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Madison School District placing levy on November ballot to add operating funds

Madison Local School District will have a 7.5 mill five-year levy on the Nov. 7 ballot to provide additional operating funds. If approved, the tax increase to a resident of the district who owns a home with an appraised value of \$100,000 will be \$5.07 per week.

Madison Local Schools has not passed a levy for additional operating funds since 1997, 26 years ago. If the levy passes, it will generate approximately \$3.6 million annually for the district.

The additional operating funds generated by the levy would be used to address current deficit spending, cover the increasing costs of day-to-day operations and offer students quality educational and extracurricular opportunities. It will also help to recruit and retain highly-skilled teachers, non-teaching staff and administrators and provide students with up-to-date curriculum, technology and other resources while maintaining and caring for buildings, facilities, grounds and the transportation fleet.

On the 2022-'23 school report card, Madison Local Schools met or exceeded the state standard in 4 out of 5 areas, including a 5-star rating on the Graduation Rate component.

If the levy does not pass, the district will be required to reduce expenditures in excess of \$4 million for the 2024-'25 school year. These reductions are not idle threats to the community in an attempt to get the levy to pass, they will be required to keep the district running.

Proposed reductions will include reducing the number of elementary schools from three to two by eliminating Mifflin Elementary.

Mifflin would no longer be an elementary school, but instead will house the Madison Early Childhood Learning Center. The MECLC building on Grace St. will be put up for sale.

Madison South Elementary would then house grades PK-2 and Eastview Elementary would house grades 3-4.

Thirteen elementary teachers, five non-teaching staff and one elementary administrator will lose their jobs. The number of elementary students in each classroom will increase significantly due to the staff reductions.

The number of special offerings for students will be reduced and the district will implement state minimum busing. There will be no busing for high school students unless required by their IEP.

Students in grades K-8 will only be transported if they live more than two miles from the school they attend or if required by their IEP. Eight bus drivers and one mechanic will be eliminated.

A pay-to-participate fee will be assessed for all athletic teams and extracurricular organizations and clubs. Cost would be \$300 per sport for high school athletics, capped at \$750; \$150 per sport for middle school athletics, capped at \$375; \$75 per club for high school extracurriculars, capped at \$175; and \$40 per club for middle school extracurriculars, capped at \$100.

Nine teaching and two non-teaching positions will be eliminated at the middle school and seven teaching and one non-teaching position will be eliminated at the high school.

The number of middle school and high school students in each classroom will increase significantly due to the staff reductions. The number of elective course offerings for middle and high school students will also be reduced.

In total, 47 school employees will lose their jobs.

The former junior high property will be put up for sale, potentially eliminating the venue for Madison Youth Soccer teams.

Curriculum purchases will be reduced to bare minimums and building and facility maintenance will be limited to the bare minimum. Building heating and cooling will be regulated to reduce utility costs.

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Photo By Traci Little

DURING THE 7TH ANNUAL AMERICAN HERITAGE DAYS in South Park, Mansfield, many artisans showed their craft to visitors. Annette Pascal of Galena, OH, makes fleece and yarn from Shetland Sheep. This is a Fine Shetland lace shawl. The pattern is called "Shetland Stars" from Monique Boonstra, and it is the "Outlander Shawl" that Claire wears in the first and second season. The shawl is knitted with handspun, single ply Shetland wool that is very fine (gossamer). The art of Shetland lace knitting was almost lost, but in recent years it picked up in popularity again. However, due to its challenging and slow going pace, not many knitters tackle this specific type of lace knitting. (See More Photos on Page 6)

Visitors gather for 7th Annual American Heritage Days

Photos and Article By Traci Little

The 7th Annual American Heritage Days is a favorite fall event, located at South Park in Mansfield. This free event happened last weekend Saturday, Oct. 7, and Sunday, Oct. 8.

There were speakers, musket demonstrations, 18th Century blanket traders and vendors, 18th Century games, 18th Century cooking in the cabin over an open hearth, blacksmithing and rope making in the blacksmith shop.

The Buehler's Food Truck was a favorite on Saturday (especially the macaroni and cheese with pulled pork on top) and Deja Food had their food trailer on site for Sunday.

Among the performers and demonstrations were Lori Turner on the harpsichord and hammered dulcimer, Mike Schaffer speaking about Wyandot Indians, Laura Supinger's cooking demonstrations and Erin Ekin on 18th century dance.

Matt Wulff spoke about new settlers in Ohio and Chay Gordon spoke on "From the coast to plantation."

Winchester Mill and town have vanished

By Bob Carter

The story starts with a very large grist mill on Butler-Newville Road, near State Route 95, two miles south of Butler. Construction of the mill began in 1824 under a triple ownership of Noble Calhoun, John Herring and Jacob Manner. The ownership was a family affair under the management of Calhoun, for Jacob Manner was a son-in-law. The Herring partner was the millwright and thus his interest.

As historian D. W. Garber was to record, there was a tragedy during the mill's construction. Jacob Pulver was a contractor, he built the mill building and oversaw the mill construction. A carpenter named Clapper, who had been drinking, showed up for work and, while assisting to lower a heavy beam on the third floor, the beam slipped and fell, crushing his head and squirting the contents on his skull into the head race waters. The evidence stain of his death remained on the mill floor until the building was torn down many years later.

Calhoun's pet project had been the creation of a town named "Winchester." Financial funds for the mill construction had been from the financial firm of Markey & Fitting of Bellville. The property was pledged as security on the loan. Fitting owned a mill just west of Bellville and had been a contractor on the Sandusky, Mansfield and Newark Railroad between Lexington and Bellville. The railroad to Bellville was completed as far south as Bellville in the summer of 1850.


Winchester was laid out March 31, 1845 and lots sold for six or eight houses which were built mostly for employees of the mill. In addition to the mill, a coopers shop for barrel making, a saw mill a cobblers shop, carding machine and a large general store sprang up.

John Herring, when he was operating the mill, shipped part of his products by flat boats launched at Perrysville or Loudonville. They drifted down the Clear Fork, on down to the Ohio and the Mississippi to New Orleans, where products could be sold at a good price.

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THE HUGE WINCHESTER WOOLEN MILL was 40' X 60' and almost four stories high.



THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER
— By Ian Stumbo —

Director David Gordon Green and the distribution company Blumhouse acquired the rights to the *Halloween* franchise in 2018.

They made one of the better films in the series with that film bringing Jamie Lee Curtis back to her signature role of Laurie Strode. Upon its release, they said they were making it into a trilogy. The next two films, *Halloween Kills* and *Halloween Ends* went from mediocre to just plain awful.

Soon after, it was decided to bring Green on to make a direct sequel to one of the greatest horror films of all time, 1973's *The Exorcist*. The final product is *The Exorcist: Believer*.

The plot consists of a single father played by Leslie Odom, Jr. He and his daughter live in Georgia, and she has a new friend at school. He agrees to let her hang out with her friend after school.

After both girls go missing in the woods, they turn up three days later with almost no recollection about what happened. It turns out that both girls are possessed and there is something sinister at play as both families must figure out how to get their daughters back.

The concept is certainly there and interesting about having two girls possessed at the same time. It's too bad the filmmakers couldn't make a competent movie around it.

Nothing makes sense. The early signs of possession are not even worth talking about compared to what made the original so effective and scary. The friend of Odom Jr.'s daughter is barely on the screen; the audience never gets to know her or her family at all.

For one of the worst decisions of the year, they bring Ellen Burstyn back as Chris MacNeal from the original film and completely underutilize her.

Reports have it, she turned

down the filmmakers many, many times about coming back before finally accepting.

She is completely wasted in the film and barely in it. At 90 years old, Burstyn is a legendary actress and if you have her in a film, her talents should be utilized much, much better than they were.

The scene where she is in a room by herself with one of the possessed girls still bothers me as to how senseless that scene is.

So much of this movie is nonsensical though and I have seen few films where the scenes take so long to finish.

Also, it's too bad this is one of the movies where if you have seen the trailer, you have seen the best parts of the movie. There is even a creepy scene of one of the girls at church that was shown in the previews and nothing else was done with it.

The exorcism scene at the end involves many different friends and religions coming together which, again, is an interesting concept, though so poorly executed that by this point in the film I was ready for it to end.

The Exorcist has always struggled with sequels (the exception being *The Exorcist III* which is quite good and has gotten a better standing over the years).

There have been great spinoff exorcism-type movies like *The Exorcism of Emily Rose*. If you are going to make a direct sequel to a legendary film like this, it must be great. Like *Halloween*, they are planning on making this into a trilogy. I really, really hope they do not.


This movie left barely anything to be enjoyed. Maybe it's time to leave these movies alone and let them hold their place in history.



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News Briefs

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Oct. 28 and 29.

Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, 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.



Ontario Christian Church will host a Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, Oct. 22, from 4-5 pm.

Children are encouraged to dress in their costumes and adults are invited to join in by decorating their trunk and passing out candy.

The church is located at 1029 Lewis Rd., Ontario. This is a public event and all are invited. For information call 419-529-5684.



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 Oct. 18 will include roast beef. Josh Dysal of the Crawford County Park District will speak. Guests are welcome.

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



The Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center will host its final free distribution of the season on Oct. 23 for produce giveaways. 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.



The Richland County Local Emergency Planning Committee meetings are scheduled for Oct. 25, Jan. 24, April 24 and July 24 at 3:15 pm at Richland Public Health, 555 Lexington Ave, Mansfield, in the

Corley Room. For more information contact Richland County EMA 419-774-5686.



Mission Point will host a free Trunk or Treat event Sunday, Oct. 22, at 4 pm. The church is located at 54 E. Cook Rd., Mansfield.

This event will happen rain or shine.

Mission Point will also offer the Upward program this Winter. Registration is now open and games begin in February of 2024.

Register online at <https://registration.upward.org/UPW84640>

Deadline for registration is Dec. 31.



A fall church rummage sale will be held at Mansfield 1st EPC, 399 S. Trimble Rd., (corner of Trimble Rd. and Millsboro Rd.) on Friday, Oct. 27, 9 am to 4 pm; and Saturday, Oct. 28, from 9 am to noon.

This is a semi-annual rummage sale with a selection of clothing for children and adults, shoes, books, toys, housewares, furniture, and much more. Proceeds are used for local missions.

For information call 419-756-7066.



The Lexington Depot's meal schedule has been released. Meals are \$9 and served at the Lexington Senior Civic Center, 67 E. Main St., Lexington, from 11 am to 1 pm.

For information call 419-884-1676. Meals include Oct. 12, open-faced turkey with mashed potatoes; Oct. 17, chicken divan with broccoli over rice; Oct. 19, salisbury steak and herbed mashed potatoes; Oct. 24, diced ham with scalloped potatoes; Oct. 26, beef tips with garlic noodles; and Oct. 31, chicken and dumplings.



The next meeting of the Richland County Genealogical Society will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 7 pm, at The Ohio Genealogical Society Library, 611 St. Rt. 97 West, Bellville. This is a change of date from the previously scheduled one.

Ronny Echelberger will give an update on his work on Richland County cemeteries that were greatly in need of repair. Election of officers for 2024 will be held. The meeting is free and open to the public.



Pastor Paul Oman will paint a larger-than-life sized mural at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 525 W. Cook Rd., Mansfield, on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 7 pm.

This will be a "Drawn to the Word" worship and artistic experience. This story will unfold artistically, musically, narratively and scripturally during the event. All are welcome.

Holy Trinity is celebrating 75 years of ministry in Mansfield and the theme is "Looking Forward."



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Kristine Lindeman
Co-owner of Alumni Roofing

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Belize missionary Mulvihill will speak about her work at OUMC

The community is invited to attend a presentation which is being given by Janelle Mulvihill, a missionary in Belize, Central America. The presentation will be Tuesday, Oct. 17 at Ontario United Methodist Church. A fellowship meal will be held at 5 pm and she will speak at 6 pm.

Mulvihill has been serving for five years with Child Evangelism Fellowship as full-time staff in Belize. She grew up in Belize while her parents were also serving as missionaries in Belize. They are retiring after having served with CEF for 38 years.

Mulvihill is the local CEF director for the Toledo District in Belize. This is the southern-most district. It includes people from many ethnic groups including Mayan Indian, Spanish, East Indian and Mestizo (mix of Spanish and Mayan).

She was the missionary that the local Child Evangelism Fellowship 5 Day Clubs collected money for this summer. Many children in the area attended 5 Day Clubs led by Child Evangelism Staff and Volunteers. During the Club, they would learn about a missionary and take up a collection which goes to support their work.

This summer Janelle Mulvihill was that missionary and now she is here in person and the church wants to invite the children and their families to come and meet her.

She will share about her work there which includes the Good News Club, 5-Day Club, Party Clubs, Training Seminars and Courses,



es, and other outreach opportunities for the Children of Belize. She will also share how she is reaching out to the children through a radio program. She is hoping to raise support for the radio ministry so that she can share Jesus with many children through a Bible Lesson, Songs, Memory Verses, and an invitation to receive Jesus as their Savior.

She is teaching sessions as she trains leaders to lead these groups. These teachers will be discipling children in their Christian faith.

A free will offering will be taken for her support.

Library to host candidate night

Four candidates are on the upcoming ballot for the City of Mansfield Municipal Court Judge. All four candidates will speak at a Meet the Candidates event on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 6 pm at Mansfield/Richland County Public Library.

This event will be in the main library's community room, 43. W. Third St., Mansfield.

The candidates include Michael Kemerer, Cassandra J. M. Mayer, David C. Badnell and M. Lore' Whitney.

Richland County voters are invited to this informal event to meet the candidates, ask questions, and understand their position on issues that may have personal impact and impact on the community.

For full details on upcoming ballot issues, candidates and polling, visit the Richland County Ohio Board of Elections website at <https://www.boe.ohio.gov/richland/election-info/>

Church Directory

Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville
419-886-4333 • www.clearforkalliance.org
Rev. Matt Merendino
Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship
Sunday Evening 6 pm Home Groups
Monday Men's Group 7:30 pm
Wednesday evenings: 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting
6:30-8 pm 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
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
Interim Pastor Lisa Peterson
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship
Call about Prayer Groups, Small Groups, Bible Studies, Book Clubs, Pub Theology, Community Meals, Free Produce distribution and Senior Boxes.

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
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
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
Pastor Christine Bell
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10:15 am Kingdom Kids

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1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield (Madison) 419-589-2114 • www.mansfieldstmarys.org
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8 am Friday Worship • Faith Instruction & Bible Study on Sunday Mornings

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419-522-2813 • www.stjohnsmansfield.org
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Crystal Mill in Crystal, Colorado
Photo By Mark Shutt

Prescription Take Back Day scheduled for October 28

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day will be held Saturday, Oct. 28, from 10 am to 2 pm.

Collection programs protect children and the water and food supplies, and decrease prescription drug abuse by making it easier to properly dispose of unused or expired medication.

This is a completely confidential program. No personal information will be collected.

All prescription labels should be removed before arriving.

Items that will be accepted include prescription medicines of any kind, over-the-counter medications, medication samples, pet medications, vitamins, inhalers, medicated ointments and lotions and liquid medications in leak-proof containers.

Items that cannot be accepted include needles, syringes, lancets, thermometers, aerosol cans, IV bags, hydrogen peroxide, bloody or infectious waste, empty containers and personal products (non-medicated shampoo, etc.).

Richland County drop off locations include the Mansfield Police Department, 1125 National Pkwy., Mansfield; Richland County Sheriff's Office, 597 Park Avenue East, Mansfield; Bellville Police Department, 320 Bell St., Bellville; Lexington Police Department, 44 West Main Street, Lexington; Shelby Police Department, 31 Mack Ave., Shelby; Plymouth Police Department, 48 W. Broadway St., Plymouth.

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Poll workers needed

The Richland County Board of Elections needs additional poll workers for the Nov. 7 General Election.

The board has scheduled a class for new Precinct Election Officials (poll workers) for Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 6 pm at the Longview Center, 1495 W. Longview Ave., in the upper-level classroom. Those who enter through the front entrance from the main front parking area, the classroom will be to the right, past the elevators. The class will consist of an overview of the electoral process and should last approximately two hours. A brief presentation will be included to demonstrate how to set up the voting equipment. Attendees will receive \$30 with their check for working the polls and attending this class.

Most new poll workers will be assigned. Workers are placed as near as possible to their home area, but sometimes it's necessary to ask them to travel to another part of the county.

Each polling precinct is staffed by one Precinct Election Official-Presiding Judge (PEO-PJ), who is considered to be the lead poll worker, one Precinct Election Official-Presiding Assistant (PEO-PA), who must accompany the PJ back to the office with the equipment and ballots after the polls close, and two Precinct Election Officials-Clerks (PEO-Clerk).

Vote centers, which are polling places with more than one precinct, will also have a VLM (Voting Location Manager) to oversee the entire location. Usually, the more experienced workers are assigned as a VLM or PJ. An equal number of poll workers from each party must be assigned to each precinct.

VLMs are paid \$190, Presiding Judges \$180, Presiding Assistants \$155, and Clerks \$145, plus training compensation. No taxes, social security or other deductions are taken out of these checks.

For information contact 419-774-5530.

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7TH ANNUAL AMERICAN HERITAGE DAYS



CHLOE BACHELOR, age 10, loves to play with the original fidget toy, the Whizzer.



VALERIE HAMILL from Galena, OH, represented the famous spy, Pauline Cushman. She is utterly fascinated by the life of Cushman and would love to finish writing a book on her life within the next couple of years. Pauline Cushman was an American actress and a spy for the Union Army during the American Civil War. She is considered one of the most successful Civil War spies.



Photos By Traci Little

AUCTION LOCATION- Due to lack of parking the auction will be held at the LaQUINTA Hotel lobby next to Wal-Mart located at 2485 Possum Run Road, Mansfield, OH on the East side of I/71- SR 13 exit.

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7TH ANNUAL AMERICAN HERITAGE DAYS



AUDREY NEWBACHER makes an 18th Century favorite, a rosewater currant cake.



MARK WATTS portrayed Corporal Robert McBride who was the bodyguard to President Lincoln.



Photos By Traci Little

•Madison School District placing levy on ballot

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Chromebook replacements will be limited to defective devices only and annual financial support to supplement adult education operations will be paused.

In May the levy was put on the ballot as continuing and as 8 mills. The levy in November will appear on the ballot as a five-year, 7.5 mill levy to be approved by residents every five years.

Recently appraised homes that have increased in value will not have taxes increase at that same rate. Due to reappraisal property, taxes only go up based on inside millage, which is a small portion of taxes. Property taxes are likely to increase due to reappraisal, but not by the same percentage as the appraised value of the home.

Passage of the levy will help preserve and protect the district as it stands currently. However, if the levy does not pass, the expenditure reductions will significantly reduce the district's resources.

If the levy does not pass, the district will be implementing at least \$4 million in reductions that will be necessary to carry even a small cash balance at the end of the 2024-'25 school year.

A few concerned business owners and community members spoke up in support of the levy.

"As lifelong residents, Madison graduates and parents to current students in the district, our family chooses to support the levy," said Chris Powell, Milliron Auto Parts General Manager.

"Passing the levy not only gives the current generation the same opportunities we had in the past, but also makes sure those opportunities and more are there for future generations. Our schools are the best investment we can give our children and community."

"I learned years ago from my father just how important supporting our schools and community really is," said Jeff Parton, said levy committee co-chair. "Whether he was coaching my sports teams, raising money to build the fieldhouse at the high school, or starting Madison Community Baseball Park, he showed me that strong schools lead to a strong community. I hope the Madison community will support this operating levy so we can maintain and protect all of the great things Madison Schools is doing for our students, our staff and our entire community."

"I understand and empathize with the financial sacrifice that the residents of the Madison community will be making to support the levy," said Rob Peterson. "However, the need for the school district is real. Madison Schools has not asked for new operating funds since 1997, 26 years ago. If the levy does not pass, the reductions that have been identified will be devastating to our students, to their families, to our staff, and to the Madison community as a whole."

"I believe for the residents of the Madison Local School District a sacrifice of \$5 or \$10 a week is a small price to pay to preserve and protect our schools, to preserve and protect our home values, and to preserve and protect the Madison community. Our school system is the heart of our community. We need to keep our schools strong to keep our community strong. Please show your Ram Pride and save Madison Schools on election day. Madison students are worth it!"

•Winchester Mill and town have vanished

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Herring then sailed to New York where he bought goods to sell at Winchester. The location of the new SM&N railroad two miles west of Winchester thru Butler was the death knell of the mill and town. Railroad transportation was necessary to survive.

In June of 1949, Garber interviewed Noble Calhoun and Cora Stull. Both had worked at the mill and Mrs. Stull had worked at the mill from 1879 to 1887. She started at 7:00 am, had a half hour for lunch and worked till 6:00 pm six days a week. She was paid fifty cents a day.

When the Mill was operated by Noble Calhoun Jr. after the death of his father, he operated the mill for several years and then sold to Samuel Clapper, probably a son or grandson of the man killed in the mills construction.

Clapper tried to operate a woolen mill in one part of the grist mill but oil cent from the wool got into the flour and that didn't work. The next owners were the Gilliland Brothers and they were the last to run the huge woolen mill. It closed in 1890 due to competition and remote location.

When built some believed it to be the largest frame building in Richland County. While it was being torn down in the 1950's another near tragedy occurred when a heavy timber fell at the same location that crushed the skull of a man building the structure. It fell and broke the leg of a man tearing it down.

The mill stood on one side of the Clear Fork with the town laid out on leveler land opposite.

Today the Mill, the center of attraction, and the whole town have disappeared. Another page in history has been turned.

Rubies banquet is October 21

Rubies Womens Group will host its 3rd Annual Fall for Rubies Banquet with the theme of "You are the One." The banquet will be held Saturday, Oct. 21, from 5-7 pm at Kindred Kove, 1710 LorKay Dr., Mansfield.

Reservations are available for \$50 per person for the five-course gourmet meal provided by UR Worthy Catering. Guest speakers will be Tyler Amos, Rubies board member; and Lindsey Copley from Richland County Adult Probation and a Rubies graduate's testimony.

There will also be a silent auction featuring gifts from local businesses. Rubies will give a presentation bringing awareness of how addiction and human sex trafficking is in our area and how Rubies is a solution to this problem.

Rubies is a non profit organization that is considered a healing house for women coming out of addiction and/or human sex-trafficking. It has been operating since 2016, starting out as a support group for women in need of housing and assisting women to transition from survival mode to healing.

RSVP to 419-612-6399 or visit www.rubiesoutreach31.com.

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THIRD GRADE ONTARIO STUDENTS in Natasha Jolin's class began Chick Quest through Next Gen. Students placed chicken eggs in an incubator. In one experiment, kids made a hypothesis if they had a raw or hard boiled egg. Students then rolled their egg, placed it in water and salt water, and candled it to see if they believed their original hypothesis, or if they needed to change it. Then, they went outside and everyone tossed their egg to see if their hypothesis was correct. Another time students cracked an egg (infertile) to label all the parts of an egg. Students also worked in groups to see how eggs are porous by dropping eggs in hot water and noticing what was happening, and leaving an egg shell out for a week. For the last experiment, students brought in used egg shells so they could reuse them to make chalk. Students had to grind the egg shells into fine powder. Then students mixed the egg shell powder with flour and hot water with a partner. Then they were rolled out to dry for days.

Craft and vendor show will raise funds for local food program

Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Ontario, will host a Harvest Craft & Vendor Show Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 am to 3 pm.

Admission is \$2 at the door (six and under free) or two or more non-perishable food items.

This is a fundraiser for the Peanut Butter & Jelly program at the church which provides free food to families in the Ontario area during the summer months. Since 2010, the program has grown and provided food to 759 children this past summer.

All vendor fees go to support the program and some vendors have chosen to donate a portion of their sales.

A published author will sign and sell her books, someone will demonstrate piano/keyboard techniques and there will be vintage items, homemade crafts, wood crafts, custom t-shirts and tumblers, baked goods, crochet items, coffee beans smoked on site, honey, jelly, and more. The Ontario Lions Club will have their food trailer available.

To become a vendor or for more information contact Joni Davis at 419-545-6646.

RPH and Malabar Farm hosting Hike for Health this Saturday

Richland Public Health's Fall Hike for Health is Saturday, Oct. 14, at Malabar Farm State Park, 4050 Bromfield Rd., Lucas.

Hikers can enjoy the beauty of Ohio's fall colors with hikes through the woods from 9 to noon. Hikes are self-guided with suggested start times by 11 am.

All hikers are encouraged to check in at the visitor's center at Malabar Farm before starting their hikes. There, guests will find maps of the walking trails, bug bags to protect against mosquitoes and ticks, and snacks and bottled water.

Hiking is promoted as a healthy form of exercise by Richland Public Health. The hike will be held rain or shine, participants are encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather.

Sturdy hiking boots are recommended as the trail conditions may be somewhat slippery.

For more information about Hike for Health call 419-774-3542.

Senior citizen luncheons return to Madison

The senior citizen luncheon at Madison Comprehensive High School is back for another school year.

There will be two luncheons on Thursday, Oct. 19, at the high school's Ramble Inn, 600 Esley Ln. The first will be at 11 am and the second will be at 12:30 pm.

The cost is \$8 per lunch. Reservations must be made by noon on Tuesday, Oct. 17. Call the board office at 419-589-2600, ext. 65001, or email rlyons@madisonrams.net to make a reservation.



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Agriculture, soil and water conservation celebrated

Richland County Farm Bureau and Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) celebrated agriculture and soil and water conservation at a joint celebration Sept. 7, at the Kehoe Center in Shelby.

Guests enjoyed dinner, socialized with old and new friends and learned the impact both organizations and award recipients made in agriculture and soil and water stewardship in the past year. The evening was also a celebration of Richland SWCD's 75th anniversary and being named Ohio Soil and Water Conservation District of the Year.

Richland County Farm Bureau President Tim Johnson welcomed everyone. Brian Alt, Richland SWCD Board of Supervisors chair, gave a special thank you to Premier Sponsor Angela Phillips and the Phillips Tube Group and other dinner sponsors Alt Farms, Cranberry Hills Golf Course, Farm Credit Mid-America, Hulit Farms and Tim Johnson. He also thanked Springhill Fruit Farm for donating the fruit baskets for door prizes. Brian introduced the local public officials in attendance.

The keynote speaker, Pastor Paul Lintern, provided a special, entertaining history lesson on people and things that are 75 years old.

Fred Cooke thanked Abra Dunn and Eileen Eisenhauer, Farm Bureau staff, for their assistance in meeting the Richland County membership goals for the year. Fred noted that District 7, the four counties they serve, was one of only two in the state that made membership gain.

Tim Johnson passed the gavel to president elect Dale Hulit. Abra Dunn thanked Johnson for serving as the county Farm Bureau president and thanked each of the trustees with a gift for their hard work and dedication. She then recognized the volunteers for the year, noting events such as Membership Kick-off, Farmers Share Breakfast, policy development meeting, the tire recycling event and the activities at the county fair. She explained that the Farm Bureau relies on volunteers to get things done. She announced the two scholarship recipients were Caroline Tilton and Nicole Cook.

Rose Hartschuh, Farm Bureau State Trustee spoke briefly about the evolving business of farming and the changing membership of Farm Bureau.

Dale Hulit announced the Farm Bureau election results. Tim Johnson and Linda Fackler were elected to a three-year term. Loren Hulit and Fred Cooke were elected to attend the 2024 OFBF Annual Meeting. They will attend with the president and vice-president. Members approved the proposed local and state policies.

Erica Thomas, Director of Richland SWCD shared how Soil and Water Conservation Districts came into existence out of the Dust Bowl. She recognized current Board Supervisors and past Supervisors in attendance. Erica shared how the Richland County United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS) and Farm Service Agency (FSA) personnel work closely with Richland SWCD to serve residents with conservation projects.

She shared the impact and accomplishments Richland SWCD provided in the past year which resulted in earning them the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation District of the Year award. Highlights of the

year include the completion of the Strategic Plan, the stormwater program, and educational and technical assistance provided to the public and partners. The strategic plan will focus on six main areas of focus: update stormwater regulations, engage more young people, succession planning and training, expand agriculture & stormwater education, maintain and grow existing programs and broaden financial support and partnerships.

Kathryn Semo, representing the Auditor of State Keith Faber's office, presented Erica with a commendation marking the district's 75th anniversary.

Erica Thomas recognized the Richland SWCD Cooperator of the Year, Bill Flanagan; the Volunteer of the Year, Leonard Fox; and other volunteers in attendance. She noted that volunteers are an important part of Richland SWCD's success and serve in a variety of capacities.

Tom Holmes, Ohio Department of Agriculture Program Specialist, announced the Richland SWCD Board Supervisor election results. Brian Alt and Greg Timberlake will serve three-year terms as Richland SWCD Board Supervisors beginning January 2024. He noted that the county SWCD Board Supervisors provide a vital link between landowners and the state and national soil and water conservation districts.

Tickets available for 42nd annual OSU Buckeye Bash

The 42nd annual Ohio State University Alumni Club of Richland County's Beat Michigan — Buckeye Bash will be held at the Richland County Fairgrounds, 750 N. Home Rd. (youth hall), Mansfield on Monday, Nov. 13.

The Buckeye spirit will come alive as the doors open at 5:15 pm. A meal will be served from 5:30–6:30 pm. The featured speaker, former head football coach Jim Tressel, will share memories of Beat Michigan Week and his career as head coach.

The second feature of the Buckeye Bash will be the return of The Ohio State University Marching Band. Other highlights are Buckeye music, live and silent OSU item auctions, \$10/\$15/\$20 goodie bags, Buckeye trivia and a 50:50 drawing.

The cost per ticket is \$30 (includes a homemade meal). For tickets, contact Judy Villard Overocker at the OSU Extension office, 1495 W. Longview Avenue, Suite 206, Mansfield, or by calling 419-747-8755. Tables can be reserved for groups of eight. Seating will be limited so getting tickets early is suggested.

The Buckeye Bash is the major source of income for the OSU Alumni Club's scholarship funds and club outreach. By donating to and/or participating in this fun, community event, Buckeye fans can pay it forward and help support our future "Buckeyes."

Donors at select levels can receive a set amount of complimentary admission tickets and a coordinating amount of meet and greet tickets to meet Coach Tressel.



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Richland County celebrates breast cancer survivors

Photos and Article By Traci Little

The Richland County community came together last Wednesday evening, Oct. 4, to celebrate seventeen Richland County women who defeated breast cancer.

The event was held at Mansfield's Dan Lew Exchange and included appetizers, buffet style dinner, music, and games. Rhonda Breit, Pat Kracker Breast Cancer Fund Chairperson, was the guest speaker. She spoke passionately and empathetically about her own road with cancer and the passing of her husband during her treatment. There weren't many dry eyes in the room as she spoke about hope and the ability to rise above our circumstances if we keep our mind healthy and engaged.

"Where the mind goes, you will follow. Everything begins with a thought, and there's a great importance surrounding the mental health piece with this. We need to make an effort to keep our thoughts positive! It's easy to fall into fear, discouragement, or depression after a cancer diagnosis. Let's celebrate that we have survived what we've survived and live with a positive outlook. A cancer diagnosis is shocking and daunting, and we need one another," said Breit.

There was so much positive feedback after the event, and everyone is looking forward to next years' time together. Everyone was grateful to be there, and it was such an encouraging and beautiful time for these women to celebrate with their family and friends. Many stepped up and said they wanted to help out and give back at next year's celebration dinner. "I've never met a cancer survivor that didn't want to give back," said Breit.

"The Fund has always been supported by Richland County residents, businesses, and media to help our residents navigate the tidal

wave of emotions and financial pain caused by this horrible disease," says Rhonda. "We wish to thank those local businesses and individuals who sponsored our first annual Survivor Celebration."

Seventeen breast cancer survivors attended with family and friends. They shared their story of how long they have been a breast cancer survivor and what was most difficult in their diagnosis and treatment. They also shared a personal quote that kept them motivated throughout their ordeal.

The seventeen breast cancer survivors who were celebrated: Linda Harbaugh, Betty Clymer, Patty Cherveney, Laura Demyan, Sandra McElvan, Beverly Skiles, Wahnita Johnson, Kaye Luttrell, Ruth Vnasdale, Melissa Atchison, Mary Heenan, Barb Phillips, Kelly Litzinger, Libby Whitten, Nancy Hartman, Cynthia Beard, and Rhonda Breit.

All of their stories can be read at the Pat Kracker website - <https://helpmepat.org/survivor-celebration-dinner/>.

The Pat Kracker Breast Cancer Fund was established 25 years ago in memory of Pat Kracker who lost her battle with breast cancer on her 61st birthday. The Fund fights breast cancer before breast cancer strikes, when breast cancer strikes, and now, after breast cancer strikes through this Survivor Celebration.

"These seventeen women never gave up and never gave in", continues Rhonda. "Special thanks to Dan Lew for hosting the Survivor Celebration and our local media for continuing to cover how Richland County fights breast cancer." For additional information contact Rhonda Breit at (419) 610-4877.



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Horse Show Winners

Showmanship senior

- 1st Billi Bickers
- 2nd Bella Huey
- 3rd Alicia Eberts
- 4th Taya Schultz
- 5th Kristin Constance

Showmanship Junior

- 1st Mackenzie Wood
- 2nd Maylana Gamble
- 3rd Amelia Gorbett
- 4th Amiah Noe
- 5th Ryver Lusk

Lead Line

- 1st Emma Huey
- 2nd Maylana Gamble
- 3rd Raeloy Lusk

Walk Trot

- 1st Dave Huge
- 2nd Ella Gorbett
- 3rd Lia Huey

Sr. Horsemanship

- 1st Billi Bickers
- 2nd Alicia Eberts
- 3rd Sara Hall
- 4th Taya Schultz
- 5th Kristin Constance

Jr. Horsemanship

- Addison Brown 1st
- 2nd Maylana Gamble
- 3rd Mackenzie Wood
- 4th Taylor Bly
- 5th Malia Walker

Sr. Pleasure

- 1st Billi Bickers
- 2nd Sara Hall
- 3rd Bella Huey
- 4th Amelia Eberts
- 5th Kristin Constance

Jr. Pleasure

- 1st Amelia Gerbett
- 2nd Taylor Bly
- 3rd Amiah Noe
- 4th Addison Brown
- 5th Maylana Gamble

Sr. Egg and Spoon

- 1st Bella Huey
- 2nd Eliyana Helinski
- 3rd Taya Shultz
- 4th Billi Bickers
- 5th Liz Enix

Jr. Egg and Spoon

- 1st Malia Walker
- 2nd Amelia Gorbett
- 3rd Taylor Bly
- 4th Amiah Noe
- 5th Mia Gledhill

Sr. Barrels

- 1st Taylor Nelson
- 2nd Kristin Constance
- 3rd Mya Cannon
- 4th Taya Schultz
- 5th Bella Huey

Jr. Barrels

- 1st Chevelle Howard
- 2nd C Howard
- 3rd Maylana Gamble
- 4th Aria Edgell
- 5th Jessica Hall

Sr. Poles

- 1st Taylor Nelson
- 2nd Sara Hall
- 3rd Kristin Constance
- 4th Bella Huey
- 5th Billi Bickers

Jr. Poles

- 1st Chevelle Howard
- 2nd C Howard
- 3rd Aria Edgell
- 4th Maylana Gamble
- 5th Mia Gledhill

Sr. Stake Bend

- 1st Taya Schultz
- 2nd Bella Huey
- 3rd Sara Hall
- 4th Alicia Eberts
- 5th Liz Enix

Jr. Stake

- 1st Chevelle Howard
- 2nd C Howard
- 3rd Jessica Hall
- 4th Maylana Gamble
- 5th Aria Edgell

Sr. Keyhole

- 1st Sara Hall
- 2nd Taya Shultz
- 3rd Kristin Constance
- 4th Liz Enix
- 5th Alicia Eberts

Jr. Keyhole

- 1st Chevelle Howard
- 2nd C Howard
- 3rd Maylanna Gamble
- 4th Mia Gledhill
- 5th Aria Edgell

Sr. Ride and Run

- 1st Eliyana Helinski
- 2nd Kristin Constance
- 3rd Taya Shultz
- 4th Bella Huey
- 5th Billi Bickers

Jr. Ride and Run

- 1st Chevelle Howard
- 2nd Chevelle Howard
- 3rd Jessica Hall
- 4th Mia Gledhill
- 5th Melia Walker

Class 1 – Kid Goat

- 1st Jasper Bruff
- 2nd Jessamine Bruff

Class 2 – Yearling Not in Milk

- 1st Jessamine Bruff

Supreme Goat Female, Jessamine Bruff

- Reserve Supreme Goat, Jasper Bruff

Class 6 - Market Goat

- Grand, Alexis Ogle
- Reserve, Emma Lonr

Class 21 – Ewe Lamb

- 1st Bryson Bays
- 2nd Shelby Bays

Class 22 - Yearling Ram

- 1st Wyatt Ralph

Class 26 – Market Lamb

- Grand, Reed Staley
- Reserve, Dawson Staley

Class 30 – Market Hog

- Grand, Carder McConachie
- Reserve, Ava McConachie

Class 40 – Jr. Heifer (heat 1)

- 1st Landon Foulks
- 2nd Rex Freeman

Class 40 – Jr. Heifer (heat 2)

- 1st Emily Foulks
- 2nd Sawyer Ralph

Class 41 – Jr. Yearling Heifer

- 1st Gracie Rodman

Class 43 – Sr. Yearling Heifer

- 1st Emily Foulks

Supreme Beef Female, Landon Foulks

- Reserve Supreme Beef Female, Emily Foulks

Class 46 – Non-Sale Beef Feeder

- 1st Harper Foulks
- 2nd Rex Freeman

Class 49 – Market Beef Feeder

- Grand, Chloe Lohr
- Reserve, Hunter Lohr

Class 57 – Non-Sale Dairy Feeder

- 1st Makayla Crawford

Class 59 – Dairy Feeder

- Grand, Trent Rodman

Class 48 – Market Beef Steer

- Grand, Gracie Rodman
- Reserve, Grant Freeman

Class 58 – Market Dairy Steer

- Grand, Sam Swendal
- Reserve, Makayla Crawford

Class 76 – Market Chickens

- Grand, Nolan Liberty

Reserve, Lance Freeman

- Class 77 – Market Ducks
- Grand, Alaina Stone
- Reserve, Beau Blanton

Class 78 – Market Turkey

- Grand, Grace Weikle
- Reserve, Walker Kirkpatrick

Class 82 – Doe Rabbit

- 1st Morgan Hollinger

Class 83 – Buck Rabbit

- 1st Addalynn Evans

Class 85 – Market Rabbits: Fryer

- Grand, Elliana Troyer
- Reserve, Lucas Schoonover

Class 85 – Market Rabbits: Roaster

- Grand, Zoe Nickler
- Reserve, Eliza Knight

Beef Showmanship

- Wade Traxler, Senior
- Landon Foulks, Junior
- Harper Foulks, Youth
- Landon Foulks, Pro

Sheep Showmanship

- Dawson Staley, Senior
- Shelby Bays, Junior
- Silas McGhee, Youth
- Dawson Staley, Pro

Poultry Showmanship

- Anna Blanton, Senior
- Rebekah Freeman, Junior
- Ellie Spohn, Youth
- Anna Blanton, Pro

Rabbit Showmanship

- Kendall Windsor, Senior
- Emma Blanton, Junior
- Addalyn Evans, Youth
- Emma Blanton, Pro

Goat Showmanship

- Alexis Ogle, Senior
- Shelby Bays, Junior
- Emma Lohr, Youth
- Shelby Bays, Pro

Hog Showmanship

- Taylor Wolf, Senior
- Lane Schuster, Junior
- Carter Carlin, Youth
- Lane Schuster, Pro

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 Reserve Champion Rabbits - Fryers, Lucas Schoonover, Clear Fork Buyers Club
 Grand Champion Rabbits - Roasters, Zoe Nickler, Liberty Lawn Care
 Reserve Champion Rabbits - Roasters, Eliza Knight, Liberty Gardens
 Grand Champion Goat, Alexis Ogle, Mechanics Bank
 Reserve Champion Goat, Emma Lohr, Elite Insurance & Goodville Murual
 Grand Champion Lamb, Reed Staley, Park National Bank
 Reserve Champion Lamb, Dawson Staley, Park National Bank
 Grand Champion Hog, Carder McConachie, Elite Insurance & Wyandot Mutual
 Reserve Champion Hog, Ava McConachie, Elite Insurance & Wyandot Mutual
 Grand Champion Dairy Feeder, Trent Rodman, Liberty Lawn Care
 Grand Champion Dairy Steer, Sam Swendal, Clear Fork Buyers Club
 Reserve Champion Dairy Steer, Makayla Crawford, Brenda Doner
 Grand Champion Beef Feeder, Chloe Lohr, Liberty Lawn Care
 Reserve Champion Beef Feeder, Hunter Lohr, B&B Farm Service
 Grand Champion Beef Steer, Gracie Rodman, May's Trailers & Hitches
 Reserve Champion Beef Steer, Grant Freeman, V&M Family Restaurant

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Middle & High School Fine Art, Taya Schultz
 Middle & High School - Photography, Mikka Kuapik
 Fine Arts - Adults, Joyce Fenton
 Photography - Adult Amateur, Aaron Dearth
 Photography - Adult Professional, Ashley Wurth

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 Largest Pumpkin 1st, Braxton White, Junior Division
 Largest Pumpkin 2nd, Wyatt Lacey, Junior Division
 Largest Pumpkin 3rd, Austin Lacey, Junior Division
 Pumpkin Closest to 25 lbs, Braxton White
 Pumpkin Closest to 50 lbs, Payton Reed
 Decorating Contest 1st, Chase Reed
 Decorating Contest 2nd, Payton Reed
 Decorating Contest 3rd, Alaina Hawkins
 Most Unusual Shaped Fruit/Vegetable, Denette Mottayaw
 Largest Crab Apple, Matt Miller
 Tallest Stalk of Corn, Deb Conard
 Largest Head of Cabbage, Jim Beal
 Most Heads on Sunflower, Raina Miller
 Tallest Sunflower, Emma Hanlon
 Largest Tomato, Raine Miller
 Largest Apple, Jim Beal
 Biggest Diameter Sunflower, Shawna Dion
 Class Display, Kindergarten Glass
 FFA Display, Clear Fork FFA
 Best of Show Specimen-Flower, Shiloh Thomas
 Best of Show - Artistic Arrangement, Bonnie Smith
 Best of Show - Baked Goods, Sharon Hollar
 Most Winning Entries - Canned Goods, Charlene Arbutina



Mansfield Noon Optimist Club celebrates 100 years of service

Chartered on Oct. 23, 1923, the Mansfield Optimist Club has focused on providing opportunities to enhance the livelihoods of youths

The Mansfield Noon Optimist Club celebrated 100 years of service to the communities of Mansfield and Richland County with a banquet held at the Ontario Event Center on September 27, 2023

Over 100 Club Members and Guests attended the event including Optimist International President Bob McFadyen, Optimist Ohio Governor Bill Stone, Mansfield City Council Member David Falquette and Miss Ohio Madison Miller

As a part of the 100-year celebration, the Club raised over \$80,000 to fund projects to celebrate the milestone. Those funds were used to sponsor the Optimist Club Park at the Buckeye Imagination Museum located on 3rd Street in Mansfield.

The park will be open free of charge to all children of the community during Museum operating hours. Additional funds raised will be used to increase children served during Adopt-a-Child and College Scholarships for 2023 and 2024.

Annually, the Club sponsors the Mid-Ohio Home Show as its major fund-raising event which allows it to fund Adopt-a-Child, the Optimist Essay Contest, College Scholarships, Quality Student recognition and Miss Ohio Scholarship among others

Optimist Club members also serve as volunteers to other local organizations such as the Ohio Bird Sanctuary, the New Store, Mid-Ohio Youth Mentoring and the Buckeye Imagination Museum

The club meets three times per month on Wednesdays at 12 pm at DLX in downtown Mansfield. Persons interested in learning more about the Club and its mission as a "Friend of Youth" can visit the website at <https://midohiohomeshow.com/noon-optimist-club/> to learn more.

Richland County Foundation funds emerging community needs

The Richland County Foundation Board of Trustees approved \$699,325 in grants to nonprofit organizations during its October meeting.

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

Raemelton Therapeutic Equestrian Center was awarded a grant to supply equine-based therapy scholarships to individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities. The funding will allow students who do not have the financial resources to pay for services to benefit their development.

Taking Root Farms is a new nonprofit that was created to support adults with intellectual developmental disabilities to participate in vocational training, skill-building and recreational activities in a farm setting. The foundation awarded a grant to support its Field of Opportunities Capital Campaign to build a new barn on the property of Raemelton Therapeutic Equestrian Center. With two similar missions, the two organizations partnered to create a long-term, low-cost lease of six acres of land. Once the barn is built, regular programming will begin.

Wayfinders was awarded a

grant to support its Rapid Housing Program. The program helps people experiencing homelessness become stable and independent members of the community by assisting with safe and affordable housing, rent, security deposits, and utility connections.

The Board of Trustees awarded 11 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 Ashland University, Buckeye Imagination Museum, Catholic Charities Richland County, Forgotten Felines, Friendly House, Friends of the

Richland County Park District, Habitat for Humanity of Richland and Crawford County, Hope Hollow, Humane Society of Richland County, Lifewise Academy, Lucas Community Center, Make-a-Wish Foundation, Mansfield Art Center, Mansfield City Schools, Mary McLeod-Bethune Intervention and Enrichment Center, Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center, Mid-Ohio Guardianship Services, Inc., Monroe Township, NAMI Richland County, North End Community Improvement Collaborative, Ohio Bird Sanctuary, Ohio Genealogical Society, Ohio State University - Mansfield, Raemelton Therapeutic Equestrian Center, Renaissance Performing Arts, Rich Pond Baptist Church, Richland Community Development Group, Richland County Soil & Water Conservation District, Richland Veteran Mentor Program, St. Anne's Terrace, St. Peter's School, Taking Root Farms, The Center for Individual & Family Services, Inc, dba Catalyst Life Services, The New Store, Wayfinders Ohio and YMCA of North Central Ohio.



ONTARIO'S NURSING STAFF members wore matching shirts to celebrate the fall season. Team members are Natasha Maynor, Matt Wentz and Katie Spellman.



AS APPRECIATION for their work in organizing fall picture day at the middle school, the Ontario Middle School yearbook staff was recently treated to a drink at The Cove.

Feagin enrolls at Marietta

Jamerrion Feagin has enrolled for the fall 2023 semester and is part of Marietta College's Class of 2027.

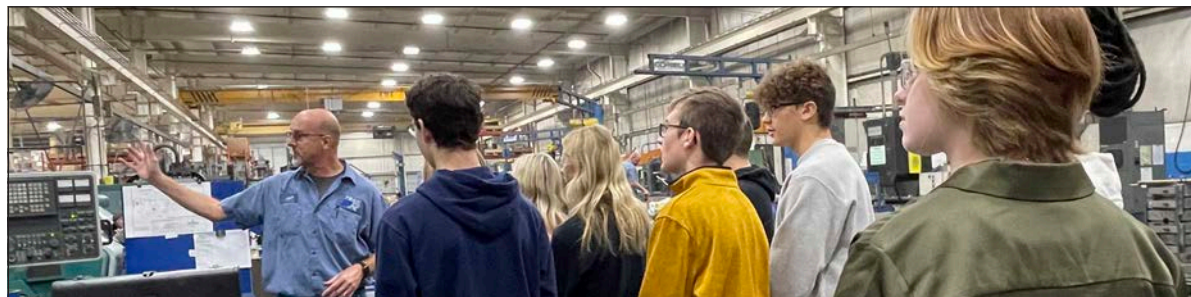
Feagin, who is a graduate of Lexington High School, has an undecided major. Students can pursue bachelor's degrees in more than 40 majors offered at Marietta.

Approximately 341 new students officially joined Marietta College during the traditional Matriculation ceremony on Aug. 18. In-person classes began on Aug. 24.

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ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL sophomores participated in a manufacturing field trip. Students from around the area visited local businesses and manufacturing plants. Ontario visited PR machine, Gorman Rupp and Mansfield Engineered Components.



Ontario Academic Boosters to present masquerade scholarship ball

The Ontario Local Schools' Academic Boosters announce the upcoming Masquerade Scholarship Ball, set to take place on Friday, Oct. 27.

This enchanting masquerade ball will be held amidst the backdrop of Kingwood Center Gardens, promising an evening of elegance, entertainment and philanthropy.

The ball will feature local band, CONNE and will be held from 6–10 pm.

Tickets are \$75 per person and include an assortment of appetizers, dinner, dessert and more. Guests are encouraged to dress in their finest attire, with masks adding an air of intrigue to the evening's festivities.

All proceeds from the event will directly benefit the educational aspirations of Ontario's youth. These funds will be allocated towards scholarships for graduating senior students, helping them achieve their dreams of higher education.

Furthermore, the Scholarship Ball will recognize and celebrate the academic achieve-

ments of students in grades three through 12 at Stingel Elementary, Ontario Middle School and Ontario High School.

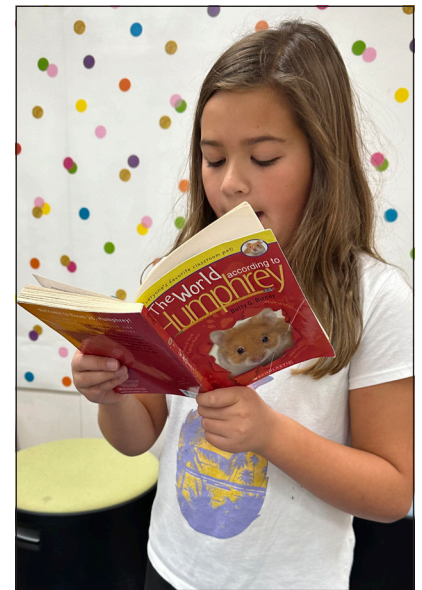
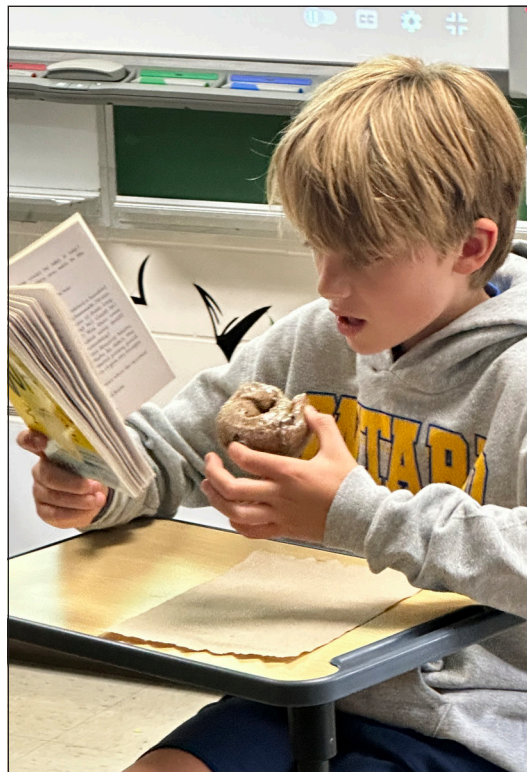
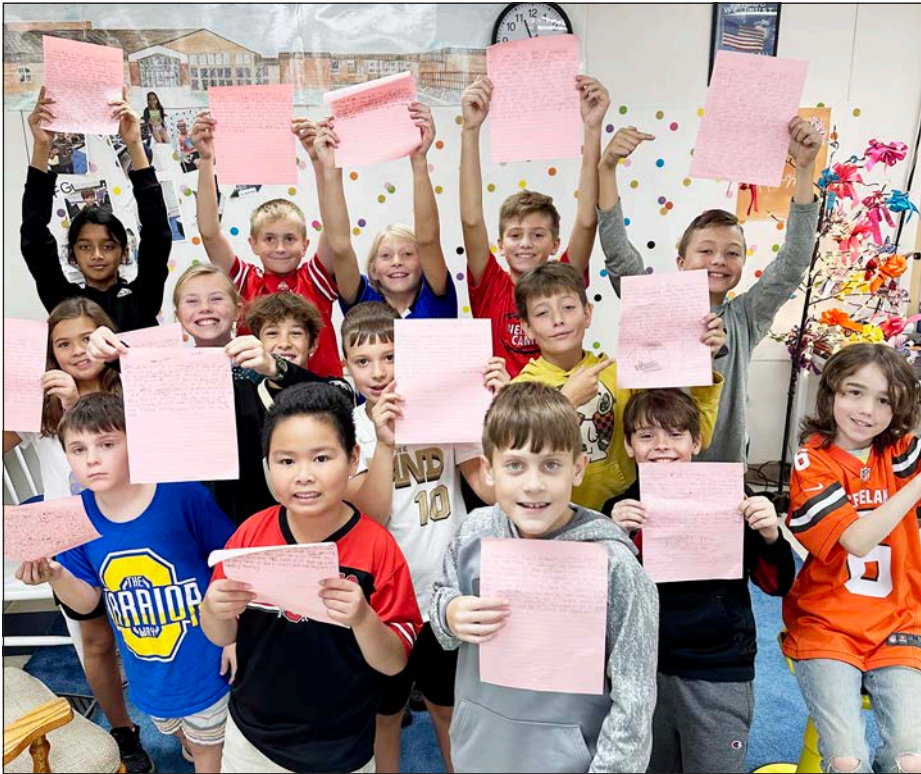
By doing so, the Ontario Local Schools' Academic Boosters aim to inspire and uplift

the next generation of scholars.

The last day to purchase tickets is Friday, Oct. 13. For ticket information and event details visit Ontarioacademicboosters@gmail.com



MRS. GARBERICH'S eighth grade art students at Ontario Middle School created table centerpieces featuring masquerade masks which will be featured at the Scholarship Masquerade Ball. Students used their artistic skills to design and compose their own personal masks.



JONI STIERHOFF'S fifth grade language arts students have been busy with special activities including flashlight reading, an alliteration pumpkin, first chapter Friday, creative writing share, donuts and reading and a wishtree.

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Carson Moritz, Grit Award, 8th grade



Mr. Canfield's 6th grade, Warrior Time Winner

ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL students achieved various PBIS Awards due to the number of points they had accumulated throughout the month of September. Students were provided with a certificate to recognize their achievements in the areas of Grit, Honor and Integrity. Each grade level's Warrior Time was also given the Golden GRIT Award for the high number of PBIS points earned by those students in one month.



Yvette Carrizal Ramos, Honor Award, 8th grade



Carter Robinson, Grit Award, 6th grade



Haylee Breitinger, Honor Award, 7th grade



Wyatt Herold, Integrity Award, 7th grade

Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

OHSAA high school computer football rankings explained

By Kris Leiter

As I write my columns, I like to write on unique sports-related things and maybe educate the fan base with some various items of interest that are “Not-the-Norm.”

Computer Point Assignments

Many ask “How are computer points originated and assigned?”

I thought since it is nearing the end of high school football season here in Richland County, and the post season will be here shortly, it might be beneficial to educate you on The Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) computer rankings system.

Years ago, maybe 35-ish, (not sure the exact year), The OHSAA started utilizing a Computerized Points System to determine post-season high school playoffs and a state champion.

Unless you’re a scientific guru with a degree in rocket science, it would be fair to say, the “formula” is quite overwhelming and not for light reading. But on the other hand, probably the best way to dissect the true teams. So, feel free to grab a cup of coffee, or two... fair warning.

Ironically, I’ve only ever seen this published one time in all my years of reading newsprint. Do you remember those “hard copies” the paper boy would deliver in the haunting hours of the morning, when chickens weren’t even awake? In Ontario I had my first paper route and made \$11 every two weeks...times have changed and I’m older now, but so are ya’ll.

Below is how the OHSAA assigns computer points to each team weekly.

As a direct request from the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association Tournament Committee, and approved by the OHSAA Board of Directors, a new divisor is used to determine second level points that is based on the number of games that opponents have played to date. For each open date that an opponent has had, a smaller divisor is used to calculate second level points.

Before any games are played, the computer assumes that the opponents on each school’s schedule will play a full complement of games and assigns the divisor of 100 (10 weeks times 10 opponents = 100). After each week of the season, for each open date that occurs for an opponent that a school has played to date, the computer subtracts the divisor by one.

In other words, if week five has just been completed and all five of a school’s opponents have played a full complement of games, then the divisor remains at 100, and second level points are divided by 100. If one opponent on a school’s schedule to date has had an open date, then the divisor reduces by one to 99, and second level points are divided by 99.

If two opponents on a school’s schedule to date have had an open date, then the divisor reduces by two to 98, and second level points are divided by 98, and so on. The second level points are then multiplied by the factor 10 in order to move the decimal point higher so that the averages are comparable to those in past years. First and second level point averages are then added together for an average total.

Ties result in half of the point value being earned.

The following is an example of how the points are awarded and how to read the OHSAA Computer Rankings:

- Wins over a Division I school — 6.5 points
- Wins over a Division II school — 6.0 points
- Wins over a Division III school — 5.5 points
- Wins over a Division IV school — 5.0 points
- Wins over a Division V school — 4.5 points
- Wins over a Division VI school — 4.0 points
- Wins over a Division VII school — 3.5 points

For more information view the OHSAA football tournament regulations.

Computer Rankings Example

- Team A, a Division III school, is 3–0
- Each opponent Team A has defeated is Division III

- Opponents 1 and 2, which Team A has defeated, are each 2–1, with their victories coming over Division III schools

- Opponent 3, which Team A has defeated, is 1–1, with its victory coming over a Division III school. Opponent 3 has had one open date

First level points — 16.5 points {3 wins times 5.5 points (for defeating Division III opponents)} divided by 3 (the number of games Team A has played thus far) = 5.5000 first level points.

Second level points - 11.0 from Opponent 1 {2 wins times 5.5 (for defeating Division III opponents)}, 11.0 from Opponent 2 {2 wins times 5.5 (for defeating Division III opponents)} and 5.5 from Opponent 3 {1 win times 5.5 (for defeating a Division III opponent)} for 27.5 points. These 27.5 points are then divided by 99 (since Opponent 3 thus far has had an open date) and multiplied by 10 = 2.7778 second level points.

Total Points: 5.5000 (first level points) plus 2.7778 (second level points) = 8.2778

NOTE: Say during week four, Opponent 1 has an open date. Then the second level points divisor for Team A after week four becomes 98, since Opponent 3 has had one open date and now Opponent 1 has had one open date.

How To Read Your OHSAA Computer Rankings

Level-1	Level-2	Average	Rank	City	School
16.5000	27.5000	8.2778	1	A-TOWN	TEAM A

To find out what the first level average is, divide the 16.5 points by the number of games Team A has played to date (16.5 divided by 3 = 5.5000)

Next, subtract the 5.5000 from the total average of 8.2778. This number (2.7778) shows what the second level average is.

So, 5.5000 first level points plus 2.7778 second level points = 8.2778 total points.

To find out what divisor was used to determine second level points, divide the total level-2 points (27.5000) by the second level average (2.7778). So, 27.5000 divided by 2.7778 = 9.8999208. This means the divisor used was 99, which shows that one of Team A’s opponents has had an open date.

Please keep in mind that forfeitures of games, cancellations of games and the filling of open dates all greatly impact the rankings from week to week. In addition, results reported to the OHSAA are occasionally accidentally reversed. These are corrected once accurate information is relayed to the OHSAA.



THE 30TH ANNUAL Hospice of North Central Ohio (HNCO) Ruth Lindsey Charity Golf Outing raised over \$15,000 in support of end-of-life care on Sept. 25 at Westbrook Country Club. Over 70 golfers registered for the event which was sponsored by Park National Bank. The winning team was Park National Bank. Next year’s outing is scheduled for Monday, June 17, at Westbrook Country Club.

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DANIELLE BASHAM'S students at Ontario Middle School experienced virtual reality videos to visit Athens Greece.

Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development receives 2023 Oeda Excellence Award

The Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development recently received the 2023 Excellence in Marketing & Communications Award from the Ohio Economic Development Association (OEDA) for the Richland Works project. This award recognizes achievements in economic development marketing projects, covering various initiatives such as target market studies, branding, website development, direct mail, public relations, and advertising.

The Marketing & Communications category recognition underscores the Chamber's commitment to advancing economic development in Richland County, highlighting the power of collaboration and the support of partners like the Area 10 Workforce Board, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, OhioMeans Jobs, and many others.

The Richland Works project, which kicked off in April of 2022, aimed to rejuvenate the local economy and reshape the job market by countering the narrative shaped by the closure of a major employer in 2009. Collaboratively led by Clint Knight, Workforce Development Director, and Sandy Messner, Director of Marketing & Communications, the Richland Works project includes 35 videos, a website, and strategic social media campaigns with traditional methods.

Clint Knight shared, "The original goal of Richland Works was to showcase the character of our community through its careers and work opportunities. To deliver the images and stories of our employers onto the screens into the hands of a very broad audience. We wanted people to move to Richland County to work. We wanted students to stay in Richland County to Work. We wanted parents and teachers to say, 'I didn't know you could do that here...'"

Sandy highlighted, "Through collaborative partnerships with skilled local agencies, we gained exclusive access to 35 local businesses, providing an intimate glimpse into their organizational culture and were able to tell the story of what it's like to be a part of their teams. These engaging videos have reached a vast audience via both traditional and digital media channels, significantly expanding the perception of the Richland County community. It has allowed us to affirm that there are thriving and compelling career opportunities available right here!"

The Chamber collaborated with DRM Productions for videography and photography and New Day Creative for managing social media campaigns. Together, these efforts yielded 250,000 campaign video views, attracted 25,000+ website visitors, and resulted in six new hires for the participating companies.

The award ceremony took place at the Ohio Economic Development Association's Annual Summit, held at the Nationwide Hotel & Conference Center in Lewis Center, OH, on September 14, 2023. This event celebrated the accomplishments of professionals and organizations dedicated to advancing economic and workforce development in Ohio.

Jennifer Price, Executive Director of OEDA, highlighted the significance of these awards, stating, "The Annual Excellence Awards showcase the best in economic development and provide a platform for professionals to collectively celebrate their success."

The Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development is honored to receive this award, further inspiring its commitment to drive economic growth and shape Richland County's future.

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