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**STATE SENATOR MARK ROMANCHUK** recognized Terry Burke with the 2023 Ronald C. Marshall Award from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. The award names Burke the Correctional Officer of the Year. Also pictured is Terry's wife, Valerie Burke, and Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Director Annette Chambers-Smith.

## Terry Burke named Correctional Officer of the Year

State Senator Mark Romanchuk (R-Ontario) honored Terry Burke, recipient of the 2023 Ronald C. Marshall Award from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction as its Correctional Officer of the Year.

Burke has served as a correction officer at the Mansfield Correctional Institution for the past ten years.

"This accomplishment is a justifiable source of pride and

an excellent reflection not only on Terry Burke but also on his family and his facility," said Romanchuk.

"His diligence, enthusiasm, and sterling work ethic have enhanced Ohio's justice system, and his devotion to duty has gained him the gratitude of his peers and of the community he has so capably served."

Burke was recognized by his peers for his consistently

sound judgement, utmost efficiency and competence. His efforts have helped to guarantee a high level of success for all projects with which he has been involved.

Burke has been extremely conscientious in discharging his diverse and challenging responsibilities, and his ability to remain calm under pressure has averted many an adverse outcome.

## Richland County to participate in Drug Take Back Day

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.).

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## Make A Difference Day is Friday

The 20th Annual Make A Difference Day Food Drive to restock Catholic Charities' and Wayfinders' (formerly Harmony House) food pantries will be held Friday, Oct. 20, from 7-10 am in front of Dan Lew Exchange/DLX on North Park St., Mansfield.

Donations of non-perishable food, toiletries, paper products, cash and checks made payable to Catholic Charities or Wayfinders are accepted. Donations by credit/debit card are also accepted.

For additional information, contact Doc Stumbo at 419-524-0733 between 9 am and 4 pm.

## Ontario Board approves staff employments

The Ontario Local School Board of Education met Oct. 10. Heath Sager gave a presentation on the new curriculum, equipment and software in the high school engineering lab.

The board approved a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) and Payment in Lieu of Taxes agreement.

The board accepted the resignation of Lisa Beard, 2 1/2 hour cook at the middle school, effective Sept. 18.

The employment of Steve Perry was hired as a bus driver, effective Sept. 11, \$18,625. Also hired were Courtney Stauffer as a Stingel Elementary evening custodian, effective Oct. 16, \$29,894; and Vicki Walters as Stingel Secretary, effective Oct. 24, \$26,471.

Terry Davidson was hired as a substitute custodian.

Extracurricular/supplemental staff hired for the 2023-'24 school year are Amy Nagel, volunteer high school girls basketball assistant; Dan Hall, high school winter activity coordinator, \$3,463; Deb Henry, varsity swim head coach, \$7,041; Brooke Trumppower, middle school swim head coach, \$2,288, and varsity swim assistant coach, \$2,861; and Wes Turnbaugh, high school head wrestling coach (one of five coaches sharing four stipends) \$3,407.40.

Camryn Hoffman was hired as a middle school intervention specialist, Year 2 RESA Mentor for Melissa Fittante, \$750.

The board approved amending the extracurricular/supplemental shared stipend for Logan Leitzky and James Watkins that was approved at the June 13, board meeting to a full stipend for each instructor. Logan Leitzky and James Watkins will each receive \$1,095.

The board approved the employment of substitute teachers for the 2023-'24 school year including Alana Born, Stingel; Carla Schwein, Stingel; and Sarah Queer, Stingel.

The board approved a payment of stipends to board mem-

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## Madison will host town hall meeting

The Madison Levy Committee will present a Town Hall Meeting Wednesday, Oct. 18 at Madison Middle School, from 7-8 pm.

This will be a Question and Answer session with Rob Peterson, Madison Local Schools Superintendent; Bradd Stevens, Madison Local Schools Treasurer; Tim Wigton, Madison Local Schools Board President; and Pat Dropsey, Richland County Auditor.

## Restored Visions and Hope Alignment presents the North End Job Fairs

Restored Visions, Hope Alignment (Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, Providence Baptist Church, Kingdom Grace Fellowship Church, Maddox Memorial Temple COGIC and Latter Rain Church of God in Christ) in collaboration with the North End Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC), and several other community organizations will present the North End Job Fair, on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Mansfield Richland County Public Library, 43 W. 3rd St., Mansfield, OH.

This free event will be open to the public. There will be part two of this job fair where employers and employees will be brought together on Dec. 2, at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center, 890 W. 4th St., Mansfield. More details will be forthcoming on part two.

The job fair will also offer workshops and presentations from Mechanics Bank, Third Street Family Health Services, NECIC, Mansfield UMADAOP (Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program), Mansfield City Schools Career Tech Program, and Tea Talk.

Workshop topics include employability skills, budgeting workshops, credit repair, entrepreneurship, felony record expungement, community health care and mock interview opportunities.

The goal of the job fair is to help potential employees and job seekers secure productive and well-paying jobs. In addition, the in-person workshops will help people who have been incarcerated gain the skills they need to get jobs, including how to talk about their criminal records, resume writing and preparing for interviews.

For more information about the event contact Carla James, Restored Visions Co-Founder at 419-573-9895 or clynettejames@yahoo.com.



Photo By Mark Shutt



A similar colt gun was used in the Butler murder in 1878

## The Butler Box Murder

By Bob Carter

There was big trouble in Butler on Aprils Fools Day in 1878. There was a murder that turned the whole town into an eruption of turmoil. It was a murder in the mist of the small peaceful village. Saloon owner Samuel Bowersox who ran the "Box" shot Alf Palm.

The background of the affair was that Bowersox had run a saloon in Mansfield (there were 88 at one time) and had gone broke. He was a shoe maker by trade and moved to Butler from Lexington, in partnership with David Palm, Alfred (Alf) Palm's brother. David was a good fiddler and was sometimes away so Bowersox used the leather stock and didn't share the business with his partner. That ended the partnership.

Later, Sam married Elizabeth Statler, a spinster who owned a building on Main Street and, with his new wife, opened a saloon called "The Box." Bowersox was an unsavory character who was repeatedly fined, mostly for law breaking due to the saloon. One time about 20 Butler citizens testified in one court case against old Sam.

April Fools Day was the day for the election in 1878. Because of the election, the saloon was closed during the day, and after the polls closed, The Box opened.

There had been considerable drinking and Palm, Frank Mix, John Downing and Jack Coffee had been sitting at a table. Others were talking to Sam Bowersox and when Alf wanted to pay his bill, the bartender told him it was forty cents for the beer. Alf Palm argued it was only thirty-five cents and an angry argument ensued. At that time, Sam ordered everyone out claiming he was closing.

The four stood out on the porch deciding what to do next when someone started to throw rocks on what may have been the tin roof and wood siding.

Infuriated, Sam ordered them away and when a rock hit the door, Sam stuck his hand out holding a pistol and fired into the crowd. The bullet hit and went through the back of Alf Palm. He fell against Coffee and exclaimed, "I'm shot, take good care of me."

Alf was carried to the B&O Railroad station on a board but died about twenty minutes later.

Bowersox resisted arrest but was locked in a tool shed at the depot, since Butler had no jail.

The preliminary hearing for Bowersox was held in the old Providence Church, one block north of the old, still standing, methodist church on Main Street.

Found guilty, a posse of men were assembled and were preparing to take Sam to the Richland County Jail. They must have visited the scene of the crime first.


A woman commented in the local paper, "That the men were in a 'disgraceful condition' when they left town."

The fact that Bowersox was later freed of the murder charge created a tremendous emotional rebellion among the village. The Mansfield liquor interests were blamed. As a result the Box Saloon caught fire one night and burned to the ground. Jim Downing, a friend of Alf, freely admitted to his involvement in the fire but nothing was ever done about it.

In that Temperance Movement era, arson was one thing but abating a nuisance was acceptable.

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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, 1029 Lewis Rd., Ontario, 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 public is invited. For information call 419-529-5684.

First Congregational Church, 640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield will host a Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 5–6:30 pm. There will be free candy, prizes and costumes.

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 Nov. 15, will include roast turkey. Sheryl Weber of Oak Hill Cottage will speak. Guests are welcome.

The group will meet for lunch at Golden Corral in Ontario on Nov. 1 at 11 am.

For information visit [www.lexasc.org](http://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. Games begin in February of 2024. Register online by Dec. 31 at <https://registration.upward.org/UPW84640>

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. 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."

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 or proof of residence.

Drive-through distribution is still being offered. Volunteers will load the produce into vehicle trunks. The fresh produce is provided by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. For information call 419-522-0662. The last distribution of the year is Nov. 14.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Richland County Children Services Board will be held in the conference room at the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center on Monday, Nov. 13, at 3 pm.

Ashland County Cancer Association will host a rummage sale with all proceeds going to directly support Ashland County cancer patients. The sale will be held at Ashland County Fairgrounds, 2042 Claremont Ave., Ashland in the Gold Merchants Building. Hours are 10 am to 6 pm Thursday, Oct. 19; and 9 am to 4 pm Friday, Oct. 20.

There will be no early birds and the same will be held rain or shine. Cash, check or debit all accepted.

For information call 419-281-1863.

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Rainbow Eagle at 10:30 am on Oct. 22. For more information visit [www.allsoulsuuohio.org](http://www.allsoulsuuohio.org).



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*This Week's Pet  
Looking for  
A Forever Home*



*Scrapy*

When Scrapy first arrived to the shelter, he wasn't sure if he wanted to be friends with all these new people. He was understandably very scared. Scrapy barked at and backed away from

volunteers to let them know he didn't trust them yet.

He very quickly warmed up, though, and now thinks all of the people he knows are absolutely the best friends. He is a volunteer favorite!

Scrapy loves his people. He can't help himself and feels the need to jump up to their face to try to give them kisses.

Scrapy also feels the need to be touching his friends at all times. If they aren't scratching him, he will put their hand in his mouth to beg for attention and affection. Clearly he needs some training.

With that said, Scrapy really is the best boy and is absolutely starved for attention. After he calms down and gets some love, Scrapy enjoys his long walks and toys. He is sweet and curious. Scrapy knows how to sit and shake and seems to like other dogs. Scrapy is around two years old.

Scrapy 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.

**Senior boxes will be distributed**

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 next distribution is Tuesday, Oct. 24.

*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)  
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](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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**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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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Madison Local Schools has placed a levy for additional operating funds on the Nov. 7 ballot. Our schools are the heart of the Madison community, and the district has continued to operate on the same local tax dollars since 1997 (26 years).

In order to do so, many cost-cutting measures have been implemented. One in five jobs (20%) that were in place in 2000 no longer exist today, however our schools are continually asked to do more and more each year with less personnel to do so.

The Madison Local School District is now at the point financially where without the passage of the levy on Nov. 7, the district will be cutting at least \$4 million from next school year's budget. Waiting until next March to pass the levy will be too late to avoid the massive cuts. Among others, the cuts will include the loss of our "neighborhood" schools with the closing of Mifflin Elementary, no busing for high school students, no busing for K-8 students who live within 2 miles of the building they attend, pay-to-participate fees being charged for sports and other extracurricular activities, increased class sizes, the reduction of class offerings, and the loss of 47 jobs district-wide. These cuts will hurt our children, their families, and our staff and will deny our students opportunities to which all students should have access. Madison students and their families deserve better than the bare minimum and minimum standards.

As a Madison resident, I do understand the sacrifice of a tax increase. However, I know the investment of \$5 or \$10 per week is worth protecting our schools, our home values, and the Madison community. I can only imagine in a community our size that there are those out there who truly can't afford an increase. But I also can imagine that there are others who could find a way to cut \$5 or \$10 per week out of their spending to prioritize the children of Madison Schools. I encourage you to do so. Our students, our schools, and our community are counting on it.

I have experienced first-hand the value of a Madison education, what the district does to support Madison students and their families, and how the Madison community rallies around its own in times of need. Madison Schools desperately needs our support! Our students need us. Our families need us. Our staff needs us. Let's continue the proud tradition of Ram Pride and a well-rounded quality education for all Madison students. Let's keep our schools strong. Let's maintain the value of our homes. And let's keep the Madison community strong. We need everyone to show up and vote FOR the Madison School Levy on Nov. 7, and we need to encourage our family members and those in our circle of influence to do the same. **SAVE OUR SCHOOLS! OUR KIDS ARE WORTH IT!**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rob Peterson  
Madison graduate and resident



**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH** of Mansfield will present the Dr. Richard Wink Memorial Artist series for 2023-'24. The First performance will be a Piano duet recital with Gulimina Mahamuti and George Lopez on Saturday Oct. 28, at 11 am in the church sanctuary, 640 Millsboro Rd. Mansfield. Finishing off the 2023 year will be the Chancel Choirs presentation of Dan Forrest's music, LUX: The Dawn from on High, with soloists and orchestra on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 10:30 am, in the church sanctuary. For information visit [Mansfieldfcc.com](http://Mansfieldfcc.com) or call 419-756-3046. Worship services are held Sundays at 8:30 am and 10:30 am.

### Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

James E. Brown, October 4  
Laura Renae Prosser, October 6  
Waylon John Baker, October 7  
Markus Lonzo Fraley, October 7  
Howard Wesley Gilbert, October 7  
George Richard Guegold Sr., October 8  
Charleen Kay Fava, October 10  
Lawrence "Larry" Emmett McCauley, October 10  
Linda Lou Fackler, October 11  
Vivian Jean Mills, October 11  
Marilou Brook, October 12

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

## Rubies banquet is Saturday

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](http://www.rubiesoutreach31.com).

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**Day Trippin' With Damon** – Beaver Creek State Park is located in Northeast Ohio. In addition to 2,722 acres of forested lands, the park features access to the Little Beaver Creek State and National Wild and Scenic River. The Pioneer Village includes a trading post gift shop, operating water powered grist mill, blacksmith shop, chapel, covered bridge, schoolhouse, restored canal-era lock and a cabin. For information visit <https://ohiodnr.gov/go-and-do/plan-a-visit/find-a-property/beaver-creek-state-park>



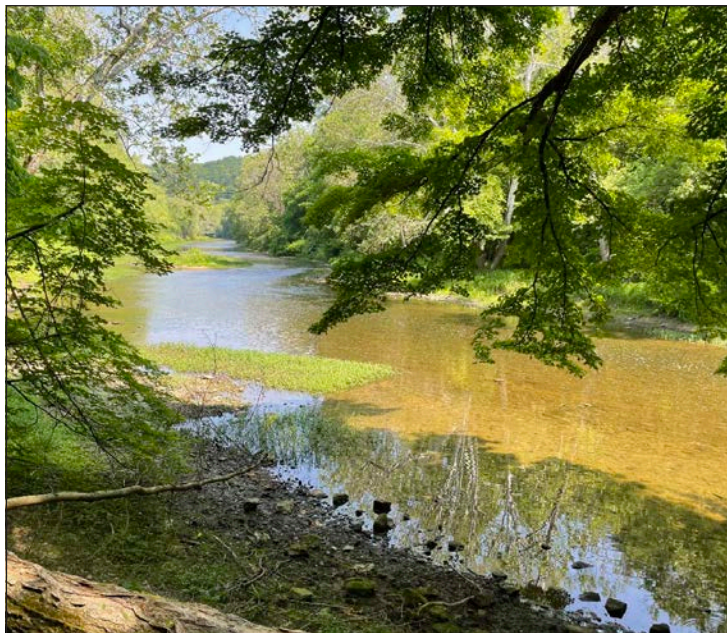
# AUCTION & FOOD TASTING

**Thursday, October 26th**  
**5-7:30pm**

at the  
**Mid-Ohio Conference Center**  
890 West Fourth Street, Mansfield

To register:  
call (419) 522-3211, or  
visit the event calendar at  
[RichlandAreaChamber.com](http://RichlandAreaChamber.com)

# 27 VENDORS PARTICIPATING!



**By Mátiece Thomas**

The season is changing, the leaves are turning bright beautiful colors and soon they will fall!

Fall is a beautiful time of year and I believe God made the trees so bright this time of year to balance the gloomy weather.

The season is changing and I encourage you to make some changes too. The first thing I would suggest is to add a detox into your regimen.

I try to do a healthy detox at the change of each season. It's a great reminder and a perfect time to reboot your body for the change of season and weather.

There are a lot of detoxes on the shelf, but personally this Trainer Girl enjoys taking a week of living vegetarian and juicing a lot of greens. It's a very healthy and natural way to receive a lot of nutrients vitamins and minerals that your body doesn't al-

ways get. During that week I cut out all processed foods and all junk foods.

I turn to green tea instead of coffee and I always feel amazing at the end of the week!

Something else that I do at the beginning of a new season is create change in what I'm doing. This helps my routine to not become stale. I have decided to changed my strength training routine and I'm adding more yoga into my fall season.

Detoxes help remove toxins from your body and will help boost your immune system. Yoga is another amazing way to push out the toxins from your muscles and it is a great way to reduce stress and anxiety.

Seasonal depression is something that creeps up on us this time of year, especially in Ohio! It is important to do positive things for your mind, your body and your spirit.

So I encourage you this fall season to take time to make some changes and create a healthy, happy environment for you and your body!

Follow me at Instagram-5pts-fitness\_trainergirl for nutrition and workout tips.



*kimmy's cucina*

**By Kim Sterry**

**BAKED ZITI**

**Ingredients**

- 1 box ziti or penne pasta
- 2 cups tomato sauce
- 32 ounce whole milk ricotta cheese
- 1/4-1/2 cup grated parmesan (add what you would like)
- 2 eggs
- 3 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
- Fresh mozzarella (I used a pre-sliced log) cut in small cubes
- Assorted colors, cherry/grape tomatoes
- Olive oil
- Salt & pepper

**Instructions**

Wash tomatoes and coat with olive oil and salt and pepper and put on a parchment paper covered baking sheet. Cook in 350 degree oven for 25-30 minutes. Cook them until they begin to blacken and cook some of the moisture out (but don't burn them). Boil pasta and drain. In a large bowl add ricotta, parmesan, eggs, parsley, salt and pepper. Using a mixer makes the ricotta so creamy for a beautiful texture. Add cooked pasta into the ricotta mixture and add tomato sauce. Stir in most of the cubed mozzarella reserving some to sprinkle on top. Gently stir in the roasted tomatoes. Transfer to a baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. If you want meat, roast up some Italian sausages to go with your pasta.

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## Mobile device charging stations installed at main library

Mansfield/Richland County Public Library's (MRCPL) Main Library has installed two innovative options to solve low battery anxiety. Mobile phones are now the primary source of communication and often a critical tool for education, medical, housing and legal needs. The library understands the importance of providing the community access to secure mobile device charging options.

The main library has installed three courtesy charging stations, each containing six charging storage lockers. Customers can safely place their devices in a free, lockable unit, browse our collection of materials, attend a class or program and then retrieve their charged items.

In addition, the library installed a covered picnic table adjacent to the main library's public parking lot. This solar-powered, self-sustaining, shaded space can charge multiple devices simultaneously, day or night.

The community can charge mobile phones without cables, and outlets are available for charging laptops and tablets.

The introduction of these high-tech charging solutions supports the Library's mission to be a hub for connecting our community to information, resources, and each other.

For MRCPL location details, hours of operation, event calendar, and 24/7 access to digital resources visit [mrcpl.org](http://mrcpl.org).

## Special reconnect order begins for winter heating season

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) has issued the 2023-24 Special Reconnect Order (SRO). Now through April 15, 2024, Columbia Gas of Ohio customers can reconnect service or avoid disconnection during the winter heating season for just \$175, plus a \$36 reconnection fee if service has already been disconnected.

Customers who take advantage of the SRO program must establish a payment plan for their outstanding balance.

For more information on the Special Reconnect Order or available payment plans, call Columbia Gas at 1-800-344-4077.

Energy assistance is also available through a local community action agency and free home weatherization programs are available for income-eligible Columbia Gas customers.

Customers who qualify for WarmChoice gain access to a home energy inspection with safety checks on natural gas appliances. Energy efficiency upgrades may include insulation, air sealing and natural gas appliance repairs to maximize efficiency and minimize costs. Visit [www.columbiagasohio.com/ways-to-save](http://www.columbiagasohio.com/ways-to-save) for additional ways to save.

Residents are encouraged to change furnace filters often throughout the year, as dirty filters block the flow of air. Return heating air ducts should be kept clean. Dust and lint can keep a room from getting enough heat and make the heater work harder.

During cold months, set thermostats to 65° and consider dropping it to 55° when no one is home.

It's important to be safe throughout the winter heating season and year-round. Check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors regularly and replace batteries when needed. Don't use stoves, ovens or grills for heat and keep any flammables away from heaters. Use a broom to clear snow and ice around vents and the meter.

If you smell natural gas, stop what you are doing, leave the area immediately and call 1-800-344-4077.

## OSU Buckeye Bash planned for Nov. 13 at fairgrounds

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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# •Ontario Board approves staff employments

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-bers for their participation at the OSBA Capital Conference Nov. 12-14.

Payment stipend were approved for Jodi Cooper-Wentz, \$1,000, for coordinating a fall book study (Federal Grant Funds) and \$1,000 for coordinating a spring staff book study (Federal Grant Funds); and Brendan Cain, \$1,000 OMS E-Sports Club (General Fund).

The board approved a resolution declaring the intent of the school district to accept a gift from the Ontario High School Booster Club and to execute a license agreement.

Transportation contracts were approved in lieu of bus transportation for Carrie Kemerer and Courtney DelGreco.

Donations were accepted from Mechanics Bank for Ontario Baseball, \$500; Park National Bank for the CamStrong Fund, \$1,000; Ontario High School (senior parking spots), Cam Strong Fund, \$775; David Draper for Ontario Athletics, \$2,000; Directions Credit Union for Stingel school supplies, \$200; CyberGrants, LLC for Girls Soccer, \$2,000; and Zara Construction, forklift, \$4,800.

The board approved facility requests and Keith Strickler gave an update on facility upgrade projects including soccer field bleachers, soccer building restrooms, track resurfacing, auditorium lighting and pool renovation.

The district tested the new Centegix alert system with all of the students. Mike Ream gave an update on how the testing went.

The school district received a grant from the Richland County Mental Health Board to provide counseling services to students and staff at OLS. Keith Strickler will give an update on what services are being provided.

Ontario Local Schools are beginning the strategic planning process with Battelle For Kids. Keith Strickler gave an update on the process.

The board entered into executive session to discuss the employment and compensation of a public employee or official. No action followed.

The next Board of Education Meeting will be held on Nov. 14, at 7 pm in the Ontario High School Library.

## Car show raises \$2,000 for Hospice

The rodmaster's ar club held its fifth annual car show at HNCO/Hospice of Knox County on Sept. 10. The non-profit organization raises funds for other local nonprofits in the community by holding various car shows throughout the year. Rodmaster's raised \$2,000 from the car show, which they donated to HNCO/Hospice of Knox County.

Organized by Teresa Scott, Scott McClure and other members of the club, attendees enjoyed music, door prizes, awards, a silent auction and Grindhouse BBQ.

Teresa Scott shared, "We have had to use hospice services. We have friends who have had to use hospice services. The things hospice supplies, many people cannot afford and I don't think a lot of people realize everything they do. What they do is so wonderful. Hospice helps provide the comfort they need."

Cal 800-952-2207 for more information on HNCO.

## •Drug Take Back Day is Oct. 28

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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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# Richland Pregnancy Services hosts annual fundraising gala

The Mid-Ohio Conference Center was filled to capacity for the Richland Pregnancy Services Annual Fundraising Gala Thursday, Oct. 12. The theme was “Jehovah El Roi – The God Who Sees.”

Roland Warren, CEO of Care Net and author of *Raising Songs of Promise: A Guide of Single Mothers of Boys*, was the featured speaker and he shared a message of hope and help with the nearly 650 in attendance. His message focused on the need for fathers and the church’s role in helping those facing a pregnancy decision.

The event, catered by Village Catering with desserts by Share ‘N Dipity, raised \$175,000 to support the mission of Richland Pregnancy Services which includes providing free services to anyone regardless of income.

Free services at RPS include pregnancy testing and verification, ultrasound, STD/STI testing and treatment, parenting classes, mom-to-mom and dad-to-dad mentoring, material support and an abortion recovery program for those who have struggled after an abortion, no matter how long it has been.

RPS Board President, Clint Saiben, opened the event in prayer. Pastor Dave Vance of Crossroads Church and VP of the RPS Board of Directors, served as the emcee for the event.

State Representative Marilyn John concluded the evening by speaking to the capacity crowd about the importance of voting no on Issue 1 on the November ballot.

Those in attendance had the opportunity to visit informational tables after the event which included information for those interested in volunteering at RPS, those interested in getting their church involved, and an informational table about the dangers of Issue 1.

RPS will host their next volunteer training beginning Saturday, Oct. 21. Contact RPS for more information about signing up for volunteer training at 419-522-8863.

Richland Pregnancy Services is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and relies on the generosity of individuals, churches and local businesses.



Roland Warren, CEO of Care Net



Amy Kahl, Richland Pregnancy Services Executive Director



Pastor Dave Vance



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# Trevin Wyant art exhibition open

Trevin Wyant, an illustrator and mixed media artist, unveils “Only a Dream?” — a captivating solo art exhibition that delves deep into the realms of horror, fantasy and the illusive landscape of dreams.

Known for his masterful storytelling through art, Trevin Wyant takes viewers on a mesmerizing journey through a collection of drawings that blur the lines between dreams and reality. With a focus on strange, horrific, and humor-laden tales, his creations breathe life into the hidden corners of the imagination. Each piece on display is a portal into a world where shadows come to life and the unimaginable takes form. Notably, the piece titled “The Governess” — a highlight of the exhibition — was honored with the prestigious World Illustration Award in the professional category for Exploration.

“Only a Dream?” invites art enthusiasts and dreamers to experience the convergence of art and narrative in a most intriguing manner. Immerse yourself in a universe where the fantastic and the terrifying dance in harmony, asking you to ponder the boundaries of reality.

This exhibition will run through Nov.4, at the Snyder Art Gallery in the Richland Academy of the Arts building located at the corner of 4th and Walnut St., in downtown Mansfield.



**PIONEER'S PERFORMING ARTS** program partnered with Richland Carrousel Park in downtown Mansfield to decorate the animals just in time for Halloween. This year's theme is Mardi Gras and each animal will have a unique mask designed, created and painted by a performing arts student. Pictured is Audrey Pontikos, a senior from Shelby.



**STUDENTS IN BRITTANY RHODES' Culinary Fundamentals** class at Ontario High School have been learning about whole grains versus refined grains and how to identify them on food packages in the grocery store. They made whole wheat macaroni and cheese.

# Columbia Gas issues scam alert

Columbia Gas of Ohio is aware of a scam that involves customers and non-customers alike receiving fraudulent checks from someone claiming they represent Columbia Gas of Ohio. These checks are fraudulent, and do not come from the company.

This is an attempt to steal funds and personal information from unsuspecting consumers.

Along with the paper check is a letter with instructions on what to do with the check once received. In the letter, the fraudster urges the recipient not to discard the letter and even asks the recipient to send updates on the status of the fraudulent check to the scammer's email.

Columbia Gas urges residents of Ohio to protect themselves from scams and fraud by approaching uncertain situations with caution. Anyone who believes they may have been contacted by a scammer claiming to be Columbia Gas, can call 1-800-344-4077.

For more information visit <https://www.columbiagasohio.com/our-company/news-room/article/scam-alert-fraudulent-checks-claiming-to-come-from-columbia-gas>

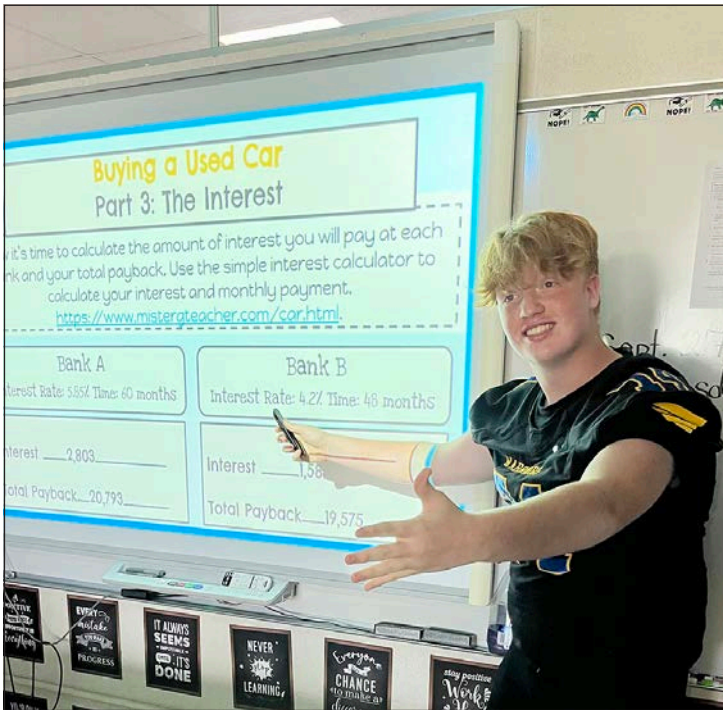
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**ONTARIO STUDENTS** searched for a realistic new and used car that they would purchase within the next ten years. They calculated the interest, total payback and monthly payments for two given bank loans as well as calculating the sales tax on the car. Additionally, they were given a third bank loan option, along with a down payment, to see the difference in monthly payments with putting money down.

## Chamber hosting 7th Annual Savor and Sip Auction and Food Tasting

The Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development will host its 7th annual Savor & Sip Auction and Food Tasting. The event will take place on Thursday, Oct. 26, from 5–7:30 pm at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center in Mansfield. Businesses in the food industry, such as restaurants, caterers and food trucks are invited to have a table at this event to provide tastings of their food in order to promote their business. There is no charge for Chamber member businesses to provide tastings. A non-member rate is also available.

The Savor & Sip event is a celebration of all things culinary in the area — appetizers, entrees, desserts, pastries and beverages from some of the area's finest restaurants, caterers, bakeries, delis and beverage companies. There will also be entertainment and a silent auction happening throughout the evening, allowing attendees to bid on a large selection of items.

Entry for attendees is \$30 per person before Oct. 19. Attendees will enjoy food samples from 20+ food vendors, and a cash bar will also be available. The public is encouraged to attend to enjoy the food and live music, along with getting a jump on holiday shopping by bidding on a vast number of auction items.

Attendees are encouraged to register via the event calendar at [richlandareachamber.com](http://richlandareachamber.com) or call the chamber at 419-522-3211.

Participating Vendors are Avita Health System, Bake My Day, Brown Derby Road House/Ontario Event Center, Buns on the Run, Bytchn Kitchen, Char-Bougie, Deja Food Eatery & Cebuano Bar, Der Dutchman Restaurant, Doc's, Exclusively Yours Catering, Gertz Culinary & Catering, Gionino's Pizzeria, Good Brotha's Pizza & BBQ, Hudson & Essex, Jules' Jams, Mansfield Nutrition, MD Creative Blends, O'Charley's, Outback Steakhouse, Parsons Family Catering, Texas Roadhouse, TGI Friday's, Twisted Fig Tea, Two Cousins Pizza, UR Worthy Catering, Westbrook Country Club and Wicky's Smokin' BBQ.

Event sponsors include Medical Mutual, Park National Bank, Newman Technology, Coldwell Banker Mattox McCleery Realtors, KeyBank and Milliron Auto Parts.

## Thousands of additional donations needed to replenish Red Cross blood supply

Since announcing a national blood and platelet shortage a month ago, thousands of donors across the country have rolled up a sleeve to help rebuild the American Red Cross blood and platelet supply. As that generosity continues, the Red Cross is working around-the-clock to ensure patients have access to lifesaving transfusions and must collect 10,000 additional blood and platelet donations each week over the next month to sufficiently meet hospital needs. Donors of all blood types are urged to book a time to give now, especially those with type O blood or those giving platelets.

To make an appointment, use the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

To encourage more blood and platelet donations, the Red Cross is offering new incentives to donors over the next month. All who come to give Oct. 21–Nov. 9 will receive a \$10 gift card by email to a restaurant merchant of their choice to enjoy lunch on the Red Cross. They'll also be automatically entered to win a \$5,000 gift card. There will be three lucky winners, one chosen at random each week. Details are available at [RedCrossBlood.org/Lunch](http://RedCrossBlood.org/Lunch).

The Red Cross is reminding donors that they can still give blood or platelets after receiving a flu or Covid vaccine, so long as they are feeling healthy and well on the day of their donation.

Bloodmobiles are scheduled for:

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 1–6 pm, Planktown Country Market, 1921 Free Rd, Shiloh

Friday, Oct. 20, 10 am to 3 pm, YMCA, 750 Scholl Rd., Mansfield; and 11 am to 5 pm, Resurrection Parish, 2600 Lexington Ave., Lexington

Tuesday, Oct. 24, noon to 6 pm, Crossroads Ontario Campus, 636 Lexington-Springmill Rd., S., Ontario

Thursday, Oct. 26, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Friday, Oct. 27, 8 am to 1 pm, OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital, 335 Glessner Ave., Mansfield

Monday, Oct. 30, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Wednesday, Nov. 1, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Saturday, Nov. 4, 9 am to 2 pm, Shelby Police Department, 31 Mack Ave., Shelby

Wednesday, Nov. 8, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Thursday, Nov. 9, noon to 6 pm, Mosaic at Park Avenue Baptist Church, 296 Park Ave West, Mansfield

## Senate shows support for Israel

The Senate unanimously passed Senate Resolution 214, sponsored by State Senator Andrew Brenner (R-Delaware) and State Senator Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson), condemning the attack on Israel by Hamas and those supporting their invasion and atrocities.

This resolution declares the Senate's unwavering and unequivocal support for the Israeli people as they defend themselves against this unjustifiable and atrocious attack.

"What we have witnessed over the last five days has been some of the worst atrocities committed against the Jewish people since the Holocaust," said Brenner. "There is no justification that can be made, or any excuse offered, for Hamas's attacks."

"Israel is under attack by dangerous terrorists fueled by hate," said Senator Mark Romanchuk. "We must stand with our nation's ally and their people as they mourn and fight back against this threat."

On Saturday, Oct. 7, Hamas terrorists carried out an unprovoked attack on the state of Israel. Terrified Israelis awoke that morning to terrorists executing an intricately planned, coordinated attack by land, sea and air.

The subsequent reports of atrocities, including the kidnapping of civilians, the rape of girls and women, and massacre of children has revolted the entire civilized world. Officials confirm more than 1,200 people in Israel have been killed, including 22 U.S. citizens, with at least 20 additional Americans missing.

Bi-partisan passage of the resolution affirms that Israel is one of the United States' strongest allies and that Ohio stands by its friends.

# Senate passes Resolution 215 opposing State Issue 1

State Senator Mark Romanchuk (R-Ontario) strongly supports Senate Resolution 215, which expresses the chamber’s opposition to Issue 1, a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot this November that removes the current laws protecting children, women, and families; and permanently enshrines in our state’s constitution abortion-on-demand through all nine months.

“This bill would give the power to make life-or-death decisions to abortion providers by giving them the final word on procedures, standards, and timing,” said Romanchuk.

“These people have a financial incentive to perform abortions. This is neither ethical nor logical, and would put the health and welfare of countless women in the hands of people who do not have their best interests at heart.”

Senate Resolution 215 outlines how this misleading proposal undermines the rights of the unborn, women and families.

The resolution details the extreme consequences of Issue 1 as written, including allowing painful, late-term abortions, including those performed by dismemberment; eliminating basic health and safety protections for women; permitting abortion based on a child’s characteristics, such as Down Syndrome; allowing aborted children born alive to die; removing parental notification requirements for abortions; giving abortion doctors the power to unilaterally declare whether a woman’s health is endangered by her pregnancy, at any stage of that pregnancy; and allowing abortion providers to pressure children into abortion without their parents’ involvement.

Issue 1 will be on the ballot this November.

# Ontario Boosters planning fundraising dinner and auction

The Ontario Athletic Boosters Fall Fundraiser is hosting “A Night at the Races” Saturday, Nov. 4, at The Hub in Crestline. For \$50, participants can have a fun night out, supporting Ontario Student Athletes.

The event will be a plated dinner with a cash bar with craft cocktails. There will be a Derby Hat Contest for ladies with a prize of a Kate Spade purse and a fedora/bow tie contest for guys with a prize of bourbon and cigars.

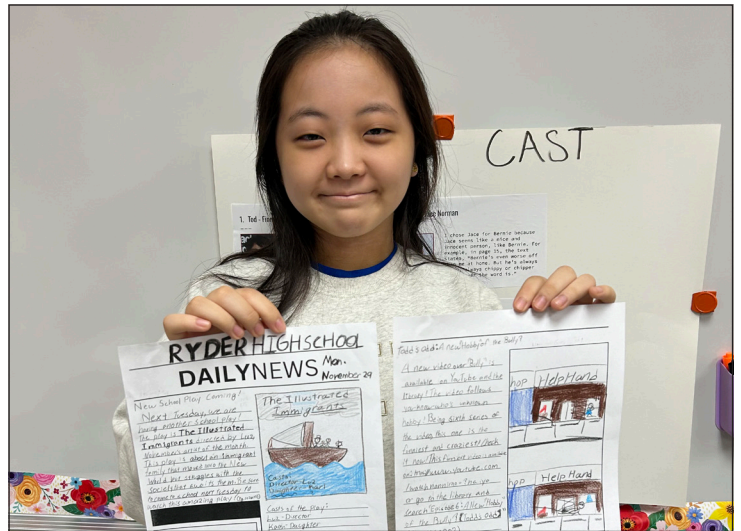
A DJ will provide music and there will be a 50/50 and other games of chance.

A reserved table for 8 is \$500 and general admission is \$50 per person. For \$10 participants can name a horse that will be racing that night. This is a way to support the event, even for those who cannot be there in person. Sponsorships are also still available.

Tickets and sponsorships are available at <https://ontarioschools.hometownticketing.com/embed/event/362>

An online auction preview is available at <https://www.32auctions.com/boosternatr>

For information visit Misty Miller at 419-545-4507 or [miller-md74@gmail.com](mailto:miller-md74@gmail.com).



**STUDENTS IN EIGHTH GRADE** literature at Ontario just finished up reading their first class novel *Scrawl* by Mark Shulman. As a culminating activity, students chose a project to demonstrate key details from the text. To celebrate, guests came in to do a gallery walk of all of the work.

# Classes offered to youth age 14-16 who are interested in film making

Leapyear Studios Film School is teaching Film-Craft Basics, for ages 14 to 16, an eight-week class beginning Friday, Oct. 20, from 4-6 pm at Richland Academy of the Arts.

Students will work round-robin style, trying out each crew position while making a short film. It’s a comedy about high school Ghostbusters.

Students will be working with industry professionals, Jennifer Enskat and Andy Gardner. Enskat is an actor, director and award-winning editor and producer. Gardner is an Emmy and Film Festival Award-Winning Cinematographer with over three decades of experience in film and television. Both will teach how to use the gear while learning the terminology and production process.

Register by visiting [richlandacademy.com](http://richlandacademy.com) or by calling 419-522-8224 to learn more. Richland Academy is located at the corner of 4th and Walnut St., Manfield, and was founded in 1991. It is supported by the Ohio Arts Council and 60+ programming supported by the Area Agency on Aging. Tuition assistance is available.

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## Operation Christmas Child collection locations announced

More than 4,500 locations will open to collect Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts for the Samaritan's Purse project. Volunteers are preparing to collect shoebox gifts during National Collection Week, Nov. 13–20.

Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering shoebox gifts — filled with school supplies, personal care items and fun toys — to children worldwide since 1993.

In 2023, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoeboxes to reach another 11 million children.

Anyone can pack a shoebox. Individuals, families and groups still have time to transform empty shoeboxes into fun gifts. Find a step-by-step guide on the How to Pack a Shoebox webpage.

“Children around the world need to know that God loves them and there is hope,” said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. “A simple shoebox gift opens the door to share about the true hope that can only be found in Jesus Christ.”

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, seeks to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 209 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories. This year, Operation Christmas Child will celebrate its 30th year of ministry.

Local drop-off location are:

Freedom Ridge Church, 2200 Bedford Blvd., Ontario: Monday, Nov. 13, 9 am to noon; Tuesday, Nov. 14, 9 am to noon; Wednesday, Nov. 15, 9 am to noon; Thursday, Nov. 16, 5–8 pm; Friday, Nov. 17, 9 am to noon; Saturday, Nov. 18, 9 am to noon; Sunday, Nov. 19, noon to 4 pm; and Monday, Nov. 20, 9 am to 3 pm.

Impact Church, 160 Woodruff Rd., Mansfield: Monday, Nov. 13, 9 am to noon; Tuesday, Nov. 14, 3–6 pm; Wednesday, Nov. 15, 9 am to noon; Thursday, Nov. 16, 3–6 pm; Friday, Nov. 17, 9 am to noon; Saturday, Nov. 18, noon to 3 pm; Sunday, Nov. 19, noon to 3 pm; and Monday, Nov. 20, 9 am to noon.

Grace Point, 683 Portland Way N., Galion: Monday, Nov. 13, 9 am to noon; Tuesday, Nov. 14, 9 am to noon; Wednesday, Nov. 15, 9 am to noon; Thursday, Nov. 16, 9 am to noon; Friday, Nov. 17, 9 am to noon; Saturday, Nov. 18, 9–11 am; Sunday, Nov. 19, 8–11 am; and Monday, Nov. 20, 9–11 am.

Trinity Lutheran Church, 508 Center St., Ashland: Monday, Nov. 13, 10 am to noon; Tuesday, Nov. 14, 5–7 pm; Wednesday, Nov. 15, 10 am to noon; Thursday, Nov. 16, 5–7 pm; Friday, Nov. 17, 10 am to noon; Saturday, Nov. 18, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm; Sunday, Nov. 19, 10 am to noon; Monday, Nov. 20, 9–11 am.

Saint Johns United Church of Christ, 120 S. Lane St., Bucyrus: Monday, Nov. 13, 8–11 am; Tuesday, Nov. 14, 5–7 pm; Wednesday, Nov. 15, 5–7 pm; Thursday, Nov. 16, 5–7 pm; Friday, Nov. 17, 4–7 pm; Saturday, Nov. 18, 9 am to noon; Sunday, Nov. 19, 1–3 pm; and Monday, Nov. 20, 8–10 am.

## Downtown Mansfield to host trick-or-treat, looking for Tiny Tim Shoppe volunteers

The Downtown Mansfield Trick-or-Treat will return from noon to 1 pm following the Halloween parade on Saturday, Oct. 28.

Participants can dress up and explore the downtown area while trick or treating.

Local businesses will pass out candy and some will have other events. Businesses that would like to participate can call 419-522-0099 or email [Rhyana@downtownmansfield.com](mailto:Rhyana@downtownmansfield.com).

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As the Christmas season approaches, The Downtown Mansfield, Inc. Tiny Tim Shoppe returns in November.

Volunteers are needed to help children shop. Companies, school groups, organizations and individuals can volunteer. Volunteers will help children pick out gifts for family and friends as well as help with gift wrapping and tagging. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4FACAE2FA2F49-44821285-2022#/>

Call 419-522-0099 for information.



Crestview Schools' Chicken BBQ

On Friday, Oct. 6, Crestview held its annual chicken barbeque. This has been a tradition for over 25 years, starting with Mr. Rhinehart and has been carried on as a community favorite since.

For the past month FFA members sold tickets for \$12 per meal, in total there were 950 meals sold.

Our top underclassmen ticket sellers are Emmie Kemp with 26 tickets, Jerial Martinez with 34 tickets and Shelby Lackey with 53 tickets. The top upperclassmen sellers are Makenzi Tucker with 32 tickets, Gracie Dinsmore with 37 tickets and Kole Eichelberger with 67 tickets.

The meal consisted of half a chicken which was cooked by various volunteers out by the FFA's greenhouse and barn.

The chicken was cooked in pits that were hand made by a handful of chapter members. Also included in the meal was a baked potato, green beans and a brownie which were all carefully prepared by members. To top off the food there were various condiments and utensils, including the barbeque sauce.

The chapter spent all week preparing the meals and making sure everything went as planned. On Friday, chapter members assembled and handed out the meals purchased before the football game kicked off. In the end, there was a wonderful amount of support from community members to the Crestview FFA.

Georgia McFarland  
Crestview FFA

## Local vendors can register for Small Business Saturday

Small Business Saturday is the Saturday after Thanksgiving. It's a national program that encourages people to include small businesses in their holiday shopping.

Locally, businesses are joining together to promote small businesses county-wide. Some local businesses report that this is the busiest day of the year for them.

Local businesses can register for the program by Nov. 3 at <https://portal.richlandareachamber.com/events/details/small-business-saturday-2023-vendors-registration-6058> or by contacting the Richland Area Chamber.

Shoppers simply visit the store to enter into a prize drawing. The Chamber will provide businesses with entry forms that can be printed or copied. Businesses then collect the entry forms on Small Business Saturday from customers.

At the close of business on SBS, vendors will select a winner and notify them. When the winner collects the prize, it is suggested a picture be posted on social media sites with a tag to the Richland Area Chamber. This will give businesses additional exposure.

As always, shoppers will not be required to make a purchase.

There is no cost for a business to participate, but are asked to provide a prize worth \$25 or more which can be an item or a gift card.

There will also be five \$100 grand prizes donated by the Chamber and other sponsors. These prizes can be won when customers scan a QR code at a store and register to win.



**JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF NORTH CENTRAL OHIO** Advisory Committee accepts a grant from Connections Fund of Richland County Foundation. Pictured are Zach Motter, Bo Tokarski, Tyler Adams, Caroline Silverman, Josh Lehman, Lori McCleese, Connections Fund Chair Cassie Brumfield, Holly Dawson, Bethany Rachel, Christine Myers and Sandy Bauman.

## Connections Fund of RCF awards grant

The Connections Fund of the Richland County Foundation announced this year's grant during a brunch held recently at Kingwood Center Gardens.

Junior Achievement of North Central Ohio received the 2023 Connections Fund grant for its program "Destination Career: Richland County." The collaborative partnership between JANCO and LeaderRichland will provide in-class career exploration or financial literacy to seventh and eighth grade students who stay at their home campus as

their fellow classmates visit the Ohio State University at Mansfield and North Central State College campus.

LeaderRichland is an annual event of Richland Community Development Group (RCDG). During the three-day event, students meet with area professionals in multiple career fields including trade skills, finance, services, healthcare, education, non-profits, and manufacturing. LeaderRichland encourages students to pursue careers and educational goals available locally.

Each year this program rotates between boys and girls.

During the grant awards event, Connections Fund Advisory Committee Chairwoman Cassie Brumfield explained the fund's redefined mission and the volunteer focus for 2024.

The Connections Fund was established in 2004 and has granted close to \$150,000 in the community. To make a gift to the fund go to [richlandcountyfoundation.org](http://richlandcountyfoundation.org), click the donate button and select the Connections Fund from the dropdown menu.

## Senator Mark Romanchuk supports resolution opposing legalization of recreational marijuana

The Ohio Senate passed Senate Resolution 216, sponsored by State Senator Mark Romanchuk (R-Ontario), which expresses the Senate's opposition to Issue 2, the proposed initiated statute that would legalize the use and retail sale of recreational marijuana.

"This statute was written by the marijuana industry to line their pockets, not help Ohioans," Romanchuk said.

"This proposal adds fuel to the fire of our current addiction crisis, and we know from other states that have legalized marijuana use that traffic deaths, crime, and workplace accidents rise. Issue 2 is a bad deal for Ohio."

Issue 2 was written by the commercial marijuana indus-

try to put their profits over people. Ohio already has one of the highest rates of overdose deaths in the nation. Drug overdoses are the leading cause of injury death in Ohio, and 33,000 Ohioans have died of drug overdoses since 2011. Issue 2 will allow the marijuana industry to capitalize on addiction and turn it into profit.

The stark ramifications of legalizing recreation marijuana are evident from other states and in numerous studies. Senate Resolution 216 describes these repercussions, including:

- Increases in fatal traffic accidents and injuries in traffic accidents;
- Increases in crimes rates, including violent crimes;
- Increased workplace acci-

dents;

- Declines in brain function in adulthood for adolescent users.

Senate Resolution 216 also details the financial benefits the marijuana industry would attain if Issue 2 would pass. Issue 2:

- Gives more than a third of tax revenue generated to the industry itself through its "social equity" fund program;

- Does not include any funds for Ohio counties to administer addiction treatment programs and other challenges from increased drug use in Ohio;

- Does not allow Ohioans to direct tax revenue towards priorities such as public education and road improvements.

Issue 2 is on the ballot this November. Learn more about Senate Resolution 216 here.

## Pro-life leaders urge for a 'no' vote on Issue 1

With early voting already underway in Ohio, Priests for Life National Director Frank Pavone urged pro-life, pro-family voters in the state to vote No on Issue 1, and to treat every day between now and Nov. 7 as Election Day.

"We have to have the same enthusiasm and vigor each day to get pro-life people to the polls. There's no need to wait until November. Limiting ourselves to one day ends up losing votes when unforeseen circumstances arise."

"Neither the people of Ohio nor of America want unlimited abortion," Pavone said of the proposed ballot amendment that would invent a right to abortion and impose it on the state constitution.

"This contradicts the will of the people of Ohio, as reflected in the strongly protective laws they have passed through their elected representatives – the mechanism, of course, that the Supreme Court highlighted in Dobbs as the way to craft abortion policy in America," he said.

Pavone continued: "New data from Ohio shows that in the 11 weeks the Heartbeat law was in effect, protecting babies from abortion once a heartbeat can be detected, abortions in the state dropped 15 percent," Pavone said. "This is a law Ohio residents supported through their elected representatives. This ballot fight, on the other hand, has been fueled by out-of-state dollars and disinformation. No pro-lifer can sit out this election."

"As I have said to pro-lifers in states with much less regard for life than Ohio: Your state does not belong to the courts, to pro-abortion lawmakers, or to pro-abortion groups either inside or outside of Ohio. It belongs to you."

"If you want abortion on demand, voting No on Issue 1 will not deprive you of the opportunity to pass such a law."

"But if Issue 1 passes, then you will be deprived of the opportunity to pass laws like the ones you've already passed to protect these babies."

"Vote No on Issue 1 to protect unborn children and their families and to protect your rights as citizens to set abortion policy in the future."

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# Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

## Cubs football falls to undefeated Colonel Crawford Eagles

By Kris Leiter

I always like to give credit where credit is due, even though the outcome may not always be favorable. Sometimes the efforts of the "underdog," or, in this case, the "Mighty Middle School Cubs of Lucas," deserve Kudos.

I thought I would throw the Lucas Cubs Junior High Football team some press time this week, as they traveled to North Robinson Thursday afternoon for some Gridiron action against the undefeated Colonel Crawford Eagles.

As much as the Cubs tried and with as much heart and soul as they could muster, the Lucas Cubs seventh and eighth grade football team met their foe.

The offensive/defensive line for the Cubs, led by Zell Finley (54), Wyatt Kinstle (70), Danny Boyd (71) and Carter Thomas (72) were fairly matched in the trenches.

After the first half, the Eagles offense, along with the their stingy defense, forced a number of Cub turnovers, meriting the Eagles a 26-0 halftime score.

Starting the third quarter, the Cubs were ready for redemption! Within seconds of the third quarter commencing, at 7:48 on the clock, it was time for the Cub offense to put some numbers up and they did just that!

Christian Carroll (30) hit paydirt for the Cubs! The score by the Carroll closed the gap to 26-6.

The Eagles offense continued with a 48 yard pass and would continue to add another 14 points throughout the third quarter. After the third, the Eagles were leading 40-6.

As the fourth quarter began, the light shone on the Cub offense once again! The Eagles received a 15-yard penalty, allowing the Cubs to enter Eagle territory at the 40 yards line.

A couple of galian offense plays by the Cubs' running game ensued. Owen Guegold (4) kickseed it in gear with two great rushes of 14 yards (6:05) and 8 yards (4:41). With 1:34 remaining, the Eagles would score another 7 points, totaling 47-6.

The Cubs still had something to show with another great rush by Collin Ammons (56) as he would peel off an 8-yard rush (:20).

Earlier this week, I had the opportunity to speak with Eli Mayer, one of the position coaches for the Cubs. He was gracious enough to take time out of his busy schedule to share his thoughts on Thursday's game against Colonel Crawford. He also shared some insight on how middle school head coach Joe Marsano instills values into his players in preparation for each game.

Mayer himself graced the Lucas Gridiron from 2013 to 2018 and

has been coaching for the past two years alongside his former head coach, Joe Marsano.

Coach Marsano has run the helm of the Cubs' middle school program for a number of years and takes great pride in the program at Lucas. I asked Mayer about the loss against the Eagles Thursday, considering Colonel Crawford was undefeated going into Thursday afternoon.

"We tell the boys no matter what, play hard every game.. any team can surprise you," said Mayer. "Coach Marsano prepares his young men the same way every week. We never just focus on the win-loss record of the opponent during the week of preparing...Never underestimate the other team."

Chiming Coach Marsano's philosophy, "Lucas plays hard nose football..whistle to whistle..Cub Pride!"

"People know we might not win, but a team will know they have a battle on their hands!"



Photo by Danielle Starr

CUBS running back moving the ball. Collin Ammons (56).



Photo by Danielle Starr

THE CUBS defenders put heat on the Eagle ball carrier. For the Cubs are Wyatt Kinstle (70) and Zelle Finley (54).



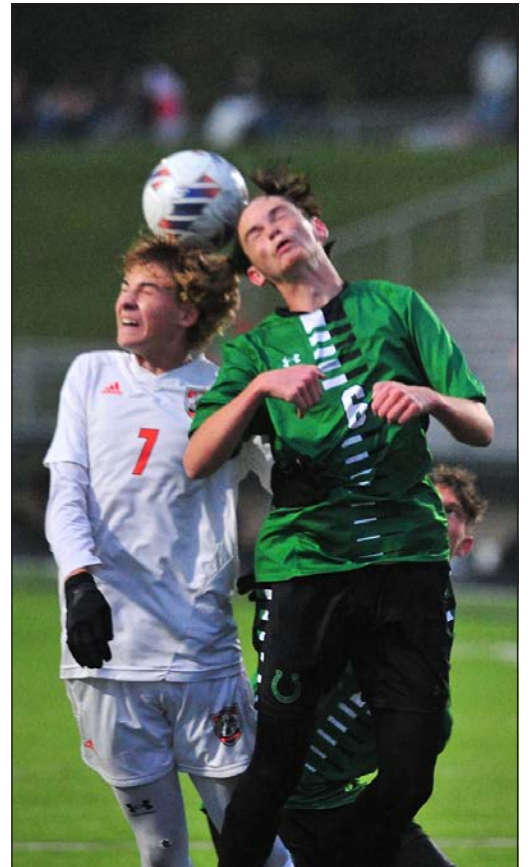
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CUBS ball carrier Owen Guegold (4) pushes for extra yardage as he had a couple of great carries.



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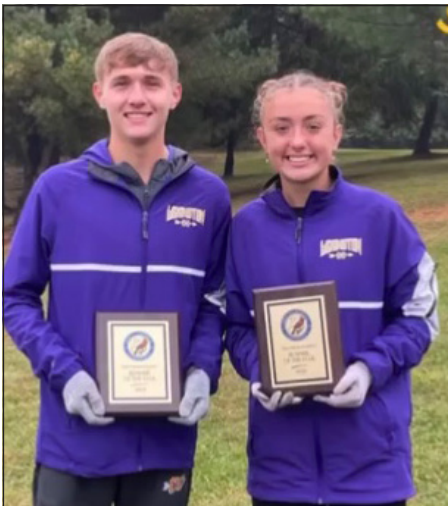
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THE LEXINGTON JUNIOR HIGH Cross Country boys team placed first for the conference and The Lexington Junior High Cross Country girls team placed second. (Top photo) Boys middle school team. (Bottom photo) Lexington's cross country runners.



**LEXINGTON** — Junior Chance Basilone is the record holder with 15:34 and sophomore Brailey Slone is also the record holder with 18:30. Basilone was named Runner of the Year and earning First Team were Ethan Slone and Latrell Hughes. 2nd Team OCC are Lincoln Rice, Gage Devaney and Drew Hooper. Brailey Slone was named Runner of the Year and First Team OCC are Elyana Weaver, Jenna Halfhill and Katya Prykhodko. 2nd Team OCC is Jacie Foster, Hannah Griffin and Abby Moeglin. The high school girls and boys teams both placed first at the OCC meet.

## Ontario Youth Sports announces champions

AYSA hosted the Fall Soccer Classic recently. The tournament brought in teams from all over Richland, Crawford and Ashland counties. Close to 8,000 people were in and out of soccer fields around Richland County. The 2023 Warrior champions and finalists are:

**Girls:**

- U8D Finalist, Ontario, Mergel
- U8A Champion, Ontario, Barker
- U10A Champion, Ontario, Barker
- U10C Finalist, Ontario, Chitwood
- Jr. High A Champion, Ontario, Van Harlingen

**Boys:**

- U8D Finalist, Ontario, Hoffman
- U10A Champion, Ontario, Harley
- U10C Champion, Ontario, Thompson

As a reminder, Ontario Youth Sports (OYS) basketball and cheer registration is on-going. OYS is planning on sending out a reminder and making announcements on Facebook.

On Saturday Oct. 21, OYS has planned a Haunted Trail. The event starts at 5 pm with

kids events and a kid-friendly trail. At 7:30 pm, the trail will transform into a scary scene for a more mature taste. The event will include DJ Mike, food trucks and the first-ever Pumpkin Chunkin. There will be prizes and games for everyone.

Ontario events are include open swim on Wednesday, Nov. 1 and Wednesday, Nov. 15; the Ontario Christmas Tree Lighting on Thursday, Nov. 30; and the Ontario Craft Show on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Event details can be found on the OYS Facebook page or by calling 419-566-8072.

To register for OYS programs follow on Facebook. Sign-ups are posted regularly. Also check the weekly article in the *Tribune* where all sign-ups are shared once a week.

Sign up is also available on WMFD OYS text to your cell.

Athletes can create an account on [www.oysports.com](http://www.oysports.com). Once registered, log in and see what sports are available. For information call the sports director at 419-566-8072.

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## CLEAR FORK VS MARION PLEASANT VOLLEYBALL · SEPTEMBER 26 PHOTOS BY JEFF HOFFER



CLEAR FORK SENIOR Christina Carroll (13) celebrated 1,000 assists during the game against Marion Pleasant Sept. 26.



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## OHSAA WEEK 8 — Weekly Football Computer Ratings (As of October 10, 2023 )

By Kris Leiter

Greetings again my fellow readers and high school sports fanatics! It's an ironically sad time of year, as we near the end of the 2023 high school football season here in Richland County... however (you knew there was a "however" coming), it means the regular season is nearing, but the cool thing is that it means TOURNAMENT TIME!

The bright side means OHSAA Football Tournaments are around the corner, and again, there are some great local teams that will enter post-season play, and some that did not make the OHSAA 16-team cut that will surprise you.

So, last week, I gave you the cheat sheet of the OHSAA High School Football Playoff formula that Einstein would be proud of and quite the formula it is, but a good one nonetheless.

As for this week, I'm feeling generous and will give you some missing links to use the formula and you can be an OHSAA expert as well.

I will focus on the area teams' latest results from week 9, and the computer point totals from the OHSAA are from week 8, (Oct 10). Due the fact that there are only (only?) approximately 708 teams in the state and the OHSAA gurus in Columbus are burning the midnight oil as we speak, updating the point totals and our publication comes out every Thursday, so there is bound to be some Pony-Express-cross-pollination-overlap-lag-time occurring in current data.

So, as mentioned, the top 16 teams in each region will enter post-season play, and continue for the next few weeks until there is a state champion in each division.

As you can see in Division 3, Region 10, Mansfield Senior and Ontario are comfortably holding their own for post-season play in the number 4 and 5 spots.

Lexington, is now 4-5 after week 9, after beating Madison. They could possibly make the post season, as they host Ashland in week 10, depending on the formula from last week. As you can see, you do not necessarily need to have a dominating win-loss record to qualify, based on the formula.

If you like to peek outside of our area, into the Ashland area, you can see the Ashland Arrows are in the 13 spot, and based on the outcome with Big Lex in week 10, the deck could shuffle once again.

### Division 3 • Region 10

1. Tol. Central Cath. (8-0) 23.6563
2. Norton (8-0) 20.553
3. Tiffin Columbian (7-1) 19.725
4. **Mansfield Senior (6-2) 17.8624**
5. **Ontario (8-0) 17.725**
6. Rocky River (7-1) 16.4005
7. Medina Buckeye (7-1) 15.6625
8. Bay Village Bay (7-1) 14.75
9. Defiance (6-2) 14.175
10. Sandusky (5-3) 14.15
11. Rock. River Luth. W. (5-3) 9.8125
12. Clyde (4-4) 8.7986
13. Ashland (4-4) 8.2125\*\*
14. Bowling Green (5-3) 7.525
15. Maumee (4-4) 6.5
16. Norwalk (3-5) 6.1534
17. Richfield Revere (3-5) 5.225
18. Lodi Cloverleaf (3-5) 4.7875
19. Lexington (3-5) 4.675\*\*
20. Tol. Scott (4-4) 4.425

Our neighbors up north in Shelby are standing at 6-2 after week 8 below, and after defeating Ontario in week 9, making the Whip-

pets 7-2, the Whippets should be safe in week 10 as they take on the Marion Pleasant Spartans.

### Division 4 • Region 14

1. Sandusky Perkins (7-0) 20.4365
2. Cle. Glenville (5-2) 13.7176
3. Millersburg West Holmes (6-2) 12.5375
4. **Shelby (6-2) 12.3875**
5. Caledonia River Valley (4-4) 10.5375
6. Van Wert (5-3) 10.4375
7. Galion (5-3) 10.3625
8. Bellevue (3-5) 8.9577
9. Wauseon (5-3) 8.7375
10. Napoleon (4-4) 8.15
11. Oberlin Firelands (4-4) 8.05
12. Bryan (5-3) 7.6625
13. Lima Bath (4-4) 6.075
14. St. Marys Memorial (4-4) 6.0
15. Cle. Central Cath. (3-5) 5.1403
16. Vermilion (3-5) 4.8

Let's head down Route 39 into Cub country as head coach Scott Spittler's crew, the Lucas Cubs 5-3 record through week 8 and a win at home over Fort Laramie in week 9, making them 6-3, may boost them up a notch or so, depending on the Formula "Deck being shuffled" among the other teams in within the 16 team bubble.

Lucas has been a regular post season participant in many recent years, as Coach Spittler has produced a great football program in his 16 years with the Cubs, and this year is no different, and making the State Championship just a few short years ago, falling to Marion Local Stein in a exciting State championship game as most would expect from the Cubs.

In recent years, the Cubs have had challenging games against \*\*Warren John F. Kennedy, but as you can see, that may be a relief for the Cubs this year, as Warren J. F. K is in the 21 spot, not necessarily in contention for the 16 team safety net.

Keep an eye out for the Cubs post season run and you will not be disappointed!

### Division 7 • Region 25

1. Malvern (7-1) 14.625
2. Danville (8-0) 14.525
3. Dalton (6-1) 13.7095
4. New Middletown Springfield (6-2) 12.175
5. Berlin Center Western Reserve (6-2) 11.9154
6. Jeromesville Hillsdale (6-2) 11.5354
7. Monroeville (6-2) 11.5234
8. Lowellville (7-1) 11.2625
9. Toronto (7-1) 11.125
10. Steubenville Cath. Central (8-0) 10.7813
11. **Lucas (5-3) 10.0372**
12. Lisbon David Anderson (6-2) 9.0625
13. Salineville Southern (6-2) 8.5875
14. Norwalk St. Paul (4-4) 7.6951
15. McDonald (5-3) 7.575
16. Bowerston Conotton Valley (4-4) 4.0
17. Fairport Harbor Fairport Harding (3-5) 2.8431
18. Ashtabula St. John School (2-5) 1.9206
19. Richmond Hts. (1-6) 1.8771
20. Strasburg-Franklin (2-6) 1.6375
21. Warren John F. Kennedy (2-5) 1.5974\*\*

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## Destination Mansfield honored

Richland County's tourism marketing & development organization was recognized for achievements in marketing at the Ohio Travel Association's RUBY\* Awards presentation, held Oct. 5 at Shisler Conference Center in Wooster. Destination Mansfield-Richland County earned four awards in the statewide competition in the Travel Planner, Marketing Campaign, Print Ad Series and Promotional Video categories. They were also a finalist in the Digital Marketing category.

The Travel Guide & Planner category is one of the most competitive and the 2023 Destination Mansfield Visitor Guide took the RUBY award. In addition to stunning photography, the judges enjoyed the integration of resident profiles and noted that featured sections were excellent self-contained itineraries, making it easy for visitors to explore the area.

The marketing campaign, featuring the Ohio Bird Sanctuary, used multiple marketing methods to showcase this attraction including video, social media, digital display and print ads. Three other campaigns featuring the B&O Trail, the Wine & Ale Trail and Buckeye Imagination Museum were finalists in this category.

In the Print Advertising category, the "Space For" theme was effectively employed in a series of ads promoting things to do throughout the year.

"It was exciting to have our fully-branded marketing work recognized among our industry peers", according to Destination Mansfield-Richland County President, Lee Tasseff. "The new community brand was in everything we created. It represents the first time that things that were produced using the new brand, received recognition."

"We were especially proud the judges not only recognized the integration of the brand into the Visitor Guide, but that the brand seamlessly worked to make it best in its class!" Tasseff added. "That was important. It is the single most prominent (and recognizable locally) marketing piece we produce."

The Ohio Travel Association's RUBY (Recognizing Uncommon Brilliance Yearly) Awards recognize excellence in Ohio's hospitality and tourism industry for efforts in advertising, marketing and public relations. In this year's competition, the RUBY's sponsored by Ohio Magazine, had 236 entries in 17 categories. The awards were presented during the Ohio Conference on Travel, the state's tourism conference for all sectors of the tourism industry.

Nine marketing professionals representing academia, consulting firms and ad agencies judged each entry on the basis of overall concept, results and creativity.

"Competition for these awards seems to grow every year, and this year was no exception. We had a record number of entries," said Melinda Huntley, Ohio Travel Association Executive Director. "Winners represent the best of the best in marketing strategy and design. It's inspiring."

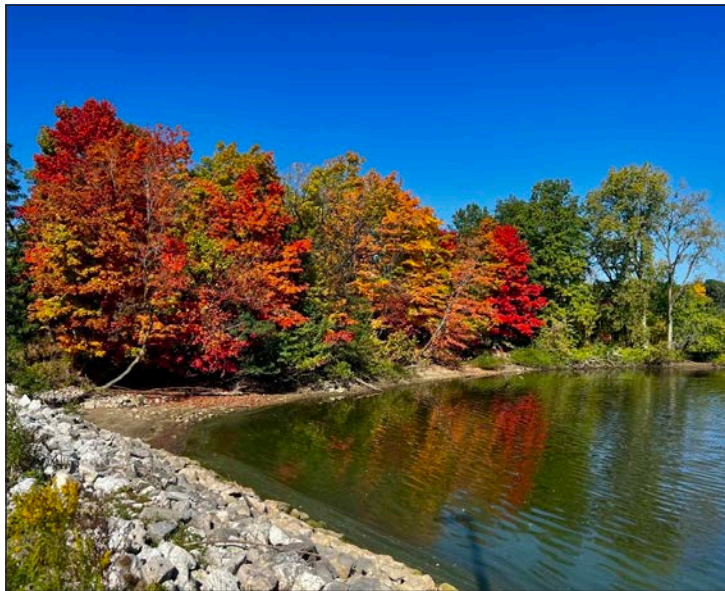
The Ohio Travel Association is a non-profit association representing attractions, destination marketing organizations, hotels, museums, suppliers, restaurants, campgrounds and other businesses who make up Ohio's \$53 billion travel industry. For more information about the Ohio Travel Association, visit [ohiotravel.org](http://ohiotravel.org).

## Premier Financial Corp. named to Sm-All Stars Class of 2023

Premier Financial Corp. has been named to the Piper Sandler Sm-All Stars Class of 2023, a list of the 31 top-performing small-cap banks and thrifts in the country.

To earn Sm-All Star status, companies needed to have a market cap below \$2.5 billion as of Sept. 15, 2023 and clear numerous hurdles related to growth, profitability, credit quality and capital strength. Premier Financial Corp. is one of 31 banking institutions, just 9% of all banks screened, that met Piper Sandler's criteria for inclusion in the Sm-All Stars Class of 2023.

"We are honored to be named to the Sm-All Stars Class of 2023. This recognition is a testament to the outstanding work our team has done in a difficult environment," said Gary Small, President and CEO, Premier Financial Corp. "Our results are indicative of our associates' daily dedication, passion and commitment to providing the best in community banking to all of our stakeholders."



Hoover Reservoir, Columbus • Photo By Amy Melchoir

## Bells Of Peace to toll on Nov. 11

The Doughboy Foundation invites the public to join the annual Bells of Peace ceremony, a national tradition initiated in 2018 to commemorate the WWI Armistice Centennial and to honor all Americans who have served their nation. It's a great way to kick off local remembrances on Veterans Day.

The 2023 national ceremony will take place on Nov. 11, starting at 10:30 am Eastern at the National WWI Memorial in Washington D.C., with the Bell Tolling exactly at 11am. All interested people in the Washington D.C. region are invited to join live at the National WWI Memorial or to watch the live stream from anywhere.

Tens of thousands have participated in local Bells of Peace ceremonies in past years. To support these ceremonies across the nation and around the world, the Foundation has created a WebApp, available at [BellsOfPeace.org](http://BellsOfPeace.org), for anyone who plans to participate in Bells of Peace ceremonies.

Organizations or groups planning local Bells of Peace events are encouraged to register their activities via the website. Visit [https://doughboy.org/welcome-to-the-2023-bells-of-peace-national-bell-tolling-at-11am-on-veterans-day/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://doughboy.org/welcome-to-the-2023-bells-of-peace-national-bell-tolling-at-11am-on-veterans-day/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) for information.



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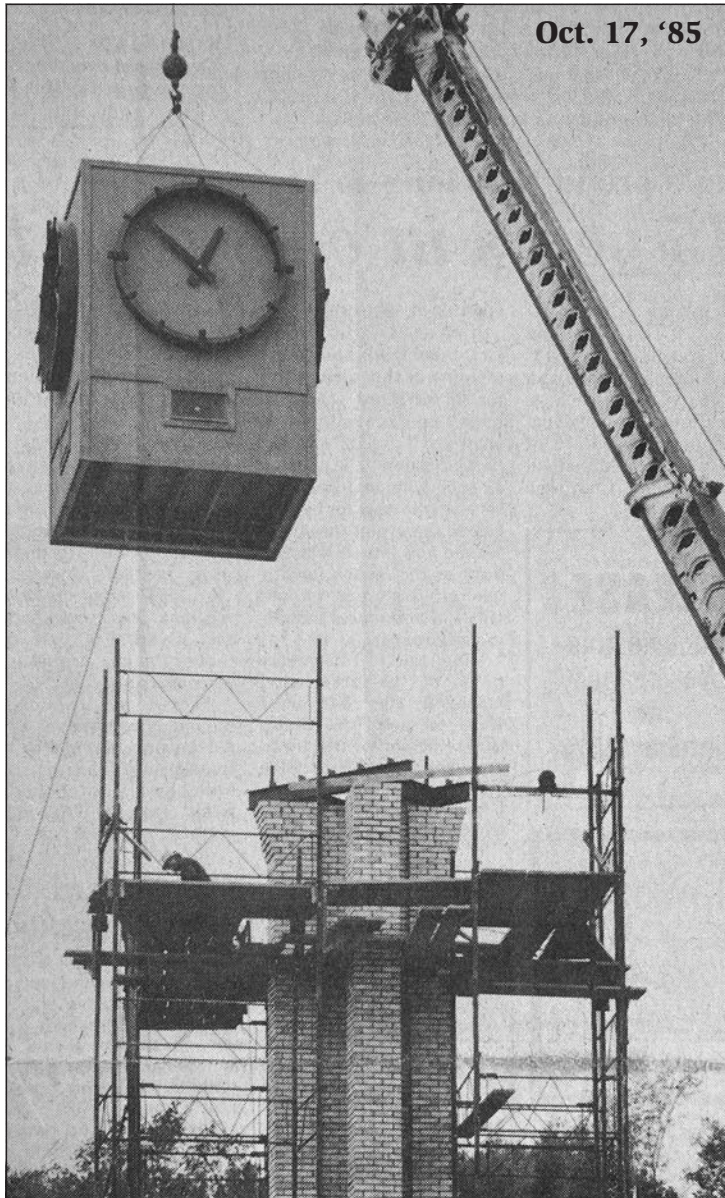
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**Tower gets clock**

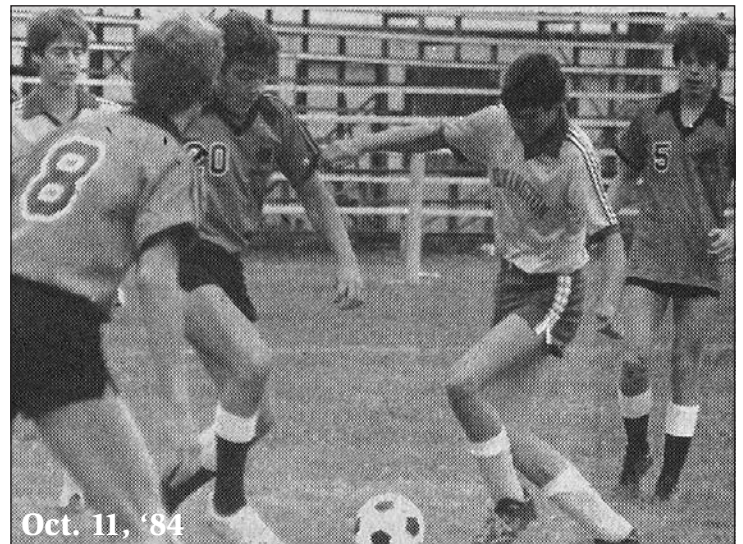
The clock tower standing in front of the partially completed Ontario Municipal Building was completed last Thursday afternoon as workmen raised the four-sided clock and later its copper roof to the top of the brick structure. The building, scheduled for completion in March, is located at the corner of Stumbo Rd. and the expressway in Ontario.

**This Day in History** — On Oct. 19, 1985, the first Blockbuster video-rental store opens, in Dallas, TX. At a time when most video stores were small-scale operations featuring a limited selection of titles, Blockbuster opened with some 8,000 tapes displayed on shelves around the store and a computerized check-out process. The first store was a success and Blockbuster expanded rapidly, eventually becoming one of the world's largest providers of in-home movies and game entertainment. By 1988, Blockbuster was America's leading video chain, with some 400 stores. By the early 1990s, Blockbuster had launched its 1,000th store and expanded into the overseas market. In 2004, Blockbuster launched an online DVD rental service to compete with Netflix. The venture was not successful. On Sept. 23, 2010, the company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. By 2014, the last of the company-owned stores had closed. An independently owned Blockbuster in Bend, Oregon, is the only store still open.



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**ONTARIO CHEMICAL PEOPLE** had the first meeting of the year and pictured are the newly elected officers for the organization. Standing, left to right are, Gail Mowry, publicity; Barb Petit, president; Linda Jones, wife of vice president Paul Jones. Seated are Janet Zucker, secretary and Dan Haber, treasurer.



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**HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER** — The Lexington and Ashland High School soccer teams tangled several weeks ago in a soccer match as that sport is gradually moving into the high school sports scene in the area. Bob Nicholson of Lexington prepares to deliver a kick. Watching him is Chris Jordanek, visible behind number eight of the Arrows. Ashland players are Todd Bille (8), Jeff Briggs (20) and Jimmy Barr (5). Barr is the son Jim and Jane (Kirschenheiter) Barr, both Lexington graduates. Barr formerly coached basketball and baseball at Lexington.