

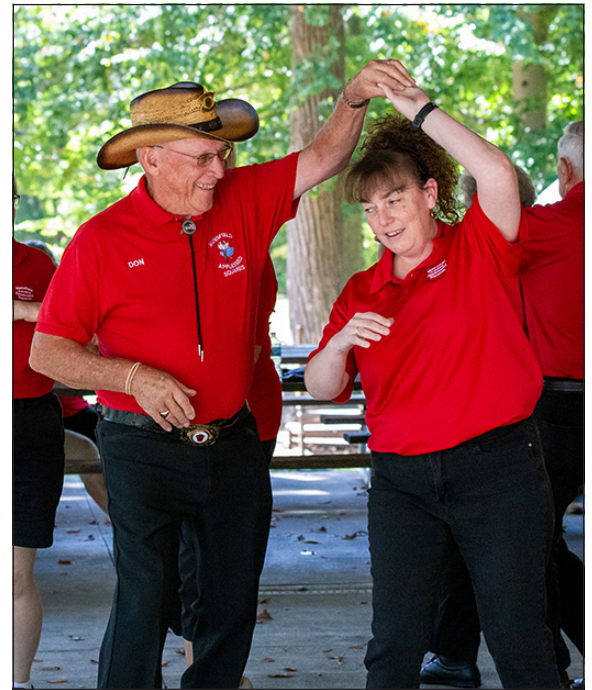


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Johnny Appleseed 250th Birthday Celebration held in South Park

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Johnny Appleseed's 250th Birthday Celebration was kicked-off Saturday, Sept. 21, in South Park in Mansfield, 100 Brinkerhoff Ave., with a flag-raising ceremony by the Boy Scouts. The event offered something for everyone. The food highlight was All Sports Concessions, which returned as the featured food truck.

At 10 am, Juli Parsons led an Appletree watercolor. There were many local vendors, including Rows and Roots, The Danish Kitchen, Wild Acre, and Brandywine Creek Farm. Exhibits featured the Johnny Appleseed Traveling Exhibit, displays from the Lincoln Highway, the Ohio Genealogical Society & Richland County Chapter, Richland County Museum, and collections of Native American arrowheads and American furbearer hides and skins.

The celebration also included live demonstrations like blacksmithing, sourdough baking, candle making, rope making, and period

games. There was a children's story time, Johnny Appleseed square dancing, and a special appearance by alpacas from Backwoods Alpacas. The Lincoln Highway Bluegrass Band provided live music.

At 1:30 pm, Joseph and Brian Besecker from Johnny Appleseed Trail District's Venturing Crew 308 led a retiring flag ceremony. Venturing is a youth development program for young men and women ages 14-20, focused on outdoor activities, leadership and personal growth.

During the ceremony, a flag that was no longer fit for service was respectfully retired by burning, a dignified tradition. The flag had served its nation well but had become too worn to continue in service. The flag was burned completely, as is customary to ensure nothing recognizable remains. The event, hosted by the Richland Early American Center for History, was free and open to the public.

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Red Cross blood donors needed now to help combat critical need

The American Red Cross continues to amplify the ongoing critical need for blood and platelets to keep the blood supply stable as fall begins. Donors of all blood types, especially those with type O blood, those giving platelets and those who have never given before, are needed now.

Only three out of 100 Americans donate blood. With the blood supply still at critical levels, every single donation is key to making sure all patients relying on lifesaving transfusions, including car accident victims and those living with sickle cell disease, get the care they need.

Make an appointment to give now by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App. In thanks, those who come to give by Sept. 30 will receive a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. See RedCrossBlood.org/Fall for details.

Those who come to give Oct. 1-31 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com gift card by email, plus be automatically entered for a chance to win one of three \$5,000 gift cards.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities include:

- Thursday, Sept. 26, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario
- Tuesday, Oct. 1, 9 am to 3 pm, Cleveland Clinic Cancer Center Mansfield, 1125 Aspira Ct., Mansfield; and noon to 6 pm, Saint Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church St., Bellville
- Wednesday, Oct. 2, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario
- Thursday, Oct. 3, 2-8 pm, Mohican Wood Products, 20460 Nunda, Butler
- Saturday, Oct. 5, 9 am to 2 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario
- Wednesday, Oct. 9, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario; and 8 am to 1 pm, Shelby High School, 1 Whippet Way, Shelby
- Thursday, Oct. 10, 10 am to 4 pm, Schmidt Security Pro, 241 Mansfield Industrial Parkway, Mansfield
- Friday, Oct. 11, 9 am to 2 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario
- Monday, Oct. 14, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario
- Tuesday, Oct. 15, 9 am to 3 pm, TC Energy, 2873 Pleasant Valley Rd., Lucas; and 1-6 pm, Crossroads Ontario Campus, 636 Lexington-Springmill Rd. S., Ontario

The Mansfield Riots: Turning Point

By Bob Carter

Part 16

October 20, 1900 may have been a turning point in the whole Mansfield Dowie mess. Deputy Sheriff Tom Bell swore in an affidavit against Alan Andrews, charging him with obstructing justice by interfering with Bell in conducting his official duty with Kessler.

On that same day, Mrs. Little Romer, with her attorney, swore in another affidavit against Elmer Hart and four others whose name she did not know for breach of the peace. Hart was arrested and jailed. These are the first arrests made by a citizen.

Mansfield Shield and Banner: Oct. 20, 1900: "The reason the ring-leaders of the recent outbreaks in Mansfield are now about to find themselves in serious trouble as citizens and beginning to realize they have nothing to hope from police protection is because they are beginning to swear out arrest warrants."


The courthouse was packed on Oct. 23 when Judge Campbell rendered a decision on the Writ of Habeas Corpus. Kessler was not present and surprisingly Mayor Brown was seated with spectators. The judge denied the writ saying if there was no proof of other defendants that lost their freedom and had been restrained at the hearing. The cost of the hearing was to be paid by the defendant. Kessler, under examination, testified he came to Mansfield just to be arrested and gain an injunction. Neither side was really happy about the outcome. The problem was still there.

Death of John Sherman: Former U.S. Senator and Secretary of State John Sherman died on Oct. 22. His funeral was to be in Washington with burial in Mansfield on the 25th. He was the Mansfield citizen and statesman most admired. Now he was coming home the last time. President McKinley and cabinet members, along with many

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SHERMANS FUNERAL PROCESSION passed through the Sherman Memorial Arch on the square.



THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

Director Alex Garland always makes interesting films such as *Ex Machina* and *Annihilation*.

Civil War was released earlier this year and is now streaming on Max. Kirsten Dunst stars as Lee Smith, a photojournalist who is documenting the United States as it has been engulfed in a civil war with different states acting as their own states and sanctuaries. Lee and three other journalists are traveling across the country to Washington D.C. to force an interview with the president (Nick Offerman).

Garland is a very capable director and makes a chilling vision (and sometimes almost too accurate) of America's future. It feels like a true war film at times as the journalists encounter gunfire, suspicious characters and harrowing situations they must escape to get back on their journey.

Dunst gives a great performance lacking makeup and must deliver some very emotional scenes while maintaining a steady hand as to not worry her team. Wagner Moura, Cailee Spaeny and Stephen McKinley Henderson round out her team



who almost become like a family as their closeness grows and Spaeny's character is the fish out of water character who is the most relatable.

Garland has his finger on the pulse and capture's a lot of feelings that Americans have had the past few years surrounding the future and politics of the country. He throws all of that into this dystopian storyline that is equally engag-

ing, suspenseful yet exciting and well thought out. One of the most harrowing scenes features Dunst's real life husband Jesse Plemons who holds a couple of the journalist's hostage, and they have to find a way out.


Civil War is worth a watch. Garland never tries to preach or tell the audience what to think. He lets the story do the talking, so to speak, and just presents us with everything he is laying out and lets the audience just go right into the story. It's not the most rewatchable film though it is certainly well made, and the performances really stand out.



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News Briefs

Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, will hold its annual rummage sale/bake sale in October, coordinated by Mary Reynolds. Times are 4-7 pm, Oct. 2; 9 am to 7 pm on Oct. 3; 9 am to 2 pm on Oct. 4; and 9 am to 2 pm on Oct. 5.

The kitchen will offer dinners, sandwiches, soup, homemade pies and other deserts. Rummage sale items and all food items will be available by donation, with all proceeds going to local charities.



U.S. 30 westbound, from just east of Lexington Springmill Road to SR 309, will have lane closures for an overhead bridge repair project on the Home Road overpass. Traffic will be maintained in 11' lanes. Traffic on U.S. 30 eastbound will not be impacted. Estimated completion is October 2024.



Richland County adults 60 and older are invited to penny bingo games on Mondays from April to December at the Lincoln Highway Event Center, 1361 Park Avenue East, Mansfield (Madison area). Bingo starts at 11:30 am with doors opening at 10 am.

Fifteen games of penny bingo and full house will be played. Cost is a penny a card for 15 games and a nickel a card for full house. This is a 100% payout. Snacks are provided.

To RSVP, call Kathy Boyle at 419-543-1813. These events are supported and funded by the Richland County Senior Services Levy, administered by the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc.



A fall church rummage sale will be held at Mansfield 1st EPC, 399 S. Trimble Rd., (corner of Trimble Rd. and Millsboro Rd.) on Friday, Oct. 11, from 9 am to 4 pm; and Saturday, Oct. 12, from 9 am to noon. There will be a selection of clothing for children and adults, shoes, books, toys, housewares, furniture and more. Proceeds are used for local missions. For information call 419-756-7066.



Washington Township Fire Department will host a pancake breakfast on Oct. 5, from 7-11 am, at the new station, 222 Vanderbilt Rd.

Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, milk and orange juice. Admission is by donation. Proceeds raised will continue assisting the community and the department. All are welcome to see the new station and enjoy breakfast. For information call 419-756-8330.



The Richland Rural Life Center will host its annual chicken dinner on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 4-6 pm.

The dinner includes chicken slow cooked over an open pit, buttered parsley potatoes or Au gratin potatoes, old fashioned slaw salad or applesauce, dinner roll, beverage and a scoop of homemade vanilla ice cream. Adult meals are \$12 for (½ chicken); seniors and children (10 and under) \$7 (¼ chicken). Carry-out meals are available and extra chicken halves are \$5. Homemade ice cream quarts will be available for \$5.

The center is located at 969 E. Crall Rd., Mansfield. The entrance

is located between Stewart Rd. and Rt. 545, Madison area. For more information call 419-544-2418 (leave message).

The Richland Rural Life Center is a non-profit organization that supports 4-H and Boy/Cub Scout Troops. Proceeds from dinners and events help maintain the RRLC land and facilities.



On Sunday, Oct. 6, at 4 pm Scott Berry will lead First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield at a benefit concert for the final Antiphonal Organ Fund drive. The concert will feature the organ, as well as Damian Boyd's band, Redemption Jazz Band. A mixture of instruments and musical styles will be presented. Donations are welcome. There will be open seating in the sanctuary. The fundraising goal of \$5,000 has been set for this concert, which would complete the fundraising efforts.



The Village of Lexington is holding its 41st Annual Lexington Halloween Walk Saturday, Oct. 19, from noon to 5 pm at the B&O Bike Trail. The walk will travel to Community Park, Lexington Senior Depot and the Lexington Street Department.

The event will be held rain or shine and include food trucks and cake walks. All ages are welcome. There will be music by Nyte Flyte Entertainment. Candies and treats will be handed out by local area businesses. Dress up and bring family and friends.



A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Sept. 28 and 29. Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, broken down cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.



Madison Class of 1975 members are encouraged to send their information to 1975Madisongrads@gmail.com. Requested information includes name as in yearbook and married name, physical address, email address and cell phone number. All information will be held in the strictest confidence. Invitations will be sent for the 50th class reunion.

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Voter registration deadline nearing for November election

The deadline to register to vote or change your address or name for the Nov. 5, General Election is Monday, Oct. 7. The Richland County Board of Elections office, 1495 W. Longview Ave. Suite 101, in the Longview Center, will be open that evening until 9 pm.

After 4 pm, visitors must use the entrance at the lower level back parking area at the southwest corner of the building.

Qualifications for registering to vote include:

- must be a native U. S. citizen or a naturalized citizen of the U.S.
- must be a resident of The State of Ohio 30 days before an Election
- must be a minimum of 18 years of age on or before the date of the General Election on Nov. 5, 2024.

Registered voters who have moved or changed their name must notify the Board office in writing or in person. Voters currently registered in Ohio may change their address online at VoteOhio.gov but must do so by the October 7th deadline.

In addition to the Board of Elections office, citizens may register or complete a change of address/name at the following locations in Richland County:

- Any library branch
- All city and village hall offices
- The Bureau of Motor Vehicles office

- The Department of Human Services
- The Richland County Courthouse (recorder or treasurer offices)
- All area high school offices

Registration forms may also be obtained from the Board of Elections website at www.boe.ohio.gov/richland or requested by mail. Contact the board office at 419-774-5530 to have a form sent by mail. Completed voter registration forms must be postmarked 30 days before election day.

Ohio developing hay directory

The Ohio Department of Agriculture is currently developing an Ohio Hay Directory to help farmers impacted by drought conditions who are struggling to feed livestock, announced State Rep. Marilyn John (R-Richland County).

The directory aims to connect impacted partners, stakeholders, farmers, and community members. Farmers who are interested in selling or purchasing hay can sign up to be included in the directory at <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=xPz4UNi-UB0-E6zbtV8flouB-bRmNNLpAsDuamDPirpJUNjg3MDdFS1gxVVI-TUDdGNVg0RFRZWFdUVy4u&route=shorturl>

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
Pastor Jay Jackson
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>

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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 George Lee
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 9am to 1pm
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
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•The Mansfield Riots: Turning Point

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nationally known political dignitaries, would attend the funeral and Mansfield was in an embarrassing turmoil.

Fortunately elder Kessler was gone. Funeral plans went well and almost overnight volunteers built a huge black draped memorial arch on the square. The funeral procession would pass through it. Flags were at half staff. By proclamation, church and fire bells would toll. Cloth bunting draped the court house and many businesses and homes. The funeral service was to be held in the Grace Episcopal Church by invitation only. The church was torn down when they built the present Mansfield Richland County Public Library.

There were "several thousand" present when the train carrying Sherman's remains rolled into the Pennsylvania's Fort Wayne station. Company M, eighth Regiment of the Ohio National Guard marched to the station without music or drum and deployed along the path the platform where carriages were standing.

Mayor Brown and the dignitaries were waiting to receive their deceased and much honored townsman. Survivors of the Civil War Sherman brigade carried a stand of colors and caepe decorations on their arms. All police were present.

The private car of President McKinley had been attached to the funeral train when it came through Canton. A large delegation of Washington and Cleveland office holders, judges and cabinet appointees were on board as were members of the Sherman family. Ohio governor Nash and more elected officials arrived a few minutes later on the Baltimore and Ohio train. After it stopped, McKinley

was first to step out, escorted by Mayor Brown and the committee of five citizens.

The body of Mr. Sherman was removed from the baggage car. There was absolutely no demonstration of any kind upon the appearance of President McKinley, which was remarked by many. It showed the respect and esteem for the distinguished dead is held by all. This must have seemed a radical change from the boisterous crowds and mobs during the previous months. Many would remember it for years.

Despite the hours, the body was lying in state at the church and it was estimated that 10,000 people passed by to pay their respect before the funeral.

The next day, an unwanted deacon Kessler showed up during a funeral service, slipped into the church and set down in a rear pew. His presence drew the attention of people in the crowd outside which was reported by A. J. Baughman, a much respected publisher, writer and one of the founders of the Richland County Historical Society.

The funeral procession passed through the memorial arch on the square to a silent crowd. There were no demonstrations of any kind. Mansfield was on good behavior. The janitor, police chief and all men were present.

The Mansfield Riots of 1900 came quietly to an end. The thought of being arrested, hiring a lawyer and standing trial really ended any riot thoughts. Also the chill of coming winter made standing around the railroad platform or street corners uncomfortable. It was time for everyone to go home.



Capitol Reef National Park, Utah • Photo By Mark Shutt

Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

- Joseph Allen Debo, September 9
- Ronald Lee Frazier, September 12
- Henry "Hank" R. Pohr III, September 13
- Ada Ruth Brandenburg, September 14
- Scott Edward Conlan, September 14
- Anita Kaye Holman, September 14
- Clyde Clifford Fry, September 14
- Paul Raymond Brigner, September 15
- Gisela "Gisi" Eder, September 16
- David "Dave" S. Leitenberger, September 16
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Porky's Drive-In celebrates 75 Years this weekend

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Porky's Drive-In is a beloved fixture in the Madison area in Mansfield, offering a nostalgic slice of classic American diner history.

With its retro charm and simple, satisfying menu, Porky's has been a local favorite for generations. Owner Donita Blasberg, the third generation in her family to run the diner, proudly shares, "What sets us apart is that we're still owned by the same family since 1949." Her grandfather opened Porky's in the fall of that year, and Donita has been running the place full-time for the past four years after 30 years in the transportation industry. "Madison Township needed me as much as I needed them. I was really missing the customers," she said.

Founded during the golden age of drive-ins, Porky's still offers carhop service, jukebox tunes, and a timeless atmosphere. The original front door remains inside the building, preserving the history while the restaurant has expanded around it. Generations of families have enjoyed Porky's, and many return to relive fond memories of their youth. The menu features classics like juicy burgers, hand-cut fries, and homemade creamy milkshakes. A standout is their homemade, meatless coney sauce, created by Donita's granddad. The sauce pairs perfectly with pulled pork sandwiches, while the signature Porky Burger, topped with all the fixings, is a local favorite. Other menu staples include footlong hot dogs, chili fries, and their famous homemade root beer, served in frosty mugs.

Porky's has become more than just a place to eat. It's a gathering

spot for car shows, family outings, and after-school stops—a place where memories are made and shared over a delicious meal. In an era when many drive-ins have disappeared, Porky's endures, thanks to its dedication to authentic charm and excellent customer service. With affordable comfort food and a welcoming atmosphere, Porky's offers more than just a meal—it's a trip down memory lane, to a simpler time.

Donita started working alongside her granddad at age 12, washing dishes. "I remember going home with him on Saturday evenings after work. He had such a strong work ethic. He didn't say much, but when he did, you listened—he was so wise," she recalls.

This Saturday, Porky's Drive-In will celebrate its 75th anniversary with a special Cruise-In event from 2-7 pm at 811 Ashland Rd., Mansfield. The celebration will include a DJ, raffle baskets, a 50/50 drawing, cupcakes, and a limited menu with special pricing. All proceeds after expenses will be donated to the Humane Society of Richland County, with a minimum \$10 donation requested. Be sure to visit this one-of-a-kind diner, where the past meets the present, and memories are served up alongside great food.



DONITA BLASBERG holds a picture of her granddad (Paul Blasberg) and Dad (Daniel Blasberg Sr.) She teared up as she spoke about working side-by-side with her dad and granddad and the joy that came from those experiences.

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Photo by Damon Callis

Day Trippin' With Damon – The Mohican Fire Tower is 80-foot tall and was constructed in 1934. At the time it was built, the tower had an average visibility of 10 miles in all directions. This allowed the towerman to keep an eye on approximately 200,000 acres of land.



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By Kim Sterry

ROASTED POTATOES

Ingredients

- Canned Potatoes (enough to cover a large baking pan)
- 1 stick butter (melted)
- 1/4–1/2 cup olive oil
- Fresh rosemary (leave whole sprigs and just add to pan)
- Salt & pepper
- Paprika
- 2 chopped scallions
- 2 slices lemon for decoration

Instructions

Add all the ingredients (except the scallions and lemon) together in a large bowl and stir to combine. Lay out on a large baking pan and roast in a 350 degree oven for 45 min to an hour. Stirring a few times to until potatoes get nice and brown. You want them slightly crispy but not too crunchy. Sprinkle with scallions and add lemon slices before you serve.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Rev. Will Humphrey to speak on “Kindness over Niceness” at 10:30 am on Sunday, Sept. 29. This service will be held off-site. For information visit www.allsoulsuohio.org.

★
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 Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12. For information visit www.awakeshelby.com or call 419-342-4636.

★
Due to the program’s success at the main library, Mansfield Richland County Public Library is expanding its partnership with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank to help fight food insecurity in Richland County. The Butler, Madison, and Plymouth branch locations have joined in offering free Backpack Meals to children 18 and under. Each meal bag will include two breakfast items, two entrees and two snacks. Customers can pick up the shelf-stable meals at the children’s service desks in all four locations beginning at 4:30 pm each Thursday while supplies last. There are no eligibility requirements to receive meals. Visit mrclpl.org for location hours.

★
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 on Oct. 16, and will include roast beef. Dave Shaffer will speak on “Scams on Seniors.”
On Oct. 2, the group will meet for lunch at El Campestre, 1593 W. 4th St., Ontario, at 11 am.
For information visit www.lexasc.org. Dues are \$10 per year.

★
Richland Public Health, in collaboration with Avita, Cleveland Clinic, OhioHealth and Third Street Family Health Services, will present the first ever Free Community Health Day on Friday, Oct. 11 from 9 am to 3 pm in the Richland Public Health parking lot, 555 Lexington Ave., Mansfield. Free and low cost health services will be available including mammograms, vaccines, blood screens and testing, Hepatitis C testing and blood sugar and blood pressure testing. Resources will be available about community programs.

All screenings are on a first come first serve basis. However, mammograms can be scheduled ahead of time to guarantee an appointment. Free transportation is also available to and from the event. To register for a mammogram or a ride, call 419-774-4761 or visit richlandhealth.org/free-day.

Vaccine clinics hosted by agency

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is proud to announce vaccine clinics will be held from 9 am to noon at the following locations:
•Oct. 4 at Hawkins Conference Center, 2131 Park Avenue

West, Ontario
•Oct. 11 at Third Street Family Health Services, 600 W. Third St., Mansfield
•Oct. 18 at Ashland Health & Wellness Center, 309 Arthur St., Ashland

•Oct. 25 at Bucyrus Health & Wellness Center, 2458 Stetzer Rd., Bucyrus

Anyone age 18 and older, and from any county, is welcome to participate in these vaccine clinics. Those interested in participating must register by calling the Third Street Clinic at 419-522-6191. COVID vaccines may vary, confirm their availability at registration.

If transportation is needed, call the Area Agency on Aging/Susan at 567-247-6458 and an appointment can be made. What to bring: A form of ID and your insurance card. You do not need to show proof of citizenship or residency status.

The agency, located in Ontario, provides leadership, collaboration, coordination and services to older adults, people with disabilities, their caregivers and resource networks.

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Johnny Appleseed 250th Birthday Celebration



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Avery Mongold, 17, (Shelby Troop 406) has been scouting in general for 13 years. He loves the program and really enjoys camping and being outdoors with people that enjoy it. With him are David Crundwell, 14, (Troop 121 Saint Peters) and Daniel Craft, 16, (Troop 121 Saint Peters) and in front, Liam Howard, 11, (Troop 121 Saint Peters).



Jay McCoy, 10, from Bucyrus recently got this 20 year old pet snake. It's his favorite animal and he really enjoyed showing him off to everyone at the celebration.

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Emmalyn Miller, 7; Aaliyah Miller, 12; and Isabella Miller, 14, are sisters from Lancaster, OH, traveled a couple hours to see their favorite singer, Lauren Alaina, in concert at the Ashland Fair on Tuesday night, Sept. 17. Emmalyn got to sing "Road Less Traveled" with her on stage last year in Tiffin.



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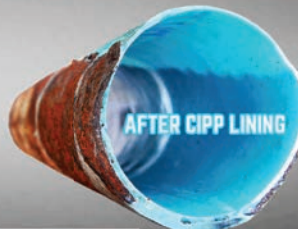
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Ila Christy, 5, of Mansfield was excited to see Lauren Alaina in concert on Tuesday evening at the Ashland County Fair. The concert also featured special guest Emily Ann Roberts.



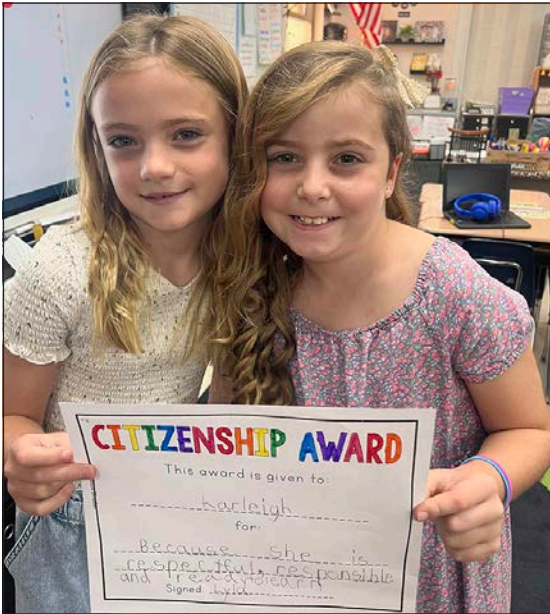
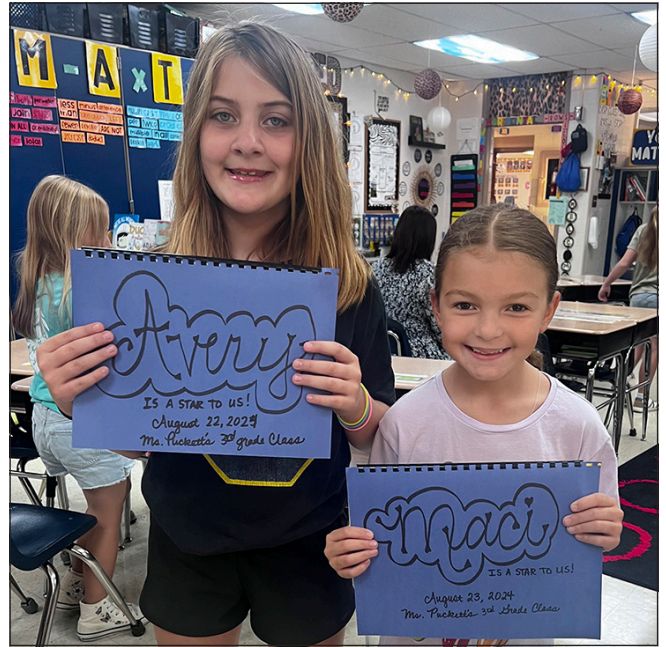
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MS. PUCKETT'S THIRD GRADE CLASS at Ontario finished up a social studies unit by awarding classmates who demonstrate good citizenship skills and the first student of the month. They began by learning more about each star student daily and making a page of what they like or know about them for their book. They've focused on making the right choices even when others are not resulting in over 30 O's already this year (mostly from other teachers noticing them).



AS PART OF HOMECOMING SPIRIT WEEK at Ontario High School, students showed school spirit and dressed in blue and gold on Friday.



Photo By Traci Little

THE JOHNNY APPLESEED SQUARE DANCERS will host two free square dance lessons on Thursdays, Sept. 26 and Oct. 3, from 7-9 pm. Following the free lessons, a ten-week session of square dance lessons will be available beginning Thursday, Oct. 10. Cost is \$30 per person for the ten weekly lessons. Family rates are available. Those attending will learn Western-style square dancing and no dance experience is required. Dress is casual and the class is for singles, couples and families. Lessons are held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 525 W. Cook Rd., Mansfield. For information call Don Karger at 419-545-6564 or visit appleseedsquares.com.

Agency will host Caregiver Appreciation

The Area Agency on Aging, Inc. invites caregivers of all ages to join together Wednesday, Oct. 30, from 10 am to 1:30 pm for a special Caregiver Appreciation event held at 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario. The event is open to caregivers of all ages but loved ones must be age 60 and over. The event is open to grandparents raising grandchildren, who must be 55 years or older.

This free event is designed to honor caregivers and provide them with valuable resources, information, and self-care strategies. The keynote presentation will be given by AccelWELL and will focus on mindfulness and self-care tailored specifically for caregivers.

Attendees will enjoy a complimentary lunch, participate in giveaways, and be treated to fun activities and entertainment provided by Fusion Marketing Group. This is an opportunity for caregivers to relax, connect with others, and feel appreciated for the important role they play in supporting their loved ones.

RSVPs are required and space is limited, we encourage interested caregivers to call and reserve their seats as soon as possible. Call Susan at 567-247-6458 to make a reservation.

Students named to dean's list

Local students have been named to the 2024 Summer Semester Dean's List at Columbus State Community College.

To be named to the list, a student must achieve a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher and be enrolled for six or more credit hours.

Students on the list are Violeta Colon, Digital Design and Graphics, of Mansfield; and Elizabeth Corn and Chandler Spognardi of Ontario.

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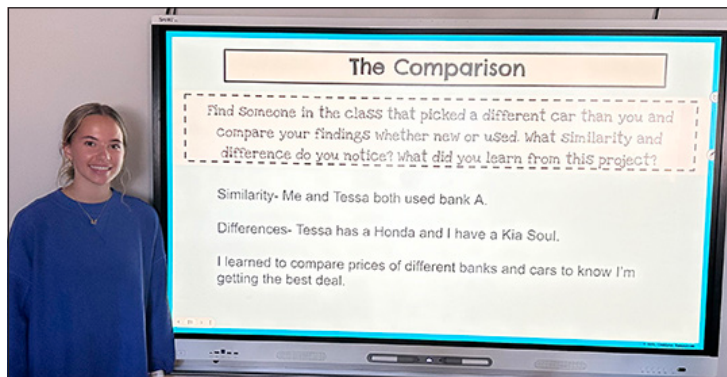
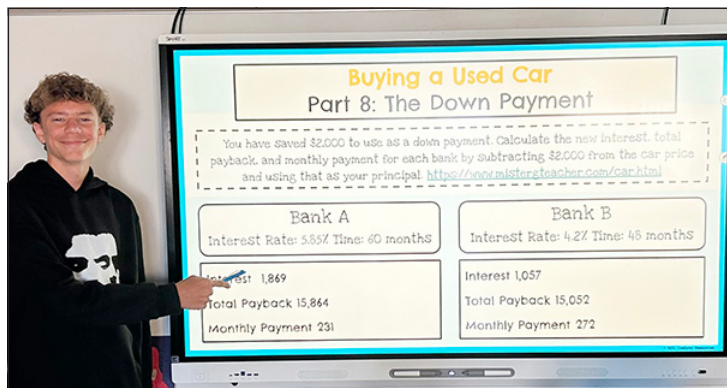
Buckeye ornament workshop is Oct. 8

The next Conservation Creation Arts & Crafts Workshop hosted by Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) is Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 6 pm at Gorman Nature Center, 2295 Lexington Ave., Mansfield.

Those attending will get hands-on with nature at the workshop by making an ornament with Buckeye tree nuts and beads to display from fall through winter.

All workshop materials are provided. The cost is \$12 per person and reservations are requested by Oct. 1.

Visit <https://richlandswcd.net/event/conservation-creation-arts-crafts-workshop-tbd/> or call 419-747-8685 to register for the workshop.



STUDENTS IN BRITTANY RHODES' personal finance class at Ontario High School compared the cost of purchasing a new and used vehicle. They were also given three bank loans with different annual percentage rates and terms, and they had to calculate which one offered them the best deal overall.

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Madison Career-Tech and Ohio Air National Guard collaborate for kick-off

Photos and Article By Traci Little

On Friday, Sept. 20, Madison Comprehensive High School hosted its Ohio National Guard Kickoff event.

The morning began at 8 am in the gymnasium with SkillsUSA junior and senior officers presenting the organization's colors.

Officers from the Army National Guard then led Madison Career-Tech (MCT) students through a series of team-building activities.

"Each year we partner with the Army National Guard for our Career-Tech kickoff," said Jacob Grove, Madison's director of Career-Technical Education. "They provide obstacles and team building challenges and each program is a team competing against each other."

The activities included a variety of challenges designed to develop teamwork and communication skills, such as a driving simulation highlighting the dangers of texting and driving, weight lifting competitions, balancing on wooden beams, inflatable jousting, exploring an Army truck, using enhanced night vision goggles in the field house, stretcher races, and dragging heavy objects. These exercises encouraged students to problem-solve and collaborate with their peers.

One of the stations also provided an opportunity for students to learn about the Army National Guard and explore the career and educational pathways available through enlistment.

MCT program students are enrolled in health technologies, welding, precision machining, carpentry, electrical maintenance, auto tech, culinary arts, cosmetology, business management, cyber security, and early childhood education. The winner this year

was the precision machining program.

"This is a great way to celebrate the commitment that students have agreed to by providing them a day of fun and challenging events. We provide them with a cookout and enjoy the day with each other," said Grove. "This event is also used as a recruitment tool because our pathway courses such as manufacturing technologies and building technologies bring their freshman and sophomore students out to see the festivities and hopefully they are engaged and want to be a part of the event in the years to come."

"I can't say thank you enough to the Army National Guard for their time and commitment to Madison Career-Tech. We genuinely appreciate their partnership as they coordinate several events throughout the year with us with the next one being an MRE (Meal Ready Eat) event with our Culinary Arts program. We appreciate the time and efforts that they take each year to make our event such a success. This year we had over 300 students participate in our CTE kickoff and our hope is that it continues to grow."





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Photo By Amy McFarland

THE CRESTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM took first place at the 55th Annual Bill Brown Invitational held at Ontario's Marshall Park on Saturday, Sept. 21. Leading the team was junior Audrey Wolford coming in fifth place overall with 20:44.42 followed by junior Alina Durbin, sixth (20:54.82); senior Leyna Gerich, seventh (21:13.45); freshman Laynie Kemp, 13th (21:57.52); senior Georgia McFarland, 23rd (22:43.20); senior Mia Humrichouser, 24th (23:01.83); junior Emmie Kemp, 27th (23:13.27); freshman Alexandra Cutlip, 74th (26:25.79); and freshman Emily Pond, 103rd (32:25.12). Pictured are team members Emmie Kemp, Audrey Wolford, Georgia McFarland, Mia Humrichouser, Leyna Gerich, Alina Durbin, Laynie Kemp, Gracie, Alexandra Cutlip and Emily Pond. So far this season, the team has been on a winning streak and placed first six times and second twice. They are coached by Amy McFarland and Stephanie Brockway.

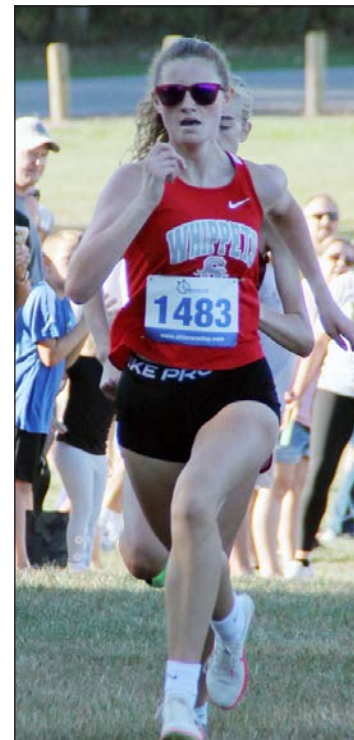


Photo By Jenna Wolford

SHELBY SOPHOMORE Anna Will took second at the Bill Brown Classic with a time of 20:02.04 on Saturday, Sept. 21, at Marshall Park.

Ontario's 55th Bill Brown Invitational

High School Girls

1st, Lydia Price, junior, Marion Harding, 19:12.14
 2nd, Anna Will, sophomore, Shelby, 20:02.04
 3rd, Leah Price, junior, Marion Harding, 20:02.80
 4th, Hope Morris, senior, Upper Sandusky, 20:31.12
 5th, Audrey Wolford, junior, Crestview, 20:44.42
 6th, Alina Durbin, junior, Crestview, 20:54.82
 7th, Leyna Gerich, senior, Crestview, 21:13.45
 8th, Ryann Brinkman, junior, Northmor, 21:16.00
 9th, Emma Montgomery, senior, Shelby, 21:23.87
 10th, Jocelyn Leightey, sophomore, Upper Sandusky, 21:29.20

Team Results: 1st, Crestview, 54; 2nd, Shelby, 70; 3rd, Upper Sandusky, 114; 4th, Northmor, 129; 5th, New London, 155; 6th, Ontario, 157; 7th, Marion Harding, 160; 8th, Ashland, 177; 9th, Triway, 196; and 10th, Pleasant, 216

High School Boys

1st, Joseph Webb, senior, Vermilion, 16:48.15
 2nd, Dean Morrison, senior, Ontario, 16:51.27
 3rd, Xavier Trent, junior, Ontario, 16:52.00
 4th, David Blunk, junior, Northmor, 17:24.91
 5th, Chaden Sampson, senior, Ashland, 17:30.82
 6th, Will Lichtenberger, senior, Pleasant, 17:33.32
 7th, Daniel Grisel, senior, Vermilion, 17:36.26
 8th, Kaden Hilty, sophomore, Triway, 17:40.03
 9th, Carter Hicks, freshman, New London, 17:44.08
 10th, Rylan Baker, junior, Ontario, 17:46.70

Team Results: 1st, Ontario, 64; 2nd, Ashland, 101; 3rd, Upper Sandusky, 114; 4th, Bellevue, 138; 5th, Marion Harding, 165; 6th, New London, 169; 7th, Northmor, 180; 8th, Vermilion, 183; 9th, Triway, 198; and 10th, Pleasant, 227

Middle School Girls

1st, Mia Twedt, Lexington, 12:41.51
 2nd, Jordyn Thauvette, Shelby, 12:43.82
 3rd, Madisyn Ruhe, Pleasant, 12:58.35
 4th, Gabriella Twedt, Lexington, 13:28.96
 5th, Madison Miles, Upper Sandusky, 13:49.22
 6th, Nyra Loy, 13:57.09 Lexington
 7th, Sophie Irving, Triway, 13:57.66
 8th, Melody Smith, Ashland, 14:02.61
 9th, Molly Sapp, Ontario, 14:04.35
 10th, Brynlynn Burgett, Ashland, 14:11.85

Team Results: 1st, Lexington, 36; 2nd, Ashland, 63; 3rd, Shelby, 106; 4th, Upper Sandusky, 111; 5th, Ontario, 118; 6th, Northmor, 135; 7th, Mount Gilead, 139; and 8th, Madison, 238

Middle School Boys

1st, Andrew Gannon, Mount Gilead, 11:06.80
 2nd, Dane Painley, Lexington, 11:33.92
 3rd, Jack Dean, Northmor, 11:34.42
 4th, Austin Metzger, Ashland, 11:50.28
 5th, Mathias Bender, Lexington, 11:50.52
 6th, JayBreese Mack, Lexington, 11:53.11
 7th, Josh Craig, Upper Sandusky, 11:58.20
 8th, Grayson Schroeder, Shelby, 11:58.62
 9th, Jake Frangella, Shelby, 12:02.20
 10th, Alex Simmering, Ontario, 12:14.25

Team Results: 1st, Lexington, 56; 2nd, Ontario, 84; 3rd, Shelby, 93; 4th, Ashland, 101; 5th, Northmor, 111; 6th, Mount Gilead, 127; 7th, New London, 185; 8th, Crestview, 217; 9th, Madison, 220; and 10th, Marion Grant, 243

Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Ontario's 55th Bill Brown Invitational • September 21, 2024



Photos By Jenna Wolford



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THE ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL Boys Team placed first at the 55th Annual Bill Brown Invitational held at Marshall Park in Ontario on Saturday, Sept. 21. Top placers for the team were 2nd place, senior Dean Morrison (16:51.27); 3rd, junior Xavier Trent (16:52.00); 10th, junior Rylan Baker (17:46.70); 22nd, junior Ashton Drozda (18:37.71); 27th, junior Michael Ward (18:55.68); 42nd, freshman Liam Hershberger (19:23.75); 52nd, junior Remington Schroeder (19:36.51); 63rd, junior Jake Seymour (20:30.52); and 74th, senior Gavin Dunn (21:11.42).

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ONTARIO VS MADISON GIRLS SOCCER · SEPT. 17 · PHOTOS BY JEFF HOFFER



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Local football season reaches half way point

By Kris Leiter

Week five of high school football marked the half way point of the season. Half the season is gone in the blink of an eye. It's hard to believe it's week six tomorrow.

Clear Fork comes in at 1-4 (0-2, eighth place, Mid-Ohio Athletic Conference). The Colts may be starting out slow this year going into week six but there are still five weeks left, anything can happen.

The Colts lost to their first two opponents, Sandusky Perkins (Sandusky Bay-Lake Conference) and the Granville Blue Aces (Licking County-Buckeye Conference) who are currently ringing in with an unblemished record of 4-0. Both teams are currently in first place in their respective conference, tough competition for any team.

The Colts were able to notch a win in week three against Lexington of 28-3, holding the Minutemen to a mere field goal. Hats off to the defense! The Colts have been rivals with the Minutemen for some time now, and they say, you never know what can happen with these two teams.

Crestline is now 2-2 (Freelance Conference - Football). Let's give some kudos to our Western most school in Richland County coverage, the Crestline Bulldogs.

Crestline is a member of the Freelance conference during football season, but the Mid-Buckeye Conference for the remaining sports, along with Lucas, Mansfield St. Peters, Mansfield Christian and Central Christian High School. This is because the other schools do not

have a football program, except for Lucas.

A big shoutout to Crestline for notching their first victory in multiple years. The last time the Bulldogs defeated an opponent was Oct. 30, 2020.

Last Friday, the Bulldogs took a bite out of their opponent, Matthews High School 55-12, and if you have never heard of Matthews, they are located in southeastern Ohio.

In recent weeks, The Bulldogs have had some pretty stealthy statistics, as in games totaling over 400 yards of offense, the most in five years. Also in the past few weeks, running back Cian Glennon has had one game with over 200 yards on the ground and tallied three touchdowns.

Let's not forget about Kody Lawhorn, as recently he was 11-of-18 in the air for 201 yards and an incredible four touchdowns. Wide receiver Parker Bowman caught three passes for 130 yards and two touchdowns.

Crestview is 1-4 (1-1 Firelands Conference). The Crestview Cougars handedly shut out the New London Wildcats last week with a score of 67-0!

Kudos to the Cougars and good luck tomorrow as they host conference foe, the South Central Trojans, in the Cougar's homecoming game. Playing with home field advantage should be to their advantage. South Central rings in with an identical 1-4 record, so you never know what will happen between these two rival schools.



Ontario boys golf against Mansfield City and Madison at Twin Lakes Sept. 23.

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MANSFIELD CHRISTAN SCHOOL celebrated soccer seniors on Saturday. The girls soccer team won 2-0 over Highland and the boys tied 2-2 with Highland.



MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL celebrated volleyball seniors Katie Hillman, Ally Shoemaker and Gabriella Barr.

MCS soccer remaining strong

By Kris Leiter

Mansfield Christian coach Jesse Rider couldn't be more proud since returning as boys and girls soccer coach this season.

The Lady Flames are ringing in with a stout 6-0-2 record!

The Flames recently defeated Sandusky and in fine fashion with mighty 10-0 shoutout!

Here is a rundown of the girls stats thus far since Sept. 24.

Goals

- Anna Tucker - 2
- Marlea Rader - 6
- Grace Rader - 5
- Brooklyn Rider - 2
- Erin Hope - 4
- Zoey Leonard - 1
- Layna Chase - 1

- Anna Irwin - 1
- Lydia McFadden - 2
- Reese Bechtler - 3
- Grace Them - 2

Assists

- Grace Rader - 3
- Brooklyn Rider - 5
- Anna Tucker - 2
- Michelle Hope - 2
- Lydia McFadden - 2
- Layna Chase - 2
- Emily Davis - 1
- Grace Them - 1
- Erin Hope - 3
- Marlea Rader - 1
- Zoey Leonard - 1
- Natalie Ricker - 1

Shutouts

- Haven Granter - 2

Saves

- Haven Granter - 37

Ontario High School Homecoming



Ontario High School Homecoming King Dean Morrison and Queen Nissi Powers



The Warriors won against Clear Fork 31-14 on Friday, Sept. 20.





ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL Key Club members helped with the Field of Love and Gratitude event hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Mansfield. Flags were displayed for a week in honor of first responders and as a September 11 memorial. The Kiwanis held a ceremony on September 11 at Hawkins Center, 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL'S homecoming dance was held Saturday, Sept. 21, at the high school.



ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK students under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Murray, led students through the OMS photo shoot, Monday, Sept. 16. It didn't take long for the yearbook students to maneuver their peers through the photo lines and guide them back to their classes.

KCCC students participate in Buckeye Boys State

Knox County Career Center had three students who were nominated and selected to participate in Buckeye Boys State, which is run by the American Legion at Miami University in Oxford, OH.

Cameron McNamara (Precision Machining), Jared Boucher (Sports Medicine & Exercise Science) and Edward Rodriguez (Building Trades) were each selected to participate in Buckeye Boys State this summer. All three arrived at KCCC as sophomores and were in the S.T.A.R.T. program. McNamara has participated in KCCC's Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) for four years, Boucher for three years and Rodriguez for two years.

Ohio's American Legion has held Buckeye Boys State since 1936. The first Buckeye Boys State was held at the Ohio State Fairgrounds with over 440 students. Buckeye Boys State is an eight-day hands-on experience in the operation of the democratic form of government, the organization of political parties, and the relationship of one to the other in shaping Ohio government.

Colonel Chris Salvucci, head of KCCC's AFJROTC, said, "Buckeye Boys State is an incredible opportunity. Roughly 1,000 students attend each year and they provide remarkable training opportunities."

McNamara, Boucher, and Rodriguez each had a specific role during their eight-day experience. McNamara worked in the state building as the Operations Director under the Adjutant general.

Boucher worked under the Adjutant general as well in Disaster Relief. Rodriguez was a part of the City Council and the voting process. The Buckeye Boys State experience was unique and engaging according to these three young men.

McNamara commented, "We had a blast. It was really a neat experience and well put together by the American Legion. We heard from a World War II Veteran one night. It was very patriotic and heart-warming."

He added, "We made a lot of friends during our time together. We still keep in touch with people from Buckeye Boys State."

Boucher found out that the roles in government can be a lot to handle. "Government is hectic. I'm not sure I could work in it. The legal processes are unique," said Boucher.

Rodriguez added, "It was a great experience getting to work with other people and hear their ideas. Everyone was trying to figure out how to do their job."

Major Chris Ballard was a part of the interview team that interviewed McNamara, Boucher, and Rodriguez prior to them being selected for Buckeye Boys State. Major Ballard is a 2001 graduate of East Knox High School and the Knox County Career Center (Carpentry).

Major Ballard was selected to attend Buckeye Boys State in 2000, has served as a counselor and a commissioner, and is now a Buckeye Boys State Board of Trustees member.

"Buckeye Boys State aims to hone leadership skills and provide a government education that these young men are going to use the rest of their lives," said Major Ballard.

Major Ballard added, "Buckeye Boys State is a learn-by-doing program. It's a leadership-building program. It opened my eyes to what could be and opened the opportunity for me with the Army National Guard. It was a life-changing event for me."

McNamara, Boucher, and Rodriguez had various takeaways from their experience that they can apply to their daily lives. McNamara said, "Working with Major Ballard was one of the highlights of my experience. We learned how you have to be ready for anything and be ready to tackle impossible tasks."

"When we worked with the National Guard, Major Ballard kept us busy. He gave us scenarios that we had to figure out and we did a war game. He gave us an almost impossible task—multiple tornadoes in multiple counties. We put a presentation together of how we were going to handle it. We had to give a presentation to our parents about the work we put in to take care of each task."

Boucher commented, "This experience opened me up to talking with people that I really didn't know. That was very helpful."

Rodriguez added, "I learned about communicating with other people and sharing thoughts and ideas. We learned how to work together as a team."

Buckeye Boys State is only open to boys after they have completed their junior year in high school.

McNamara commented, "It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. We were surrounded by really good, smart people. I matured as a person and it helped me develop leadership skills."

For more information on Buckeye Boys State visit www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com.



McNamara, Rodriguez, and Boucher

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The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and other contract documents may be examined at KE McCartney & Associates, 52 North Diamond Street, Mansfield, Ohio 44902 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

In order to be a plan holder of record and eligible to submit a bid, bidders will be required to purchase and download an electronic set of plans and bid documents via the KEM Web Site by visiting <https://kemcartney.com/project-bids/>. All documents become the property of the prospective bidder, with no portion of the payment being refunded.

The project includes the installation of 2,663 LF of 8-inch & 628 LF of 10-inch cured-in-place pipe liner for sanitary sewer mains along with the lining of 27 6-inch diameter sanitary sewer service laterals consisting of approximately 1,629 LF of 6-inch sanitary lateral sewers. The estimated cost of construction is \$300,000.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularity which does not affect the competitive nature of the bidding process or to reject any or all bids. Contract will be awarded based on the lowest and best bid. The City of Ontario may reject any or all bids on any basis and without disclosure of reason. The failure to make such disclosure shall not result in accrual of any right, claim or cause of action by any unsuccessful bidder against the City of Ontario.

Each bid must be accompanied by either an Ohio Revised Code Section 153.571 Bid and Performance Payment Bond in an amount equal to 100% of the bid; or, a cashier's check, bid bond, letter of credit to be duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon, a surety company approved by the Owner in the amount of 10% of the bid.

Each bid must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will, to the extent practicable use Ohio Products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of the Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123, the Governor's Executive Order of 1972, and the Governor's Executive Order 84-9 shall be required.

The Owner intends and requires that this project be completed by May 1, 2025.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Richland County and City of

Ontario, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Wage and Hour Division, 614-644-2239.

First Bid Advertisement: Thursday, September 26, 2024

Second Bid Advertisement: Thursday, October 3, 2024

Bid Opening: Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, OH
(T-C 9-26, 10-3 '24) (91L)

CITY OF ONTARIO CIVIL SERVICE EXAM GENERAL LABORER

The City of Ontario, an Equal Opportunity Employer, currently has an opening for a General Laborer in the Water Department. Duties may require operation of hand and power tools, heavy equipment, capable of lifting 50 pounds or more, working in inclement weather or other unpleasant conditions and call-in on short notice. Applicants must have a valid Ohio driver's license. Overtime is likely. Starting hourly rate is \$20.86 per hour. Position includes an excellent Benefits package.

Applications may be picked up at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, or on line at www.ontarioohio.org; and must be returned to the Municipal Building by noon on October 9, 2024, in a sealed envelope addressed to the Civil Service Commission.

The Civil Service exam for General Laborer will be held Sunday, October 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., in the Community Room at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio. Doors open at 8:30 a.m.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, OH
(T-C 9-26, 10-3 '24) (34L)



Notice is hereby given that i, Tonya Marie Speck (nee' Rogers) lawful daughter, of Ruhl Edward Rogers do hereby claim my father's property(s) Nunc pro tunc, February 25, 2020; All rebuttals sent by affidavit to 1 Mechanics Street, Box 193, Lockbourne, Ohio 43137
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ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY students at Ontario High School are learning about the largest organ, the skin. Students learned about skin injections and tested their skills on an "orange" patient! Oranges are a good practice subject as they don't scream and their tissues feel similar to human skin. Oceanus students are learning about the physical and chemical properties of ocean water. Each student group or individual was given a Vernier probe to hook to their chromebook to test various water samples and share their results. Additionally, some students brought in pond water to observe local plankton under the microscopes.

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