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ONTARIO'S DRUG FREE SENIORS went to Stingel Elementary to greet the students and wish them a great day recently. *See More Photos on Page 8.*

Kinzer wins design contest

The Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development and Destination Mansfield has announced Anthony Kinzer as the winner of the 2024 BrandRichland Design Contest. Kinzer's innovative and dynamic design stood out among numerous entries for its creativity, alignment with BrandRichland's identity and strong visual appeal.

Kinzer, a talented local designer, was awarded a \$1,000 cash prize for his winning design, which will be featured on limited local artist edition BrandRichland merchandise. His design embodies the spirit of Richland County, reflecting the tenacity, innovation, and pride that BrandRichland stands for.

"We're thrilled to have Anthony's design represent BrandRichland," said Lee Tasseff, president of Destination Mansfield. "His work truly captures the essence of our community and will help further unite and promote our county."

Ellen Heinz, President & CEO of the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development, added, "Anthony's design exemplifies the strength and creativity of Richland County. This contest was a great way to engage local talent in the branding initiative, and we look forward to seeing the impact of this new design in our ongoing community development efforts."

BrandRichland was created to unify and promote Richland County, celebrating its communities' resilience and innovative spirit. The BrandRichland merchandise, featuring Kinzer's winning design, will be available soon.

For more information on the BrandRichland initiative or to access the brand guidelines visit www.BrandRichland.com.

Ohio Bird Sanctuary to host Fall Fest

The Ohio Bird Sanctuary, 3774 Orewiler Rd., Mansfield, will host a Fall Family Fest on Oct. 14, from 10 am to 4 pm. This is an annual event to highlight the sanctuary and its trails during the fall season.

Cost is 20 per car and events include Keeper Talks highlighting resident birds of the sanctuary, kids crafts and seasonal activities, a bonfire, a basket raffle, food and games.

Those attending can also explore the trails and the treehouse.

The Great Pumpkin Glow returns to Kingwood Center Gardens

Kingwood Center Gardens will return with The Great Pumpkin Glow Oct. 18–20. Over 1,000 glowing jack-o'-lanterns will light the way through the garden estate, offering guests a festive fall evening.

Included in the display will be a 15-foot mum tree, Scarecrow Row, Greenhouse Glow and the Enchanted Forest. Families can also enjoy a children's carnival, local food trucks, seasonal activities and more. A live DJ will keep the atmosphere lively each night.

The glow runs from 4–9 pm, each night. Advanced timed tickets are required and are available at kingwoodcenter.org.

Ticket pricing includes Kingwood members, \$10 age 13 and older and \$5 children 7–12; and non-member \$12 age 13 and older and \$6 children 7–12. Children under six require an online reservation for free admission.

Parking will be available at the Mansfield Senior High School parking lot, with entry via West Park Blvd. The only guest entrance is through the Kingwood Linden Road gate. Complimentary shuttles, including options for those with accessibility needs, will be available. Be sure to arrive during the half-hour window you select when purchasing tickets.

Community members are invited to visit Kingwood for Community Pumpkin Carving on October 16–17 from noon to 8 pm. Pumpkins will become part of the glowing pumpkin pathway. All materials are provided and carvers receive free admission to the gardens. Please note that participating in the carving does not include admission to The Great Pumpkin Glow event. Separate tickets are required for entry to the glow.

Kingwood Center Gardens will be closed to the public during normal hours Oct. 18–20. Additionally, the gardens will remain closed on Monday, Oct. 21, for post-event cleanup.

For details or to purchase tickets visit kingwoodcenter.org or call 419-522-0211. The glow is an all-weather event; no refunds or exchanges.

Samaritan's Purse responding in six locations across four states after Helene

Hurricane Helene tore a deadly path through the mountains of western North Carolina, dumping extreme rainfall and causing catastrophic flash flooding. Several locations received 20 inches of rain or more over a four-day period. Some towns are in ruins.

There are toppled trees everywhere and roads, bridges and driveways are washed out. Homes and businesses have been destroyed by flooding and landslides. Many homes remain without power or running water.

At sites across North Carolina, volunteers from Samaritan's Purse are doing tree work, mudding out homes, removing debris and tarping roofs. Heavy equipment is being used to clear private driveways and private roads. In some areas, volunteers are also offering water and potable water to the community.

Samaritan's Purse is coordinating helicopter airlifts delivering basic necessities to those in dire straits using. On Oct. 7, a third base opened in the hard-hit town of Burnsville, to include Mitchell and Yancey Counties, also in western North Carolina. The organization is also providing relief in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and eastern Tennessee.

Volunteers are urgently needed in all locations. To see Samaritan's Purse's updated relief efforts and learn how to volunteer or donate visit www.SamaritansPurse.com.

A direct link to donate can be found at https://www.samaritanspurse.org/disaster/hurricane-helene/?utm_source=Bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=m_YYND-B24V&utm_content=HurricaneHelene&utm_term=samaritan%27s%20purse%20international%20relief.



THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

Joaquin Phoenix reprises his Oscar winning performance as the Joker in *Joker: Folie a Deux*.

Again, directed by Todd Phillips, this entry really swings for the fences by making this movie an almost full-blown musical incorporating different songs throughout to make certain plot points.

Arthur Fleck (Phoenix) is serving time for murdering five people at the end of the first Joker film. He meets a fellow inmate named Lee (Lady Gaga). She immediately takes a shine to him as Fleck goes to trial for his crimes and she is along for the ride as his new love interest while trying to help Arthur get set free.

It's difficult to ask an audience who really enjoyed your first entry to come back for a sequel that goes in a completely different direction and not directly advertise it as that. I am personally all about filmmakers and actors taking chances though when there is a built in Batman fanbase, it's hard to ask them to accept a movie full of musical numbers. The only other Batman character is Harvey Dent as the opposing attorney and he is barely in it.

Phoenix and Gaga are great though every time something

major happens or, for example there is a scene in the courtroom where it looks like something major might occur, Arthur and Lee transform into some big musical sequence.

One specifically, he is dressed as the joker, Lee is on the piano and there is a big band in the background. A little of that goes a long way in a movie that does not build upon its predecessor but just spends a great deal of runtime rehashing it and the events in it.

I remember when this movie was first being conceived as a musical and many (including myself) were not thrilled with the idea though wanted to give it a chance.

Joker: Folie a Deux has good performances from Phoenix, Gaga and supporting work from Brendan Gleeson and Catherine Keener. The movie itself is the issue. It lacks a sense of direction, far, far too many musical numbers and limited locations to make the movie seem boring and uninteresting. It's too bad because the filmmakers could have built a whole world and made something great.



Construction projects continue

U.S. 30 westbound, from just east of Lexington Springmill Road to SR 309, continues 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.

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Rt. 181 at the bridge over U.S. 30, between SR 309 and Horning Road, closed in September for two culvert replacements on either side of the bridge. The detour route for eastbound motorists will be SR 181 to SR 61 south to SR 309 east to SR 181, and reverse.

Estimated completion is Friday, Oct. 11, 2024

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SR 13, from Hanley Road to Chilton Ave, will continue short term, single lane closures for resurfacing work.

The inside passing lane is closed northbound and southbound from just north of the I-71 ramp to Chilton Ave. Crews are replacing the median shoulder asphalt in preparation for next season's work.

The contractor is completing the necessary preliminary project work. Traffic will be maintained with barrels and the lane closures will be removed on a daily basis.

Estimated completion for the 2024 construction season is November. The estimated completion of the entire project is May 2027.

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U.S. 30 eastbound, from SR 309 to 5th Ave, will have daily lane closures in the passing lane for catch basin inspections in the median. One 12' lane will be maintained. Estimated completion is October.

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SR 603, from Rome Greenwich Road to Ganges Five Points Road, will have daily lane closures for pavement repairs. One lane of traffic will be maintained by flaggers. Estimated completion is October.

Meet the Candidate Night is Oct. 9

A Meet the Candidate Night will be held Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 5:30-7 pm at the NECIC Community Outreach Center, 486 Springmill St., Mansfield.

Free food and drinks will be provided by JL Catering. This event is free for the public to attend and is supported by REV UP.

Attendees can engage directly with candidates and hear their perspectives on key local issues. North End resident Carol Payton will moderate the event, guiding the discussions.

Participating candidates include Kathy Salem, Ohio Senate 22nd District; Darrell Banks, Richland County Commissioner; Aaron Williams, Richland County Commissioner; Tony Vero, Richland County Commissioner; Chris Adams, Clerk of Courts; Emily Adams, State Representative 79th District; Tim Grady, State Representative 79th District; Marilyn John, State Representative 79th District; Tamie Wilson, U.S. House of Representatives, 4th District; Denis Jackson, Richland County Recorder; and Jodie Schumacher, Richland County Prosecutor.

Attendees with disabilities who need accommodations for the candidate night or for voting can call Aurelio Diaz at 419-522-1611, ext. 117.

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News Briefs

There will be two sessions of the senior citizen luncheon at Madison Comprehensive High School's Ramble Inn, 600 Esley Lane, on Thursday, Oct. 17. The first session will be at 11 am, and the second will be at 12:30 pm. The cost is \$8 per lunch. Reservations must be made by noon on Tuesday, Oct. 15. Call the board office at 419-589-2600, ext. 65001 or email rlyons@madisonrams.net to make a reservation.

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First Congregational Church, 640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield, will host a rummage sale Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 9–4 pm; and Thursday, Oct. 10, from 9 am to noon. There will be reduced prices on Oct. 10. The sale is handicap accessible and an elevator is available.

The church will host a trunk or treat event on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 5–6:30 pm.

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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.

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Oct. 26 and 27. 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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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.

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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 on Oct. 16, and will include roast beef. Dave Shaffer will speak on "Scams on Seniors."

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

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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 Avenue Mansfield. Free and low cost health services will be available. Other services available will include mammograms, vaccines, blood testing and blood pressure testing. Resources will be available about community programs.

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.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Pamela Milligan, founder and executive director of the Furniture Bank of North Central Ohio, to speak on "Restoring comfort and dignity one chair at a time" at 10:30 am on Sunday, Oct. 13. This service will be held off-site. For information visit www.allsoulsuohio.org.

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The American Red Cross provides free smoke detectors for any family that requests them by calling a toll free number at 1-844-207-4509 to schedule an installation appointment.

Red Cross volunteers are greatly needed in Richland County to assist local families dealing with a local fire or disaster (Disaster Action Team Specialist — Richland County) and helping at area blood drives (Blood Drive Ambassador — Richland County). Training is free and volunteer service times are flexible and entirely up to the volunteer. Individuals that could spare around 4–6 hours a month, could make a significant impact in providing these critical Red Cross services in and around our local community. For information visit www.redcross.org/volunteer.

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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.

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Richland Public Health's "Fall Hike for Health" is Saturday, Oct. 12, at Malabar Farm State Park, 4050 Bromfield Rd., Lucas.

Participants can enjoy Ohio's fall colors with a guided 3-mile hike to Ferguson Falls. The hike will include the history of one of Louis Bromfield's stories titled *Murder and Mayhem Up Ferguson Way*, and will include on-site visits of three actual murders and three fictional ones that all occurred in a one-mile stretch of land.

All hikers are encouraged to check in at the visitor's center at Malabar Farm with the guided hike beginning at 9 am, or hike at their own pace between 9 am and noon.

Maps of the walking trails, bug bags for mosquito and tick prevention and snacks and bottled water are provided before and after the hike.

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Medicare Part D information session will be held this Friday in Ontario

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. will host a Medicare Part D Information Session on Friday, Oct. 11, beginning at 10 am at 2131 Park Avenue West, in Ontario in the Hawkins Conference Center.

The event will also be streaming on Facebook Live. Connect through our Facebook Page at [Facebook.com/aaa5ohio/](https://www.facebook.com/aaa5ohio/).

The agency will provide attendees with information about Medicare and the Medicare Part D prescription drug benefits. The Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP) will also be available to answer questions about Medicare. Open enrollment is Oct. 15 through Dec. 7, for all current Medicare enrollees wanting to review their current plan and compare 2025 plans.

All prescription plans and Medicare Advantage Plans can be compared and changed during open enrollment. All new plan changes that are made during Open Enrollment 2024 will go into effect Jan. 1, 2025.

This event is supported by the Administration for Community Living (ACL), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of a financial assistance award with 100 percent funding by ACL/HHS. For information call 1-800-860-5799 or 419-524-4144.



Along Potash Rd., Shafer Basin, Utah • Photo By Mark Shutt

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

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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 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>

G & M Body & Paint Shop

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419-529-2747

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399 Trimble Rd., Mansfield
419-756-7066 • www.mansfield1st.com
Rev. Joseph Yerger
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10 am Sunday Worship
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Mansfield Baptist Temple

752 N. Stewart Rd., Mansfield
419-589-5413 • www.mbt.org
Pastor Rob Kurtz
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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 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
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Milkweed seed pods can be harvested during fall

One sign of fall is the colors on tree leaves beginning to change into hues of red, orange and gold. Another sign of fall is seeing milkweed seed pods starting to dry out in preparation of being harvested.

Milkweed is the only host plant of monarch butterflies, meaning it's the only plant monarch butterflies will lay eggs on and the only plant monarch caterpillars will eat. Milkweed also provides a food source for many other pollinators.

The Monarch butterfly population continues to decline and one of the reasons for their decline, is the lack of milkweed. An easy way to help monarch butterflies is to provide a habitat for them by collecting the seed pods and planting the seeds.

Those who don't have space to plant the seeds can collect the milkweed seed pods and drop them off at Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD). Each year the district partners with the Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative (OPHI) and county citizens to collect Common Milkweed seed pods to help foster habitats for Monarch butterflies.



OPHI spearheads the collection each year and they work to get the word out about why monarch butterflies are disappearing and help partners create monarch habitat. Last year 3,425 gallons of pods were collected state-wide! This came out to 225 pounds after they were cleaned. Since December, OPHI and their partners donated enough milkweed to cover 55.8 acres of Monarch supportive habitat!

Milkweed seed pods can be dropped off by Oct. 31 in the green and yellow container placed outside the Richland SWCD office, 1495 W. Longview Ave., Suite 205 B, Mansfield.

The amount of Common Milkweed Seed pods collected will be capped at 30 gallons due to the time required to remove the seeds from the pods.

If the 30-gallon amount is reached, the bin will be removed and seed pods will no longer be able to be accepted.

During the winter, seeds from this year's milkweed seed pod collection will be removed from the pods to be distributed for planting next year. Those who want free milkweed seeds with planting instructions, may pick them up from the hallway table found outside the Richland SWCD office next spring.

For information about collecting milkweed seed pods or other Richland SWCD programs call 419-747-8685 or visit <https://richlandswcd.net/residential/programs/>.

Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

- Joseph Henry Massa, September 27
- Donna Lee Lowe, September 28
- Josephine Sloan, September 28
- Dolores E Shambre, September 29
- Karen Paige Gumber, September 30
- Grace Dorothy Teeters, October 1

View Full Obituaries at www.dignitymemorial.com

Tips on how to collect common milkweed seed pods:

- Become familiar with common milkweed to avoid harvesting pods from similar plants such as hemp dogbane and swamp milkweed.

- Pods will appear slightly gray, begin to dry and have brown seeds inside. If the center seam of the pod pops with gentle pressure, they can be picked.

- Don't collect pods that are already open, as they might be infested with insects.

- Do not drop off pods that are damp because it can cause mold and damage all the pods collected.

- Please don't rubber band your pods together. They can damage the equipment used to remove the seeds from the pods and we will be held liable.

- Place collected pods inside the bin that will have a large paper bag. Do not keep your pods in the bag you used to bring them in. Instead, please add all common milkweed seed pods collectively in the large paper bag.

- Keep the pods in a cool, dry area until you can deliver them to the Richland SWCD office.

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Many Shades of Pink will celebrate breast cancer survivors

Many Shades of Pink, We ACT, the Cleveland Clinic Cancer Center, Richland County Children Services (RCCS) and Titus 6 will celebrate breast cancer survivors and promote early detection as part of October Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The Many Shades of Pink (MSOP) Breast Cancer Awareness organization was established in 2014 by breast cancer survivor Wahnita Johnson and represents all races and stages of breast cancer.

The Many Shades of Pink Luncheon "Pink Ribbon Warriors" will take place on, Saturday, Oct. 12, from noon to 2 pm at the Area Agency on Aging, 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario. Doors open at 11:30 am and the celebration will begin at noon. There will be a complimentary soup and salad luncheon, featuring the melodic harmonies of The McCruter Family. This event is free and open to the public.

The keynote speaker will be Stacy Mathews, MSN CNP, with the Cleveland Clinic Cancer Center. Also, testimonial speakers Wahnita Johnson, Founder of Many Shades of Pink, Brenda Lawrence and Elder Barry Lawrence, and Pastor Aaron Williams, Maddox Memorial Church of God in Christ. The moderator will be Keisha Allen, Deputy Warden, Richland Correctional Institution, RiCI.

Pink Teddy Bears, made by men incarcerated at Richland Correctional Institution (RiCI), will be given to those in attendance.

Many Shades of Pink will also honor heroes in the fight against breast cancer for their contributions to breast cancer awareness and their dedication to uplifting others in our community. This year's honorees include Lou Whitmire, reporter, *Mansfield News Journal*; In Memory of The Honorable Jeff Payton, Mansfield Municipal Court Judge; Duana Patton, CEO Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging and AAA5; Pastor William H. Jordan and First Lady Sheila Jordan, Faith Temple Church of God in Christ; and In Memory of Cheryn Gray, Shiloh Baptist Church.

The mission is to empower, inspire and help women and those affected by breast cancer through education early detection and support programs. For more information call 567-303-7020.

Savor & Sip planned for Oct. 22

The 8th Annual Savor & Sip Auction and Food Tasting will celebrate all things culinary in the area on Oct. 22, from 5-7:30 pm.

This will be a night of live entertainment, food and auction items. Those attending will sample tastings from food vendors, enjoy live music, bid on silent auction items and more. Tickets are \$30 per person, before Oct. 11).

This event, which will be held at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center, 890 W. Fourth St., Mansfield, is open to Richland Area Chamber members and the general public.

To register call 419-522-3211 or register online at <https://portal.richlandareachamber.com/events/details/savor-and-sip-auction-and-food-tasting-2024-6088>.



STATE REPRESENTATIVE Melanie Miller (R-City of Ashland) toured the southern U.S. Border in Cochise County, AZ, learning how federal policy is affecting illegal immigration.

Miller and Ashland County Delegation tour southern border

State Rep. Melanie Miller (R-Ashland) toured the southern U.S. border in Cochise County, AZ, last week alongside Ashland Mayor Matt Miller and incoming Ashland County Sheriff Kurt Schneider.

The Ashland County delegation met with Cochise County Sheriff Mark Dannels and local law enforcement to gain a firsthand understanding of how federal policy is affecting illegal immigration.

"This tour was an eye-opening experience," said Miller. "You see dozens of stories on the news, but until you are here, it's difficult to grasp the full scale of the crisis caused by our federal border policies."

Along with a briefing on the Cartel's control of the border and efforts to combat human and drug smuggling, the delegation met with local leaders and joined the border enforcement team on patrol.

"Seeing firsthand how easily cartels smuggle people across the border really drives home the severity of the human trafficking crisis. The border is just the starting point of a horrific journey for many victims, and it's clear we need to take stronger action, not just at the border, but here in Ohio, to stop this exploitation and protect vulnerable people."



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20+ VENDORS PARTICIPATING!



Photo by Damon Callis

Day Trippin' With Damon – Rock City, TN, is located atop Look-out Mountain, just six miles from downtown Chattanooga. It features massive ancient rock formations, gardens with over 400 native plant species and “See Seven States” panoramic views. For information visit <https://www.seerockcity.com>.



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By Kim Sterry

BUTTERMILK BISCUITS

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup butter chilled and cut in cubes
- 1/2 cup butter melted
- 3/4 + 2 Tbsp. cups buttermilk
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup honey
- 5 cups flour
- 3 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 cups sugar
- 1 Tbsp. kosher salt

Instructions

Have the chilled butter and the melted butter ready to go. In a bowl combine the buttermilk, sour cream and honey. In a large bowl whisk the sugar and the rest of the dry ingredients. Add the chilled butter and incorporate with your fingers. Add the melted butter and wet ingredients to the bowl with dry ingredients and chilled butter and combine thoroughly. Spray or grease an 8 or inch square baking pan and add biscuit mix. Spread until all the mix is even and pre-cut into 16 biscuits. Bake at 350 for 30-35 minutes, until thoroughly cooked.

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- October 25th, Bucyrus Health & Wellness Center – 2458 Stetzer Rd, Bucyrus, OH

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Madison students participate in Richland County Manufacturing Day

By Traci Little

In partnership with the Richland County Manufacturing Coalition, Madison Comprehensive High School students participated in the Richland County Manufacturing Day tours this year. On Oct. 3, approximately 96 sophomores who previously expressed interest in going on the tours, were taken to visit local manufacturers.

The students had the opportunity to tour several industry partners, including Michael Byrne Mfg, MK Metal Products, Tavens Display, MHS Industrial, Rable Machine, PR Machine Works, Emerson, Jay Industries, and Warren Rupp.

A detailed list of participating students was shared beforehand to ensure that teachers and staff could prepare for the large number of students who would be absent for a significant portion of the day, including lunch. The group departed from the high school at 9:15 am, and returned around 1:30 pm.

Misty Eagle of Jay Industries said, "I impressed with the student's behavior. They were attentive and respectful throughout the tour, showing genuine curiosity about the manufacturing processes we observed. They asked insightful questions and engaged positively with the staff, which contributed to a wonderful learning environment."

"I believe manufacturing tours are extremely valuable for kids. They provide hands-on-learning, are inspirational, provide problem-solving skills and allow for teamwork and collaboration!

It's important that kids get to see firsthand how products are made, which helps them connect what they learn in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) to real-world applications. It's one thing to learn these concepts in a classroom, but seeing them in action makes a lasting impression. Watching the manufacturing process can ignite interest in a variety of careers," said Eagle.

Karen VonStein, Career Tech Assessment Coordinator, hopes to make this a yearly event.

"Our kids did phenomenal! We heard feedback that they were some of the most polite and courteous students that came through all day," said VonStein.

These types of events with the Sophomores give the Madison Career Tech Staff a good working knowledge of their possible future Career Tech students.

Each year after the testing process, around February time, VonStein will hand deliver all the acceptance letters to the students.

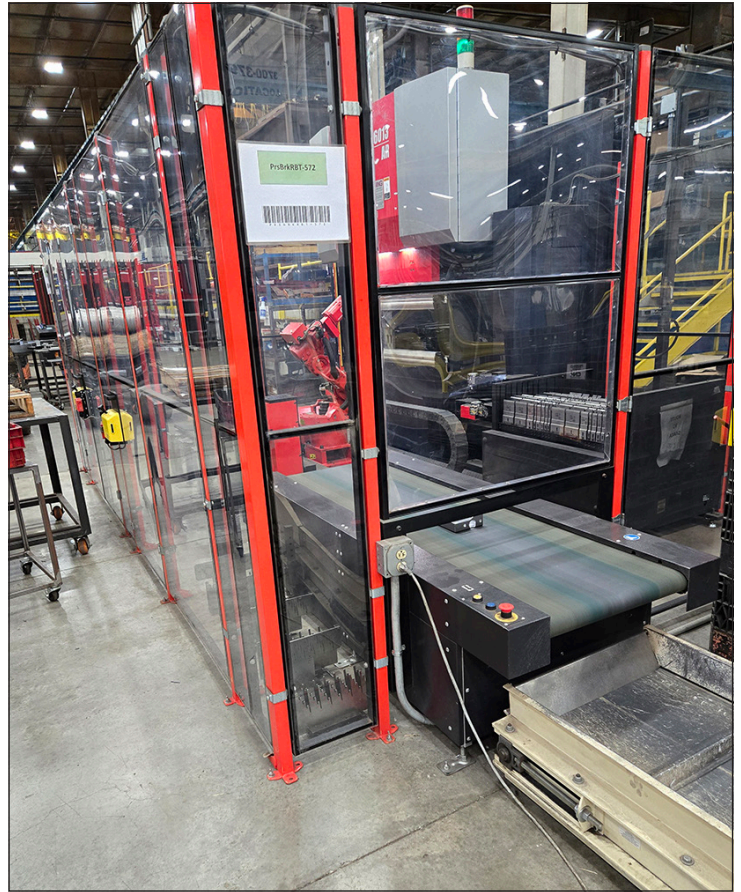
"I want to be the one to look at them face to face, and say, congratulations, you made it into the program. It's a very emotional time that usually initiates tears, hugs and applause."

She likes to describe her role as being the road crew and establishing the map of their future possibilities.

They have to know what they want to do, and what they want to achieve. They have to have the internal spark of ambition and determination, and we help fan that flame and paint the vision that it's possible!

"We've had more students interested in the military than ever! We have one student who scored a 92 on the ASVAB exam. He will be going to the Navy with a \$75,000 signing bonus!"

VonStein looks forward to many more Richland County Manufacturing Day tours in years to come!





THE MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL 2024 Homecoming Court members were chosen. The court includes freshmen Natalie Ricker and Owen Neal; sophomores Lydia Fry and Noah Houston; juniors Lacy DeFrancisco and Isaiah Krause; and seniors Megan Them, Nicole Miller, Sania Jefferson, Nicholas Adams, Evan Hager and Brian Craddolph. Nicole Miller was crowned homecoming queen and Evan Hager was crowned King.

American Red Cross schedules bloodmobiles in Richland County

The American Red Cross continues to work to restock critically needed blood products uncollected due to the ongoing impact of Hurricane Helene's devastation in the Southeast.

To donate visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

All who come to give blood, platelets or plasma 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. For full details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/Treat.

Bloodmobiles are scheduled for:

Thursday, Oct. 10, from 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, 1-6 pm, Crossroads Ontario Campus, 636 Lexington-Springmill Rd., South, Mansfield; and 9 am to 3 pm, TC Energy, 2873 Pleasant Valley Rd., Lucas

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1-6 pm, Planktown Country Market, 1921 Free Rd., Shiloh

Friday, Oct. 18, 10 am to 3 pm, YMCA, 750 Scholl Rd., Mansfield; and 11 am to 5 pm, Resurrection Parish, 2600 Lexington Ave., Lexington

Wednesday, Oct. 23, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Monday, Oct. 28, noon to 6 pm, Richland Mall, Ontario

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 8 am to 1 pm, OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital, 335 Glessner Ave., Mansfield

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

Thursday, Oct. 31, 10 am to 4 pm, OSU Mansfield, NC State - Eisenhower Center, 1760 University Dr., Mansfield

Plymouth FFA hosts fall fundraiser

Submitted by Nicole Beverage, Plymouth FFA Reporter

The Plymouth FFA began its annual fruit and companion sale on Thursday, Oct. 3, and the sale will run until Monday, Nov. 11. Products from the sale will be delivered the week of Dec. 9, and many items make the perfect holiday gifts for those hard to buy for friends and family members. From items to cook the perfect Christmas meals to the perfect stocking stuffers and meat and cheese for trays to adorn the Holiday table, check out the Plymouth FFA Chapter or your local FFA chapter's fall sales.

Items being sold by Plymouth FFA and included in this year's sale include: a variety of oranges, grapefruit, assorted fruit boxes, pears, locally made kettle and caramel corn made by the Rader family, meat sticks from family owned Country Meats, cheese from family owned Pearl Valley in Coshocton County, summer sausage, Ohio Proud D.B. Yummers BBQ sauce, a wide variety of nuts and four of Red Beard Seasoning's most popular seasonings which are made in Willard, Ohio by a proud U.S. Veteran. This year we are also providing the option for supporters to donate towards products to be purchased for the Plymouth-Shiloh Local Food Pantry as yet another way to give back this Holiday Season.

The funds raised from this fundraiser will go towards career and leadership development trips, conferences, conventions, and other activities for students to participate in throughout the year. The fundraiser also helps to pay for gifts to reward members for their hard work.

If you would like to order any products contact a Plymouth FFA member or call 419-687-8200 or 419-747-8179 ext 22107 to speak to our Agricultural Educator, Laura Ringler. Thank you in advance for your support of agricultural education and your local FFA chapters!

The Plymouth FFA Order form and brochure can be found at the links below and downloaded and printed at home.

Orders and payment can be mailed (Checks payable to Plymouth H.S.) or dropped off in-person to the Plymouth High School office, 400 Trux St., Plymouth, OH 44865.

Order Form: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VCVqZwG-03Cv0hQsJIH_KyC5hTokT6uAbRZcVQ8-e71c/edit?usp=sharing

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Vaccine clinics hosted by agency

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. has announced that vaccine clinics will be held from 9 am to noon at the following locations:

- 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 Area Agency on Aging realizes it is critical to ensure equity and access to Ohioans who might not otherwise have a chance to get vaccinated, whether their barrier is transportation, location, mobility, or access to care and education about the vaccine.

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is located in Ontario.

Payment assistance programs available

As the winter heating season begins, Columbia Gas of Ohio reminds customers they can receive help paying their utility bills through the 2024-'25 Special Reconnect Order (SRO) and Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). Columbia also offers payment plans to make home energy costs more manageable and predictable.

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) has announced that between Oct. 14, 2024, and April 18, 2025, customers can take advantage of the SRO. Customers who are facing shutoff or who have already been shut off can contact Columbia to avoid disconnection or reconnect service for just \$175. Customers in need of reconnection must pay an additional reconnection fee, and customers who use the SRO must establish a payment plan for their outstanding balance.

HEAP, federally funded and administered through the Ohio Department of Development, is a one-time benefit applied directly to customers' utility bills. Customers eligible for HEAP must have a household income at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. Customers can take advantage of HEAP through their local community action agency < <https://development.ohio.gov/individual/energy-assistance/energy-assistance-providers> > .

Columbia also offers a variety of payment plans < <https://www.columbiagasohio.com/bills-and-payments/financial-support/payment-plans> > for all customers. Payment plans make utility bills more manageable and can help customers anticipate and budget for their utility bill.

For information on payment plans or bill payment assistance programs call Columbia Gas at 1-800-344-4077.



STUDENTS IN ANNALEE STOVER'S eighth grade math classes kicked off the second chapter by trying out a new activity by trying to connect math terms, pictures and standards with critical thinking by creating hexagonal puzzles in which terms could be connected with up to six other terms. Each group worked together to form what they thought were the best connections and even added four of their own ideas with blank hexagons. Then groups did a gallery walk to check out what other groups did and used post it notes to offer positive feedback and also ideas to improve their puzzles for the next time at the end of the unit.



TONYA WELCH'S Biology students at Ontario studied the movement of water across a cell membrane with a gummy bear osmosis lab.

Richland Academy of the Arts brings back Haunted Academy

Richland Academy of the Arts (RAA) has announced the return of Haunted Academy on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 3-6 pm. This fun-filled, family-friendly event offers all the thrills of Halloween without the fright, providing a festive atmosphere for all ages.

The historic academy will be transformed into a creatively designed space where guests can explore themed rooms, enjoy arts-related activities and experience the Halloween spirit.

"We're thrilled to bring back Haunted Academy this year. It's a chance for families to celebrate Halloween while experiencing the magic of the arts," said Sheri Hughes, RAA's assistant director and director of community schools

Tickets are \$5 per person, with a family pack of four tickets available for \$15. Additional tickets with the Family Pack are \$3 each, and children ages 2 and under are free. All tickets can be purchased upon arrival, with proceeds benefiting the RAA Theater Department.

Costumes are encouraged, so come dressed according to the family-friendly spirit! For more information, please contact Richland Academy of the Arts at 419-522-8224.

Founded in 1991, the academy of the Arts is located on the corner of 4th Street and Walnut St., Mansfield.

Renaissance Theatre will host Teddy Bear concert October 26

The Renaissance Theatre will host the first of its three Teddy Bear Concerts of the 2024-'25 Mechanics Bank Education Series on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 2:30 pm. "The Spooky Old House" concert will be held in the Community Room at the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library's Main Location, located at 43 W. Third St., in Downtown Mansfield.

Considered an annual fall family tradition, the performance titled "The Spooky Old House" features a humorous Halloween story, brought to life by artistic director Michael Thomas in an engaging musical adaptation that features audience participation, interactive storytelling with local actors, and live musicians from the Mansfield Symphony.

With audience members sitting alongside the performers and geared to children ages 2 through 10, each Teddy Bear concert offers an interactive element as well as a relaxed environment. Small audience sizes, lights up, and low sound levels, allow audience members with autism and other sensory-sensitivities to be accommodated at this performance.

An important part of the Ren's educational and family programming, Teddy Bear concerts are set up to allow children an up-close experience with symphonic instruments, live acting, and basic musical concepts. To provide the most engaging performance possible, the Teddy Bear series can accommodate a limited number of concert-goers and their favorite teddy bears, so seats fill quickly.

Tickets are just \$5 for "The Spooky Old House," thanks to additional generous support from Nationwide Children's, The Ohio Arts Council, and from Sharon Granter, in memory of her late husband, Don. To purchase tickets, visit the Renaissance Theatre website at www.rentickets.org or stop by the box office at 138 Park Avenue West, Mansfield. For inquiries, call 419-522-2726.



LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL has announced the 2024 Homecoming Top 10. These ladies were voted on by their senior class members to represent the Class of 2024. Court members are Alexa B., Makaree C., Rylee F., Moriah L., Gracie M., Ellie M., Natalie S., Emily T., Ruthie T. and Savannah W. Chosen as queen was Savannah W.

Madison will host fall musical

Madison Music Department will perform *Annie Jr.* during two weekends, Friday and Saturday Nov. 1 and 2 at 7 pm and Friday and Saturday Nov. 8 and 9 at 7 pm and Sunday, Nov. 10 at 2:30 pm.

All shows will be held at Madison Middle School, 1419 Grace St. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors and can be purchased at the door before the show or at the high school through the cashier during school hours.

Based on the popular comic strip, and adapted from the Tony Award-winners Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse and Martin Char-nin, *Annie Jr.* tells the story of a spunky depression-era orphan determined to find her parents.

"Annie is a heartwarming show with an important message about the true nature of family," said Drew Cohen, president of Musical Theatre International. "In the show, we see how a plucky little girl transforms her entire life by making the most out of every moment. MTI would like to applaud the students from Madison for all their hard work on their production."

Annie Jr. follows the story of an orphan named Annie living a "hard-knock life" at The New York City Municipal Orphanage run by the cruel Miss Hannigan.


Annie dreams of being reunited with her parents and takes action to find them. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations, befriends President Franklin Roosevelt and finds a new family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary Grace Farrell and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

Rounding out the cast are Bri Studer in the title role of Annie, Sophia Parsons as Miss Hannigan, Brandi Bowles as Grace Ferrell, Drake Ramey playing Rooster with Audrey Ward as his side-kick Lily St. Regis.

Gage Workman will be portraying Daddy Warbucks while Livia Foote, Mackenzie Wynn, Harmony Moses, Kennadi Knipp, Nakiyah Johnson, Ashley Anschutz, Loren Carmel, Emily Jones, Lacy Jessee, Milla Wertz and Tori Smith make up the orphans.

Other cast members who will portray servants and New Yorkers are Amerah Hapin, Gaby Vega-Wieland, Kristian Stoots, Kelsie Harry, Courtney Cyrus, Roman Hipfl, Liz Rine, Jerryd Hartman, Piper Donahue, Ash Gusta, Sydney Phillips, Carson Tatum, Beckham White, Liza Semer, Alaina Ash and Neveaeh Lawhun.

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Local football teams enter week eight

By Kris Leiter

Local teams wrapped up week 7 (week 6 computer points) last Friday, and move into week 8 tomorrow, which is still hard to believe. Let us take a look at the latest computer rankings for our area football teams.

Division IV – Region 14

1. Sandusky Perkins (6-0) 16.7333
2. Ontario (6-0) 13.5
3. Shelby (6-0) 12.1833
4. Lorain Clearview (5-0) 10.9556
5. Caledonia River Valley (4-2) 9.0333
6. Vermilion (5-1) 7.8333,
7. Clyde (4-2) 7.4333
8. Tontogany Otsego (4-2) 6.9667
9. Lodi Cloverleaf (4-2) 6.649
10. Bay Village Bay (3-3) 6.3333

Ontario Warriors

7-0 (4-0, First, Mid-Ohio Athletic Conference)

The Warriors are still on the warpath with a 7-0 season! 4-0 in the MOAC! They move up to the second spot with 13.5 points this week, from the 3-spot last week with 10.15 points! They are chomping for that first place spot!

The Warriors will take on the Marion Harding Presidents in Ontario at Copeland Field tomorrow!

Shelby Whippets

7-0 (4-0, first place, Mid-Ohio Athletic Conference)

The mighty Whippets of Shelby continue to blaze a trail of victories and put a huge dent in the River Valley Vikings helmet last week quite handily at the beautiful Whippet Athletic complex by a score of 55-21.

The Whippets are still in fine standing in the computer rankings as of week 6, (October 1) with 12.1833 points, but drop one notch from last week, from second to third place, due to Shelby's friendly foe, the Ontario Warriors. Ontario now takes the number two spot in the points standing and also notched a win on the warpath over Marion Pleasant at Copeland Field in Ontario 35-14 last Friday.

Don't forget to circle Oct. 18, as the mighty Warriors and Whippets will once again go head-to-head on the gridiron in Shelby! Last year, this game was a nail biter in Ontario, with the Warriors pulling out the victory with a field goal in the last few seconds of the game.

The way these two teams have been playing this year, I am sure you will not be disappointed! Let's not forget both teams went to the post-season playoffs last year as well!

Clear Fork Colts

1-6 (0-4, eighth place, Mid-Ohio Athletic Conference)

Kudos to the Colts last Friday, for kicking up the dirt on the road against the Marion Harding Presidents 14-13, as they brought back the win for the Colt faithful fans!

That definitely helps in the computer points as go from 2.3 last week to now 2.66 points. That puts the Colts still in the 20 slot with three weeks remaining. There is only one point separating them from sixteenth place, so stay tuned, anything can happen!

Division VII – Region 25

1. Berlin Center Western Reserve (6-0) 11.85
2. Jeromesville Hillsdale (6-0) 10.3833
3. Monroeville (6-0) 9.6333
4. Malvern (5-1) 8.5833
5. Warren John F. Kennedy (5-1) 8.4
6. Windham (6-0) 6.3197
7. Cuyahoga Hts. (2-3) 5.8
8. Lowellville (4-2) 5.3106
9. McDonald (4-2) 4.9899
10. Crestline (4-2) 4.7801

Crestline Bulldogs

3-3 (0-0, fourteenth place, Freelance Conference)

The Bulldogs fell to St. Thomas Aquinas last week 14-6. That drops them from the 9 slot to number 10 in the points rankings, but still gained a point from last week's 3.6735 to 4.7801 this week and are still within the top 16 teams for this year's expansion of the top 16 teams in each region advancing to the post-season playoffs.

Even though they are currently .500 in their standings, they are having a good season thus far.

The Bulldogs go on the road again (sounds like a Willie Nelson song) to take on the Hardin Northern Polar Bears, located in Hardin County, approximately 45 minutes south of Findlay.

Lucas Cubs

3-4 (0-0, fourteenth, Mid-Buckeye Conference)

The Lucas Cubs fell to defeat at home against the Amanda Clearcreek Aces by 24-6 at Bob Wine field.

The Cubs fall three spots from the 8-spot last week with 3.811 points to number 11 with 3.3611. The Cubs did not lose many points, considering the Aces were a tougher opponent.

The Cubs will be at home, hosing the North Central High School Pioneers this Friday in Lucas at Bob Wine Field. North Central is located in Pioneer, Ohio which is located in the northwestern part of Ohio, just north of the I-90 turnpike, just under three hours from Lucas.

Division VI – Region 22

1. Bascom Hopewell-Loudon (6-0) 11.2667
2. Huron (5-1) 8.6
3. Bluffton (6-0) 8.3833
4. Tol. Ottawa Hills (5-1) 7.6237
5. Hamler Patrick Henry (5-1) 6.5833
6. Collins Western Reserve (5-1) 6.2
7. Attica Seneca East (4-2) 5.6833
8. Sherwood Fairview (4-2) 5.6667
9. Spencerville (3-3) 5.2833
10. Defiance Tinora (3-3) 5.1667

Crestview Cougars

3-4 (3-1, Seconds place, Firelands Conference)

Our Beloved Crestview Cougars are currently sitting in the 19 slot with 2.3611 points. This is the first time I have seen them emerge into the polls this year, so I wasn't able to give you an update last week.

The Cougars are on fire, with three big wins, and I mean huge wins! They have been roaring the past three weeks, starting on September 20 with a shutout against New London 67-0.

The following week, Sept. 27, another BIG victory of 47-6 against Firelands conference foe, the South Central Trojans.

Last week, to round out the trifecta of wins, October 4, again shutting out another Firelands foe, the Plymouth Big Red of 34-0!

The Cougars are on the road this Friday, against Norwalk St. Paul, and with identical records of 3-4, who knows what can happen.

Division III – Region 10

1. Tol. Central Cath. (5-1) 13.3943
2. Rocky River (5-1) 11.5833
3. Medina Buckeye (5-1) 10.7833
4. Cle. Benedictine (4-2) 10.6692
5. Grafton Midview (4-2) 7.6
6. Richfield Revere (4-2) 7.5667
7. Defiance (4-2) 7.25
8. Parma Padua Franciscan (4-2) 6.55
9. Maumee (4-2) 6.0833
10. Norwalk (2-4) 4.7667

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Local football teams enter week eight

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Lexington Minutemen

4-3 (3-0, second, Ohio Cardinal Conference)

The Minutemen of Lexington marched home last week with another win for the infantry. They defeated OCC conference foe, the West Holmes Knights 19-13.

That puts Big Lex at 4-3 and went from sixteenth place last week, to thirteenth place this week in the OHSAA computer polls. They gained over one point from last week of 2.95. to this this week 4.0167.

Lexington has been marching in unison with the muskets poised and ready, as they have won their last four games.

The Minutemen will prep for another march tomorrow, as they go on the road to visit the Quakers of New Philadelphia, who are also a fairly new member in the OCC.

If you get a chance to attend the game, I would highly recommend it, as the Quaker's football stadium, also known as Woody Hayes Stadium is quite the venue and nestled in beautiful Tuscarawas county.

Mansfield Senior Tygers

0-7 (0-0, eighth, Ohio Cardinal Conference)

The TYGers of Mansfield fell to defeat last week to Ashland 35-3 on the road at Arrow Stadium in Ashland.

The TYGers are currently in nineteenth place with 2.4667 points this week, from last week in eighteenth place with 2.3 computer points. They are only two spots from the 16 slot and with three weeks left, you never know what can happen.

This Friday, the TYgers will host the Wooster Generals at Arlin Field. The Generals, also a member of the OCC are currently at 1-7.

Well, that wraps up another great week of high school gridiron action and with three weeks remaining, and the top 16 teams in region advancing into post-season action, who knows where your team may end up?

In the coming weeks, we will also focus on a special interview. A good friend of mine, Todd Baird of Shelby. Todd, who still wears the white hat of a high school referee after 31 years and will lend us insight into the world of high school officiating, you will not want to miss it.



Photo By Jenna Wolford

THE CRESVTIEW HIGH SCHOOL girls cross country team took first place in the 5K race at the Dan Olien Cross Country Invitational at New London Reservoir Park on Oct. 5. The team's points totaled 20 points, 56 ahead of runner-up St. Paul. Leading the Cougars was junior Alina Durbin, taking first with 19:51.30, followed by junior Audrey Wolford, fourth (21:11.41); freshman Laynie Kemp, fifth (21:11.71); senior Leyna Gerich, sixth (21:11.76); junior Emmie Kemp, 11th, (21:56.34); senior Mia Humrichouser, 12th (21:57.45); Gracie Gallaway, 15th (22:10.48); and senior Georgia McFarland, 25th, (23:25.36). Freshman Emily Pond ran the 2 mile race and finished 51st with 18:55.67. Pictured are Alexandra Cutlip, Audrey Wolford, Emmie Kemp, Laynie Kemp, Alina Durbin, Leyna Gerich, Mia Humrichouser and Gracie Gallaway. Senior Cooper Brockway placed third in the 2 mile race with 10.44.27. Top placers for the high school 5K were freshman Isaac McFarland, 15th (18:12.53) and Wyatt Love, 19th (18:27.59). Middle school boys top placers were Isaac Smith, fifth, (12:31.62) and Wyatt Turchan, 20th (13:24.36). The Crestview Teams will run at the Firelands Conference meet at Plymouth this Saturday.

Columbia Gas provides cost-saving tips for Energy Efficiency Day

October 2 marked National Energy Efficiency Day, and Columbia Gas of Ohio is reminding customers that small changes around their homes can result in energy savings during the colder months ahead.

1. Maintain your furnace: Schedule an annual furnace tune-up, ideally before the first cold weather arrives. A licensed HVAC technician can make sure the furnace is clean and safe before its season-long workout. Remember to change filters.

2. Adjust the thermostat: Save energy on cooler days by setting the thermostat to around 68 degrees during the day and lower while asleep or away. Smart and programmable thermostats can help you schedule temperature adjustments. Leave your curtains and blinds open on sunny days to use natural light as a source of heat.

3. Save on water: Do not set your water heater temperature higher than 120 degrees to help save energy and avoid scalding. When using the dishwasher, opt for the short cycle and turn off the drying cycle when possible.

4. Seal cracks and leaks: Fixing leaks around the house can reduce energy expenses by five to 30 percent. Spending a day caulking or weatherstripping your windows and doors will help seal air leaks, which may be significant energy drains.

5. Buy ENERGY STAR(r) products when purchasing new appliances. These products have been certified as high-efficiency and low-energy, consuming up to 65 percent less energy.

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The Village of Lexington Water / Sewer Department will be hiring one full-time Laborer to assist with maintenance responsibilities. Workers will perform a wide variety of tasks including, but not limited to, general water system maintenance, meter replacement, water main repairs, hydrant maintenance, mowing grass, trimming grass, and operating commercial and light duty trucks and equipment. CDL preferred, but not required to apply. Water and/or Sewer License are preferred, but not required. Hours of work can vary and may include weekends and holidays. Benefit package included. All applications to be submitted to the Administrative Director's Office at Village Hall no later than 4:00p.m. on October 14, 2024.

Peter L. Them
Administrative Director
Village of Lexington, OH
(T-C 10-3, 10 '24) (25L)

LEGAL NOTICE

The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their special meeting held on October 2, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24-13 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuer
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, OH
(T-C 10-10, 17 '24) (26L)



PREMIER BANK recently donated a check to Bounce Innovation Hub for \$15,000. The funds will be used to support Bounce Innovation Hub's entrepreneurial programming. Pictured are front, Jessica Sublett, Chief Executive Officer, Bounce Innovation Hub, Steve Hendricks, EVP, Northcentral Market President, Premier Bank, Nicole Miller, VP, Retail District Manager, Premier Bank, Kristi James, Commercial Banking Assistant, Premier Bank, Rose Saborse, Director, Community & Partnerships, Bounce Innovation Hub, Tara Silva, SVP, Commercial Banker, Premier Bank and Jennifer Bidlingmyer, SVP, Treasury Management Sales Director, Premier Bank; middle, Tammy Altmayer, VP, Private Banker, Premier Bank, Michele Delgross, VP, Treasury Management Sales Manager, Premier Bank, Becky Westover, VP, Commercial Loan Operations Manager, Premier Bank, Kyowa Pegues, VP, Community Development Officer, Premier Bank and Brian Mariotti, VP, Commercial Banker, Premier Bank; and back, Matt Leuenberger, SVP, Commercial Banking Manager, Premier Bank, Richard Dempsey, VP, Private Banker, Premier Bank, Dan Culp, SVP, Commercial Banker, Premier Bank, Scott Beck, Area Sales Manager, Premier Bank, Dave DiBello, Business Banking LO, Premier Bank, Brandon Dauer, VP, Commercial Banker, Premier Bank and Mike Badzik, AVP, Commercial Banker, Premier Bank.

Premier Bank donates to Bounce Innovation Hub

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"Bounce Innovation Hub's entrepreneurial programming supports, coaches and educates a diverse community of entrepreneurs through robust, affordable educational offerings. Included are programs that support both small businesses and high-growth potential technology startup companies," explained

Jessica Sublett, CEO, Bounce Innovation Hub. "The support of our community partners like Premier Bank enables Bounce to lead and convene the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Greater Akron."

"We are proud to support Bounce Innovation Hub as they work to provide connections, resources and expertise to build a vibrant community," said Trish Gelsomino, Foundation Giving Coordinator, Premier Bank. "Together we can spread kindness and make the Greater Akron community stronger!"

For more information regarding Bounce Innovation Hub, please call 330.785.7403 or visit BounceHub.org.*

Premier Bank, headquartered in Youngstown, OH, operates 73 branches and nine loan offices in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Pennsylvania and also serves clients through a team of wealth professionals dedicated to each community banking branch. The holding company for Premier Bank is Premier Financial Corp. (Nasdaq: PFC), headquartered in Defiance, Ohio.

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