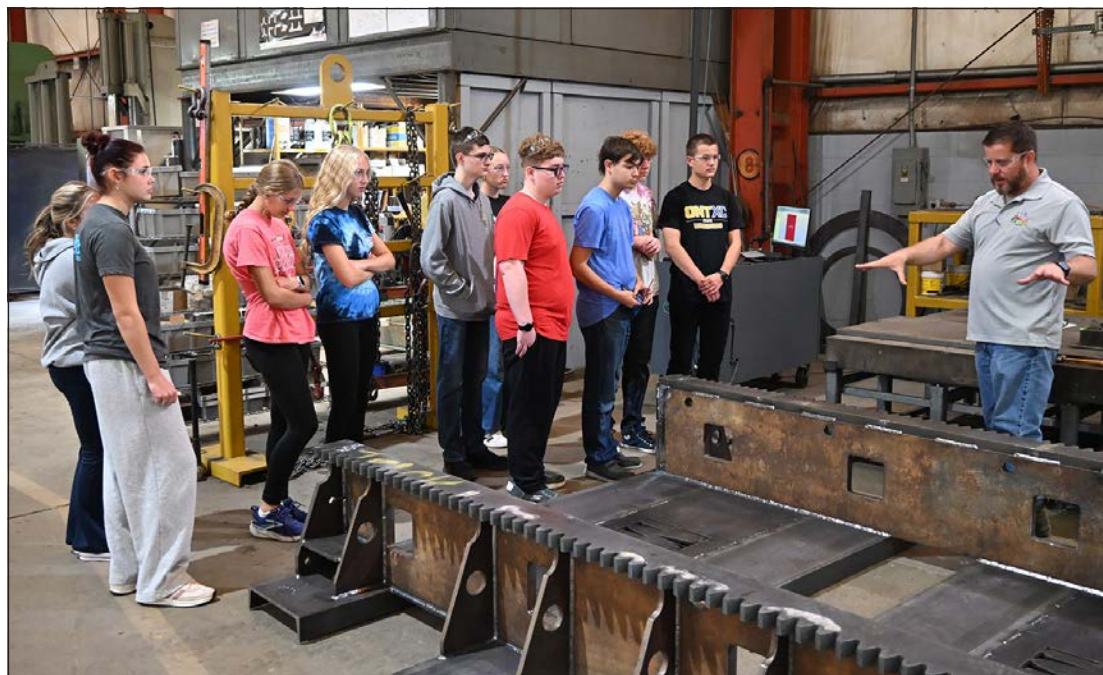


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ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL sophomores visited local manufacturing plants to get a first-hand look at how products and careers are made. From high-tech machinery to innovative business operations, students discovered the many opportunities available right here in the community. The trip offered a glimpse into the future of local industry at businesses including Gorman Rupp, PR Machine, OSU Mansfield, Michael Byrne Manufacturing and Charter Next Gen.

Mechanics Bank announces new Shelby office

Mechanics Bank has announced the acquisition of property for a planned banking office relocation to continue serving Shelby and surrounding communities. The new office will be located at 180 Mansfield Ave. and demolition work will begin on the site prior to construction.

This new banking office will replace the current office located at 140 Mansfield Ave., which was adjacent to the Cornell's IGA, prior to the closure of the grocery. The current Mechanics Bank office in Shelby will continue serving customers until the new office is open for business.

"We are thankful for the many loyal Mechanics customers who call Shelby home, and we are excited to continue serving the community at a new location," stated Mark Masters, president and CEO of Mechanics Bank. "Almost 13 years ago, the Shelby community warmly welcomed us and we look forward to serving community members at our new location which will provide more space to meet and build relationships with customers as well as a drive-thru for added convenience."

The newly constructed Shelby location will be the sixth new banking office for Mechanics Bank in 16 years. Mechanics Bank is a full-service, independent community bank with nine locations in Richland County and a tenth office nearing completion in Ashland.

Richland Area Chamber to host 9th Annual Savor & Sip

The Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development is planning its 9th Annual Savor & Sip Auction and Food Tasting. The event will take place on Thursday, Oct. 23, from 5-7:30 pm at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center in Mansfield. Businesses in the food industry, such as restaurants, caterers and food trucks, are invited to have a table at this event to offer tastings of their food and promote their businesses.

There is no charge for Chamber member businesses to provide tastings. A non-member rate is also available. The Savor & Sip event celebrates all things culinary in our area, featuring mouth-watering appetizers, entrees, desserts, pastries, and beverages from some of the region's finest restaurants, caterers, bakeries, delis and beverage companies.

New this year, sponsor businesses will face off in a fiery wing-eating contest, adding a fun twist to the evening's entertainment. Guests can also enjoy a seasonal beer tasting featuring unique brews from local partners. Entertainment and a silent auction will take place throughout the evening, with attendees invited to bid on a wide selection of items.

Entry is \$40 per person. Guests will enjoy samples from 29 food vendors, a cash bar and live music. The public is encouraged to attend for an evening of food, fun and early holiday shopping. Attendees are encouraged to register via the event calendar at richlandareachamber.com or call 419-522-3211.

RPH to host Community Health Day

Richland Public Health, in collaboration with Avita Health Systems, Cleveland Clinic, Ohio-Health and Third Street Family Health Services, will hold a free Community Health Day on Friday, Oct. 17, at Richland Public Health, 555 Lexington Ave., Mansfield.

The event will feature free and low cost health screenings as well as resources, education and giveaways from numerous local organizations from 9 am to 3 pm.

Goodie bags loaded with resources and freebies will be distributed.

The health screenings and other activities provided by local healthcare experts and community partners include mammograms, skin cancer screenings, lung cancer screenings, vision screenings from Walmart, HIV and Hepatitis C testing, blood pressure checks and hemoglobin checks.

Free produce and bread will be available from Grace Episcopal Church & Pantry. Free cooking demonstrations, recipes and samples will be available from IdeaWorks Kitchen.

Vaccines offered will include flu, COVID, Pneumonia, Shingles, MMR, Tdap, Hep A, Hep B, Chicken Pox and Meningitis.

Reduced fee blood screens will be held from 9 am to noon for PSA \$25, A1C \$30, CBC \$30, Vitamin D \$30, TSH \$15 and Cholesterol \$12

All screenings are on a first come first serve basis. However, mammograms and cancer screenings can be scheduled ahead of time to guarantee an appointment.

To register for a mammogram or cancer screening call 419-774-4761 or visit richlandhealth.org/free-day.

Free transportation is available to and from the event for community members.

To register for a ride, call 419-774-4761 or visit richlandhealth.org/free-day.

LOST IN A BOOK



A Book Review
By Mandy Belczak Gurney



It's been years since I've picked up a Nicholas Sparks book, but this caught me at the right time.

Dreamland was a dual story that, of course, merged at the end in a surprise twist. Two young people meet on the beaches of Florida — one singing for the local bar, making some money while he's away from the family farm, and the other is a new college grad trying to decide if her voice is good enough for fame.

Meanwhile, in another part of the country, a woman is on the run from an unhealthy marriage. She will do anything to save her and her son but can she ever feel safe again? I never got bored with this book.

Jumping from one storyline to the other kept me turning pages. It was an easy beach read that I needed for a quick weekend trip. At times I skimmed the dialogue, but it still delivered romance,

suspense, and surprises which made it a fun read.

My rating: ★★☆☆
Follow my blog at Green Gurneys at GreenGurneys.com

Prescription Take Back Day is October 25

The METRICH Enforcement Unit will be partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration and local law enforcement to present another Prescription Take Back event for the community on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 10 am to 2 pm. A drive-through location will be held at Richland County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority, 1125 National Parkway, Mansfield.

This is a completely confidential program and no personal information will be collected. Prescription labels should be removed.

Accepted items include prescription medicines of any kind, over-the-counter medications, medication samples, pet medications, vitamins, inhalers, medicated ointments and lotions and liquid medications in leak-proof containers.

Prohibited items include needles, syringes, lancets, thermometers, aerosol cans, IV bags, hydrogen peroxide, bloody or infectious waste, empty containers and personal products such as non-medicated shampoo.

Collection locations include Mansfield Police Department, 1125 National Pkwy., Mansfield; Richland County Sheriff's Office, 597 Park Avenue East, Mansfield; Lexington Police Department, 44 W. Main St., Lexington; Shelby Police Department, 31 Mack Ave., Shelby; and Plymouth Police Department, 48 W. Broadway St., Plymouth.

THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

Channing Tatum stars in the new release *Roofman*. This is role with some depth. Manchester's story is a very engaging one and well worth a movie being made about it.

Tatum plays Jeffrey Manchester, a former military veteran who is struggling to make ends meet. Beginning in 1998 he started robbing a series of McDonalds by going in through the roof.

Eventually, Manchester was caught, escapes from prison and hides out in a Toys R Us store until he is able to leave the country. Manchester though does not expect to fall for an employee named Leigh (Kirsten Dunst).

The first thing to say about this movie is the trailer made it look very odd and strange.

This is a very mainstream movie and one of the biggest surprises of the year. Tatum is great and its nice to see him in a



he can't hide out forever.

Absolutely see *Roofman* and forget the strange trailer which does not do the movie justice. Channing Tatum is great in this role and this is an engaging, funny and emotional true story that is wild and effective.



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News Briefs

The Lexington Area Senior Citizens Inc., invites those 55 and older to attend meetings the third Wednesday of every month at 11:30 am. February through May, the group will meet at New Life Church of Christ (NLC of C), 195 W. Durbin, Bellville. Cost is \$17 for the meal. Meetings June through December will be held at Der Dutchman, Rt. 96, Bellville. Meals are \$16, with an additional \$2 for pie.

The next meal will be Nov. 19 with roast turkey. There will be a program from the Clearfork Vo Ag Department and the election of officers will take place.

The group will meet for lunch on Nov. 5 at Athens Greek Restaurant on Lexington-Springmill Rd., Ontario.

For information visit www.lexasc.org. Dues are \$10 per year.

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The first annual fall craft show/vendor sale to support LifeWise Madison will be held Saturday, Oct. 18 from 9 am to 2 pm at Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield.

Those attending can purchase coffee, hot chocolate, cider and donuts from 9–11 am and sloppy joe and shredded chicken sandwiches, chips and water from 11 am to 2 pm. For information call or text Pam Adkins at 567-274-8532 or email pamelaadkins@lifewise.org.

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Registration is open for the Ruck for Vets event on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 9 am. The walk will start at the pavilion behind the Ralph Phillips VFW Post 291 in Shelby and take a 10-mile course through Shelby, around both city reservoirs, and end back at the VFW for the awarding of patches to finishers.

This event was started to raise money for veteran's organizations that are having a positive impact in the surrounding areas.

The first \$3,000 in registration fees will be matched by the Ralph Phillips VFW Post 291. Cost is \$50 and all proceeds go to local charity Vets with Pets and national charity Mighty Oaks. Register online at ruckforvets.org. There will be food trucks and a Howl-oween event honoring National Veterans Pets for Veterans Day happening downtown as well.

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The City of Ontario will have its Trick or Treat night on Thursday, Oct. 30, from 5:30–7:30 pm.

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Oct. 25 and 26. 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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Richland County Children Services (RCCS), in collaboration with the Madison Township Fire Department and UH Samaritan Richland Health Center, are hosting a trunk-or-treat and touch-a-truck event for the community on Thursday, Oct. 23, from 5:30–7:30 pm

at UH Samaritan Richland Health Center, 1033 Ashland Rd. The rain date is Saturday, Oct. 25, from 4:30–6:30 pm.

There will be food, activities, live music and more. To participate as a community trunker or to donate candy, food or other items call 419-774-4168 or email paula.caldwell@jfs.ohio.gov and brigitte.coles@jfs.ohio.gov.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Jacqueline Moore on Sunday, Oct. 19, at 10:30 am. The subject will be "Living by Vow: The Bodhisattva's Path." For information visit www.allsoulsuohio.org.

To the Editor,

Every October, communities across the country recognize National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month, honoring the 1.3 million individuals who live in nursing homes, assisted living, and other residential care settings, while bringing attention to the rights that protect them.

This observance is a reminder that residents deserve more than just basic care. The federal Nursing Home Reform Law guarantees a set of rights that promote dignity, choice, and a meaningful quality of life – rights that do not fade with age nor go away in a long-term care setting.

In celebration of this year's theme, "Stand with Me," the State Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman has launched the Ohio Residents' Rights Council. This quarterly virtual forum will give more than 900 nursing home Resident Council presidents the opportunity to share their perspectives, experiences, and ideas to strengthen life in long-term care communities.

As advocates for consumers of long-term care in 9 North Central Ohio counties, the Ohio District 5 Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program is proud to support this effort. Our Ombudsmen advocate daily for residents by helping resolve complaints, educating and empowering individuals about their rights, and offering guidance to Ohioans seeking long-term care. By combining local advocacy with a statewide consumer advocacy platform, this new Council will help to ensure that the perspectives of Ohio's residents truly guide the future of long-term care.

The Ohio District 5 Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program sponsored by the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., is a free service that serves consumers in 95 long-term care facilities in the counties of Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca, and Wyandot. As we celebrate Residents' Rights Month, I encourage neighbors, families, and community members to reach out to residents they know, participate in events, or consider becoming a volunteer Long-Term Care Ombudsman. By actively supporting long-term care residents, we show them they are valued members of our community.

If you or someone you know could benefit from our assistance, please reach out to us at 1-800-860-5799 or e-mail us at ombuds-mangroup@aaa5ohio.org

Beverly Taturo, Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Director
Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., Ontario

Join us for a free program!



Preregistration is requested. Please contact Jenn Miller at JenCMiller@ALZ.org or call 567.302.3610 to register.

10 Warning Signs OF ALZHEIMER'S

Learn the difference between normal aging and dementia. Discover key warning signs, the importance of early detection, and next steps in the diagnostic process—plus tips for talking with loved ones and finding local support resources.

Wednesday, October 22 | 5:30 – 6:30 PM

KNOX COMMUNITY HOSPITAL – 1330 Coschocton Ave., Mt. Vernon

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
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 and TeamKID and Youth Group

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

200 West Third St., Mansfield
419-524-4813 • mansfield1stcc1833@gmail.com
Rev. David Zerby
10:30 am Sunday Worship
Office Hours: Tu., W., Th. 9 am to 1 pm
Christian Builders, Sunday, 9:30 am
www.FirstChristianChurchMansfield.com
FB: FirstChristianChurch,Mansfield,Ohio

First Congregational Church

640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield
419-756-3046 • www.mansfieldfcc.com
Pastor Brad Bunn
8:30 am Chapel • 10:30 am Sanctuary
10:30 am Sunday School (nursery–high school)
10:30 am Monday Morning Bible Study
7:30 am Wednesday Men's Breakfast

First English Lutheran Church

53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield
419-522-0662 • 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,
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Grace Episcopal Church

41 Bowman Street, Mansfield
419-524-2661
Rev. Christopher D. Hofer, Priest-in-Charge
Rev. Daniel Orr, Associate Priest
Worship: Sundays, 8 am and 10:15 am
Christian Formation for All Ages: Sundays, 9:15 am
Food Pantry: Thursdays, 9–11 am
2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 4–6 pm
gracemansfield.org • facebook.com/GraceChurchMansfield

G & M Body & Paint Shop

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

Wappner Funeral Home

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Lexington Church of Christ

230 Delaware Ave., Lexington
419-884-1532 • www.lccoh.com
Lead Minister Brandon Bogue
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship

Lexington Church of the Cross

236 Otterbein Dr., Lexington
419-884-2150 • Churchofthecrosslex.com
Pastor-Rev. Dr. Edna Stahl
Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Junior Church for 10 and under • Wesley Class 10:45
5th Sunday of the month-Do Something Sunday AA, Girl Scouts,
Yoga, Knotty Ladies
and Bible Study.

Lexington Presbyterian Church

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

Mansfield 1st Presbyterian Church

399 Trimble Rd., Mansfield
419-756-7066 • www.mansfield1st.com
Rev. Joseph Yerger
9 am Adult & Youth Sunday School
10 am Traditional Sunday Worship
ADA Accessible Nursery & Children's Programming

Mansfield Baptist Temple

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

Oakland Lutheran Church

2045 Olivesburg Rd., Mansfield
419-571-9920
Pastor Paul Lintern
9 am Sunday Worship

Ontario United Methodist Church

3540 Park Avenue West., Ontario
419-529-4345 • ontarioumc.com
Rev. J.P. Snyder
9:30 am Grace & Eggs
11 am Sunday Worship and Kingdom Kids

St. John's United Church of Christ

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

Southside Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

2055 Middle-Bellville Rd., Mansfield
419-756-3436
Pastor Paul Lintern
10:45 am Sunday Worship

Trinity Grace Fellowship

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

Milkweed collection underway

One sign of fall, is the tree leaves beginning to change colors into hues of red, orange and gold. Another sign of fall is seeing milkweed seed pods starting to dry out in preparation of being harvested.

Milkweed is the only plant monarch butterflies will lay eggs on and the only plant monarch caterpillars will eat. Milkweed also provides a food source for many other pollinators.

The Monarch butterfly population continues to decline and one of the reasons for their decline, is the lack of milkweed. An easy way to help monarch butterflies is to provide a habitat for them by collecting the seed pods and planting the seeds.

Those who don't have space to plant the seeds can collect the milkweed seed pods and drop them off at Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD). Each year the district partners with the Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative (OPHI) and county citizens to collect Common Milkweed seed pods to help foster habitats for Monarch butterflies.

Drop milkweed seed pods off by Oct. 31 in the green and yellow container placed outside the Richland SWCD office at 1495 W. Longview Avenue, Suite 205 B, Mansfield. Place collected pods inside the bin that will have a large paper bag. Do not

keep pods in the bag used to bring them.

Those collecting pods should become familiar with common milkweed to avoid harvesting pods from similar plants such as hemp dogbane and swamp milkweed.

Pods will appear slightly gray, begin to dry, and have brown seeds inside. If the center seam of the pod pops with gentle pressure, they can be picked.

Open pods that are already open should not be collected as they might be infested with insects. Pods that are damp should be avoided because they can cause mold and damage to all the pods collected.

Rubber bands should not be used. They can damage the equipment used to remove the seeds from the pods. Pods should be kept in a cool, dry area until they can be delivered. Only collect property where permission is given.

During the winter, seeds from this year's collection will be removed from the pods to be distributed for planting next year. If you want free milkweed seeds with planting instructions, you may pick them up from the hallway table found outside the Richland SWCD office.

For information about collecting seed pods call 419-747-8685 or visit <https://richlandswcd.net/residential/programs/>



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Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Charles Henry Au, October 1
Karl Kirst, October 1
Bonnie Lou Morgan, October 1
Terry Lee Clutter, October 3
Judy A. Friend, October 3
Douglas Arthur Hulcy, October 3
Michael Lawrence Price, October 3
Gregory Alan Baker, October 4
Patricia Berniece Wyrick, October 4
Karen Joann Boggs, October 5
John Clifford Saterfield, October 5
Tammy Sue Bocka, October 6
Peggy J. Spellman, October 8

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Emerald Lake, Yoho National Park, British Columbia, Canada
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Journey through the pacific northwest reveals beauty and faith

By Traci Little

A week-long journey through the Pacific Northwest offered breathtaking scenery, moments of stillness and countless reminders of God's presence. Flying into Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, I traveled south to Olympia, the capital of Washington and a city surrounded by pristine lakes and evergreen forests.

My first stop was Black Lake Bible Camp, a beloved Christian retreat center nestled along the water's edge. Founded in 1945, the camp has been a place of spiritual renewal for generations. As tall evergreens reflected on glassy waters and worship echoed through the woods, it was a peaceful beginning to an unforgettable adventure.

Next up was Mount Rainier. Rising 14,410 feet, this active volcano dominates the skyline and is the most glaciated peak in the United States, feeding five major rivers. Standing before its snow-capped majesty, I felt God's unshakable strength. The mountain's grandeur declared His glory and reminded me that no challenge is too great when our faith is in Him. Part of the Cascade Range southeast of Seattle, it quickly became a favorite stop on my journey.

The next morning brought a special treat — brunch at The Leaning Maple, a completely gluten-free café tucked in downtown Olympia. Being able to enjoy every item on the menu without worry of cross-contamination was such a gift. Every waffle — sweet or savory — was absolutely delicious, and the cozy, welcoming atmosphere made it even better. I finally settled on the Monte Cristo Waffle Sandwich (turkey, ham, Swiss, homemade raspberry jelly, and powdered sugar) with Loaded Baked Potato Hashbrowns.

From there, we headed southwest toward Astoria, Oregon, a historic port city where the Columbia River meets the Pacific Ocean. Established in 1811, Astoria is the oldest American settlement west of the Rockies. After settling into our hotel, we explored Fort Stevens State Park, once a Civil War-era military defense site that remained active through World War II. Along the beach, the waves crashed

around the rusted remains of the Peter Iredale, a four-masted ship that ran aground in 1906 and remains one of Oregon's most photographed shipwrecks. As elk grazed quietly along the forest edge, I was reminded that while storms may leave their mark, God's grace remains steady and strong.

That evening, beneath the glow of the harvest moon, I watched boats return to harbor and listened to sea otters squawking along the shore. From the deck of Mo's Seafood & Chowder on Pier 39, it gave the perfect view of the Astoria-Megler Bridge — stretching 4.1 miles across the Columbia into Washington — it was humbling and awe-inspiring. Inside the historic Englund Marine Building, where the scent of salt air mingled with the comfort of warm chowder was the perfect end to a full day of traveling.

The next morning, we followed the Oregon Coast Highway south, visiting Seaside and Cannon Beach. Seaside's lively boardwalk and family-friendly charm gave way to the serene beauty of Cannon Beach, where the iconic Haystack Rock rises 235 feet from the ocean and shelters colorful sea stars and puffins. The rhythmic tide against the rock echoed God's constancy and power.

Our journey then turned inland toward Mount Hood, Oregon's tallest peak at 11,239 feet. We stayed two nights in a cozy Airbnb near Zigzag, a quaint community nestled in the forested foothills along U.S. Highway 26 — about 45 minutes east of Portland.

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This rustic mountain area is dotted with cabins, lodges, and vacation homes, offering peaceful views and starlit nights.

We visited Government Camp and explored local favorites, including the famous Timberline Lodge — a National Historic Landmark built in 1937 during the Great Depression. Every carving and stone in the lodge tells a story of endurance and hope, and film buffs will recognize its exterior from the classic movie *The Shining*. Since I was 13, I've dreamed of visiting Oregon and seeing Mount Hood in person. Standing there, surrounded by the handiwork of both craftsmen and Creator, I was reminded that God is faithful to give us the desires of our hearts — and to reveal His glory in every corner of creation.

Our final stop was Multnomah Falls, Oregon's tallest waterfall, plunging 620 feet in two tiers through the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. More than two million visitors each year stand in awe at this natural wonder, framed by the elegant Benson Bridge midway up the cascade. From 1925 to 2025, they are now celebrating their 100th Anniversary! Just like the spectacular waterfall, God's unfailing love never runs dry — His grace keeps flowing, strong and life-giving. Watching the mist rise from the lower basin felt like a holy whisper: even when we can't see the source, His presence is always pouring into our lives.

From mountain peaks to crashing waves, every mile of the Pacific Northwest told a story — of wonder, endurance, and the steady presence of a Creator whose beauty is woven through it all.



Photos by Damon Callis

Day Trippin' With Damon — Medina Sunflower Farm is located in Wadsworth, OH. Visitors come from around Ohio and beyond to take photos, pick flowers and enjoy the outdoors. The Farm was voted the best in Ohio 2021 and 2022. It is open each year in August and September.



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RICHLAND EARLY AMERICAN CENTER FOR HISTORY hosted the 9th Annual American Heritage Days at Southpark, 100 Brinkerhoff Ave., Mansfield, on Oct. 4 and 5. Living history reenactors demonstrated life in America in the 18th and 19th centuries. There were crafts, trades, demonstrations and activities, including blacksmithing, games and children's activities, open hearth cooking demonstrations and civilian and military reenactments.

Buckeye Bash returns Nov. 17

The 44th annual Ohio State University Alumni Club of Richland County's Beat Michigan - Buckeye Bash will be held at the Richland County Fairgrounds, 750 N. Home Rd. (Youth Hall), Mansfield, on Monday, Nov. 17. Doors open at 5 pm and a meal will be served from 5:15-6:15 pm.

Former Ohio State football team starting players Drew Basil, Devier Posey and Obie Stillwell (local Madison graduate), will be the featured speakers. The former players will share memories of Beat Michigan Week and their career as players at OSU and the National Football League. The second feature of the Buckeye Bash will be the return of The Ohio State University marching band.

Other highlights are Buckeye music, live and silent OSU item auctions (silent auction online only), \$20 goodie bags, Buckeye trivia, and a 50:50 drawing.

The cost per ticket is \$30 (includes a homemade meal). For tickets visit <https://www.osu.edu/alumni/events-and-travel/events-calendar/richland-county-alumni-club/richland-county-buckeye-bash-0>.

For more information, contact Judy Villard Overocker at 419-747-8755 or villard.1@osu.edu.

Tables can be reserved for groups of eight by calling Dr. Villard Overocker. Seating is limited.

The Buckeye Bash is the major source of income for the OSU Alumni Club's scholarship funds and club outreach. By donating to and/or participating in this fun, community event, Buckeye fans can pay it forward and help support our future "Buckeyes". Donors at select levels can receive a set amount of complimentary admission tickets and a coordinating amount of meet and greet tickets to meet the former Ohio State football players in a private setting.

Buckeye Preview Days planned for October 24 and November 21

The school year is well underway but we are already looking for the next class of Buckeyes to start, and perhaps finish, their degrees at The Ohio State University at Mansfield.

The Ohio State University at Mansfield will offer two campus visit programs this fall, with the first Buckeye Preview Day occurring on Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 pm, and the second on Nov. 21 from 10 am to 12:30 pm. Students are also welcome to visit most days of the week by scheduling an appointment with our admissions office.

"Buckeye Preview Days are perhaps the best way to experience The Ohio State University at Mansfield," said Diane Kanney, director for Regional Campus Recruitment Strategies and Initiatives.

"The day includes an opportunity to learn about campus and the enrollment process during an admissions overview, hear firsthand from current students what they love most about campus and learn about the academic experience from faculty." A key part of the day will be highlighting all Ohio State's affordability initiatives including the recently announced regional campus commitment.

Ohio State Mansfield offers 12 different bachelor's degree options for students to complete on campus, and students can start any of Ohio State's 200-plus undergraduate degrees and finish in Columbus.

"Whether you wish to just start your degree with us or complete all four years, there is a place on our campus for you," said Kanney. "We look forward to welcoming you soon and providing you with a Buckeye experience filled with exciting opportunities, growth and the ability to work toward a degree from The Ohio State University."

At each of these events, students will learn more about scholarship and financial aid, campus housing, student clubs and organizations and much more. Faculty and current students will share their perspectives as well as their experiences on campus.

Each preview day will conclude with a campus tour and time for all guests to ask questions. All events will begin in Riedl Hall and students can register online at go.osu.edu/visitmansfield

While registration is encouraged, unregistered guests are always welcome to join us. For more information, contact the Admissions Office at mansfield-askabuckeye@osu.edu or call 419-755-4317.



MR. STRICKLER came to Mrs. Leach and Mrs. Calhoun's second grade classroom at Ontario to share about an adventure he and his cat had with an owl at his home. He shared pictures and sound recordings of the owl and led the class to discover that it was a barred owl. The class also used clues throughout his presentation to make inferences about what had happened between the owl and Mr. Strickler's cat. After the presentation, he left the class with a picture of a famous owl from the 1970s and challenged them to find out its name and what commercial it had been in. Strickler rewarded the class with Tootsie Roll Pops for figuring out that it was Mr. Owl from the vintage Tootsie Roll Pop commercial. The presentation was a lead-up to an upcoming field trip to The Ohio Bird Sanctuary.

Red Cross schedules bloodmobiles

The American Red Cross asks donors to make an appointment now to give blood or platelets to support patients counting on a consistent blood supply to survive and heal. Because blood has a short shelf life and can only come from volunteer blood donors, any disruptions in the ability to collect lifesaving blood can have serious consequences for those seeking medical care.

Make an appointment to give blood or platelets by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App. All who come to give blood, platelets or plasma through Oct. 19 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com gift card by email. Those who give Oct. 20–Nov. 16, will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice, plus be automatically entered for a chance to win one of three \$5,000 gift cards.

Friday, Oct. 17, 11 am to 5 pm, Resurrection Parish, 2600 Lexington Ave., Lexington; 10 am to 3 pm, YMCA, 750 Scholl Rd., Mansfield; and 11 am to 5 pm, The Ontario Center, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Saturday, Oct. 18, 9 am to 2 pm, VFW Post 5101, 3577 US-42, Mansfield

Monday, Oct. 20, noon to 5 pm, The Ontario Center, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 1–6 pm, Crossroads Ontario Campus, 636 Lexington-Springmill Rd. South, Ontario

Wednesday, Oct. 22, noon to 6 pm, The Ontario Center, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Friday, Oct. 24, 8 am to 1 pm, Medical Office Building-4th Floor, 335 Glessner Ave., Mansfield

Saturday, Oct. 25, 9 am to 2 pm, The Ontario Center, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Monday, Oct. 27, noon to 6 pm, Ashland University, 1020 S. Trimble Rd., Mansfield

Wednesday, Oct. 29, noon to 6 pm, The Ontario Center, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Friday, Oct. 31, noon to 5 pm, The Ontario Center, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Sol Howard earns scholarship at BW

Sol Howard of Lexington was among over 500 first-year students welcomed to the Baldwin Wallace University campus this fall who earned more than \$9.4 million in merit scholarships. Howard, a graduate of Lexington High School, majoring in music industry, earned an \$18,000 deans' scholarship based on outstanding academic achievements in high school.

BW's merit scholarships are awarded to full-time students and are renewable for up to four years with good academic and social standing. BW offers a wide range of financial support to its students - more than \$53.8 million for the 2025-'26 academic year.



STUDENTS IN MR. SAGER'S ENGINEERING PRINCIPLES CLASS at Ontario have started working towards gaining credentials on several Amatrol trainers and equipment. A few students are stationed at their trainers for their hands-on experience: Xavier Trent and Noah Coley on Robotics and Computer Programming, Rob Faith on AC/DC Electrical Systems, Paxton Jeffrey on CNC Machine Tools and Bryce DeWees on Portable Pneumatics.

Investigative journalist will speak

The Kaleidoscope Speaker Series continues this fall with an evening featuring acclaimed investigative journalist Mya Frazier, on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 5:30 pm at the Renaissance Theatre.

In her talk, Frazier will lead an engaging discussion on economic mobility in America, offering an investigative journalist's lens on the structural barriers many families face in their pursuit of financial stability. Drawing from real-life stories and in-depth reporting, she will challenge assumptions, highlight systemic inequities, and explore what a more equitable economic future could look like.

Audience members are invited to stay after the event for a networking reception in the Renaissance Lobby, where the conversation will continue in community.

A follow-up engagement session, "Economic Mobility," will take place on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 5:30 pm in the Community Room at the Ontario Branch of the Public Library. All are welcome to attend and join a deeper discussion sparked by Frazier's talk.

Tickets are pay-what-you-can, with a suggested price of \$25, ensuring accessibility for all, available at www.RenTickets.org.



MRS. STONER'S FIRST GRADE CLASS had a pumpkin week where they learned about the life cycle of a pumpkin, where they grow and what is needed for them to grow. Students explored and labeled the parts of a pumpkin. Students completed a writing to describe what their pumpkin looks like and then drew a picture of it. The class ended the week by painting their very own pumpkin.

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THE ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL cross country team were the MOAC Conference Champions. For the girls team, Ava Zehe earned 2nd Team and Kenzie Goodlin earned 3rd Team.



Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Local high school football teams rush into week 9

By Kris Leiter

We just wrapped up week 8 of our Friday night lights. Time flies when you are having fun, and boy we sure are!

Let's take a look at who is doing what coming up into the final two games of this whirlwind football season.

The Crestline Bulldogs (5-3, 2-0 conference) fell to defeat at home to the Conotton Valley Rockets (6-2) 34-15 last Friday, Oct. 7.

The Bulldogs came out growling and wasted no time scoring a touchdown and the extra-point to notch the scoreboard 7-0.

As the second quarter began, Conotton Valley traded scores as one-minute expired off the clock. They scored paydirt with a rushing touchdown of six points, and the 2-point conversion would be no good. The Bulldogs were still leading the game 7-6.

The Rockets were still in scoring mode as four minutes would tick off the clock and they would score on a passing touchdown and good for an extra-point to add 7 points, taking the lead 14-7.

As the halftime horn sounded, the Bulldogs were only seven points behind and things were still hopeful.

As the third quarter began, the Rockets scored another touchdown and 2-point conversion to add 8 more points, making the score 22-7, the Rockets opening up the gap.

With nine minutes remaining in the third, the Rockets notched the scoreboard again and scored 6 points, but the 2-point conversion would not be successful, the score was now 28-7.

As two minutes ticked by, it was Crestline's turn to close the gap as they would add a touchdown and the 2-point conversion would be good, the score was now 28-15, favoring the Rockets, but things were moving in the Bulldog's direction!

The Rockets would score again with three minutes left in the third quarter, but the 2-point conversion was no good. The Rockets were holding a commanding lead of 34-15 as the final horn would sound.

Crestline is still sitting nicely, as they have had four straight wins going into this game. The Bulldogs will take on the North Baltimore Tigers, located just north of Findlay.

As of Oct. 7, Crestline still had the 7-spot, with the win over Aquinas, but the loss Friday bumped them one spot down to 8.

Division VII - Region 27

(Entering week 9): 1. Jeromesville Hillsdale (8-0) 14.2, 2. Lancaster Fisher Cath. (7-1) 11.2375, 3. Waterford (6-2) 10.0408, 4. Bowerston Conotton Valley (6-2) 8.4133, 5. Strasburg-Franklin (6-2) 8.2125, 6. Willow Wood Symmes Valley (7-1) 8.1939, 7. Glouster Trimble (5-3) 7.1199, 8. Crestline (5-3) 7.1105, 9. Danville (4-4) 6.4875, 10. Crown City South Gallia (6-2) 6.2708, 11. Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans (4-4) 5.7375, 12. Steubenville Cath. Central (4-4) 5.3542, 13. Hannibal River (5-3) 4.9737, 14. Corning Miller (3-5) 4.9375, 15. Lancaster Fairfield Christian Acad. (4-4) 4.2875, 16. Lucas (3-5) 4.1913

Lucas Cubs victors over Reynolds Raiders 22-15

By Kris Leiter

The Lucas Cubs may be coining the legendary Willie Nelson song, "On the Road Again" as they seem to capitalize on the long road trips out-of-state, especially if it means traveling to Pennsylvania.

The Lucas Cubs (3-5) defeated the Reynolds Raiders from Greenville, Pennsylvania (5-2, 3-0 conference), 22-15 last Friday.

If you rewind to the first game of 2024, the Cubs notched a victory via a long out-of-state road trip as they made the 256-mile jaunt into Pennsylvania to play the Smethport Hubbers and came home with a stout 48-12 victory.

The Cubs defied logic in a few ways by winning on the road and winning against a team that was undefeated at home this season. Team records going into the game were Lucas with 2-5 and Reynolds with 5-2. Based on records alone, this should have been a typical victory for the Raiders.

The passing game would be on the lean-side for both teams as there was only 76 total passing yards between the two teams, 27 yards for Lucas and 49 for Reynolds.

The Cubs passing game would have quarterback Carter Cox notching 2-4 for 27 yards. His teammate, Cooper Day, would be on the receiving end of the spectrum with two receptions for 27 yards.

On the other side of the offensive-coin, the Cubs ears perk-up when you mention the running-game. They've had the catch-phrase for years, "Ground and Pound" and has been synonymous for their running-style of football. This ground-attack was monumental as the Cubs claimed state runner-up in 2019 Division VII State Championship game. They fell to defeat to the long-time-running state champions Marion Stein, victors of 15 state titles on a cold Dec. 7, 2019.

As for this past Friday against the Raiders, the "Ground and Pound" played right into the hands of the Cubs.

The Cubs' backfield may sound like a law firm of Guegold, Daley, Fanello and Cox, but the foursome would end the night with an incredible 301 yards on the ground.

Brady Guegold led the Cub pack with an incredible 31-223 yards. He was relentless in mowing down the Raider defense. Guegold's resume' would also note three touchdown runs of 2 yards, 3 yards and 34 yards and 2 extra-points.

Guegold, a junior, has been coming into his own this year, as well as meriting some playing time last year as a sophomore.

Following up was Tim Daley with 13-65, Anthony Fanello 3-8 and Carter Cox 2-5.

Let's not forget the Cub defense. They would hold the Raiders to a total of 15 points and scoreless in the second and fourth quarters.

The Raiders would set the precedence early in the first quarter and would waste no time in welcoming the Cubs from the long bus ride.

As only a mere 14-seconds would expire on the first quarter clock, they would notch the first touchdown from the opening drive with a 62-yard touchdown and extra-point, 7-0 Raiders.

It was the Cubs turn on the next Raiders' possession. Bringing on the defense, they would drop Raider quarterback Conner Belback for a sack. It was Cub time as Guegold scored on a 2-yard run, putting Lucas' notch the scoreboard!

As halftime expired, the two teams were deadlocked at 7-7.

Starting the second half, things would get heated up by both teams on offense, but the Cubs would keep the Raiders scoreless.

As the third-quarter would commence, Lucas scored another touchdown by Guegold and Cubs would lead 14-7.

The Raiders returned the favor with a touchdown and 2-point conversion for 8 points to take the lead 15-14. There was two minutes remaining on the third-quarter clock.

The fourth quarter would be the Cubs' time to shine and seal-the-deal midway through the final quarter, Guegold put the grand finale on this masterpiece with a 34-yard run to the house with another 6 points and kick. The Raiders would also commit 15 penalties for over 100 yards and the Cubs would close the books on this exciting game. The final horn sounded with a Cub victory of 22-15!



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Photo By Jenna Wolford

THE CRESTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS were both crowned Firelands Conference Champions at New London High School on Saturday, Oct. 11. This makes the sixth consecutive conference championship win for the girls team. Senior Emmie Kemp lead the Crestview Lady Cougars with a second place finish with 20:17.9. Following Kemp was Crestview senior Audrey Wolford, 4th, 20:54.7; sophomore Laynie Kemp, 5th, 21:09.3; senior Alina Durbin, 6th, 21:15.1; sophomore Alexandra Cutlip, 17th, 23:24.7; and sophomore Emily Pond, 68th, 30:36.0. Not competing was team member Gracie Galloway. The girls had a team score of 30 and the boys had a team score of 37. Isaac McFarland was the boys' conference champion, coming in first with 16:44.5. He was followed by teammates freshman Isaac Smith, 5th, 17:35.8; sophomore Brant Leidigh, 8th, 17:44.9; junior Wyatt Love, 9th, 17:56.4; sophomore Logan Robinson, 14th, 18:54.8; freshman Wyatt Turchan, 15th, 19:07.0; sophomore Jackson VanScyoc, 22nd, 19:33.7; senior Nick Soto, 28th, 20:36.4; and sophomore Titus Kelley, 46th, 25:06.8. The teams move on to districts at Galion's Amman Park on Saturday. The Cougars are coached by Stephanie Brockway, Amy McFarland and Emma McCarron.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their regular meeting held on October 1, 2025.

The complete text of this Ordinance may be viewed and copies obtained at the Office of the Clerk of Council, Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, during regular business hours.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-10 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD CONTRACTS FOR VARIOUS MATERIALS AND SERVICES NEEDED DURING THE YEAR 2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-11 – A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 25-02, TO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-20 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE (CHIEF OF POLICE) TO DONATE TWO (2) UNNEEDED AND

SLATED FOR AUCTION PATROL SUVs TO NORTH CENTRAL STATE COLLEGE POLICE ACADEMY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-21 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE (SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR) TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS FOR AN INFLOW AND INFILTRATION REDUCTION PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN THE REMAINING SPRING VILLAGE SEWER-SHED, AND CHAMBERS ROAD AREA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 21 – 22 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE (THE CHIEF OF POLICE), TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF DIRT FROM ADENA CORPORATION TO BE USED TO BUILD DIRT MOUNDS AND BERMS AT THE NEW POLICE SHOOTING RANGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, OH
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Women's Fund to announce annual grants

The Women's Fund of the Richland County Foundation will announce this year's grant recipients during a luncheon Friday, November 7 at Westbrook Country Club. The Women's Fund also will announce the recipient of the JoAnn Dutton Volunteer Service Award.

The award honors women who are leaders and devote a significant amount of time and energy in a meaningful way to local charitable organizations. The award was named in honor of JoAnn Dutton, former executive director of the Mansfield YWCA.

Richland Source Audience Engagement Editor Brittany Schock and reporter Katie Ellington Serrao will be the keynote speakers. They will share information on the Richland Source Series "It Takes a Village: Why Child Care is Everyone's Business."

Tickets can be purchased at richlandcountyfoundation.org, click the donate button then the events tickets tab.

Park programs scheduled

The Richland County Park District continues its 60th Anniversary Celebration with scheduled programs.

Animal Feeding Day – Tuesday, Oct. 21 from 3:30–5 pm, Gorman Nature Center has many native animals, used for display and educational purposes, and it takes a lot of work to keep them happy and healthy. This is an excellent opportunity for kids of all ages to feed and interact with our animal ambassadors, as well as get some hands-on time with snakes, turtles, and more!

Oaks & Acorns – Wednesday, Oct. 22 from 9-11 am. The weekly, nature-based preschool program for children and their guardians is held at Gorman Nature Center in the picnic pavilion. There are two identical sessions, one starting at 9 am and the other starting at 10 am. Please dress appropriately to hike and explore the outdoors, including boots and coats, if needed. We plan to be outside unless weather conditions are unsafe. Don't forget to bring your nature-related items for show-and-tell!

Friday at the Falls Preschool Program – Friday, Oct. 24 from 10–11 am. Children and their adults are welcome to join us at the beautiful Fleming Falls Preserve for a nature-themed lesson and activity! Meet in the parking area and be sure to dress for the weather because we will be outdoors the whole time.

Parkrun – Saturday, Oct. 25 at 9 am. Parkrun is a free, community 5K where you can walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate. Everyone is welcome! Meet at North Lake Park. Visit www.parkrun.us for more information.

Bird Feeder & Nest Box Winterizing – Saturday, Oct. 25 from 10 am to noon. After the busy nesting season, how should bird houses be winterized for the cold months ahead? And what care do your bird feeders need to keep hungry birds healthy and happy? Come find out at this program with Luke and Larry where we will demonstrate the needed maintenance and display/discuss some of the nature center's favorite bird foods and feeders.

Autumn Nature Walk – Saturday, Oct. 25 from 2–3 pm. Come discover what the meadow plants, birds and insects are doing to ready for winter on a 1.5-mile walk through this highly diverse but lesser known park district property, Tugend Prairie. Meet at the gravel parking area on the north side of Tugend Road, 0.2 mile west of Bunkerhill North Road.

Shop Small — Richland County scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 22

The Richland Area Chamber has announced that its Small Business Saturday will be one week earlier this year — on Nov. 22.

The local Shop Small celebration will take place early to avoid the OSU vs. Michigan football game on Nov. 29. The event is a community-wide celebration of locally owned businesses with Chamber membership not required.

Businesses can register until Nov. 10 to be included in the special day. Each business will host a \$25+ prize drawing on Nov. 22 and invite shoppers to enter while visiting with no purchase required. Businesses then pick a winner and notify them that day, sharing a photo on social media and tagging @RichlandAreaChamber for extra exposure.

Shoppers can also scan a QR code at each store to enter for five \$100 county-wide grand prize drawings. The Chamber will notify grand-prize winners and distribute the winnings.

The Chamber invests thousands of dollars each year promoting Shop Small — Richland County through radio, print, digital and social media outreach. The only cost to businesses is a \$25 prize donation.

Register as a vendor by Nov. 10 at <https://portal.richlandarea-chamber.com/events/details/shop-small-richland-county-2025-vendor-registration-6335>.

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