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SAFETY TOWN was held at Stingel Elementary in Ontario last week. Visiting with students are Fire Fighter/Paramedic Adam Spellman and Fire Fighter/Paramedic/Fire Safety Inspector Josh Bradley. Also helping at the event were the Ontario Lions Club and City of Ontario Mayor Randy Hutchinson.

Nature Park programs included with fair ticket

In addition to the rides, barns and eating favorite fair foods, make sure to check out what's happening at the Nature Park during the Richland County Fair, Aug. 8-14.

At the Nature Park visitors can relax on seating shaded by large trees and surrounded by native plant gardens, enjoy natural resource and environmental programs and listen to live music. Programs and entertainment at the Nature Park are free with a paid admission to the fair. The Nature Park is across from the "Big Red Barn."

There is also an exhibit area in the building located behind the Nature Park Stage. The exhibit space is open Monday through Friday from 11 am to 7 pm for kids activities, contests and to learn more about conservation, recycling and animals native to Richland County.

Kids can make farm animal-themed headbands and enter the "Only Rain Down the Drain" contest sponsored by Meijer for a chance to win prizes. The first-place prize is a Coleman cooler and two hydro cups. The second-place prize is a bird feeder and bird food. The third-place prize is a tree sling.

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District will also present information on cover crops, H2Ohio and "Only Rain Down the Drain" at the exhibits.

The City of Mansfield Engineering Department will offer educational materials on storm water, trees, volunteer opportunities, recycling, litter prevention and will have a drawing to win a prize for answering questions found in the educational materials or in the display. A limited number of giveaways made from recycled materials will also be available.

Richland County Solid Waste Management Authority will distribute activity sheets and recycling challenges for kids as well as brochures, flyers and giveaways.

Richland County Park District will allow visitors to touch and hold snakes, turtles and amphibians, all of which are native to Ohio.

The Richland Area Beekeepers Association will teach about beekeeping.

Greenhouse bag kits will be available from Master
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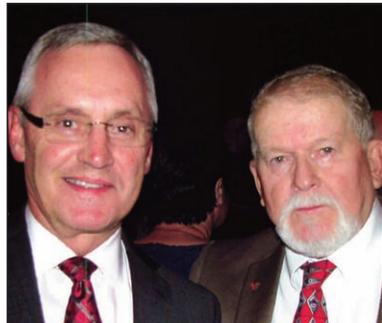
Jim Tressel to speak at fundraiser for the Doug Castle Legacy Fund on Saturday

Jim Tressel, former Ohio State Football Coach, and current President of Youngstown State University will be the guest speaker at a local fundraiser. The Doug Castle Legacy Project Advisory Committee will host a benefit Saturday, Aug. 7 at 5 pm at Liederkrantz Hall, 1212 Silver Ln., Mansfield. Proceeds will go to the Doug Castle Legacy Fund of the Richland County Foundation for scholarships and youth projects. Tickets are available at DougCastleProject.eventbrite.com.

Doug Castle was a local educator whose 50-year career spanned all aspects of education in Richland County. He had a special place in his heart for the underdog. When he died of brain cancer in 2018, his family established the Doug Castle Legacy Fund at the Richland County Foundation to carry on his work and honor his life. His wife, Liz; and children Michael and Beth, want the fund to help in many areas including education, racial equity and inclusion, mentorship and community building.

Doug began his teaching career in 1965 at John Simpson Junior High School and took an active role in coaching football, basketball, and track. Castle retired from Mansfield City Schools in 2000 after years of leadership including as principal of Simpson, and then worked as the Galion Middle School principal for the next five

years. For many years he was also the director of the Mansfield Mehock Relays and then the Gorman Wrestling Tournament. Ohio State University Football Coach Jim Tressel hired Castle to work as an Academic Encourager for the young men on the football team.



Jim Tressel and Doug Castle

Castle developed an administrative philosophy based on being fair and keeping a sense of humor. He was a staunch believer in disciplining children in a way that would not destroy their dignity or self-respect. He valued every student.

The first \$2,000 scholarship was awarded to Breana Davis, a recent graduate of Mansfield Senior High School. The scholarship will be awarded at the discretion of the Doug Castle Legacy Project Advisory Committee. The scholarship will acknowledge and celebrate a student who has demonstrated leadership and commitment to community involvement through education, racial equity, and social justice. Priority will be given to a student interested in pursuing a degree and career in K-12 education.

Donate to the Doug Castle Legacy Fund at richland-countyfoundation.org, click the donate button and select the Doug Castle Fund. Or write a check to the Richland County Foundation and note the fund on the memo line.

Ohio's annual sales tax holiday is this weekend

State Rep. Marilyn John (R-Richland County) announced that Ohio's annual sales tax holiday will begin Aug. 6 and last through Aug. 8.

The annual holiday is always popular with Ohioans, who don't have to pay state sales tax on certain exempted items during the holiday.

"The Ohio sales tax holiday is right around the corner and this is the perfect timing to do some of that important shopping for the upcoming school semester for your children," said John.

The holiday exempts clothing items priced up to \$75, school supplies up to \$20 and school instructional materials at \$20 or less. Items for trade or business are not exempt during this holiday.

State lawmakers created the sales tax holiday as a yearly event to provide additional tax relief for Ohioans during back-to-school season.

There is no limit on the number of items, and the exemption is eligible for online purchases, as well. With the challenges from COVID-19, online sales could be increasingly vital for some shoppers.

For more information about Ohio's sales tax holiday and qualifying items, please visit the Ohio Department of Taxation's website at <https://bit.ly/OHSalesTaxHoliday>.

Fast Way to Columbus From Sandusky

By Bob Carter

A horse and buggy were the best form of transportation for most area folks in the 1840s, no matter where they lived. The first railroad locomotive to arrive in Mansfield was on May 16, 1846 on the Sandusky & Mansfield Railroad.

This was a boon for Richland County farmers as their farm produce and local manufactured goods could be shipped to Sandusky where freight could be loaded on sailing ships and transported to Buffalo and then via the Erie Canal to eastern markets.

And it opened faster passenger traffic too. Almost immediately there was a push to extend the railroad line to Newark which was only served by a canal and was shut down in winter. A railroad ran year around.

Newark voters passed a bond issue and construction on the extended line began. Work was started on both ends and the first Locomotive in Newark arrived by canal barge and the needed rails too. Construction on what was called the Columbus & Lake Erie started north at a quick pace. Newark passengers could go north although only as far as the rails were laid.

Not to be undone, work crews in Mansfield headed south. The rails reached Lexington in June of 1847 and was a welcome sight. On to Bellville they went. In addition to freight, there was also new passenger service. No doubt some folks just took a

MANSFIELD AND SANDUSKY CITY RAIL-ROAD.



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Passengers going south by this route can take stages at Bellville on arrival of the cars, for Mt. Vernon, Newark, Lancaster, Zanesville and Columbus, arriving at these towns the same day, reaching Columbus early in the evening, forming the quickest and cheapest route to any of the above places. Fourteen miles of the road (from Mansfield to Bellville) is laid with T rail, and forms part of the Columbus & Lake Erie Rail Road. The company expect to complete this road to Newark by the 1st of October next, 60 miles from Mansfield, and 116 miles from Sandusky. Sixteen miles from Newark, north, is already completed and carrying passengers.

J. R. ROBINSON, Sup't.

Sandusky, Aug. 21, 1850.

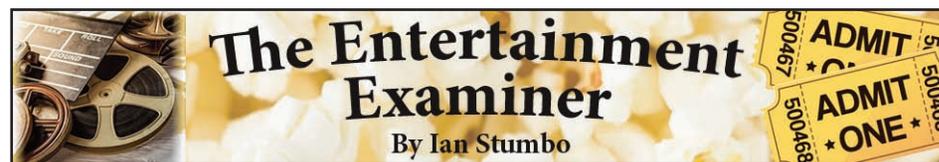
ride for the thrill of it. The thought of going from Sandusky to Columbus in twelve or so hours was amazing! A few early passenger cars were similar to stage coaches but later on the passenger cars were in the shape of box cars but with windows.

In a way to pickup passenger revenue, road superintendent J. R. Robinson placed an advertisement in a Sandusky newspaper. With the unfinished railroad, stage coaches were hired to fill the gaps. Thus he reported that there was a quicker way to get from Sandusky to Mansfield and Newark and points between. People were amazed with the speed of travel. The line south wasn't completed until January of 1851.

But here was a big problem. The Columbus & Lake Erie didn't own a single locomotive or car! It had cost \$1,000,000 to build (\$16,666) per mile which was big, big money in those days and it was forced to merge with the Mansfield and Sandusky railroad to become the Sandusky, Mansfield & Newark Railroad. The combined road only paid stockholders a dividend once and by 1868 was in debt to the tune of \$2,307,314. The road always lost money.

Due to the debt, the next year the whole line was leased to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

Today much of the Richland County section is a bike trail. Perhaps that might someday be extended to Mt. Vernon.



By Ian Stumbo

Disney's *The Jungle Cruise* is an enjoyable adventure based on the Disney World ride. Dwayne Johnson stars as Captain Frank Wolff, a man who steers his boat down the Amazon River giving tours.

Frank has a chance encounter with a young botanist named Dr. Lily Houghton (Emily Blunt). Lily has stolen a rare artifact as she looks for the Tree of Life and she needs Frank to guide her down the river in search of it.

Along for the ride is Jack Whitehall as Lily's brother who provides lots of the films laughs including his back and forth relationship with Frank's pet leopard. The movie also gives a backstory surrounding conquistadors that ties into the movie and gives it a mythology.

Disney has really given this movie an *Indiana Jones* and *Romancing the Stone* vibe which is fun and the actors really make this movie. Johnson seems to create a character instead of it seeming like he is playing an extended version of himself. Blunt is perfectly cast as this lucky adven-

turer and her and Johnson's back and forth banter is strong.

When the conquistadors enter the film at various times there were lots of special effects, and while their story is essential for the one they are trying to tell, it would have been nice to have a straightforward story with Frank and Lily instead of having to wrap it all in a historical event like so many of these movies do.

Overall, *The Jungle Cruise* was an enjoyable film with great stunt work and some good laughs.

Johnson and Blunt's chemistry is the best part of it and Whitehall should also be mentioned again as he is in as much of the movie as they are. This movie is in theaters and can be bought on Disney+ Premier Access.

Look for The Entertainment Examiner's video posts on YouTube.



READERS' FORUM

The Flynn Family would like to thank everyone who contributed to the memorial service for Cecil Flynn of Bellville.

Our parents would be so pleased with the memorial service and celebration that followed. They (Cecil and Pa Flynn) wanted family, friends and neighbors to have a party in their honor... and so we did!

It was so wonderful to see so many. Thank you for your love and kind words.

Thank you to great granddaughters Emma for the poem and Addison for the song. A thank you to great grandson Micah for the poem and granddaughter Lindsay for the tribute and Doug Keppler for playing the bagpipes. Mom especially loved to hear you play.

Thank you pastor Patrick Bailey for your comforting and thoughtful words and a big thank you to Kelly Yunker Potoczny for keeping the food coming.

We are grateful to Pat Hayes, Shelly and staff at Stoodt's Fresh Market for preparing and delivering to the park all the food and supplies. We had great service.

Thank you Snyder Funeral Homes — Todd, Susan and staff. You have been so kind and loyal to our family for so many years.

The Children of Cecil and Pat Flynn
Kim Knapp, Terri Catino,
Mike Flynn & Donnie Flynn

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Hospice recipient of \$1,200 grant

Fireland's Electric Cooperative People Fund board has approved a grant in the amount of \$1,200 to Hospice of North Central Ohio.

The grant will be used to purchase sanitizing chambers for use by hospice nurses and aides.

Kim Knudson, HNCO QAPI Manager stated, "During these challenging times, we feel it necessary and responsible for our caregiving team to take every possible precaution in regard to spreading disease patient-to-patient as well as protecting our staff from contracting disease through transmission of germs, bacteria, etc. from equipment. The sanitizers purchased through this grant will help us accomplish this important objective."

Ralph Tomassi, HNCO Chief Development Officer added, "We are grateful for Fireland's People Fund's continued support of our special mission."

The mission of Firelands Electric Cooperative People Fund is to accumulate and disburse funds for charitable purposes throughout the Firelands Electric service area. The program receives its funding from members who allow their bills to be rounded up each month to the next whole dollar and placed in a charitable trust fund. All available funds are distributed to qualifying local charities.

Hospice of North Central Ohio has served thousands of families with compassionate end-of-life and Palliative care, bereavement programs and services since 1988 and is headquartered at 1021 Dauch Dr., Ashland Call 800-952-2207 for more information.

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News Briefs

Work dates and times have been scheduled at Liberty Park Garden in Mansfield. They are July 31, Aug. 5, 9, 12, 19, 23, 26 and 30 from 6-8 pm.

Under the direction of the Rev. Stanley Wertz, the garden helps meet the needs for fresh produce through the east side's own Catholic Charities Food Pantry.

For more information contact Wertz at 419-378-2503 or 419-892-3539.

Paradise Church, 87 N. Illinois Ave., Madison area, will offer Bible stories, crafts, games, skits, snacks and prizes for children age 2 to grade 12.

The Bible school will be held Aug. 9-13, from 6:30-8:30 pm. Registration will be held July 31 and Aug. 7 from 9-11 am at the church.

For more information visit myparadisearchurch.com, Paradise Church on Facebook or call Angie Benedict at 419-512-8377.

The Mansfield Area Community Hymnsing is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 6 at New Liberty Baptist Church, Lexington Ave., Lexington (1/2 mile south of Hanley).

This is a sing-a-long event. The congregation calls out the number of a hymn and everyone joins in to sing. It starts at 7 pm and everyone is encouraged to bring a refreshment to share. Everyone is welcome to attend the free event.

Little Washington Congregational Church is hosting its 16th annual "Cruise-In" on Saturday, Aug. 14, from 4-7 pm.

Home-cooked food will be served along with ice cream and pie.

Cruise-In participants enjoy sharing information about their restored cars, motorcycles and farm equipment. To register call Gary Stone at 419-774-2714 or just stop in on Saturday, Aug. 14 and register. Please arrive by 3 pm.

For information call Ronda Stone at 419-774-2714 or the church at 419-756-9292. The church is located at the corner of Washington S. and E. Hanley Roads.

The City of Ontario summer concert series is held at the Marshall Park Band Shell from 6-8 pm and concerts are free. Food vendors will be available.

The schedule continues with Thursday, Aug. 12, Sweet Beats, Beatles tribute; Aug. 26, Departure, Journey tribute; Sept. 9, Oolong Gurus, country/alternative; and

Sept. 23, Just Jazz Live, jazz.

Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a picnic as they enjoy the music.

Ridgeway Church of God, 1380 Park Avenue East, Madison Township, will host a spaghetti dinner on Friday, Aug. 6, from 4:30-6 pm in the fellowship hall. Drive-thru orders will be available. The menu will include spaghetti, bread, salad, dessert and beverage. Cost is a freewill donation. All proceeds will benefit the food pantry. For more information call the church at 419-589-5385.

A "Stuff the Bus" event will be held Friday, Aug. 6 and Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Ontario Walmart, 359 N. Lexington-Springmill Rd., from 9 am to 3 pm.

The event is to collect school supplies items which will be taken to Friendly House Mansfield, for distribution for pre-k and afterschool programs. The event is in memory of Mary Jo Manocchio, a teacher at Crestview Schools who passed away from cancer earlier this year.

Most needed items include back packs, pocket folders, markers, crayons, colored pencils, composition books, earbuds/headphones, pencils, pens, spiral notebooks, loose leaf paper, boxes of tissue, binders, scissors, pencil boxes, large pink erasers, dry erase markers, rulers, hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes.

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging's Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) helps provide income eligible seniors with access to locally grown fruits and vegetables.

Participants receive \$50 worth of coupons through the growing season to use at participating farmers' markets and stands. Applications may be submitted or downloaded online at aaa5ohio.org/sfmnp. Call 567-247-7101 Monday-Friday, 9 am to 5 pm, to request an application by mail.

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will host speaker Kim Hildreth on Sunday, Aug. 8, at 10:30 am.

She will speak on "The Call to Stewardship: Our responsibility to care for our earth and the connection to our community." For more information visit www.allsoulsuohio.org.

•Nature Park Programs included with Richland County Fair admission

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Gardener volunteers who will explain how to make newspaper pots, answer gardening questions and offer more information on Master Gardener classes.

Nature Park stage events include:

Sunday, Aug. 8, 7 pm, Mercy and Grace and Justified gospel music

Monday, Aug. 9, 3 pm, "Life in the Soil and How Everything is Connected," Eric Larson, Master Gardener; 4 pm "Malabar Farm — One of Richland County's Hidden Gems," Mark Sommer, Park Naturalist; and 7 pm, Mid-Ohio Community Band.

Tuesday, Aug. 10, 3 pm, "Cover Crops — What They are and Their Benefits," Matt Wallace, Richland Soil and Water Conservation District; 4 pm, "Lessons from the Lorax," Kristin Yoshioka, Richland County Solid Waste Management Authority; and 7 pm, Nickel Plate bluegrass music.

Wednesday, Aug. 11, 3 pm, "Turtles of Richland County," Jason Larson, Richland County Park District; 4 pm, "Meet Nathan and his Black Labrador Retriever, May," ODRN Div of Wildlife K-9 Unit; and 7 pm, Semer & Kastran live music.

Wednesday is Kids day and kids from age 8-17 are invited to join a scavenger hunt at the Nature Park from 11 am to 2 pm for a chance to win prizes.

Entries will be put into a drawing for three different prizes drawn at noon, 1 pm and 2 pm. Scavenger Hunt rules will be on the back of the entry forms.

Thursday, Aug. 12, 7:30 am, "What is H2Ohio?" Jordan Keller and Evan Stern, Richland Soil and Water Conservation District; 3 pm, "Basic Beekeeping," Richland Area Beekeepers Association; 4 pm, "When it Rains, it Drains — the Dirt of Water Pollution;" and 7 pm, Oolong Gurus, Americana-style music.

Friday, Aug. 13, noon "Caterpillar Program," Vickie Eichof, Master Gardener; 3 pm, "Snakes of Richland County," Jason Larson, Richland County Park District; 4 pm, "Landscaping with Native Plants," Bill Flanagan, Richland County Master Gardener; and 7 pm, Marsh Run, classic rock music.

Saturday, Aug. 14, 7 pm, Sobos from the Wooster area, '70s and '80s vocal rock music.

The H2Ohio informational meeting on Thursday, Aug. 12 offers funding to farmers who implement proven conservation practices that limit agricultural phosphorus runoff from fertilizer. Phosphorus runoff is the primary cause of algal blooms in Lake Erie. Farmers must sign up before Aug. 31, 2021, to get paid for developing a Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan.

H2Ohio sign up is handled on a first come, first served basis so farmers are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible. Farmers, Agriculture Service provides, CCAs and Agronomists can also stop at the Nature Park Monday through Friday from 11 am to 7 pm to learn about the H2Ohio program.

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Memorial Arrangements

Alfred "Ted" T. Williams Jr.

Alfred "Ted" T. Williams Jr., 86, of Mansfield, passed away Saturday, July 31, 2021, at OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital.

He was born Jan. 5, 1935, in Crestline, Ohio, to the late Alfred T. and Berdene (Obermiller) Williams Sr. Ted graduated from Springfield Township School. He was a 6 year veteran of the U.S. Army serving from 1957-1963. Ted retired from General Motors after 40 years of service where he worked as a tool and die maker. Ted had a lifelong love of aviation. He was a current member of Shellman Chapter Model A Club and past member of Penn Ohio Model A Club.

He is survived by his three sons, Tom (Sandra) Williams, John (Wendy) Williams and Roger (Nelda) Williams; a daughter, Wendy Ann (Frank) Flaughner; ten grandchildren, Matthew Burchett, Seth Williams (Jen Davis), Samantha Williams (Max Bays), Tiffany (David) Fairbairn, Kelli (Nick) Eddleblute, Nicole (Ryan) Patton, Kristy (Adam) Campbell, Amy Williams, Ben Flaughner and Liz Flaughner; eighteen great-grandchildren and three brothers, Larry Williams, David Williams and Kenny Williams. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 61 years, Leah Marie Calland Williams on March 10, 2021, and two sisters-in-law, Jean Williams and Cheryl Williams.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, Aug. 5, 2021, at 11 am in Ontario Cemetery. The

U.S. Army will present military honors. A gathering of family and friends will be held following the ceremony at Ted's home. The Ontario Home of Wappner Funeral Directors is honored to serve the family.

Words of comfort may be expressed to the family at www.wappner.com



Ohio EPA grants \$1.5 million for recycling and litter prevention to Northwest Ohio

Ohio EPA is awarding more than \$1.5 million this year in grants to 23 local governments, businesses and nonprofit organizations throughout northwest Ohio to implement recycling, litter prevention, market development, and scrap tire recycling programs. Statewide, the Agency is issuing more than \$6 million in grant funding to 103 recipients, with more than \$3.1 million specifically for community and litter prevention grants.

Local governments and other entities use these grants for litter collection, education programming, and the disposal of scrap tires through amnesty collection events. All local cleanup efforts involve the work of volunteers and take place on public property. Some of these grants tie into a statewide litter campaign, A Little Litter is a Big Problem, announced by Governor Mike DeWine on April 22 to prioritize and promote the conversation around litter in Ohio.

Local projects approved for funding (rounded down to the nearest dollar) are North End Community Improvement Collaborative, Organics composting; Richland County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority, \$30,400, purchase

a recycling trailer; and Keep Ohio Beautiful (Statewide), \$80,000, litter collection and special venues.

Community and Litter grants are available to local governments, parks or health departments, state colleges and universities, solid waste authorities and nonprofit organizations or Keep America Beautiful communities to support and expand community recycling and litter prevention efforts. Market Development Grants assist businesses that purchase equipment and infrastructure for successful markets of recyclable materials and related products. Scrap Tire Grants provide financial assistance to Ohio's businesses, communities, and nonprofits seeking to convert manufacturing operations into facilities that accept scrap tire material, expand tire processing, or use scrap tire material in construction projects or manufactured products.

Academic Institution grants are available to public and private K-12 schools, colleges and universities for recycling efforts as well as outreach and education, recycling equipment and conference sponsorships.

For information about the grant programs email Marie.Barnett@epa.ohio.gov or visit www.recycleohio.gov.

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Long-term services offered through agency

The Ohio Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is the starting point for locating local services to help residents remain independent while staying in their home and in the community. Some services that individuals may be eligible for include: personal care, homemaker, chore services, home delivered meals, adult day care, independent living assistance, emergency response, medical equipment and supplies, medical transportation and out of home respite.

More information is available by calling

419-524-4144 or 800-860-5799 Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm. The agency, located at 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario, provides leadership, collaboration, coordination and services to older adults, people with disabilities, their caregivers & resource networks that support individual choice, independence, and dignity.

Services are funded in part by a Title III Grant under the Older Americans Act administered through the Ohio Department of Aging

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Church Directory

Bunkerhill Baptist Church

3340 St. Rt. 97, Butler • 567-430-9002
Pastor Thomas Crank
11 am Sunday Worship
10 am Sunday School
Bible Study 7 pm Wednesdays

Hillside First Church of God

2369 Bowman Rd., Mansfield • Pastor Glenn M. Phillips
Sunday Worship 10 am • Wednesdays 6 pm
hillsidefcg@hotmail.com

St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church

1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield • 419-589-2114
Father Matthew Frisbee
Saturday Worship, 4 pm and Sunday Worship 11 am
Tuesday Worship 5:30 pm and Friday Worship 9 am
Faith Instruction & Bible Study on Sunday Mornings
www.mansfieldstmarys.org

Mayflower Congregational Church

548 North McElroy Rd. • 419-589-6612
Pastor Rev. Dr. Rich Rader
9:15 am Sunday School • 10:30 am Sunday Worship
Wednesday Bible Study 11 am
www.mansfieldmayflower.com

Lexington Presbyterian Church

35 West Church St., Lexington • 419-884-1330
Reverend James Randas
10:30 am Sunday Worship

Risen Savior Lutheran Church

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

Ontario United Methodist Church

3540 Park Avenue West, Ontario • 419-529-4345
Rev. Christine Bell
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Bible Study: Please check the website for current schedule
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Fair opens Sunday with something for everyone

The Richland County Fair will open Sunday, Aug. 8. Entertainment, activities and events fill the schedule as the fairgrounds welcomes back visitors for a "full" fair.

On Sunday, Aug. 8, a Bake-a-Rama will be held in the John Hartz Building from 11 am to noon (awards and auction held at 7 pm). At noon all still Junior Fair exhibits will be in place and a fair opening ceremony with a flag raising at the center flag pole will be held at 2 pm. A 4-H dog agility show will be held at 2 pm in the Horse Pleasure Arena and at 3 pm the Judging of the Junior Fair Llama & Alpaca Show will be in the Show Arena.

First Show Flower entries will be accepted in the Arts & Crafts building from 3-8 pm and Harness Racing will be at 5:30 pm at the grandstand.

The Junior Fair King & Queen Pageant & Coronation will be at 6 pm John Hartz Building. The Junior Fair Saddle Horse Speed Day Show will be judged in the horse arena at 7 pm and gospel music group Mercy & Grace & Justified will perform in the Nature Park at 7 pm.

On Monday, Junior Fair judging will include poultry at 8:30 am in the Rabbit Arena; Fair Saddle Horse Western Show, 9 am, Horse Arena; Open Class Draft Horse Hitches, 10 am, Draft Horse Arena; and Fair Feeder Calf Show, 10 am, Show Arena.

At 6:30 pm the Junior Fair Dog Fun Show will be held in the John Hartz Building and open class swine judging

will be held in the Show Arena. Also at 7 pm is the Horse Royalty Coronation in the Horse Arena and a performance from the Mid Ohio Community band in the Nature Park.

On Tuesday, the Junior Fair Goat Show will be held at 8:30 am in the Show Arena. At 9 am open class judging will be held for rabbits in the Rabbit Arena and poultry (Showmanship prior to judging of classes), in the Poultry Barn. Also at 9 am will be a Junior Fair Small Equine Show in the Horse Arena. Rides open at noon.

On Tuesday at 2 pm, is the Junior Fair Horse Versatility in the Horse Arena and at 3 pm is the judging of open class goats in the Lamb Pavilion, Junior Fair Born & Bred Steer Show in the Show Arena and judging of Open Class Beef Cattle in the Feeder Calf Barn.

At 6 pm, is judging of the Junior Fair/Open Class Draft Horse & Pony Halter/Showmanship in the Draft Horse Arena; and judging of Junior Fair Steer Market Classes in the Show Arena.

At 7 pm, Nickel Plate will perform Bluegrass Music in the Nature Park.

On Wednesday, judging of Junior Fair Rabbits will be held at 8:30 am in the Rabbit Arena and the Junior Fair Beef Breeding Show-Showmanship & Market Classes will be in the Show Arena at the same time.

At 9 am, judging for open classes will be held for Draft Pony Halter and Light Pony Show in the Main Arena. At 10 am judging will be held for Open Class Draft

Horse Halter in the Feeder Calf Barn. Rides open at noon.

The Junior Fair Market Hog Show will be held at 4 pm in the Show Arena (Showmanship/Market Classes) and the pie auction will be held in the Arts and Crafts Building at 5 pm.

The Rodeo will be held in the Grandstand at 7 pm and the Junior Fair Talent Show will be held at 7 pm in the John Hartz Building. The Junior Fair Horse Speed Challenge is also scheduled for 7 pm in the Horse Arena.

Thursday is Armed Forces Day and free admission is given to those with ID to all Veterans & Active Duty.

Judging of Junior Fair Sheep (Showmanship, Breeding & Market Classes) will be held at 8:30 am in the Show Arena. At 9 am will be the Junior Fair Saddle Horse Fun Day in the Horse Arena and Junior Fair Horse Show-Off in the Horse Arena.

The Draft Horse/Draft Pony Farm Fun Classes will be held at 10 am and rides open at noon.

At 1:30 pm, the Barnyard Olympics will be held in the Show Arena and at 2:30 pm the Draft Horse/Draft Pony Kids Day Activities begin. The Junior Fair Livestock Auction is tentatively scheduled for 5 pm in the Show Arena. From 6-8 pm, the Johnny Appleseed Squares will be in the Red Barn.

The Draft Horse/Pony Under Saddle Fun Show is planned for 6 pm and at 6:30 pm will be the 4-H Style Revue in the

John Hartz Building. At 7 pm is the OST-PA/County Tractor Pull in the Grandstand.

On Friday, Aug. 13, judging throughout the day will include Open Class Sheep at 9 am, Open Saddle/Light Horse Show at 10 am, Open Saddle/Light Pony Show at 12 pm and the Jr. Fair Showman of Showmen Contest at 3:30 pm.

A Dog Agility Show will be in the horse arena at 9:30 am.

Rides open at noon and a Kiddie Pedal Tractor Show will be held in the show arena at 1 pm. Registration for the pull begins at noon.

The Nature Park will feature "Snakes of Richland County" at 3 pm and "Learn How to Attract Pollinator Plants" at 4 pm.

Free Style Reining begins at 5:30 pm in the outdoor arena and a Draft Horse/Draft Pony Pull will be held at 6:30 pm.

Jessica Hannan will take the stage at 6 pm, opening for Nashville Crush, who will perform at 8 pm.

On Saturday, The Junior Fair Livestock Auction will be held at 9:30 am in the show arena. Rides open at noon and the demolition derby will be held in the grandstand at 5 pm.

SoBo, a 70s & 80s vocal rock group, will perform at 7 pm in the Nature Park.

Richland County Fairgrounds is located at, 750 N. Home Rd. Mansfield.

For more information or to purchase tickets for special entertainment, visit richlandcountyfair.com.

See the full Nature Park program schedule on the front page.

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Grandstand Events:

Sunday, Aug. 8, Harness Racing, 5:30 pm, Free

Monday, Aug. 9, Harness Racing, 5:30 pm, Free

Wednesday, Aug. 11, Rodeo, 7 pm, \$5

Thursday, Aug. 12, OSTPA & County Tractor Pull,
7 pm, \$10 Grandstand • \$20 Pit • \$20 Back Gate

Friday, Aug. 13, Concert

Jessica Hannan opening at 6:30 pm

Nashville Crush at 8 pm • \$10 Track

Saturday, Aug. 14, Demolition Derby, 5 pm

\$10 Grandstand • \$15 Pit

Free Nature Park Programs and Performances from Mr. Puppet

Junior Fair Bake-A-Rama Sun., Aug. 8, 7 pm, John Hartz Building

26th Annual Pie Auction Wed., Aug. 11, 5 pm, Arts & Crafts Building (Funds raised support the fairgrounds)

For a full schedule of all events visit: richlandcountyfair.com



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MADISON HIGH SCHOOL SPANISH CLUB members held a car wash at Burger King on Ashland Rd., Madison, on Saturday, July 31, to help raise money for a trip to Peru in June of 2022. At the event were front, Claudia Ferini, Marisah Atterholt, Kayla Totman, Olivia Lord, Sydney Phillips and Mrs. Krista Ferini; and back, Laura Phillips, Cody Funk, Faith Curtis, Morgan Ladd, Breanna Ford, Charlee Herder, Shelby Rush, Callie Cyrus, Bryan Phillips, Elijah Jensen and Gabby Baker.

OSU-M will begin offering RN to BSN program

The Ohio State University at Mansfield will offer the RN to BSN program beginning Autumn 2021. Offered through The Ohio State University's top-ranked College of Nursing, this program provides an opportunity for licensed RNs with an associate degree or diploma from an accredited institution to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN).

"We are thrilled to offer this program to support the needs of the local workforce," said Norman Jones, dean and director of Ohio State Mansfield. "We love knowing that we are advancing career opportunities for nurses and supporting the workforce development needs of healthcare providers in the region."

The BSN allows for nurses to practice at hospitals, clinics, businesses, at-home care, schools, government and physician's offices.

Conveniently offered just one night a week, this in-person RN to BSN option will allow students the ability to complete their bachelor's degree close to home from Ohio

State's College of Nursing, which offers programs that consistently rank among the top in the nation.

The RN to BSN at OSU-M offers coursework and the integration of evidence-based practice throughout the curriculum. Designed with full-time or part-time plans of study, the program offers students the ability to complete the program in as little as four semesters.

The program is flexible and allows students to use open and university-provided resources in all nursing courses, which allows textbooks to be free.

The program requires a cumulative 2.0 GPA and a minimum of 30 credit hours, of which 24 are core nursing curriculum. The remaining six or more credit hours are general education courses, which need will be determined based on transcript evaluations.

Students interested in the program should apply at mansfield.osu.edu/rnbsn. The application deadline for spring semester is Oct. 30. Questions can be directed to Mansfield-askabuckeye@osu.edu.

Summer Crisis Program can help assist Ohioans

The 2021 Summer Crisis Program (SCP) will provide eligible households with a one-time benefit to assist with electric utility bills, central air conditioning repairs, and air conditioning unit and/or fan purchases. Household income must be at or below 175% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines and household's must have at least one additional eligibility criteria listed below:

- A household member who is age 60 or older.
- A household member has a documented medical condition verified by a licensed medical professional who is qualified under Ohio law to write prescriptions.
- A household member that was diagnosed with

COVID-19 in the last 12 months. May provide a written statement as proof of medical diagnosis.

• Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP) customers are eligible for assistance towards their default PIPP payment, first PIPP payment, central air conditioning repairs, or may receive an air conditioning unit and/or fan.

• A household's electric utility has a disconnect notice, has been shut off, or new electric service is being established for the household. These households may also receive an air conditioning unit and/or fan or central air conditioning repairs if the household can maintain electric service for 30 days.

This year the program will be open July 1–Sept. 30. The maximum benefit amounts for the 2021 program are: \$500 for customers of regulated utilities and \$800 for customers of unregulated utilities (municipal utilities or cooperatives). Air conditioning units and/or fans may only be provided to eligible customers who have not received an air conditioning unit or fan in the last three years.

The utility assistance benefit is separate from the additional benefit. Households may receive the maximum utility assistance benefit towards their electric bill and still receive an additional benefit (i.e., central air conditioner repair, air conditioner unit, and/or fan). SCP appointments should be scheduled with the local energy assistance provider.

More information is available by calling the Area Agency at 419-524-4144 or 800-860-5799 Monday–Friday 9 am to 5 pm. The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is located at 2131 Park Avenue West in Ontario.

Cheryl Benway will chair 2021 walk

Cheryl Benway will lead the community's efforts to raise money to support Alzheimer's care, support and research as the Chair of the 2021 North Central Ohio Walk to End Alzheimer's.

The North Central Ohio Walk is Saturday, Sept. 11, and participants this year will be able to physically join forces to recreate the driving movement and energy that fuels the fight to end Alzheimer's.

The walk will take place in-person at OSU/NCSC Campus in Mansfield. The Promise Garden and Display Area open at 9 am and the walk ceremony begins at 10 am. Participants will walk on a paved path around campus at the close of the ceremony.

Julia Pechlivanos, executive director of the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter, said the chapter is excited to move back to an in-person Walk experience this year because it offers the opportunity for people who have been impacted by dementia including caregivers, family, friends, and colleagues, to share their stories with one another. "The health and safety of participants, staff and volunteers remain the chapter's top priority. In addition to the OSU Campus location, we will also continue to offer options to participate online and in your neighborhood," Pechlivanos said.

The Walk draws from Richland, Ashland, Knox and Crawford counties. In Northwest Ohio, 32,000 people live with the fatal progressive brain disease and 96,000 family and friends care for them.

On Walk day, participants honor those affected by Alzheimer's with the poignant Promise Garden ceremony — a mission-focused experience that signifies solidarity in the fight against the disease. The colors of the Promise Garden flowers represent people's connection to Alzheimer's — their personal reasons to end the disease.

Benway said, "The Alzheimer's Association has been a huge asset to many families. Our journey with Alzheimer's Disease and the Association began in 2001, when my mom began to suffer with memory issues. Through the years of her illness we relied heavily on the local Association for education, support groups, advocacy opportunities, and so much more."

"When we lost my mom in 2011, after 10 years with Alzheimer's, we stepped up our game and continued to support the Alzheimer's Association, and began to raise more money and more awareness through each Walk to End Alzheimer's. My dad continues to support and educate so many friends who now are going through the caregiving journey which he did so well. Each time I share about my mom's journey, I am reminded of how important our work is, we must find a cure."

Area residents can go to alz.org/walk to sign up as a team captain, join a team or register to walk as an individual. Participants are encouraged to download the Walk to End Alzheimer's mobile app to make their experience easier. Also, the FAQ page on alz.org/walk will be updated regularly for details on the Walk-day experience.

More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease — a leading cause of death in the United States. Additionally, more than 11 million family members and friends provide care to people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias. The walk, which helps all affected, is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Pechlivanos said, "This year has been extremely stressful for all and that's why our efforts to raise money for care and support for local families are so critical. This Walk to End Alzheimer's will be extra special because despite the pandemic, we now have a first-ever approved treatment for Alzheimer's. The Walk will celebrate this advancement as well as acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of caregivers this past year."



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THE RIDGEWAY CHURCH OF GOD held a car wash at Advanced Auto Parts on Ashland Rd., Madison area on Saturday, July 31. Helping at the event were William, Emily, Jenny and Pastor Billy Saunders, Suzanne Riggerbach, Linkin Kinney and Pastor John Dodds.

AARP awards community grants

AARP Ohio announced six Ohio organizations will receive 2021 Community Challenge grants – part of the largest group of grantees to date with \$3.2 million awarded among 244 organizations nationwide.

Among the projects was developing a linear pop-up park in Mansfield to enliven a downtown road and help residents envision what a permanent connection between the downtown districts could be.

Grantees will implement quick-action projects to promote livable communities by improving housing, transportation, public spaces, civic engagement, and connection with family, friends, and neighbors with an emphasis on the needs of the 50-plus. Many of this year’s awards support revitalizing communities adversely impacted by the pandemic and include a focus on diversity, inclusion, and disparities.

“We are incredibly proud to collaborate with these organizations as they work to make immediate improvements in their communities, encourage promising ideas and jumpstart long-term change, especially for those age 50 and over,” shared Holly Holtzen, AARP Ohio State Director. “Our goal at AARP Ohio is to support the efforts of our communities to be great places for people of all backgrounds, ages and abilities.”

All projects are expected to be completed by Nov. 10, 2021. Here in Ohio, other projects funded include:

Building a public pavilion to house a community farmer’s market within walking distance of Akron’s largest majority of food insecure residents; installing artistic and accessible bus stop shelters, benches and swings, to improve the Chillicothe Transit System and attract new riders of all ages; creating a healthy outdoor place for Cleveland seniors to safely meet, eat and relax, at the May Dugan Community Center;

Reducing social isolation for residents of a Delaware county apartment community for older and disabled adults with a new accessible community garden space; and creating a larger pollinator garden, adding guided tours and educational classes in Amesville, a certified “Bee City USA” community.

The Community Challenge grant program is part of AARP’s nationwide Livable Communities initiative, which supports the efforts of cities, towns, neighborhoods and rural areas to become great places to live for people of all ages. Since 2017, AARP Ohio has awarded 18 grants and \$245,355 through the program to nonprofit organizations and government entities across the state.

Meeting to discuss zoning

Madison Township Zoning Inspector Wayne Liggett announced that the Madison Township Zoning Commission will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 17, at 7 pm for the purpose of a zoning change.

The Application for Zoning Change #04/21 (R-3 to D-3) is for an expansion for Innovision Automation LTD. at 1414 Park Avenue East.

Teachers:

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4-H News Report

On July 25, 2021, the Country Champions 4-H Club of Richland County held a meeting.

President, Ryleigh Chase, called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mandee Lantz and the 4-H Pledge by Tristen Dawson.

The following demonstration was given, “How to Use Garden Tools” by Cody Wolford. Livestock members were informed of the fair schedule and event times. The rest of the meeting was used to discuss ideas for our movie themed booth at the fair. The next time we will meet is on Aug. 5, at 2 pm at the fairgrounds to start booth assembly.

Audrey Wolford
News Reporter

Trinity United Methodist Church VBS

Trinity United Methodist Church, Madison area, held a Mystery Island Vacation Bible School July 25, 27 and 29. The students collected \$251.06 to purchase 1,004 meals for those in need.



OMS, OHS students can pick up schedules

Ontario Middle School students may pick up schedules and pay student fees in the middle school office Aug. 10–12 from 7 am to noon and 1–3 pm.

Sixth Grade Orientation will be held Tuesday, Aug. 17 from 6–7 pm.

Open House for grades seven and eight will be Tuesday, Aug. 17 from 6:30–7:30 pm.

Ontario High School students should pick up schedules Aug. 10–12 from 7 am to noon and 1–3 pm at the high school.

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OUTING — Greg Pruitt, Chris Akel, John Wieland and Rich Mendenhall participated in a golf outing at Oak Tree to benefit Mansfield students.



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GREG PRUITT, a former Cleveland Browns running back spent some time on the driving range prior to taking part in the golf outing at Oak Tree on July 31.

Golf outing raises funds for Tygers

By Bud Motter

Eighty-four golfers attended the TYger Booster Club's TYger/Falcon Alumni Golf Outing at Oak Tree Golf Course in Ontario on Saturday, July 31, to raise money for Mansfield students and students athletics.

Former Cleveland Browns player Greg Pruitt was one of those 84 players to hit the course. After his recent visit to Arlin Field to tour the renovations, Pruitt decided to join in the outing.

Pruitt, who will be 70 in the next few weeks, played nine years for the Cleveland Browns and three years with the Oakland Raiders.

Pruitt, who majored in journalism in college, said his biggest accomplishment in life was when he listened to his mom.

"I didn't always agree with her, but I did what she said," reflected Pruitt.

"I didn't always feel like playing football on Sunday but when I came through the tunnel and heard the noise from the crowd, I gave it all I had."

He went on to say, "I played on the only pro team that took a plane to home games and a bus to away games."

This is the sixth year of the outing with all proceeds going to Mansfield students and student athletes.



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DENNY SPANGLER, TOM PAPPAS AND CHERYL RETTIG display early American tools, some over 200 years old. The items were donated to REACH by Dave Massie.

McGee joins Hospice Board of Directors

Hospice of North Central Ohio welcomed Thomas McGee of Ashland to its board of directors.

"McGee has been a resident of Ashland for many years and brings a wealth of experience to our organization," said Ralph Tomassi, Chief Development Officer. "He is well-known and well respected throughout our community and has been engaged in a multitude of volunteer roles for many local non-profit organizations."

A former executive at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, retiring in 2002, Tom has worked as a consultant in the polymer and bioscience field and served as VP of for Americas International. Tom then was Polymer Director at Ashland Precision Tooling and a founder of Delta Plant Technologies. Tom and his family have lived in Ashland since 1977. Since 1985, Tom has been very involved as a member of the City of Ashland Planning and Zoning Commission, serving as President for the past 26 years. As Chairman of the Route 250 By-Pass Project Tom was also instrumental in getting that project awarded. Tom also served

on the first community wide needs assessment and was chairman of the storm water committee. In addition to HNCO, Tom has been a board member at Ashland



Thomas McGee

Area Chamber of Commerce, Samaritan Regional Health System, Ashland University School of Science, North Central University Bioscience, Akron University Fisher Institute of Professional Selling, Ohio Rubber Group, Ashland County Council on Aging, Saint Edward's Church, Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center, United way of Ashland-Industrial Division and Main Street Ashland.

McGee received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and his master's in business administration from Kent State University. Tom and his wife Bonnie reside in Ashland.

As the area's oldest and largest non-profit hospice organization, Hospice of North Central Ohio has served thousands of families with compassionate end-of-life and Palliative care, bereavement programs and services since 1988. It is headquartered at 1021 Dauch Dr., Ashland.

Call 800-952-2207 for more information.

This Week's Outdoor Space

Jason & Andrea Murray of Lexington



Send your outdoor space photos to news@tribune-courier.com

AARP Senior Driver Refresher Classes canceled

AARP Driver Safety has canceled all in-person AARP Driver Safety events and activities until Oct. 1, 2021, as a precaution against COVID-19. Below are instructions on what is required to cancel events for Driver Safety volunteers of each program.

That cancellation will include the Sept. 21 class at Richland Public Health.

The Senior Driving Class is available online through AARP as well as the discount on car insurance by select companies.

The online course is available at <https://campaigns.aarp.org/smartdriver-online/>

"We have not had an AARP Driver's refresher class since Nov. 13, 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic," said course teacher Reed Richmond, Health Educator at Richland Public Health. "We do have a class scheduled for Nov. 13 of this year but we will wait for AARP to decide the fate of that class sometime in October."

Agency to host special senior citizen festivities at fair

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging Inc., will host its third annual Senior Red Barn event at the Richland County Fair.

The festivities will be held on Monday, Aug. 9 in the Red Barn at the Richland County Fairgrounds in Mansfield, Ohio from 9 am to 2 pm.

This event is free to all fair attendees with your paid admission to the fair.

The Senior Red Barn will showcase many resources and programs available to older adults and their caregivers including health and resource information, blood pressure checks, balance test, Medicare Part D Information, there will be music, and giveaways provided by the Area Agency on Aging.

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., located at 2131 Park Avenue West in Ontario, provides leadership, collaboration, coordination and services to older adults, people with disabilities, their caregivers & resource networks that support individual choice, independence and dignity.

Employaplalooza is Aug. 21 for area job seekers

The Richland Area Chamber and Economic Development, in partnership with Ohio Means Jobs Richland County will host "Employaplalooza" at the Mid Ohio Conference Center, 890 W. Fourth St., Mansfield, Saturday, Aug. 21, from 10 am to 1 pm. This free event is the latest version of the regional job fair that has traditionally been held each spring.

This will be a first of its kind for Richland County — serving as a Celebration of New Beginnings, New Opportunities and Bouncing Back. Participating employers are encouraged to begin thinking about how to make their space an uplifting and exciting experience. There will be awards for "Most Interactive," "Most Creative," and "Most Festive" employer booths.

Employers can register at <https://richlandarea-chamber.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register?cid=A4e40U13T7G63e4x4v2256nM06x1i75635Bx8Ak4z6608T2590272pUxnH908kt8> or contact the Chamber.

Job seekers do not need to register. Come Prepared for an interview and bring resumes.

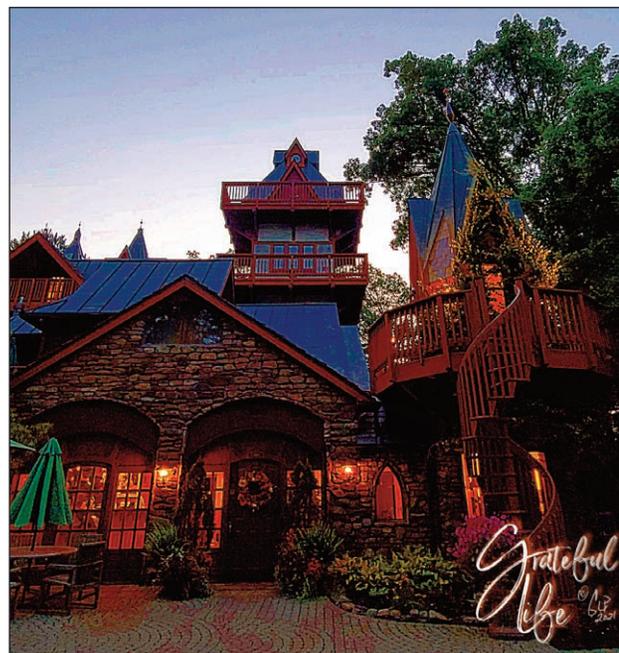


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THE MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN VOLLEYBALL TEAM held a car wash at Rancho Fiesta located at the corner of South Trimble Rd. and Lexington Ave. on Saturday, July 31. Proceeds will help purchase new uniforms.

Ohio National Guard and Ohio State Defense Force transitioning to smaller COVID-19 response force

The Ohio National Guard and Ohio State Defense Force are transitioning from the emergency COVID-19 response that began in March 2020 to a smaller, yet flexible, response force.

At the request of Governor Mike DeWine, more than 4,000 members have deployed throughout the past 16 months for approximately 70 missions across the state to assist local, county and state partners.

Among numerous contributions, they assisted in providing more than 360,000 COVID-19 vaccinations; received, packed and distributed more than 150 million pounds of food and groceries to over 2.9 million Ohioans; and provided temporary medical staffing to more than 30 long-term care facilities.

"In the tradition of the minuteman, each Soldier and Airman who contributed to the missions while helping their fellow Ohioans did so with little or no notice. It is part of our organization's DNA to always be ready," said Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio adjutant general.

"At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, about 1,000 Ohio service members were deployed to support missions. As of July 19, that number stood at about 180. Among the larger missions was support to 14 food banks, which ended on July 2. Harris has directed the joint task force overseeing COVID-19 missions to continue to scale back and by July 30 was at about 40 personnel, who will continue providing logistics and vaccination support.

Ohio Air National Guard Col. Gregg J. Hesterman, commander of the joint task force, praised the commitment of the men and women who have answered the call to serve during the pandemic, some for more than a year. "I can't say enough about the professionalism from each and every one of the Guard, Military Reserve, and Naval Militia members who have stepped up to successfully complete every mission placed before them," Hesterman said. "While we are scaling back the COVID-19 response, we remain ready to support vaccination efforts and any

additional needs the state may have in the continued fight against this virus."

Federal funding for the mission is scheduled to continue until the end of September. Service members reflect on completed missions Sgt. 1st Class Colin Kelly was one of about 50 Ohio Military Reserve members who completed a three-month deployment on June 30 to help the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services process more than 300,000 pandemic unemployment claims.

"The people who were legitimate, that really need the help, needed the help right now, and the faster we could get to those legitimate claims and get them processed, the better I think all of our soldiers felt," Kelly said.

Ohio National Guard Airmen and Soldiers worked alongside Ohio Department of Health personnel for about year to distribute personal protective equipment statewide during COVID-19 relief efforts. "It's definitely been a rewarding experience," said Senior Airman Briana Staples, assigned to the 123rd Air Control Squadron, based in Blue Ash, while she was still on the mission.

"Knowing that what I'm doing is making an impact on people who live down the street from me and people who live in a different city than me, it feels good."

Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Austin Henry, of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 216th Engineer Battalion, based in Cincinnati, was among those who supported the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction in more than 20 state prisons and the Cuyahoga County Corrections Center in Cleveland during a mission that ended in March.

"I learned a lot and I have a lot of respect for the COs (corrections officers) and what they do," Henry said. "After about a month, a lot of the Soldiers, myself included, started to understand what we were there for and understood that the reason we were there was to assist where needed because corrections officers and staff were coming down with COVID."

Block party celebrates National Health Center Week

Third Street Family Health Services invites the public to its Health Center Week events. "National Health Center Week" (Aug. 8 -14) is an annual celebration with the goal of raising awareness about the mission and accomplishments of America's health centers over the past five decades."

Among these events scheduled are a school supply drive at all Third Street locations. on Tuesday, Aug. 10. School supplies can be dropped off and will be used at the backpack giveaway.

On Friday, Aug. 13, a block party will be held at the 600 W. Third Street, Mansfield location. The center will provide the community with immunizations and school physicals. There will be community vendors, hot dogs, popcorn, food trucks, giveaways, face painting, live music, entertainment, games and more from 10 am to 4 pm.

This week's mosquito spray schedule

Richland Public Health will be conducting mosquito spraying, weather permitting:

Aug. 4 - South of Woodward Ave., North of W. Cook Rd., East of S. Trimble Rd., West of Harter Ave., Mansfield City.

Aug. 4 - South of Chilton Ave., North of Logan Rd., East of Laurelwood Rd., West of OH-13, Mansfield City.

Aug. 5 - South of Springmill St., North of US-30, East of N. Home Rd., West of Trimble Rd., Mansfield City.

Aug. 5 - South of Taylortown Rd., North of Stiving Rd., East of Rock Rd., West of Plymouth-Springmill Rd., Jackson Twp.

Aug. 5 - South of Holtz Rd., North of Myers Rd., East of Laser Rd., West of Bowman St., Jackson Twp.

Alternate date for the schedule is Aug. 6.

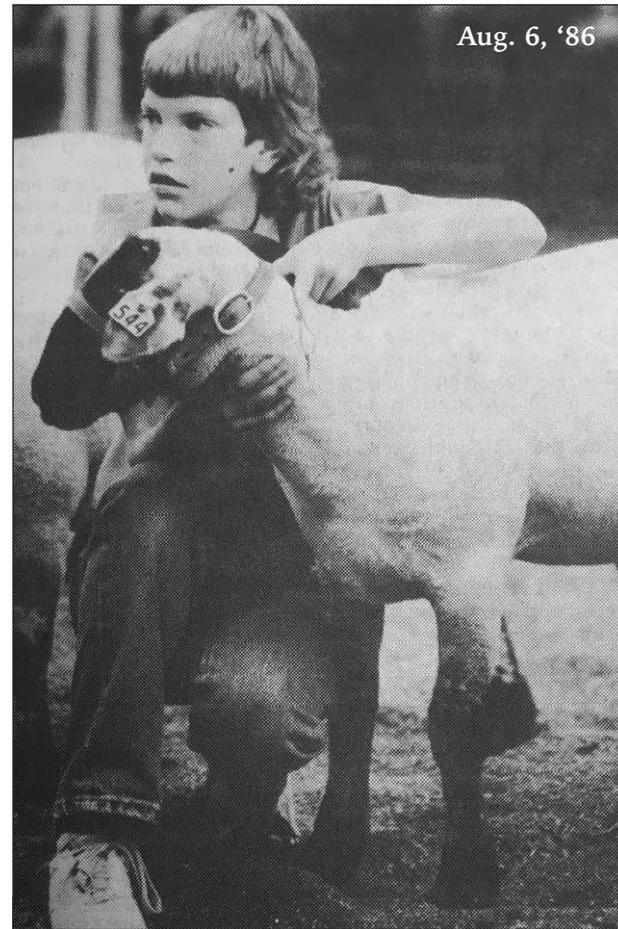
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Marc Stumbo

WALNUT HILLS SWIM CLUB participated in the Laps for Life Swim-a-Thon recently and had these participants on hand for our photographer recently. Pictured are (front) Trent Minor, Scott Stone, Trevor Minor and Shannon Lorenz. In back are Matt Sweeney, team captain Linda Sweeney, Jana Meyer, Melissa Stone, Chris Case, Andy Kershaw, Jill Schenian, Regan Minor and Steve Shoeflet, team captain.



Aug. 6, '86

Marc Stumbo

SECOND SPOT — Jody Alexander of the Springfield Warriors 4-H Club took second place honors during Class 1 of the sheep judging held Tuesday evening at the Richland County Fair.



AUG. 3, 1990 — The Madison Tribune team captured the championship in the "MM" Division in boys baseball. Team members are front, David Lay, David Bosley, Rick Belcher, Jerry Holden, Justin Hunt and David Gray; and back, Coach Jim Robinson, Chad Williams, Andy Wigton, Mike Prosser, Zack Williams, Matt Crowley and Coach Keith Krupa. Not pictured is Ben Henson.



Aug. 6, '86

Marc Stumbo

WINS FIRST PLACE — Chad Swartzmiller of Lexington took first place in the 14 and under junior showmanship competition during sheep judging Tuesday evening at the Richland County Fair. Chad, a member of the Livestock Lovers 4-H Club, is being presented his ribbon and trophy by Beth Williams, Junior Fair Queen second runner-up. Chad's brother Joe took first place in senior showmanship, also Tuesday evening.

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE OF NAME

Applicant hereby gives notice to all interested persons that the applicant has filed an Application For Change of Name in the Probate Court of Richland County, Ohio, requesting the change of name of Menno John Raber to Liam Mark Googins.

The hearing on the application will be held on the 9th day of September, 2021, at 10:00 o'clock am in the Probate Court of Richland County, located at 50 Park Avenue East, Second Floor, Mansfield, Ohio.

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Donors needed as shortage continues

The American Red Cross has an emergency need for lifesaving blood amid the ongoing severe blood shortage. Blood and platelet donations continue to be critical to meet hospital demand and the public is urged to make an appointment to give now.

The Red Cross has been distributing about 12% more blood products to hospitals across the U.S. compared to this time last year. The Red Cross needs to collect more than 1,000 additional blood donations each day to meet the current hospital demand and end the severe blood shortage. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially type O, which stands at just a one-day supply right now.

To thank donors who help ensure a strong blood and platelet supply in August, all who come to give Aug. 1-15, 2021, will automatically be entered for a chance to win an exclusive, VIP trip for two to the sold-out 2021 Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival. Those who come to donate throughout August will also receive a free 4-month subscription offer to Apple Music by email (new subscribers only).

Donors who give now will help stock the shelves as we wind down the summer season. Schedule an appointment to give blood or platelets by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-

800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

In most cases, those who have received a COVID-19 vaccine can donate. However, knowing the name of the manufacturer of the vaccine they received is important in determining donation eligibility.

Wednesday, Aug. 4, 1-7 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario; and 2-7 pm, Lucas Community Center, 252 W. main St., Lucas

Thursday, Aug. 5, 8 am to 1 pm, Shelby YMCA, 111 W. Smiley Rd., Shelby

Sunday, Aug. 8, 10 am to 3 pm, Richland County Fairgrounds, 750 N. Home Rd.

Monday, Aug. 9, 10 am to 3 pm, Richland County Fairgrounds, 750 N. Home Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 10, 10 am to 3 pm, Richland County Fairgrounds, 750 N. Home Rd.; 12-6 pm, Saint Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church St., Bellville

Wednesday, Aug. 11, 1-7 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Thursday, Aug. 12, 12-6 pm, Resurrection Parish, 2600 Lexington Ave., Lexington

Sunday, Aug. 15, 11 am to 4 pm, Richland Mall RSMO, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Township continues hydrant flushing

The Springfield Township Fire Department, in cooperation with the Ontario Water Department, continues flushing fire hydrants. Annual hydrant flushing is critical to ensure the continued reliability of the city's hydrants.

The flushing will normally be done Monday-Friday between the hours of 8 am and 3:30 pm. Some discoloration of water may occur. This is due to sediments and particulates in the water remains that are riled during flushing.

Residents are strongly advised not to do laundry during these hours as this could lead to discoloration of clothing. However, the water is safe for drinking. The water department has special detergent available to remove rust stains from clothing if they are inadvertently soiled.

Week of Aug. 1, Willowood allotment (all) (Lex-Springmill to Home Rd.)

Week of Aug. 9, finish Willowood, Lindaire Ln., N. Lindaire Ln. and W. Fourth St. (all) (Rt. 314 to Home Rd.)

Week of Aug. 16, Rt. 314 (Fourth St. to Park Avenue West) and Park Avenue West (all) (Rt. 314 to Home Rd.)

Protecting Ohioans from predatory payday lenders

By Senator Sherrod Brown

Too many Ohioans fall prey to payday and car title lenders that trap them in a cycle of debt.

Corporations refuse to pay their workers enough to pay the bills, and the big banks won't make small-dollar loans to help people with unexpected expenses - so Ohioans are forced to turn to these predatory lenders.

These loans saddle borrowers with interest rates that regularly top 600 percent, and trap borrowers in a downward spiral. More than 75 percent of loans go to borrowers who take out 11 or more loans each year.

It's why I'm joining a bipartisan group of colleagues to reintroduce legislation protecting all Americans from these debt traps, and this week I held a hearing on our bill, as chairman of the Senate Banking and Housing Committee.

Fifteen years ago, we passed the Military Lending Act to cap interest rates on any loans to active-duty service-members and their families at 36 percent.

Our bill, the Veterans and Consumers Fair Credit Act, would expand those same protections to everyone, limiting interest rates on these small-dollar loans to 36 percent or less.

It would build on the success we had this spring, overturning a rule from the previous administration that would have allowed these shady lenders to evade state laws.

States all over the country, including Ohio, have recognized the need for these consumer protections, and

Week of Aug. 23, Home Rd. (all) and Spring Village Allotment (all)

Week of Aug. 30, make up or repair any outstanding, Nussbaum Pkwy., Friday Ln., Oxford St., Brookside Dr., Willodell Dr., Warren, Westland N. Ireland Blvd. and N. Sunset Blvd.

Week of Sept. 6, make up or repairs, August Dr., Hazel Dr., Briggs Dr., Glenview Dr. and Lex-Springmill (all)

Week of Sept. 13, Walker Lake Rd. and Spring Village Allotment (all)

Week of Sept. 20, Lynn Dr., Woodbine Dr., Maple Ln., Bethel Ln., Scotland Blvd., S. Ireland Blvd., Grace Ave., Stanley Dr., Esther Dr., S. Sunset Blvd. and Creston Rd.

Week of Oct. 4, Kingston St., Mercer Ave., Homewood Dr., Vivian Ave., Frazier Rd., Geary Rd., Clare Rd., Hilltop Rd., Harding Heights, Sloboda Ave. and Chambers Rd.

Week of Oct. 11, Chambers Allotment (all) and Millsboro Rd.

Week of Oct. 18, make-up or repairs. End of season.

moved to crack down. Ohio's 2019 law limits the interest these predators can charge on some small-dollar loans.

Before Ohio's law, there were more than 650 payday or car title loan stores. That number is down now - because their entire business model was built on exploiting people.

The rest of the country needs to follow Ohio's lead, and we need to strengthen protections for all forms of these loans, because too many Ohioans still slip through the cracks. We know the predatory loan industry will exploit every loophole, and use its lobbyists to fight every attempt to rein them in.

We hear from Ohioans all over the state that car title loans are still a big problem. And these loans are particularly damaging, because they often rob people of the only tool they have to pay back the loan - if they lose their car, they lose their job.

Our bill would strengthen protections for everyone, and protect Americans' hard-earned money from these predators that rip them off.

Recycling trailer will be at church

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Aug. 28 and 29. Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps and rinse all containers well.



THE MOHICAN CABLE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE at Mohican State Park in Loudonville cost roughly \$840,000. The project took less than a year to complete and opened in May. The bridge is a 120-foot-long suspension bridge that traverses the Clear Fork River, which has been designated as a State Scenic River. The bridge connects the Hemlock Gorge Trail with the recently restored Gorge Overlook Trail on the south side of the river and links the park's campgrounds to new and existing trails, as well as additional scenic views. The new bridge replaced the original suspension or "swinging" bridge at the site, which washed out more than 50 years ago.

Photos by Jeff Hoffer



4-H News Report

Next Generation 4-H Club met at the Richland County Fairgrounds for its community service night on July 28. The 15 members present worked hard to get the fairgrounds ready for the 2021 fair, spreading gravel and cleaning areas.

The club had pizza for a snack. The next meeting will be on Aug. 4 at the Weller Township Hall.

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