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Students graduate from MACC

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Madison Adult Career Center held its annual graduation for students completing career development programs during the 2023-'24 school year on Friday, June 14, at 7 pm.

Madison Adult Career Center holds its annual graduation ceremony to recognize students upon successful completion of their training programs. Special recognition was given to students earning perfect attendance and outstanding attendance. Six graduates were nominated by their instructors for Student of the Year: Jena Cole, Dental Assisting; Haylee Graska, Dental Assisting; Caroline Hester, Medical Assisting Technologies; Vanessa Hudson, Phlebotomy/EKG; LeDeaja Lindsay, Nail Technology; and Molly Utt, Advanced Cosmetology. Jena Cole was selected as the 2023-'24 Student of the Year.

Students graduated from the following programs: Advanced Cosmetology, Cosmetology, Customer and Office Support Technology, Dental Assisting, Industrial Electrical Maintenance, Medical Assisting Technologies, Nail Technician, Phlebotomy/EKG, State Tested Nurse Aide, Welding Technology and the Adult Diploma Program.

Programs range from 96 to 1800 clock hours of training. Graduates earn or soon will earn industry-recognized certifications, such as: Registered Phlebotomy Technician (RPT); Registered Medical Assistant (RMA); Registered Dental Assistant (AMT); Dental Radiography certification; Ohio State Cosmetology and Barber Board Licensure in Cosmetology and Advanced Cosmetology; State Tested Nurse Aide (STNA); American Welding Society (AWS); The National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER); OPAC certification in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook; NRF Customer Service & Sales; Nail Technician Licensure; and Basic Life Support (BLS) and HeartSaver First Aid certifications. All graduates of career development programs also earn an ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Credential (NCRC).

Madison Adult Career Center graduated 133 adult students this school year from the above Career Development programs with 42 of them also earning their adult diploma.

Students graduating from career development programs who successfully meet graduation requirements receive a Certificate of Completion and a Career Passport in addition to their industry credentials.

To qualify for graduation, students must complete at least 90% of scheduled hours and 100% of required coursework, complete required externship, clinical, or job shadow and complete Bring Your 'A' Game employability/work ethic curriculum.

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Miss Ohio Week concludes with crowning of Stephanie Finoti

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Twenty-seven contestants from across the state competed for the title of Miss Ohio June 12-15 at the Renaissance Theatre.

The Miss Ohio Parade kicked-off the week on Sunday, June 9, at 2 pm at Marion Avenue and Park Avenue West. After the parade, there was a free autograph-signing event at Richland Carrousel Park.

There were more than 100 entries including the popular Shriner's tiny cars. The parade's grand marshal was Mackenzie Bart, Miss Ohio 2014, now a meteorologist at Cleveland's Fox 8 News.

Those who couldn't make the week of competition in person, had the opportunity to live stream the events via stream.miss-ohio.org.

The competition brought twelve teen contestants competing for Miss Ohio's Teen on Wednesday, June 12 at 7 pm.

The contestants included Miss Northern Ohio's Teen Reyna Hume (1), Miss Chillicothe's Teen Kendall Windsor (2), Miss Shawnee's Teen Mackenzie Harmer (3), Miss Greater Cleveland's Teen Savanna Vaughters (4), Miss Western Reserve's Teen Abigail Kern (5), Miss North Coast's Teen Monica Hemmelgarn (6), Miss Southwestern Ohio's Teen Maria Pitchford (7), Miss Lake Festival's Teen Allie Gray (8), Miss Talawanda's Teen Marlie Hosey (9), Miss Oxford's Teen Mallory Grimmer (10), Miss Portsmouth's Teen | Chloe Maybin (11) and Miss Maple City's Teen Cassie Mattson (12).

It was sad to say goodbye to 2023 Miss Ohio's Teen, Paisley French.

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Local cooling centers open

With temperatures holding in the 90s this week, a list of area cooling centers has been released by Richland County EMA.

Mansfield Memorial Homes' Conard Community Room will be open at 50 Blymyer Ave., Mansfield, from 8 am to 9 pm, Monday through Friday.

Catholic Charities, 2 Smith Ave., Mansfield, will be open from 9 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library will have multiple branches available as cooling centers. The main branch, 43 W. Third St., Mansfield, will be open 9 am to 8 pm, Monday through Thursday; 9 am to 5 pm, Friday and Saturday; and Sunday, 1-5 pm. The Ontario branch, currently located in the Richland Mall, is open 9 am to 7 pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 9 am to 5 pm, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; and 1-5 pm on Sunday.

The Bellville branch, 97 Bell St., Bellville; Lexington branch, 25 Lutz Ave., Lexington; and Madison branch, 1395 Grace St., Mansfield; will all be open 9 am to 8 pm, Monday Tuesday and Thursday; and 9 am to 5 pm Saturday.

The Ontario Center (Richland Mall) will be open 11 am to 7 pm Monday through Saturday and 12-6 pm on Sunday.

The Mansfield Riots of 1900

By Bob Carter

Part 7

It was nearly midnight when the painted elders were safe behind bars and the cleanup began.

Their beards and body seemed to shine with royal blue from the Lean Harrow Works, nice and shiny like a new farm implement. Rags were first used to try to remove the now sticky, drying paint, but the material stuck, making things worse. With blue hair and beard they became a laughable site.

A doctor was called and a large quantity of Vaseline was rubbed over their bodies, then coal oil was applied, followed by lard and then more coal oil. It must've been one hell of a mess.

My grandmother Mary Pulver Carter was the oldest daughter of Sheriff Pulver. She was 18 at the time and, as was the custom in that era, the sheriff and his family lived in the family quarters of the Richland County jail. She used to help her mother cook and feed the prisoners.

Mary often told her father's story of cleaning up the painted Dowies. When it was time to scrub the paint off, there was a black man in jail for an offense. He was ordered to help scrub the royal blue off the elders. After all, neither the sheriff or the police wanted the blue on their clothing.

The prisoner refused saying he would do almost anything but there was no way he was going to wash a white man. At that point he was informed that there would be nothing for him to eat until they were cleaned up. A wash tub was brought in and the prisoner laid into the two elders with a stiff brush and yells of pain could be heard outside in the street.

After the paint was off, they were given a bath and a new suit of clothes. Then the carriage arrived and the four men were driven to the county jail where Elder McFarland sent the following telegram to William Hammer Piper in Chicago, the overseer at large of the CCC: "Evangelist Fisher and Elder McClurkin were captured by a mob and painted. They are now imprisoned safe. Signed, A.W. McFarland."

Dowie and Piper had already received an earlier telegram from Mansfield after the mob delivered the Zion elders to the jail. Some

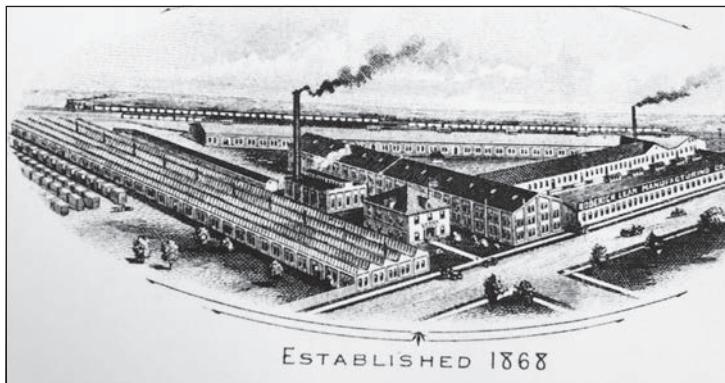
jokester sent this to Dowie:

"Dowie Chicago. Elder Fisher and his mate have been nicely painted blue. The police were so busy looking for not spielerers attached to the Nickel Plate show, hence the elders were nicely daubed with their otter marine blue. Awaiting more elders. Signed, the Mansfield Blues."


The Frederick house had been heavily damaged and later a drawing of it would appear in an issue of leaves of healing. The following day, Tuesday, July 31, 1900, the *Mansfield Shield and Banner*, under the headline "Again the mob breaks the loose," started their page with a long condemnation of Monday's violence in which in-part the editor had these remarks.

"The Shield has no words of defense on the behalf of the mob. Its performance last night was like that of nearly all mobs. It was irrational, inhumane and cowardly. Four hundred men to maltreat two men is not a brave thing to do. For a mob to persecute and abuse a few non resisting persons, making taxpayers liable for heavy damages is destitute of business sense as well as common humanity. This exhibition of mobocracy has seldom been equaled in the state of Ohio. There have been a number of instances of lynching and mob violence in which victims were either killed or lost their lives, but there have been few instances where men were painted, tarred and feathered, then turned over to authorities in and orderly manner."

This aftermath and news of the riot made news stories clear across the United States. It was a black eye for Mansfield, seldom equaled anywhere.



THE BRODERICK LEAN HARROW WORKS was located just east of the Park Avenue East underpass. The last buildings have just been torn down.



THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER
— By Ian Stumbo —

Will Smith and Martin Lawrence return for a fourth time as two bickering Miami cops in *Bad Boys: Ride or Die*.

Directors Adil and Bilal return from directing the third movie, the surprisingly great *Bad Boys for Life*. They have such a unique directing style and again have their finger on the pulse with this action franchise that has really ramped up the comedy elements nicely.

Detectives Mike Lowrey (Smith) and Marcus Burnett (Lawrence) are still on the streets of Miami solving crimes. When Marcus experiences a near death experience (and comedic new awakening and appreciation of life), a video from their deceased boss Capt. Howard (Joe Pantoliano) surfaces. Howard warns of a mole in the department. Howard then is being framed for being involved in a drug ring and Lowrey and Burnett set out to prove his innocence.

Bad Boys: Ride or Die has some nice callbacks to the previous movies. The cast and characters are always engaging and fun and the script provides some

truly laugh out loud moments. This movie does not bring anything new to the franchise but

these movies continue to be solid action comedies and Smith and Lawrence are great as always. Their chemistry has always been a standout.

The final action sequence set at an abandoned gator theme park is thrilling and worth the price of admission. The directors seem to put cameras on drones and that makes for some terrific shots during the firefight.

If you are a fan of this franchise, it certainly delivers and the first week's box office was quite good. Many were unsure since this is Smith's first big movie since his infamous slap at the Oscars a couple years ago. People will make up their minds about how they feel and whether they want to see this movie. From the standpoint of another entry in this series, this movie really delivers and is a fun, action-packed ride.



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News Briefs

Resumes and letters of interest are being accepted for the appointment to the office of mayor of the City of Ontario.

The deadline to apply for consideration in July 10. Those interested should forward letters of interest and resumes to Zoi Romanchuk at zoi@prmachinetworks.com

Interviews will be scheduled for the week of July 22.

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Mechanics Bank will host the Live@Lunch 2024 Summer Courtyard Series in the Mechanics Courtyard, 2 S. Main St., Mansfield. All performances will be held from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Performances are free with the opportunity to purchase food.

The schedule includes June 21, music by Nate Williams and food by Mad Meltz; July 12, music by Ordinary Elephant and food by Black Willow; July 19, music by Tom's Kitchen Table and food by Eshelman's Table; Aug. 2, music by Taylor Schlupp and food by Panchos Tacos; Aug. 16, music by EKG and food by Pasta by Grunt Grub; Sept. 13, music by Sarah Goff and food by Truckin' Trav; and Sept. 20, music by Tom's Kitchen Table and food by Mr. Bill's Wood Fired Pizza. The courtyard is open every Friday over lunch.

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, June 29 and 30. Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, broken down cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.

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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 July 17, and will include roast beef and bingo. Those attending are asked to bring a gift marked for a man, woman or either.

The group will also meet July 3 for lunch at O'Charley's in Ontario at 11 am.

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

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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 25, Red Ball Jets; July 9, David Perry; July 23, Oolong Gurus; Aug. 13, Soul Town Live; and Aug. 27, Atermath.

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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 through-

out 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>.

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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."

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First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Ave. West offers senior boxes of non-perishable food provided by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. This comes with a 15 lb. box of fresh produce and a 2 lb. box of cheese. These items are free to those who qualify by age (60+) and low income guidelines. Those receiving food must have at least one person age 60 or older in the household.

Boxes may be picked up between 10:30 am and 12:30 pm on the fourth Tuesday. Due to the volume of clients, distribution is moving in May to the Mulberry St. parking lot at the corner of Park Ave West. This is directly across the side street from the church. Those attending should pull in and follow the signs and directions.

The items are available on the fourth Tuesday of each month, year round. The next distribution is June 25.

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The Mansfield Men's Garden Club is currently accepting nominations for its annual community beautification awards. To nominate a garden or landscape that enhances the community, contact Rob Nalley at 419-496-3003 or robertnalley2023@gmail.com; Ed Pickens at 419-564-0912 or edpickens48@gmail.com; or visit Mansfieldmensgardenclub.com. Residential and commercial nominations will be accepted through July 26.

Winners will be recognized at the annual Mansfield Men's Garden Club Beautification Awards Dinner held on Sept. 3, in the Kingwood Center Gardens King Ballroom.

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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 July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12.

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

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Rev. Molly Housh Gordon, UUA General Assembly Live Stream, to speak on "Weaving Our Lives" at 10:30 am on Sunday, June 23. For more information visit www.allsoulsuohio.org.

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The Renaissance Theatre's 2024 Pictures on the Plaza Series will feature classic family films. Movies will be shown in the plaza between the Renaissance Theatre and Theatre 166, on the grassy area visible from Park Avenue West. *Jumanji* will be shown 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.

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Maroon Lake, Maroon Bells, Colorado • Photo By Mark Shutt

Senate passes bill

The Ohio Senate passed legislation sponsored by State Senator Mark Romanchuk and State Senator Vernon Sykes that will provide Ohio families with a tool to support their disabled children. Senate Bill 176 will allow courts to issue, update, or extend child support orders for people over 18-years-old who have a disability.

“It is essential for children and adults with disabilities to receive family support for their overall well-being,” said Romanchuk. “This simple update will give families the ability to continue their loving care of their children and help countless Ohioans receive the care they may need throughout their entire lives.”

645,000 Ohio children have at least one type of disability, and 22.2% of all of Ohio’s kids have an intellectual or developmental disability. 34.5% of children in the Buckeye State require specialized health care.

The bill goes to the Ohio House.

Church Directory

Clay Memorial Lutheran Church

1601 Amoy East Rd., Mansfield
419-747-6882

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

Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship
Sunday Evening 6 pm Home Groups
Monday Men’s Group 7:30 pm
Wednesday evenings: 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting
6:30–8 pm TeamKID and Youth Group
Wednesday Ladies Bible Study 6:30–8 pm

Community Bible Church

1043 Springmill St., Mansfield
567-560-8011

www.DiscoverCommunity.org
Pastor Sam Belsterling
10:30 am Sunday Worship
Live stream at <https://www.facebook.com/CommunityBibleChurchMansfield>

First 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 Stuftt
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
Rev. Joseph Yerger
9 am Adult & Youth Sunday School
10 am Sunday Worship
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and Children’s Programming Available

Mansfield Baptist Temple

752 N. Stewart Rd., Mansfield
419-589-5413 • www.mbt.org
Pastor Rob Kurtz
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am & 5:30 pm Sunday Worship
7 pm Wednesday Service

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

St. John’s United Church of Christ

68 Park Avenue East, Mansfield
419-522-2813 • www.stjohnsmansfield.org
Pastor Faith Proietti
10 am Sunday Worship
Office hours: Mon–Fri 9 am to 1 pm
AA Meetings M & F 10 am & noon;
Wed. noon Brown Bag and Sat. 6 pm
Clothing Ministry by appt: 419-512-9817

Trinity Grace Fellowship

1592 Grace St., Mansfield
419-589-5890 • trinitygracefellowship.org
Pastor Larry Carnes
9:30 am Sunday Worship
11 am Sunday School
Bible Study Mondays 2 pm

G & M Body & Paint Shop

1689 West Fourth St., Ontario
419-529-2747

Wappner Funeral Home

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Hospice of NCO receives \$6,000 Gimbel Foundation grant

The trustees at The Russell & Mary Gimbel Foundation, Mansfield, Ohio, have approved a grant in the amount of \$6,000 for Hospice of North Central Ohio.

The grant will be used to support end-of-life, palliative care and bereavement programs and services.

Ralph Tomassi, Chief Development Officer/Senior Administrator stated, "The Gimbel Foundation has and continues to recognize HNCO's role as a community focused non-profit hospice organization. We are grateful for their continued support of our special mission."

Hospice of North Central Ohio has served thousands of families with compassionate end-of-life and Palliative care, bereavement programs and services since 1988.

HNCO is headquartered at 1021 Dauch Dr., in Ashland. Hospice of North Central Ohio serves more than 200 patients daily in Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Morrow and Richland counties who are living with chronic and terminal illnesses.

Additionally, free continuous bereavement services are provided for hundreds of families of hospice patients and to anyone in the community experiencing grief.

HNCO also operates the What Goes 'Round Thrift Shoppe located in downtown Mansfield. Call 800-952-2207 for more information.

HNCO is a 501c3 non-profit organization with years of experience and a community partner of United Way of Ashland and Knox County.

American Red Cross urges blood and platelet donors to give now

The American Red Cross stresses that blood and platelet donors are critically needed right now to combat a drastic shortfall in donations over the last several weeks.

Donors of all blood types are needed, especially those with type O blood and donors giving platelets.

Book a time to give now by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Those who come to give through June 30, will get a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant of choice.

Wednesday, June 19, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario; and 1-6 pm, Planktown Country Market, 1921 Free Rd., Shiloh

Friday, June 21, 8 am to 1 pm, OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital, 335 Glessner Ave., Mansfield

Monday, June 24, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Wednesday, June 26, 10 am to 4 pm, Baker's Collision Repair Specialists, 595 Fifth Ave., Madison area; and noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Thursday, June 27, noon to 6 pm, Hope Lutheran Church, 2010 Park Avenue West, Mansfield

Friday, June 28, 11 am to 5 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Mechanics Bank announces promotion of Kristi Lord

Kristi M. Lord has been promoted to Senior Vice President, Chief Marketing Officer. Kristi joined Mechanics in 2006 as Marketing Director and holds a bachelor's degree in Communication from Miami University and a Bank Marketing School certification from the American Bankers Association.

Lord serves as a board member for both the Richland Area Chamber of Commerce and United Way of Richland County. Additionally, she is a member of the BrandRichland Marketing Committee, Leadership Unlimited class of 2020 and a volunteer for Berean Baptist Church.

Mechanics Bank is a full-service, independent community bank with nine locations in Richland County.



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



The Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Richland County will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 18, at 5:30 pm at 87 E. First St., Mansfield. For additional information call 419-774-5811.



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Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

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Carole Ann Charlton, June 9

Silas Leigh Frazier, June 9

Norman James Anton, June 10

Lyle P. Dodd Jr., June 10

Tracy Corbin Gerhart, June 10

Robert Lee Stehle Sr., June 10

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YMCA breaks ground for new sports complex

The YMCA of North Central Ohio held a groundbreaking ceremony with local officials and community members at the new site of the YMCA Sports Complex at Interstate 71 and Ohio Route 97.

The new \$22 million complex, which is expected to open in the fall of 2025, will provide traditional YMCA programming with indoor and outdoor athletic fields, basketball, volleyball, pickle ball, indoor track and an outdoor walking trail.

"Today marks a significant milestone in our commitment to promote community development, wellness, and youth engagement in Richland County and north central Ohio," said Cristen Gilbert, CEO of the YMCA of North Central Ohio. "It's not just another facility, it's a state-of-the-art sports complex that combines our YMCA programming and fitness with a diverse range of activities that cater to all ages and fitness levels."

The YMCA's capital campaign has raised \$9 million after a recent \$500,000 gift from the Miliron Foundation and additional donations from John and Katherine Fernyak, Ted and Heidi Sazdanoff, Park National Bank, Mechanics Bank and others.

The campaign operates in stages, with a financial goal of \$12 million by mid-summer and a goal of \$15 million by the end of 2024. The public campaign is now underway, and the YMCA is seeking donations from individuals, businesses, and organizations to help reach its target.

"We are humbled by the generosity of our donors, partners,

and supporters for what we have received so far, and we are confident that we can achieve our goals with the help of our community," said Gilbert.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to transform our region. We are asking the public to help financially support this mission. Together, we can make a difference for our children and our future."

Earlier this year the YMCA hired Dante Washington, a former Olympian and professional soccer player, as the business consultant for the new complex. Washington, an Olympian who played for the Columbus Crew and the U.S. national team, is helping to oversee the planning, development, and operations of the complex, as well as the soccer programming and partnerships.

Gifts to the Y Sports Complex may be mailed to: YMCA Project, YMCA of NCO, 750 Scholl Rd., Mansfield, 44907 or made online at www.ymcanco.org.

More information, including a new animation video about the YMCA's project, is also available on this site.

The Y was established in Mansfield in 1867 and at that time, was an organization for men. In 1956, the previous facility on Park Avenue West near downtown Mansfield opened its doors to both women and men, with a focus on families.

The current larger facility off Lexington Avenue, built in 1999, offers many services that meet the ever-changing needs of the growing communities it serves. Over the years, programs have been developed to help with

childcare, teens, older adults, and those with disabilities to embody the mission of the YMCA of North Central Ohio.

In 2017, the Y celebrated its 150th anniversary with a successful \$1.5 million campaign to renovate the parking lot and gymnasium, as well as create the popular community splash pad.

In 2022, Mansfield industrialist Jim Gorman, who passed away recently, donated 35 acres of land to the Y for its sports branch and athletic fields at Interstate 71 and Ohio Route 97.

Bill allows patients access to hospital price information

The Ohio Senate passed House Bill 49, which requires hospitals to comply with the federal price transparency law. This includes maintaining and making a public list of standard charges for services that a patient may schedule in advance. The bill was backed by State Senator Mark Romanchuk (R-Ontario) as the chair of the medicaid committee and member of the health committee.

"Ohioans deserve the opportunity to do their own healthcare research," said Romanchuk. "The federal government has already implemented this policy but having it as a state law will protect access in case the federal law is not enforced. Patient rights should be preserved to make a basic decision when they need health services."

House Bill 49 requires any hospital not in compliance to pay a penalty. Lastly, it stops medical debt collectors from sharing or reporting any patient medical debt to an agency for a period of one year after the patient's first bill.

The bill passed out of the Senate and now goes to the House for concurrence.

Richland SWCD offers required animal composting certification

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) is hosting an animal mortality composting certification class on July 10, from 6-8 pm at 1495 W. Longview Ave., Mansfield.

Before someone composts dead livestock, they must obtain an Animal Mortality Composting Certification.

The certification is a legal requirement per the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 901: 13: 1 - 13. The complete Rule is found at <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901:13-1>.

The certification presenter is Glen Arnold with the Hancock County Ohio State University Extension.

Arnold has specialized in manure nutrient management since 2012. His work has involved subsurface swine manure applications into wheat, side dressing corn with liquid livestock manure on emerged corn and replacing commercial side dress nitrogen with liquid manure on emerged corn.

The cost to attend the Certification is \$15 per person and includes a pizza dinner, a copy of Arnold's material, and a certificate showing proof of certification.

Reservations and payments are due by July 8. To register for the certification send an email to Wallace.Matt@richlandswcd.net or call 419-747-8687 with name, organization name, phone number, email address and animal species.

Payment should be made to Richland SWCD and mailed, or dropped off at the Richland SWCD office located at 1495 W. Longview Ave., Suite 205B, Mansfield. Any questions may be directed to Matt.



MECHANICS BANK hosted the Miss Ohio Scholarship Organization contestants for lunch at the main office downtown last week (top photos). Mechanics Bank also hosted the Princess Tea for the Miss Ohio Scholarship Organization Princesses (bottom photo).

Mohican Area Community Fund approves grant for HNCO Camp Hope

The Mohican Area Community Fund has awarded Hospice of North Central Ohio a grant in the amount of \$1,000 through MAC's annual campaign which provides support to local charities and non-profit organizations that serve the Greater Mohican Community.


The grant will be used to support HNCO's Camp Hope children's bereavement camp which is held annually at Pleasant Hill campgrounds. HNCO created Camp Hope in 1996 to address a growing need to provide grieving children in its service areas with a safe and supportive environment to express their feelings and share their story. Since its inception, Camp Hope has served the needs of over

1,000 grieving children who have experienced a loss through death. The 2024 Camp Hope is scheduled for June 17-18 and 20-21.

Qualified children, ages 6-17, are eligible to apply. The camp is provided cost-free to families with the exception of a nominal security deposit.

Ralph Tomassi, HNCO Chief Development Officer/Senior Administrator stated, "The Mohican Area Community Fund, through its annual campaigns has and continues to help make this area a better place to work and live. Their support of the missions of non-profit organizations locally has been significant and appreciated."

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•Students graduate from MACC

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Madison Adult Career Center's 2023 Accreditation Annual Reporting Disclosures include an overall completion rate of 79% with the following results for completers: 92% having positive post-program placement; 78% working in a related field of their training; and 86% earning an industry credential.

Madison Adult Career Center provides training to individuals who are unemployed, underemployed, dislocated workers, and employed individuals gaining new skills and/or upgrading their current skills. Programs enable students to complete their training, earn certifications and enter the workforce quickly.

Madison Adult Career Center is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC). MACC is an approved provider of post-secondary career technical education by the Ohio Department of Higher Education and a member of the Ohio Association of Career Technical and Adult Education (ACTE).



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•Stephanie Finoti crowned Miss Ohio 2024

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French certainly left her mark by placing first runner-up on the Miss America's Teen stage in Orlando, FL earlier this year.

The new Miss Ohio's Teen is Allie Gray who won a \$2,500 scholarship.

Additional results included: first runner-up, \$1,000 scholarship, Cassie Mattson; second runner-up, \$900 scholarship, Mallory Grimmett; third runner up, \$800 scholarship, Mackenzie Harmer; and fourth runner-up \$700 scholarship, Chloe Maybin. Also presented were the Talent Award, \$250 scholarship, Cassie Mattson; and Interview Award, \$250 scholarship, Cassie Mattson. All of the contestants not in the top five finalists received a \$350 scholarship.

The Miss Ohio competition started on Thursday, June 13 and Friday, June 14 with the Preliminary Night events. The 27 contestants competing for Miss Ohio this year were Miss Cincinnati Faith Claypool, Miss Rock and Roll City Grace Riegel, Miss Lake Festival Caitlin Cramer, Miss Greater Butler County Bryn Hasenaur, Miss Talawanda Jasmine Roach, Miss Shawnee Stephanie Finoti, Miss Oxford Marisa Matsanoff, Miss Clayland Brittney Putman, Miss Northern Ohio Caitlin Seifer, Miss Heart of Ohio Marina DeNunzio, Miss Lake Erie Lauren Partin, Miss South Central Ohio Jadi Kelly, Miss Portsmouth Baylee Joy Martin, Miss Coshocton Aliah Williamson, Miss River Days Festival Emily Cram, Miss Northeastern Ohio Piper Lambert, Miss Northwestern Ohio Megan Riehle, Miss Buckeye State Kalli Gregory, Miss Greater Cleveland Lucabella LaEace, Miss Gem City Diamond Coleman, Miss Spirit of Ohio Kendra Rocha, Miss Maple City Emily Legenza, Miss Mohican Valley Makenzie Regedanz, Miss Greater Columbus Alyssa Contreras, Miss Chillicothe Autumn Kessler, Miss North Coast Caroline Trennepohl and Miss Ohio River Olivia Fosson.

The top three contestants with the most votes for People's Choice as of June 7 were Piper Lambert, Lauren Partin and Alyssa Contreras. Voting for one of these ladies allowed the winner to become the eleventh semifinalist.

It was an emotional farewell to 2023 Miss Ohio Madison Miller.

Miller said, "I've always wanted my legacy to be known as 'the kind Miss Ohio.' The Miss Ohio that leaves everyone feeling loved, heard, and valued. Even before I started in the Miss Ohio Program, I was known as 'the girl that wants to help veterans.'" Now, I've been known as the "Miss Ohio that helps veterans" and that's an honor I'll always hold dear. I didn't grow up watching Miss America, and I don't think you have to in order to feel the spirit of Miss America!"

Miller is especially excited for her life after Miss Ohio as she gets to become an aunt. She looks forward to taking a few backpacking trips and resting. She will continue working with military veterans in some capacity. Her nonprofit will continue, and she will keep recording and documenting the tremendous stories of our veterans!

The Thursday Night Preliminary winners included Preliminary Health and Fitness Award, \$500 scholarship sponsored by Zara Construction, Lucabella LaEace, Miss Greater Cleveland; and the Preliminary Talent Award, \$500 scholarship sponsored by The New Ontario Center, Stephanie Finoti, Miss Shawnee. Additional awards included The Spirit of the Pines Award which went to the Green Team from camp earlier this year.

The contestants also voted on the individual Spirit of the Pines Award which is a \$250 scholarship sponsored by Camp HopeWood Pine Volunteers. It was awarded to Grace Riegel Miss Rock and Roll City. Two Americanism Essay Awards, both \$250 scholarships sponsored by Budd and Diane Coutts and the Coutts Family, were awarded to Marina DeNunzio Miss Heart of Ohio and Brittney Putman Missy Clayland. Two Community Service Essay Awards, both \$250 scholarships sponsored by Mansfield Kiwanis, were awarded to Caitlin Seifert Miss Northern Ohio and Diamond Coleman Miss Gem City.

Friday night preliminary winners included the Preliminary Health and Fitness Award, \$500 scholarship sponsored by Zara Construction, Stephanie Finoti, Miss Shawnee; and Preliminary Talent Award, \$500 Scholarship sponsored by The New Ontario Center, Ol-

ivia Fosson, Miss Ohio River. Additional awards included the Photogenic Award, a gift basket sponsored by the New Ontario Center, Grace Riegel, Miss Rock and Roll City. The Mina O'Guinn Memorial Award, a \$500 scholarship sponsored by The Mina O'Guinn Family, was awarded to Brittney Putman, Miss Clayland.

The Women in Business Award was given to two contestants and is a \$500 scholarship. This went to Caroline Trennepohl Miss North Coast and Lauren Partin Miss Lake Erie. The STEM Award is given to two contestants and is a \$500 scholarship. It was awarded to Lucabella LaEace Miss Greater Cleveland and Stephanie Finoti Miss Shawnee.

On Saturday, the competition was narrowed down from 27 to 11. The 2024 Miss Ohio Top Eleven semi-finalists were Miss Lake Erie Lauren Partin (People's Choice Winner), Miss Clayland Brittney Put-

man, Miss North Coast Caroline Trennepohl, Miss Oxford Marisa Matsanoff, Miss Portsmouth Baylee Joy Martin, Miss Greater Cleveland Lucabella LaEace, Miss Chillicothe Autumn Kessler, Miss Ohio River Olivia Fosson, Miss Shawnee Stephanie Finoti, Miss Northern Ohio Caitlin Seifert and Miss Greater Butler County Bryn Hasenaur.

At the end of the evening, it was narrowed down to just five finalists Miss Greater Cleveland Lucabella LaEace, Miss Northern Ohio Caitlin Seifert, Miss Ohio River Olivia Fosson, Miss North Coast Caroline Trennepohl and Miss Shawnee Stephanie Finoti.

The new Miss Ohio is Stephanie Finoti. She won a \$10,000 scholarship sponsored by The Natalie Ruth Plank Memorial Fund.

Finoti's community service initiative is That STEM Girl: How mentorship drives diversity in medicine. This 21-year-old plans to become a neonatologist with a focus on premature baby care.

The Columbus native won awards for both talent and health and fitness this week.

First runner-up was Miss Ohio River Olivia Fosson, who won a \$4,500 scholarship sponsored by ArcelorMittal. Second runner-up was Miss North Coast Caroline Trennepohl, who won a \$4,000 scholarship sponsored by Mansfield Noon Optimists and third runner-up was Miss Greater Cleveland Lucabella LaEace with a \$3,500 scholarship sponsored by Mansfield Elks. Fourth runner-up was Miss Northern Ohio Caitlin Seifert who won a \$3,000 scholarship sponsored by Avita Health System.

Additional awards included The Ya Ya Sisters Style & Personality Award, a \$500 scholarship sponsored by the Ya Ya Sisters, Lucabella LaEace, Miss Greater Cleveland.

The Caroline Grace Williams Spirit Award, which is a \$250 scholarship sponsored by Caroline Grace Williams and Family was awarded to Grace Riegel, Miss Rock and Roll City, The Cheryl J. Oliveri Memorial Award, which is a \$500 scholarship sponsored by the Cheryl J Oliveri Memorial Fund, went to Diamond Coleman, Miss Gem City.

The Terri Mitchel Memorial Award, which is a \$500 scholarship sponsored by the Terri Mitchel Memorial Fund, was awarded to Bryn Hasenaur, Miss Greater Butler County. The Paul Herlihy Spirit Award which consists of two \$500 scholarships, one to a new contestant and one to a returning contestant, is sponsored by The Paul Herlihy Memorial Fund and was awarded to Grace Riegel, Miss Rock and Roll City and Marina DeNunzio, Miss Heart of Ohio.

The Betty and Jim Estep Award for Outstanding Classical Performance, a \$500 Scholarship sponsored by Randy and Mary Schroeder, was awarded to Olivia Fosson, Miss Ohio River,

The Semifinalist Interview Award, a \$500 scholarship sponsored by Gretchen Hickok, went to Lucabella LaEace, Miss Greater Cleveland. The Laurel Lee Schaefer Award, a \$500 scholarship sponsored by Laurel Lee Schaefer-Bozoukoff, went to Grace Riegel, Miss Rock and Roll City. The Non-Finalist Interview Award, a \$500 scholarship sponsored by Gretchen Hickok, was awarded to Diamond Coleman, Miss Gem City, and The Non-Finalist Talent Award, a \$500 scholarship given to two contestants and sponsored by Gretchen Hickok, was awarded to Emily Legenza, Miss Maple City and Makenzie Regedanz, Miss Mohican Valley.





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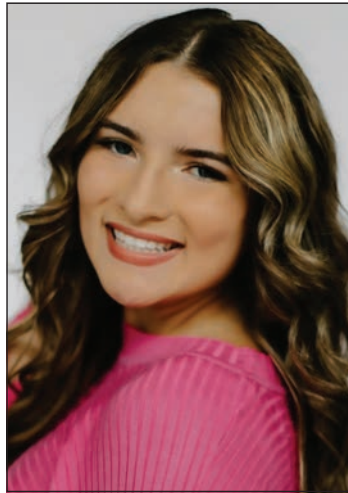
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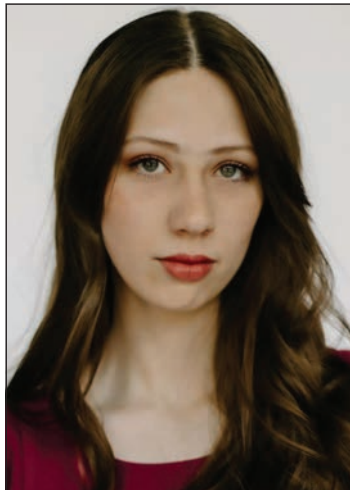
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New Miss Ontario will be crowned

The Little and Junior Miss Ontario pageants are scheduled for Thursday, June 20.

The Miss Ontario pageant will be held Saturday, June 22.

Tickets are \$5 at the door and kids five and under are free.

Both pageants will be held in the Ontario High School Auditorium, 467 Shelby-Ontario Rd., Ontario, at 6:30 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm.

Miss Ontario 2023 Jaslyn Lopez will crown the 2024 Miss Ontario winner.



Alyssia Pickett



Makayla Lawrence

Ohio House passes bill to designate memorial highways

The Ohio House of Representatives passed House Bill 380, legislation that will name twenty-nine roads and bridges throughout Ohio, announced State Rep. Marilyn John (R-Richland County).

Included in the bill are three pieces of legislation sponsored by John, which will designate three memorial highways in honor of individuals who impacted Richland County.

Details of each bill are as follows:

House Bill 55 will designate portion of State Route 97 between Butler and Belville, Ohio in Richland County as Firefighter Charles D. Swank Memorial Highway.

Firefighter-paramedic Charles D. Swank, 39, died while in Florida for training. He was in the fire service for 17 years and was serving with the Washington Township Fire Department in Dublin, OH. He was a native of Bellville.

House Bill 252 will designate the portion of State Route 39 between State Route 430 and Interstate 71 in Richland County as the SM1 Cornelius Anthony McCafferty Jr. Memorial Highway.

McCafferty of Mansfield died Feb. 17, 1969 in Vietnam.

House Bill 330 will designate the portion of State Route 13 between Lexington Road and Beckley Road in Knox County as William "Bill" Burgett Memorial Highway.

"It is an honor to acknowledge and memorialize the legacies of each of these great Ohioans," said John. "As we drive these roads, may they inspire us to serve our communities and make an impact as Charles Swank, Cornelius McCafferty, and Bill Burgett did."

The legislation now heads to the Ohio Senate for consideration

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Ohio House unanimously passes Never Alone Act

The Ohio House of Representatives unanimously passed House Bill 236, the Never Alone Act, announced bill sponsors, State Reps. Melanie Miller (R-City of Ashland) and Beth Lear (R-Galena).

The bill ensures every patient has access to an advocate to be with them in a hospital, nursing home or other congregate care setting — especially during a health emergency.

“Over the last three years, we have gained heightened awareness of the need to protect the rights of a patient to have access to a loved one or advocate to act on behalf of their best interest while in a hospital or care facility,” said Miller. “The Never Alone Act ensures that everyone has someone who can speak for them, when they do not have a voice.”

Specifically, the Never Alone Act:

- Requires a congregate care setting to inform a patient or resident that the patient or resident may designate an individual to serve as an advocate and to provide the patient or resident the opportunity to make a designation.

- Prohibits a congregate care setting from 1: denying a patient or resident access to an advocate and 2: prohibiting an advocate from being physically present with a patient or resident.

- Prohibits a political subdivision, public official, or state agency from issuing an order or rule, or enforcing on behalf of the federal government a federal order or rule, that would require a care setting to violate the bill’s provisions.

- Requires the Department of Health to create a Never Alone information sheet and each congregate care setting to provide each patient or resident with a copy at the time of admission.

“The Never Alone Act is a patient and resident-centered bill. Our goal was to protect Ohioans when they are most vulnerable and ensure they have access to a loved one to hold their hand or provide comfort,” said Lear. “The isolation that caused our citizens to suffer and die alone during COVID should never be allowed to happen again.”

The Never Alone Act now moves to the Ohio Senate for further consideration.



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Local businesses partner for 12th consecutive manufacturing camp

By Senator Sherrod Brown

For the 12th summer in a row, my office is partnering with local businesses and other organizations to host Summer Manufacturing Camps for students across Ohio.

We came up with the idea for the camps more than a decade ago to introduce young Ohioans to American manufacturing happening in their communities, and show them all the opportunities available.

We’ve built up the program over the years, and this summer we’ll host at least 51 camps across 29 counties. Some are already happening.

These camps allow children and teens to learn about careers in their communities, tour local manufacturing facilities, and learn from experts. Students learn how products are made, participate in team-building exercises, and often work on a project specific to their community.

In Wood County, we’re partnering with First Solar – the largest solar manufacturer in the country – to show students the how the technologies of the future are being made in their backyards.

In Mahoning County, campers will explore drone technology.

And in Columbus, we’re working with My Brother’s Keeper – the mentorship program focused on creating opportunities for young boys and men of color – to reach even more students.

Last week I visited a camp in Akron where middle-schoolers were creating digital designs, and then learning to use machines to engrave those designs on dog-tags. They showed me the projects they were working on, and some even shared their aspirations to pursue a career in manufacturing.

That’s what these camps are all about – showing the next generation all the opportunities available to them here in Ohio.

Parents often tell me that these camps help their children realize that they don’t have to leave town or leave the state to have a good-paying, rewarding career.

It’s all part of our work to bury the outdated and offensive term “rust belt” that demeans our workers and devalues their work.

Ohio workers are inventing and building the technologies of the future. Every year at our Manufacturing Camps, these curious and talented students discover they can be the scientists, or mechanics, or carpenters, or welders of the future that will continue our state’s manufacturing leadership for years to come.

For more information and to find a camp in your community, visit <https://www.brown.senate.gov/summercamps2024>.



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Sutton Bank announces Luedy as new commercial lender

Sutton Bank has announced the addition of Anthony Luedy who has joined the bank's commercial lending team.

Luedy joins the bank with nearly 30 years of retail and commercial banking experience, formerly serving as vice president, commercial lender with First National Bank in Sandusky, and as assistant vice president, business banker with First Merit Bank in Ashland.

In his new role, Luedy will manage a portfolio of commercial relationships, as well as develop and close new business within Sutton Bank's markets which includes Ashland, Huron, Richland and Seneca counties. He will work out of the New London office, located at 51 Park Ave.

"Anthony is a seasoned commercial lender and his diverse banking experience and skillset will enhance our commercial lending capacity even more," said Tony Gorrell, CEO of Sutton Bank. "We are excited to have him as part of our team and look forward to the value he will bring to the Bank and our commercial business customers."

Luedy holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Toledo and a Master of Business Administration degree from Cleveland State University.

For more information, call 419-929-3641 or email aluedy@suttonbank.com.

Sutton Bank is headquartered in Attica, OH. 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.



Area Agency on Aging to host Lunch and Learn to promote program

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging (AAA5) is excited to announce its upcoming Lunch and Learn event to encourage individuals to sign up for the Area Agency on Aging Wellness Coach volunteer program.

This event, open to all ages, professions and life stages, will take place on Friday, July 19, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm at 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario, at the Hawkins Conference Center.

It will offer in-person attendees a complimentary lunch and insights into the benefits of volunteering for the agency's wellness classes (Active Living Every Day, Diabetes Empowerment Education Program, Matter of Balance, Tai Chi and Stepping On).

This lunch is for anyone who enjoys teaching others, public speaking, health and wellness and wants to make an impact in their community.

The session will feature a presentation on "The Benefits of Volunteering" by Emily Bailey, RD, CSSC, LD, NASM, AccelWELL coach. Attendees will also have the opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge from a current volunteer for the Agency, who will share their experiences.

Moreover, the event will provide information and education about the wellness classes and coach program, sharing the impactful role volunteers play in improving the lives of older adults. Participants will also gain an understanding of the potential impact on organizations and their communities when individuals volunteer their time and expertise.

While this event will primarily be held in person, options for virtual attendance will be available for those unable to join physically.

Attending this event does not commit individuals to coaching but serves as an informative session to explore the possibilities of volunteering.

Registration for the event is required. To register or for more information contact Karen Hagerman at khagerman@aaa5ohio.org or register by phone at 567-247-6487. Please indicate if interested in the virtual option.

West Nile Virus detected in Richland County mosquitoes

Richland Public Health officials have been notified by the Ohio Department of Health that West Nile Virus (WNV) has been detected in mosquitoes in Richland County.

"To be very clear, this is not a human infection case, but the first positive WNV mosquito samples in Richland County this year," Joe Harrod, Director of Environmental Health at Richland Public Health, stated. Health Department officials will continue to conduct surveillance and appropriate mosquito control measures to discourage transmission of the mosquito-borne illness to residents.

West Nile Virus is a mosquito-borne virus where human symptoms are generally mild and often mimic the flu. In extreme cases, WNV can cause Encephalitis (inflammation of the brain), Meningitis (inflammation of lining of the brain and the spinal cord) or death. Approximately 80 percent of people who are infected with WNV will not show any symptoms at all. Those who develop symptoms usually do so between three to 14 days after they are bitten by an infected mosquito. There is no specific treatment for WNV infection and care is based on symptom control and/or relief. The best way to prevent West Nile Virus is to prevent mosquito bites.

Richland Public Health's Mosquito Control Program conducts surveillance, treats and sprays throughout the season to monitor mosquito populations and mosquito-spread disease throughout the county.

Preventing Mosquito Bites

Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water, which includes puddles, stagnant ditches and containers such as old tires, buckets, cans, neglected swimming pools and flower pots. Mosquitoes can carry diseases, including West Nile Virus, which can cause serious illness. It is important to apply mosquito repellent when participating in any outdoor activity when mosquitoes are active.

To help avoid mosquito bites:

- Make sure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens
- Repair or replace all torn screens in your home
- Remove all discarded tires from your property
- Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots, or similar water-holding containers
- Make sure roof gutters drain properly. Clean clogged gutters in the spring and fall
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor saunas, and hot tubs. If not in use, keep pools/saunas empty and covered
- Drain water from pool covers
- Change the water in bird baths at least once a week
- Turn over plastic wading pools, wheelbarrows, etc. when not in use
- Clean ditches of obstructions so they drain properly
- Eliminate any standing water that collects on your property
- Check trees for cavities that hold water and fill them with soil, gravel or sand
- Remind or help neighbors to eliminate breeding sites on their properties
- Use insect repellent and follow the label directions

Annual Family Fun on the Farm Festival returns June 29

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) is joining Malabar Farm State Park to co-host Family Fun on the Farm Festival on Saturday, June 29 from noon to 4 pm. The festival returns for the fourth year and is open to the public with free admission.

The festival centers around the theme of where food comes from and conservation. It will be filled with many hands-on, fun activities like fishing, and archery. Fishing is free for those who are 15 years old or younger. Those attending can take a free wagon ride, visit farm animals and hike the many trails. The visitor center teaches about farming and conservation at the newly renovated, interactive displays.

Food trucks and vendors will have food and beverages for sale to enjoy while at the festival.

For more information about the festival visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/404847235375107>, e-mail Contact@Richland-SWCD.net or call 419-747-8685.

Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Local track and field athletes advance to state

By Kris Leiter

Some of our local school track programs have athletes who advanced to the OHSAA State Track meet. This year's event was held at the University of Dayton May 30.

Crestview

Preliminary

Boys 4x400 Meter Relay 3:31.02, 13th place

Lexington

Big Lex is on fire this year, with the boys tennis team bringing home a state title recently.

Boys Team Event - 17th place out of 82 teams

Division I

Boys Preliminary

Latrell Hughes, Ethan Slone, Will Perkins and Chance Basilone - 7:41.38, Boys 4x800 Relay - Third place - 6 Points

Latrell Hughes - 49.14 (Ohio Top 50)

Preliminary Boys 400 Dash - 16th place, Will Perkins, Carter Newman, Dantrell Hughes, Latrell Hughes - 3:17.63

Boys 4x400 Relay, Second place

Boys Finals

Chance Basilone - 9:25.37 (Ohio Top 50)

Finals - Boys 3200 Run - 15th place

Will Perkins, Carter Newman, Dantrell Hughes, Latrell Hughes - 3:17.18

Finals - Boys 4x400 Relay - Second place

Division II

Girls Finals

Brailey Slone, Katya Prykhodko, Julia Wyant, Elyana Weaver - 9:46.48, Girls 4x800 Relay - 17th place

Emily Thomas - 46.02, Girls 300 Hurdles 30" - Eighth place

Elyana Weaver - 2:14.23, Girls 800 Meter Run - Third place - 6 Points

Girls Preliminary

Allison Laury, Olyvia Stoots, Makenna Arnholt, Emily Thomas - 1:45.13, Girls 4x200 Relay - Ninth place

Emily Thomas - 45.57, Girls 300 Hurdles 30" - Seventh place

Madison

Girls 100 Meter Dash - 14th place, Nevaeh Lewis - 12.25 (Ohio Top 50)

Girls 200 Meter Dash, Nevaeh Lewis - 25.02 (Ohio Top 50)

Girls 400 Meter Dash, Callie Cyrus - 59.71

Division II

Ontario

Boys Finals

Boys 4x800 Relay - Fifth place - 4 Points, Dean Morrison, Xavier Trent, Austin Boughton, Jace Young - 7:58.53

Boys 800 Run - Seventh place - 2 Points, Jace Young 1:55.69

Boys Preliminary

Brady Fletcher, Quinton Frankhouse, Grady Muncy, Bodpegn Miller - 1:30.61

Prelim - Boys 4x200 Relay - 12th place - 2 Points, Aiden Fox - 40.16

Prelim - Boys 300 Hurdles 36" - 10th place

Shelby

Boys Finals

Marshall Moore, Indy Mayer, Sean Finnegan, Luke Lesseuer - 8:13.25, 4x800 Relay - 17th place

Girls Preliminary

Peyton Putnam, Princess Timko, Madison Henkel, Jaleeza Zehner

- 49.54, 4x100 Relay - Ninth place

Graham Yeager - 148-11, Boys Discus Throw

Watch for Division III results soon.

News Briefs
in Education

Isabel Golias and Mary Golias, both of Lexington, were named to the dean's list for the spring 2024 semester at Grove City College. Grove City College is located in Grove City, PA.

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Denise Garrison of Mansfield has been named to the spring 2024 academic merit list at Muskingum University in New Concord, OH.

The list contains the names of undergraduate degree-seeking students who started the semester as a part-time student (minimum load of six completed hours) and earned a term GPA of 3.60 or above on A-F graded coursework.

★

Local students graduated from the University of Mount Union as part of its Class of 2024.

Andrew Hathaway of Lexington earned a BS degree in Computer Engineering and Adriana Russell of Mansfield earned a BS degree in Biology.

The University of Mount Union, is located in Alliance, OH.

★

Ryan Brophy of Ontario was named to the provost's list for the spring 2024 semester at Capital University.

To be named to the list, full-time, degree-seeking students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.70 to 3.849. The university is located in Columbus.

★

Capital University Dean's List honorees for the spring 2024 semester have been announced. In order to be named to the list, full-time, degree-seeking students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.69.

Local students on the list are Theresa Dzugan of Ontario, Baden Forup of Lexington and Alexander Heichel of Lexington.

★

Elizabeth Corn of Ontario, Jayden Dechert of Ontario and Thomas Sestri of Ontario were named to Capital University's President's List for the spring 2024 semester.

The list indicates the highest level of academic distinction. To be named to the list, students must have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.85.

Athletes earn awards at classic

The Blackstone NCOFCA All-Star Classic Football Game was played June 7 at Clear Fork High School.

Awards were presented to:

Kicking Competition: Landon Stein of Monroeville

Outstanding Specialist: Aiden Kuller, South/Lucas

Outstanding Offensive Lineman: Jahmere Dotson, South/Mansfield Sr.

Outstanding Defensive Lineman: Gavin Cains, North/Crestview

Outstanding Offensive Back: Duke Reese, South/Mansfield

Outstanding Linebacker: Ryan Fox, North/Willard

Ryan Teglovic Outstanding Defensive Back: Logan Thoms, South/Lucas

Al Ward Impact Player: Kasey Swank, South/Clear Fork

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Ohio House passes Bill to modernize licensing

The Ohio House of Representatives passed House Bill 158, joint sponsored by State Reps. Bill Roemer (R-Richfield) and Melanie Miller (R-City of Ashland). The legislation, which received unanimous support, updates Cosmetology and Barber Board statutes.

The House accepted the following changes from the Senate:

- Amends Senate Bill 89, the Cosmetology Licensure Compact, into the bill
- Specifies that the minimum passing score for the barber examination specified in rules adopted by the Board under the bill cannot exceed 75%
- Permits the Secretary of State to appoint and commission police officers for hospitals operated by public hospital agencies or nonprofit hospital agencies, to for-profit hospitals that, before converting to for-profit status, were operated by nonprofit hospital agencies already employing police officers appointed and commissioned by the Secretary of State

"The updates included in House Bill 158 will reduce barriers for students getting their barbering and cosmetology li-

censes," said Roemer. "These changes will lead to better opportunities for barbers, cosmetologists, customers and businesses."

The Cosmetology and Barber Board was consolidated from two separate boards in 2017, but the law was not adequately adjusted to account for this merger.

"Since the State Boards of Cosmetology and Barbering were combined into one board in 2017, we have seen the need to harmonize the sections of the Ohio Revised Code on Cosmetology and Barbering to match," said Miller. "I am confident that these and other changes that update our code will serve to encourage the Barber and Cosmetology industry to grow and thrive in Ohio."

Key provisions of the bill include:

- Creating a unified barbering/cosmetology school license, to eliminate duplicative applications for facilities that teach both cosmetology and barbering
- Enhancing license reciprocity from other states

•Reducing fines for disciplinary actions

•Establishing temporary pre-examination work permits for barbers.

•Lowering the age to apply for a barber license or to start barbering school to 16 years of age

•Eliminating a requirement that a barber student complete 200 additional hours of training before re-taking the licensing exam

•Preventing the board from charging interest or penalty fees for unpaid fines

•Creating an independent contractor license, eliminating "shop within a shop" licenses

•Creating a process to designate a license as "inactive"

•Allowing the board to independently set the passing score for the barber exam, rather than keeping it in statute

The legislation does not change the current training hour requirements for initial licensure.

House Bill 158 awaits Governor DeWine's signature.

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