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## Buckeye Imagination Museum ceremony celebrates opening of second floor

Photos and Article By Traci Little

A private ribbon cutting event took place last Tuesday evening, Aug. 8, to celebrate the opening of the second floor at the Buckeye Imagination Museum. This was special ceremony for donors and community leaders that proved to be a joyful celebration.

Growing families are looking for a safe place where they can all play and have fun together! The Buckeye Imagination Museum has created a very special place to do just that!

Buckeye Imagination Museum's mission is to provide children and families opportunities to learn and discover through the power of play.

Executive Director, Fred Boll, said this project was eight years in the making. Opening up this second floor is another big step for the museum.

The museum is grateful for the support of its sponsors, who have played a vital role in making the vision a reality. The joint capital campaign between the Renaissance Theatre and Buckeye Imagination Museum to create the Imagination District started under Mike Miller's leadership. Miller was the previous CEO of the Renaissance Theatre and now

serves as the CEO of the Imagination District Alliance.

He had this to say, "I want to personally thank all of the donors, individuals and everyone that made this happen," he said. "When Fred and I started this, it had really never been done before. Part of what non-profits should do is help each other out. This has really been a fabulous project."

"The mission of the museum has always been to empower families through the power of play," Boll said. "All the research shows families that play together stay together. This was one of the big reasons we moved, because as kids started getting older, people didn't bring them to the museum as much. But now, you can bring your entire family and your entire family can play together."

It is truly a beautiful and bright location, full of natural light and vibrant colors. Local Artist, Allison Pence, created a colorful and stylized Mansfield mural, the laser room with the interactive "kind" and "bubble" wall, and the "dojo" room which includes the bamboo wall and rock climbing wall.

The Buckeye Imagination Museum's first floor is targeted toward kids ages 2 to 10,

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## Ontario Schools open for new school year

The Ontario Local School Board met Aug. 8 to prepare for the new school year. Ontario will welcome back students on Aug. 17.

At the meeting, the board approved the resignation of Jennifer Rainey, OMS Cook, who retired, effective July 27 and Stacy Hohman, playground aide, who retired effective Aug. 1.

Hired for the new school year are David Wolbert, percussion coach, \$2,288; Robey Bolen, OHS Fall Facility Coordinator, 20%, \$953; Pete Brophy, OHS Fall Facility Coordinator, 35%, \$1,667; Jamee Burke, OHS Fall Facility Coordinator, 30%, \$1,429; Evan Booker, OHS Fall Facility Coordinator, 15% \$715; Heath Sager, OMS Fall Facility Coordinator, \$2,861; Annalee Stover, OMS Concessions Activity Coordinator, \$2,080; Andy Studer, OMS 8th Grade Football, one of five sharing four positions, \$2,794; Vinnie Sansalone, OMS 7th Grade Football, one of five sharing four positions, \$2,794; Michael Thoma, OMS 7th Grade Football, one of five sharing four positions, \$2,794; Kyle Ward, OMS 7th Grade Football, one of five sharing four positions, \$2,964; Ryan Sowards, 8th Grade Football, one of five sharing four positions, \$2,964; Stiles O'Brien, OHS Football Assistant, one of three sharing two positions, \$3,176; Ron Skelton, OHS Football Assistant, one of three sharing two positions, \$3,176; Preston Alterio, OHS Football Assistant, volunteer; Joe Baumgard, OHS Football Assistant, volunteer; Evan Booker, OMS Football Assistant, volunteer; Mark Genders, OMS Football Assistant, volunteer; Alan Miller, OMS Football Assistant, volunteer; Gianna Gallo, OMS Cheer Advisor, \$1,747; and Morgan Eckert, OHS Volunteer Cheer Advisor.

The board approved adjusting the salary of Michelle Smith to reflect Master's instead of Master's + 10 on the salary schedule, effective with the 2023-'24 school year, \$62,061.

Substitute classified staff personnel employed for the 2023-'24 school year are Melinda Saltzger, cook and custodian; and Steve

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# It was in the Newspaper

By Bob Carter

Old newspapers are a curious thing to read. Found in the bottom of an old dresser drawer or library files, devoid of recent events, they often perk one's mind and give a side trip into days gone by. What an unusual life some folks lived in. What were they doing?

The October 1878 issues of the *Mansfield Herald* contained the following awry of news and notices;

"In our reference last week to the magnitude of business of the cracker bakery of Crawford and Zellers, we said last winter that they made as high as thitry-seven barrels of crackers daily, whereas we should have said they consumed as high as thirty seven barrels of flour daily. The bakery at present is making between one hundred and one hundred fifty barrels of crackers daily." (Note: this was the beginning of Nabisco.)

"It has been the custom in many parts of the country, to decorate the churches at harvest time as a token of gratitude for the goodness of the Great Giver. The ladies of the Congregational Church will give a festival in the church parlors on Wednesday evening, Oct. 23, at which time they will be happy to see all their friends and serve them the finest oysters of the season. Admission ten cents."

"Henry Carroll, charged with burglarizing the residence of George Byrd, south of the city, and attempting to ravish Eliza Lipham some months since, returned last week and was lodged in jail."

"The rumor that a lately married woman who resides on East Fourth street had committed suicide is without foundation."

"Many since our last report, the Mayor has had the following parties before him: Frank Clark, drunk, stands committed; Henry Carroll, Drunk, \$4.60; Henry Carroll, attempted rape, case dismissed, prosecuting witness not appearing; Mary Hamilton, drunk, \$4.60, and in cooler until paid; Rudy Isinghouser, drunk, \$4.60; W. H. Brown, drunk, \$4.60, in cooler until paid; Thomas Kinney, drunk and disorderly, \$4.60, in cooler until paid; and Wm. Conway, Thomas Strong, Ed Osborn, and Frank Casey, tramps, ordered to leave city."

"We announce with pleasure that the Rev. G. T. Bowling, of Cleveland, will deliver at the Baptist Church of this city, Nov. 7, his celebrated lecture, "Men who did something and how they did it." This lecture has been delivered in a number of cities, East and West, and in every instance is spoken of in every instance with earnest approval."

"Phillip Walls, who lives near Spring Mills, while moving his bees to a new location, came near being stung to death. In removing his hive, two fell to the ground where upon the bees swarmed out and attacked him. His hands, wrists, neck, face and ears were stung severally. He became sick and could not help himself. He was removed to his house and remedies applied. He remains in precarious condition."

"Ida F. Glover has sued William H. Glover for divorce. Catharine Frame has sued Charles C. Frame for divorce."

"Some of our citizens were greatly alarmed on last Thursday evening when numerous tramps had congregated at his place. There were eighteen assembled in one body to roost on the bank of the railroad, and it was feared by many they would storm the town, but as morning came they departed in various directions, and no damage was done."

Ah, today's news people tone local things down a bit, don't they. Nowadays all we hear are drugs, mass shootings and politics.

## THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER — By Ian Stumbo —

*The Last Voyage of the Demeter* is a story taken from Bram Stoker's *Dracula*, which entails the classic monster attacking sailors on a ship. This movie has been in development for a long time and has finally been released into theaters.

Corey Hawkins stars as Clemens, a doctor aboard this fateful ship that has headed for London from Bulgaria. They have taken on several boxes of cargo including one with a mysterious insig-nia. Soon, Clemens and the other crew on board discover they are not alone as a mysterious creature is picking them off one by one.

Director Andre Overdal, who directed the quite good *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark*, has a good eye for making this film dark and foreboding. *Dracula* only comes out at night so there is always a heightened sense of fear for the night time scenes. Liam Cunningham and David Dastmalchian are also well cast as the captain and another crew member who get quite a bit of time to shine in their performances.

Unfortunately, as there are quite a few positives to this movie, it just takes too long to get going. It seems like there are

several scenes where *Dracula* attacks and it takes the characters too long to either realize certain things or come up with a plan.

*Dracula* itself, in a creature and bat-like form, looks pretty good most of the time though there are times when the CGI is a little too apparent. The movie is also more emotionally heavy and depressing than being a fun *Dracula* on a boat movie and this was unexpected and worked most of

the time while there were moments where it was almost too much for the kind of movie they were wanting to make.

*The Last Voyage of the Demeter* gets the definition of a mixed review. It has strong performances from its cast and some great atmosphere and story, though the slow pacing, reliance on jump scares and emotional feeling can be draining.

Also, the movie has an open ending so it's unknown if they planned on making this into a series though from the handful of people at my showing and the low box office totals, maybe this should be a one and done effort.



Maui's famous Banyan Tree in Lahaina before the fire  
Photo By Mark Shutt

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# News Briefs

Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, (Madison area) will hold its annual rummage sale Sept. 6-9, coordinated and directed by Mary Reynolds.

All net proceeds from the rummage sale and food sales will be used to help people in the community. All sales are by donation and remaining items are distributed throughout the community and to other local ministries.

The sale will be open 4-7 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 6; 9 am to 7 pm Thursday, Sept. 7; 9 am to 2 pm on Friday, Sept. 8; and 9 am to 2 pm on Saturday, Sept. 9.

Dinners, soup, beverages and several types of desserts will be available. The kitchen will be open 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 6, 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 7, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 8 and 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 9.

The Lexington Depot's meal schedule for August has been released. Meals are served at the Lexington Senior Civic Center, 67 E. Main St., Lexington, from 11 am to 2 pm. For information call 419-884-1676. Meals include Aug. 17, Italian chicken Alfredo over pasta; Aug. 22, Pork loin with stuffing; Aug. 24, Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes; Aug. 29, Sloppy joe and potato salad; and Aug. 31, Chicken noodle casserole.

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.

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Rev. Dr. Elaine Strawn at 10:30 am on Aug. 20. She will speak on "Nature Holds the Score."

For more information visit [www.allsoulsuuhio.org](http://www.allsoulsuuhio.org).

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Aug. 26 and 27. Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, broken down cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.

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 Sept. 20, will include broasted chicken. Matt and Melanie Miller will sing and give a freedom talk. A collection will be taken for the Humane Society of Richland County. Items collected will include paper and cloth towels, cleaning supplies, newspapers, wipes, disposable gloves, canned food, and Purina cat and dog food. Cost is \$15 for the meal. Guests are welcome. For information visit [www.lexasc.org](http://www.lexasc.org). Dues are \$10 per year.

The group will meet for lunch Sept. 6, at 11 am at Wishmaker House, 116 Main St., Bellville.

The Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center will have free produce giveaways on the fourth Monday of the Month, April thru October. Dates will be 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.

The Fun Center Chordsmen's 2nd Annual Summer Concert featuring the Chordsmen and Quartets and director Trevor Garrabrant.

The concert will be held at Marshall Park Bandshell, 3375 Milligan Rd., Ontario on Monday, Aug. 28, at 6:30 pm. The event is open to the public.

City of Ontario Zoning Inspector announced that Crumbl Cookie will be going into 2152 Walker Lake Rd., next door to the former Cici's Pizza location.

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. The next distribution is Aug. 22.

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.

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## Richland Academy of the Arts to host Summer Student Art Exhibition

The Richland Academy of the Arts is now hosting the 2023 Summer Student Exhibition, a showcase of creations that have sprung to life during summer art classes.

On view is an array of artworks, each showing the talent and skills cultivated through the summer programs. These pieces stand as reflections of students' innate creativity and command over their chosen artistic mediums.

Encompassing a diverse assortment of mediums including painting, calligraphy, sculpture and drawing, this exhibition serves as a captivating exploration of artistic possibilities.

The artworks on display cover a wide range of subjects, from peaceful still-life and intriguing portraits to stunning landscapes and much more.

The public is invited to celebrate the accomplishments of RA's talented students. Visitors can discover the captivating stories shown in each stroke of the brush, each sculpted contour, and each intricately penciled line.

This exhibition will be on display until Sept. 18.

Visit [richlandacademy.com](http://richlandacademy.com) or call 419-522-8224 for more information on the exhibit or classes.

Richland Academy is located at the corner of 4th and Walnut St. It was founded in 1991 and is supported by the Ohio Arts Council and 60+ programming supported by the Area Agency on Aging. There are classes for all ages from birth to 60+. Richland Academy of The Arts offers a tuition assistance program and is an approved Ohio Department of Education Service Provider with the Afterschool Child Enrichment (ACE) Program.

## Red Cross warns donation shortfall may impact blood supply

The American Red Cross has seen a shortfall of about 25,000 blood donations in the first two months of the summer, which makes it hard to keep hospital shelves stocked with lifesaving blood products. By making an appointment to give blood or platelets in August, donors can keep the national blood supply from falling to shortage levels.

Right now, the Red Cross especially needs type O negative, type O positive, type B negative and type A negative blood donors, as well as platelet donors. For those who don't know their blood type, making a donation is an easy way to find out this important personal health information. The Red Cross will notify new donors of their blood type soon after they give.

The Red Cross needs donors now. Schedule an appointment to give by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

All who come to give throughout the month of August will get a \$10 e-gift card to a movie merchant of their choice.

Wednesday, Aug. 16, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario; and 1-6 pm, Planktown Country Market, 1921 Free Rd., Shiloh

Friday, Aug. 18, 10 am to 3 pm, YMCA, 750 Scholl Rd., Mansfield; and 11 am to 5 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Tuesday, Aug. 22, 1-6 pm, Crossroads Ontario Campus, 636 Lexington-Springmill Rd., South

Wednesday, Aug. 23, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario  
Friday, Aug. 25, 8 am to 1 pm, OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital, 335 Glessner Ave., Mansfield

Wednesday, Aug. 30, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

# 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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Whisky has been at the shelter for a year this week and is chronically overlooked.

Whisky does not have good kennel manners and looks super scary in his kennel. After Whisky is out of his kennel, he is absolutely wonderful. Whisky walks fairly well on a leash and is super affectionate. Whisky seems to know what "come means" and loves snuggling. Whisky is a favorite among a

volunteer and her pre-teen and teenager. Whisky does sometimes act up on walks, mostly by biting the leash. He loves sprinting and playing with toys. For the most part, he's excellent all of the time.

Whisky is 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.



**MECHANICS BANK** has announced the promotion of Sally Caskey to vice president. Sally joined Mechanics in 2005 and served as a senior staff accountant prior to her current role of assistant controller. She has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Bowling Green State University. Illya Boronka has been promoted to vice president. Illya joined Mechanics in 2013 and served as a customer service specialist, senior customer service specialist and assistant branch manager prior to his current position of residential mortgage and consumer loan officer. Illya has an associate degree in accounting from North Central State College. Mechanics Bank is a local, independent, community bank with nine locations in Richland County.

**Obituary Listings for  
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- Kenneth Ralph DeVita, August 4
- Alice Louise Sand, August 6
- Timothy Curtis Williams Sr., August 6
- Dennis Lynn Bartholomew, August 8
- Robert "Repete" Russell Remy, August 8
- Keith Hoffhines, August 9

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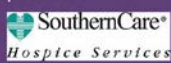


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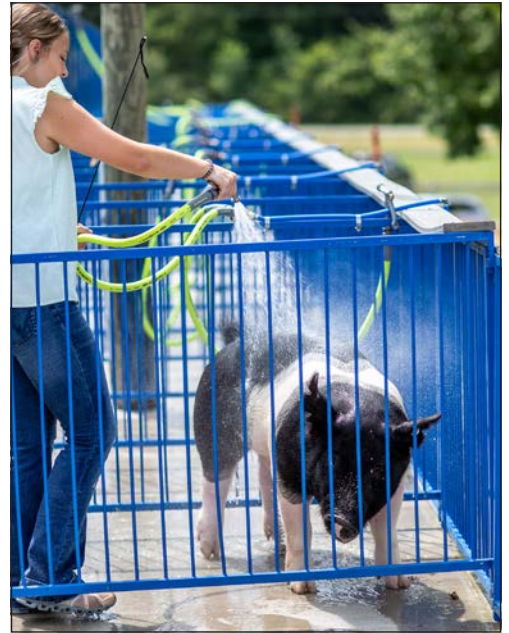
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### Richland County Junior Fair 4-H Booth Awards

- Most Creative: Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H
- Best Use Of Theme: Roaming Rovers 4-H
- Most Unique: Freedom Wranglers 4-H
- Most Colorful: Country Clovers 4-H
- Best Display of 4-H History: Richland Round-Up 4-H
- Best Use of Space: New Edition 4-H
- Best Promotion to Join 4-H: Next Generation 4-H
- Most Inviting/Catchy: Rusty Riders 4-H
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (Go Green!): Bibs & Boots 4-H
- Best Portrayal of Club Activities/History/Projects: Neighhh Not Today 4-H
- People's Choice (Voted on by the public): Roaming Rovers 4-H

### 2023 Richland County Junior Fair Junior Fair Royalty

- Junior Fair Queen Sarah Smith, Roaming Rovers 4-H and Shelby FFA
- Junior Fair King, Micah Miller, Rusty Riders 4-H and Shelby FFA
- Queen First Runner-Up, Deborah Crouch, Cubs & Clovers 4-H
- King First Runner-Up, Carson Secriskey, Roaming Rovers 4-H and Shelby FFA
- Queen Second Runner-Up, Sofi Johnson, Freedom Wranglers 4-H and Shelby FFA

### Richland County Junior Fair Gymkhana (Contesting) Show

- Senior High Point  
Grand Champion: Adalie Miller • Reserve Grand Champion: Peyton Stover
- Junior High Point  
Grand Champion: Abrah Crouse • Reserve Grand Champion: Paityn Barker

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## Richland County Junior Fair Poultry Show

Grand Champion Market Broilers: Abby Snyder, Shelby FFA  
 Reserve Champion Market Broilers: Alivia Hicks, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H  
 Third Place Champion Market Broilers: Allie Schroeder, Bibs & Boots 4-H  
 Fourth Place Champion Market Broilers: Jack Stephens, Crestview FFA  
 Fifth Place Champion Market Broilers: Charles Yoakam, Bibs & Boots 4-H  
 Sixth Place Champion Market Broilers: Makayla Spoerr, Next Generation 4-H  
 Seventh Place Champion Market Broilers: Avery Schroeder, Bibs & Boots 4-H  
 Eighth Place Champion Market Broilers: Makenzie Spoerr, Next Generation 4-H

Grand Champion Market Turkey: Finlay Rowlands, Next Generation 4-H  
 Reserve Champion Market Turkey: Emma Martin, Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
 Third Place Champion Market Turkey: Sarah Smith, Roaming Rovers 4-H  
 Fourth Place Champion Market Turkey: Gabe Weikle, Clear Fork FFA  
 Fifth Place Champion Market Turkey: Gabriella Griefenstine, Shelby FFA  
 Sixth Place Champion Market Turkey: Audrey Gerber, New Edition 4-H  
 Seventh Place Champion Market Turkey: Elijah Martin, Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
 Eighth Place Champion Market Turkey: Reagan Kleman, Shelby FFA

Grand Champion Market Ducks: Audrey King, Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
 Reserve Champion Market Ducks: Michael Vogt, Shelby FFA  
 Third Place Champion Market Ducks: Monae Leedy, Branded Pony 4-H  
 Fourth Place Champion Market Ducks: Josiah Schmitt, Clear Fork Colts & Fillies 4-H  
 Fifth Place Champion Market Ducks: Westen Rehberg, Roaming Rovers 4-H  
 Sixth Place Champion Market Ducks: Weston Vogt, Red & Gray Gang 4-H  
 Seventh Place Champion Market Ducks: Jack Whatman, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H  
 Eighth Place Champion Market Ducks: Chad Tingley, Branded Pony 4-H



Photo By Traci Little

### Pro Showmanship

1st – Finlay Rowlands, Next Generation 4-H  
 2nd – Katelyn Swingle, Plymouth FFA  
 3rd – Makayla Stephens, Country Pals 4-H  
 4th – Makayla Spoerr, Next Generation 4-H  
 5th – Emma Blanton, Next Generation 4-H

### 17-18 Years Showmanship

1st – Makayla Spoerr, Next Generation 4-H  
 2nd – Emma Martin, Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
 3rd – Hick Finnegan, Shelby FFA

### 14-16 Years Showmanship

1st – Katelyn Swingle, Plymouth FFA  
 2nd – Sarah Smith, Roaming Rovers 4-H  
 3rd – Cailey Fairchild, Shelby FFA  
 4th – Grace Weikel, Clear Fork FFA  
 5th – Lily Clark, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H

### 11-13 Years Showmanship

1st – Finlay Rowlands, Next Generation 4-H  
 2nd – Bryanna Francis, Country Clovers 4-H  
 3rd – Westen Rehberg, Roaming Rovers 4-H  
 4th – Tanner Beer, Roaming Rovers 4-H  
 5th – Anna Blanton, Next Generation 4-H

### 8-10 Years Showmanship

1st – Emma Blanton, Next Generation 4-H  
 2nd – Alivia Hicks, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H  
 3rd – Brock Hendricks, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H  
 4th – Bryson Balok, Clear Fork Colts & Fillies 4-H  
 5th – Lucas Studer, Rusty Riders 4-H

### Novice B Showmanship (14 years and over)

1st – Makayla Stephens, Country Pals 4-H  
 2nd – Aby Snyder, Shelby FFA

### Novice A Showmanship (8-13 years)

1st – Kay Myers, Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
 2nd – Avery Schroeder, Bibs & Boots 4-H  
 3rd – Isabelle Moore, Rusty Riders 4-H  
 4th – Charles Yoakam, Bibs & Boots 4-H  
 5th – Carter Tucker, Lucky 4-H'ers

### Breeding Champion

Fancy Bantam – Cailey Fairchild, Shelby FFA

### Reserve Breeding Champion

Pen of Two Pullets – Harper Campbell, Bibs & Boots 4-H

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## Richland County Junior Fair Feeder Calf Show

- Grand Champion Dairy Beef Feeder Calf, Allyson Cook, Great Expectations 4-H
- Reserve Champion Dairy Feeder Calf, Morgan Cook, Great Expectations 4-H
- Third Place Champion Dairy Beef Feeder Calf, Addison Shira, Shelby FFA
- Fourth Place Champion Dairy Beef Feeder Calf, Charlotte Niese, Rusty Riders 4-H
- Fifth Place Champion Dairy Beef Feeder Calf, Reagan Brooky, Crestview FFA
- Sixth Place Champion Dairy Beef Feeder Calf, Hagen Sauder, Triangle T 4-H
- Seventh Place Champion Dairy Beef Feeder Calf, Morgan Cook, Great Expectations 4-H
- Eighth Place Champion Dairy Beef Feeder Calf, Allyson Cook, Great Expectations 4-H
- Grand Champion Beef Feeder Calf, Trenton Braska, Shelby FFA
- Reserve Champion Beef Feeder Calf, Cami Gowitzka, Great Expectations 4-H
- Third Place Champion Beef Feeder Calf, Cameron Guegold, Rusty Riders 4-H
- Fourth Place Champion Beef Feeder Calf, Jack Stover, Rusty Riders 4-H
- Fifth Place Champion Beef Feeder Calf, Landon Foulks, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H
- Sixth Place Champion Beef Feeder Calf, Braden Boyer, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H
- Seventh Place Champion Beef Feeder Calf, Katie Smith, Great Expectations 4-H
- Eighth Place Champion Feeder Calf, Kyler Collins, Crestview FFA



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## Richland County Junior Fair Bake-a-rama and Skill-A-Rama

### Bake-a-rama

Best of Show – Alivia Hicks

Reserve Best of Show – McKinnley King

### Cookies

1st – Makenna Miller

2nd – Natalie Adkins

3rd – Ashlynn Sexton

### Fruit Pie

1st – McKinnley King

2nd – Evelyn Kruse

3rd – Devyn McGugin

### Two-Layer Cake

1st – Alivia Hicks

2nd – Isabella Bowers

3rd – Marissa Barciz

### Bar Cookies/Brownies

1st – Owen KeitH

2nd – Nathan Adkins

3rd – Marissa Barciz

### Yeast Bread/Rolls

1st – Mariah Barciz

2nd – Amery Sexton

### Candy

1st – Mariah Barciz

2nd – Marissa Barciz

3rd – Isabella Bowers

### Baker's Favorite

1st – Jacob Shade

2nd – Ashlynn Sexton

3rd – Mariah Barciz

### Skill-a-rama

Best of Show – Sawyer Eshelman

### Artwork

1st – Evelyn Kruse

2nd – Mariah Barciz

3rd – Marissa Barciz

### Skilled

1st – Sawyer Eshelman

2nd – Finlay Rowlands

3rd – McKinnley King



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## Richland County Junior Fair Market Beef Show

### Market Beef Champions

- Grand Champion – Trenton Braska, Shelby FFA
- Reserve Champion – Audra Music, Next Generation 4-H
- 3rd place champion – Ryder Frech, Great Expectations 4-H
- 4th place champion – Emma Montgomery, Shelby FFA
- 5th place champion – Colton Braska, Shelby FFA
- 6th place champion – Jack Stover, Shelby FFA
- 7th place champion – Karsyn Blust, Great Expectations, 4-H
- 8th place champion – Bergan Leonhardt, New Edition 4-H

### Dairy Market Beef Champions

- Grand Champion – Alyssa Neill, Shelby FFA
- Reserve Champion – Ashley Markley, All Star Gang 4-H
- 3rd place champion - Ashley Markley, All Star Gang 4-H
- 4th place champion – Allyson Cook, Great Expectations 4-H
- 5th place champion - Allyson Cook, Great Expectations 4-H
- 6th place champion - Wade Bolin, Country Champions 4-H
- 7th place champion – Clete Rogers, Crestview FFA
- 8th place champion – Ryan Culler, All Star Gang 4-H

### Born and Bred Market Beef Champions

- Grand – Zeke Markley, All Star Gang 4-H
- Reserve – Ryan Culler, All Star Gang 4-H

### Born and Bred Dairy Beef Champions

- Grand – Joseph Culler, Kickin’ It Kountry 4-H
- Reserve – Taylor Breedlove, Toats ma Goats 4-H



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## Richland County Junior Fair All Beef Showmanship Show

### Pro Showmanship

- 1st - Caroline Tilton, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H
- 2nd - Colton Montgomery, Shelby FFA
- 3rd - Ryder Frech, Great Expectations 4-H
- 4th - Jack Stover, Shelby FFA
- 5th - Annie Freeman, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H

### 17-18 Years Showmanship

- 1st - Caroline Tilton, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H
- 2nd - Braden Boyer, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H
- 3rd - Colton Braska, Shelby FFA
- 4th - Cameron Guegold, Farmhand Friends 4-H
- 5th - Alyssa Neill, Shelby FFA

### 14-16 Years Showmanship

- 1st - Jack Stover, Shelby FFA
- 2nd - Emma Montgomery, Shelby FFA
- 3rd - Bergan Leonhardt, New Edition 4-H
- 4th - Trenton Braska, Shelby FFA
- 5th - Madison Boyer, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H

### 11-13 Years Showmanship

- 1st - Colton Montgomery, Shelby FFA
- 2nd - Emerie Van Dine, Shelby FFA

- 3rd - Ridge Wendling, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H
- 4th - Aidan Culler, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H
- 5th - Grant Freeman, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H

### 8-10 Years Showmanship

- 1st - Ryder Frech, Great Expectations 4-H
- 2nd - Landon Foulks, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H
- 3rd - Owen Culler, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H
- 4th - Hudson Titlow, All Star Gang 4-H
- 5th - Dane Moysi, Triangle T 4-H

### Novice B Showmanship

- 1st - Mackenzie Hoover, Crestview FFA
- 2nd - Addi Shira, Shelby FFA
- 3rd - Chloe Ringler, Crestview FFA
- 4th - Trinity Lynch, Shelby FFA
- 5th - Lila Oney, Crestview FFA

### Novice A Showmanship

- 1st - Annie Freeman, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H
- 2nd - Emily Foulks, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H
- 3rd - Harper Foulks, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H
- 4th - Sean Nolan, Shelby FFA
- 5th - Shiloh Walter, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H



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## Richland County Junior Fair Horse Awards

Senior Contesting Hi-Point  
Grand Champion - Adalie Miller  
Reserve Champion - Peyton Stover

Jr. Contesting Hi-Point  
Grand Champion - Abrah Crouse  
Reserve Champion - Paityn Barker

Championship Showmanship - Leah Blay  
Championship Horsemanship - Leah Blay

Grand Champion Walk Trot Jr - Izzie McDermott  
Reserve Champion Walk Trot Jr. - Bryanna Francis

Grand Champion Walk Trot Sr. - Katie Crider  
Reserve Champion Walk Trot Sr. - Jaylen Scott

Grand Champion Ranch Jr. - Jessica Hall  
Reserve Champion Ranch Jr. - Aubrey Crain

Grand Champion Ranch Sr. - Emma Tingley  
Reserve Champion Ranch Sr. - Madison Ruhl

Grand Champion Western Jr - Marley Thrush  
Reserve Champion Western Jr. - Jessica Hall

Grand Champion Western Sr. - Leah Blay  
Reserve Champion Western Sr. - Maylanna Gable

Grand Champion Gaited - Marissa Circosta  
Reserve Champion Gaited - Julia Auck

Grand Champion English Jr - Mia Gledhill  
Reserve Champion English Jr. - Jessica Hall

Grand Champion English Sr. - Leah Blay  
Reserve Champion English Sr. - Emma Tingley



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Maddie Strouth stands with her horse, Belle. Belle is 25 years old and retiring this year. Maddie, now 20, was just nine years old when she received Belle.



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## Richland County Junior Fair Swine Show

- Grand Champion Market Hog – Jack Stephens, Crestview FFA
- Reserve Champion Market Hog – Carson Cook, Great Expectations 4-H
- 3rd place champion – Lane Schuster, Great Expectations 4-H
- 4th place champion – Caleigh Cook, Great Expectations 4-H
- 5th place champion – Kash Cook, Bibs & Boots 4-H
- 6th place champion – Barron Walp, Rusty Riders 4-H
- 7th place champion – Kennedy Studer, Shelby FFA
- 8th place champion – Cadence Fairchild, Shelby FFA

### Pro Showmanship

- 1st – Kennedy Studer, Shelby FFA
- 2nd – Cadence Fairchild, Shelby FFA
- 3rd – Carson Cook, Great Expectations 4-H
- 4th – Taylor Wolf, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H
- 5th – Meredith Wolf, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H

### 17–18 Years Showmanship

- 1st – Taylor Wolf, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H
- 2nd – Emily Nolan, All Star Gang 4-H

### 14–16 Years Showmanship

- 1st – Kennedy Studer, Shelby FFA
- 2nd – Caleigh Cook, Great Expectations 4-H
- 3rd – Kendra Walp, Shelby FFA
- 4th – Karli Walp, Shelby FFA
- 5th – Morgan Cook, Great Expectations 4-H

### 11–13 Years Showmanship

- 1st – Carson Cook, Great Expectations 4-H
- 2nd – Sam Fairchild, Shelby FFA
- 3rd – Lane Schuster, Great Expectations 4-H
- 4th – Makenzie Mills, Wild-n-Free 4-H
- 5th – Madelyn Moore, Rusty Riders 4-H

### 8–10 Years Showmanship

- 1st – Meredith Wolf, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H
- 2nd – Kash Cooke, Bibs & Boots 4-H
- 3rd – Chase Eshelman, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H
- 4th – Lucas Vogt, Rusty Riders 4-H
- 5th – Bryson Bays, Next Generation 4-H

### Novice B Showmanship

- 1st – Lauren Goley, Shelby FFA

### Novice A Showmanship

- 1st – Liam McVey, Rusty Riders 4-H
- 2nd – Ali Onusic, Bibs & Boots 4-H
- 3rd – Reese Sifferlin, Rusty Riders
- 4-H J1st – Lane Schuster, Great Expectations 4-H

## Richland County Junior Fair Talent Show

- Best of Show/First Place – McKinnley King, Freedom Wranglers 4-H (vocal)
- 2nd place – Aurelien von Ehrenkrook, Roaming Rovers 4-H (skit)
- 3rd place – Audrey King, Freedom Wranglers 4-H (dance)
- 4th place – Marissa Barciz, Next Generation 4-H (instrumental)
- 5th place – Natalie Adkins, Freedom Wrangler (dance)



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## Richland County Junior Fair Style Revue Awards

Style Revue Best of Show – Chloe Stigall, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H  
Reserve Style Revue Best of Show – McKinnley King, Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
Junior Model – McKinnley King, Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
Em\*bel\*ish: 1st place – McKinnley King, Freedom Wranglers 4-H  
Sew Fun: 1st – Chloe Stigall, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H

### Sundresses and Jumpers

1st – Marissa Barciz, Next Generation 4-H  
2nd – Mariah Barciz, Next Generation 4-H

## Richland County Junior Fair Breeding Beef Show

Overall Grand Supreme Champion – Caroline Tilton, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H  
Overall Reserve Supreme Champion – Madison Boyer, Kickin’ It Kountry 4-H  
Champion Simmental – Madison Boyer, Kickin’ It Kountry  
Reserve Champion Simmental – Maycee Tackett, Next Generation 4-H  
Champion Crossbred – Bergan Leonhardt, New Edition 4-H  
Reserve Champion Crossbred – Emily Foulks, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H  
Champion Hereford – Allyson Hulbert, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H  
Champion High Maine – Kyler Collins, Crestview FFA  
Champion Maintainer – Ridge Wendling, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H

## Richland County Junior Fair Horse Ambassador

Senior Horse Ambassador, Elizabeth Enix, Neighh Not Today 4-H  
Runner-Up Senior Horse Ambassador, Jordan Tedrow, Branded Pony 4-H

## Richland County Junior Fair Showman of Showmen

Showman of Showmen Winner: Hadley Williams, Great Expectations 4-H (goats)

### Other Participants:

Aubrey Crain, Clear Fork Colts & Fillies 4-H (horse)  
Lilly Heydinger, That Udder Club 4-H (rabbits)  
Finlay Rowlands, Next Generation 4-H (poultry)  
Abby Snyder, Rusty Riders 4-H (sheep)  
Caroline Tilton, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H (beef)  
Kennedy Studer, Shelby FFA (swine)

## Richland County Junior Fair 4-H Honor Projects

Carson Abbott	Mariah Barciz
Marissa Barciz	Anna Blanton
Asher Clark	Lily Clark
Deborah Crouch	Corbin Eldridge
Sawyer Eshelman	Brooklyn Gilger
Sofia Johnson	Emma Kleman
Westen Rehberg	Finlay Rowlands
Abigail Secriskey	Carson Secriskey
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## Richland County Junior Fair Rabbit Show

Grand Champion Market Rabbits – Jett Hale, Richland Round-Up  
 Reserve Champion Market Rabbit – Ty Dawson, Country Clovers 4-H  
 3rd place champion – Brooklyn Gilger, New Edition 4-H  
 4th place champion – Katelyn Schiffer, Lucky 4-H'ers  
 5th place champion – Makenna Miller, Rusty Riders 4-H  
 6th place champion – Bentley Smith, Country Clovers 4-H  
 7th place champion – Lilly Clark, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H  
 8th place champion – Braden Montgomery, Plymouth FFA

### Pro Showmanship

1st – Lilly Heydinger, That Udder Club 4-H  
 2nd – Deborah Crouch, Cubs & Clovers 4-H  
 3rd – Emma Blanton, Next Generation 4-H  
 4th – Gavin Lamb, Shelby FFA  
 5th – Maria Knight, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H

### 17–18 Years Showmanship

1st – Deborah Crouch, Cubs & Clovers 4-H  
 2nd – Sadie Howarth, Bibs & Boots 4-H  
 3rd – Allison Montgomery, Clear Fork FFA  
 4th – Aubrey Holly, Wild-n-Free 4-H

### 14–16 Years Showmanship

1st – Lillian Heydinger, That Udder Club 4-H  
 2nd – Braden Montgomery, Plymouth FFA  
 3rd – Courtney Howarth, Bibs & Boots 4-H  
 4th – Ava Irwin, Triangle T  
 5th – Sydney Bachtel, Bibs & Boots 4-H

### 11–13 Years Showmanship

1st – Maria Knight, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H  
 2nd – Madison Montgomery, Plymouth FFA  
 3rd – Anna Blanton, Next Generation 4-H  
 4th – Abigail Secriskey, Roaming Rovers 4-H  
 5th – McKinnley King, Freedom Wranglers 4-H

### 8–10 Years Showmanship

1st – Emma Blanton, Next Generation 4-H  
 2nd – Stella McNary, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H  
 3rd – Kendall Green, Bibs & Boots 4-H  
 4th – Cooper Miller, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H  
 5th – Riley Esterline, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H

### Novice B Showmanship

1st – Gavin Lamb, Shelby FFA  
 2nd – Alexis Young, Shelby FFA  
 3rd – Jacob Taylor, Shelby FFA  
 4th – Keely Jenkins, All Star Gang 4-H  
 5th – Madison Riffe, Neighhh Not Today 4-H

### Novice A Showmanship

1st – Addisyn Kilgore, Country Clovers 4-H  
 2nd – Sadie Myers, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H  
 3rd – Kaitlyn Shiffer, Lucky 4-H'ers  
 4th – Rory Timmer, Rusty Riders 4-H  
 5th – Lucas Miller, Rusty Riders 4-H

Breeding Rabbit Champion – Anna Blanton, Next Generation 4-H  
 Reserve Champion Breeding Rabbit – Tanner Beer, Roaming Rovers 4-H



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## Richland County Junior Fair Sheep Show

- Grand Champion Market Lamb – Hayden Harriman, Clear Fork FFA
- Reserve Champion Market Lamb – Dawson Staley, Clear Fork FFA
- 3rd place champion – Dawson Staley, Clear Fork FFA
- 4th place champion – Shelby Bays, Next Generation 4-H
- 5th place champion – Kelsey Snyder, Shelby FFA
- 6th place champion – Reece Cook, Great Expectations 4-H
- 7th place champion – Kelsey Snyder, Shelby FFA
- 8th place champion – Kendra Walp, Rusty Riders 4-H

### Pro Showmanship

- 1st – Abby Snyder, Shelby FFA
- 2nd – Shelby Bays, Next Generation 4-H
- 3rd – Mariah Cook, Great Expectations 4-H
- 4th – Bryson Bays, Next Generation 4-H
- 5th – Madison Boyer, Lucas FFA

### 17-18 Years Showmanship

- 1st – Mariah Cook, Great Expectations 4-H
- 2nd – Kelsey Snyder, Shelby FFA

### 14-16 Years Showmanship:

- 1st – Abby Snyder, Shelby FFA
- 2nd – Dawson Staley, Clear Fork FFA
- 3rd – Kendra Walp, Rusty Riders 4-H
- 4th – Reece Cook, Great Expectations 4-H
- 5th – Natalie Korbass, Shelby FFA

### 11-13 Years Showmanship

- 1st – Shelby Bays, Next Generation 4-H
- 2nd – KC Cooke, Shelby FFA
- 3rd – Tynley Cook, Great Expectations 4-H
- 4th – Landon McFarland, Great Expectations 4-H
- 5th – Whitney Barrett, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H

### 8-10 Years Showmanship

- 1st – Bryson Bays, Next Generation 4-H
- 2nd – Ava Estep, Farmhand Friends 4-H
- 3rd – Maxtyn Fritz, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H
- 4th – Kaiden Lee, That Udder Club 4-H
- 5th – Grace Fry, Richland Round-Up 4-H

### Novice B Showmanship

- 1st – Madison Boyer, Lucas FFA
- 2nd – Isaac Sieving, Barnyard Buddies 4-H
- 3rd – Allie Moysi, Triangle T 4-H

### Novice A Showmanship

- 1st – Malia Walker, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H
- 2nd – Audrey Gerber, New Edition 4-H
- 3rd – Clayton Tabor, That Udder Club 4-H
- 4th – Nathan Adkins, Freedom Wranglers 4-H

- Grand Champion Ewe – Mariah Cook, Great Expectations 4-H
- Reserve Champion Ewe – Bryson Bays, Next Generation 4-H

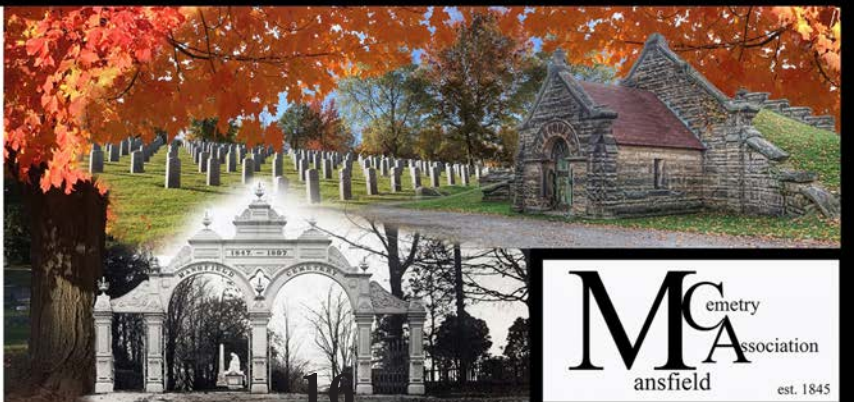


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### Richland County Junior Fair Recognition Program Awards

Blooming Leader Award: Mary Thompson, New Edition 4-H

Lee Briner Memorial Scholarship: Kathryn Lindenberger, New Edition 4-H

Richland County Junior Fair Scholarships  
Richland County Agriculture Society (\$250): Caroline Tilton, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H

Richland County Auxiliary (\$250): Makayla Sperr, Next Generation 4-H

Donald Garrison Memorial Scholarship (\$500): Sarah Hoak, Country Clovers 4-H

Lonnie and Paulette McFarland Memorial Scholarship (\$500): Caroline Tilton, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H

**Outstanding Junior Fair Board Member**  
Deborah Crouch, Cubs & Clovers 4-H  
Sarah Smith, Roaming Rovers 4-H  
Sofi Johnson, Freedom Wranglers 4-H/Shelby FFA  
Evan Stuart, Crestview FFA  
Carson Secriskey, Roaming Rovers 4-H  
Caroline Tilton, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H  
Candace Fairchild, Rusty Riders 4-H/Shelby FFA  
Kendra Walp, Shelby FFA  
Carson Abbott, Ring Raiders 4-H/Shelby FFA

### Richland County Junior Fair Outstanding Member 4-H Members

Carson Abbott	Mariah Barciz
Marissa Barciz	Bryson Bays
Shelby Bays	Anna Blanton
Asher Clark	Lily Clark
Deborah Crouch	Isaiah Crouch
Corbin Eldridge	Sawyer Eshelman
Brooklyn Gilger	Sofia Johnson
Emma Kleman	Kassie Kleman
Westen Rehberg	Finlay Rowlands
Abigail Secriskey	Carson Secriskey
Mary Thompson	

### Richland County Junior Fair Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor

Feeder Calf: Bergan Leonhardt, New Edition 4-H  
Goat: Maddie Boyer, Lucas FFA  
Poultry: Sarah Smith, Roaming Rovers 4-H  
Rabbit: Deborah Crouch, Cubs & Clovers 4-H  
Sheep: Abby Snyder, Shelby FFA  
Steer: Colten Montgomery, Shelby FFA  
Swine: Jack Stephens, Crestview FFA



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## Richland County Junior Fair Herdsman Awards

- Alpaca:  
Individual: Sean Funk, Ring Raiders 4-H  
Club/Chapter: Ring Raiders 4-H
- Feeder Calf/Beef Breeding:  
Individual: Allyson Cook, Great Expectations 4-H  
Club/Chapter: All Star Gang 4-H
- Goat:  
Individual: Madison Boyer, Lucas FFA  
Club/Chapter: Farmhand Friends 4-H
- Horse:  
Individual: Lexa Gano, Crestview FFA  
Club/Chapter: Rusty Riders 4-H
- Poultry:  
Individual: Adrian Wuertz, Clear Fork FFA  
Club/Chapter: Shelby FFA
- Rabbit:  
Individual: Madison Riffe, Neighhh Not Today  
Club/Chapter: Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H
- Sheep:  
Individual: Abby Snyder, Rusty Riders 4-H and Shelby FFA  
Club/Chapter: Great Expectations 4-H
- Steer:  
Individual: Jena Lafon, Shelby FFA  
Club/Chapter: Kickin' It Kountry 4-H
- Swine:  
Individual: Jack Stephens, Crestview FFA  
Club/Chapter: Rusty Riders 4-H

## Richland County Junior Fair Breeding Beef Show

- Overall Grand Supreme Champion – Caroline Tilton, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H
- Overall Reserve Supreme Champion – Madison Boyer, Kickin' It Kountry 4-H
- Champion Simmental – Madison Boyer, Kickin' It Kountry Reserve Champion Simmental – Maycee Tackett, Next Generation 4-H
- Champion Crossbred – Bergan Leonhardt, New Edition 4-H Reserve Champion Crossbred – Emily Foulks, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H
- Champion Hereford – Allyson Hulbert, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H
- Champion High Maine – Kyler Collins, Crestview FFA
- Champion Maintainer – Ridge Wendling, Muddy Creek Clovers 4-H



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## Richland County Junior Fair Alpaca Show

- High Point – Asher Clark, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H
- High Point Runner-Up – Lily Clark, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H
- Camelid Ambassador – Sarah Turner, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H
- Llama Ambassador – Katie Crider, Ring Raiders 4-H
- Alpaca Ambassador – Anna Irwin, Triangle T 4-H

### Junior Showmanship

- 1st – Steliana Krueer, Next Generation 4-H
- 2nd – Kaley Bowman, Wild-n-Free 4-H
- 3rd – Anna Irwin, Triangle T 4-H

### Intermediate Showmanship

- 1st – Asher Clark, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H
- 2nd – Lily Clark, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H
- 3rd – Cayden Burns, Ring Raiders 4-H
- 4th – Bailey Tridico, Shelby FFA
- 5th – Katie Crider, Ring Raiders 4-H

### Senior Showmanship

- 1st – Arica Uplinger, Country Clovers 4-H

### Obstacle Showdown

- Grand – Asher Clark, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H
- Reserve – Lily Clark, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H

### Junior Obstacle

- 1st – Anna Irwin, Triangle T 4-H
- 2nd – Kaley Bowman, Wild-n-Free 4-H
- 3rd – Steliana Krueer, Next Generation 4-H

### Intermediate Obstacle

- 1st – Asher Clark, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H
- 2nd – Lily Clark, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H
- 3rd – Vanna Burns, Ring Raiders 4-H
- 4th – Katie Crider, Ring Raiders 4-H
- 5th – Sean Funk, Ring Raiders 4-H

### Senior Obstacle

- 1st – Carson Abbott, Ring Raiders 4-H
- 2nd – Sarah Turner, Ganges Happy Hearts 4-H
- 3rd – Arica Uplinger, Country Clovers 4-H



Photos By Traci Little

# Great Smoky Mountain Railway, Wildwater provide unique adventures for all interests

Photos and Article By Jenna Wolford

If you are looking for a peaceful mountain experience, The Great Smoky Mountain Railway (GSMR) has a wide variety of train excursions to choose from.

I have traveled the GSMR a few times in the past and I wanted to make sure my kids were able to experience a trip down the line.

As a child, my family traveled along the GSMR rails and something I always wanted to try was whitewater rafting. I would watch out the train window to see families riding the river. It always seemed like a great adventure and so I decided this year would be the year.

GSMR has a Raft & Rail excursion on the Nantahala River. Booking this allowed my family to experience the best of both worlds — a relaxing train voyage and a thrilling eight-mile white water trip.

We arrived a little early and decided to visit the Smoky Mountain Trains Museum located adjacent to the train depot. GSMR passengers receive free complimentary admission to the museum with any train ticket purchase.

The museum has a collection of 7,000 Lionel engines, cars and accessories and guests can watch the trains zoom around the expansive layout. There is a children's activity center and a gift/toy shop.

We had fun as a family pointing out all the fine details of the train table's scenery. The walls are lined with glass cases displaying the great collection of train engines and box cars. It's definitely fun to stop in for a visit and provides great entertainment for kids of all ages.

As we checked in at the Bryson City Depot in North Carolina, we were provided our boxed deli lunches to enjoy on our ride.

We boarded and took our seats in the Cherokee train car. Our seats faced each other with a table in the middle. We were pulled by a diesel engines 1751 and 2467.

As we traveled along we were able to watch some of the towns go by with many friendly residents stopping to wave hello.

We journeyed beside the Little Tennessee and Nantahala Rivers, across Fontana Lake and into the beautiful Nantahala Gorge. Crossing the Fontana Trestle across Fontana Lake, we gazed out at the picturesque lake and mountain scenery.

After an almost two-hour ride covering 44 miles from Bryson City to the top of the line, some of our fellow passengers stayed aboard for the return trip, but this is where we departed and met up with Wildwater Rafting.

We boarded buses which would take us to the beginning of our whitewater rafting adventure. Leaving our dry items behind on the bus, we departed for our afternoon of rafting.

As we arrived, we were furnished with all the equipment we would need — paddles, life jacket and optional helmet. After safety instructions we were led to the send-off ramp.

We met our Wildwater guide, Caleb, and were chosen as the first boat to cast off. As we embarked on our exciting trip back on the Nantahala River, we became acquainted with our guide and the other three passengers in our boat.

My son, who is a bit apprehensive about water, sat at the back of the boat with Caleb. As the trip progressed, Caleb worked to ease my son's worries and helped to make sure he felt safe.

During our trip, there were moments of calm to enjoy the river and the nature around it. We would then be instructed to be ready and would paddle as a team through the class II and class III rapids and around rocks and boulders.

I thoroughly enjoyed this first rafting trip and hope to do it again soon. For those apprehensive about the rapids, the guide offers the chance to opt out before the last and most powerful plunge.

With some reluctance from my son, we all opted to stay aboard and went over the rapids with ease.

Being the first raft in our caravan, we parked to the side and waited for the rest of the Wildwater boats to come down the line. We were appointed this special opportunity which allowed us to watch as kayaks and rafts went through the last rapid. Caleb stood ready to help anyone in need of assistance. A few boaters flipped and thankfully nothing major happened, but it made for exciting entertainment. Caleb explained how each guide has his own way of challenging the rapids and it was fun to see the different techniques used.

After all our fellow rafters were accounted for, we exited the raft and collected our items from the bus. We were greeted with changing rooms, the chance for hot showers and a photo show from our final rapid of the day. I even bought my son a t-shirt in the gift shop for "surviving" the ride.

We boarded the bus once more for our return trip to the Bryson City Depot.

Raft & Rail debuted in 1988 and is available spring, summer and fall and includes a deli boxed lunch.

I definitely recommended this all day excursion but be prepared to be tired at the end of the journey. The Rail & Raft trip takes approximately

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six-hours and is a good fit for rafters of all skill levels with a minimum participant age of seven.

The Raft & Rail option can only be booked by phone at 1-800-872-4681 from April through October. All transportation is included to and from the Bryson City Train Depot.

The Smoky Mountain Trains Museum is located at 100 Greenlee St., Bryson City. For information call 800-872-4681 ext. 215

GSMR, awarded a Tripadvisor.com Travelers' Choice Award in 2020, has 53 miles of track, two tunnels and 25 bridges. It journeys over river gorges, across valleys and through mountain tunnels and offers a variety of scenic, round-trip excursions departing from Bryson City which range from 3 ½ hours to a full day.

There are so many choices on how to travel on the GSMR. There are options for those who prefer an indoor setting with tables, standard train seating or an open air gondola. Guests can even choose to include a meal during their excursion and book a ride in air conditioning or a train car that allows them to open a window and enjoy the fresh mountain air.

Depending on the date and time, passengers can choose the diesel or steam engine excursions. Special trips are offered throughout the year including rides with the Easter Bunny in the spring and The Polar Express at Christmas. A Carolina Shine Moonshine Experience, BBQ and Brews, Uncorked, the Smoky Mountain Beer Run and sunset and fall foliage tours are also available.

The Tuckasegee River Excursion is a relaxing ride through old railroad towns and scenic meadows which departs from Bryson City. The four-hour excursion travels 32 miles round-trip to Dillsboro and back to the Bryson City Depot. Passengers will ride past movie set of *The Fugitive* starring Harrison Ford. The excursion includes an 1 hour and 20 minute layover in Dillsboro, where there are more than 50 shops, restaurants and a brewery.

This railway and the surrounding land has been featured in oth-

er movies too. One of the diesel engines was the train used in *My Fellow Americans* starring Jack Lemmon, James Garner and Dan Akroyd. The railway was also used in *Forces of Nature* with Sandra Bullock and Ben Affleck and *Digging to China*.

When traveling, I often like to learn a bit of the history behind the places we visit and the GSMR has an abundance to discover.

Rail travel came to the area in 1880 and passenger business was so good by the turn of the 20th century that six passenger trains ran every day between Asheville and Lake Junaluska and four daily between Asheville and Murphy.

It was not easy to cut this branch line through the mountains. Self-educated engineer Capt. J. W. Wilson's most challenging tasks were the grade on the west side of the Balsams that was steep and curvy, with gaping ravines and the 836-foot Cowee Tunnel through a shaky mountain west of Dillsboro. The lines topped the Balsam Mountains at 3,100 feet, at the time it was the highest elevation of any railroad in the Eastern United States.

The railroad was built by convicts and The Murphy Branch experienced its heaviest use during wartime, in the early 1940s when the massive Fontana Dam was constructed. Thousands of carloads of cement, equipment and other materials reached the construction site by rail. Shipments of copper ore from mines in the western end of North Carolina and Copperhill, Tennessee, increased the line's tonnage.

With the increasing popularity of the automobile, passenger traffic on the railway began to decline and all passenger traffic on the Murphy Branch was discontinued in 1948 and freight traffic dropped off by 1985. Norfolk Southern closed the Andrews to Murphy leg of the Murphy Branch and the State of North Carolina purchased the Dillsboro to Murphy tracks to keep them from being destroyed.

By 1988, many entities had come together to form the Great Smoky Mountains Railway, which then began running passenger excursions. Rolling stock for the GSMR was purchased from various railroads around the nation. The Dillsboro to Nantahala route was one of the most scenic on the Murphy Branch and the excursion trains caught on right away.

Upward of 200,000 passengers enjoy the scenery and the experience of a true operational railroad each year aboard passenger excursion trains. American Heritage Railways purchased the GSMR in December of 1999.

The railway continues to preserve its many years of history with a new project. The Historic Southern Railway Engine 722 has begun its restoration process at the Great Smoky Mountains Railroad. The projected completion date is early 2026 when it will debut back into service.

The Great Smoky Mountains Railroad successfully relaunched its steam program in 2015 with the rebuild of Locomotive 1/02.

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Steam-powered excursion trains are extremely rare with fewer than 150 operating steam locomotives in the United States.

Built in 1904, the 722 is a 2-8-0 Consolidation-type locomotive built by Baldwin Locomotive Works in Philadelphia, PA. Originally built to haul freight, the locomotive historically operated on the Southern Railway's Murphy Branch Line between Asheville and Murphy, NC until it was replaced by modern diesel engines in the early 1950s. It was sold in 1952 to the East Tennessee & Western North Carolina Railroad where it ran as a switcher in Johnson City, TN.

Southern Railway reacquired the locomotive in 1967 where the engine was instrumental in building the Southern Railway's steam program. GSMR acquired 722 in December 2000.

722 will undergo a conversion from coal to oil burner during the

rebuild process and will transport GSMR passengers down the very line it traveled nearly 100 years ago. Once completed, it will be the only former Southern Railway locomotive still operating on its original line. It will also be the largest engine in the GSMR fleet.

In addition to the Rail & Raft, Wildwater also offers a Rails & Trails package which includes a backroads Jeep tour to learn area history while viewing waterfalls, the mountains and the Appalachian Trail after a scenic train ride to the top of Nantahala Gorge. The six-hour trip is available in the spring, summer and fall.

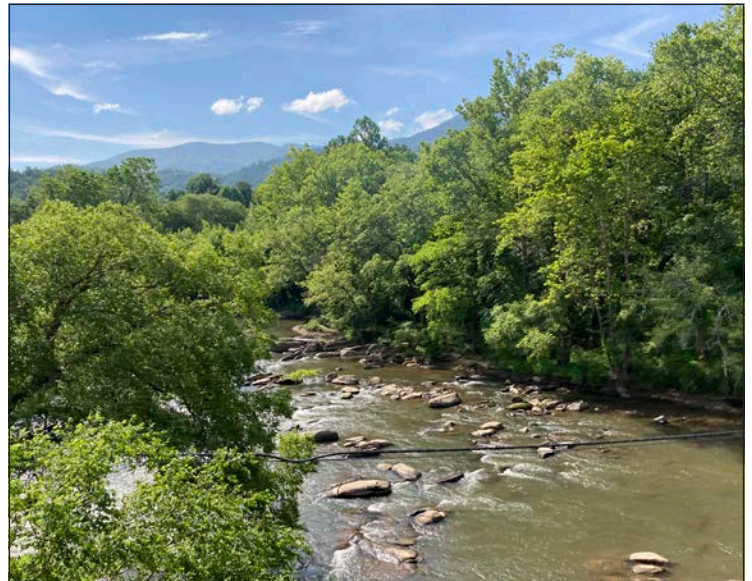
The Tarzan & Train package includes a ride on the GSMR followed by a fully-guided Nantahala Gorge Canopy Tour. The original zipline canopy tour in Western North Carolina, this tour offers 13 different zip lines and eight sky bridges.

In addition to the combo packages offered, guests can also do the Jeep Tour, rafting trips and ziplining as stand-alone attractions. Rent-a-raft is also available.

Visitors can stay overnight with Wildwater at the Yurt Village which has eight Mongolian Yurts on a 22-acre setting with ponds, waterfalls, firepits and barbecue areas or at the Group Lodge which can accommodate up to 44 guests in several bunk room suites, each with a private bathroom and deck.

Wildwater has five locations in The Blue Ridge and Smoky Mountains in Ducktown, TN; Bryson City NC; Asheville, NC; Long Creek, SC; and near Gatlinburg, TN. The Bryson City location is at 10345 Highway 19 South/74 West. For information visit <https://wildwater-rafting.com> or call 866-319-8870.

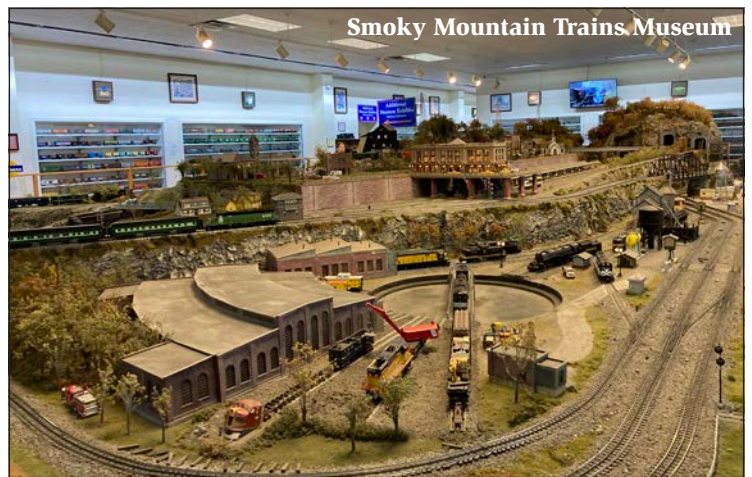
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## •Ontario Schools open for new school year

Perry, bus driver;

The board approved overseeing school district concession operations during the 2023-'24 school year and approved MOU for a percussion coach for the drumline.

The revised Athletic Handbook typeset, mission statement and chain of command was approved.

Bethany Rachel was hired as a career coach for the new school year to assist students with career exploration, college selection, admission and financial aid, not to exceed \$10,000.

Permanent appropriations for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, were approved.

Pat Duffner will act as the superintendent's "designee" for district transportation purposes as well as determining the location of school bus stops and relocating the bus stops during the 2023-'24 school year.

An anonymous donation of \$3,800 was accepted for the Ontario Football Program.

E.S. Beveridge donated \$2,000 for the girls soccer program. Donations were also accepted from Rich and Joy Chandler, \$1,000, girls soccer program; Nelly's Hideaway, \$6,000, girls soccer program; Ontario Boosters Club, \$28,000, swim timing system; anonymous, \$40, High school supplies; and Traci and Daniel Graham, \$50, Stingel school supplies.

The board approved a \$50 stipend for attending the new teacher orientation on Thursday, Aug. 10 for Jamee Burke, Aubrey Cardwell, Ashley Cooke, Holly Hale, Megan Hefner, Camryn Hoffman, Ashley Scott and Michelle Smith.

Facility requests were approved for Blue Marlins/Rocket Swim Club (Brooke Trumppower) for use of pool for the swim team; and Deb Henry for use of health classroom and pool for lifeguarding.

Todd Friend was appointed a delegate and an alternate delegate to the OSBA Capital Conference. Keith Strickler gave a construction projects update.

The board entered into executive session. No action was taken.

The next Board of Education Meeting will be held on Sept. 12, at 7 pm in the Ontario High School Library.

## Lexington approves ordinance amendments for November ballot

The Village of Lexington Council meeting was held July 10. Council members attending were Zack Alleshouse, Adam Gongwer, Bob Jarvis, Wynn Kearns, Kim Little and Jeff O'Brien. Also attending were Attorney John Studenmund, Chief Brett Pauley, Captain Troy Weaver and Village Administrator Andrew Smallstey.

Vaughn Robinson of W. Main St. asked council to consider an artistic event for the village's skate park. Robinson, a musician, asked that council consider revitalizing the skate park. He would be willing to help the cause by providing musical entertainment. Councilman Kearns asked if utilities were in the park to provide electricity and it was confirmed that there is at the poles surrounding the skate park.

Councilman O'Brien asked if enough space was available for an event this size. Vaughn confirmed the skate park and swimming pool parking lot would provide ample space for a fundraiser. Smallstey told the two that a permit will be necessary for the event to take place. Possible dates are Sept. 2, Labor Day weekend or Sept. 9. Councilman Kearns stated final approval by council will be necessary and to return with proof of insurance. Councilman Gongwer encouraged Robinson to stay in contact with Buildings & Grounds Council Representative, Zack Alleshouse.

Boy Scout Troops A and B were in attendance to earn their merit and citizenship badges.

Administrator Andrew Smallstey reported that USG Water is in town for the beginning stages of the Water Meter Replacement Project. Five meters were installed throughout the village; all residents are employees of the village. This will be for a test run. After all tests are completed, installation for all residents will begin.

The drive between Patriot Park's two parking lots have been graded and asphalted. Councilman O'Brien commended a job well done.

A pre-construction meeting was held with Kokosing regarding street resurfacing. Weather permitting, work was set for July 24.

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Peter Them and Smallstey attended an online meeting with ODOT District 3 regarding the East Main Street Safety Improvement Project.

The article regarding the \$227K grant awarded to the village for water/sewer infrastructure improvements was not requested by the village but was abandoned because of an oversight in engineering.

The village is still waiting for finalization of the new website with GovOffice. All data has been submitted.

Bryer Miller has been hired to work full-time in the street department. Breyer has proven his worth through hard work as a seasonal employee.

Options have been received from KEM for parking across the street. These will be reviewed by CIC. There will also be discussion regarding accessibility for the lot across the street.

The mayor and Smallstey met with Richland County Health Commissioner, Julie Chaya, and Fiscal Officer Kevin VanMeter regarding potential federal grant funding for numerous park picnic tables, both regular and ADA compliant, park benches, drinking fountains for the park and the square, and bike repair station.

Mayor Brian White attended a mayor's conference in Columbus June 21 and 22. There were good talks regarding budgeting and the state. There were also some good conversations regarding the need for more police officers.

A meeting regarding the Main Street revitalization project was scheduled for July 27.

Police Chief Weaver reported that the new Chevy Tahoe is in Bucyrus getting all equipment installed. Applications have been received for the several positions that are available in the police department. Patrolman Alex Keding will be resigning as of July 17, which makes the department short of three officers.

An ordinance will appear on the November ballot for three amendments to the village

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Dr. Daniel Lee, Neuropsychiatrist

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The Alzheimer's Association will also share information on valuable resources available and how to access them.

Thursday, August 17, 2023

4:00 pm to 5:15 pm

Area Agency on Aging

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# • Buckeye Imagination Museum second floor opens

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while the top floor can now entertain older children and adults (focusing on ages 10-adults). This new space promotes social interaction and friendly, family competition.

“We really set out with the mission to build this second floor so you can bring your entire family and they can play together,” Boll said. “As we were all growing up, it was always fun to challenge our mom and dad to some sort of game. We have lots of fun activities on the second floor for parents and children to enjoy each other and make new memories.”

Barrett Thomas, Buckeye Imagination Museum’s board president, thanked the community for its support. County commissioner Cliff Mears said the new exhibit offers families another option for all-day fun in the county.

Creating this space did not happen in a vacuum. It happened with the support from a lot of people. Everyone involved has been committed to the vision and growth of the museum. Whether it’s the board members, staff, sponsors, local foundations, and the community have all played a part in making this happen.

The Richland County Foundation, The Shelby Foundation, The Imagination District campaign, and the tremendous support all over the county. “By receiving the gift from the Shelby Foundation, it represented that this isn’t just a Mansfield thing, but a county-wide interest and investment,” said Boll.

Destination Mansfield, The Chamber, and other non-profits like Kingwood Center Garden had a part in making this happen. A special thank you to Jim from Adena. Adena Corporation built the air hockey table and other exhibits on the top floor. Dallas Design out of Lexington did a lot of the technical work for most of the exhibits. The six-person air hockey table is the only one like it in the world, built by Adena.

“One of the commitments to this project was, if we raise the money in this community, we were going to spend the money in this community. Out of the 4.5 million dollars spent, 96% has been spent using companies within this county.

What we found out was, there is amazing talent in this county and some of the ideas created like the paper airplane canon and others developed were extremely unique in the technical design aspects,” said Boll proudly.

“If you ever need a dose of happiness and hope, come to the museum and sit and watch kids be happy. Watch the smiles on their faces and watch families playing with their children. That’s the beauty of what’s been created, dreamed and hoped for. This is not the end for the museum. This is one step up the ladder of ideas and plans. We’re going to find a new mountain to climb. There’s going to be bigger and better things coming to the museum,” Boll said.

Miss Ontario, Jaslyn Lopez said, “I’ve watched this upper room develop since my mom works here, so it’s really cool to see it all come together. I’m so grateful that it’s here in our community and that it will be inclusive for all ages, and not just kids, but adults as well!” She considers it an honor to be able to participate in the rib-

bon-cutting. Growing up she always went to the museum, and now she can continue to enjoy it with the new upper level. “This is a perfect family event that everyone of all ages can now participate in!” she said.

The exhibit offers fun for everyone, including a six-player air hockey, laser maze, interactive projector sports, classic pinball and video games, mini golf, life-size connect four, paper airplane canon, skee ball, rotating climbing wall and much more!

Visitors can gain entrance to the museum through a single Adventure Pass from the library. Valid for up to four people, the pass allows unlimited visits for three days, including the day of checkout. With the launch of this engaging new exhibit, Buckeye Imagination Museum continues its mission to inspire creativity and intellectual curiosity in children of various age groups. The community’s support and the array of activities available ensure a memorable experience for all visitors.

Find all the details on hours, pricing and special admission discounts at <https://buckeyeimaginationmuseum.org/hours-admission/>. For more information on Buckeye Imagination Museum and their upcoming events, visit <https://buckeyeimaginationmuseum.org/> or call 419-522-2332.



Photos By Traci Little





**BRIAN AND MICHELLE GATES** State Farm Insurance sponsored the Pizza Hut Car Show on Thursday, Aug. 10 in Ontario.

## •Lexington approves ordinance amendments for November ballot

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charter, one supplementing the residency qualifications for members of council, the second supplementing the residency qualifications for the mayor, and the third amending the posting of publication of ordinances and resolutions.

An ordinance giving consent of the village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to remove snow and ice and use snow and ice control material on state highways inside the village corporation limits was approved.

A request by ODOT has been established, this will be done yearly.

An ordinance was established providing for permanent budget amendments and appropriations for July for the administration, general and water funds.

New money is needed in the engineer line for the upgrading of E. Main St. \$24,500 has been approved by the finance committee who met prior to the meeting.

A resolution adopting the tax budget for the village for the fiscal year 2024, and declaring an emergency, was approved.

Resolution no. 23-21 entered into an agreement with the Ohio Department Of Transportation (ODOT) for roadway and intersection improvements within the village and declaring an emergency.

Councilman Kearns reported he met with the Cemetery Board. Mr. Worley's house caught on fire and was not able to attend the meeting. The discussion whether to have a levy on November ballot was held.

Attorney Studenmund advised of necessary details needed to be complete prior to placing on the ballot. Councilman Kearns stated one opinion for new levy money is high and another opinion is low. Kearns would like to see the current levy monies modified and maybe go for the May 2024 primary election. O'Brien stated a primary election will be held on March 19, 2024.

Councilman Gongwer confirmed that Ordinance 23-19, the debt service for the water department and the oversight is corrected for next year's payments.

## Richland SWCD honors Leonard N. Fox as volunteer of the year

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) recently held a volunteer appreciation picnic at Malabar Farm to express its gratitude to volunteers. In addition to the picnic, Richland SWCD recognizes one volunteer each year who provides exemplary support to the district. This year's recipient is Leonard N. Fox of Shelby.

To recognize Fox's dedication, a black gum tree will be planted Aug. 24 at 10 am at Seltzer Park in Shelby near the park's gazebo. Fox will also be recognized at the annual celebration on Sept. 7 at the Kehoe Center in Shelby. The public is welcome to attend both events.

Fox has been volunteering with Richland SWCD since 2016. He supports the district as a precipitation monitor. He reports his findings on the Richland SWCD website, which helps others in the coun-

ty make gardening, farming and conservation decisions. He spends time planting and collecting milkweed seeds each year and donates them to the district in the fall as part of the county-wide milkweed seed pod collection. The seeds are removed from the pods and distributed the following year to be planted.

In addition to volunteering with Richland SWCD, Fox also volunteers with the Richland Area Chamber of Commerce, and is involved with the Knights of Columbus. Although he is a retired farmer, he still spends much of his time helping on the farm. In his free time, he enjoys beekeeping, hunting and fishing. He has two children and four grandchildren.

Call 419-747-8685 or go to <http://richlandswcd.net/> to learn about volunteer opportunities and services provided by Richland SWCD.

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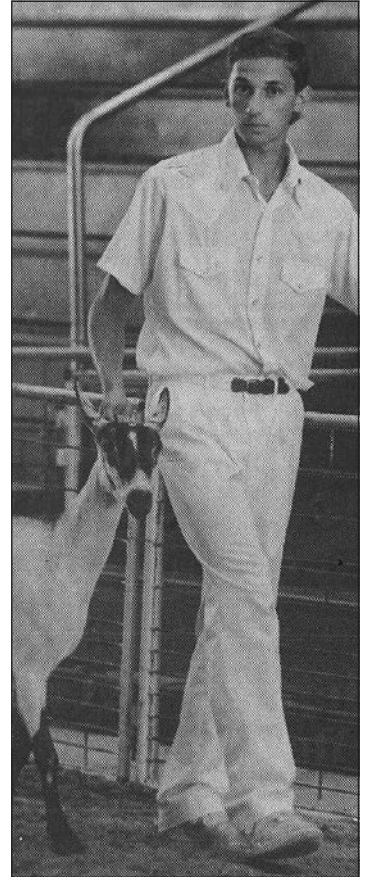
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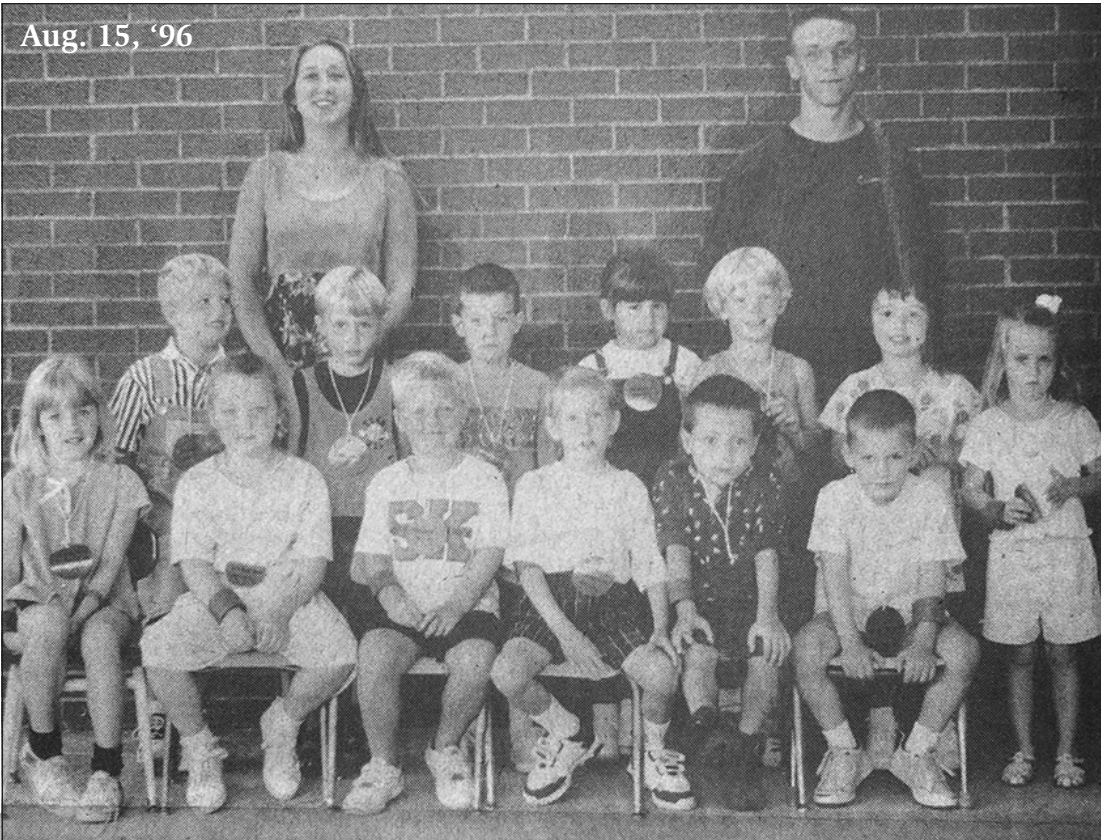
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George Billman

ROBERT SCHUSTER shows the calf and his sister Tara shows the heifer to breeder Pete Heip. The youngsters won their class with the animals at the Richland County Fair. The Schusters purchased the heifer as a calf from Heip.



AUGUST 13, 1992 — Andy Scoles, son of Frank and Lois Scoles of Ontario, keeps his eye on the judge as he shows one of Chad Mull's goats during judging Tuesday at the Richland County Fair. Andy was acting as substitute as Chad was finishing up in the poultry judging. Andy is a graduate of Ontario High School.



Aug. 15, '96

Photos by George Billman

ONTARIO SAFETY TOWN GRADUATES — Front, Jessica Anton, Alicia Christopherson, Rhett Dalton, Travis Fisher, David Hill and Matt Rister; middle, Shane Mullins, Tyler Metz, Evan Price, Sarah Komzak, Brenton Wagner, Jerica Persley and Courtney Zediker; back, Meredith Dille and Jerod Them.

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HOOPER, DECEASED.

CASE No. 20231177  
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for Authority to Administer Estate will  
be held on the 14th day of Septem-  
ber 2023 in Richland County Probate  
Court, 50 Park Avenue East, 2nd floor,  
Mansfield, OH, 44902 at 1 pm before  
the probate judge/magistrate.

Juli M. Lambert Applicant  
James Bart Leonardi, Attorney  
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mission will hold a hearing for amend-  
ing the Rules and Regulations at their  
meeting on September 13, 2023 at  
10:00 a.m., at the Ontario Municipal  
Building, 555 Stumbo Road. The rule  
for consideration is 3.05 Meetings of  
the Commission, Section E.

James Boyer  
Civil Service Commission, Chair  
City of Ontario, OH  
(T-C 8-17, '23) 12L



**A RECORD NUMBER OF SENIORS** were inducted into the Wayne E. Miller Chapter of the National Honor Society at Madison Comprehensive High School. Members elected officers and made plans for the upcoming year. National Honor Society members are front, Jacob Ford, Tyler Batcheller, Justin Gibson, Olivia Barley, Cielo Jacobus, Alexis Reedy, Hannah Clark, Emalie Green, Megan Reynolds and Ella Walker; second row, Kyerstin Swigart, Isabelle Thoman, Callie Cyrus, Kendyll Kershner, Maggie Jones, Emily Nolan, Alivia Ash, Sara Smith and Leighaja Brown; third row, Aiden Mooneyham, CJ Steffey, Damien Stapleton, Haylee Vernon, Livia Myers, Destiny Lane, Natalee Back, Chloe Ebeling, Kendall Kuhn, Karlie Wilson, Shelbey Rush and Danielle Golab; back, Isaiah Atwell, Ethan Glasgo, Grayson Sasis, William Kepple, Kayla Putney, Adeline Ward, Layla Azmoun, Jillian Conard, Colin Carroll and Hannah Ball. Not pictured are Karsyn Blust, Ashley Markley, Kyleigh Reiter and Destinee Willison.

## Tire collection is August 26

Richland County Solid Waste is partnering with the Richland County Farm Bureau and Richland Public Health to host the 2023 Tire Amnesty Day at the Richland County Fairgrounds Aug. 26, from 8 am to noon, (or until capacity is met) for Richland County Residents. Proof of residency is required, with a limit of 10 tires (off the rim) per vehicle.

Tires must be free of water/fluids. Ag tires will also be accepted.

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