



NICHOLE PETERS of Richland County is the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship award from the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. Pictured are Rick Meeker, Community Living Supervisor; Nichole Peters; and Trae Turner, Chief of Community Living.

Area Agency on Aging announces recipients of scholarship awards

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. has selected the 2024 Scholarship Program award recipients. Scholarships are made possible by proceeds from the Annual Meeting Sponsorships.

Ella Schag, of Huron County, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in biomedical science at the University of Akron.

She has earned a seat in medical school at the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, which she will begin after graduating from the University of Akron in May 2025.

Schag aspires to become a Family Medicine Physician, aiming to help older adults and individuals with disabilities. She is the recipient of the \$2,000 scholarship award.

Lindsie Doss, of Marion County, is currently pursuing Nursing at Marion Technical College. She dreams of becoming a registered nurse and is actively working towards this goal.

Her work as an STNA in a nursing home has ignited her passion for contributing to the well-being of the aging and disabled population. Doss is the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship award.

Nichole Peters, of Richland County, is pursuing a Master's of Social Work degree at Indiana Wesleyan University.

She works in the Adult Protective Services unit at Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging. She is motivated to provide high-quality service to help enhance the quality of life of older adults.

Peters is the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship award.

The Area Agency on Aging elected to provide a total of \$4,000 in scholarship awards this year to individuals who will benefit the field of aging.

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., 2131 Park Avenue West, in Ontario, provides leadership, collaboration, coordination and services to older adults, people with disabilities, their caregivers and resource networks that support individual choice, independence and dignity.

Ontario makes plans for next school year

The Ontario Board of Education met May 14. Condrea Cannada presented an overview of the food service program.

Bethany Rachel, program manager for Junior Achievement, presented about career services that Ontario is providing this school year. Mike Ream, assistant superintendent, gave a federal programs update.

The board approved the five-year forecast as submitted by the treasurer and the resignation of Tesla Gray, Stingel Intervention Specialist, effective at the end of the 2023-'24 school year.

Kristina Weese resigned as the PM latchkey supervisor, effective at the end of her 2023-'24 contract.

The board approved teachers to teach an eight-period per day schedule for the 2024-'25 school year including Julie Buker, \$10,612 and Jim Buker, \$8,485.

The board approved the 2024-'25 salary notices and the revision of the staff weapons board policies to reflect changes to the school safety plan.

The board authorized the participation in Federal Grants (IDEA, IDEA-B, Title I-A, Title II-A, Title IV-A) for the 2024-'25 grant year.

The board approved the employment of substitute classified staff personnel for the 2023-'24 school year including Brenda Weber, secretary; Natasha West, secretary; and Joilee Eutsay, cook.

A nursing service contract was approved for Matt Wentz for the 2024-'25 school year at eight hours per day for 179 days at an hourly rate of \$37.50.

The board approved the 2024-'25 North Central Ohio Educational Service Center substitute teacher and tutor list including updates.

An FCCLA National Leadership Conference overnight field trip in Seattle Washington, for June 28-July 5, 2024, was approved.

A contract was approved for Ashley Ritz to provide transportation for her child. The board also approved the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center 2024-'25 Service Agreement.

The classified substitute list for the 2024-'25 school year was approved as was an agreement with River Education Services, Inc. for alternative school placement for a student.

The board approved the 2024-'25 Ontario Athletic Handbooks and Ontario High School seniors for graduation with the Class of 2024, pending completion of all local and state requirements.

The board approved the Ontario Local Schools Off-School Grounds Solicitations Calendar for the 2024-'25 school year.

A \$1,000 stipend was granted to Joe Baumgard for conducting a Youth Football Camp.

The board approved extending the contracts, through META Solutions with Alfred Nickles Bakery, for supplying bakery products and Smith Dairy, for supplying dairy products, both for for the 2024-25 school year.

A list of items for disposal was approved.

The contract of Charlie Ridenour, middle school science teacher, was amended from a three-year contract to a continuing contract effective for the 2024-'25 school year.

The board approved the Stingel Preschool student handbook for the 2024-'25 school year.

Donations were accepted from David and Audrey Stormont, OMS Teacher Appreciation, \$200; David and Audrey Stormont, OHS Teacher Appreciation, \$200; Park National Bank, OHS Teacher Appreciation, \$100; Ontario Lions Club, OHS Staff Appreciation, \$150; Dunkle Law Office, OHS Staff Appreciation, \$250; Martin Breitingner, OMS Teacher Appreciation, \$200; anonymous, OMS Teacher Appreciation, \$200; anonymous, OMS Teacher Appreciation, \$100; Eleanor Kline Scholarship, OHS, \$6,000; Melissa and Sam Weiler, OMS Teacher Appreciation, \$250; anonymous, football, \$4,484; Amy Hiner,

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The Mansfield Riots of 1900

By Bob Carter

Part 5

Now, Mansfield was in a bit of a bind. There were some who thought there might be a lot of trouble too big to ignore. A telegram was received by police and directed to Mayor Brown:

“Rev. E. P. Fisher, evangelist, in charge of the tabernacle in Mansfield, informs me there is danger of mob violence tonight. I demand protection by authorities. I shall never yield to mob law. He will stay and minister after the members of this church come what will. Your duty is to protect them at all risk. Signed John Alexander Dowie.”

Shortly after Chief Clark had received this message, and with the mayor being absent, Fisher, the evangelist, walked into police headquarters. Chief Clark informed Fisher he was in danger of being mobbed. The elder resisted and moved around town trying to rent a hall for services on Sunday.

Sheriff Pulver received two telegrams on July, 27, one from Dowie and one from the Ohio governor. Both related to the Mansfield riots.

Sunday, July 29 passed rather peacefully. A period of contemplation had set in. The CCC church held services at the tabernacle on Park Avenue East, while police and Sheriff Pulver stood by. There was a small crowd outside, but no trouble.

During the evening, five large boxes arrived at the tabernacle and immediately the rumor spread that they contained firearms and ammunition. An excited group of young men demanded that they be open under police supervision and church members. The people pried them open. Inside were several thousand copies the *Leaves of Healing* the church newspaper.

Overseer William Hammer Piper had arrived with evangelist E. P. Fisher who had taken over for Fockler. They had notified them by telegram that they were coming.

Unfortunately the town had been blasted with hundreds of new copies of *Leaves of Healing*. By 6 am, nearly everyone in town found a copy on their doorstep. Twenty-five copies were left on Mayor

Brown’s doorstep. The piece was written by John Alexander Dowie and was full of vile condemnation of the mayor and “Devil’s Field,” as he called Mansfield. All it did was to stir the pot of hatred more. Personal attacks and abuse were heaped on Mayor Brown and it was reported some of the bad language bordered on being of obscene. It made matters worse and appeared to have canceled everything Piper had tried to accomplish.

Then it was learned that Fisher and elders would be preaching at the home of Mrs. Lydia C. Frederick at 16 Wayne St. A mob gathered on the square, bent on interrupting services.

As the group increased in size, they made their way north of the square down to Wayne Street. By the time they reached their destination they became an angry mob of people lining both sides of the street.

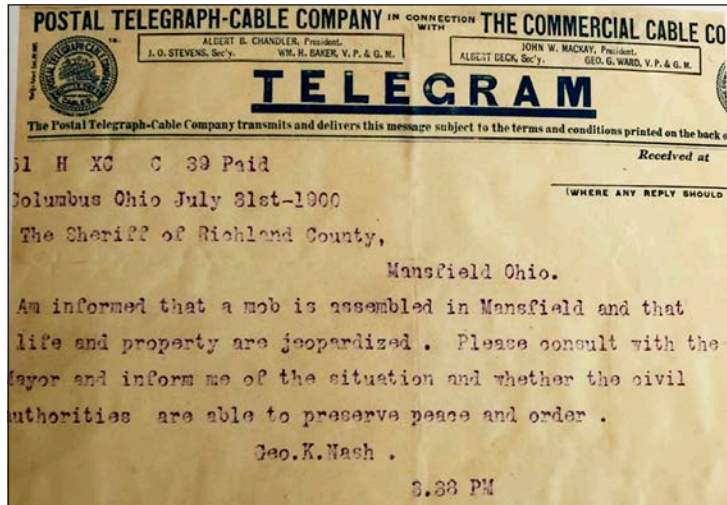
What happened next was covered by a reporter on the scene. His words reprinted beautifully detail the mob action as they appeared in July 31, 1900 in the *Mansfield Daily Shield*.

“His flock numbered to 40 or 50 and were gathered in the parlor of the Frederick house and services were being conducted by elders McClurkin, Stevens, McFarland and evangelist Fisher. In a short time the members of the mob went to the house and demanded Fisher. The elders barricaded the doors and sent some frightened women upstairs. Soon the trouble began.

Someone in the crowd threw a rock through one of the windows and the trouble was on. The Zion Elders returned the rock out the window and injured three or four young men who had approached the house for the purpose of taking the women to a place of safety. This incensed the mob and the rear door was battered down. The situation looked critical.”

“Chief Clark, Sheriff Barney Pulver, Deputy Tom Bell and several police officers appeared on the scene and made a stand in the front porch of the besieged house. The crowd however could not be cheated out of its objective and crowded its way up the porch with wild yells. Sheriff Pulver commanded the mob to disperse the name of the law, but had no effect on the determined mob. The police offered to take the ministers to jail for safekeeping, but the mob would not listen to it. Before the police arrived the elders fought desperately in the sitting room of the house which was soon demolished. Flammable waste material was thrown into the room where the Zion ministers fought desperately. A number of threats were made to dynamite the building.”

Thus the greatest mob violence in the history of Mansfield began.



Sheriff “Barney” Pulver received this telegram from Ohio Governor Nash.

Agency offering grant opportunities

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is offering grant opportunities to address social isolation among Richland County older adults.

Older adults are at increased risk for loneliness and social isolation due to factors such as living alone, the loss of family or friends, chronic illness, and hearing loss.

The purpose of these competitive grants is to provide funding to organizations who demonstrate the ability to reach and support Richland County older adults (those age 60 and older) with innovative and effective methods for combatting social isolation.

This funding opportunity is made possible by the Richland County Senior Services Levy. There is no required match by awardees. Successful applicants will present a clear and innovative plan for how they will interact and engage with at-risk older adults in group settings throughout the year. Awardees can receive up to \$10,000 to fund their project. The funding period is from July 15, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

Applications are available. The deadline to apply is Friday, June 14, by 4 pm.

To apply, complete the electronic application and upload the following documents: proof of liability insurance, Secretary of State Registration and food license, if applicable.

To apply visit <https://www.aaa5ohio.org/events/social-isolation-grant-opportunity-/>

For information contact Kim Mercer, quality and planning manager, at 567-247-3479 or email at kmercer@aaa5ohio.org.

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News Briefs

The Franklin Township Fire Department Ice Cream Social and Hog Roast will be held Saturday, June 8, from 4:30–7 pm at the fire station, 505 Boyce Rd., Shelby.

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library (MRCPL) Evergreen Bookshop will be open for the monthly Friends' Used Book Sale on Friday, June 7 (noon to 5 pm) and Saturday, June 8 (10 am to 3 pm). A preview sale will be held for Friends of the Library members only on Thursday, June 6 (noon to 5 pm). Memberships may be purchased at Thursday's Preview Sale (\$3 per year for individuals).

Materials (adult, teen and juvenile items) are library discards and public donations offered for sale at extremely low prices. The bookshop is stocked with "new to the store" items each month. Proceeds from the monthly sales sponsor enrichment activities provided by the main library and its eight branches.

Evergreen Bookshop is located at 37 N. Walnut St., at the corner of W. Third St. and N. Walnut St., next to the main library)

For more information call 419-526-4652

The Lexington Area Senior Citizens Inc., invites those 55 and older to attend meetings the third Wednesday of every month at 11:30 am at Der Dutchman, Rt. 96, Bellville. Meals are \$15. The next meal will be held June 19, and will include roast pork and a program from the Area Agency on Aging.

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

The City of Ontario will host Summer Concerts at Marshall Park this summer. The concert admission is free and those attending are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chairs.

Concerts are at the Marshall Park Band Shell from 6–8 pm. The schedule includes June 11, Conne; June 25, Red Ball Jets; July 9, David Perry; July 23, Oolong Gurus; Aug. 13, Soul Town Live; and Aug. 27, Atermath.

Madison High School turns 100 this school year. Alumni can be a part of the celebration with events scheduled all year.

Events will be kicked-off at the first home football game, Aug. 30. There will be food trucks, alumni performances and alumni recognition.

Honored prior to kick-off will be the alumni band, cheerleaders, Ramettes, majorettes and football players and coaches (who will line the field to welcome the team).

All Madison alumni attending the event will be honored throughout the evening, by decades.

To register or those who would like an anniversary t-shirt (which includes admission) visit <https://sites.google.com/view/madison-100/home>.

Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, will hold its annual Vacation Bible School July 21–25 from 6–8:30 pm for kindergarten through 12th grade.

The theme of this year's VBS will be the "Great Jungle Journey – an Epic Cruise from Genesis to Revelation."

A free Shelby community meal will be held at Awake Church, 3616 St. Rt. 39, Shelby, on the second Thursday of each month, from 6–7 pm. Dates are June 13, July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12.

For information visit www.awakeshelby.com or call 419-342-4636.

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Christopher Reynolds to speak on "Peace-making in Vietnam Using Depth Psychology, Sacred Pipe and Ritual" at 10:30 am on Sunday, June 9. For more information visit www.allsoulsuuo-hio.org.

First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Ave. West, Mansfield, offers a free produce distribution the second Tuesday of each month, April through November in the west parking lot.

The next free produce distribution will be Tuesday, June 11, from

10:30 am to 12:30 pm. The church receives over 8000 lbs. of fresh produce. This is open to everyone, please bring a state ID, driver's license or proof of residence. This is a drive through distribution. Volunteers will load the produce into trunks or the back of vehicles. Please have vehicle empty and ready for loading. For information call the church at 419-522-0662.

The final concert of the nineteenth season of the St. Peter's Music Series will be Sunday, June 9, at 3 pm, at the church, 60 S. Mulberry St., Mansfield. The presentation will be Magnificat by noted British composer John Rutter.

Featuring the St. Peter's Traditional Choir, Orchestra, Hand Bell Choir and soloists Krisstina Haynes, Jacob Poiner and Heidi Kirschenheiter Vega, the program will also include shorter choral pieces, as well as selections for hand bells. The concert will also mark the return of St. Peter's Music Director Bill Johnson to the conductor's podium after a lengthy illness. Admission to the concert is free and open to the public. Call 419-524-2572, ext. 2113, for more information.

The Mansfield community will host the Annual Juneteenth Parade and Festival on Saturday, June 15, from 10 am to 6 pm. The free celebration will kick-off with the parade at 10 am at Marion Avenue and Park Avenue West.

Following the parade will be the festival in Central Park in downtown Mansfield featuring live music and entertainment, a vendor marketplace, food trucks, community choirs, health screenings, a kid's zone, wine tasting, line dancing and more.

The event will also be raising awareness about health equity, voter education and engagement, economic empowerment and education.

This year's celebration includes a "Juneteenth Quilt Raffle" for a scholarship, free kids haircuts and book signing featuring authors Effie James, Teana Sykes, Romeo Travis and Obesida Cooke.

This event is free and open to ALL as we celebrate our freedom, our heritage, and our community!

For more information call 419-610-6334.

The Renaissance Theatre's 2024 Pictures on the Plaza Series will feature three classic family films: *Space Jam*, *Jumanji* and *Shrek*. Movies will be shown in the plaza between the Renaissance Theatre and Theatre 166, on the grassy area visible from Park Avenue West. *Space Jam* will be shown on Wednesday, June 5. *Jumanji* can be on Wednesday, July 10, and *Shrek* will be shown on Wednesday, Aug. 7.

The Renaissance will collaborate with the Buckeye Imagination Museum, Mansfield/Richland County Public Library and YMCA of North Central Ohio for these events. Family-friendly activities will begin at 7:30 pm and movies begin at 8:30 pm.

Those attending should bring lawn chairs and blankets. There will be free popcorn.

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OMS Teacher Appreciation, \$30; Todd Friend, OMS Teacher Appreciation, \$30; Rowena and Achilles Litao, boys tennis, \$100; Jerod and Lee Them, OMS Teacher Appreciation, \$100; and Jerod and Lee Them, OHS Teacher Appreciation, \$100.

The Ontario Athletic Boosters gave \$1,000 for Key Club, \$500 for O-Zone, \$443 for boys soccer/purse bingo, \$34,200 for the athletic department, \$2,000 for boys tennis/uniforms, \$2,000 for girls tennis/uniforms, \$13,000 for football/OMS uniforms, \$3,850 for softball/pitching machine, \$500 for wrestling/state banner, \$4,000 for boys soccer/uniforms and \$3,000 for the weight room.

The board voted to non renew tutoring staff effective June 30, 2024, for Peyton Perini and Elizabeth Sims.

The board approved extended time, not to exceed one day, for Pre-school Play Based Assessments (SPED) for Emily Bogner, speech; Ally Morrison, psychologist; Haley Ingle, preschool intervention specialist; and Mackenzie Reese, general education teacher.

The board approved extended days for math teachers to attend required summer trainings, not to exceed four days, for Scott Kreger, Jamee Burke and Sarah Krichbaum.

The board approved extended days for CCP teachers to attend re-

quired summer trainings, not to exceed two days, for Allison Haver, Roger Nikiforow, Tim Henige, Melanie Ferguson, Meghan Willeke Spurling, Melissa Fittante and Jodi Cooper Wentz.

Seven teachers were approved to be paid two days, at their current per diem rate, for conducting kindergarten screenings and assessments prior to the start of the 2024-'25 school year. These are Ashley Cooke, Halle Brown, Amanda van Harlingen, Molly Calhoun, Ashley Scott, Julie Shreffler and Lindsey Thompson.

Facility requests were approved.

The board entered into an executive session to discuss the employment and compensation of a public employee or official. No action followed. The next meeting will be held on June 11.

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Pastor Carol Kilgore
Sunday School 9:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville
419-886-4333 • www.clearforkalliance.org
Rev. Matt Merendino

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9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship
Sunday Evening 6 pm Home Groups
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6:30-8 pm TeamKID and Youth Group
Wednesday Ladies Bible Study 6:30-8 pm

Community Bible Church

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567-560-8011

www.DiscoverCommunity.org
Pastor Sam Belsterling
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Live stream at <https://www.facebook.com/CommunityBibleChurchMansfield>

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

200 West Third St., Mansfield
419-524-4813 • mansfield1stcc1833@gmail.com
Rev. Gregory Bibler

Office Hours: Tu., W., Th. 9 am to 1 pm
10:30 am Sunday Worship

Christian Builders, Sunday, 9:30 am
www.FirstChristianChurchMansfield.com
FB: FirstChristianChurch,Mansfield,Ohio

First Congregational Church

640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield
419-756-3046 • www.mansfieldfcc.com

Pastor Brad Bunn
8:30 am Chapel • 10:30 am Sanctuary
Sunday School 10:30 am

First English Lutheran Church

53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield
419-522-0662 • www.felc-mansfield.org

Interim Pastor Lisa Peterson
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship
Call about Prayer Groups, Small Groups, Bible Studies, Book Clubs, Pub Theology, Community Meals, Free Produce distribution and Senior Boxes.

Hope Lutheran Church

(Formerly St. Paul & St. Timothy)
2010 Park Avenue West, Mansfield
419-529-4351 • www.lutheranhope.org

Pastor Jonathan Stuft
9:30 am Sunday Worship
10 am Thursday Bible Study
Free Breakfast 2nd Saturdays 9 am
Free Dinner 4th Sundays 5 pm

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
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10:30 am & 5:30 pm Sunday Worship
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Ontario United Methodist Church

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

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68 Park Avenue East, Mansfield
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Ashland police officer commended for saving a 3-year-old

State Rep. Melanie Miller (R-City of Ashland) invited and presented a commendation from the Ohio House Representatives to Ashland Police Officer Soren Osicka, during a recognition ceremony on the House floor. Miller also acknowledged Ashland Police Chief David Lay (30+ years), Captain Craig Kiley (24 years), and Lieutenant Aaron Klein (17 years) for their distinguished service in law enforcement to the Ashland community during the legislative session.

“Today, as we remember Police Week, just being this last week, we have a very special young man that we want to honor today, Officer Soren Osicka for his heroic actions and acting swiftly when there

was an emergency,” Miller said.

Officer Soren Osicka is 23 years old and became a police officer less than a year ago. After about five months on the job, he saved a 3-year-old girl’s life by administering CPR after she hit her head and stopped breathing.

“On behalf of the Ohio House of Representatives, myself, and our Speaker of the House, Mr. Jason Stephens, we would like to honor you with a commendation from the House of Representatives to recognize you and your heroic efforts.”

Including Osicka, Miller invited members of the Ashland Police Department to the Statehouse to tour the grounds and be recognized during the House session to be recognized for police week and their service to their community.

Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

- Bobby Lyle Stollings, May 25
- Albert “Vin” Black Jr., May 27
- Michelle Marie Dudley, May 28
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- Danny Joe Baker, May 29
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State Farm Florida Insurance Company, Winter Haven, FL



FORGET-ME-NOT FLOWER SHOP in Lexington celebrated 20 years in business on June 1. "There have been challenges, but many, many more rewards," wrote owner Kim Schrack in a Facebook post. "The support and encouragement of family, friends and our awesome customers have gotten me through the tough times, I could never do this alone." She went on to thank her employees and Connie Homerick, who started the business with her and was previously a co-owner. "I love what I do and can't imagine doing anything else. The time has gone by so fast, I plan on being your local flower shop for years to come," she continued.

Robots take over at Shawshank Showdown Saturday, June 8

Saturday's the day for the first of its kind robotics competition ever to be held in Mansfield. In celebration of 10 seasons, Stellar Robotics invites you to attend Shawshank Showdown.

This free event is Saturday, June 8, from 8 am to 5 pm at Mansfield Senior High School, 124 N. Linden Rd. Teams from Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania will square off to play "Crescendo," the 2024 FIRST Robotics Competition game.

One hundred twenty-pound robots shoot game pieces, climb a chain, work together and defend their goal. To see the game in action visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9keeDyFxzY4>.

Education Row will highlight the area's educational and STEM career opportunities. FIRST Lego and FTC teams will be showcasing additional robotics programs available in the area.

A food truck alley will be serving breakfast and lunch and includes Cell Block Cafe, Food Tour and Sweet Treats.

The Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development is the presenting sponsor, with additional funding through Constellation Community Champions and Mansfield Senior High as the host site.

The worldwide mission of FIRST is to provide life-changing robotics programs that give young people the skills, confidence, and resilience to build a better world. Stellar Robotics assists in this mission as a community-based, non-profit educational organization which promotes and teaches Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) skills through competitive and non-competitive robotics programs open to any students K-12 in Richland County, OH and the surrounding areas.

Those interested in supporting, joining, or volunteering for Stellar Robotics' programs can visit www.firstroboticsmansfield.com. For information email stellarrobotics@gmail.com or call 567-275-1207. Donations are welcome at <https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/2175136>.

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For questions or to register, please contact Jennifer at 567.302.3610 or jencmiller@alz.org

Hearsemania tours cemeteries, attends OSR event

Photos and Article By Traci Little

According to John Ehmer, the Hearsemania 2024 edition was a big success this year. It began on Friday, May 17 in Bucyrus where they toured the Copper Kettle Works and enjoyed hearing about the history and day to day operations for the past 140 years.

The next stop was Oakwood Cemetery where a historical tour was given by Hearsemania's own "Gals in the Graveyard." They were met during their visit by Tin Type photographer, David Wilson, who captured special moments for the attendees.

Lunch was served at Miller's Drive-In (same family owned since 1947) where they enjoyed old fashioned food. They didn't have to travel far for dessert, taking a short walk from Millers to their next stop at Hanks Garage where they were treated to a private tour of Hanks Edsel and Automobile collection. "This was an extraordinary sight to behold," said Ehmer.

Moving on from the town of Bucyrus they arrived in Mansfield at the Mansfield Cemetery for a guided historical tour by cemetery director, Pam Dawson. Dawson dressed up and portrayed the wife of John Sherman (U.S. senator, presidential cabinet secretary) Margaret Cecilia "Cecilia" Stewart Sherman, for the tour.

"I personally thought the tour was amazing," said Dawson. "What a great tour group the Hearsemaniacs are! They were very interactive and easy to banter with about the history of burials, cemeteries and people we were showcasing. I love doing tours to show-

case the cemetery, but more than that, to share the stories behind the stones that tell of all those who lie within our gates that once made the world move outside our gates."

The group ended the first day in Mansfield and enjoyed dining at local restaurants.

Saturday, May 18, was a busy day as well, with early car registration and vendor setup. The Show at the Ohio State Reformatory began at 10 am. With a record number of cars registered (71), ParaPsyCon was in full motion with 100+ vendors, guest speakers and various distractions both inside and outside the Reformatory. ParaPsyCon V took place at the Ohio State Reformatory from Friday, May 17 through Sunday, May 19. This featured psychics, paranormal teams, celebrities, Big-foot researchers, UFO investigators, authors, healers, stones, crystals, jewelry, tarot, speakers, and much more including Hearsemania. Everyone attending was asked to bring a non-perishable food item and/or any type of pet item (dog/cat food, toys, leashes, etc.) which were donated to a local food bank and animal shelter. The day there concluded at 5 pm, but this was only the beginning.

Upon returning to the host hotel, Travelodge Mansfield, they were met by Slab Daddy's Barbecue serving the best award winning barbecue that I've ever had the pleasure of eating. The party called "Lucky Stiffs Post Mortem Ball" began at 7 pm with DJ Charlie Hargrave spinning record selections. Wedding vows were renewed in front of the 200+ ball attendees and many dressed for their annual costume contest. X-ray Dead

band performed for the guests and Free Hotel rooms were drawn throughout the night.

On Sunday May 19, guests enjoyed an early morning breakfast by El Charrito restaurant by the hotel. Mansfield's Officer Paul Lumadue arrived at approximately 9:30 am to lead the procession to the Ohio State Reformatory. The police escorted the procession which left the Travelodge Hotel at 10 am and headed down Rt 13 towards the town of Mansfield.

With surgical precision, they were guided through streets and intersections arriving at OSR at approximately 10:25 am. The arrival was an impressive sight to behold, and there were many fans and reformatory work staff who took liberty in videoing the arrival. This kicked-off the opening of the Sunday edition of the ParaPsyCon/Hearsemania show.

Those attending enjoyed another beautifully sunny day which ensured excitement and joy for all in attendance. Raffles and lucky award winners were selected at 2 pm and business was finally concluded at 5 pm.

Ehmer told me that it was a great weekend with a lifetime of memories. Many stayed overnight and departed for home Monday morning.

"Until next year, we will return with bigger and better plans in place. Thank You to all attendees, vendors and sponsors of our event. There were attendees from 13 different states as far south as Florida, north to Toronto, Canada, west as far as Illinois and east as far as New Hampshire," said Ehmer.



14th Annual Kingwood 5k is Saturday

The 14th annual Kingwood 5K Run and Walk will be held on Saturday, June 8th with the race starting at 9 am in front of the Kingwood Hall mansion following the National Anthem.

The chip-timed 5K will allow participants to enjoy a beautiful course within Kingwood's gardens and along the B&O bike trail. The 5K is open to all abilities and ages. Check-in and registration begin at 7:45 am.

Registration is \$25 and can be completed online at ohiorace-day.com or by mail to Doug Heestand, 431 Edgewood Rd., Mansfield, OH 44907. Questions may be sent to heest97@hotmail.com. Walk-up registration on race day is \$30; cash, check and credit card accepted.

Awards will be presented in the courtyard following the race to the overall female, overall male, and for the top three finishers in age groups ranging from nine years and under, to 70 years and older. A new award for first-time participants will also be recognized.

The 5K benefits Kingwood's mission and vision of providing transformative guest experiences and inspiring enriching connections so that both human and natural communities thrive.

The Kingwood 5K is presented by OhioHealth and is also supported by Contact Industries, F&F Bearing Company LLC, Rancho Fiesta, North Central State College, Clip Joint Barber Shop, Culligan Quality Water of North Central Ohio, Ohio Race Day and the Mansfield Y Run Club.



STUDENTS FROM TEMPLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S Love Works elective helped deliver supplies to local shelters on Friday, May 17.

Temple Christian students collect items to donate

Photos and Article
By Traci Little

Students from Temple Christian School's Love Works elective helped deliver supplies to local shelters in Mansfield, on Friday, May 17.

"This is the second time that we have offered the elective, Love Works, at Temple Christian School," said teacher, Kim Running. "This is also the second time that we have done a school supplies drive."

Love Works is an elective class offered to students interested in giving back to others and the community in various ways.

Other service projects that the class did this past school year included visiting seniors at a local nursing home. Students filled Christmas stockings with goodies to give to the residents. They also sang Christmas Carols and visited with them.

Students also helped oth-

er teachers with special projects and assisted the Richland County Bears with a couple of their events.

The class consisted of 15 students ranging from eighth grade to seniors.

Rubies Ministries had this to say about Temple Christian dropping off supplies to them, "We love our community and how they are obedient to the Lord."

"Every item counts, helping the women being able to focus on healing and not the basic things most of us take for granted for survival. Thank you, students, from Love Works from Temple Christian School for supporting Rubies! We pray these students continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus!"

The students earned points by bringing in items from a supply list given to them. For two points they could bring items like cotton swabs, hand sanitizer and

toothpaste; three point items included hairbrushes, deodorant and razors; and for five points, students could donate cleaners, aluminum foil and plastic wrap. The ten-point list included items like large detergents, paper towels and toilet paper.

At the end of the drive, the winning class was rewarded with an ice cream party!

Mia Running said, "I've learned to be grateful for what I have and to help others."

Ashlyn Kneppshield said, "don't take what you have for granted because you never realize how blessed you are until you see someone else who doesn't have as much as you do."

Malachi Keim said, "the opportunity to be able to serve and help others was a great experience! Even seeing the faces of each person we helped, made you remember that we shouldn't take things for granted."



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Upper Kanarra Falls. Kanarraville, Utah
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Free admission days offered at Great Lakes Science Center

Great Lakes Science Center has partnered with the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Supporting Foundation to present guests with eight opportunities to experience the museum for free through the end of 2024.

A generous \$200,000 grant from the Mandel Supporting Foundation will fund eight Mandel Free Days which include free general admission for guests of all ages. The first four dates, subject to change, will be Sunday, June 23; Monday, July 15; Sunday, Aug. 4; and Sunday, Aug. 18. The remaining dates will be announced later this summer.

“The Mandel Foundation looks to increase community access to prominent institutions like the Great Lakes Science Center,” said Dr. Jehuda Reinharz, President and CEO of the Mandel Foundation. “Our hope is that the Mandel Free Days will allow Northeast Ohio residents to engage in educational experiences that cultivate curiosity and encourage critical thinking.”

“We are extremely grateful for the foundation’s support of eight free admission days,” said Science Center President and CEO Dr. Kirsten Ellenbogen. “This gift demonstrates the foundation’s commitment to providing educational opportunities for all and inspiring the next generation of STEM professionals.”

General admission at the Science Center includes the NASA Glenn Visitor Center, the Polymer Funhouse (for those seven and younger), special programming and hundreds of hands-on and interactive science exhibits. Special programming for future dates will be announced at a later date.

North End Farmers Market open Thursdays through September

The North End Farmers Market has announced its season opening will be Thursday, June 6. Hosted by the North End Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC), the market is Mansfield’s only farmers market, open to all and ready to bring the community together.

The market is held at the NECIC Urban Farm, 311 Bowman St., Mansfield, every Thursday from June 6 to Sept. 26, from 4–7 pm.

Time: 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

The market features local farmers, artisans and food trucks, offering produce, meats, homemade treats, garden plants, flowers and a variety of unique local goods. Whether it’s sunny or rainy, the market will be open.

The market is open to visitors of all incomes. Payment choices include cash, credit cards, SNAP, Senior SNAP and WIC. Plus, the market matches EBT purchases up to \$25.

Throughout the season, the market will feature a variety of activities including food trucks, live music, cooking demos, children’s activities, senior activities, local art displays and more.

Vendors include Banzhaf Garten Organic Farm, Brokaw’s Farm & Market, the Corn Guy, Green Patch Garden, Hazel’s Homemades, High Desert Greens, Paynter Family Organic Farm, Pride Family LLC, Relax It’s Just Coffee and Wild Shiloh Farm, Richland Gro-Op, Third Cup Tea, Wild Things Grove, Bling Bling with Wendy, Lapura Soap, Mansfield Nutrition, Willow Zero Waste and Garden Petals & Plants.

Other guests include Buckeye Imagination Museum, Element of Art, Head Start, Mansfield-Richland County Public Library’s Bookmobile, NCSC Child Development Center, Red Cross, Alzheimer’s Association and Richland Public Health.

The 2024 season of the North End Farmers Market is sponsored by NECIC, Idea Works and OhioHealth. For more information contact Suzy Beeson at 419-522-1611, ext. 127.

Students on BGSU Dean’s List

Bowling Green State University undergraduate students who achieved grade point averages of 3.5 or higher have been named to the spring 2024 semester dean’s list.

To be selected for the list, students must carry no fewer than 12 letter-graded credit hours per semester.

Area students on the list are Brody Phillips, College of Arts and Sciences; Madison Carns, College of Technology, Architecture and Applied Engineering; Grace Sarbach, Education & Human Development; Jordan Rader, College of Technology, Architecture and Applied Engineering; Ethan Duffner, College of Technology, Architecture and Applied Engineering; Jerry Mowry, College of Technology, Architecture and Applied Engineering; Kami Baker, Education & Human Development; Arica Uplinger, College of Arts and Sciences; Caleb Baker, Allen W. and Carol M. Schmidthorst College of Business; Jessica Long, Allen W. and Carol M. Schmidthorst College of Business; and Olivia Fordyce, Health and Human Services.

MRCPL program now underway

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library invites the community to participate in the annual Summer Library Program, “Adventure Begins at Your Library,” now through July 27 at all nine locations, at the Bookmobile or online at mrpl.org. This program encourages reading among people of all ages, decreases summer reading loss in students, and engages the community with in-person, online, and take-home activities.

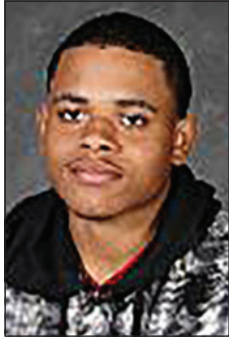
This year’s program offers creative and fun opportunities for students to keep boredom at bay while maintaining their reading skills during the summer break. Adults, teens and children are welcome to participate in the program and potentially win amazing, age-appropriate weekly and grand prizes. Each library location will host a variety of fun and engaging children’s performers, including Jungle Island, Mush with Noggin, Beverly Meyer, Tom Sparough and Stevens Puppets.

For information visit mrpl.org/slp2024.

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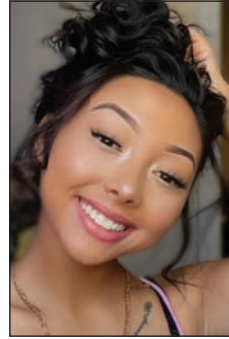
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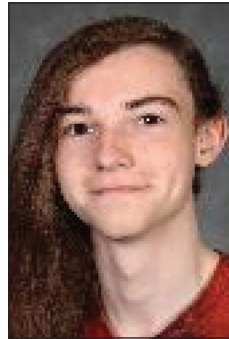
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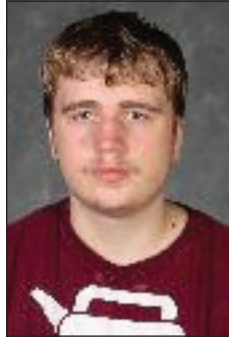
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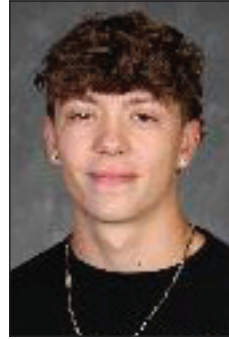
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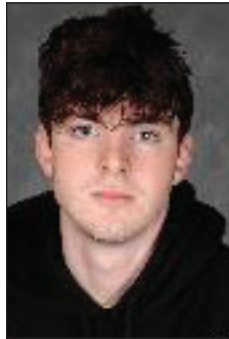
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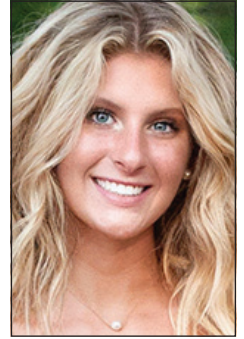
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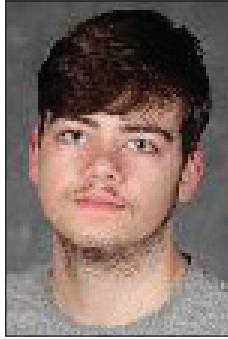
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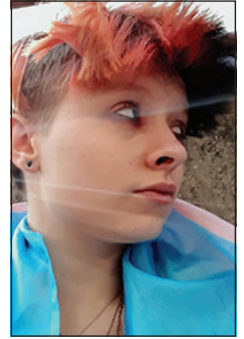
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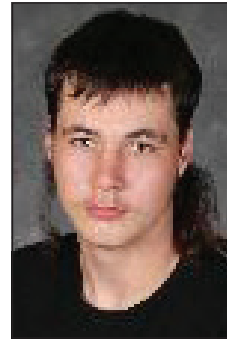
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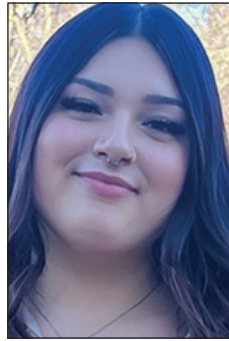
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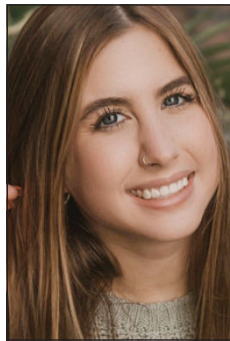
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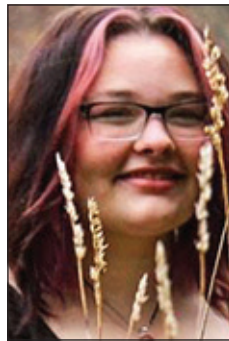
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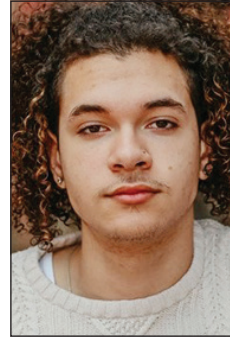
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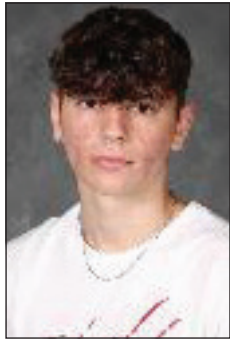
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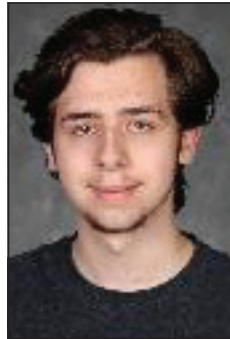
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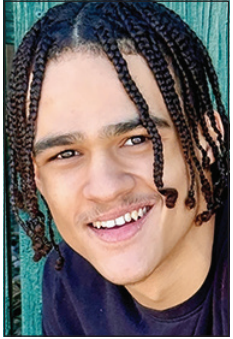
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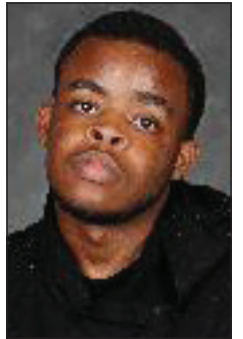
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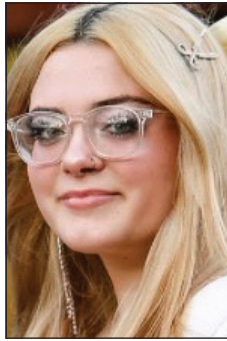
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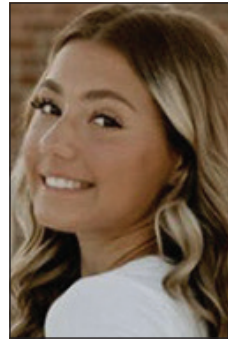
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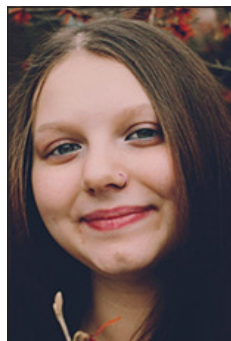
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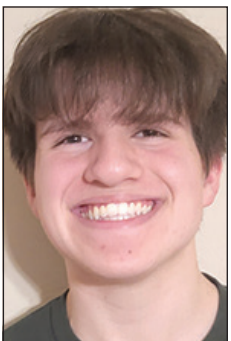
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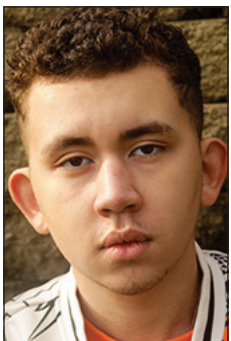
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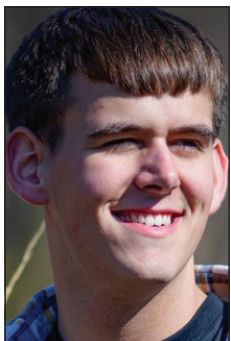
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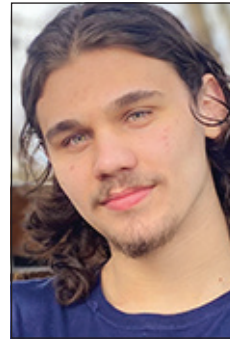
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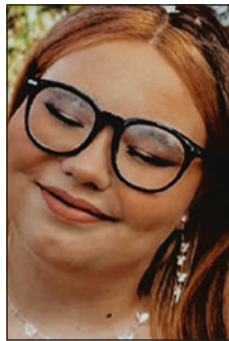
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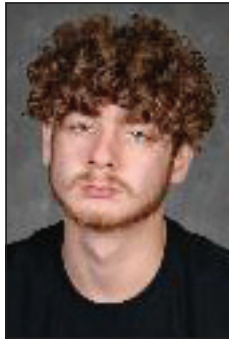
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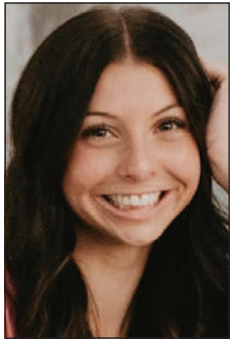
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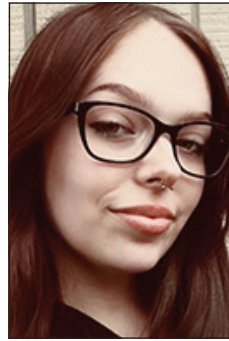
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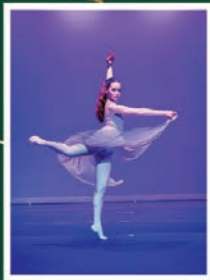


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Alivia Ash, Valedictorian

Alivia Ash is the daughter of Edward and Kelly Ash.

She is co-historian of National Honor Society and a member of student council, the executive committee and OCC Leadership.

She is a two-year letter winner in both basketball and softball, and won the conference championship in softball.

Alivia enrolled in the health technologies program in career tech, earning CPR certification and an STNA license. She is also co-owner of a school social media account, The Herd.

Alivia will be attending Bowling Green State University majoring in graphic design and minoring in digital marketing.



Layla Azmoun, Valedictorian

Layla Azmoun is the daughter of Rossi and Brandy Azmoun and Danielle Salapack.

She is a four-year letterman in softball and two-year letterman in cross country.

Layla was 2023 OCC pitcher of the year. She participated in two years of symphonic band and three years of chorale. She was a member of the 2021 district championship softball team and the 2022 OMEA District Championship group in symphonic band. She was also a member of the 2022 OMEA State Championship group in symphonic band and a member of the 2022-'24 OMEA district and state championship group in chorale.

She was elected to the 2023 Homecoming Court and received a 2023 OHSAA Athletic Scholar Award.

Layla plans to attend The Ohio State University, main campus, and major in Public Affairs Journalism. She is in the Honors Program at OSU.



Mentor award during her senior year for the Mansfield Friendly House.

Through her career tech program, she became certified in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel and Microsoft PowerPoint, making her a Microsoft Specialist.

Hannah plans to attend Kent State University to major in accounting and minor in business management.

Olivia Barley, Valedictorian

Olivia Barley is the daughter of George and Kim Barley.

She is a three-year varsity letter winner in volleyball and was awarded Defensive Player Of The Year during her senior year. She is a three-year varsity cheerleader and a member of National Honor Society, student council and OCC Leadership. She is an editor of the Madison yearbook and a four-year member of choir.

Olivia has also been a competitive dancer for 15 years for Sophistication Dance Company.

She plans to attend Bowling Green State University in the fall. She plans to study architecture, interior design and business.



Joshua Atwell, Valedictorian

Joshua Atwell is the son of Phil and Wendy Atwell

Joshua is a three-year varsity letter winner for golf and a state champion for carpentry.

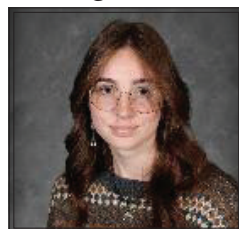
He plans to pursue a path in the skilled trades working under his own name.



Hannah Ball, Valedictorian

Hannah Ball is the daughter of Leia and Jared Ball.

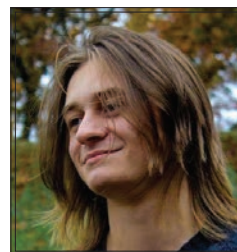
She is treasurer of National Honor Society, was the treasurer of BPA during her junior year and president of BPA in her senior year. She won first place in BPA regionals for payroll accounting and advanced interview skills and second place at BPA State for advanced interview skills. She won the Top



Tyler Batcheller, Valedictorian

Tyler Batcheller is the son of Mandy and Jeffrey Batcheller

Tyler is a National Honor Society member, varsity Academic Challenge team captain, a member of symphonic band, a member of jazz band and senior



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class vice-president.

Tyler was a two-time member of the MOESC Academic Challenge team and a two-time member of the state regional qualifying team for Academic Challenge. He also received the OMEA superior rating at symphonic band large group competition.

Tyler will be attending North Central State College in the fall for basic undergraduate classes toward his Associates Degree. He plans to then attend an out of state university for an undecided major with a minor in music or music composition. His top schools under consideration are Pitt, University of Minnesota, The Ohio State University and Cleveland State.

Karsyn Blust, Valedictorian

Karsyn Blust is the daughter of Steve and Jodi Blust.

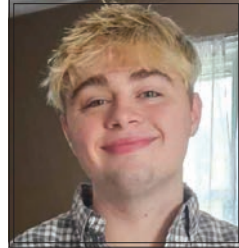


Karsyn was a three-year cheer varsity letter winner, a two-year volleyball letter winner and a member of student council, MSI, National Honor Society and OCC Leadership. She is a yearbook editor. She is the health and safety officer of her 4-H club, Great Expectations. She received an Honors Diploma.

Karsyn will attend Ashland University, majoring in chemistry while also cheering and dancing

Colin Carroll, Valedictorian

Colin Carroll is the son of Mike and Kristen Carroll.



Colin was treasurer of BPA during his senior year.

He won first place in personal finance management at the regional BPA competition, second place in Excel at the regional BPA competition and won Best Mentor for Mid-Ohio Youth in 2023.

Colin is certified in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, designating him as an Office Specialist.

Colin will be attending The Ohio State University to major in actuarial science.

Jillian Conard, Valedictorian

Jillian Conard is the daughter of Scott and Heather Conard.



Jillian ran cross country for four years, played softball for four years, was a Ramette for two years and was a member of choir for three years and student council for two years.

Jillian was also class secretary for three years.

Her freshman and sophomore years, she ran at district competition for cross country.

In her freshman year, the team made it to the regional finals in softball and in her junior year they won the OCC and received the highest team GPA award.

In women's chorus during her sophomore year, they won a superior rating at

both the district and state competitions. During her senior year, women's chorus and chorale earned a superior rating again at both competitions.

Jillian was also part of SkillsUSA, earning second place silver medals at the regional competition during both her junior and senior years in the prepared speech category.

During her senior year, she won the third place bronze medal in the same category at the state competition. Jillian was also a member of National Honor Society during her senior year.

Jillian plans to attend North Central State College to study nursing.

Jacob Ford, Valedictorian

Jacob Ford is the son of Daryn and Heather Ford.



Jacob is a member of the Academic Challenge team, the Fellowship of Christian Anybodies, National Honor Society, Business Professionals of America, Ontario Christian Church youth group, Madison musicals, marching band, pep band, drama club, and a member of Madison's Cybersecurity Career Tech department.

He received first place achievements for Academic Challenge league and tournament competitions and was first chair saxophone for Madison's audition-only symphonic band which earned a proficient score at OMEA state competitions.

Jacob is Comp TIA certified for IT Fundamentals.

Jacob is on track to earn his degree at Kent State University for the next four years. His goal is to earn a dual major in computer science and mathematics.



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Justin Gibson, Valedictorian

Justin Gibson is the son of John Gibson and Laura Bocchio-Correa.

He was marching band section leader his senior year. He is a member of the pep band, was in solo and ensemble and was in BPA competition.



He participated in Fellowship of Christian Anybodies, National Honor Society, Executive Committee and in Mansfield Free Will Baptist community service.

In cross country, Justin is a four-year letter winner, won first place at the 2021 Richland County B-Dry Invitational and won the Coach's Award in 2023.

In track and field, Justin is a three-year letter winner and won the Hardest Worker Award in 2022 and 2023.

In band, Justin was voted Most Athletic for band superlatives 2023-'24, voted Most Like Mr. Dillon and Best Marcher for band superlatives in 2024. He received an OMEA large group superior rating at both regional and state competitions in 2022, received an OMEA large group regional excellent rating in 2023-'24 and received an OMEA solo and ensemble superior rating for class B music in 2023.

Justin has been on All A honor roll for all quarters from 2020-'24 and has been a scholar athlete from 2020-'24.

In Academic Challenge, he has been on the varsity team for two years, been Richland County champion and regional qualifier both spring and fall in 2023, was fall tournament runner-up in 2023 and fall OCC runner-up in 2023.

In BPA competition, Justin placed first in regionals for Computer Network Technology in 2023, third place in regionals for Device Hardware & Troubleshooting

in 2023 and was a state qualifier. He won first place at regionals for Cisco Network Administration and Broadcast News Production Team in 2024 and was a state qualifier. He received the Franklin B Walter Representative scholarship for Richland county at MOESC.

He plans to pursue a major in electronics and/or computer hardware engineering with potentially a double major. He plans to attend Bowling Green State University under the honors college program.

Ethan Glasgo, Valedictorian

Ethan Glasgo is the son of Brian and Tina Glasgo.

Ethan is a three-year letter winner in baseball, and a two-year letter winner in football. He received OCC honorable mention for baseball.

Ethan is a member of Skills USA and a member of National Honor Society.

He plans to join the U.S. military.



Alisha Hill, Valedictorian

Alisha Hill is the daughter of Morris and Angela Hill.

She is a four-year varsity track and field varsity letter winner. She was a three-year regional qualifier and a two-year regional finalist and placer. She is also a part of the Madison Student Initiative team.

Alisha plans to attend Muskingham University to continue her education in exercise science and Spanish. She wants



to be an athletic trainer who advocates for Hispanic student athletes struggling with language barriers.

Cielo Jacobus, Valedictorian

Cielo Jacobus is the daughter of Nick and Kassie Jacobus.

Cielo was a three-year volleyball letter winner and was awarded Division I, 2nd Team District 6 honors.

She was a four-year swim team letter winner and two-time district qualifier. Cielo was a member of National Honor Society and an active member of Mid-Ohio Youth Mentoring.

Cielo chose to finish her last year of high school attending Pioneer's College Now Program and graduated with an Associates of Arts degree in business. She will continue into the workforce to fulfill a career in marketing and finance.



William Kepple, Valedictorian

William Kepple is the son of Nikki and Andrew Kepple.

He is a three-year letterman in football and track, a two-year letterman in basketball and a one-year letterman in tennis. He twice received 1st Team All Ohio in football and Honorable Mention All Ohio in basketball twice. He is a member of National Honor Society and student council.

William plans to attend either Ohio Wesleyan or Heidelberg to play football and major in both education and pre-law.



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Peyton Mandusic, Valedictorian

Peyton Mandmusic is the daughter of Julie Clark and Steve Mandusic.

Peyton is a member of symphonic band, studied Early Childhood Education and received her CDA credential.

She plans to attend Ohio University to study middle childhood education, math and social studies. She will be in the Connavino Honors Program in the Patton College of Education.



Aiden Mooneyham, Valedictorian

Aiden Mooneyham is the son of Tobias and Jolleen Mooneyham.

Aiden is a CCP student and has been accepted into the University of Akron's Williams Honors College. He is the sergeant of arms for National Honor Society and was class president for both his junior and senior years. He is a member of symphonic, jazz, concert, pep and marching bands.

He received three superior ratings and one excellent rating at OMEA solo and ensemble. He is a member of chorale and received a superior rating for band and choir large group at the OMEA state competition. He is a member of the OMEA District 10 honors band and a member of The Ohio State University honors band his junior and senior years.

Aiden been accepted into The Ohio State University honors jazz band, was awarded the Governor's Merit Scholarship, was section leader of the percussion



section and was the recipient of the Mansfield Noon Optimist Club's High Quality Student Award.

Aiden attended regionals twice with the Academic Challenge team, winning second place in the OCC competition.

Aiden plans to attend the University of Akron to pursue a degree in aerospace systems engineering.

Irelyn O'Connell, Valedictorian

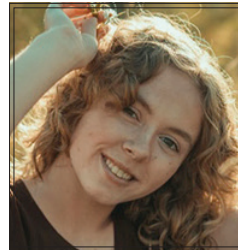
Irelyn O'Connell is the daughter of Melissa and Dan O'Connell.

Irelyn ran cross country for three years in high school.

She also has been in band since fifth grade. She is a member of jazz, symphonic and concert bands.

Irelyn has volunteered for karate camp and for her church. She took self-defense classes at the YMCA.

Irelyn plans to go to Bowling Green State University and Findlay University to obtain a degree in pharmacy.

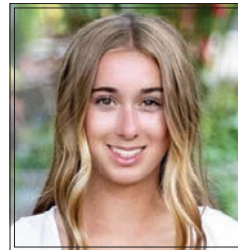


Megan Reynolds, Valedictorian

Megan Reynolds is the daughter of Chris and Melanie Reynolds.

Megan is a member of the varsity cross country team, tennis team, swim team and track and field. She is a two-time district qualifier in tennis. She is president of National Honor Society and a member of OCC Leadership.

Megan plans to attend Ashland University



and double major in two areas of business: supply chain management and finance.

Grayson Sasis, Valedictorian

Grayson Sasis is the son of Gustavo Sasis and Amber Saldana.

Grayson is a three-year letter winner and captain in football and a four-year letter winner in track and field. He is a member of National Honor Society, student council, MSI and OCC Leadership. He twice received Honorable Mention All Conference and Honorable Mention All District in football. He was also voted Homecoming King.

Grayson plans to attend Ashland University for exercise sports science and continue playing football. He would like to continue further and obtain his master's degree in athletic training



Sara Smith, Valedictorian

Sara Smaith is the daughter of Kristie and Joe Smith.

Sara played volleyball for her first three years of high school, earning a varsity letter. She started running cross country and track during her senior year, earning varsity letters in both sports. She has been a part of marching and symphonic bands all 4 years of high school. She is a member of National Honor Society.

She is undecided of her college plans. She hopes to run cross country and track while in college and major in environmental science or natural resources.



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Isabelle Thoman, Valedictorian

Isabelle Thoman is the daughter of Lisa Thoman-Cha and Chris Thoman.

Isabelle has been a Ramette for three years, a member of state choir for two years and a member of OMEA regional choir. She is a member of National Honor Society and a Chance to Dance instructor and volunteer.



Isabelle will be attending Bowling Green State University, majoring in speech pathology.

Karlie Wilson, Valedictorian

Karlie Wilson is the daughter of Mike and Denise Wilson.

She is a varsity letter winner in soccer, track and football and basketball cheer.



She is in OMEA honors choir, AC-DA national honors choir, jazz choir, and musicals.

She has received five superior ratings at solo and ensemble from 2021-'24 OMEA Chorale District Championship. She is a member of student council and National Honor Society and a four-year scholar athlete and four-year superinten-

dent's list award winner.

She is a member of the children's church ministry and worship team at her church. She received an honors diploma and is a Noon Optimist Award recipient. She studies voice lessons and does tumbling at Heart of Ohio Athletics. Karlie has 34 college credit hours and is a sales associate at TJ Maxx.

Karlie plans to attend the University of Findlay to study exercise science. She will also be part of a 3+3 program as a segue to get her doctorate in physical therapy.

Kyleigh Reiter, Salutatorian

Kyleigh Reiter is the daughter of Fred and Mindi Reiter.

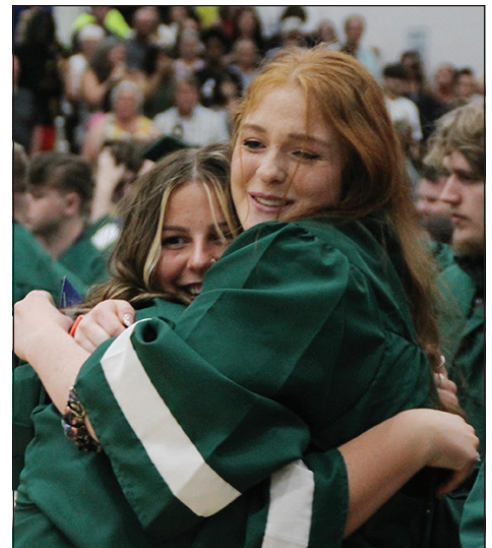
Kyleigh is a four-year varsity starter in softball and tennis.



In softball, she is a two-time All OCC honorable mention, 2nd Team All OCC in 2023, Academic All-Ohio, and two-time NW district 1st Team selection.

Kyleigh was also a district qualifier in golf in 2023-'24. She is a member of the culinary arts program, served as president of Skills USA, FCA and OCC Leadership.

Kyleigh will be furthering her academic and athletic careers, majoring in agriculture and playing softball at Dordt University in Iowa.



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Class of 2024 receives diplomas at Madison

Madison Comprehensive High School's 99th Annual Commencement was held Friday, May 24, in the Madison Middle School Gymnasium.

The Class of 2024 heard opening remarks from valedictorian Megan Reynolds.

Graduate addresses were given by valedictorians Isabelle Thoman, Tyler Batcheller and Layla Azmoun.

Turning of the Tassel was led by senior class president Aiden Mooneyham and valedictorian Irelyn O'Connell gave closing remarks.

Senior class officers were Aiden Mooneyham, president; Tyler Batcheller, vice president; Jillian Conrad, secretary; and Alexis Reedy, treasurer.



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KATELYNN RANSOM was escorted to her graduation ceremony by the Mifflin Fire Department. Katelynn's dad was Mifflin Assistant Fire Chief Eric Ransom who died by suicide in the fall of her freshman year. She has grown up at Mifflin Fire because her dad and mom, Jennifer Ransom, were both firefighters there. Kate decided last year that she wanted to become a firefighter/EMT so she has been taking classes at Knox County Career Center on her own time in the evenings and after school. She earned her EMT certification in December and completed and passed her test for Firefighter 1. She will finish Firefighter 2 in June and then take that certification test. She became a cadet at Mifflin Fire in 2023 which is 40 years after her dad started there as a cadet in 1983.

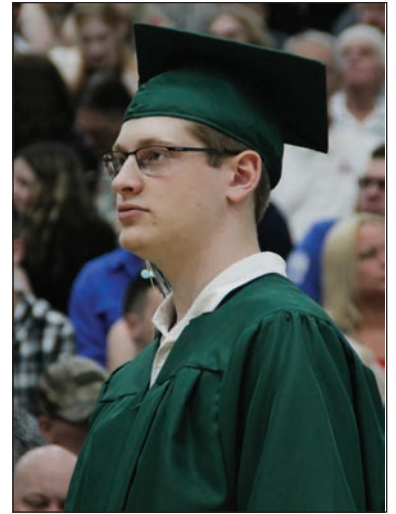


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FOUR OF THE MADISON CLASS OF 2024 graduates were unable to attend the commencement ceremony because they were competing at the OHSAA Regional Track and Field Tournament. Neveah Lewis placed third in the 200m dash with a time of 24.92s. She also placed second in the 100m dash with a time of 12.00 sec. She qualified for the state track meet for both events. Neveah's qualifying times broke both of her own school records. Alisha Hill placed sixth in the discus with a throw of 124'. Callie Cyrus placed fourth in the 400m with a time of 57.90 qualifying first state meet. The senior and underclassmen 4x100 team of Paidge Butler, Paityn Butler, Estella Koppert-Smith, and Neveah Lewis placed eighth with a time of 52.46. During the commencement ceremony, the students had a "virtual walk" presented on a laptop. Pictured are Paidge Butler, Callie Cyrus, Neveah Lewis and Alisha Hill. They were presented their diplomas by Madison head track coach Michael Anderson.

Honor and Merit Rolls

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Third Grade — (Madison South) Thomas Bautz, Chloe Bridges, Jayce Clark, Kylee Cushard, Andrew Finley, Gracie Henderson, Evelyn Isenhardt, Brody Kanz, Chance Krownapple, Phoenix Lewis, Deanna Martie and Alaina Palmer; 3 (Mifflin) Bexley Brandt, Lyllian (Lylli) Chambers, Jayden Estes, Allie Fellure, Ember Fry, Kinsey Kirkpatrick, Grace Kunz, Weston Miller, Maicie Moss, Ares Peters, Brynn Sauder, Elizabeth Stoner and Benjamin Wittig; and (Eastview) Sawyer Howell, Skylar Jiang, James Ross and Gabriel Utt

Fourth Grade — (Madison South) Liam Kiser, James Lang, Sebastian Nelson and Kolman Washington; (Mifflin) Zella Ball, Ella Barr, Braxton Brandt, Madeline Dunlap, Lauren Foster, Zeke Markley, Olivia Mason and Baylee Mitchell; and (Eastview) Lincoln Bays, Skylar Carlson, Peyton Hager, Joseph Reddy, Carter Shenberger, Carter Smollen, Hailey Snelling, Emily Spillman, Aubrey Spurlock, Chazlyn Zehner

Fifth Grade — Annalise Barber, Faith Barney, Tanner Bays, Jeffrey Brooks, Delaney Conway, Lily Eckenwiler, Asherah Marie Hapin, Hailey Hedrick, Roman Hipfl, Daniel Jiang, Kennadi Knipp, Parker Larsen, Gavin Moore, Leila Myers, William Owens, Damari Roper, Hagen Sauder, Eleanor Sidwell, Lorelai Sly, Lillian Suttle, Madelynn Thompson, Anthony Weightman, Beckham White, Mackenzie Wiggins, Mckenzie Winger and Spencer Wynn

Sixth Grade — Liam Barr, Jaxson Bennett, Gannon Conway, Abigale Crist, Baylee Cushard, Daevon Endicott, Samara Gillespie, Savannah Hamilton, Laine Heston, Jordan Jeffers, Izabella Kenner, Emma Lewis, Carson Mcquillen, Macy Moore, Kathryn Myers, Preston Patrick, Natalie Smith and Alysia Szasz-Benedek

Seventh Grade — Anna Ankrum, Abigail Anschutz, Jenna Bebout, Lainey Binns, Madelynn Carpenter, Alexander (A.J.) Dillon, Kordell Hardy, Arenal Hunsinger, Madison Kliwer, Andrew (Aj) Lowe, Gabriella Mickouma, Aryiah Miller, Hayley Morris, Mason Morrow, Jalyonna Nelson, Addyson Powell, Gabriel Prater, Savanna Ransom, Miah Reid, Sofia Thompson and Morgan Turney

Eighth Grade— Lillie Baker, Zaylynn Ball, Kaley Bowman, Carter Foley, Cadence Gushard, Journee Jaranowski, Camylle King, Victoria Neal, Nevaeh Patton, Gracie Schaade, Allie Shambaugh, Landon Stone and Phillip Wiggins

Freshmen — Alivia Adams, Kylie Carroll, David Clayburn, Kinley Clow, Samantha Crist, Claire Durrbridge, Trenton Ford, Kennedy Hofer, Ashtyn Huffman, Chase Hunsinger, Kaiden Koch, Evan Larsen, Sophie Lowe, William (Will) McClain, Taylor Mckown, Jordan McWilliams, Avery O'Brien, Ellie Powell, Emily Saunders, Autumn Schroeder, Jaxson Shaffer, Allie Shrader, Emily Smith, Isabella (Bella) Smith, Keeli Stewart, Lyla Walker and Baylee Yost

Sophomores — Payton Bartolomea, Elizabeth (Libby) Bekeleski, Madison (Maddie) Berry, Nathan Bittman, Myla Blankenship, Aubrey Conn, Morgan Cook, Courtney Cyrus, Calle Davison-Valdry, Lillian Delong, Timothy Ellis, Hannah Fultz, Camryn Gowitzka, Hayden Hatfield, Aubrey Hendrickson, Maci Hergatt, Alyson Hoak, Randy Jamieson, Kalayah Johnson, Amya Joplin, Drew Kepple, Tauren Lindsey, Zachariah (Zach) Loretta, Christopher Lucas, Kavantray Marsh, Deont'e Mcdaniel, Jada Neal, Olivia (Liv) Penrod, Raygen Reiter, Emma Reynolds, Jenna Richards, Zoey Robinson, Aryana Rogers, Lily Sanderfer, Elizabeth (Elle) Schwartz, Briana (Bri) Smith, Johnny Smith, Katie Smith, Marhea Smith, Bryce Speelman, Grace Speelman, Grady Spurlock, Esther Stanfield, Kaylee Stone, Liam Stone, Anthony Studer, Lucas Swanger, Kayzia Thornley, Ariyah Tufts, Jocelyn (Jae) Turner, Courtney (Cole) Voick, Audrey Ward and Jerry Wertz

Juniors — Ava Armstrong, Aleigha Bebout, Allyssa (Ally) Blasini, Emily Bogner, Emily Brandt, Robert Brown, Gracie Dotson, Dryden Durrbridge, Frank Fava, Ryleigh Foley, Elijah Fox, Landon Goad, Ashley Herder, Mason Jacobus, Keiayrsah Jones, Olivia Kiley, Hannah Markley, Gage Masters, Samantha Myers, Ian Parker, Dakota Perseitz, Sydney Phillips, Drake Ramey, Nevaeh Rhein, Meghan Roberts, Alexa Rose, Trenton Speelman, Karis Vega and Angela Williams

Seniors — Alivia Ash, Isaiah Atwell, Joshua Atwell, Bayleigh Aulflick, Layla Azmoun, Natalee Back, Olivia Barley, Tyler Batcheller, Madison (Maddy) Berry, Karsyn Blust, Austin Bottorf, Paidge Butler, Colin Carroll, Hannah Clark, Jillian Conard, Brookelyn Coulter, Callie Cyrus, Jacob Dillon, Zachary Dodd, Bekah Duffner, Chloe Ebeling, Jacob Ford, Jaslynn Francis, Ethan Glasgo, Danielle Golab, Anna Gretzinger, Mckayla Harvey, Degan Herr, Alisha Hill, Carlie Holmes,

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Third Grade — Elena Allen, Logan Bailey, Embree Baker, Kendalynn Baker, Preslee Barney, Jazaria Beasley, Alaina Blust, Aubree Bond, Nevaeh Bond, Steven Burnell, Kyrie Byrd, Seth Clark, Jessi Conway, Connor Cushard, Brant David, Natalie Debo, Mason Edmiston, Abel Hensley, Marlee Hewett, Bryson Holloway, Arielle Jackson, Noel Johnson, Teagan Kirsch, Na'riah Likely, Kinnidi Mcpeek, Kali Morton, Jakob Moyer, Elli Neal, Abel Norris, Hudson Parsons, Lucas Perry, Toby Ransom, Lacey Reynolds, Lexys Shrock, Conner Slone, Mykelti Sly, Kenton Smith, Logan Smith, Jasmine Stanford, Blakely Swansstrom, Noah Tuttle, Ellie Vanwagner and Jacario Williams

Fourth Grade — Jade Anderson, Corinne Beal, Belle Beatty, Benjamin Benton, Madalyn Best, Gabriel Bishop, Benton Brandt, Aria Brewster, Alexia Brown, Amir Byrd, Chase Carpenter, Kaiden Chan, Wyatt Clark, Cade Deems, Ri'khi Evege, Carter Fields, Layla Fix, Isaiah Hollar, Naomi Houston, Bryant Hughes, Rylee Johnson, Ingrid Keffer, Kendle Keirns, Kaliyah Keith, Bentley Kershner, Myla Lewis, Isabella Loera, Niyah Lyles, Ce'ona Manning, Peyton Meek, Miranda Miller, Cj Mount, Jase Nungester, Kellen O'brien, Caiden Ousley, Jaxson Pennywitt, Lex Rassavong, Joel Robertson, Joey Sablan, Natalee Scarbury, Isaiah Smith, Olivia St. Clair, Peyton Toon, Ezra Triplett, Jaxon Turner, Amelia Wamsley, Ace Washington, Kristopher Washington, Hoyt Watson, Tyson Wendling, Collin Will, Eliana Wilson and Emilee Zartman

Fifth Grade — Aaron Baker, Mason Bennett, Jacob Bond, Daniel Carpenter, Liam Cushard, Richard (Ricky) Davis, Rayleigh Eagleston, Johnathan Eulett, Raymire (Ray) Garrett, Anthony Gitto, Johnie Gorham, Frehley Gushard, Karter Hardy, Clayton Hayes, Cale Henry, Makeylan Jarvis, Erin Johnson, Ava Liederbach, Branson Littleton, Abigail (Abby) Marks, Connor Mathie, Milo Mccann, Milo Mccann, Isaac McConachie, Jesslynn McMasters, Slone Nungester, Rocky Owens, Christian Pennington, Gabriel Pfund, Dylan Pucci, Zavier Roberts, Bristol Salser, Elena Santiago, Kemonie Sims, Sadie Smith, Myla-Jayne Wilds and Caylee Yeager

Sixth Grade — Karliegh Anderson, Reagan Brooks, Ky-Lyn Byerly, Rylie Davidson, Grady Davis, Rianne Davis, David Elliott, Alyse Emery, Traevon Endicott, Zoey Greenswalt, Mia Grosswiler, Jayden Gushard, Dillon Herder, Troy Horn, Gracie Ipock, Troy Kegley, Kaeleb Llamas, Aniyah Lloyd, Declan Maddy, Landon Mcfarland, Faith Metcalf, Gabriel Orth, Hayden Parsons, Marielle Peters, Casey Rachel, Gabriel Salyers, Addisyn Shopbell, Kendal Shrader, Aryan Spencer, Vincent Studer, Shawn (Jr) Sydnor, Jah'kai Taylor, Aiden Washington and Ethan Wingo

Seventh Grade — Aleah Bara, Makena Berkshire, Lucas Eckenwiler, Hannah Evans, Aubree Fisher, Jack Foster, Bella Guardiola, Shianna Harper, Mckenna` Haynes, Kylee Herrick, Addalyn Lynch, Brandon Maglott, Lillian Miller, Payson Moore, Tavian Porter, Kaysten Sly, Mackynzie Smith, Garrett Spiess, Nevaeh Spiurgeon and Drayden Tschantz

Eighth Grade— Hudson Bays, Isaiah Blust, Ariel Foote, Madelynn Frontz, Kayden Graf, Kendall Graham, Amerah Hapin, Izabella Harris, Owen Hendershott, Brielle Horn, Haylie Hutcheson, Alexander Jenkins, Adalyn Jordan, Aerianna Massey, Angel Montanez, Aubrienne Morton, Lacey Nicol, Devin Peterson, Rachel Porter, Karalynn Ransom, Max Thomas, Kenley Turner, Elle Washington, Maci Whitesel and Makenzie Wynn

Freshmen — Gavin Baker, Zoie Ball, Ivory Balogh, Anna Blanton, Destiny Britt, Jackson Brummett, Jaselle Clark, Kaylea Cole, Destini Conrad, Isabella Conway, Gage Cyrus, Lucas Davidson, Giavana (Gia) Dipuccio-Resendiz, Micah Finley, Nicolas Gatten, Treyvin Glasser, Autumn Haynes, Travis (Tj) Hicks, Santanna Hoffman, Cambree Howe, Chloe Jeffers, Mac'kel Johnson-Kawczynski, Landyn Kenner, Lola Kerrick, Koree Kershner, Layla Krizan, Caiden Lawhorn, Joshua Maglott, Darius Marsh, Malachi Marsh, Tyler Medley, Julieanna Miller, Aniyah Monica, Camden Moysi, Amiah Noe, Sophia Palmer, Kortney Petrik, Gage Ramey, Corbin Rogers, Isabel Rush, Kasidy Sanders, Lena Sasis, GERALDO Sayre, Kylie Schaefer, Jaye'kub (Jaye) Shannon, Colton Shaw, Lincoln Shepherd, Shiann Skeen

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• Honor and Merit Rolls

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Kristopher Sutton, Kaylee Thompson, Ariyah Tucker, Dorian Utt, Gabriela (Gaby) Vega-Wieland, Izabel (Izzy) Wamsley, Kyleigh Washington, Daniel Weightman, Kylee Werner, Evan Williams and Knight Wolfe

Sophomores — Lilliana Allen, Megan Bays, Bryce Braden, Natalie Brandt, Isabella (Izzy) Brown, Keaton Brown, Aubrie Clark, Jordan Clark, Micah Clark, Preston Coffman, Laykin Curry, Evan Cyrus, Emily Daugherty, Sanaa Davis, Braedon Dawson, Hunter Drake, Nathan Evans, Brianna Fidler, Kelsie Harry, Nathan Hoffman, Aaron Hughes, Brennan Johnson, Kaylin Johnson, Jamarion Jones, Izabela King, Campbell Kiser, Analea Laferty, Laney Lewis, Isabella Liviskie, Jacob Lord, Nicholas Maglott, Jamelyn Mays, Zoe Mcquillen, Chloe Mcwhorter, Brayden Montgomery, Owen Morrow, Jalycia Nelson, Corey Otey, Andrew Parish, Kacie (Kc) Petrik, Sirena Plew, Nathan (Nate) Riggie, Collin Snyder, Jaxin Stancombe, Taylor Steffey, Morgan Steward, Kinlei Stoltenberg, Kya Swigart, Lillian Symsick, Alexander Thompson, Bryce Tudor, Lillian (Lily) Waxter and Rudy Webel, Gracie Young

Juniors — Isabella Allen, Draven Anderson, Chloe Babcock, Nathan Baldinger, Nikolas (Nik) Balg, Shyann Barnhart, Tristan Blevins, Aaliyah Dombroff, Ariel Ellis, Kira Ewers, Lucas Garand, Wyatt Geiger, Carter Heimbuch, Alexander Hernandez, Logan Hoffman, Ava Huff, Kiarra Johnson, Mariah Johnson, Cameron Kuhn, Teddy Lane, Zachary Lawhorn, Veronica Mawer, Mason Merritt, Emily Musgrove, Calvin (Kane) Nelson, Brady O'Brien, Damon Parnell, Sophia Parsons, Paige Patton, Mavenny Perkins, Benjamin (Ben) Prater, Camden Rhodes, Madison Sackman, Brody Savage, Bresendra Shaum, Faith Smith, Emma Speelman, Rhea Stanfield, Brianna Studer, James Sutton, Wyatt Yarman and Lela Zehner,

Seniors — Hannah Ball, Lillian Christian, Chloe DeLong, Jace Dravenstott, Alexis Easter, Lillian Forbes, Braylon Gardner, Matthew Geary, Justin Gibson, Emalie Green, Michele Gretzinger, Arionne Hammock, Zandra (Austin) Hammond, William Jamieson, Brevin Johnson, Kendyll Kershner, Morgan Ladd, Alivia Lee, Andrew Liviskie, Erica Muller, Alexis (Lexi) Reedy, Ryan Rock, Carter Shears, Landon Simpson, Shieanne Smith, Christopher (Cj) Steffey, Kaden Stone, Harmony Tatum, Amaris Taylor, Ella Walker, Cayden Williams and Megan Workman

Ohio Legislature passes bill to ban foreign interference in state elections

The Ohio House recently passed House Bill 1, legislation that will ban foreign nationals from contributing to ballot initiatives, announced State Rep. Riordan McClain (R-Upper Sandusky).

Under current state and federal law, it is illegal for foreign nationals to donate to political candidates, but there is no precedent for contributions to ballot issues.

This loophole has left the Buckeye State vulnerable to foreign national interference. By expanding the current law to ban foreign donations to Ohio's ballot issues, the legislation will protect Ohio's election integrity and ensure foreign influence will not sway future election results.

"Ohio voters made it clear in 2022 by passing Issue 2 by nearly 77% that non-US citizens cannot vote in Ohio elections. It makes no sense that those same individuals should still be able to spend millions of dollars to influence other voters in those same elections," said McClain.

"I am pleased that my colleagues and I have passed this legislation to make it clear on this issue. Foreign nationals, whether friend or foe, have no place in our election process."

To remedy this issue, House Bill 1 will do the following:

- Prohibit direct and indirect contributions from foreign nationals;
- Ban the spending, including independent expenditures, of funds tied to foreign nationals; and
- Ensure independent investigatory and enforcement power by the Ohio Attorney General.

The Senate concurred with House Bill 1 on Friday. The legislation now heads to Governor DeWine, who has previously applauded its passage in the House.



KCCC STUDENTS Edward Rodriguez, Javier Sica-Gonzalez, William Armstrong, Timothy Garven, Jason Robbins, Heidi Purdum and Samuel Swendal earned BT Elite status recently and received their hoodies and interview shirts. Fifty-two students from the Building Trades program have now earned BT Elite status since its inception.

Seven KCCC students earn Building Trades Elite Status

The Knox County Career Center Building Trades program recognized seven students who earned the status of Building Trades Elite.

Building Trades Elite (BT Elite) is a program generated by Colby Clippinger, KCCC Building Trades instructor, and the KCCC Building Trades Advisory Council that began in 2019-'20.

The program's criteria centers around attendance, discipline, industry credentialing and extracurricular activities. A point system is set up where students earn points for attendance, grades, industry credentialing, and extracurricular activities. Students can lose points for being tardy, absent, and for discipline issues. In order to earn BT Elite status, students must earn 250 points and must maintain 250 points or higher until graduation to keep the BT Elite status.

The program is completely company-sponsored, according to Clippinger. Students who earn BT Elite status are awarded a hoodie and an interview shirt. The companies pay for the hoodies and interview shirts. The hoodie has the Building Trades Elite crest on the back, along with the company sponsors. The student's name and BT Elite are on the front of the hoodie. The interview shirt has BT Elite and the student's name on the front.

Clippinger commented, "We appreciate the companies who have partnered with us on the BT Elite program. The program creates a well-rounded and ready-to-hire student."

"The BT Elite program has had a profound impact on the students. It continually helps keep students accountable for themselves and they are now encouraging other students to attain the same level. This will only improve the quality of tradespeople entering into the workforce," added Clippinger.

KCCC & the Building Trades program would like to thank the companies who sponsor BT Elite: J & B Acoustical, Ohio Contractors Association, ProTech Basement Solutions, LiUNA! Local 1216, Kokosing, Corna Kokosing, Brennstuhl Construction, Modern Builders, Gray Mechanical, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America Local 735, Holmes Rental & Sales, Meade Roofing Services, Small's Sand & Gravel, Ellis Brothers, Igel, Ruhlin and Rietschlin Construction.

News Briefs in Education

Maggie Kingman, of Lexington was named to the Lincoln Memorial University Dean's List for the spring semester of 2024. To be placed on the list, the student must be a full-time undergraduate and have a 3.5 or higher grade-point-average for the semester. Over 630 students were recognized for high academic achievement.

The main campus of Lincoln Memorial University is located in Harrogate, Tennessee.

Mansfield Christian School's Fun Run Extreme

The Mansfield Christian School community came together on Friday, May 10, to watch their students compete in the Fun Run Extreme!

The children bravely tackled an intense obstacle course, complete with balance beams, playful parent octopi and three bouncy houses. The fundraising event was thanks to contributions from parent volunteers, teachers and staff.



Photos By Traci Little



OMS students participate in state Power of the Pen tournament

Ontario Middle School students participated in the state Power of the Pen Tournament at Ashland University on May 16 and 17.

Ella Manns, Zahrana Woods, Olivia Sandwall and Leeah Ziegler wrote for three rounds. Olivia Sandwall and Leeah Ziegler scored high enough to advance to the final fourth writing round.

Leeah Ziegler, coached by Wendy Wilging, placed sixth out of all the eighth graders at the state competition.

Olivia Sandwall, coached by Kellie Ritchey, placed sixth out of all seventh graders. Maddy Hocker and Kendyll Mullins also attended the state tournament and served as runners during the competition.

The students attended a writing workshop on Thursday night, walked the campus and attended the dance.

Friday was the whirlwind of writing for the final competition of 2023-'24.



Sports Highlights

Lexington and Ontario tennis compete at state tournaments

By Kris Leiter

A Big shout-out goes to the Lexington and Ontario tennis programs for advancing players to the Division II OHSAA State Tournament. This year's event was held at the College of Wooster May 23 and 24.

Ontario Warriors

Division II

I must admit, it gives me goose bumps that my alma mater, the Ontario boys tennis team, was represented this past weekend at the OHSAA State Tennis Tournament, hosted by the prestigious College of Wooster.

Back in the early 1980s, I wielded the racquet for the mighty Warriors my junior and senior years.

I was nowhere near a phenom, but still have good memories of Coach Bill Brown, his son Jay Brown and teammate Pat Miller, who was a year older than myself, but had one of the coolest "windmill" serves that I had ever seen. As I played those two years, I tried to replicate it. Even to this day, Pat and myself have a good chuckle about it.

Doubles: Hector Sanchez Vidal and Pablo Sanchez Vidal

Fast forward to this year, repping the Warriors in the first round of doubles was sophomore Hector Sanchez Vidal and senior Pablo Sanchez Vidal. They tallied a win against the duo of senior Cole Kirchick and sophomore Lucas Weidenbecher of Hunting Valley University School.

In the next round, the Warrior duo tangled in three sets, winning the first set 6-2, but would fall for the entire match 6-2, 2-6, 2-6, to Pepper Pike's seniors Gabi Kalir and Ace Bloom.

The Warriors gave a good gallant effort this year!

Lexington Minutemen

Division II

Doubles: Ethan Remy and Dylan Catanese

The big Lex doubles team of senior Ethan Remy and junior Dylan Catanese dominated the tournament trail for Lexington this year with the state championship!

In the first round, Remy and Catanese would go three challenging sets but took the match and defeated seniors Arick Baldwin and Noah Boyce of Dayton Oakwood 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

Round two brought the Lex duo the opponent of junior Vishwum Kapadia and junior Rohit Talasila from Hunting Valley University School. Lexington tallied the match with a victory, needing only two sets to win, 6-3, 6-3.

In round three, Remy and Catanese weren't finished yet as they took another win in two sets of 6-1, 6-0, defeating juniors Lucas Xue and Rowen Lo from Gahanna Columbus Academy.

The final match of the state title was on the line, and again the duo needing only two sets of 6-2 and 7-5 to win the state finals over seniors Gabi Kalir and Ace Bloom from Pepper Pike Orange.

Doubles: Karl Etzel and Owan Gongwer

Another great team of senior Karl Etzel and junior Owan Gongwer would represent Big Lex as well at the state level. They won the first of three sets, but would fall in the first round to the duo of junior Sam Lessard and senior Oscar Ramsden from Columbus Bexley 6-4, 1-6, 3-6.

Singles; Cooper Remy

A big shout out to sophomore Cooper Remy for advancing to the state level.

Remy fell in two sets, 0-6 and 1-6 to sophomore Adi Nayak from Cincinnati Seven Hills High School.

Ohio hikers can win prizes through MWCD this summer

The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) invites Ohioans to hit the trails this summer for a chance to win prizes while having a great time outdoors with family and friends now through Labor Day.

Hikers can find a canvas and enter to win a prize. Guests are encouraged to try and find all six canvases at each of the MWCD parks, but have a maximum of three entries per person (one entry per person, per park.) Three winners will be randomly selected. First, second and third place winners will receive a \$200, \$100 or \$50 gift card, respectively, thanks to the sponsor Encino Energy.

The first 200 entries will receive a custom MWCD walking stick medallion and all participants with three entries from different parks will receive a walking stick.

Five local schools created the artwork that is on display to encourage residents to get outdoors and explore the trails. MWCD provided the materials, and students painted canvases. Participating schools and the locations of their artwork are:

New Philadelphia High School: Atwood Lake Park

Dover High School: Atwood Lake Park, and Charles Mill Lake Park

Lucas High School: Pleasant Hill Lake Park

Caldwell High School: Seneca Lake Park

Claymont High School: Tappan Lake Park

"We are excited to collaborate once again with local school districts to encourage people to explore our trails and experience nature at one of our parks," said Pete Novotny, MWCD Chief of Recreation. "We strive to connect people to the outdoors and have focused on improving and adding trails. This is a great opportunity to invite people out to the parks and feature local talent at the same time."

The artwork will be on display, and the contest will run from Memorial Day through Labor Day. To enter, visit one of the MWCD park locations and search for the canvas on the trail. Once found, take a photo of the canvas and visit www.mwcd.org/capturethecanvas to enter your information, upload your photo, find contest rules and trail maps. Must be 18 years of age to participate. Winners will be notified Sept. 12.



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LEGAL NOTICE

Springfield Township, Richland County, Ohio invites asphalt contractors to bid Township's Road work for 2024.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 6:30 p.m. on JUNE 24, 2024 at the Trustee's Office, 3700 Park Avenue West Ontario, Ohio 44903 at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the Fiscal Officer. Asphalt road resurfacing will be according to specifications available at the Trustees' Office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday Beginning JUNE 6, 2024.

Also BID PACKETS can be printed from the springfieldtwprc.org website. The Road Foreman will be available to answer questions at (419) 529-2565. All bids must be accompanied by a personal tax statement in accordance with state law and Ohio Workers Compensation and prevailing wage rate. Each bid will include a 10% bid bond as required by R. C. 153.54. Bids shall be clearly marked "2024 Road Improvement".

The Springfield Township Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids. All materials and equipment must meet state standards. All materials and equipment must meet state standards. The Trustees reserve the right to add or delete roads to stay within budget. The completion date is October 31, 2024.

Anita Kochheiser, Fiscal Officer
Springfield Township
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DROP BOX CONTRACT UP FOR BID

Richland County Solid Waste is accepting bids for a 3-year contract for the recycling drop box program. Bid proposals may be picked up at 1125 National Parkway, Mansfield, Ohio, 44906. Bids will be accepted until 12:00 PM on July 1, 2024, at which time the bids will be opened and read.

Eddie Hale, Executive Director
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Smith named new agriculture lender

Sutton Bank has announced the addition of Stuart Smith, who has joined the bank's agriculture lending team in Attica.

As an agriculture lender, Smith will focus on building relationships with Ag customers and supporting them in achieving their financial goals. He will be able to assist with machinery, equipment, real estate and live-stock purchases to help customers establish a strong financial future for their farm-business operations.

"We are excited to have Stuart join our lending team," said Tony Gorrell, CEO of Sutton Bank. "With his experience on his family farm and agricultural background, Stuart is ready to help our Ag customers. Knowing the industry and gaining a keen understanding of its financing needs is at the core of how Sut-

ton Bank does business."

Smith has worked in the agriculture industry for 14 years,



with over five years of direct agriculture lending experience. Prior to his service as an agriculture lender, Smith spent several years working in production-row crop agriculture at Sunrise Co-

operative as a Precision Technology Specialist & Seed Manager. He is also a proud Veteran of the U.S. Army. Smith obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Turfgrass Science from The Ohio State University. He currently resides in North Fairfield with his wife and three children.

Smith will be available to meet with clients at locations convenient for them, or at Sutton Bank's 1 S. Main St., Attica location. For more information, call 419-607-1550 or email ssmith@suttonbank.com.

Sutton Bank is an independent, community bank established in 1878, and headquartered in Attica, Ohio. Sutton Bank has consistently been named one of the top small business and agricultural lenders in the State of Ohio. It is a Member FDIC and Equal Housing Lender.

All-Star Classic Football Game set for June 7

On Friday June 7, The Blackstone NCOFCA All-Star Classic Football Game will be played at 7 pm. This year's game will be held at Clear Fork High School. The support of the community and our media makes the event possible.

Gates will open at 5 pm. There are pre-sale game tickets available for \$8 each. Call Andrea Johnson at Blackstone Insurance Agency at 419-884-0095. Tickets will be available at the gate for \$10.

Prior to the game, a place kicking competition will be held. The competition is open to all current high school students grades 9-12. Anyone interested in participating can contact the number listed above or email ncoallstars@gmail.com.

Local students on the South Team are Logan Toms, Aidan Culler and Brayden Spittler, Lucas; Grason Bias, Quinton Frankhouse, Chase Studer and Trey Booker Ontario; Ja'Ontay O'Bryant, Carmelo Smith, Jahmere Dotson and Duke Reese, Mansfield Senior; Aedon Nicol, Lexington; and Kasey Swank, Clear Fork.

Local student on the North Team are Grayson Sasis, William Kepple, Preston and Mar-

tin, Madison; and Casey Lantz, Issiah Ramsey, Issiah Beck and Skyler Winters, Shelby.

The North Team head coach is Tylor Nester and the South Team head Coach is CJ Westler.

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