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## Gift of Grain Fund receives first donation and awards grant

The Richland County Foundation Gift of Grain Fund received its first donation of grain. Brian Alt of Alt Farms in Shelby gave bushels of corn to the Foundation's account at Sunrise Cooperative Inc. in Crestline recently. The Foundation sold the corn on the same day as the delivery.

"We are grateful to Brian for making the lead gift of grain. The Board of Trustees wanted to work closely with the farming community and the Gift of Grain Fund is a great way to accomplish that goal," said Richland County Foundation President Brady Groves.

The Gift of Grain Fund Committee also awarded its first grant to the Richland County Junior Fair Board to provide a variety of learning opportunities to Junior Fair exhibitors from 4-H and FFA including clinics, project evaluation, Malabar Fun on the Farm Day, and county fair.

The committee members are Donnie Clark, owner of Elzy Milling and Trade; Jess Ashby, Ohio Department of Agriculture Meat Inspector; Christy Keith, Richland County Fair Board member; and Adam Staley, Clear Fork High School vocational agriculture teacher and FFA Advisor.

Farmers looking to minimize their tax liability while contributing to their community can donate crops to the Foundation at a local elevator. Gift of Grain accounts are set up at Centerra Co-op in Mansfield, Sunrise Cooperative in Crestline, Central Ohio Co-op in Fredericktown/Mt. Vernon, and Poet Bioprocessing in Marion.

Farmers should consult with their tax advisor to determine whether a donation of commodities is appropriate to their tax situation. Contributing to the Gift of Grain Fund allows farmers to avoid the sale of the commodity as income, while the production costs may still be deductible.

The Richland County Foundation Board of Trustees established the Gift of Grain Fund in 2021 with \$15,000 to support local agricultural nonprofits. The fund can accept grain, cash, stocks, bonds, marketable assets, or a transfer from an IRA account from farmers, companies, and individuals. The charitable gift qualifies for the maximum tax advantage available by law.

For instructions on how to make a Gift of Grain, go to the "Ways to Give Smarter" tab on richlandcountyfoundation.org.

## Summer Library Program continues with special guest performances

MRCPL's Summer Library Program "All Together Now" runs through July 29 with many special events planned for patrons.

Readers of all ages can sign-up for the program which offers the chance to win prizes.

Remaining children's programs will include Cooking Caravan the week of July 10. This hilarious game show requires participants to use all five senses to answer trivia questions and compete in physical challenges to win prizes.

Zak Morgan will have programs the week of July 17. Zak Morgan's wit has been compared to Shel Silverstein and Dr. Seuss. He is a Grammy-nominated musician whose unique brand of children's music delivers songs and poems with wit and charm that inspire and tickle the funny bones of children and adults alike. You can expect a fast-paced, entertaining and interactive family concert that creates a world filled with music and imagination.

Visit [www.mrcpl.org](http://www.mrcpl.org) and download the program guides for dates, times and more information.

The summer library program will wrap-up Saturday, July 29, from 10 am to 2 pm in Downtown Mansfield. There will be free activities, giveaways, games, entertainment, bounce houses and more.

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## New Shawshank Bus Tour takes visitors to area filming sites

A new 4.5-hour guided Shawshank Bus Tours is now offered now throughout filming sites for what IMDB ranks as the No. 1 Movie of all time, *The Shawshank Redemption*, which was shot almost entirely in Richland County.

Offered at 10 am Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, with some added at noon on Sundays, the tours are available now through Sept. 3 and take place on a new wheelchair accessible tour bus wrapped with bold images from *The Shawshank Redemption* movie and attractions.

Offered rain or shine to guests 13 and over, this guided bus tour features fascinating stories and a visit to 10 key filming spots from around the county, including Pugh Cabin at Malabar Farm State Park where the opening scenes were filmed.

Another stop is the Bissman Building, which represented the Brewer Hotel where Brooks, played by James Whitmore, stayed and hanged himself soon after being paroled from the Shawshank Prison. The building was also utilized in the film as the front office of the Portland Daily Bugle. Attendees are encouraged to look south toward the City Mills Building at the corner of Fifth and Main Streets where Brooks, suitcase in hand, tried desperately to cross 5th Street on his way to the Brewer Hotel.

Mansfield Antiques Gallery in the Historic Carrousel District, which represented the pawn shop window where Red spots the compass that will lead him to the Oak Tree is also on the tour.

The bus will travel to Central Park in downtown Mansfield, where Brooks sat in Central Park to feed the birds, hoping his pet crow, Jake, will show up to say hello.

Also on the tour is KV Mart, which represented the Food-Way Grocery Store where both Brooks and Red worked bagging groceries as they struggle to adjust to life on the outside.

The tour replicates Red's Road to Buxton Trailways bus ride on SR 95 and Hagerman Rd. in Butler, after being released from the prison.

The group will visit the spot where Red got out of the red pickup truck and the site of the Shawshank Oak Tree where Morgan Freeman's character walked along a hayfield and removed stones from a rock wall where Andy left a letter pointing him to paradise.

Another tour stop is The Renaissance Theatre in downtown Mansfield where the movie premiered in 1994 and guests can explore another fascinating Mansfield Hollywood connection at Malabar Farm State Park.

The 900-acre country estate was home to Pulitzer Prize-winning author, farmer and conservationist, Louis Bromfield. The estate

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**"LEW" RYAN**, 101 years old, put two pennies in the copper cornerstone box at Lexington High School in 1930. He just got his money back recently.

## Final Friday concerts continue

The next Final Friday Concert will be held in the Brickyard in Downtown Mansfield on July 28. The concert will feature music by Kim & Dougie, Sweet Umbra and the Red Ball Jets.

The Brickyard will also host food trucks from Mad Meltz, Deja Food, Miss Lil's Fish, Panchos Tacos, Smitty's and Truckin' Trav.

Remaining Final Fridays will be held Aug. 25 with performances by Mike Riser, Michael Weber and Terry Lee Ridley; and Sept. 29 with David Berry, Triad and Crying Out Loud.

Shows begin each night at 5:30 pm with band changes at 6:30 and 8:30 pm. Refreshments are available for purchase.

Lawn chairs are encouraged. For more information visit <https://www.brickyardmansfield.com/events>.

## Louie Got His Money Back

By Bob Carter

When Louis "Lew" Ryan was eight years old they were ready to lay the cornerstone for the new Lexington Consolidated High School. Consolidated meant that all the area one room schools would close and kids would be bussed to Lexington and a much larger building was needed. Students could also get a high school education free.

Lew and his brother were at the cornerstone laying and each put two pennies in the metal box to be buried inside the cornerstone.

That was in the summer of 1930. This past year, with the erection of the grand new junior high and high school buildings, it was time for the demolition of the 93-year-old yellow brick high school.

When the cornerstone was removed, the old metal box hidden inside was opened and low and behold, Louie got the money back, both two cents worth!

Ryan turned 101 this past March and still drives his 1994 Ford Bronco. It still looks like new and people have offered to buy it.

Most mornings, weather permitting, he walks with two canes, to Kell Hardware on the square where Kell owner Jeff Carter and son Jacob supply a box of donuts or sweet rolls for customers and especially Lew.

There, with a few customers, Lew is open for free advice on car repairs or about anything else. His experience comes from running a Sinclair Service at the east end of Lexington for 31 years. When he started, gas was 18 cents a gallon and 37 when he retired.

The station was torn down when Buck's was built.

Lew was surprised when one day, on his almost every morning arrival at Kell Hardware, a big birthday party awaited him. He had just reached 100. Friends and well wishers greeted him along with the fire department and Lexington Mayor Brian White who presented Lew with a framed proclamation declaring March as "Lewis Ryan Month."

Not many people have celebrated their birthday in a hardware store. Lew can remember when Main Street was paved with brick and recalls the long ago locations of long gone businesses.

He is careful with his diet, no junk food and he tries to get exercise every day. He's a long time member of the Presbyterian Church just up the street and a former Mason and former Grand Mason.

Lew graduated from Lexington High School in 1940, part of a class of 32. Drafted into the Army in 1942, he served as a mechanic in Wisconsin and Illinois. He was lucky and never left the states. He met and married his wife Alice and were married for 70 years until she passed in 2020. They had three children.



**THE CORNERSTONE BOX** at Lexington High School had more pennies than Lew Ryan's, all other donors have passed away.

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# News Briefs

Little Flock Fellowship Church invites all kids ages preschool through sixth grade to attend a Vacation Bible School July 24–28 from 6–8 pm nightly. The church is located at 1149 Co. Rd. 30A, Ashland, just outside of Mifflin. There will be songs, games, snacks, Bible teaching, crafts and prizes with a cookout on Friday evening to wrap up the week. For information call the church at 419-368-7705.

TFC Global Ministry will host a picnic at Shelby Senior Center July 29 from 6–7:30 pm.

TFC Global has been supplying chaplaincy services at the Central Ohio Industrial Park for more than a year. The ministry has met with company contacts to provide chaplaincy services to employees and staff at the COIP complex on a weekly basis.

The ministry also is involved in converting old curbside newspaper boxes into magazine stands that are helping to get the Highway News Magazine into the hands of drivers and others.

The picnic menu is hamburgers, hotdogs, potatoes, coleslaw, chips and drinks. A freewill offering will be accepted to keep the Shelby chaplaincy services open and growing. Ministry highlights will be provided by Stanley Wertz, head chaplain with FC Global Ministry.

All community members are invited. Wertz may be reached at 717-947-8800 or stanleyw@tfcglobal.org.

Donations will help pay for TFC Global's mission to reach professional drivers and the trucking industry for Jesus Christ. Donations may be made to TFC Global, Box 293 Mansfield, OH, 44901.

For information visit <https://www.facebook.com/tfcglobalohio>.

First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Ave. West, Mansfield, offers senior boxes on the fourth Tuesday of each month, year 'round. The Greater Cleveland Food Bank has a program called "Senior Boxes" whereby anyone 60+ who falls in the "low income" guidelines can register and then pick up a 30 pound box of non-perishables including two pounds of cheese and a 15 pound box of pre-packaged produce.

Age is a qualification, so those attending should bring a current identification card complete with date of birth and proof of income. Distribution is on the east side of the building between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm to get registered and pick up a box. There is no cost. Call 419-522-0662 for more information.

The Lexington Area Senior Citizens Inc., invites those 55 and older to attend meetings the third Wednesday of every month at Der Dutchman Restaurant. Lunch begins at 11:30 am, followed by the meeting at 12:30 pm.

The meal on July 19 will include roast beef. The group will play

bingo and those attending are asked to bring a gift marked for a man, woman or either. Cost is \$15 for the meal. Guests are welcome. For information visit [www.lexasc.org](http://www.lexasc.org). Dues are \$10 per year.

North Central Ohio Industrial Museum's Friends of Manufacturing will host its First Annual Manufacturing Retirees Lunch on Friday, Sept. 1, from 11 am to 1 pm.

The lunch is free to the first 200 retirees from the area who are 65 and older and will be held at The Ohio State Reformatory, 100 Reformatory Rd., Mansfield, in the main guard room. Tours of the museum will be given from noon to 1 pm. The meal will be provided by Port-A-Cook. Dress is casual.

For information or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, contact Jerry Miller at [contact@ncoim.org](mailto:contact@ncoim.org) or 419-528-8107.

The Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center will have free produce giveaways on the fourth Monday of the Month, April thru October. Dates will be July 24, Aug. 28, Sept. 25 and Oct. 23. Line-up begins at 8:30 am and the giveaway begins at 10 am at Clear Fork Alliance Church (across from Clear Fork High School). A photo ID is required by Cleveland Food Bank.

A free produce distribution to the community is held the second Tuesday of each month, April through November. The distribution is held in First English Lutheran Church's west parking lot at 53 Park Ave. W., at S. Mulberry St. Hours this year are 10:30 am to 12:30 pm and the food is free to anyone. Bring a valid ID. The fresh produce is provided by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. For information call the church at 419-522-0662.

The Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education will hold its regular July Board of Education Meeting at 6 pm, Wednesday, July 12, in the Pioneer Board of Education Conference Room at the Pioneer Career and Technology Center, Shelby.

The Richland Country Korean War Veterans, Chapter 51, will be hosting a gathering with dignitaries, veterans and families to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice. 300 guests are expected.

Donations are being accepted to help fund the event. Funds collected will help pay for the event space, snacks and drinks, gas money for entertainers and decorations.

The Han Wool Traditional Korean drummers and dancers from Columbus and pianist Miss Lee from Michigan will entertain.

The event will be held July 27, from 2–5 pm at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center, 890 W. 4th St., Mansfield. Veterans and the public are invited to attend but limited seating is available. RSVP to 419-989-0580. To help donate, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/70th-anniversary-ohio-korean-war-veterans>

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# HEAP Summer Crisis Program available for Ohioans

The Ohio Department of Development and the Area Agency on Aging are helping wwincome-eligible Ohioans stay cool during the hot summer months. The Home Energy Assistance Summer Crisis Program provides eligible Ohioans assistance paying an electric bill or assistance paying for central air conditioning repairs. The program runs now through Sept. 30, 2023.

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

Clients need to bring copies of the following documents to their appointment:

- Copies of their most recent energy bills.
- A list of all household members and proof of income for the last 30 days or 12 months for each member.
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members.
- Proof of disability (if applicable).
- Physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for a household member's health (if there isn't a household member over the age of 60).

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (AAA) is a non-profit agency that serves Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca, and Wyandot Counties. We have programs for all ages and income levels; however, we specialize in services and programs for older adults and anyone with disabilities. If you need assistance applying for programs such as HEAP, Medicare, Medicaid, Extra Help, or other programs please contact our office at 419-524-4144 or 800-860-5799.

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

Eligible households can receive up to \$500 if they are a customer of a regulated utility, or \$800 if they are a customer of unregulated utilities such as electric cooperatives and municipal utilities. The assistance is applied to their utility bill, or to purchase an air conditioning unit or fan, or pay for central air conditioning repairs. Ohioans must have a gross income at or below 175% of the federal poverty guidelines to qualify for assistance. For a family of four the annual income must be at or below \$52,500.00.

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

For more information about the features of the Summer Crisis Program and what is needed to apply, contact the Community Action Commission of Richland and Huron at 419-901-9539. To be connected to your local Energy Assistance provider visit [www.energyhelp.ohio.gov](http://www.energyhelp.ohio.gov) or call (800) 282-0880.

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## Church Directory

### Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville  
419-886-4333 • [www.clearforkalliance.org](http://www.clearforkalliance.org)  
Rev. Matt Merendino  
Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor  
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship  
Sunday Evening 6 pm Home Groups  
Monday Men's Group 7:30 pm  
Wednesday evenings: 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting  
6:30-8 pm TeamKID and Youth Group  
Wednesday Ladies Bible Study 6:30-8 pm

### Community Bible Church

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

### First English Lutheran Church

53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield  
419-522-0662 • [www.felc-mansfield.org](http://www.felc-mansfield.org)  
Pastor Miguel Acasta  
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship  
Tuesday Bible Study 1 pm (East entrance)

### Lexington Presbyterian Church

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

### Mansfield 1st EPC

399 Trimble Rd., Mansfield  
419-756-7066 • [www.mansfield1st.com](http://www.mansfield1st.com)  
Rev. Joseph Yerger  
9 am Adult & Youth Sunday School  
10 am Sunday Worship

### Oakland Lutheran Church

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

### Ontario Christian Church

1029 Lewis Rd., Ontario  
419-529-5684 • [ontariochristian.org](http://ontariochristian.org)  
Minister Steve Broughton  
9 am Sunday School  
10 am Sunday Worship

### Ontario United Methodist Church

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

### Southside Christian Church Disciples of Christ

2055 Middle-Bellville, Mansfield  
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Sunday 10:45 am  
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### St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church

1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison) 419-589-2114 • [www.mansfieldstmarys.org](http://www.mansfieldstmarys.org)  
Father John Miller  
Worship: 4 pm Saturday & 11 am Sunday  
5:30 pm Tuesday Worship  
8 am Friday Worship • Faith Instruction & Bible Study on Sunday Mornings

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

68 Park Avenue East, Mansfield  
419-522-2813 • [www.stjohnsmansfield.org](http://www.stjohnsmansfield.org)  
Pastor Faith Prioretti  
10 am Sunday Worship

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## •Shawshank Bus Tour visits sites

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was also the wedding location of Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall and a frequent hideaway for a number of stars during Hollywood's heyday in the 1940s and 50s.

The final stop on the tour includes a full 90-minute Hollywood Meets History walking tour of the Ohio State Reformatory, which starred as Shawshank Prison. The prison's most comprehensive tour, attendees will explore the reformatory's historical prison timeline along with iconic spots, including the warden's living quarters. Guests will check out the new Shawshank Museum and learn about the building's important architecture, how it was saved from the wrecking ball and about other films and music videos shot on site.

To book a bus tour, visit <https://www.mrps.org/tours> or call 419-522-2644.



PUGH CABIN at Malabar Farm State Park was a filming site for *The Shawshank Redemption* film.

## MWCD hikers can win prizes

The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) invites hikers to hit the trails this summer for a chance to win prizes while enjoying time outdoors with family and friends.

The MWCD has partnered with five local schools in a promotion that encourages residents to get outdoors and explore the trails at MWCD parks. With materials given by MWCD, students painted canvases that will be on display on MWCD trails throughout the district. Participating schools and the locations of their artwork are:

- Conotton Valley Highschool: Atwood Lake Park
- Lucas Highschool: Charles Mill Lake Park
- New Philadelphia Highschool: Pleasant Hill Lake Park
- Caldwell Highschool: Seneca Lake Park
- Starlight School: Tappan Lake Park

Guests are encouraged to try and find all five canvases at each of the MWCD parks and can have a maximum of three entries. First prize is \$1,000 cash sponsored by Encino Energy, second prize is a weekend stay at the deluxe log cabin at Pleasant Hill Lake Park and third prize is a one-day boat rental from a MWCD-operated marina.

"We are extremely excited to collaborate with local school districts to encourage people to explore our trails and experience nature at one of our parks," said Ryan McCleaster, MWCD Chief of Recreation. "These students are so talented, so to also have an opportunity to display their artwork in such a unique way is an honor."

The artwork will be on display, and the contest will run until Labor Day. To enter, visit one of the MWCD park locations and search for the canvases on the trail. Once found, take a "selfie", or have someone take your photograph. The photo must include yourself, along with the canvas in the background to prove you found the canvases.

Visit [www.mwcd.org/capturethecanvas](http://www.mwcd.org/capturethecanvas) to enter your information, upload your photo, for contest rules and trail maps. Must be 18 years of age to participate.

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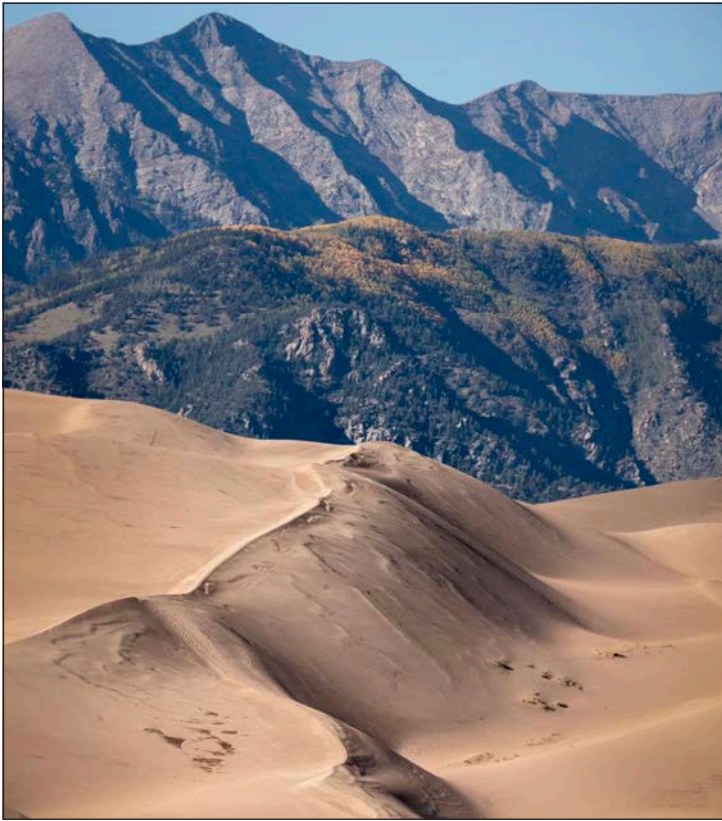
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*Thirty square miles of wind blown sand tucked against the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in Colorado. Dunes reach 750 feet in height • Photo By Mark Shutt*

## Kingwood Live on the Lawn Summer Concert Series begins this Thursday

Kingwood Center Gardens will host its free concert series, Live on the Lawn, on Thursday evenings in July. Concerts begin at 7 pm, with free admission beginning at 6:30.

The 2023 concert line-up includes: July 6, Tom's Kitchen Table; July 13, Conne; July 20, Steve Brown and Friends; and July 27, Just Jazz Live.

Guests should bring their own lawn chairs or blankets. Food and beverage options will be available for purchase. You must be 21 years or older to consume alcohol, and all alcohol must be purchased and consumed on the grounds. No outside alcohol is permitted.

Live on the Lawn 2023 is presented by Modern Woodmen of America Fraternal Financial and sponsored by Pacific Impressions Landscaping, Inc. The media sponsor is North Central Ohio Media Group.

For additional information, including inclement weather location, visit [www.KingwoodCenter.org](http://www.KingwoodCenter.org).

## Hammered flower notecard workshop planned for July 11

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) will be hosting a Conservation Creation workshop on July 11 from 6-8 pm at the Ohio Bird Sanctuary Education Building, 3774 Orweiler Rd., Mansfield.

All are invited and encouraged to attend the workshop. Participants will be making a hammered flower notecard using natural dye from flowers to create a design.

Participants can then keep the notecard or gift it to a loved one by adding a hand-written message.

Mark Hoover from Kingwood Center Gardens will provide a program on flowers. All materials for the workshop will be provided by Richland SWCD. The cost to attend the workshop is \$12 per person and reservations may be made at <https://richlandswcd.net/event/conservation-creation-arts-crafts-workshop/>.

For more information on this workshop and future events visit <https://richlandswcd.net/events/> or call 419-747-8685.

## Summer Courtyard Series continues

This summer, the downtown courtyard at Mechanics Bank will be a lunchtime destination for live music, food trucks and more.

All performances will be held 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

The schedule includes music from Emily Raff and Truckin' Trav on July 14; EKG and Cell Block Café on July 28; Taylor Schlupp and Grunt Grub on Aug. 11; Milo's Music and Mr. Bill's Wood Fired Pizza on Aug. 25; Josh Vanderzyden and Eshelman's Table on Sept. 8; and Tom's Kitchen Table and Pasta by Grunt Grub on Sept. 22.

Guests can come early or stay later and enjoy the courtyard. The courtyard is open every Friday over lunch.

In the event of inclement weather, visit [MyMechanics.com/Live-atLunch](http://MyMechanics.com/Live-atLunch) for updates. Mechanics Bank is located at 2 S. Main St., Mansfield.



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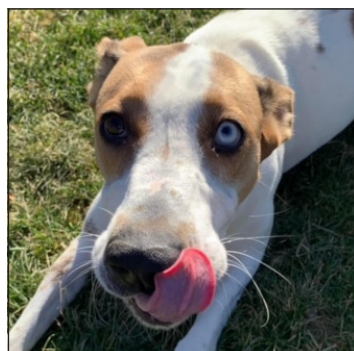
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Margret

Margret is an absolutely phenomenal dog who has been at the shelter since July 6 of last year.

She loves sprinting and being affectionate. She likes to run in circles around people she knows and loves, while occasionally stopping to say hello, give a kiss, and be pet before she takes off again.

She takes treats incredibly nicely. Margret is very people oriented. She loves being close and playing with her friends, al-

though she takes about 30 minutes to warm up to new people.

When visitors come in to meet her, she normally sits by the play room door until they have earned her trust. Margret does pull hard on her leash, but most volunteers think she's so happy to be outside exploring and away from all of the barking.

Margret is around two years old and came in with two dog friends. One was adopted and one was redeemed by an owner that said she didn't know Margret.

Margret seems to be good with other dogs and likes playing with them. Margret frequently lays on her back and shows her belly to dogs she meets. The shelter staff thinks Margret is good with cats. Margret is wary of children, and the staff think she would do best in a home without small children.

Margret available at the Richland County Dog Shelter in Mansfield. Those interested in meeting him or any other dog, can contact or visit the Richland County Dog Warden's Office and Shelter. Hours are 11 am to 4:15 pm Monday-Friday and 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday.

Currently, adoptions are on a schedule, based on the time the dog has been at the shelter. Dogs that have been at the shelter for more than a year are \$50, dogs there more than six months are \$100, dogs at the shelter longer than three months are \$125, and dogs there less than three months are \$150. This fee includes spay/neuter, microchip, dog license, and some vaccines.

The shelter's current needs are volunteers to walk and play with the dogs as well as fill kongs for the dogs to play with when they are in their kennel, help with laundry or dishes, or clean the yard. The shelter uses a lot of bleach, laundry detergent, and dog treats and welcomes donations.

Free outdoor movies offered

The Renaissance Theatre will host free movie nights featuring three Disney and Pixar Movies: *Disney's Luca* and *Pixar's Toy Story*.

Movies will be shown in the Plaza, located between the Renaissance Theatre and Theatre 166, the grassy area visible from Park Avenue West. *Luca* will play on July 19 at 8:30 pm and *Toy Story* will be shown on Aug. 16, at 8:30 pm.

Richland County Foundation's support allows these events to take place. Activities for the family will begin at 7:30 pm, provided by Buckeye Imagination Museum and the Richland Academy of the Arts. Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets. There will be free popcorn.

Pictures on the Plaza is a program directly tied to the mission of the Renaissance to provide experiences that engage everyone in the community.

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**Monday:** Harness Racing, 5:30 pm, Free

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**Thursday:** OSTPA Tractor Pull, 7 pm  
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# Foundation funds Main Street and emerging needs

The Richland County Foundation Board of Trustees approved \$2,141,670 in grants to nonprofit organizations during its June meeting.

Projects at area nonprofit organizations and government agencies that received grants from a combination of unrestricted, and field of interest funds include:

## Mansfield Rising Projects

**Main Street Improvement Plan:** The City of Mansfield was awarded a grant to help fund the updated Main Street streetscape. Investing in Main Street is a high priority action item in the Mansfield Rising Plan.

The project will beautify Main Street, make it pedestrian friendly, add new sidewalks, crosswalks, lighting, waterlines, and drainage system. New brick crosswalks are designed to meet ADA requirements to improve visibility and safety.

A suspended catenary lighting system will be installed over Main Street between 4th and 5th streets and a decorative ring light

will be suspended over the mid-block crossings on Park Avenue between Main and Diamond streets.

**Wayfinding for Main Street:** Downtown Mansfield Inc. was awarded a grant to fund the first phase of a community wayfinding project. Using the principles and guidance from the Mansfield Rising Plan, wayfinding along the Main Street corridor and throughout downtown will be incorporated. The wayfinding will integrate the new brand and highlight destinations and promote downtown districts. It will be visually appealing and interact seamlessly with both pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

## Community Projects

**Richland B&O Connector Trail Tunnel:** The City of Mansfield Engineering Department was awarded a grant to build a pedestrian/bike tunnel under South Trimble Road to connect the bike trail to a walking path. A new 1.1-mile trail will start on the bike trail between Marion Avenue and Deer Park and

traverse a nature preserve to South Trimble Road. The new tunnel will run under South Trimble Road near Akron Children's Hospital and connect to a 1.35-mile walking path along Trimble Rd. into Woodland.

**Sterkel Park:** The City of Mansfield Parks & Recreation Department was awarded a grant for an inclusive and accessible park at Sterkel located off Hollywood Ln. The park will include wheelchair accessible equipment, restrooms, a pavilion, and walking paths with a goal of creating an environment where children of all abilities can play together.

**Research Program:** The National Scleroderma Foundation was awarded a grant to support their work in funding research awards for up to 12 individuals each year who receive the peer-review committee's highest ranking.

The Board of Trustees approved \$868,450 in college scholarships to 278 Richland County students. Scholarships are awarded based on a student's financial need and grade point average. The average scholarship amount was \$3,124.

In addition, the Board of Trustees awarded five scholarships to students attending a career technical education school. The Scholarship Committee implemented a rolling deadline for CTE scholarships to meet various enrollment deadlines. In aligning with Ohio's Attainment Goal, the Foundation wants to help fill the gap between job openings and certified employees as well as lead the way to support workforce development through CTE scholarships.

The Board of Trustees approved grants from donor advised funds which allows individuals and families the opportunity to make grant suggestions to favorite charities. Donor Advised Funds are a flexible and convenient alternative to a private foundation. It is also a way to keep charitable contributions anonymous, at the preference of the donor.

The Board of Trustees approved grants from donor-advised funds to meet emerging needs at Blessed to Run, Buckeye Council Boy Scouts of America, Crawford Partnership, Denison University, Discovery School, Friendly House, Homeward Bound Shelter, Hope Hollow, Lucas Local Schools, Mansfield Art Center, North End Community Improvement Collaborative, Ohio State University Extension Service, Project One, Richland Community Development Group and Village of Bellville.



Sterkel Park



Main St./Central Park



B&O Bike Trail





**Bryan Finger (UH Samaritan Medical Center), Sunny McCarty (ACCESS) and Meagan Petty (ACCESS)**

## Teams tee off during the 36th Annual SHF Charity Golf Classic

Twenty-one teams came out in support of a great cause during the Samaritan Hospital Foundation (SHF) 36th Annual Charity Golf Classic on June 16.

Winning teams included:

Flight A: First place, Ashland ENT, Allergy & Hearing Aid Center, Andrew Stein, Dan Denbow, Chad Honaker and Scott Green; and Second Place: Simonson Construction Services, Inc. – Dustin Beattie, Chad Emmons, Steve Paramore and Randy Heller

Flight B: First Place, Whitaker-Myers Insurance, Chris Vanderzyden, Jake Buckwalter, Seth Buckwalter and Todd Terakedi; and Second Place: Strong Electric, Inc., Sam Long, Ron Streng, Bob Flowers and Jeff Reep

This year's program started with a heartfelt thank you from Dick Beal, president of SHF, and Jerry Seiter, Director of Annual Giving & Special Projects for SHF, to everyone attending and donating to the Charity Golf Classic.

As part of the event, Mona Campbell, Director of Grants and Accounting for SHF, introduced individuals from community projects and the hospital who spoke about the programs benefiting from the outing, along with matching grants from SHF.

Bryan Finger, Director of Clinical Operations, UH Samaritan Medical Center, received \$28,000 on behalf of the hospital for an additional ultrasound machine to enable efficient ultrasound access for all departments.

Sunny McCarty, Executive Director of Ashland Church Community Emergency Shelter Services (ACCESS) and Megan Petty also from ACCESS, accepted a check for \$20,000 to help maintain the shelter with much-needed upgrades and repairs.

ACCESS is a coalition of Christian congregations providing safe, temporary shelter, meals and compassionate assistance to Ashland County women and families needing support to build a more stable future. In one year alone, ACCESS supported 26 families, including 60 individuals and 29 children. To learn more or to make a donation, visit [ashlandaccess.com](http://ashlandaccess.com)

## RRLC ice cream social is July 22

The Richland Rural Life Center, 969 E. Crall Rd., Mansfield, will host an ice cream social on Saturday, July 22, from 4–6 pm

The entrance is located between Stewart Rd. and Rt. 545.

On the menu are shredded chicken, sloppy joe, all beef hot dogs, coneys, cole slaw, potato salad, baked beans, applesauce and homemade ice cream.

All items are sold A' la Carte. Homemade Ice Cream Quarts available for \$4. For information call 419-544-2418 (leave message).

The Richland Rural Life Center is a non-profit organization that supports 4-H and Boy/Cub Scout troops. Proceeds from dinners and events help maintain the RRLC land and facilities.

## CACY issues warning

Community Action for Capable Youth has issued a warning about the drug Xylazine.

Xylazine, also known as “tranq,” is a central nervous system depressant used in veterinary medicine as a sedative, anesthetic and muscle relaxant.

Although not approved for human consumption, xylazine has been linked to an increasing number of overdose deaths nationwide. Use may cause drowsiness, amnesia, slow breathing, slow heart rate and dangerously low blood pressure levels. Studies show the substance has increasingly been found in the illicit drug supply in Ohio, including Richland County, and is frequently mixed with heroin, fentanyl or newsynthetic opioids (NSOs).

In March, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed an executive order directing the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy to immediately classify xylazine as a Schedule III controlled substance, making Ohio one of the first states in the nation to schedule xylazine as a controlled substance drug.

People report using xylazine or xylazine-containing drugs by injecting, snorting, swallowing or inhaling. Repeated xylazine use is also associated with skin ulcers, abscesses and related complications.

According to NIDA (National Institute on Drug Abuse), if a xylazine overdose is suspected, it is recommended to give the opioid overdose reversal medication, naloxone, because xylazine is frequently combined with opioids. However, because xylazine is not an opioid, naloxone does not address the impact of xylazine.

Emergency medical services should always be alerted to a suspected overdose. Prevention tips can be found at <https://prevention-actionalliance.org/about/programs/know/>.

## Tips can help residents prepare for severe weather season

Ohio residents can prepare for outages before they happen by having the following items on hand:

- Fully charged mobile devices and car charger or battery pack.
- Flashlight, portable radio and extra batteries.
- Extra blankets or a sleeping bag for each person.
- First-aid kit.
- Emergency supply of bottled water and convenience foods that do not require cooking.

If there is a power outage, assume all downed or low-hanging power lines are energized and dangerous. Stay at least 30 feet away from the line and anything it might be touching. Report downed lines right away to 9-1-1.

If using a backup generator for emergency power, follow the manufacturer's instructions and use it safely.

Use a flashlight or battery-powered lantern for light and use care when burning candles; open flames are a dangerous fire hazard.



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# Honor and Merit Rolls

## Madison Local Schools

4th Nine Weeks

### ALL A

**Third Grade** — Zella Ball, Ella Barr, Lincoln Bays, Corinne Beal, Isabelle Beatty, Carter Clow, Cade Deems, Ri'khi Evege, Lauren Foster, Jackson Howard, Bryant Hughes, Landon Hunt, Kendle Keirns, James Lang, Ellie Lawhorn, Peyton Meek, Kellen O'Brien, Joel Robertson, Carter Shenberger, Carter Smollen, Hailey Snelling, Emily Spillman, Aubrey Spurlock, Olivia St. Clair, Jaxon Turner, Eliana Wilson and Chazlyn Zehner

**Fourth Grade** — Annalise Barber, Tanner Bays, Jeffrey Brooks, Lily Eckenwiler, Hunter Graham, Asherah Marie Hapin, Klayton Hayes, Hailey Hedrick, Lyra Howell, Makeylan Jarvis, Taelyn Kirsch, Ade-lynn Klecka, Kennadi Knipp, Parker Larsen, Branson Littleton, Gavin Moore, Grant Mountz, Dane Moysi, W. O., Hagen Sauder, Eleanor Sidwell, Sadie Smith, Anthony Weightman, Beckham White, Mackenzie Wiggins, Mckenzie Wingler and Spencer Wynn

**Fifth Grade** — Liam Barr, Jaxson Bennett, Nola Bishop, Katrina Carson, Abbigale Crist, Samara Gillespie, Savannah Hamilton, Kaeleb Llamas, Carson Mcquillen, Carson Mosier, Kathryn Myers, Preston Patrick, Matthew Risner, Natalie Smith, Vincent Studer and Alexander Weightman

**Sixth Grade** — Abigail Anschutz, Jenna Bebout, Makena Berkshire, Lainey Binns, Madelynn Carpenter, Jack Foster, Madison Kliewer, Andrew (Aj) Lowe, Brandon Maglott, Aryiah Miller, Cameron Montgomery, Lillian Mutter, Tavian Porter, Addyson Powell, Gabriel Prater, Miah Reid and Morgan Turney

**Seventh Grade** — Zaylynn Ball, Isaiah Blust, Kaley Bowman, Carter Foley, Cadence Gushard, Journee Jaranowski, Isaiah Jones, Adalynn Jordan, Angel Montanez, Victoria Neal, Joseph Roberts, Khloe Sayre, Gracie Schaaede, Landon Stone and Makenzie Wynn

**Eighth Grade** — Greyson Brasseur-Fisher, Kylie Carroll, Jaselle Clark, Kinley Clow, Samantha Crist, Claire Durbridge, Trenton Ford, Nicolas Gatten, Kennedy Hofer, Santanna Hoffman, Kaiden Koch, Layla Krizan, Evan Larsen, Sophie Lowe, Joshua Maglott, Malachi Marsh, Taylor Mckown, Ashley Nikolaus, Kortney Petrik, Ellie Powell, Emily Saunders, Jaxson Shaffer, Lincoln Shepherd, Isabella Smith, Leia Walker, Lyla Walker and Evan Williams

**Freshmen** — Elizabeth (Libby) Bekeleski, Madison (Maddie) Berry, Myla Blankenship, Caleigh Cook, Morgan Cook, Ty Cooley, Courtney Cyrus, Evan Cyrus, Lillian DeLong, Piper Donahue, Timothy Ellis, Brianna Fidler, Hayden Hatfield, Aubrey Hendrickson, Randy Jamieson, Kalayah Johnson, Kaylin Johnson, Amya Joplin, Campbell Kiser, Bradlee Kotterman, Nicholas Maglott, Aubrey McClure, Owen Morrow, Jada Neal, Jalycia Nelson, Raygen Reiter, Emma Reynolds, Jennah Richards, Zoey Robinson, Aryana Rogers, Elizabeth (Elle) Schwartz, Briana (Bri) Smith, MaRhea Smith, Bryce Speelman, Esther Stanfield, Kaylee Stone, Liam Stone, Bryce Tudor, Ariyah Tufts and Jerry Wertz

**Sophomores** — Shyann Barnhart, Aleigha Bebout, Allyssa (Abby) Blasin, Emily Bogner, Emily Brandt, Paige Darling, Dryden Durbridge, Kaianna Flynn, Ryleigh Foley, Elijah Fox, Wyatt Geiger, Nikkyan Grimes-Pittenger, Logan Hoffman, Ava Huff, Mason Jacobus, Kiarra Johnson, Natalie Markle, Hannah Markley, Gage Masters, Emily Musgrove, Samantha Myers, Isaiah Ortiz-Martinez, Ian Parker, Jordan Parnell, Paige Patton, Dakota Perseitz, Sydney Phillips, Nevaeh Rhein, Meghan Roberts, Alexa Rose, Nicolas (Nico) Rufrano, Faith Sevits, Faith Smith, Emma Stankovich, Layni Stollings and Owen Wigton

**Juniors** — Alivia Ash, Joshua Atwell, Layla Azmoun, Natalee (Nat) Back, Olivia Barley, Tyler Batcheller, Madison (Maddy) Berry, Colin Carroll, James Copley, Callie Cyrus, Lillian Forbes, Jacob Ford, Justin Gibson, Ethan Glasgo, Alisha Hill, Maggie Jones, Amealah Kegley, William Kepple, Kendyll Kershner, Kendall Kuhn, Destiny Lane, Peyton Mandusic, Lydia Markle, Ashley Markley, Trinitey (Trin) Maurer, Aiden Mooneyham, Livia Myers, Kara Nicol, Emily Nolan, Kayla Putney, Kalea Ramsey, Kyleigh Reiter, Megan Reynolds, Evelina Richardson, Shelby Rush, Richard Ryan, Jordan Smith, Sara Smith, Kyerstin Swigart, Isabelle Thoman, Michael Thomas, Ella Walker, Adeline Ward, Karlie Wilson and Mya (Miles) Wiseman

**Seniors** — Morgan Alberty, Gabriella Baker, Hope Barrett, Michelle Beatty, Shawn Berry, Emma Brown, Charese Cogar, Allyson Cook, Evan Davis, Jaylynn Davis, Jonathan Davis, Mylah Davis, Drake Dodd, Elizabeth Enix, Zachary Glasgo, Jacob Green, Brooke Hill,

Owen Hoffman, Aleeyah Holt, Cheyenne Horvath, Lauren Keener, Dalton Knipp, Christopher Kukowski, Sarah Leicy, Olivia Lord, Michael Lown, Owen McGregor, Maya Myers, Aalyiah Nicol, Liam Paxton, Mitchell Russell, Nevaeh Sayles, Olivia Schulz, Madison Sheriff, Melanie Slick, Owen Swanger, Brooklyn Thomas, Logan Triplett, Taylor Tucker, Brayden Valgas, Dustin Wheatcraft, Allyson Wigton and Aiden Williams

### HONOR ROLL (A & B)

**Third Grade** — Jade Anderson, Benjamin Benton, Benton Brandt, Braxton Brandt, Aria Brewster, Jordan Bryant, Amir Byrd, Kingston Cameron, Skylar Carlson, Chase Carpenter, Kaiden Chan, Khloee Darson, Johanna Daugherty, Quinton Davis, Madeline Dunlap, Carter Fields, Zoey Fulton, Peyton Hager, Laila Henderson, Abraham Hinojosa, Naomi Houston, Semaj Hudson-Wilson, Ingrid Keffer, Kailiyah Keith, Bentley Kershner, Hunter Lawrence, Myla Lewis, Isabella Loera, Kerrigan Lukowski, Chloe Manley, Zeke Markley, Lucas Mascazine, Brayden Mason, Miranda Miller, Lily Morton, Sebastian Nelson, Caiden Ousley, Alexis Pace, Jaxson Pennywitt, Hunter Price, Lex Rassavong, Joseph Reddy, Isaiah Reeves, Trysten Reitler, Emily Rush, Joey Sablan, Isaiah Smith, Sophia Smith, Chase Sturgill, Peyton Toon, Harley Ulery, Patricia Walton, Amelia Wamsley, Ace Washington, Kolman Washington, Kristopher Washington, Tyson Wendling, Collin Will, Michael Williams, David Wood and Emilee Zartman

**Fourth Grade** — Aubri Adkins, Za'mya Ajian, Ashley Anschutz, Faith Barney, Eli Bell, Mason Bennett, Jacob Bond, Cody Campbell, Daniel Carpenter, Connor Coey, Delaney Conway, Liam Cushard, Richard (Ricky) Davis, Ezra Dewitt, Jaxton Doyon, Rowland Dulin, Ny'Airah Elliott, Jaevion Endicott, Paityn Erow, Madilyn Fidler, Dashawn Fields, Austin Finley, Lydia Fugett, Kira Gibson, Frehley Gushard, Cale Henry, Ethan Hicks, Daniel Jiang, Amiyah Jones, Colton Kimes, Nevaeh Layne, Ava Liederbach, Milo McCann, Wyatt Miller, Lelia Myers, Rocky Owens, Robert Pipes, Trevor Rock, Addisyn Ruckman, Bry-stol Salsler, Elena Santiago, Harper Sasis, Jocelynn Shaffer, Clayton Shepherd, Lillian Suttle, Madelynn Thompson, Milla Wertz, Myla-Jayne Wilds and Caylee Yeager

**Fifth Grade** — Jayden Allen, Karleigh Anderson, Zane Baker, Gavin Bishop, Bella Blanton, Kailyn Braden, Preston Brannon, Reagan Brooks, Ky-Lyn Byerly, Kwintyn Chan, Kaegan Coffey, Robert (Braxton) Cole, Gannon Conway, Baylee Cushard, Alanic Dasher, Shyan-na Daugherty, Rylie Davidson, Grady Davis, Karsyon Dravenstott, David Elliott, Alyse Emery, Daevon Endicott, Traevon Endicott, Peyton Foote, Ian Forbes, Graysen Grove, Dillon Herder, Jordan Jeffers, Troy Kegley, Izabella Kenner, Eric King, Thomas Kinnan, Gabrielle Kline, Karsynn Lawhorn, Emma Lewis, Kiara Logan, Declan Maddy, Mikah Massey, Liam Miller, Melissa Miller, Macy Moore, Olivia Morris, Rhyland Morris, Ava Owens, Casey Rachel, Madison Redman, Anthony Risch, Alissa Rush, Kendal Shrader, Aryan Spencer, Leo Stantz, Hayden Strain, Shawn Sydnor, Alysia Szasz-Benedek, Jah'kai Taylor, Liahna Tufts, Jackson Turner, Sarah Weightman, Mckenzie Williams, Ethan Wing and, Nevaeh Woods

**Sixth Grade** — Aleah Bara, Ava Bays, Elijah Benton, Jayley Black, Isabella Childs, Noah Cogar-Bays, Chester (Joseph) Conley, Carson Cook, Tynley Cook, Brennan Coulter, Mckenna Crank, Dylin Cyrus, Annaka Dasher, Wesley Dawson, Lucas Eckenwiler, Taevon Elder, Hannah Evans, Gavin Faith, Layla Fliger, Bella Guardola, Shianna Harper, Mckenna Haynes, Kylee Herrick, Solomon Hicks, Colten Hollar, Arenal Hunsinger, Grady Hunt, Bryce Jacobs, Andrew Kippenberger, Lily Ann Klecka, Jordan Lawhorn, Addalyn Lynch, Abigail (Abby) McWilliams, Gabriella Mickouma, Lillian Miller, Hayley Morris, Jalyonna Nelson, Daniel Norris, Savanna Ransom, Branson Robson, Rylan Rush, Trace Schafer, Chloe Schmidt-Payne, Mackynzie Smith, Maddison Smith, Garrett Spiess, Nevaeh Spurgeon, Kamden Stober, Ethan Swanger, Ethan Thedford, Sofia Thompson, Noah Thornberry, Gweneth (Gwen) Urban, Eddie Walker, Alden Washington, Sean Washington, Cameron Williams and Makynli Young

**Seventh Grade** — Adrianna Alexander, Lillie Baker, Hudson Bays, Cohen Brandt, Lilyana Brown, Caliyah Clapper, Jarrod Cyrus, Shi-ana Elliott, Ariel Foote, Chloe Gilbert, Kaleia Gonder, Kayden Graf, Brielle Horn, Haylie Hutcheson, Alexander Jenkins, Carter Kaufman, Alexander Maddy, Aerianna Massey, Taj'a Melton, Everett Murphy, Cameron Musson, Chloe Nicole, Landon Parsons, Rachel Porter, Bryson Smith, Ella Sweval, Jocelynn Teeters, Max Thomas, Lily Warren, Maci Whitesel and Phillip Wiggins

**Eighth Grade** — Zoie Ball, Ivory Balogh, Anna Blanton, Carter Brew-ster, Jackson Brummett, Destini Conrad, Isabella Conway, Brianna Coulter, Thomas Cox, Gage Cyrus, Lucas Davidson, Landyn Dodd,

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# Honor and Merit Rolls

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**Freshmen** — Lilliana Allen, Payton Bartolomea, Megan Bays, Nathan Bittman, Cruz Boggs, Julianna Boliantz, Natalie Brandt, Carter Branham, Gavin Brown, Isabella (Izzy) Brown, Ethan Cates, Haylynn Cherry, Christopher Chinn, Elizabeth Chumbley, Aubrie Clark, Micah Clark, Preston Coffman, Aubrey Conn, Laykin Curry, Emily Daugherty, Calle Davison-Valdry, Hayley Derrenberger, Emma Finley, Camryn Gowitzka, Ashley Gusta, Anaysia Henriquez, Maci Hergatt, Alyson Hoak, Aaron Hughes, Aymiah Jackson, Brennan Johnson, Riley Kallerson, Saharra Keegan, Drew Kepple, Izabela King, Laney Lewis, Taren Lindsey, Isabella Liviskie, Jacob Lord, Zachariah (Zach) Loretta, Christopher Lucas, Nathanael (Nathan) Marks, Drayston Martin, Wyatt Martin, Hunter McConehea, Deont'e McDaniel, Aaron McEndree, Ashton McGlasson, Zoe McQuillen, Bryce Muller, Corey Otey, Andrew Parish, Samantha (Sam) Parks, Olivia (Liv) Penrod, Cameron Porter, Nathan (Nate) Riggle, Lily Sanderfer, Katie Smith, Grace Speelman, Grady Spurlock, Taylor Steffey, Morgan Steward, Kinlei Stoltenberg, Anthony Studer, Zandon Studer, Lucas Swanger, Kya Swigart, Ashton Taylor, Alexander Thompson, Kayzia Thornley, Julius Walker, Audrey Ward and Lillian (Lily) Waxter

**Sophomores** — Draven Anderson, Olivia Artrip, Chloe Babcock, Nathan Baldinger, Jacelynn Barley, Nya Bishop, Aubrey Boliantz, Lillian Brewster, Robert Brown, Aleeya Chelski, Kirsten Clark, Paige (Ryan) Clark, Reagyn Cox, Alexis Craig, Gracie Dotson, Sean Funk, Lucas Garand, Hadley Ginter, Landon Goad, Carter Heimbuch, Ashley Herder, Alexander Hernandez, Derick Hershey, Alyse Huggins, Haylee Isenhardt, Zariah Jackson, Keiaysrah Jones, Olivia Kiley, Cameron Kuhn, Teddy Lane, Makayla Lewis, Veronica Mawer, Gavyn McDaniel, Keira Mooneyham, Rudy Moore, Calvin (Kane) Nelson, Brady O'Brien, Jeremiah (Jeremy) Parsons, Sophia Parsons, Benjamin (Ben) Prater, Josslynn Pryor, Drake Ramey, James Riggle, Emily Ringer, Madison Sackman, Larissa Sarow, Cheyenne Schmidt, Bresendra Shaum, Ellieanna Shindeldecker, Lucas Smith, Trenton Speelman, Rhea Stanfield, Lucas Stollings, Brianna Studer, Leah Thomas, Maggie Thomas, Karis Vega, Heaven Voies, Nathaniel Weightman, Angela Williams and Lela Zehner

**Juniors** — Donovan Adkins, Damien Anderson, Martin Arrinda Cano, Zechariah Artrip-Porter, Isaiah Atwell, Hannah Ball, Allison Bartley, Karsyn Blust, Leighaja Brown, Shaun Cains, Jillian Conard, Brooklyn Coulter, Jacob Dillon, Bekah Duffner, Chloe Ebeling, Matthew Geary, Emalie Green, Arionne Hammock, Lacie Herndon, John Keogh, Nicholas Kindler, Morgan Ladd, Alivia Lee, Andrew Liviskie, Kylie Martin, Naomi May-White, Allie Moysi, Erica Muller, Irelyn O'Connell, Nathaniel Osborne, Savanna Rachel, Alexis (Lexi) Reedy, Ryan Rock, Grayson Sasis, Michael Shenberger, Landon Simpson, Dakota Smith, Troy Smith, Noah Spillman, Marissa Stanley, Damien Stapleton and Haylee Vernon

**Seniors** — Jake Aisel, Riley Auflick, Destiny Bertram, Bethanee Bishop, Nicholas Bishop, Jordin Boone, Brianna Bowles, Trevor Bristow, Emma Conley, Morgan Crank, Trinity Cyrus, Jack Erhart, Kaleb Evans, Juliya Foster, Victoria Freeman, Jayden Goad, Anna Gretzinger, Michele Gretzinger, Alyssa Hughes, Hunter Hutcheson, Tori Jackson, Hayden Jarvis, Howard (Jayden) Jeffries, Autumn Kaufman, Kierstyn Laskey, Piper Lindcamp, Rian Lunsford, Ian McGathey, Jordan Moore, Crystal Murphy, Peyton Myers, David Parks, Clifford Pryor, Mackenzie Ridenour, Wyatt Rivers, Macey Smith, Paige Smith, Jenaca Tatum, Riley Thomas and Tatum Turcott



**RETIREMENTS** — Mike Lyons retired from Ontario Local Schools with 35 years of service. He was a math teacher at Ontario High School. Preschool teacher Connie Brinegar retired with 27 years of service.

## Stewardship celebration continues

The Earth Stewardship Steering Committee will host the 27th Annual Earth Stewardship Celebration through Aug. 1. This celebration is an opportunity for community residents, churches, businesses and organizations to conduct litter clean-up, beautification, recycling and other events to promote a sustainable community.

The 12th Annual Earth Stewardship Take Pride Contest allows participants to take before and after photos of a project and submit the photos by Aug. 4.

A project may include but is not limited to: Litter clean up, tree plantings, beautification projects, butterfly gardens, rain gardens, energy efficiency project, recycling project, native plant/pollinator gardens, removal of graffiti, paintings, park projects and more.

Projects are "judged" by a panel of judges who include leaders in our community, businesses and residents.

Awards are given to the top three places in each category. (Businesses, Government Neighborhood, School, Church/Non-profit organizations). Voters get to choose the People's Choice Award by casting their "vote" via the Facebook page.

Groups can register their project until Aug. 1 and submit photos until Aug. 4. All participants will be entered into a drawing to win prizes. For information call Kim Hildreth at 419-755-9702 or email khildreth@ci.mansfield.oh.us.

Visit the Earth Stewardship Celebration Facebook page to see some past projects and participants. Register projects at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1pTyCUzZX14Etl3oY69PyklfGA-cTxB-2m0W7G5aFvRU/viewform?pli=1&pli=1&edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1pTyCUzZX14Etl3oY69PyklfGA-cTxB-2m0W7G5aFvRU/viewform?pli=1&pli=1&edit_requested=true)

All volunteers will be entered into a drawing for prizes at the Earth Stewardship Celebration Awards Ceremony on Sept. 7.

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**BEFORE THE END OF SCHOOL**, first-grade students from Western Elementary in Lexington prepared for the elementary building merge by writing to and meeting Pen Pals from Central. They toured their new school and stopped by their Pen Pals' classroom. Mrs. Gaither's class came for STEM Box exploration and a read-aloud with Mrs. Winner's class.

## Mind Body Align charitable fund sponsors mindful signs to prompt improved communications and playful learning at museum

When Buckeye Imagination Museum (formerly known as Little Buckeye Children's Museum) began planning a massive expansion in a new facility, many businesses jumped in to help. Mind Body Align, LLC, the leader in providing education that improves the culture of schools, workplaces, and families, collaborated on the addition of interior signs that prompt and inspire mindful interactions among museum visitors.

In all, 21 signs were funded by The Mind Body Align Charitable Fund at the Richland County Foundation and are installed throughout the museum. The Mind Body Align team designed and created the content for the signs using basic principles from their SI-IA award-nominated social and emotional learning program. This program is used in the Mansfield City Schools and in other schools around the region. Teachers using the program report that 94% of students improved in relating to each other, in the regulation of emotions, and in paying attention. Aiming also to support educators, they released a new blended learning educator professional development training which may be accessed at no cost with a scholarship.

"It was great to work with Fred Boll and his incredible team to create signs that encourage healthy interaction and communication among the museum visitors," said Jennifer Blue, president of Mind Body Align. "Shaped like thought bubbles, the prompts are written to harness the essence of each museum exhibit, to encourage the active use of one's senses, and to invite healthy engagement with others."

"It was an honor for us to work alongside the incredible team at Mind Body Align, who are experts in their field, to design these mindful signs and bring awareness, engagement, and more playful learning opportunities to the families we serve," said Fred Boll, Executive Director of Buckeye Imagination Museum.

"Buckeye Imagination Museum and Mind Body Align have a shared goal to create awareness of oneself and others so lives are improved through learning and play," said Annamarie Fernyak, founder of Mind Body Align. "The purpose of the Mind Body Align Charitable Fund is to make funds available for projects that bring critical life skills to everyone. The fund is a vehicle for bringing the proven mental and physical health benefits of mindfulness to others. These benefits include increased joy and job satisfaction and reduced stress, anxiety, and blood pressure."

Buckeye Imagination Museum's new facility, which is an accessible 30,000 square feet, has ample onsite parking, elevators, and large spaces to play, educate, and gather for parties and events.



**ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL** top 10 point earners per grade level for the fourth quarter cashed in their grade prize before school was out for the summer. Taking a trip to the movies were sixth grade students Bryce DeWees, Que Tran, Levi Walter, Mark Porter, Grace Mills, Gordon Wilkerson, Mason Boyd, Graham Thurber, Isabella Sterner (not pictured) and Marisa Rodriguez (not pictured); seventh grade students Sophia Shields, Norah Potter, Kaelin Scott, Ava Farinacci, Leah Ziegler (not pictured), Ella Them (not pictured), Tanner Wittingham (not pictured), Kamryn Pelphrey (not pictured), Elise LeHew (not pictured), Vaydie Schroeder (not pictured); and eighth grade students Emma Bell, Isabella Sorrenti, Alandria Thomas, Kadynce Smithberger, Myah Lynch, Christopher Bradford, Eva Hadsell, Ava Minnich (not pictured), Abby Hart (not pictured) and Yuchen Lin (not pictured).

# Ontario Middle School Fourth Quarter Kona Truck Reward Day



ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL students who finished in the top 60 percent of their class (via their points earned through PBIS Rewards) headed outside for a Kona cup and some sun for their fourth quarter reward before school let out for the summer.





**BRITTANY RHODES** textile students at Ontario High School spent the last few weeks of the school year working with patterns by sewing reversible aprons and canvas drawstring backpacks.

## Directions Credit Union joins Buckeye Imagination Museum for the ribbon cutting of updated post office exhibit

Tuesday, June 20 held a day full of excitement for employees at both Buckeye Imagination Museum and Directions Credit Union. This partnership, beginning in 2018 at Buckeye Imagination Museum's old location on 4th Street, was built around a particular exhibit: The Post Office.

Many families will recall their children running around with various packages, delivering them to various locations around the previous location.

Now, while kids do still run around with deliveries to make, the packages, along with other aspects of the Post Office, are getting an upgrade.

Fred Boll, Buckeye Imagination Museum's Executive Director, said: "We are very excited to be able to work with Directions Credit Union to update the Post Office in a way that families will recognize, but still be excited about."

The official ribbon cutting was held to unveil the updated Post Office to Directions Credit Union employees and their families.

April Monroy, the front desk manager at the museum, stated, "We have a lot of kids that love to play and interact with the post office. By giving this exhibit an update, kids will get to experience the ex-

citement they felt at the grand opening of this building, all over again."

The employees and their families greatly enjoyed seeing the Post Office in its newest state, noting that the exhibit feels like it meshes with the rest of the new building and the rest of the updated exhibits. Children "testing" the new exhibit out seemed to have the most fun at the ribbon cutting, making sure to deliver all of the new packages and mail to various locations in the new building.

Directions Credit Union also sponsors the Museums for All program held at Buckeye Imagination Museum. This program has been greatly impactful towards the many families that cross the threshold of the museum, as it offers various discounts for families that may have economic disadvantage, members that are active duty or veterans, and other circumstances. This program is highly valued at Buckeye Imagination Museum because it supports their mission of providing all children and families opportunities to learn and discover through the power of play.

Buckeye Imagination Museum thanked Directions Credit Union for their continued support through the sponsorship of the Post Office exhibit and the Museums for All program.



## ODH says precautions can help prevent tick and mosquito borne illnesses



**PIONEER CAREER** and Technology Center announced Kate Fetzer as a 2023 Student of the Month. Kate is enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program at Pioneer. She was nominated by Lindi Meisse, Early Childhood instructor. Kate was a junior from Ontario High School this past school year, and is the daughter of Randy and Beth Fetzer. At Ontario, Kate is involved in the Marching Band (Baritone) and at Pioneer she is a member of FCCLA. In the future, she wants to be an exotic Vet Tech and move somewhere warm. She has learned that she enjoys working with kids and hopes to have a job that involves kids too.

This summer, Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Director Bruce Vanderhoff, MD, MBA is encouraging residents to take precautions to prevent tick and mosquito bites and the diseases they may carry.

Most diseases in Ohio that are caused by the bite of infected ticks happen between spring and fall when ticks are most active. The most common disease spread by ticks in Ohio is Lyme disease, which has been increasing in Ohio in recent years. There were 552 cases reported last year and 121 so far this year.

Mosquitoes are also active during warmer months, and some can carry diseases. Last year, there were seven West Nile virus cases, including one death, and 13 La Crosse virus cases in Ohio. Most people infected with these viruses do not have symptoms, or have only mild symptoms like fever, headache, nausea, and vomiting. In rare cases, they can cause severe disease.

“Of course, we want Ohioans to enjoy the outdoors in the summer months as part of an active, healthy lifestyle, but you should be thinking about protection against ticks and mosquitoes,” said Dr. Vanderhoff. “Taking simple precautions can prevent potentially serious diseases.”

ODH tracks tick- and mosquito-borne disease activity. Being aware of this activity in your area allows you to take steps to protect yourself and others.

Tips to avoid mosquito bites include:

- Use EPA-registered repellents when going outdoors according to label instructions.

- Wear light-colored clothing, long sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors.

- Consider avoiding outdoor activities during peak mosquito biting hours (dusk to dawn).

- Mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing, so spraying clothes with an EPA-registered repellent will give extra protection.

- Help reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home by emptying standing water on a regular basis from flowerpots, gutters, buckets, pool covers, pet water dishes, discarded tires, and bird baths.

Tips to protect from ticks include:

- Avoid wooded and brushy areas with high grass and leaf litter.

- Walk in the center of trails.

- Use insect repellents registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) labeled for use against ticks on exposed skin for protection that lasts several hours. Always follow the product label.

- Tuck pant legs into socks or boots and tuck shirts into pants to keep ticks on the outside of your clothing.

- Light-colored clothing will help you spot ticks more easily.

If a tick is attached skin, the best way to remove it is to use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible. Pull away from the skin with steady, even pressure. Wash hands and the bite area with soap and water.

If bitten by a tick, watch for symptoms such as fever/chills, aches and pains, or rash. See a healthcare provider if these symptoms are experienced.

For more information on ticks, mosquitoes and the diseases they can carry, visit [www.odh.ohio.gov/ticks](http://www.odh.ohio.gov/ticks) and [www.odh.ohio.gov/mosquitoes](http://www.odh.ohio.gov/mosquitoes).



**ZACK CANFIELD**, a sixth-grade teacher at Ontario Middle School, was named the Graduate Student of the Year at Ashland University.

### Pioneer students place at competition

Results and Pioneer Career Technology Center announced placers from the SkillsUSA competition in Columbus.

Max Aichholz, a senior at Buckeye Central, earned Silver in Masonry.

The team of Monroe Bolen, junior, Ontario; and Keaton Cooper, junior, Colonel Crawford, earned Silver in Television/Video Production.

The team of Lillian Ebner, junior, Galion; Kamryn Gill, senior, Lexington; and Rachael (Gail) Sparks, junior, Galion, earned Bronze in Career Pathways Showcase Arts and Communications.

The team of Charles Naylor, junior, Northmor; Grant Powell, junior, Crestview; and Xander Fauser, junior, Colonel Crawford, placed fourth in Welding Fabrication.



**DRUG FREE SENIORS** at Ontario High School visited elementary students before the end of the school year.



Ontario Middle School Seventh Grade Science Awards



Ontario Middle School Eighth Grade April and May Students of the Month  
Skylie Salmons, Trenton Mitchell and Paige Weiler  
(Owen Walter not pictured)



Ontario Middle School Perfect Attendance for the 2022-'23 School Year  
Morgan Grubaugh, Grace Horning and Mitchell Ye



Ontario Middle School Eighth Grade All A Honor Roll

## Ontario Lions collect eyeglasses for Lions Recycle for Sight Program

The Ontario Lions Club collects eye glasses for its recycling program. Refractive errors can be easily corrected with eyeglasses, yet millions living in low and middle income countries lack access to basic eye care services.

Lions have recognized the urgent need for corrective lenses and collect usable glasses for the Lions Recycle For Sight Program.

Local eye glass box locations include, Dr. Harold Ballitch, MD, 1991 Park Avenue West, Ontario; Dr. Kevin Brown, OD, 1260 Lexington Ave. Suite 2, Mansfield; Park Avenue Vision Clinic, 484 Park Avenue West, Mansfield; Shawnee Optical, 803 N. Lexington-Spring-

mill Road, Ontario; First Federal Bank of Ohio, 1728 W. 4th Street, Ontario; Sutton Bank, 863 N. Lexington-Springmill Road, Ontario; Wappner Funeral Directors, 98 S. Diamond St., Mansfield; Wappner Funeral Directors, 100 S. Lexington-Springmill Rd., Ontario; VA Out-patient Clinic, 1025 S. Trimble Rd., Mansfield; G & M Body & Paint Shop, 1689 W. 4th St., Ontario; Ohio Health Fitness Center, 1750 W. 4th St., Ontario; Stingel Elementary, 426 Shelby-Ontario Rd., Ontario; Ontario Middle School, 447 Shelby-Ontario Rd., Ontario; Ontario High School, 467 Shelby-Ontario Rd., Ontario; Ontario Senior Civic Center, 3777 Park Avenue West, Ontario.





**OLD GLORY DISPLAYED IN SHELBY**

## Ohio Chamber Rolls out Crime Task Force

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce recently rolled out its newly-created Crime Task Force, pulling together representatives from the retail community, along with state and county law enforcement officials, in an organizational meeting. The body will meet over the coming months to examine retail theft and other incidents of crime across Ohio that can throttle commercial growth.

“The safety of our communities remains fundamental to our state’s ability to attract and retain businesses and that makes it a priority for the Ohio Chamber,” Ohio Chamber CEO Steve Stivers said. “The State of Ohio has made it clear that the issue of public safety is a priority, making over \$100 million in grants available to local law enforcement; however, there is still more work to be done.”

This new task force was formed on the heels of an October 2022 study commissioned by the Ohio Chamber, where 62% of businesses surveyed responded that rising crime is keeping businesses from expanding. The task force is being led by former U.S. Attorney David DeVillers of Barnes & Thornburg LLC and retired Judge Scott VanDerKarr and the committee is made up of members from the Ohio Attorney General’s office, representatives from corporations, as well as Prosecutors Julia Bates and Missy Powers.

“I look forward to working with this knowledgeable group to provide input on improving safety and lowering crime for businesses in Ohio,” DeVillers said. “It is what I have done the vast majority of my career and I believe this task force will come up with commonsense policy recommendations that will make a positive impact for the State of Ohio.”

The goal of the committee is to affect new legislation to discuss criminal justice reforms, prosecutorial authority and new or enhanced penalties to produce recommendations for the Ohio General Assembly. In the inaugural meeting a number of issues were discussed including cross jurisdiction prosecution, aggregation of multiple thefts and the use of R.I.C.O. laws.

The Ohio Chamber is the state’s leading business advocate and represents thousands of companies that do business in Ohio. Our mission is to aggressively champion free enterprise, economic competitiveness and growth for the benefit of all Ohioans.

## Tips given for summer traveling with pets

By Kim Salerno, CEO/Founder TripsWithPets, Inc.

Summer is a season of travel. More people hit the road during the warmer months, whether to visit friends and family, explore new places, or go on outdoor adventures. Many summer travelers are bringing their pets along. But are pet parents taking enough precautions to keep everyone in their car safe?

Drivers often think nothing of adjusting the GPS system, changing music or petting a furry passenger while on the road, but the implications of taking eyes off the road, hands off the wheel or minds off of driving, can be very serious.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), distracted driving and a failure to pay attention to road and traffic conditions cause 25–30 percent of police-reported traffic crashes, which add up to roughly 1.2 million crashes each year. In addition, the National Highway Traffic Administration, or NHTSA, notes that roughly 20 percent of car accident injuries involve distracted driving.

Distracted driving is of most concern in summer, when it typically reaches its peak as more younger drivers take to the road, and more people in general take the opportunity to travel, explore or visit family. Traveling with pets compounds this concern, as unrestrained pets can both cause distractions and make accidents more dangerous.

“Pets can easily take a driver’s attention from the road, posing a serious risk not only to the pet but also to the passengers riding in the same vehicle,” says Michael Leung, co-founder and lead product designer of Sleepypod, a manufacturer of premium pet carriers and pet restraint systems. “If there is nothing restraining a pet in a hard stop or car accident, the pet can become a projectile and potentially collide with fellow pets or human passengers.”

Such a collision could be catastrophic, regardless of a pet’s size. A 10-pound dog in a 50-mile-an-hour car crash exerts 500 pounds of force. Meanwhile, an 80-pound dog in a 30-mile-per-hour crash exerts 2,400 pounds of force.

Unrestrained pets may also fall or jump out of open windows or flee the car in fear after a crash, potentially becoming lost, injured or worse. A pet restraint can make all the difference in preventing distracted driving and keeping human and pet passengers safe.

An American Automobile Association survey found that, while more than 80 percent of drivers admitted that they recognize the dangers of driving with an unrestrained pet, only 16 percent used a restraint.

Leung spearheaded Sleepypod’s rigorous advanced crash-testing program, which includes a large and growing family of crash test dummy dogs and cats featuring sensors and monitors that measure car crash and pet restraint data. In addition, he and his research and development team gather real-life accident data through Sleepypod’s Crash Replacement Program, which offers customers who have used a pet safety restraint while in an accident replacement pet restraints or discounts on new pet restraints.

Pets should always be restrained in a back seat to prevent them from injury if an airbag is deployed. Those who cannot restrain a pet with a reputable, tested, car restraint, the next safest option is to place your pet in the footwell behind the front seat.

Smaller pets are safer when fully contained in a restrained carrier, while larger dogs should ride in a car safety harness that does not connect the pet with an extension tether.

Pets should be unable to slide forward far enough to “submarine,” or drop off the seat, at any point during a collision.

Securing pets is the best way to ensure you and your pets have happy, distraction-free travels during summer, and all year round.

## Recycling trailer coming July 29, 30

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, July 29 and 30. Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, broken down cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper.

Remove caps and rinse all containers well.

### Samaritan Hospital Foundation awards scholarships to local grads

The Samaritan Hospital Foundation is offering scholastic awards to local graduates residing in Ashland County, UH Samaritan Medical Center employees and their immediate family members. To be eligible, applicants must be currently enrolled or accepted in an accredited program in the areas of nursing, medicine, or allied medical studies.

This year, Samaritan Hospital Foundation (SHF) once again increased its support for the next generation of nursing and allied medical students by increasing total grants to the highest amount to date, reaching \$103,000 in scholastic awards supporting thirty-nine local students.

The Foundation gave several different types of awards this year. The Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Scholastic Award was awarded to Tiffany Callahan; the Gounder & Ponnammal Scholastic Award went to Alayna Furr; the Elizabeth Myers Mitchell Scholastic Award went to Cody Luke and Ramey Adkins; and the Alice E Stinchcomb Award was given to Allison Kandel. The Nancy J. Stockwell Scholastic Award is helping five students with their education this year: Tiffany Callahan, Anthony Baumann, Alison Barr, Amanda Finger, and Alexis Starner. The SHF North Central State College Scholastic Award went to three deserving students: Miranda Porter, Marissa Porter, and Summer Pressley. The SHF Ashland County West Holmes Career Center Health Technology Award was given to Kylie Snively. The SHF Presidential Scholastic Award was awarded to Elysia Zehner.

Twenty-three students received Samaritan Hospital Foundation Scholastic Awards, including: Eli Moss, Griffin Adkins, Emma Flinner, Sophia Goon, Cameron Slotter, Kamden Mowry, Frances Dinsmore, Alexander Becker, Ashley Sparks, Maxwell Zywicca, Aubrianna Lugli, Andrew Fulk, Payton Fickes, Sophia Ediger, Alena Wasielewski, Chloe Smith, Katia Ringler, Ellison Kerschner, Taylor Garver, Sidney Fry, Nathan Meikle, Megan Chance and Cayla Bohl.

### Senate advances bipartisan bills to combat fentanyl and hold bank executives accountable

By Senator Sherrod Brown

This week we made major progress on two bipartisan bills to make our communities safer and our economy fairer.

I chair the Senate Banking and Housing Committee, and this week we unanimously advanced the FEND Off Fentanyl Act, to impose new, more powerful, sanctions targeting the illicit fentanyl supply chain – from the chemical suppliers in China, to the cartels that traffic the drugs from Mexico.

Over the last two months I've been all over Ohio, talking with law enforcement and local advocates about what a difference this bill will make in helping stop the flow of dangerous fentanyl into our communities.

We have built a large, diverse coalition pushing for this bill – we have the support of sheriffs and police officers and leaders in the addiction treatment community. Nearly two thirds of the Senate has signed on as cosponsors. I'll be pushing to get this voted on in the Senate soon, and signed into law, to get Ohioans on the frontlines of the addiction crisis the support they need.

This week we also advanced the RECOUP Act with overwhelming bipartisan support — my bill with Ranking Member Tim Scott in response to the bank failures this spring, to impose real consequences on bank executives who gamble with customers' money.

Executives at Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank pushed their banks to grow too big, too fast. They made risky bets. And they put people's money at risk, including small businesses in Ohio.

It's the Wall Street business model: executives put short-term profits – and their own compensation – above everything else. Ohio small businesses and workers should not be forced to pay the price for other people's risky bets that don't pay off, whether they're on Wall Street or in Silicon Valley. We want to ensure that bank executives will face real accountability for gambling with customers' money.

Our bill would increase and strengthen penalties against bad actors, require banks to adopt corporate governance and accountability standards, and provide new authority to ban or remove executives who fail to appropriately oversee and manage their banks.

To most Americans, the lack of Wall Street accountability tracks with their entire experience with our economy. Workers face the consequences for bad decisions made in corporate boardrooms. The executives who made those decisions ride off into the sunset.

Ohioans will never forget that, by and large, the Wall Street executives who caused the 2008 financial crisis didn't face any consequences. Their profits and bonuses weren't clawed back.

We cannot – we will not – let that happen again. Both of these bills are priorities to address real challenges I hear about from Ohioans. We need an economy that works for everyone – not just powerful bank CEOs – and we need to do more to stem the flow of dangerous, illegal fentanyl into our communities.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### CITY OF ONTARIO GENERAL LABORER POSITION

The City of Ontario, an Equal Opportunity Employer, currently has an opening for a General Laborer in the Service Department. Duties may require operation of hand and power tools, heavy equipment, capable of lifting 50 pounds or more, working in inclement weather or other unpleasant conditions and call-in on short notice. Overtime is likely. A valid driver's license is required. We offer an excellent benefit package.

Applications may be picked up at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, beginning June 9, 2023, and must be returned by July 12, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., in a sealed envelope addressed to the Civil Service Commission-General Laborer Position. Applications are available online at ontarioohio.org. The Civil Service examination for General Laborer will be held Sunday, July 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m., at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, 44906.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
(T-C 6-15, 22, 29 and 7-6 '23) 31L

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Council of the City of Ontario, Ohio, at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 North Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, for the proposed 2024 Tax Budget of the City of Ontario. All persons interested in this issue are invited to attend and express their views.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
(T-C 6-29, 7-6 '23) 14L

### LEGAL NOTICE

In the Matter of the Adoption of Axl Gene Marain Case Number: 20235039 Richland County Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division.

Marie Elizabeth Lahrmer whose last know address is unknown, is hereby notified that on the 8th day of June a petition was filed in the Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division, Richland County, Ohio, 50 Park Ave. East, Mansfield, OH 44902, being Case No: 20235039, for the adoption of Michael Axl Young and alleging that your consent as parent of said child is not necessary because you have failed without justifiable cause to provide no more than de minimis contact with minor or to provide for maintenance and support of said minor as required by law or judicial decree for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the filing of the adoption petition or

placement of the minor in the home of the petitioner. A consent hearing will be held on the 26th day of July, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock A.M. and the best interest hearing will be had on the 30th day of August, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. before the Judge of said Court at 50 Park Avenue East, Mansfield, OH 44902.

IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE PETITION WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER THE PROOF OF SERVICE OF NOTICE OF THE FILING OF THE PETITION AND OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING IS GIVEN TO YOU. IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION, YOU MUST ALSO APPEAR AT THE HEARING AS SET OUT ABOVE.

A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION MAY BE ENTERED IF YOU FAIL TO TIMELY FILE AN OBJECTION AND/OR APPEAR AT THE HEARING.

KELLY L. BADNELL  
Judge, Court of Common Pleas,  
Probate Division, Richland County, OH  
(T-C 6-22, 29, 7-6 '23)

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Council of the City of Ontario during a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, upon a proposal to amend City Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 1145.18 Off-Street Parking Requirements.

The City of Ontario Planning Commission has recommended in favor of these changes.

All persons interested in these issues are invited to attend and express their views.

Cathy VanAuker, MMC  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
(T-C 6-29, 7-6 '23) 20L

### LEGAL NOTICE

The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their regular meeting held on June 21, 2023.

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-09 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE SERVICE DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, AMENDING JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE STREETS DEPARTMENT HEAD AND PARKS FOREMAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, Ohio  
(T-C 6-29, 7-6 '23) 23L

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids for the Bicentennial Park Courts, Village of Lexington, Ohio will be received by the Village of Lexington, Ohio at the office of the Administrative Director at 44 West Main Street, Lexington, Ohio 44904 until 10:00am, local time July 20, 2023, 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 [mrfener@kemccartney.com](mailto:mrfener@kemccartney.com).

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities. Contract will be awarded based on the lowest and best bid. The Village of Lexington 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 Village of Lexington.

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 October 31, 2023.

Brenda Wilson  
Clerk of Council  
Lexington, Ohio  
(T-C 6-29, 7-6 '23) 58L

### LEGAL NOTICE

The Springfield Township Trustees, Richland County, Ohio invite asphalt contractors to bid the Township's road work for 2023. Sealed bids will be accepted until 6:30 p.m. on July 24, 2023 at the Trustee's Office, 3700 Park Avenue West Ontario, Ohio 44903 at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the Fiscal Officer.

Improvements with "Chip & Seal" will be according to specifications available at the Trustees Office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday Beginning July 10, 2023.

The Road Foreman will be available to answer questions at (419-529-2565).

All bids must be accompanied by a personal tax statement in accordance with state law and Ohio Workers Compensation and prevailing wage rate. Each bid will include a 10% bid bond as required by R.C. 153.54. Bids shall be clearly marked "2023 Road Improvement".

The Springfield Township Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids. All materials and equipment must meet state standards. The Trustees reserve the right to add or delete roads to stay within budget. The completion date is September 29, 2023.

Anita Kochheiser  
Fiscal Officer  
Springfield Township  
Ontario, Ohio  
(T-C 6-29, 7-6 '23) 38L

## Ohio EPA Awards \$816,000 in grants for mosquito control

Forty-six local health departments and municipalities across 41 Ohio counties are receiving \$816,000 in grants from Ohio EPA for mosquito control activities, including \$127,000 to remove scrap tires, which can become breeding grounds for mosquito larvae. The funding will help mitigate the spread of mosquito-borne viruses such as Zika, West Nile and La Cross Encephalitis.

In Northwest Ohio, 11 county and city health departments are receiving grants. They are:

- Ashland County Health Department, \$25,000
- Erie County Health Department, \$15,230
- Galion City Health Department, \$13,000
- Hancock Public Health, \$24,360
- Henry County Health Department, \$8,400
- Ottawa County Health Department, \$16,370
- Richland Public Health, \$14,980
- Shelby City Health Department, \$11,700
- Village of Liberty Center, \$15,340
- Village of Pemberville, \$7,460
- Wood County Health Department, \$20,000

Mosquito control grants specifically target, mosquito surveillance, larval control, adult mosquito control, such as spraying where mosquito presence poses a risk to public health, community outreach and breeding source reduction including trash or tire removal.

Grants are issued in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Health's larger effort to mitigate outbreaks of mosquito-borne viruses.

LOOKING BACK • THIS WEEK IN TRIBUNE-COURIER HISTORY



MISS ONTARIO CONTESTANTS presented a production number at the pageant's opening ceremonies Saturday night. The number, "Fly Me to the Moon," included all nine contestants. From the left are Pam Bowman, Sandy Myers, Barb Connell, Linda Norris, Cathy Pruner, Lynn Glowski, Ruth Bice, Joan Gilger and Mary Stoffer. Photo By John Watkins



DERBY CHAMPION — Lexington's David D. Thrums, 13, reigns as this year's Fun Center Soap Box Derby Champion after a record-setting run Sunday. Davidson Realty, a Lexington realty firm, sponsored the Lexington youth. David also was the winner of the "best designed racer" award.

**This Day in History** — On July 6, 1775, one day after restating their fidelity to King George III and wishing him "a long and prosperous reign" in the Olive Branch Petition, Congress sets "forth the causes and necessity of their taking up arms" against British authority in the American colonies. The declaration also proclaimed their preference "to die free men rather than live as slaves." As in the Olive Branch Petition, Congress never impugned the motives of the British king. Instead, they protested, "The large strides of late taken by the legislature of Great Britain toward establishing over these colonies their absolute rule..." Congress provided a history of colonial relations in which the king served as the sole governmental connection between the mother country and colonies, until, in their eyes, the victory against France in the Seven Years' War caused Britain's "new ministry finding all the foes of Britain subdued" to fall upon "the unfortunate idea of subduing her friends also." According to the declaration, the king's role remained constant, but "parliament then for the first time assumed a power of unbounded legislation over the colonies of America," which resulted in the bloodletting at Lexington and Concord in April 1775. At this point, Congress assumed that if the king could merely be made to understand what Parliament and his ministers had done, he would rectify the situation and return the colonists to their rightful place as fully equal members of the British empire. When the king sided with Parliament, however, Congress moved beyond a Declaration of Arms to a Declaration of Independence.