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**Mansfield Senior High seniors  
Matthew Murphy, Xavier Spertz and Volando Gantt**



**Ontario High School sophomore  
Aadilynne Kightlinger**

## Area students take the lead at reverse job fair

Photos and Article By Traci Little

**MANSFIELD** — Area students stepped into the spotlight March 24 at the Reverse Job Fair held at the Richland Academy of the Arts, where the traditional job-seeking model was flipped to highlight student initiative, creativity and career readiness.

Instead of circulating among employer booths, students from multiple Richland County schools hosted their own displays, showcasing résumés, portfolios, interests and career goals while local employers moved from table to table to meet them. The unique format

allowed students to take ownership of their job search experience and present themselves in a more personal and meaningful way.

Participants represented Ontario High School, Mansfield Senior High School, Buckeye Community School, Lexington High School, and Clear Fork High School. Many were seeking summer employment, part-time positions or opportunities to gain real-world experience as they prepare for graduation and future career paths.

Throughout the morning, conversations centered on work ethics, teamwork, communication skills and professional interests. Students shared goals ranging from healthcare and legal office work to retail, hospitality, skilled trades and entry-level career exploration. Employers were able to gain a deeper understanding of each student's strengths and aspirations in a relaxed, interactive setting.

The event was organized through a collaborative effort of workforce and education partners focused on strengthening connections between local students and businesses. By creating a supportive environment for networking and mentorship, the reverse job fair helped bridge the gap between classroom learning and employment opportunities within the community.

Hosting the event at the Richland Academy of the Arts provided a welcoming and creative atmosphere that reflected the spirit of growth and possibility. Known for its commitment to lifelong learning and community engagement, the academy served as an ideal setting to encourage students as they take their next steps toward the workforce.

For many students, the experience offered not only potential job leads but also increased confidence in presenting themselves professionally. As employers and educators continue working together to support workforce development, events like the reverse job fair highlight the value of investing in local youth and preparing them for meaningful futures.

Students represented included:

**Ontario High School:** Keegan Roberts, Kolbe Ramion, Kashmere Huffman, Amariana Eaton, Liam Hershberger, Julien Ford, Aadilynne Kightlinger, Ryann Messer, Makenna Slusher-Gray, Kendall Thomas, Charlie Schmitke, Kurstin Chrysler, Eva Hadsell, Natalie Woronski, Peyton Vance, Grace Click and Aiden Johnson

**Clear Fork High School:** Alyson Brokaw

**Lexington High School:** Nicholas Wright

**Mansfield Senior High School:** Volando Gantt, Andrew Owens, Xavier Spertz and Matthew Murphy

**Buckeye Community School:** Alyssa Smith and Layla Frazier

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## Kingwood Center Gardens will host annual Easter sunrise service

Kingwood Center Gardens will host a community Easter sunrise service, April 5, at 7 am, in a new location — the courtyard on the north side of the King Mansion.

Paul Lintern, who will preach at the one-hour service with the title, "The Rock has Now Been Rolled Away," is coordinating the event, which is an effort of church leaders throughout "Godsfield."

"Mansfield is Godsfield" is a phrase that is popular among local churches that have sponsored and hosted prayer services every night in March, each night in a different church.

Familiar Mansfield voice Rusty Cates will open the service with a declaration of the significance of the day, and oversee Renea Collins, Kingdom Grace Fellowship, will share the resurrection passage from John.

Nationally known gospel group Glory Way, anchored by Mansfield's Justin Crank, will sing five gospel songs throughout.

Pastor Jameelah O'Neal, of Greater Mitchell Chapel, will lead a responsive reading and during children's time will be the return of the popular 12 Days of Easter.

The crowd will join in singing several traditional hymns and lyric-adjusted Easter carols, assisted by Cates, Theresa Burkholder and Dale Powers. Jody Titus will lead prayer and Rev. El Akuchie will conclude with the benediction.

A freewill offering will offset costs for the service and support Godsfield events, including the Prayer Parade from Penn Avenue to South Park, on National Day of Prayer, 6:30 pm on May 7.

The first sunrise service at Kingwood was held in 1957, soon after the center opened, following the death of Charles Kelly King, who

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Photo by Damon Callis

**Day Trippin' With Damon** – The Station Road Bridge Trailhead in Brecksville, OH, has been a crossroads since the early 1880s. The Valley Railway opened in 1880 and included Brecksville Station as a stop in this location. By 1882, the wrought iron bridge crossed the Cuyahoga River and provided access to the Ohio & Erie Canal. Now this area is a crossroads for rail passengers, hikers, cyclists, runners, paddlers and horse riders with access the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail, Cuyahoga River Water Trail and Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. For information visit <https://www.nps.gov/places/000/station-road-bridge-trailhead.htm>

## Richland County CASA champions children in need during April's Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Richland County Juvenile Court, along with their CASA/GAL (Court Appointed Special Advocates/Guardian ad Litem) program is raising awareness during Child Abuse Prevention Month this April about the need to keep area children safe.

This effort reflects the core of the CASA mission: supporting and empowering highly trained community volunteers to advocate in court for children experiencing abuse and neglect.

Child Abuse Prevention Month is recognized nationally. It highlights the importance of families and communities working together to fight child abuse and neglect.

Director, Brooke Henwood acknowledges the dedication of CASA volunteers in assuring that each child's voice is represented.

After completing a background check and comprehensive training, CASA volunteers are appointed by Judge Steve McKinley to advocate for children in abuse or neglect cases.

Volunteers are community members from all walks of life. CASA volunteers in Richland County have served 330 children in each recent year by learning their circumstances and making recommendations to the Court as to each child's best interest.

Richland County has operated a CASA/GAL program since 1998. There is a need for more community members to become CASA volunteers and help Richland County's children, with training classes offered each spring and fall.

Volunteers complete at least 30 hours of training and in-court observation before being assigned a case. CASA volunteers get continued support and complete annual training.

Richland County CASA/GAL Program is part of a strong state and national network. There are CASA programs serving more than 9,000 children in 61 Ohio counties annually. For information visit <https://www.rcjcoh.org/our-departments/casa>.

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# News Briefs

Special services for Holy Week are planned at Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield (Madison area).

A Maundy Thursday service will be held April 2, at 7 pm.

On Friday, April 3, at 6:30 pm, there will be a combined service with Lakefork Church, 2115 County Road 175, Jeromesville. A sunrise service will be held on Easter Sunday, April 5, at 7:30 am, with a children's program, followed by breakfast and then a 9:30 am service with communion.

A special meeting of the Ontario Board of Education will be held in the Ontario High School Library, 467 Shelby-Ontario Rd., Ontario, on Tuesday, April 7, at 6 pm to discuss the development of tax policy with Rockmill Financial.

Ontario UMC, 3540 Park Ave West, Ontario, will host exercise/walking led by an instructor for various age groups every Thursday at 10 am. This is open to the community at no charge. This will include chair yoga, dance exercise, resistance bands and walking.

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

The next meal will be April 15, and will include ham. Those attending are encouraged to wear Easter bonnets.

Dale Powers will sing and a collection of non-perishable food will be taken for the Salvation Army. Can openers, food, hygiene items, paper products and monetary donations will be accepted.

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

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will host its annual Easter and flower communion service on Sunday, April 5, at 10:30 am. The service will celebrate renewal, hope and the beauty of community as the shared values of love, justice, compassion and respect for every person are celebrated. Everyone is invited to bring a flower to share and together they form a bouquet of many colors and kinds, later shared again as a symbol of connection and belonging.

The City of Ontario will hold meetings at the city building, 555 Stumbo Rd., Ontario. April meetings will include April 8, 1 pm, civil service commission; and 4 pm, planning commission. April 15, 6:15 pm, caucus; and 7 pm, council.

First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, will celebrate Holy Week. On April 2, a Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion will be held at 7 pm. A Good Friday Service will be April 3 at

7 pm and on April 4 will be an Easter Vigil Service with Holy Communion at 7 pm. On Sunday, April 5, a continental breakfast will be served at 9 am with an Easter Worship Service with Holy Communion beginning at 10 am. Everyone is welcome.

Fish fry dinners will be held at American Legion Post 16, 747 S. Main St., Mansfield, (rear of Grotto Hall) on the third Friday of each month starting at 5 pm, until gone.

The dinner includes all-you-can-eat Alaskan pollock, fresh cut fries, coleslaw or pea salad and dessert. Cost is \$12. for adults and \$7 for children under 12.

Chicken tender dinners are also available, but not all you can eat. Cost is \$9 for adults for a three-piece meal and \$7 for children under 12 for a two-piece meal. Carry-out is available.

Mansfield 1st Presbyterian Church, 399 S. Trimble Rd., will host a spring rummage sale Friday, April 17, from 9 am to 4 pm; and Saturday, April 18, from 9 am to noon. Items will include clothing for children and adults, shoes, books, toys, housewares, furniture and more. Proceeds are used for local missions. For information call 419-756-7066.

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, April 14, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. The church receives over 6,000 lbs. of fresh produce. This is open to lower income households, please bring a state ID, driver's license or proof of residence. This is a drive through distribution in the west parking lot. 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.

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) is hosting a free Rain Garden and Rain Barrel Workshop Wednesday, April 15. The workshop begins at 6 pm at The Richland County Fairgrounds Nature Park, 750 N. Home Rd., Mansfield.

At the workshop, participants will learn about the benefits of rain gardens and rain barrels and how they help manage stormwater. Site preparation and seed/plant selection will be discussed for rain gardens. Tips on how to install and winterize a rain barrel will also be provided.

Although the workshop is free, registration is encouraged due to limited seating. Register at <https://richlandswcd.net/event/rain-garden-and-rain-barrel-workshop-4/>.

Questions about the workshop may be directed to Zoe at 419-774-8986 or Contact@Richlandswcd.net.

Mechanics Bank will host the OhioHealth mobile mammography unit on Thursday, April 23, from 9 am to 2 pm at its location at 490 N. Trimble Rd., Mansfield.

Those receiving service should bring an insurance card and photo ID. The location should be mentioned when scheduling at 614-566-1111 or 1-877-566-1112. A prescription from a physician is required for mammograms for women under 40. Women 40 and older do not require a doctor's order.

The covered bridge in Mohican State Park, over the Clear Fork Mohican River, will close Wednesday, April 1 for bridge repairs. Motorists will be detoured to SR 97 west to McCurdy Road north to Goon Rd/County Road 3006 east to County Road 939 into the Mohican State Park and reverse. Estimated completion is April 30.

To submit a news brief item send information to [news@tribune-courier.com](mailto:news@tribune-courier.com).



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•Kingwood to host Easter sunrise service

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had established a foundation to provide community use of his estate. St. Mark's Lutheran, on Springmill Street, initiated the event and made the service happen for 65 years, regardless of the weather conditions, moving inside only if absolutely necessary.

Those attending should dress accordingly, and are asked to bring lawn or folding chairs as only 150 seats will otherwise be available.

This new site is at least the seventh location at Kingwood. The first years were around the main house and for many years, it was in the carriage house courtyard, then moving to the Welcome Center.

Church Directory

All Souls Unitarian Universalist

25 Church St., Bellville
419-886-3497 • www.allsoulsuohio.org
10:30 am Service and Sunday School
Adult RE Book Club (quarterly)

First Congregational Church

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

Lexington Church of the Cross

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

Ontario United Methodist Church

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

St. John's United Church of Christ

2010 Park Avenue West, Mansfield
(At Hope Lutheran Next to Drug Mart)
419-522-2813 • www.stjohnsmansfield.org
contact@stjohnmansfield.org
Pastor Faith Proietti • 11 am Sunday Worship
Office hours: Mon-Fri 9 am to 1 pm
AA Meetings M & F 10 am & noon;
Wed. noon Brown Bag and Sat. 6 pm

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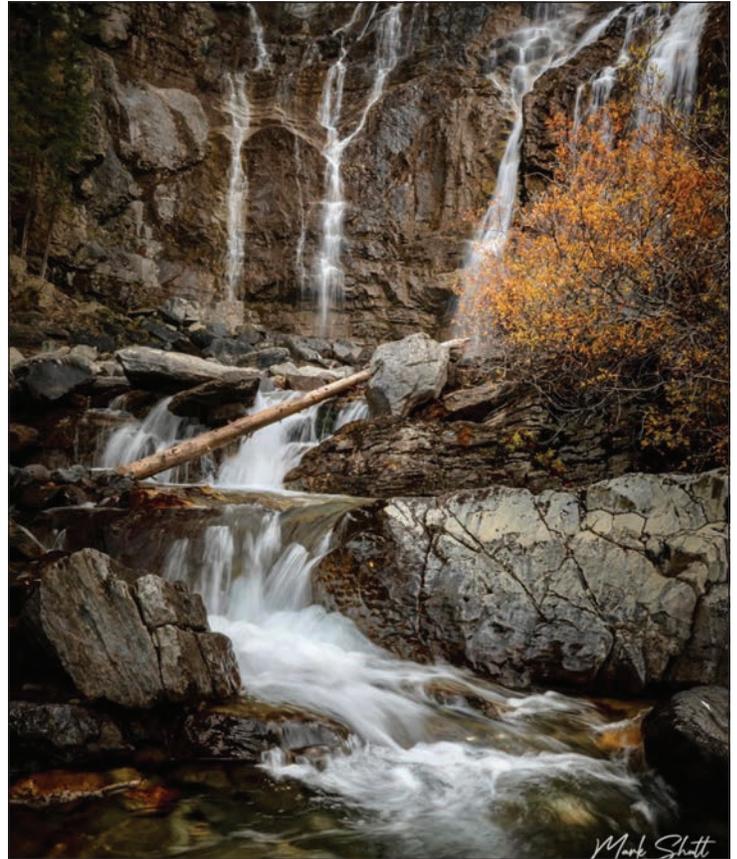
1592 Grace St., Mansfield
419-589-5890 • trinitygracefellowship.org
Pastor Larry Carnes
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Bible Study Mondays 2 pm

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# Madison Local Schools' kindergarten registration begins

Kindergarten registration for the Madison Local School District will be held April 1–30. Children are eligible to attend kindergarten during the 2026–'27 school year if they are five years of age on or before Madison Local School District's first day of instruction, Aug. 20, 2026. All kindergarten students for the 2026–'27 school year will attend Madison Primary School, located at 700 S. Illinois Ave., formerly Madison South Elementary.

The first step in the registration process is to complete the online registration through FinalForms. The registration link can be found at [www.mlsd.net](http://www.mlsd.net) under Madison FinalForms or go to <https://madisonmansfield-oh.finalforms.com>.

Those without internet access or who need help can schedule an appointment to complete the online forms at Madison Primary School by calling 419-522-4319. Select the 2026–'27 school year in FinalForms when registering a child. Registration will open on April 1, to complete FinalForms.

Open enrollment for the 2026–'27 school year will be held from May 1–30. Non-residents of Madison must receive formal approval before proceeding with registration. It is strongly advised that families enroll in their home district as a contingency until open enrollment status is confirmed.

Current Madison South Preschool students moving into kindergarten will need to log into their FinalForms account and complete the 2026–'27 forms. To receive updated documents, contact Sue Ernsberger, Madison Primary School Administrative Assistant, at 419-522-4319 or [sernsberger@madisonrams.net](mailto:sernsberger@madisonrams.net).

Once all online forms are completed, drop-off the required documents at Madison Primary School, between 9 am and 3 pm, Monday

through Friday. Please note that the district is on spring break from March 30 to April 6. Madison South Elementary, soon to be Madison Primary School, will be closed during this time.

Documents needed for registration are student birth certificate, parent/guardian driver's license, custody papers (if applicable) date stamped and signed by the court, parent/guardian proof of residency (see final forms for approved list) and immunization records.

Required immunizations for school attendance are four doses of DPT (five doses if four were given before fourth birthday, three or more doses of polio with final dose after fourth birthday, three doses of Hepatitis B and two MMR, twoVarivax (chicken pox) or history of having disease.

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- David "Mouse" P. Konrad, March 23
- Jessie Ann Reese, March 25
- Dominic Mark Anthony Sammataro, March 25
- Ty Lee Kilgore, March 26
- Flay Carlton Blanchard, March 27

View Full Obituaries at [www.dignitymemorial.com](http://www.dignitymemorial.com)



**STUDENTS IN BRITTANY RHODES' GLOBAL FOODS CLASS** at Ontario High School have been learning about Irish culture and cuisine. They made an Irish bread braid full of potatoes, corned beef, spinach and cheese. While their bread was baking, students made homemade shamrock milkshakes.

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## Richland County poll workers needed for primary on May 5

The Richland County Board of Elections is seeking dedicated community members to serve as poll workers for the upcoming May 5, 2026, Primary Election.

Poll workers are essential to ensuring that all registered voters have a smooth, secure and accessible Election Day experience.

“Poll workers are the backbone of democracy,” said Matt Finfgeld, director. “Their service helps make sure every voter can cast a ballot with confidence. We welcome individuals of all backgrounds to sign-up and support their neighbors on Election Day.”

Poll workers are compensated for their training and service, with

pay ranging from \$170 to \$215.

Responsibilities will include assisting voters, operating voting equipment, and closing the polls at the end of the day. Training will be provided prior to the election.

To be eligible, poll workers must be at least 17 years old, be a registered voter in Richland County and be able to attend mandatory training prior to Election Day.

Interested individuals should visit [vote.richlandcountyoh.gov](http://vote.richlandcountyoh.gov), call 419-774-5530 or email [boardofelections@richlandcountyoh.gov](mailto:boardofelections@richlandcountyoh.gov) to learn more and complete an application.

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**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

- i 10:30 AM** - Participant Check-In & Briefing
- i 10:45 AM** - Escort to Age-Appropriate Hunting Zones
- i 11:00 AM Sharp** - The Great Hunt Begins!



## Richland Newhope expands access with mobile changing trailer

Photos and Article By Traci Little

**MANSFIELD** — A significant step forward in accessibility and inclusion was celebrated as Richland Newhope unveiled its new Accessible Changing Trailer at its Cleveland Avenue location on March 25.

Local leaders, community partners and supporters gathered for the ribbon cutting, hosted in partnership with the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development, to mark the addition of a resource designed to better serve individuals with disabilities and their families.

“This ribbon cutting represents more than just a new resource—it’s a reflection of compassion, dignity, and a deep commitment to serve every individual in our community,” said an emotional Jennifer Wagner, who welcomed attendees at the event.

The accessible trailer is equipped with an adult-sized changing table and sink, offering a clean, private space for personal care—something often unavailable at public events. The unit will travel throughout the year, providing support at community gatherings across Richland County.

Chamber President Jessica Gribben emphasized the broader impact of the investment.

“This is such a wonderful resource for families so they can participate in events alongside everyone else, be included, and have this available to them,” Gribben said.

Mansfield City Councilman Aurelio Diaz also spoke, highlighting the importance of continued progress.

“This is a huge asset—something that promotes integration and possibility, breaking down those limitations,” Diaz said. “You are always transforming people’s lives, and it’s something I’ll always support.”

Richland County Commissioners, including Tony Vero and Cliff Mears, joined in recognizing the significance of the project.

“This is an important step forward for our community, giving individuals with disabilities a safe, private, and dignified space for personal care at events,” Mears shared. “It’s a reminder of how far we’ve come—and the importance of continuing to make our community more inclusive for everyone.”

Troy Smith, Public Relations Manager for Richland Newhope, said the addition builds on existing accessible resources while expanding their reach.

“We’re fortunate to have a handful of permanent accessible changing spaces throughout the county, but they’re not always available when families are out at community events,” Smith said. “This trailer allows us to take that support directly into the community—meeting people where they are. It’s about dignity, privacy and making sure individuals with disabilities can fully participate alongside everyone else. When you remove those barriers, you create opportunities for connection, inclusion and simply being part of the moment. That’s what this is all about.”

Locations with permanent changing spaces include the following: Ohio Bird Sanctuary, Raemelton Therapeutic Equestrian Center, Richland County Fairgrounds, YMCA Mansfield, Snow Trails, Mansfield Speedway, Sterkel Park and Buckeye Imagination Museum. Smith explained that this is the question he usually asks before discussing the need for universal changing tables — “If you could not use the restroom while away from home, how would your life change?”

For the staff and advocates at Richland Newhope, the trailer represents more than functionality—it reflects their ongoing mission to ensure every individual and family can fully participate in community life.

With this addition, community events will now be more accessible, more inclusive, and more welcoming — ensuring that dignity and care travel wherever they are needed most.

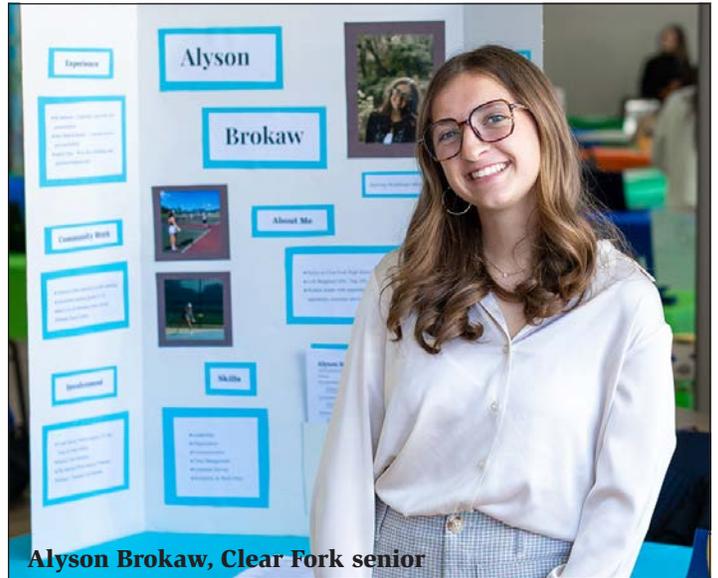


# Richland County Reverse Job Fair

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Carlie Schnittke, Ontario sophomore



Alyson Brokaw, Clear Fork senior



Kendall Thomas, Ontario sophomore



Ontario High School



Volando Gantt, Mansfield senior



Layla Frazier, Buckeye Community School senior



**KNOX COUNTY CAREER CENTER** Landscape Design & Management students Kyra Carpenter, Charley Beheler, Brandon Derflinger, Weston Bostic, Ethan Hurlow, Hudson Henry and Logan Marsell.

## KCCC students excel at landscape competition

Knox County Career Center (KCCC) students in Landscape Design & Management competed in the National Collegiate Landscape Competition (NCLC) March 18–21 at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. KCCC was 1 of 2 high schools that competed with over 50 colleges and universities and over 700 competitors.

KCCC competed in eleven events at NCLC. Those events and competitors included: Annual & Perennial ID (Logan Marsell), Compact Excavator Operation (Charley Beheler), Compact Track/Skid Steer Loader Operation (Weston Bostic), Construction Cost Estimating (Weston Bostic & Ethan Hurlow), Hardscape Installation (Kyra Carpenter and Weston Bostic), Irrigation Assembly (Logan Marsell

and Hudson Henry), Landscape Plant Installation (Kyra Carpenter, Weston Bostic and Ethan Hurlow), Mini Track Loader Operation (Hudson Henry), Truck & Trailer Operation (Charley Beheler and Hudson Henry), Turf & Weed Identification (Ethan Hurlow) and Woody Ornamental Plant ID (Brandon Derflinger).

Kyra Carpenter and Weston Bostic finished in ninth place out of 39 teams in Hardscape Installation.

Weston Bostic finished in 14th place out of 41 teams in Compact Track/Skid Steer Loader Operation. Charley Beheler and Hudson Henry finished in 22nd place out of 40 teams in Truck & Trailer Operation.

“Our seven students from Landscape Design & Management who competed at the Na-

tional Collegiate Landscape Competition in Michigan represented KCCC very well. Our students competed at a high level, and I’m proud of each one of them,” said John Campbell, KCCC’s Landscape Design & Management instructor.

The NCLC is where landscaping careers take root. Hosted by the National Association of Landscape Professionals, this event has been the landscape industry’s career-defining event for 50 years, helping students launch their future and employers discover top talent.

NCLC brings together students, faculty and industry representatives for four days of hands-on competitive events, a Career Fair, educational workshops, scholarship events and networking.

## RPAA will host Teddy Bear Concert April 26

The Renaissance Performing Arts Association is delighted to present *Goldilocks and The Three Bears*, the next installment of its beloved Teddy Bear Concert Series, on Sunday, April 26, at 2:30 pm at Theatre 166, located next to the historic Renaissance Theatre.

This musical reimagining of the timeless fairy tale is designed especially for children ages 2–10 and their families. *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* presents the familiar fairy tale through music and narration, allowing the audience to follow Goldilocks’s journey into the Bears’ home. The story unfolds through songs and storytelling.

The performance concludes with the return of the Bear family and Goldilocks’s realization about respecting others’ homes and belongings.

Teddy Bear Concerts are crafted with young audiences in mind, offering a relaxed atmosphere with low sound levels and sensory-friendly spaces, ensuring that every child can enjoy the magic of the performance in comfort.

The concerts encourage laughter, participation and imagination, creating a family-friendly experience.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at [rentickets.org](http://rentickets.org) or by calling 419-522-2726.



**THE MANSFIELD NOON OPTIMIST CLUB** recognized three outstanding seniors from the Ontario High School Class of 2026. Brady Baumgard and Delany Moritz were honored with the Quality Student Award and Darbie Broom earned first place in the Optimist Club Essay Competition.

# Honor and Merit Rolls

## Ontario Middle School

Third Nine Weeks

### ALL A

**Sixth Grade** — Holden Allen, Mason Barley, Ellie Bayer, Lincoln Bell, Cathryn (Six) Blancett, Liam Blystone, Greyson Born, Breahe Boyd, Quinten Breedlove, Reagan Buckner, Adalyn (Addie) Buttil, Canaan Cash, Adriana Cervantes, Mason Dawson, Aubree Draper, Marley Dudleson, Zayne (Zayne Dzugan-Besenti, Dzugan), , Marcus Eberst, Gwenn Exten-Skarie, Reeve Fanello, Brooklynn First, Zeferino (Zef) Franco, Zoey Franco, Parker Friend, Kendall Friley, Madelyn (Maddy) Gray, Zoey Grayson, Abigail (Abbi) Guth, Ava Hristovski, Abigail (Abby) Jenkins, Nicholas (Nicky) Jenkins, Levi King, Tyrin Kirst, Quinn Kline, Giuliana (Gia) Knipp, Cooper Krebs, Baylee Kuhlman, Ellie Lawhorn, Rosie Lawhorn, Camden Linger, Lucille (Lucy) Linger, Adam Mackey, Kendall Mcferren, Madelyn Moots, Harper Mottayaw, Bradley Munoz, Mariah Oden, Payton Orren, Vaidehi Patel, Yug Patel, Brynn Potter, Jaliyah Preston, Stefan Prykhodko, Hadley Risner, Hardtly Roig, Maxwell (Max) Ruhe, Abigail Sandwall, Amelia Sandwall, Cambri Schneider, Kennadi Schneider, Aria Schwartzfigure, Niko Sersen, Avery Smith, Carson Speck, Naomi Sutter, Braeden Swiatek, Lillian Thomas, Lily Tomlinson, Harley Ulery, Sloane Walter, Evelyn (Evie) Walton, Saniyah Webb, Maleah Wells, Kinley Whisler, Siannah Witherspoon, Brayden (Bray) Wyrick and Charles (Charlie) Yoakam

**Seventh Grade** — Kale Ames, Garrett Bender, Oliver Biddle, Juliana Blunk, Jacob Bonte, Wyatt Click, Kaylee Cochran, Andrew Coley, Amaya Dean, Wailynn Dzugan, Kacey Finley, Evan Fleming, Albany Hacker, Jett Hale, Adam Hamilton, Samantha (Sammie) Hamilton, Aubrey Hawkins, Elliana Heydinger, Maeley Hiner, Penelope (Pippa) Hines, Blake Jourden, Cameron (Cam) Kreinbrink, James Lee, Marley Mullins, Briggs Musick, Miles Ruhe, Isaac Simpers, Elijah (Eli) Sterner, Nguyen (Hiep) Tran, Emelyn Truax, Briella Van Harlingen, Canela Ward and Benton Willis

**Eighth Grade**— Breaehna Blackstone, Hudson Born, Sylvia (Sylvi) Burns, Andrew Crouch, Jeffrey Davis, Zoe Decimus, Nolan Dials, Tyler Domyan, Samuel (Sam) Dumas, Emilee Eberhardt, Reed Eberst, Timothy (Tim) Elias, Ava Estep, Nico Fox, Brooklyn Gobble, Connor Goodlin, Hayden Grisham, Jordan Heckard, Zoey Jones, Aiden Kirst, Gage Kososky, Ava Lamb, Karsynn Lawhorn, Ian Linger, Aubrey McAleer, Emery Miller, Dylan Milligan, Braylen Moore, Naomi Mullins, Sophia Nelson, Hudson Pelphrey, Julia Pohlbel, Alyssa Racer, Jayson Reedy, Ahyaan Saif, Molly Sapp, Cruz Schroeder, Blake Schwartz, Callie Scott, Chloe Siburt, Trevor Stacy, Clayton (Clay) Stevens, Walter Tickhill, Carter Tomlinson, Cole Walter and Braden Ward and Logan Zeigler

### HONOR ROLL

**Sixth Grade** — Calista (Cali) Dalton, Hunter Danals, Ezequiel Dieppa, Aryana (Ary) Estrada, Emmett Fitch, Ellie Groscoast, George Horning, Quinn Horsley, Emma Lawhorn, Greyson Loper, Kali Lovejoy, Macy McClellan, Bronson Miller, Malachi (Kai) Muir, Kaydence Orsini, Rylee Schoonover, Hudson Sowards, Landon Spellman, Tegan Teggart, Leelah Weaver, Cooper Welty, Ayyree Wilson, Lila Winans, Harrison (Harry) Yugovich, Locklan (Lock) Zeigler and Darren Zudell

**Seventh Grade** — Harper Armstrong, Crew Arter, Holly Barker, Preston Baumgard, Hazel Bessette, William (Will) Bishop, Grady Boyd, Sophia (Sophi) Breitinger, Khloe Browning, Meghan Dille, Rebecca (Becca) Dunkle, Wyatt Eddleblute, Jordyn Featheringill, Addilyn (Addy) Harvey, Isaac Hohman, Brody Kuhlman, Lexi McCracken, Cali Miller, Chloe Nemeth, Chloe Perry, Everly Roig, Bella Shafer, Carrington Smith, Jonah Smith, Jillian Soliday, Lucy Spellman, Hannah Them, Eva Uhde, Hadley Vavra and Trace Wetzel

**Eighth Grade**— Leyton Bender, Emma Boor, Grayson Bradley, Bella Calise, John (Brody) Carpenter, William (Liam) Chitwood, Charles (Charlie) Cotter, Wyatt Dzugan, Cheyenne Elliott, Jason Harwood, Isabella Hobson, Keatyn Kilgore, Ronald (Ronnie) Maddox, Alexander (Zander) Monroy, Rinka Mori, Carson Mosier, Jarrett Peachee, Le Thao (Thao) Phan, Kiran Ramirez Gutierrez, Rychel Rehberg, Braxton Schneider, Zoey Schwartzfigure, Loewen Shaw, Addison Smith, Jerrett (Jett Soliday) Soliday, Luke Spellman, Charlotte (Char) Wagener, Makayla Wells, Olivia Whisler and Saniyah Witherspoon

### MERIT ROLL

**Sixth Grade** — Isabella Al-Farsi, Xavior Bair, Kayleb Barnhart, Mason Beauchamp, Brax Chandler, Kooper Daugherty, Braelynn Fultz,

Colt Hall, Zoey Howard, Kennedi Johnson, Bode King, Dylan Kissel, Lillyannah (Lilly) Linger, Harper Marvin, Carter Meyer, Gideon OBrian, Morgan Pocock, Lydia Ratushinskaya-Saltz, Conner Robbins, Olivea Scott, Gregory Secrist, Zoey Seidel, Kaden Smith, Karter Stephens, Karsen Streich, Arianna Tipton and Logan Tucker

**Seventh Grade** — Owen Brinker, Avery Caldwell, Liam Conn, Claritza (Zizi) Decimus, Matthew (Matt) Dickson, Nico DiOrio, Gavin Fitzpatrick, Danielle Frasz, Gavin Griffith, Frehley (Freh) Gushard, Ryland Hensel, Ava Herold, Jaevin Howard, Thomas (Micah) Klopfenstein, Alexis (Lexie) McClain, Macie McClain, Gavin Meligan, Hudson Morrison, Collen (CJ) Moyer, Gavin Polotto, Abbey Rhoad, Larkin Rietschlin, Rowyn Santry, Aaliyah Schaade, Bryson Smith, Joslyn Sutton, Grace Vermillion and Liam Wilson-Golden

**Eighth Grade**— Everett Breedlove, Lucas Catlett, Fenton Cobb, Braxton Collins, Airiona Courtney, Sophia Deel, Natalie DuChene, Whitley Hall, Renelle Harris, Hayden Headley, Lavary Jackson, Deklan Jovani, Avarey (Ava) Kightlinger, Ellen Lasure, Dereiah Lawrence, Kellan McManes, Peyton Miller, Kaden Richmond, Jocelyn Misner, Carter Robinson, Mya Rose, Abigail (Abby) Shira, Mackenzie (Kenzie Keller) Shupp, Jaiden Sines, Brooks Smith, Kole Smith, Camron Smithberger, Sofia (Sofia Or Sofi) Sturts, Leland Taylor and Brinley Vincent



Mrs. Bush & Mrs. Nowicki, KCCC School Counselors

## Knox County Career Center given ASCA Awards RAMP designation

The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) has announced Knox County Career Center (KCCC) as a Recognized ASCA Model Program® (RAMP®).

The RAMP® designation recognizes schools that are committed to delivering an exemplary school counseling program. Honorees are awarded for aligning their program with the criteria in the ASCA National Model®, a framework for a data-informed school counseling program. Since the program's inception, more than 1,500 schools earned the RAMP® designation. Research findings indicate fully implemented school counseling programs are associated with a range of positive student educational and behavioral outcomes.

"We are honored to be distinguished as 1 of 4 schools in Ohio to earn RAMP status! We are passionate about having a comprehensive school counseling program that addresses not only the student's academic needs, but their social-emotional needs and their career goals as well," said Clarissa Bush & Melissa Nowicki, KCCC School Counselors.

Bush & Nowicki added, "We want each interaction to feel personal to our students. Our hope is that when students graduate, they leave feeling confident in themselves and fully ready to move towards their future plans!"

"This year's RAMP® honorees have shown their commitment to students and the school counseling profession," said Jill Cook, ASCA executive director. "These schools used data to drive their program development and implementation so all students can achieve success. The RAMP® designation distinguishes these schools and encourages school counselors nationwide to strive for excellence."

KCCC will be honored at a recognition ceremony at ASCA's Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA, on July 13..

RAMP® applications are reviewed once a year. For more information on the program visit [schoolcounselor.org/RAMP](http://schoolcounselor.org/RAMP).

# A Legacy of Love: Temple Christian students celebrate Grandparents Day

Photos and Article By Traci Little

MANSFIELD — Laughter, hugs and heartfelt moments filled the halls of Temple Christian School on Friday, March 20, as students welcomed some very special guests for the school’s annual Grandparents Day celebration.

The morning offered a special opportunity for grandparents to step into their grandchildren’s world — not just as visitors, but as honored guests in a day designed just for them.

Students in K-12 shared songs, readings, and brief skit presentation that reflected both their academic growth and faith. From the stage, their voices carried messages of gratitude, love and appreciation — a touching tribute to the important role grandparents play in their lives.

Beyond the chapel service, grandparents spent time enjoying breakfast and coffee, taking pictures with their grandchildren at a photobooth, visiting classrooms, admired student work and shared conversations that bridged generations. For many, it was a chance to see firsthand the environment where their grandchildren learn and grow each day.

The warm atmosphere throughout the school celebrated moments of joy woven into every interaction — proud smiles exchanged across rows of chairs, small hands reaching for familiar ones, and quiet conversations that spoke volumes.

Grandparents Day at Temple Christian School is about more than a visit. It’s a legacy celebrating the values, faith and encouragement passed down from one generation to the next.

In a world that often moves quickly, the day reminded guests to pause and honor those who have helped shape the lives of the next generation. The students of Temple Christian school loved having the chance to say thank you by sharing a piece of their everyday lives with the people who mean so much to them.



Temple Christian School  
Elementary presents  
**PETER PAN**  
April 24, 2026  
7:00pm  
752 N. Stewart Road  
Mansfield, OH 44905  
Tickets are \$5 a person - call 419.589.9707





Photos By Traci Little

# Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

## All-Ohio teams announced

The 2026 boys basketball All-Ohio teams have been announced by the Ohio Prep Sports Media Association. The All-Ohio teams are based on nominations from the seven districts of the OPSMA from regular-season accomplishments.

### 2026 Division II All-Ohio Boys Basketball Teams

#### Second Team

Paxon Ediger, Ashland, 6-0, sr., 23.6.

#### Special Mention

Gabe Baith, Ashland, 5-8, sr., 15.8.

### 2026 Division III All-Ohio Boys Basketball Teams

#### First Team

Kaylen Brooks, Mansfield Senior, 6-0, so., 22.3

#### Special Mention

Justin McCraney, Mansfield Madison, 6-3, sr., 15.2

Dantrell Hughes, Lexington, 6-2, sr., 14.6

#### Honorable Mention

Rashad Reed Jr., Mansfield Senior, 6-0, sr., 11.5

### 2026 Division IV All-Ohio Boys Basketball Teams

#### First Team

Brayden DeVito, Shelby, 5-11, sr., 24.1

#### Third Team

Cardae Brown, Ontario, 6-3, so., 21.5

#### Special Mention

Trindon Flenoury, Ontario, 6-1, so., 18.0

### 2026 Division VI All-Ohio Boys Basketball Teams

#### Special Mention

Karter Goon, Ashland Crestview, 6-2, sr., 18.0

The 2026 Divisions I, II and III girls basketball All-Ohio teams have been announced by the Ohio Prep Sports Media Association. The All-Ohio teams are based on nominations from the seven districts of the OPSMA from regular-season accomplishments. Local athletes receiving recognition are

### 2026 Division III All-Ohio Girls Basketball Teams

#### First Team

Kennedy Lacey, Ashland, 5-8, jr., 22.7

#### Honorable Mention

Camryn Cox, Ashland, 5-8, sr., 9.5

Rylee Milner, Ontario, 5-11, jr., 16.9



Mirielle Trumpower received the Amphitrite Award

## Ontario Swim team athletes close out season with awards

Ontario High School Junior Mirielle Trumpower won the prestigious Amphitrite Award which is awarded to the top female swimmer in the state of Ohio. The award was presented by Dave Dumond from swimmeet.com.

Trumpower will be receiving a \$1,000 scholarship upon her graduation next year.

Receiving the All-Ohio designation were Mierille Trumpower, Tessa Crum, Ava Zehe, Joie Simmering, Sasha Bulakovski, Grantham Trumpower, Jackson Swiarek, Jack Rietschlin, Owen Walter, Colten Montgomery, Carson Smith and Connor Robinson.

All-Ohio Academic awards (varsity, senior, 3.5 GPA) went to Tessa Crum, Sasha Bulakovski, Kaylee Lynch, Alexia SESCO, Joie Simmering, Lily Secrist and Grantham Trumpower.

All-American Academic awards (varsity, senior, 3.75 GPA) went to Grantham Trumpower, Sasha Bulvakovski, Kaylee Lynch, Alexis Seaco, Joie Simmering and Lily Secrist.

Awards were given for participation years including:

4-Year Varsity Award: Grantham Trumpower, Kaylee Lynch, Lily Secrist and Alexia SESCO and Joie Simmering

3-Year Varsity Award: Sasha Bulakovski, Tessa Crum, Tatum Motyaw, Angel Tan, Mirielle Trumpower, Carson Smith, Jackson Swiatek and Owen Walter

2-Year Varsity Award: Addison Smith, Lauren Uhde, Jordyn Yeager, Ava Zehe, Alex Bilyj, Colten Montgomery and Jack Rietschland

1-Year Varsity: Ava Julian, Ella Manns, Olivia Sandwell, Zoey Shaffer, Penny Wilging, Myles Born, Alex Morabito, Connor Robinson, Logan SESCO and Levi Walter

1-Year JV: Emily Vermillion, Steliana Krueer, Noah Coley, Liam Hershberger, Peyton Smith and Nathan Xiao

2-Year JV: Izzi Boorum, Lily Chitwood, Adelina Hines, Connor Dawson and Alex Hohman

3-Year JV: Olivia Brinker

Special awards went to Sasha Bulakovski and Grantham Trumpower for M.V.P.; Steliana Krueer and Alex Morabito for Most Improved; and Kaylee Lynch and Connor Dawson for Coaches Award.

The boy's team was recognized for their runner-up title at the state meet, as well as the 200 free relay of Owen Walter, Colten Montgomery, Jack Rietschlin and Grantham Trumpower who won that event setting a new state record.

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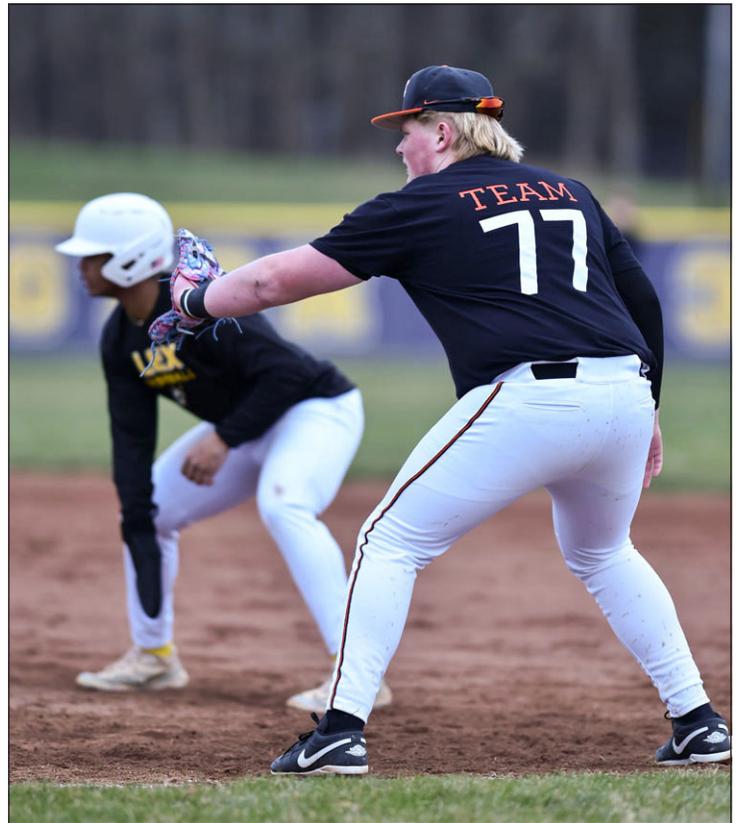
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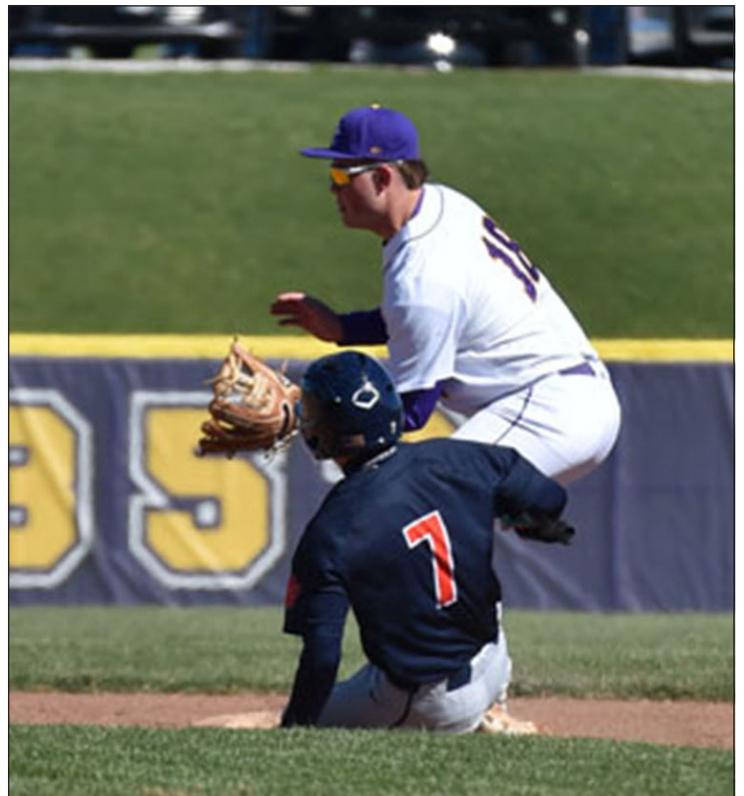
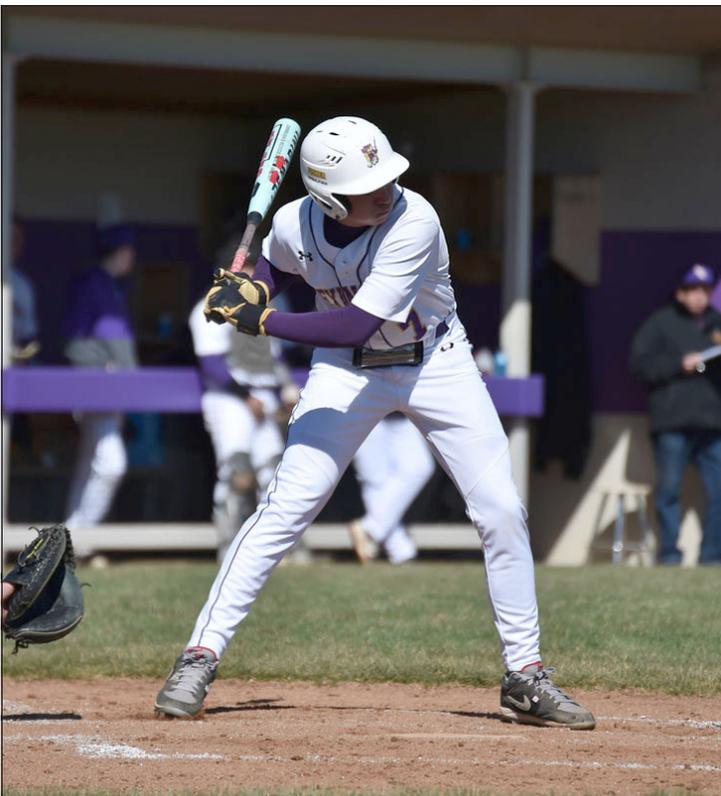
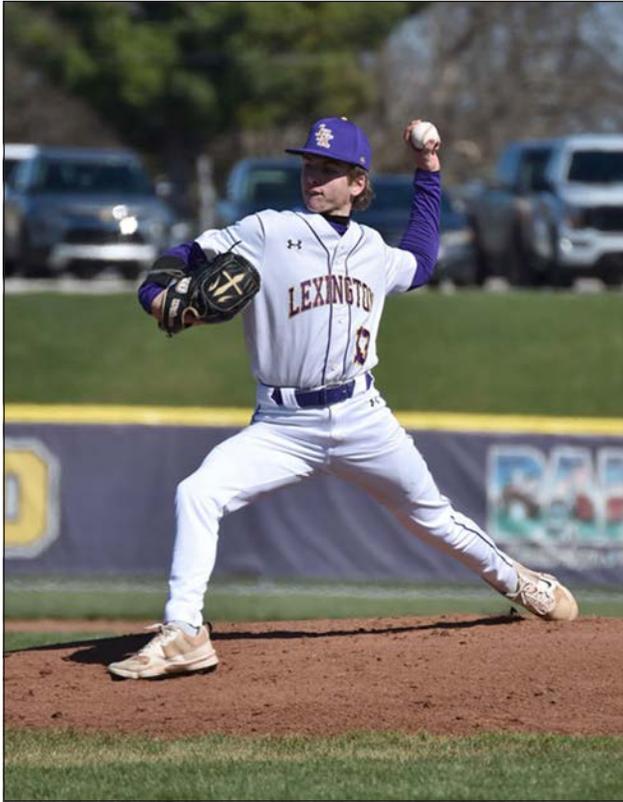
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PHOTOS BY JEFF HOFFER



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LEXINGTON VS GALION BASEBALL · MARCH 28  
TIGERS WIN 7-5 · PHOTOS BY JEFF HOFFER



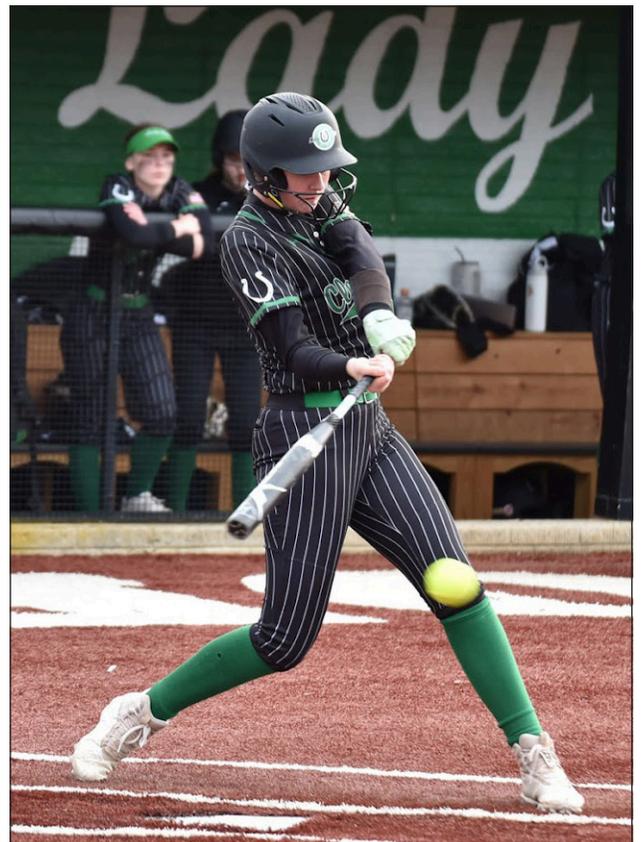
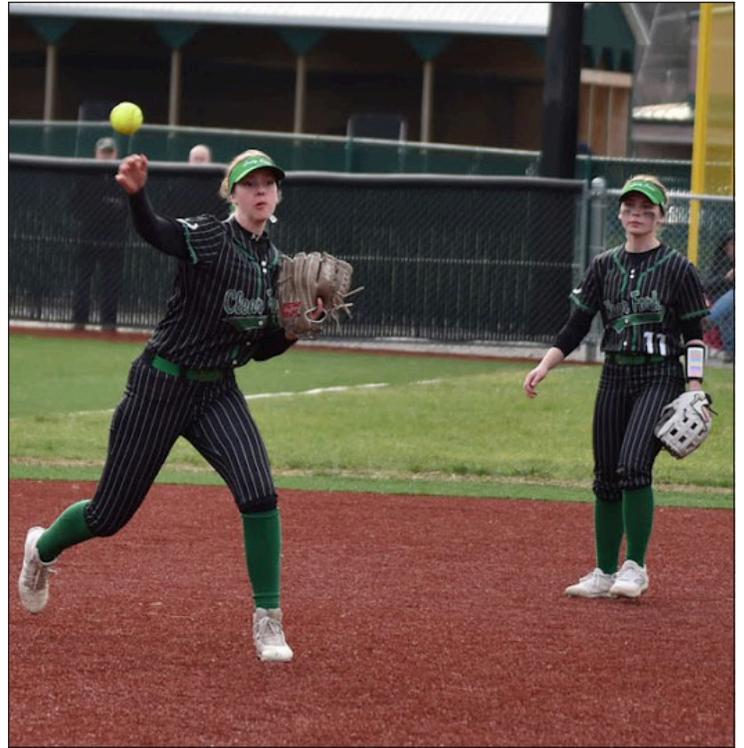
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LADY LEX WINS 3-1 · PHOTOS BY JEFF HOFFER



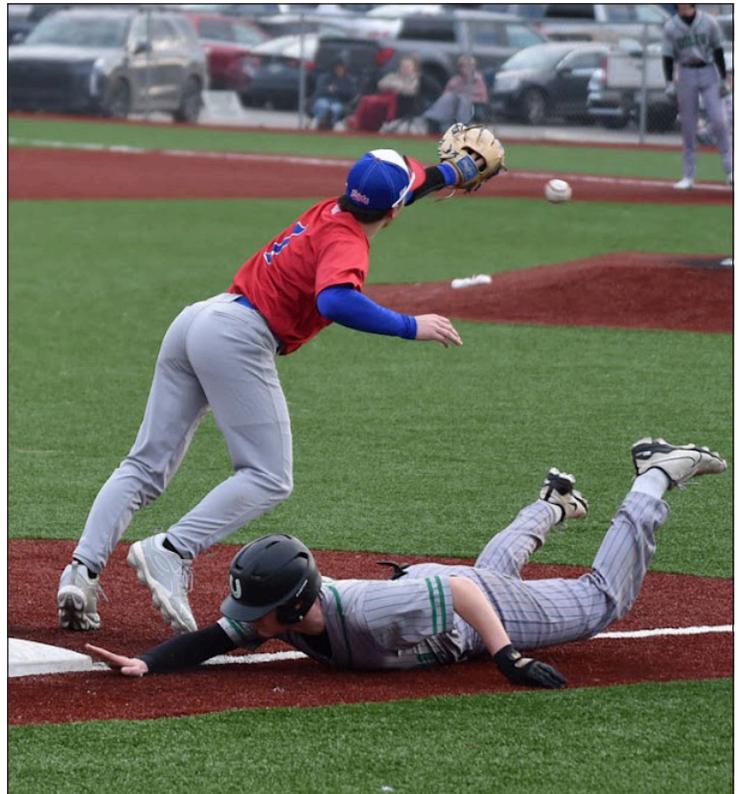
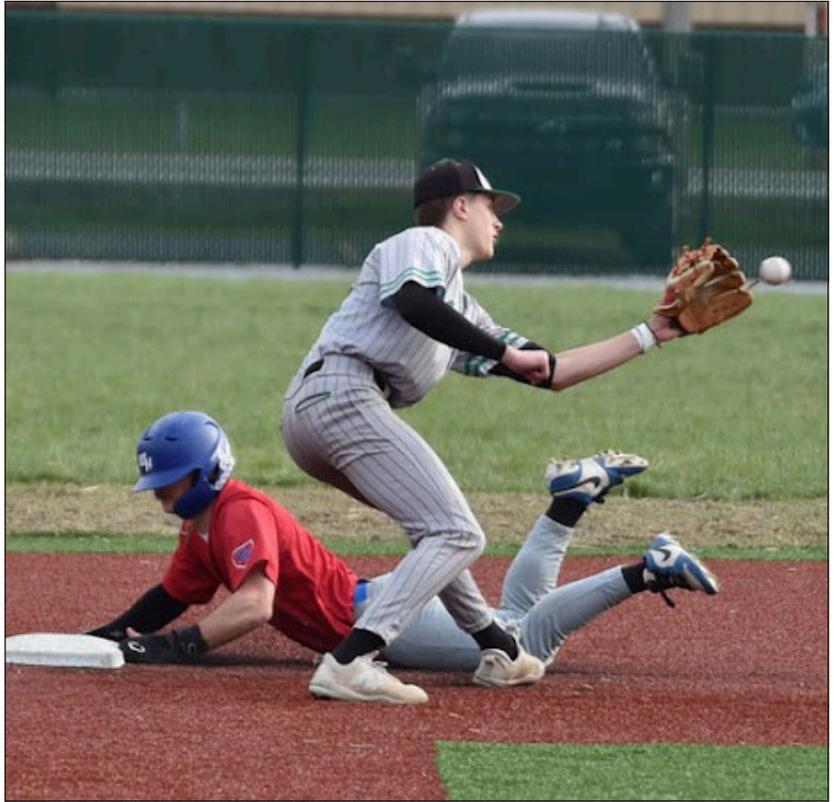
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**CLEAR FORK VS GALION SOFTBALL · MARCH 25**  
**LADY COLTS WIN 12-6 · PHOTOS BY JEFF HOFFER**



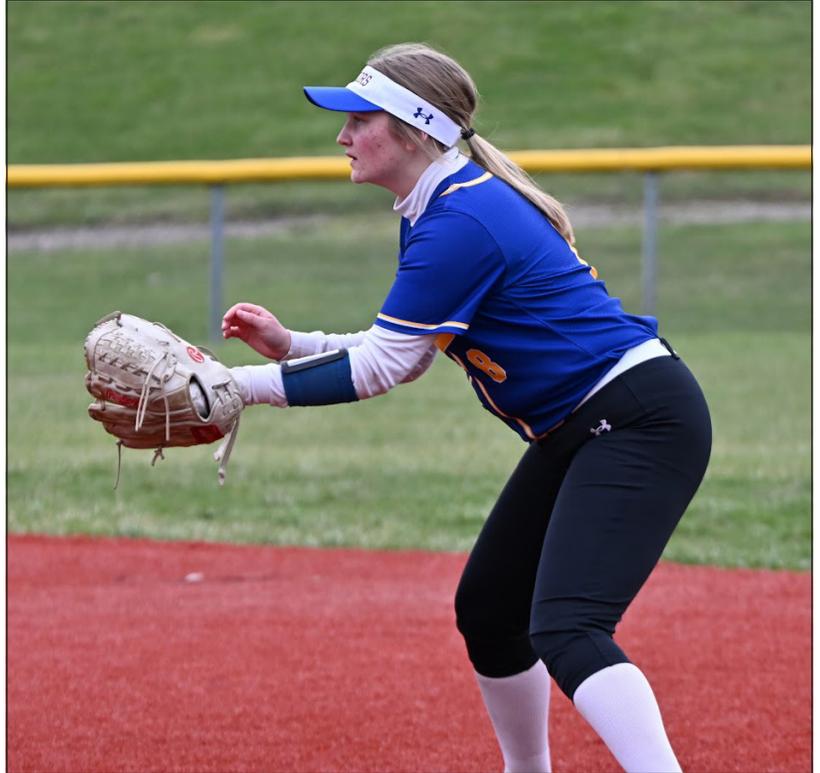
# Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

**CLEAR FORK VS WEST HOLMES BASEBALL SCRIMMAGE · MARCH 25**  
**WEST HOMES WINS 8-4 · PHOTOS BY JEFF HOFFER**



# Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

**ONTARIO VS RIVER VALLEY SOFTBALL · MARCH 25**  
**RIVER VALLEY WINS 1-0**



# CLASSIFIEDS

The Ontario Police Department is currently disposing of found property. If you have had property stolen or lost in the City of Ontario in the previous 24 months and would like to see if we now have it in our evidence room, please contact Ofc. Allie Stuckert by emailing [astuckert@ontariopolice.oh.gov](mailto:astuckert@ontariopolice.oh.gov). If you can accurately describe the items; tool(s), wallet, key, electronics, printer, license plate, clothing, or other item that has been stolen or lost, we will allow you to inspect it. If it is your item, we will release it to you and have you sign a receipt claiming ownership.

Cathy VanAuker, MMC  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario  
(4-2-26) 19L

## LEGAL NOTICE

The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their special meeting held on March 23, 2026.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-04 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE- SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE 2026 CITY OF ONTARIO PAVING PROGRAM, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 26-03, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 26-07 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ONTARIO CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 925- SEWERS, SECTION 925.05-BUILDING SEWERS AND CONNECTIONS BY AMENDING SUBPARAGRAPH (Q), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 26-08 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 26-10 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE (SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR), TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH UNDERGROUND UTILITIES, INC. FOR THE 2026 WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Abbey Beaver  
Asst. Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
(T-C 4-2, 9, 2026) 48L

## CITY OF ONTARIO ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids for the 2026 Resurfacing Program, City of Ontario, Ohio will be received by Michael Morton, Service-Safety Director, at 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio 44906

until 10:00am, local time Thursday April 23, 2026, and then, at said office, publicly opened and read aloud.

Contractors will be required to purchase and download an electronic set of plans and bid documents via the KEM Web Site by visiting <https://kemccartney.com/project-bids/>. If you would prefer a hard copy be mailed, we will do so upon receipt of payment in the amount of \$50.00 per set, along with your UPS or FedEx account number so that shipping charges can be applied to your account. Checks shall be made payable to K.E. McCartney & Associates and all documents become the property of the prospective bidder, with no portion of the payment being refunded. Should you have any questions during the bidding process please contact [jburchholder@kemccartney.com](mailto:jburchholder@kemccartney.com).

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities. 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. The Owner intends and requires that this project be completed by September 25, 2026.

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.

Michael Morton  
City of Ontario  
Safety-Service Director  
(T-C 4-2, 16, 2026) 65L

## Lions will serve pancakes April 18

The Ontario Lions Pancake Breakfast will be held Saturday, April 18, from 6:30 am to noon at the Ontario High School.

The cost is \$7 with kids six and under eating free.

The menu will include all-you-can-eat pancakes with sausage, coffee, mile and juice.

Door prizes will be donated by local businesses and winners need not to be present to win.



**TONYA WELCH'S** Environmental Science class at Ontario High School investigated the effects of acid rain on seed germination and building materials (marble, limestone, copper).

## BBB issues scam alert for website

Local consumers are being urged to exercise extreme caution when shopping with **Monroeluxe**, an online apparel retailer claiming to operate out of Akron. Following a surge in suspicious activity and consumer reports, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) officially initiated an investigation into the company on March 20, 2026.

A recent consumer report highlights the risks associated with the site. One victim reported losing \$86 after receiving a low-quality dress that did not match the website's description. When the customer attempted to process a return, the company refused to provide a return address, effectively making a refund impossible.

Monroeluxe lists an Akron, OH, address on its website. However, the BBB has confirmed that this address is not a legitimate location.

Monroeluxe is not registered as a legal business entity with the Ohio Secretary of State and the domain [Monroeluxe.com](http://Monroeluxe.com) is registered through an IT provider based in Xiamen, China.

Those who have engaged in a transaction with this website and suspect fraudulent activity should contact their bank or credit card issuer immediately to initiate a chargeback or dispute the transaction and file a federal report at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](http://ReportFraud.ftc.gov).

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