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Richland Gives helps nonprofits fundraise operating revenue

Richland Gives, an online giving event, began Monday, Nov. 13 and culminates on Nov. 28 at 7 pm.

The day is designed to encourage everyone to contribute to local nonprofits they care about through a single giving platform/website. The Richland County Foundation is hosting the day to build capacity, grow philanthropy and make the community stronger. Since its inception in 2015, Richland Gives has raised close to \$2.5 million.

The online giving event will allow Richland County nonprofit organizations to raise funds and awareness as well as cultivate new donors and reinvigorate lapsed donors. 105 local charities are registered for the event.

Thanks to the generosity of donors at the Richland County Foundation, \$80,000 in incentives will be awarded as grants to participating organizations, beyond what they raise from online donations.

Additional prize grants will be awarded to the nonprofits during Richland Gives. For details or to donate visit richlandgives.org.

The Richland County Foundation, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, was established in 1945 as a way for individuals to pool and invest their gifts for the long-term good of Richland County and its residents.

The Foundation helps people in Richland County give back to the community by investing gifts for charity wisely so that grants can be made to improve the quality of life for all of the county's citizens. Working together with donors, the Foundation meets needs today and plans for a strong future.



Photos By Traci Little

Reservations being taken for RRLC's Third Annual Breakfast with Santa

The Richland Rural Life Center, 969 Crall Rd. East, Mansfield, will host its Third Annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 2.

The menu includes all you can eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and fruit, orange juice, milk, water and coffee. Santa will meet with children by a wood-burning fireplace and 12 foot Christmas tree. Children are invited to bring a letter for Santa.

Three time slots are available at 9 am, 10 am and 11 am. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 3 to 10 and free for children under 2. Advanced reservations are required but payments will be accepted at the door with cash, check or with the Venmo App.

Reservations can be made by visiting <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844AEAB22A0F9C61-45986789-breakfast> or sending an email to richlandrurallife@smail.com.

Everyone attending must have a reservation. Space is limited. All children must be accompanied by an adult, no high chairs are provided. Following breakfast, guests can decorate cookies next door in Santa's workshop.

THE 42ND ANNUAL Ohio State University Alumni Club of Richland County's Beat Michigan — Buckeye Bash was held at the Richland County Fairgrounds on Monday, Nov. 13. The event included a meal and featured speaker is former OSU head football coach Jim Tressel. The OSU Marching Band performed and there were live and silent OSU item auctions, goodie bags, Buckeye trivia and a 50/50 drawing. The Buckeye Bash is the major source of income for the OSU Alumni Club's scholarship funds and club outreach. (Above photo) Annabelle Walls, 6, and Aubrey Walls, 4, pose with Miss Ohio Madison Miller and Miss Ohio's Teen Paisley French as they try on their sashes. (Right photo) Jim Tressel speaks to the crowd.



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THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER
— By Ian Stumbo —

The Marvels is the latest movie in the Marvel Cinematic Universe and bad news has come in for the movie, it has the lowest opening weekend of any Marvel film.

This sequel to *Captain Marvel* surrounds the titular hero played by Brie Larson as she is watched over by Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson).

Suddenly, another hero named Monica Rambeau (Teyonah Parris) and Ms. Marvel (Iman Vellani) appear. They have to work as a team combining two mysterious bands to repair a tear in space, one of the bands is held by villain Dar-Benn (Zawe Ashton).

While *The Marvels* is a slightly better film than *Captain Marvel* (one of the weaker films in the Marvel canon), there is a lot to say about this movie.

First, if you have not seen *Captain Marvel*, *Wandavision* (the Disney+ series that introduced Rambeau) and *Ms. Marvel* (the Disney+ series that introduced that character), you will probably be very lost. Thankfully, I had watched those before heading into this movie.

The first 30 minutes were pretty messy. The plot was all over the place and finally started coming together when all three heroes met and started working together. All three actresses do great in this movie and they are for sure the highlight as is the cat Goose. Goose has a special ability that he uses in an interesting way near the end of the movie



but it works well and is one of the more entertaining aspects.

The Marvels fails because it's just forgettable. As great as the actresses are, and there are a couple fun fight scenes, the movie spends so much time making sure the audience knows all the back story, it eats up a great deal of time.

There is a scene where Captain Marvel has to go to a planet where people sing instead of speak and that is not very enjoyable. Also, the end of the movie is just a big setup for what is to come.

Now, I understand all Marvel movies do this in some way to continue the series, it's just those movies are usually memorable and the future storylines don't feel wedged in like they do in this movie.

The Marvels is certainly not the worst film in the series though there is not much to write about. It's too bad because Brie Larson is such a talented actress and in both movies they have just not given her much to do and put her in mediocre plot lines.

Maybe Marvel shouldn't stretch themselves so thin between their television shows and movies or maybe people are just having fatigue from all the superhero movies. Whatever it is, *The Marvels* succeeds at times but certainly not at others.



A COLORIZED DRAWING of the Delaware village of Greentown which was once in old Richland County when it was still just miles square.

Indian Reservations in Old Richland County

By Bob Carter

Historian D. W. Garber was to write, "Montgomery Montour, half breed Delaware and Wyandot Indian, a descendant of Count Frontenac, the lusty governor of Canada, was a man of character and influence. Through his personal efforts he obtained congressional action, which set aside the Indian villages of Greentown and Jeromestown as reservations for the Delaware."

The request was for the Indian villages of Greentown and Jeromestown which were in the, then, 30 mile square Richland County. Montour journeyed to Washington in December 1806 and submitted a memorial petition to Congress asking that lands be reserved for the Delaware. This request was in spite of the belief that the Delaware were responsible for the Copus And Zimmer murders that would occur later during the War of 1812.

Part of the petition to Congress reads: "*The Delaware, formerly a numerous and powerful nation, are reduced, as near as your petitioner can recollect, to 47 or at most 50 men who have numerous families and children. They have always lived near the white people, still earnestly wish to do so. The lowest town (Greentown) contains the much greater number of inhabitants, and the amount of clear land, at this town they are all willing to reside. Your petitioner, therefore prays the Honorable Congress to direct a survey of land, including the lower town, and its improvements, to be secured to the present inhabitants to the town and their heirs...He assures Congress that his people love the white people, and wish to settle near them, and around them, they earnestly wish to learn agriculture and other improvements of life and manner, from the white people; in short, as soon as convent, to become one people with them.*"

Montgomery Montour pointedly called attention to the fact that he was the "son of Captain (John) Montour, who served the United States faithfully during the Revolutionary War."

Montour visited Henry Dearborn, Secretary of War, who looked with favor upon the petition and wrote to the chairman of the committee in Congress to whom the petition had been addressed, "It was not known to the Executive that the Delaware Indians pretended to have a claim on the lands petitioned for, and their situation appears to call for some friendly aid; and Congress will decide whether grants of land, for the use of the villages... will be reasonable and expedient. A grant, for each village, as would include their improvements, and afford each family one hundred acres, would be satisfactory."

On March 3, 1807 Congress passed an Act which established the two village reservations, one year before the surrounding area was opened for settlement. The reservations consisted of 13 sections of land (8,320 acres), four at Jeromestown (Jeromesville) and nine in Greentown.

During the War of 1812, the Delawares were moved to the Pipestone reservation at Piqua, for their "protection" but many returned to Greentown after the war being promised their lodgings, crops and livestock would be unharmed.

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News Briefs

The Lexington Area Senior Citizens Inc., invites those 55 and older to attend meetings the third Wednesday of every month.

The December meal will be held Wednesday, Dec. 20, at the Ontario Event Center at 11 am. Reservations are \$20 for members and \$25 for non members. Call Anita for availability at 419-565-3461.

Jane Horton, country/gospel singer, will perform.

The group will also meet Dec. 6, at the Reindeer Grill, 10 S. Park St., Mansfield, at 11 am.

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



The Richland County Local Emergency Planning Committee meetings are scheduled for Jan. 24, April 24 and July 24 at 3:15 pm at Richland Public Health, 555 Lexington Ave, Mansfield, in the Corley Room. For information contact Richland County EMA 419-774-5686.



The Ohio District 5 Corporate Board of Trustees meeting will be held Dec. 12, in the boardroom at 2 pm. For additional information, contact Susie Danuloff at sdanuloff@aaa5ohio.org.

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is located at 2131 Park Avenue West in Ontario.



All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Rev. Dr. Elaine Strawn at 10:30 am on Nov. 19. She will speak on "Gratitude in partnership."

For more information visit www.allsoulsuohio.org.



City of Ontario Zoning Inspector Michael Morton has released the September and October zoning report.

Permits were issued in September and October to Rob Bowers, Spring Village Ln., wheelchair ramp; Josh Parsons, Rt. 314, shed; Roger Hetler, Fairway Crossing, shed; Doug Basham, Park Avenue West, addition, detached garage and driveway; David Pohlabel, Zimmermann Ln., deck; Michael Mullins, Mary Lou Ln., shed; Cinemark, Walker Lake Rd., wall sign; Culver's, N. Lexington Springmill Rd., wall signs, pole sign, EMC and a ground sign; Natasha Repp, Park Avenue West, ground sign; Adrien Kempf, billboard; Shope Investments, Scarletts Way, new home and driveway; Ontario Schools, Shelby Ontario Rd., concession stand; James Darr, W. Fourth St., deck; Caliber Collision, N. Lexington Springmill Rd., wall and ground signs; and Crumbl Cookie, Walker Lake Rd., wall signs.



A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Nov. 22 through 26. 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.



Community Action for Capable Youth (CACY) offers a free parenting support program. CACY Parent Educators are available to provide tips, strategies, support and tools to manage a variety of parenting needs from prenatal through teen years.

Individual educational sessions are available for parents and caregivers in Richland County. Routine topics include parenting styles, healthy nutrition, discipline techniques, routines and boundaries, growth and development, safety and basic first aid, effective communication, household chores and tasks, money management and budgeting, coping skills and stress management. Other topics are chosen and addressed based on the needs of the family.

For more information or to sign-up call 419-774-5683, email sandvikm@cacyohio.org or visit www.cacyohio.org.



The Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Richland County will hold its regular monthly board meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 5:30 pm at 87 E. First St., Mansfield.

For additional information call the board office at 419-774-5811.



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Donate Now Through November 28 at RichlandGives.org.



ELIANA FITTANTE, a freshman at Ontario High School, performed Sunday, Nov. 12 in the oboe section of the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra in Severance Hall In Cleveland. Eliana has also been selected to be in the Regional Orchestra and she is also a member of the Mansfield Symphony Youth Orchestra. Eliana is the daughter of Melissa Fittante and studies oboe with Carol Bernhardt. Pictured are Bernhardt and Fittante.

Urban Entrepreneurial Expo planned for Saturday, Dec. 2

Community members will have a chance to directly talk with employers and gain knowledge at the Urban Entrepreneurial Expo from 11 am to 2 pm on Saturday, Dec. 2, at Mid-Ohio Conference Center, 890 W. 4th St., Mansfield.

This Urban Entrepreneurial Expo luncheon is part of the North End Job Fair and is being presented by the community organization Restored Visions, along with Hope Alignment, which is a group of churches comprised of 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.

The event is also in collaboration with the North End Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC) and several other community organizations.

The purpose of this job fair is to align hope in the North End community, particularly the 14 to 24 year-old demographic, by providing opportunities to explore entrepreneurship, employment, career and educational options.

A free lunch will be provided and potential employees can learn about starting their own businesses and/or learn skills to help you become more employable.

There will be representatives from the Minority Business Association Center (MBAC) as well as other employers to be announced soon. Resource tables will be available, also announced soon.

For more information or to become involved, contact Julia Lawson, NECIC Business Development Coordinator at 419-522-1611.

For information visit www.necic-ohio.org

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
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35 Church St. West, Lexington
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10 am Sunday Worship

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Pastor Paul Lintern
9 am Sunday Worship

Ontario Christian Church

1029 Lewis Rd., Ontario
419-529-5684 • ontariochristian.org
Minister Steve Broughton
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Ontario United Methodist Church

3540 Park Avenue West., Ontario
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Pastor Christine Bell
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Lexington sets record straight as Direct Energy falsely claims to have contract with village

The Village of Lexington Council met Monday, Oct. 16, with Mayor Brian White presiding.

Present at the meeting were Zack Alleshouse, Adam Gongwer, Bob Jarvis, Wynn Kearns, Kim Little and Jeff O'Brien. Also attending were Attorney John Studenmund, Chief Troy Weaver and Village Administrator Andrew Smallstey.

As reported by finance director James L. Banks, all accounts have been balanced through Sept. 30.

Administrator Andrew Smallstey said, "Last month the water department completed the EPA required lead and copper testing for the village. All samples returned satisfactorily and documentation was submitted to and received approval from the Ohio EPA."

"Legislation for appropriations is in relation to receiving insurance funding for last year's June storm damage in the parks. I am moving the funding for all of the damage repairs to take place right away. Once the work is completed, we will receive the remainder of the money."

Smallstey continued, "I received word that Direct Energy is soliciting in town and providing information that they have a current contract with the village. There is no contract in place and Direct Energy has no valid permits for solicitation."

"There was a Delaware Street area water pressure issue caused by CNG performing a sprinkler system test at their site. This is a good time to note that maybe another water storage tank is warranted as the proposed line size project was terminated in the basic engineering phase."

"Recent water bills may have included readings from both the old meters and new remote read meters. I did receive a few calls regarding higher reads and after explanation many residents understood why now. I still have a few residents who are certain higher reads are due to the new meters charging more."

Mayor White noted Fran has done a great job informing the residents. Councilman Kearns asked for a tally of new meters installed.

Smallstey reported approximately 1,346 have been installed. The village will implement a talk/text/phone to encourage residents to have the meters installed.

Councilman O'Brien asked if there is a final date and Smallstey stated a date has not been set as the rate of install exceeds the forecast.

Chief Weaver reported that officers were to participate at the Haunted Hallways at Lexington High School. He will be attending police chief training sessions as mandated by the State of Ohio. Interviewing for one more officer is underway.

The first reading of an ordinance to prohibit the use of engine retarders on commercial and heavy vehicles in a manner which creates a public nuisance, was completed.

An ordinance providing for permanent budget amendments and appropriations for October for the Street C, M & R and storm water funds was approved.

Councilman Kearns announced a ½ mil levy will be placed on the March 2024 ballot for the cemetery. The current levy monies is not even close to operating budget. The current monies is funding only at \$40,000 whereas \$60,000 is needed in today's monies.

News Briefs in Education

Students from the area were among over 140 transfer students welcomed to the Baldwin Wallace University campus this fall who claimed more than \$1.7 million in merit scholarships based on their previous college accomplishments.

Matthew Midkiff, a graduate of Lexington High School majoring in sport management, earned a \$13,000 Transfer Trustees' Scholarship.

Caleb Tate, a graduate of Saint Peters High School majoring in arts management and entrepreneurship, earned a \$15,000 Transfer President's Scholarship.

Baldwin Wallace University is located in Berea, OH.

•Indian Reservations

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As they left in 1812, soldiers burned and destroyed the village. None the less, they prevailed and rebuilt many of their homes and lodges. New crops and livestock came back.

They remained until another reservation was made for them near Upper Sandusky in 1817.

That treaty caused the tribe to relinquish all claim to Greentown and Jerometown reservations.

Thus the last of the Delaware and Wyandots living with them bid adios to old Richland County forever.

Ontario craft show coming in December

The Ontario Community Craft Show will be held Saturday, Dec. 2, from 8:30 am to 3 pm at the Richland County Fairgrounds.

Admission is \$2 per person or a new toy (no stuffed animals). All proceeds will benefit the Ontario Lions Club's community projects and Ontario community events.

All toys will go to the Springfield Township Fire Department and Ontario Police Toy Drive.

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Residents urged to help plan Ontario by completing survey

Ontario officials, together with the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, have started the process of developing a comprehensive community plan. It was deemed necessary by community officials to develop a plan to lay the foundation and timing for future initiatives.

The purpose of the comprehensive plan is to create a shared vision for the community while providing direction for desirable growth, revitalization, and the implementation of important priorities. The plan will include recommendations for the community in many areas to include community services and facilities, housing and neighborhoods, economic development, future land use/zoning, infrastructure, parks, recreation and open space, transportation and connectivity (streets, parking, bicycle and pedestrian mobility).

According to Mayor Randy Hutchinson, the planning process will culminate into a plan of action that orchestrates better ways for Ontario to be more resilient, resourceful and interconnected to assets and areas in the community.

Residents can participate in a brief survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PlanOntario>. The survey asks residents, business owners and other community stakeholders questions relative to their community priorities, growth, revitalization and livelihood of the community.

In addition to the community survey, Ontario middle and high school students will be able to help to plan Ontario by taking a student survey. The entire process will take roughly one year and the comprehensive plan will be ready for adoption in the summer of 2024 or thereabouts.

Reville, a Bowling Green, Ohio-based firm that specializes in comprehensive community development and urban planning solutions, will assist a 14-member steering committee comprised of community and business representatives in developing Ontario's Comprehensive Community Plan.

Printed copies of the survey can also be obtained at the city municipal building, 555 Stumbo Rd. Contact Kris Knapp, City of Ontario Services Director, at 419-529-2495 or kknapp@ontarioohio.org.

November recognized as Carbon Monoxide Awareness Month

Nationwide, November is recognized as Carbon Monoxide Awareness Month. Carbon monoxide (CO) is known as the "Silent Killer" because it is an odorless, tasteless and non-corrosive gas that is produced when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, natural gas, propane or oil) burn incompletely. Even though natural gas does not contain CO, it can be generated when there is insufficient oxygen for fuels to burn correctly.

The most reliable way to determine a CO leak is to have fully functional CO detectors on every level and in every room where someone sleeps. Batteries should be tested and replaced in detectors on a regular basis.

With CO poisoning, symptoms can include flu-like symptoms such as headaches, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, irregular breathing or feeling ill. CO can make residents feel tired. Carbon monoxide can be fatal within five minutes at high concentrations.

To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning don't start up vehicles in a garage without the garage door being open; have fuel burning equipment, like a furnace, inspected annually by a qualified technician; don't start gasoline-powered equipment in the garage; keep vents and chimneys clear of debris or other blockages; don't use a gas or charcoal grill in a garage; check for visible signs of problems such as high humidity, soot, or water collecting near a burner or vent; and don't use a stove or oven as a source of heat in a home.

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Ingredients

- 1 pie crust
- 1 zucchini, chopped in small pieces
- 1 summer squash, chopped in small pieces
- 10 grape tomatoes
- 1/4 of an onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup cotija cheese
- 6 eggs
- 2 Tbsp. sour cream
- 1/4 cup 1/2 & 1/2 or milk
- 1 Tbsp. chopped fresh thyme
- Salt & pepper
- Olive oil

Instructions

In a bowl, combine the zucchini, summer squash, grape tomatoes, onion, 1/2 of the thyme, salt & pepper and olive oil to coat. Mix well and put on a baking sheet in a 350 degree oven. Roast veggies for 20-30 minutes, stirring to make sure they are roasted on all sides. In a blender or with a hand mixer, combine the eggs, sour cream, 1/2 & 1/2, remainder of the thyme and salt & pepper. Blend well and set aside. Roll out pie crust and put in tart pan. Layer cooked veggies and cheese on the pie crust. Pour egg mixture over top and place tart pan on a cookie sheet. Cook for 35 minutes at 350.

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Photo by Damon Callis

Day Trippin' With Damon – Located in the Allegheny Mountains of Tucker County, Blackwater Falls State Park is named for the amber waters of Blackwater Falls, a 57-foot cascade tinted by the tannic acid of fallen hemlock and red spruce needles. The falls, along with a few of the park's other features like Elakala Falls, Lindy Point and Pendleton Point Overlook, are some of the state's most photographed spots.



Ashland Eagles Club continues support for Hospice of NCO

Hospice of North Central Ohio (HNCO) representative, Noah Gangi, presented a plaque and thanks to Steve Bates in recognition of The Fraternal Order of Ashland Eagles and the donation to HNCO for \$7,600 to support HNCO mission.

For the past twelve years, The Eagles Club has held annual events to raise funds for HNCO including casino nights, pie auctions, food booths and poker runs. The gifts will help support HNCO's bereavement programs which include "Camp Hope" children's bereavement camp and a multitude of bereavement services provided by HNCO.

Services and programs also include individual and group support groups, school groups and individual counseling.

Ralph Tomassi, HNCO Chief Development Officer stated, "HNCO has long enjoyed a cordial relationship and benefitted from the generous support of The Ashland Eagles Club. Annual gifts are a real source of encouragement to us as we continue our mission of providing end-of-life compassionate care and bereavement services to families."

Donors will receive *Elf* socks to celebrate film's 20th anniversary

For many, watching the classic holiday movie *Elf* has been a heart-warming tradition for 20 years. This November, the American Red Cross is encouraging people to add a new tradition as the holiday season begins "Spread cheer with a blood or platelet donation."

Donations are critical to the blood supply as the holiday season draws near – a time when blood donations often decline. Donors of all blood types are urged to give, especially type O blood donors and those giving platelets.

To celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the film *Elf*, and create holiday cheer, all who come to give through Nov. 30 will receive an exclusive pair of *Elf* Red Cross socks, while supplies last.

Donation appointments can be made by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Bloodmobiles are scheduled for:

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 9 am to 2 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario
 Friday, Nov. 17, 8 am to 2 pm, Clear Fork High School, 987 St. Rt. 97 E., Bellville; and 8 am to 2 pm, Mansfield Senior High School, 124 N. Linden Rd., Mansfield

Saturday, Nov. 18, 9 am to 2 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario
 Tuesday, Nov. 21, noon to 6 pm, Crossroads Church, 1188 Park Avenue West, Mansfield

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 9 am to 3 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario; and 8 am to 1 pm, Shelby YMCA, 111 W. Smiley Rd. Shelby

Friday, Nov. 24, noon to 5 pm, Community Building, 21555 Pealer Mill Rd., Butler

Monday, Nov. 27, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario
 Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2–7 pm, Lucas Community Center, 252 W. Main St., Lucas; and noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Thursday, Nov. 30, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, St. Peter's High School, 111 W. First St., Mansfield; and 10 am to 4 pm, OSU Mansfield/NC State, Eisenhower Center, 1760 University Dr., Mansfield

Scholarships are available through Daughters of the American Revolution

Various local, state and national scholarships are available through the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Each has separate requirements.

The Jared Mansfield Chapter local scholarship is open to all students, both genders, who will be attending OSU-Mansfield, NCSC, or the Dwight Schar College of Nursing, Mansfield and pursuing any field of study.

The local Jared Mansfield Chapter Scholarship is open to any student currently enrolled at any of the above schools, as well as high school graduating seniors. Call scholarship chair Joedy Studer at 419-631-1015 for more information. The completed application must be postmarked by April 15.

The Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution awards the "Wings of Eagles" scholarship to graduating high school seniors, including those completing a certified home school program, in the amount of \$1,000 each. Awards are based on academic excellence and financial need.

All applicants must be citizens of the United States and legal residents of the state of Ohio and must attend an accredited college or university in the United States. Visit OSDAR.org to obtain a scholarship application. All applicants must be sponsored by the local DAR chapter and applications must be submitted to the local chapter by Jan. 31.

The National Daughters of the American Revolution, NSDAR, also offers scholarships in many different majors. This year, DAR is pleased to announce that all students will submit their applications using an online process. The direct link to the online application submission portal is dar.academicworks.com.

Emailed or mailed applications will no longer be accepted. The deadline for these is Jan. 31.

DAR scholarships can open doors of opportunity to many students. Call scholarship chair Joedy Studer at 419-631-1015 for more information.



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Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection is this week

As the Thanksgiving season approaches, many families and children are giving thanks for all their blessings and sharing those blessings with children in need by packing shoeboxes with Operation Christmas Child.

Shoebox gifts prepared by donors and filled with toys, personal care items and school supplies may be dropped off during National Collection Week, Nov. 13–20. More than 4,500 drop-off sites are now open.

Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering shoebox gifts to children worldwide for three decades. In 2023, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoeboxes to reach another 11 million children.

This season, there's still time for individuals, families and groups to transform empty shoeboxes into gifts. The project of Samaritan's Purse partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children in need.

Find a step-by-step guide on the How to Pack a Shoebox and drop-off locations at <https://samaritanpurse.org>.

"This season, children around the world need a tangible reminder that there is hope and that God loves them," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "Through these shoebox gifts packed with special items, children also receive the opportunity to hear about the eternal hope found in Jesus Christ."

Participants can use the online lookup tool to find the nearest drop-off location and hours of operation as they make plans to drop off their shoebox gifts. It is searchable by city or ZIP code. Signs at each location will identify the drop off.

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 locations and hours include:

Freedom Ridge, 2200 Bedford Blvd., Ontario, 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, 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, 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, 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; and Monday, Nov. 20, 9–11 am.

LXINGTON FRIENDSHIP QUILTERS met at the Lexington Senior Depot, 67 E. Main St., Lexington, on Nov. 8, to present two veterans with quilts made by the group. Candace Branham and fellow Vietnam-era veteran Ann Marksbury were given the quilts in a surprise ceremony. Club president Terri Gale said the quilts will be officially registered with the Quilts of Valor Foundation, a national non-profit that honors veterans across the country. Marksbury served from 1967 to 1969 in the U.S. Navy. Marksbury is a Navy veteran. Lexington Friendship Quilters meets monthly at the depot.



42nd Annual OSU Alumni Club of Richland County's Buckeye Bash



During the Buckeye Bash, speaking to the crowd, Coach Jim Tressel said, "Another reason I love November is because it's Thanksgiving. We live in the greatest country in the world and we're so blessed. I shake my head every time I think about my mom and dad and how they were such extraordinary people."

"I had the privilege to watch and learn from them, from my two older brothers, great coaches and teachers. I've always felt a sense of gratitude. When I had a chance to become a professional after my years as an assistant coach under four different head coaches who each impacted me in different ways. I always thought, shame on me if after all of that I couldn't have a little bit of success as a head coach."

"The biggest personal thrill I have ever had, was the moment in 2015 when they named me to the College Football Hall of Fame. My dad was named in 1996, and to this day, the only father and son in the College Football Hall of Fame are my dad and me. That was a surreal moment."

Photos By Traci Little





Local students are members of Youth Equestrian Development Association

The Youth Equestrian Development Association (YEDA) is a fast-growing, up-and-coming organization that provides learning opportunities from students from grades four through twelve.

With nine different divisions, including equestrians with disabilities, walk-trot, alumni, horsemanship, ranch riding, and reining, YEDA creates a team-riding experience for riders and offers scholarship opportunities. Riders do not need to own a horse to participate on the team.

Crooked Creek Equestrian Team is based in Galion. Team members are from local school districts including Northmor, Ontario, Galion, Shelby and Mansfield Christian.

Briteigh Goodman is the YEDA coach for Crooked Creek Equestrian Team and the team will travel throughout the school year to shows around the state of Ohio. Riders earn points and the goal is to make it to Nationals in McDonald, Tennessee in June.

Crooked Creek Equestrian Team traveled this past weekend to the Champion Center in Springfield, OH, to participate in the "Riding in the Reins" YEDA show. Emmy DeFrancisco earned high point rider for the Pearl Division. Emmy is a fifth grade student at Mansfield Christian School.

For information or to join the group contact Ashley DeFrancisco at 419-496-9612 or aedefrancisco@gmail.com.

Plymouth-Shiloh FFA alumni thanks community for support

On Saturday, Sept. 9, the Plymouth-Shiloh FFA Alumni held its ninth annual tool fundraiser.

Each year, the alumni hosts a fundraiser to earn money to put back into the FFA program as they support students with classroom supplies, field trip opportunities and leadership and career development, in addition to purchasing animals of 4-H and FFA members at the Richland County and Huron County Fairs.

In order to get through the doors, supporters are required to purchase a ticket. Tickets were a \$10 donation. Many prizes were given away at the fundraiser including a pitboss smoker, two hog halves, MS211 STIHL chainsaw, A Winchester gun safe, RE110 STIHL pressure washer, composite porch glider, MS251 Wood Boss STIHL chainsaw, 70 quart Pelican Cooler and a DeWalt 20V eight tool combo kit. There were also two \$100 cash giveaways at the end of the night.

- The 2023 winners were
- Pitboss Smoker: Sarah Picklesimer
 - Half a hog and custom processing: Scott Hamman
 - Half a hog and custom processing: Plymouth Legion
 - MS211 STIHL chainsaw: Kelson Minich
 - Winchester gun safe: Loran Kranz
 - RE110 STIHL Pressure Washer: Joe Benavides
 - Composite porch glider: Mike Harris
 - MS251 Wood Boss STIHL Chainsaw: Alan Dinger
 - 70 Quart Pelican Cooler: Sonja Reer
 - DeWalt 20V Eight Tool Combo Kit: Matthew Shrader
 - Mystery prize tool chest: Carl Brown
 - Milwaukee impacts, hammer drills, multi and combo tool kits and pack out: Randy Fried, Marianne Huff, Douglas Reer, Margie

Jacobs, Rosie Reer, Paul Bream and James Booker
 \$100 cash Drawings: Dave Grauer and Chuck Coffman
 The next event is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024.





PIONEER CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER honored board president Doug Theaker and his passion for education. On Sunday, Nov. 12, Theaker was recognized by the Ohio School Boards Association at its annual Capital Conference for his 50 years of Board service at Pioneer Career & Technology Center, Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center, and the Ontario Local Schools Board of Education. On Friday, Pioneer held its annual Veterans Day assembly for students and staff where Theaker, a U.S. Navy veteran, served as the keynote speaker. In recognition of achievement, he was also presented with a plaque recognizing his service in the military, as well as his 50 years of Board service. Pioneer Superintendent Greg Nickoli, who attended the session with Theaker, added "Mr. Theaker has served the students of our region for many years and his service and leadership in public education distinguish him as a pillar of the community."

Richland Area Chamber announces leadership search

The Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development and the Richland Community Development Group (RCDG) announced they have launched a search to find the next President & CEO to lead the organization due to Jodie Perry's successful election to be the next Mayor of Mansfield.

The search committee is being led by the incoming chair of the chamber board, Kristine Lindeman (vice president, Alumni Roofing), and the incoming chair of the RCDG Board, Jake Penwell (president, Shelby CIC/Owner, Penwell Funeral Home).

"We are looking for a dynamic individual who has a strong strategic mindset, a collaborative nature, and a proven ability to lead organizations," said Lindeman.

"The next few years are crucial for our community's success, and we want to make sure we have a great person who can continue to build on the strong partnerships we have," added Penwell. A full position listing will be available at www.richlandareachamber.com.

Jay Goyal (president, Goyal Industries), the board chair and interim president for the Chamber and Beth DeLaney (owner, Spherion Mid-Ohio), the board chair and interim president for RCDG will continue to serve in those roles during the transition period. Jodie Perry will serve as the Chief Operating Officer through the end of the year.

The Boards of the Richland Area Chamber & Richland Community Development Group are also announcing that Dr. Greg Timberlake, a local organizational consultant and former Dean at North Central State College, will serve as the Interim CEO during the transition period until a new leader is identified.

"We are so appreciative of Jodie's many years of service to the Chamber," said Jay Goyal. "She has helped us build a strong foundation that will serve our organization and the community well into the future. We are excited to have Dr. Timberlake on board to help with the transition time so that we can make sure we find the best candidate possible."

Jodie Perry has led the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development since 2014. In that time, the organization finalized an affiliation with RCDG, added new events and programming, increased their budgets, and has been a leading voice for improvements throughout Richland County.

Ohio General Assembly members respond to Issue One passage

Members of the Ohio General Assembly issued a statement in response to the passage of Issue One during Tuesday's general election.

"Unlike the language of this proposal, we want to be very clear. The vague, intentionally deceptive language of Issue 1 does not clarify the issues of life, parental consent, informed consent or viability including partial birth abortion, but rather introduces more confusion. This initiative failed to mention a single, specific law. We will do everything in our power to prevent our laws from being removed based upon perception of intent. We were elected to protect the most

vulnerable in our state, and we will continue that work."

The statement was signed by Rep. Jena Powell, Rep. Sarah Fowler Arthur, Rep. Tim Barhorst, Rep. Monica Robb Blasdel, Rep. Bill Dean, Rep. Dave Dobos, Rep. Thad Claggett, Rep. Gary Click, Rep. Ron Ferguson, Rep. Jennifer Gross, Rep. Thomas Hall, Rep. Brett Hillyer, Rep. Marilyn John, Rep. Darrell Kick, Rep. Angela King, Rep. Roy Klopfenstein, Rep. Beth Lear, Rep. Susan Manchester, Rep. Derek Merrin, Rep. Riordan McClain, Rep. Melanie Miller, Rep. Tracy Richardson, Rep. Jean Schmidt, Rep. Dick Stein, Rep. Josh Williams, Rep. Scott Wiggam and Rep. Bernard Willis.



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Program continues to help local residents obtain diplomas, GED

As a longtime Mansfield employer closes its doors, former employees are seeing new ones open for them at Mansfield Adult Education.

"I'm taking this as an opportunity to better myself and finally get this done" says one Mansfield Adult Education student, Craig, who is pursuing his high school equivalency.

Craig was employed at Therm-O-Disc for more than 20 years and would consider that life the only one he's known. Craig admitted, "I became complacent," as anyone would in that amount of time. In 2020, Therm-O-Disc announced that their manufacturing operation would be phasing out and Craig was left in one of the last phases — employed longer than others.

"Our jobs are our livelihood and when you work somewhere as long as I did and they close, it is so easy to become overwhelmed by the change and the unknown," he said.

But Craig proves to be doing the opposite, instead of letting this life change get him down, he is using it to his advantage, as motivation to finally get his GED.

"I used to be ashamed of not having it, but not anymore," said

Craig, who wishes he had finished school earlier in life but recognizes that it's never too late and that now may even be a better time because it can be a priority for him.

In fact, that's what he likes most about coming to Mansfield Adult Education — most of the students are in the same or a similar situation.

"I enjoy coming here more than I expected to because being with the other students has been great. I was afraid that everyone would be much younger than me, people doing it when I should have 20 years ago but they aren't, there's a good mix and that makes for a good environment in the classroom."

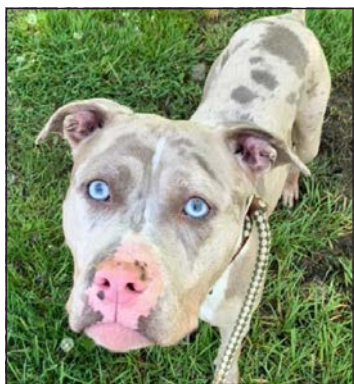
If there's one piece of advice that Craig can give, "don't put it off. Just get it done. Don't wait until you're in a spot where you have to get it done, get it done when you can. Since I've been in class it feels like my mind is waking back up and it feels good to be proud of myself."

Craig is a longtime resident of Mansfield with his wife and their young daughter — who he proudly explained are his "entire world" on the first day of class at Mansfield Adult Education.

After passing all four sections of the GED and graduating, Craig plans to use his credentials to begin another career that he can grow in — which he said with excitement as he explained he wants more than a "job."

Those interested in obtaining a GED or high school equivalency can call Mansfield Adult Education at 419-525-6380 or visit <https://www.mlsd.net/1.aspx>

This Week's Pet Looking for A Forever Home



Smush

Smush came into the shelter in May of 2023. Smush is very affectionate after he gets to know someone.

He enjoys his walks, although he does need some leash training. Smush is always alert when he sees other dogs but doesn't show signs of aggression.

Smush doesn't show very well in his kennel, and he tries to act like he's big and tough. Smush is so sweet when he gets out!

He is around eight years old, but Smush doesn't act his age at all. Smush's coat is also incredibly gorgeous. Come meet this phenomenal dog.

Smush 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.

Additions were made to the Clear Fork High School Honor Roll after publication last week. The new completed senior All A list is included below.

Clear Fork High School

First Nine Weeks

ALL A HONOR ROLL

Seniors: Heather Atherton, Zoe Daniels, Champ Delancy, Alton Jeffries, Abigail Kern, Summer Kinnard, Walker Kirkpatrick, Abigail Kitzmiller, Rachel LeFever, Nate Lind, Emma McCoy, Madison McKenna, Emilee Morrison, Sophia Perry, Evan Picchioni, Hayden Roberts, Taya Shultz, Aria Stage, Joseph Stupka, Andrea Swainhart, Grace Weikle, Kendall Windsor and Avary Wine

Local churches to host services leading up to Thanksgiving

Nine days of prayer services leading up to Thanksgiving will touch on the Beatitudes of Jesus, each hosted by a different church, in a series called, "ThanksLiving — Be in the Attitude."

The churches all participate in the March of Prayer, a month-long series of prayer services leading up to Easter, and the diversity of settings is the strength of the series, according to Paul Lintern, coordinator.

"The community comes together each night in a way authentic to the hosting congregation; and it comes together in prayer through the whole series, demonstrating the unity we have in God because of Jesus. That transcends style and language," he said.

"The Beatitudes, from the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew, point to paths that lead to Jesus — mercy, grief, hunger, purity, peace, even persecution. They are reflected throughout the congregations, and God's Kingdom," he added.

The schedule, with corresponding beatitude, is as follows:

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 6:30 pm, Belmont Community, 3319 St. Rte. 96, Shelby; Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Thursday, Nov. 16, 6 pm, ARC Empowerment Center, 378 Park Ave. West; Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the Earth.

Friday, Nov. 17, 6 pm, Fusion Church, 220 Industrial Dr., Lexington; Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2 pm, Jericho Wall, 195 W. Dickson Ave. next to First Christian Church; Blessed are the merciful, for they shall have mercy.

Sunday, Nov. 19, 6 pm, Open Bible, 1150 Rayfield; Blessed are the pure in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

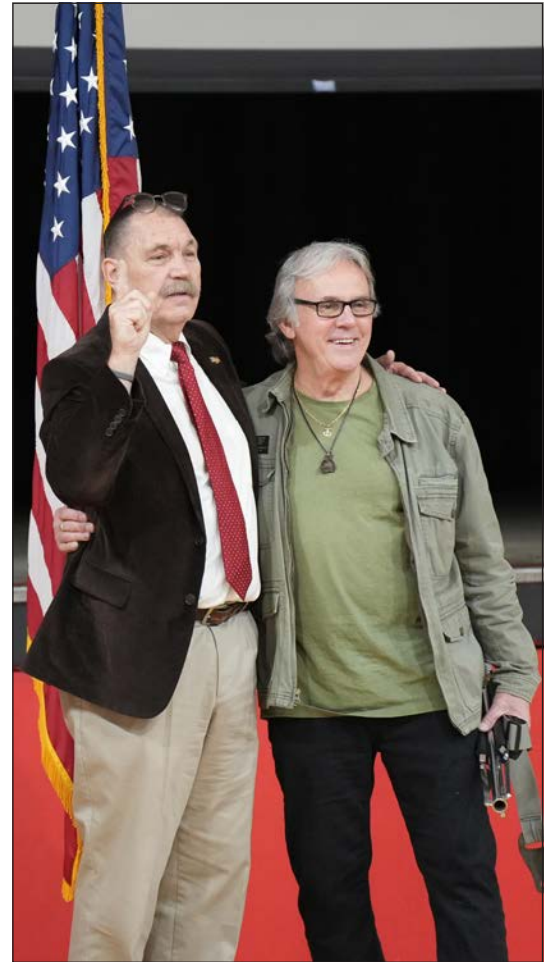
Monday, Nov. 20, 6 pm, Church Requel, 2 Marion Ave.; Blessed are peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 7 pm, Holy Trinity Lutheran, 525 W. Cook Rd.. (with Kingdom Grace Fellowship and First English Lutheran); Blessed are those who are persecuted for my namesake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 6:30 pm, Linden Road Presbyterian, 160 S. Linden Rd.; Blessed are you, when people revile you, and persecute you and say all manner of evil against you falsely on my account; Rejoice and be glad, for great is your reward in Heaven.

ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST & PROGRAM





MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL held its Veterans Day Program on Friday, Nov. 10. Special guest speakers were Dale Powers and Mike Weaver who both served in the armed forces. They shared their story of how God has impacted their lives. MCS' vocal ensemble Image performed and students made personalized thank you notes to give to veterans.



SCIENCE CLUB members at Ontario High School learned how to regrow vegetables from organic kitchen scraps. They used romaine lettuce, green onions, potatoes, celery, garlic and avocados.

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Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Understanding the stats, an interview with OHSAA Director of Sports Management Beau Rugg

By Kris Leiter

If you recall, a few short weeks ago, I educated you on the OHSAA computer points system that determines which Ohio high schools enter the post season playoffs.

The “formula” as I call it, is one even Einstein would be proud of. Get the coffee pot brewing, let’s take a deep dive on the subject.

I thought to myself... “Wouldn’t it be nice to know the who, what when, where and why (sounds like a reporter) of how the formula gets calculated week after week.”

This week, I was looking for someone to interview who was willing to share their knowledge.

As I was looking for my playoff data, I “stumbled” across OHSAA Director of Sports Management Beau Rugg.

Rugg’s résumé speaks for itself, with a daunting 30 years as a high school football official and 40 years as a basketball official. He has also been on staff with the OHSAA office for 13 years.

Obviously, I knew I had a unicorn, with a wealth of experience for my interview. After our conversation, Rugg may go incognito for future interviews with the press.

Actually, he was gracious enough to lend time out of his busy schedule, especially this time of year during high school football playoff season.

So, when did the OHSAA start using this computer point system?

“We started using this playoff point system in 1970,” said Rugg.

There are 819 schools in the State of Ohio and 708 of those schools have football in their sports program. I asked Rugg who keeps all those stats current and correct.

“We have a staff of about five to eight people that calculate the weekly results. It takes about three to four days to recalculate the results for the upcoming week,” he said. “We can finally catch our breath around Tuesday, and then Friday, we prepare for another week of updates.”

“The regular season can be a challenge in itself, with all 708 schools playing every week for the duration of 10 weeks. Even if a team loses on Friday, they still play the following week, hence the computer points are assigned starting in week 5.”

“Once the post season begins, only the top 244 teams in each region will advance,” said Rugg.

“Those 244 teams are then seeded 1 through 16, with the 1 seed playing the 16 seed, and the 2 seed playing the 15 seed, so on, and so on.”

I asked about the expansion of teams over the years — starting with four teams eligible back in 1990, then expanding to eight teams and, since 2021, a 16 team format.

“It gives more schools an opportunity to experience post season play,” Rugg said. “Even just last week, I saw a 15 seed beat a 1 seed.”

“The post season playoffs can be a little challenging as well, considering as teams advance, we need to re-assign officials, locate neutral sites after the second round.”

“A big thanks goes to Dragonfly, the software we use to calculate the weekly computer points, assign officials, distribute their pay and finalize the neutral sites.”

“We had used Arbitor in the past, but we started using Dragonfly 10 years ago. Dragonfly is more customizable to our needs here at the OHSAA.”

So, another burning question: Why did the OHSAA go back to the Friday-only scenario, when years ago they had a Friday-Saturday scenario for the majority of post season play?

“We were listening to suggestions from numerous high school coaches,” Rugg said. “Coaches are creatures of habit, as most of us are. Coaches may be a tad more, as in watching game film, weekly practices, etc.”

“It’s a weekly routine throughout the regular season, and then the playoffs with the Saturday-scenario was just a bit different

for them.”

“We wanted to take the coaches’ suggestions into consideration. “The OHSAA committee always tries to accommodate as much as they can. That’s why we exist. We are here for Ohio sports.”

Beau continued, “Ohio sports fans are regimented with their high school football teams on Friday nights.”

Most people who have kids, grandkids, friends of kids, friends-of-friends, phone-a-friend, etc. know that Friday night in Ohio have a resounding theme.

Friday nights. Fall season. Ohio: FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL!

So, that’s my story and yes, I’m sticking to it. I was blessed from Rugg’s conversation, as I hope you have been.

So, as Paul Harvey always closed his radio segments, “And now you know the rest of the story”



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL football played a winning game against Lutheran West on Oct. 27 to advance to play against Tiffin Columbia.

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Shelby and Mansfield bow out of the football playoffs

By Kris Leiter

First, I consider writing this column a blessing and a privilege. To join the ranks other media colleagues in the Richland County area, albeit on-air broadcasters, sportswriters and journalists of the like.

We currently have, and over the years Richland County has had a hotbed of phenomenal athletes. Let's not forget our adjoining neighboring counties as well.

Five teams made the 16 playoff slots this season: Lucas, Lexington, Mansfield, Ontario and Shelby.

Let's not forget our other local football teams, such as Clear Fork and Madison, who have given fans exciting football in past years, as they deserve a "Big-K Kudos" shoutout as well. Not all made the playoffs, but all gave a hard earned effort in a 10-week season.

While we were sitting in the air conditioning in the hot sweltering summer months, these young men and women were traveling to summer camps on long bus rides. Kudos to them, just as much as the five playoff contenders.

We thank them for giving us the opportunity to cheer them onto victory every week. We, the families, friends and others, stand proud as we enjoy the great freedom to watch these awesome and amazing athletes in this wonderful county. Thank you!

Mansfield Senior High Tygers fall to Toledo Central Catholic

Last Friday night, I had the privilege to watch the final playoff game of the Mansfield Senior High TYgers (10-3) as they took on the undefeated Toledo Central Catholic (13-0) at Clyde High School.

The TYgers came out strong with a 10-0 lead in the first quarter and showed great poise against Toledo. However, Toledo, ringing in linemen with stats, such as 6'-6," 350 lbs, made their presence known entering the second quarter.

As the Tarblooders regrouped and as the next three quarters ensued, Toledo would be victors with a 41-10 final, as they were able to show the people at Clyde High School why they were undefeated.

As one could see, and to likes of defeating five Michigan high school football teams. This was a beast of a team! This is also a team that has many Division I college prospects on the roster.

Shelby Whippets fall to Cleveland Glenville

Our Shelby Whippets (10-3) also bow out the playoffs with a final of 50-14 and fall to the foe of the Cleveland Glenville Tarblooders (10-3) at Elyria High School. Again, hats off to the Whippets for another great season!

As the Tarblooders of Cleveland Glenville were able to show why they have, over the years, propelled over 25 players into the NFL from the original Gridiron in Glenville!



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL held a Letter of Intent signing ceremony. Peyton Dzugan committed to Ashland University to play baseball, Sarah Hendrix signed with Ursuline College for soccer and Carter Weaver committed to Ashland University to play baseball.

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The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their regular meeting held on November 1, 2023.

The complete text of this Ordinance may be viewed and copies obtained at the Office of the Clerk of Council, Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, during regular business hours.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-17 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 507-CIVIL EMERGENCIES, SECTION 507.03- PROCLAMATION.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-18 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WAGES AND SALARIES FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THIS CITY, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 22-48, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-12 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM REACTIVE BRIDGE REHABILITATION TO THE BRIDGE ON US ROUTE 30 UNDER HOME ROAD.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-20 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-21 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-23 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1145 GENERAL PROVISIONS, BY ADDING SECTION 1145.39 HOURS OF CONSTRUCTION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 11-9, 16 '23) 49L

VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON FULL-TIME INCOME TAX CLERK

The Village of Lexington will be hiring one full-time Income Tax Clerk to process income tax payments and collections. Clerk will perform a wide variety of tasks including, but not limited to, all as listed below. Hours of work are 7:30am-4pm Monday through Friday. **INCOME TAX CLERK JOB DESCRIPTION & QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Review annual income tax returns and withholding accounts
- Will be extracting data and providing reports based on that data
- Will be required to process confidential and sensitive data
- Perform account reconciliations - daily, monthly, and annually
- Communicate with the public as well as tax preparers/accountants
- Under semi-direct supervision perform clerical tasks associated with income tax collection, processing, and

auditing.

- Maintain confidentiality of all personnel and taxpayer information and ensure compliance in accordance with federal, state, local and company regulations and guidelines.

- Demonstrated ability to handle confidential information and meet strict deadlines, detail oriented and self-motivated.

- Demonstrated proficient skills in the use of personal computers and supporting software in a Windows base environment, including MS Office products such as Word and Excel.

- Strong organizational and prioritizing skills, excellent interpersonal and effective, clear communication skills.

- Ability to develop strong working relationships, work effectively with a team and to work with personnel from all levels of organization.

- Reliability and Attention to detail is a must

- Excellent written and oral communication skills

- Able to perform responsibilities by due dates assigned

- Organization and project tracking skills

- Ability to work independently and as a member of a cohesive committed team

- Flexible and able to adapt to change

This is a full-time position with full benefits package and competitive wages.

The Village of Lexington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Interested individuals should submit an application with resume by November 29, 2023 at 4:00 pm to the office of the Assistant Finance Director, Peter Them, at the following location: Village of Lexington Municipal Building, 44 West Main Street, Lexington, Ohio 44904

Brenda J. Wilson, Clerk of Courts
Village of Lexington, OH
(T-C 11-16, 23 '23) 71L

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Sealed bids for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel for January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024 will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2023 by Kris Knapp, Service-Safety Director of the City of Ontario.

Specifications may be obtained electronically from the Service-Safety Director. Email a request to kknapp@ontarioohio.org, or a paper copy is available at the City of Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio 44906.

All bids should be sealed in an envelope, clearly marked: 2024 GASOLINE & DIESEL FUEL BID, the name of the Bidder, and include a CERTIFIED CHECK OR BOND on a solvent bank, in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

The City of Ontario reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Check or Bond on rejected bids will be returned promptly, and on accepted bids, the same will be retained until the contracts are consummated.

Kris Knapp
Service-Safety Director
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 11-9, 16 '23) 30L

RPA Association announces Thomas as artistic coordinator

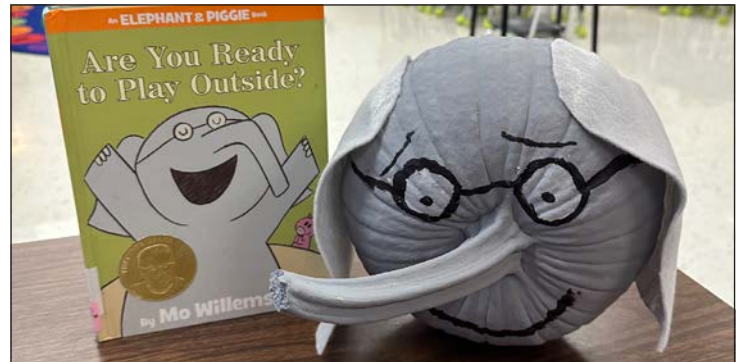
After a tenure spanning fifteen years as the Renaissance Theatre's acclaimed artistic director Michael Thomas is set to embark on a new chapter with the organization as he steps into the role of artistic consultant for the organization.

Under his leadership, Thomas has directed nearly 100 productions, including especially notable performances such as, *Assassins*, *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*, *Once*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Mamma Mia*, *Dreamgirls*, and countless others.

Acknowledging Thomas's contribution, Chelsie Thompson, Renaissance President and CEO, expressed profound gratitude, stating, "Michael Thomas has been a driving force behind the Renaissance's artistic journey. His dedication and creative brilliance have been invaluable in shaping our organization into the beacon of creativity it is today, and we are so grateful to him for choosing to share his talents here in Mansfield."

Originally hailing from New London, Thomas is an alum of the Conservatory of Music at Oberlin College and Wright State University. His journey to the Renaissance was marked by significant achievements, including musical directing national tours of *The Secret Garden* and *Once On This Island*. While in Chicago, Thomas co-wrote the long-running "Hamlet: The Musical" with Jeff Richmond, performed with *The Second City*, and also received three coveted Joseph Jefferson Awards for his theatre work, including *With or Without Wings*, which was named 'Best New Play of 2001'. His original musical, *Melancholy Baby* (also written with Richmond) was the inaugural show at New York City's acclaimed *Ars Nova Theatre* in 2002.

As Thomas transitions at the end of December, he will remain an active voice as the organization's artistic consultant, continuing to oversee the organization's Emerging Artist program. Stepping into the role of interim artistic director, the Renaissance welcomes Angela Iannone.



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