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ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL celebrated Veterans Day with a breakfast to honor local veterans. Both the show choir and jazz band performed. (See More Photos on Page 10)

Richland County businesses join together for Small Business Saturday on November 30

Richland County area businesses will again participate in the Small Business Saturday Prize Program organized by the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development and their partners. The event highlights locally-owned small businesses and will feature two simple ways for shoppers to win prizes.

On Nov. 30, shoppers are invited to visit participating local small businesses in the Richland County area and enter their prize drawing. Participating stores are offering prizes that vary from \$25 to \$200. No purchase is required to enter.

While there, shoppers can also enter a countywide grand prize contest for \$100 worth of prizes. To enter this prize drawing, shoppers simply complete an online prize form by scanning a QR code with their cell phone.

The QR code can be found on the flyer posted in each participating store.

Five winners will be selected for a total of \$500 in prizes. One prize entry per store will be permitted, with a maximum of six total entries from the participating store list.

Participating stores can be found at <https://portal.richlandareachamber.com/events/details/small-business-saturday-2024-6174>

This event is supported by Medical Mutual and is being held in conjunction with the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development, Shelby Area Business Group, Be Focal Buy Local, Downtown Mansfield and The Clear Fork Valley Chamber of Commerce.

For more information on Small Business Saturday contact Jennifer Wagner at 419-522-3211.

Richland Gives now underway

Now through Dec. 3, the community will come together for Richland Gives, a special opportunity to support local nonprofits working to transform Richland County.

Richland County Foundation is celebrating the 10th anniversary of Richland Gives, which is designed to encourage people to contribute to local nonprofits through a single giving website. The foundation hosts the campaign to build capacity, grow philanthropy and make the community stronger. It allows local organizations to raise funds and awareness as well as cultivate new donors and reinvigorate lapsed donors.

The foundation will award \$80,000 in grants as prize incentives during the giving event.

Visit richlandgives.org to donate and support local organizations.

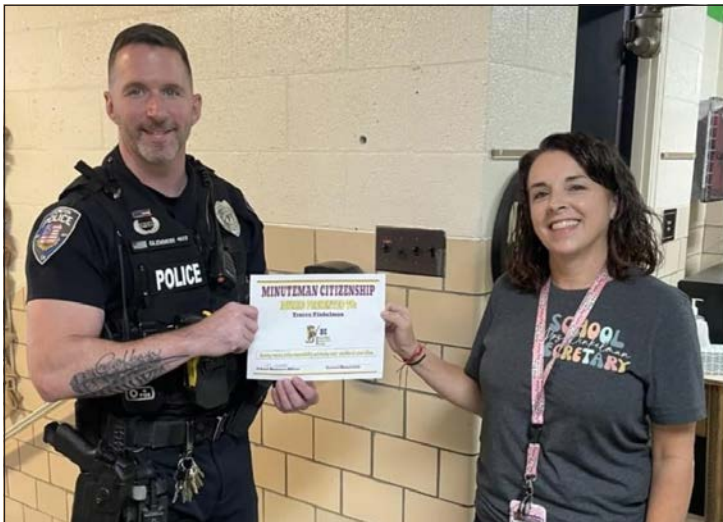
SHOP SMALL and WIN



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Visit the event calendar at richlandareachamber.com for 70+ participating local small businesses.



LEXINGTON'S Mrs. Pinkelman received the Minuteman Citizenship Award from Officer Glennon. This award honors staff and students who show kindness and integrity and who make positive, safe choices while promoting school safety and positive citizenship across Lexington Local Schools.

Nominations accepted for leadership, economic awards

The Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development is accepting nominations for the 2025 ATHENA Leadership Award and the RCDG Economic Excellence Awards. Winners will be announced and honored at the Chamber's Evening of Excellence Annual Meeting and Dinner in February.

One outstanding woman in the community will be honored with the ATHENA Leadership Award, sponsored by Park National Bank. The Richland Area Chamber became the new home for the ATHENA Leadership Award in 2016. It was previously awarded through the TWIN (A Tribute to Women & Industry) Committee in Richland County since 1989. A panel of past ATHENA Award recipients reviews the nominations, which are due Jan. 10.

The Chamber will also honor Economic Excellence Awards winners. The RCDG Economic Excellence Awards are an opportunity to highlight a business, individual, or organization that has significantly impacted the growth and development of the local economy. Economic Excellence Award nominations are due January 17, 2025.

Nominations for these awards can be submitted at <https://richlandareachamber.com>.

The annual meeting will be held on Feb. 12, at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center, starting with cocktail hour at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner and awards at 6:30 pm.

Early bird ticket price is \$50 through Jan. 31. Call 419- 522-3211 or visit www.RichlandAreaChamber.com for more information or to learn about sponsorship packages.

THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

Actor Jesse Eisenberg turns to the writer and director's chairs of the new movie *A Real Pain*.

Cousins David (Eisenberg) and Benji (Kieran Culkin) go on a trip to Poland funded by their late grandmother so they can visit where she lived.

They travel with a small group who are on a more tourist led trip of Poland as they visit everything from war memorials to Holocaust sites.

Eisenberg and Culkin are great together and very convincing in these roles. Culkin has been getting some early supporting actor Oscar consideration and it is obvious why. He is great in this role experiencing a range of emotions from excitement, intense sadness, exasperation and even inappropriate behavior at times.

David is the grounded one with a wife and child who wants to forge a better relationship with his cousin but also identifies his troubles and personality issues.

A Real Pain never becomes more than a one time watch for me. As great as the two leads are, the plot never really takes off and stays in more familiar territory.

Eisenberg does a good job in the director's chair getting some great shots of Poland and keeping the audience at least engaged for the runtime.

Culkin has been showing just what a great actor he is from his terrific turn on HBO's *Succession* which won him a prime-time Emmy award.

At a quick 90 minutes, *A Real Pain* never overstays its welcome and with two great lead performances and decent script, this is enough to recommend if in the mood for something a little different and more thought provoking with two great lead performances, especially Culkin.



FRIENDS OF THE GALION PUBLIC LIBRARY will once again sell bundles of themed books. Denise Iden-Koffel, president of the organization, said "Our organization pretty much lives in a world of collecting and offering used books year-round, and we realized years ago that the holidays are the perfect time to offer bundles of gently used books with favorite subjects like romance, Westerns, cookbooks, various hobbies, religion and whodunnits." The book bundles are neatly ribboned together and ready for a stocking or a place under the tree and are offered by donation at the Galion Public Library's main floor reference table from Nov. 25 through Jan. 3. Call Denise Iden-Koffel at 419-366-5740 for more information. Pictured, three volunteers create holiday book bundles.

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News Briefs

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. monthly corporate board meeting will be held on Dec. 11, at 2 pm at 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario. For additional information contact Susie Danuloff at sdanuloff@aaa5ohio.org or 567-247-7105.

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A free Shelby community meal will be held at Awake Church, 3616 St. Rt. 39, Shelby, on Thursday, Dec. 12, from 6-7 pm. 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 Dec. 18 and will be the Christmas luncheon. Ontario High School will provide entertainment.

The group will also gather for lunch at Reindeer Grill, 10 S. Park St., Mansfield, Dec. 4, at 11 am.

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

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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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Christmas Time in the City will be held at Richland Carrousel Park in downtown Mansfield Friday, Dec. 6, from 5:30-8:30 pm. A tree lighting will be held at 6 pm. There will be caroling, photos with Santa and live reindeer.

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Nov. 23 and 24. 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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Main Street in Bellville will host a Christmas parade on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 11 am. After the parade, those attending can visit the township building (old fire station) for hot cocoa, cookies, hot dogs, crafts for kids, horse and carriage rides and a visit with Santa. All activities and refreshments are free. For parade entry information email tina-christmasparade@gmail.com.

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The Wings of the Viking New Opera Workshop with Sophia Pavlenko will be held Sunday, Nov. 24, at 3 pm at The Ohio State Uni-

versity's Founders Auditorium, 1760 University Dr., Mansfield. The event is free and is for singers and musicians.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Rev Will Humphrey to speak on "Thanksgiving and Theodicy" at 10:30 am on Sunday, Nov. 24. This service will be held off-site. For information visit www.allsoulsuohio.org.

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Area Global Methodist Churches will gather at 4 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, to celebrate Christ the King.

There will be a potluck dinner following the service. Those attending are asked to bring something to share. Praise music will be provided by The Sunshine Band. Everyone is invited.

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Grocery Outlet Inc. will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of its newest store in Ontario on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 10 am.

During the event, the store's independent operators, Ryan and Maria Buchanan, will donate \$1,000 to Catholic Charities, Dioceses of Toledo's HOPE Pantry.

Starting at 8 am, the first 100 customers will receive a Bliss Buck gift card for mystery amounts ranging from \$5 to \$500. Shoppers will also receive one free reusable bag with their purchase through opening week, while supplies last.

Customers can also enter to win \$1,000 in free groceries from Nov. 11 through Dec. 19. Any customer that registers for the Grocery Outlet app and selects Ontario as their home store will also get a \$5 coupon toward a \$15 purchase.

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A Morning Glory in November
Photo By Dyanna Lynn White of Shelby

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Area churches plan special services for Thanksgiving season

Seven area churches will each host a night of worship and thanks during a "Godsfield ThanksLiving," Nov. 20-26.

Each church will offer a time of worship and prayer, in an atmosphere of gratitude for country and kingdom, in the manner of its choosing. This is the fourth year of such a series, under the theme, "Richland is God's Land; Mansfield is Godsfield."

Services are planned for:

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 6 pm, Avenue Church, 1756 Park Avenue West. A social time and fellowship meal precedes the 7 pm worship, led by Tina Yarger.

Thursday, Nov. 21, 6 pm, ARC Empowerment Center, 378 Park Ave. West., Pastor Joe Nichols, presiding.

Friday, Nov. 22, 6 pm, Southside Christian, Disciples of Christ, 2055 Middle-Bellville. This will feature a hymn-sing led by Pastor Paul Lintern, with those attending selecting the hymns for part of the service and building prayers and thanks around each hymn. Pianist will be Susan Hitchman Evans and guitarist is Steve Wamsley.

Saturday, Nov. 23, 10:30 am, Sar Shalom Messianic, 2510 W. Fourth St., Ontario, with Rabbi William Hallbrook leading regular Sabbath worship.

Sunday, Nov. 24, 6 pm, First Church of the Open Bible, 1150 Ray-

field Dr., Mansfield. This will spotlight youth with Pastor Dink Porter. Monday, Nov. 25, 6 pm, Linden Road Presbyterian, 160 S. Linden Rd. Pastor Tom Roepke will guide attendees through stations of Thanksgiving.

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 7 pm, First English Lutheran, 53 Park Ave. West. This will feature praise hymns, teaming up with members of Kingdom Grace Fellowship and Holy Trinity Lutheran.

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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>

G & M Body & Paint Shop

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419-529-2747

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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
Pastor Larry Carnes
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11 am Sunday School
Bible Study Mondays 2 pm

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Mortimer receives “BEE” Award

OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital is recognizing one of its own for going above and beyond to honor patients who’ve served. Associates nominated Bobbie Mortimer, a Patient Support Assistant and Unit Clerk, for the Be Extraordinary Everyday Award or “BEE” Award.

The award is an OhioHealth Recognition Program to honor and celebrate associates who support clinical teams in providing extraordinary patient care. Mortimer is the hospital’s very first BEE Award recipient.

According to Mortimer’s nomination, she pulls a report every day to find out which patients on her unit have served or are active-duty soldiers. She then creates flag magnets to place on their door frames, adding which branch of military they’ve served. In July, Mortimer had a shelf hung in the unit to place an American flag. She also had a sign made that reads, “Proudly Honoring Those that Serve.”

Veteran appreciation is something near and dear to Mortimer’s heart. “I started recognizing our Veterans in honor of the memory of my dad, James C. Pace Sr., who proudly served in the Army,” said Mortimer. I am sure he would love that OhioHealth honors our Veterans. They deserve the very best.”

“Bobbie has gone above and beyond to honor our veteran population,” said Stacy Pope, Manager of Nursing Excellence at OhioHealth Mansfield and Shelby Hospitals. “Bobbie’s act of giving back to those who have given so much for our country demonstrates one of our core OhioHealth values, which is compassion. We are so proud to have her as part of our OhioHealth team!”

The award is one of nine recognition platforms at both Mansfield and Shelby Hospitals. Mansfield Hospital will select one BEE Award honoree quarterly. Shelby Hospital will select one BEE Award honoree annually. To nominate an associate visit OhioHealth.com/BEEaward.



Richland Academy will present ballet

Richland Academy of the Arts will present its ninth annual production of *The Nutcracker Ballet*, hosted at the Renaissance Theatre on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2:30 pm as part of the Spotlight Series. This classic is perfect for all ages

Each year, this production brings together a community of young dancers from across Richland County and beyond, making it a powerful experience for everyone involved.

Eighth-grader Isabelle Ruhl will step into the role of young Clara. This year’s cast features Eva Rietschlin and Sophia Sandwall from Ontario High School; Nora Ball and Kaylie Yetzer from Lexington High School; Olivia Laux from St. Peter’s High School; Jaylee Blackrom from Madison Jr. High School; Ava Irwin from Mansfield Christian School; Piper Hilterman from Classical Conversations Homeschool Program; and guest dancer Matthew Piper as the Nutcracker Prince.

Tickets are available at 419-522-2726 or online at rentickets.org.

Free Thanksgiving meals offered

Free Thanksgiving meals will be available Thursday, Nov. 28, at area locations. Dan Lew Exchange, 28 N. Main St., Mansfield, will serve from 11 am to 2 pm. Contact Eric Stigall for information at estigall92@gmail.com or 419-544-1790.

Mansfield Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1040 Cook Rd., Mansfield, will serve from noon to 2 pm. Dine-in and carry-out will both be available. Call 419-651-3456 for information.

The Candice Williams Helping Hands Foundation will serve from 1-4 pm at 380 N Mulberry St. (Friendly House Association), Mansfield. Dine-in and carry-out will both be available. Live entertainment will be provided and a raffle will be available.

Homebound seniors 65 + needing delivery can call Theresa Williams between Nov. 25-28 at 419-961-8334.

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- Bryce Charles Weiss, November 10
- Brixlynn Renae Gibson, November 11
- Thomas Patrick Lennon, November 11
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- Jack A. Plieninger, November 14
- Rosario “Vette” Yvette DeLeon, November 15

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Now through December 3rd, visit richlandgives.org to donate and support the causes that matter most to you. Your contribution makes a difference, whether it's for education, health, animal welfare or historic preservation. Be a part of this incredible milestone and help us build a brighter future for Richland County!



Visit richlandgives.org Now Through
December 3rd and Make a Difference!

Home Energy Assistance Program offers help to Ohioans

The Ohio Department of Development and your Area Agency on Aging want to remind older Ohioans that assistance is available to help with their home energy bills. The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps Ohioans at or below 175% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for a household of up to seven members and 60% of State Median Income for a household of eight or more members to pay their heating bills.

Applied directly to the customer's utility or bulk fuel bill, the benefit can help manage heating costs. Older Ohioans may go to their local Area Agency on Aging office for help with assembling the required documents and completing their HEAP application. They may also visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov to apply online or to download a copy of the application.

When applying, individuals need to have copies of the following documents:

- Most recent utility bills.
- A list of all household members (including birth dates and Social Security numbers).
- Proof of income for the past 30 days for all household members (12 months for certain income types).
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members.
- Proof of disability (if applicable).

HEAP benefits are applied to an individual's energy bill after Jan. 1, 2025. Applications for the HEAP program must be received by May 31, 2025.

For more information or assistance with applying for a HEAP benefit, contact Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc at 419-524-4144 and ask for a navigator.

To be connected to a local energy assistance provider, call 800-282-0880 (hearing impaired clients may dial 711 for assistance) or visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov.

Operation Christmas Child locations now open for collection

Volunteers have begun collecting Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts for National Collection Week, Nov. 18-25. More than 4,700 drop-off locations are open across the country and shoebox packers can find their local drop-off locations nearest them.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering gift-filled shoeboxes to children including many who are suffering from war, poverty, disease and disaster. Operation Christmas Child hopes to reach another 12 million children in 2024 with the hope of Jesus.

The project partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children in need.

Participants can donate \$10 per shoebox gift online through "Follow Your Box" and receive a tracking label to discover its destination.

"Children need hope, and they need to know that they are not alone and God loves them," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "Gift-filled shoeboxes open the door for us to share the hope of the Gospel with boys and girls around the world. Please pray that these simple gifts have an eternal impact."

Participants can find the nearest drop-off location and hours of operation. The online lookup tool is searchable by city or zip code. Signs at each location will identify the drop-off.

Local locations include Freedom Ridge, 2200 Bedford Blvd., Ontario; Impact Church, 160 Woodruff Rd., Mansfield; Grace Point, 683 Portland Way N., Galion; and Trinity Lutheran Church, 508 Center St., Ashland.

Freedom Ridge will be open Wednesday, Nov. 20, 9 am to noon; Thursday, Nov. 21, 5-8 pm.; Friday, Nov. 22, 9 am to noon; Saturday, Nov. 23, 9 am to noon; Sunday, Nov. 24, noon to 4 pm; and Monday, Nov. 25, 9 am to 3 pm.

Impact will be open Wednesday, Nov. 20, 9 am to noon; Thursday, Nov. 21, 3-6 pm; Friday, Nov. 22: 9 am to noon; Saturday, Nov. 23, noon to 3 pm; Sunday, Nov. 24, noon to 3 pm; and Monday, Nov. 25, 9 am to noon.



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By Kim Sterry

CHICKEN ENCHILADA SOUP

Ingredients

- 3 Chicken Breasts — Cooked and shredded/chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1/4 tsp. Ancho Chili Pepper
- 1 can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 1 can green chilies
- 1 can enchilada sauce, red
- 1 lime juiced
- 32 oz. chicken broth
- 4 oz. cream cheese

Toppings

- 4 tortillas, cut in strips
- Olive oil
- Salt & pepper
- Cheddar cheese
- Lime wedges

Instructions

This is a pretty easy soup to throw together. You can prepare the chicken however you prefer. I had a bunch of chicken that I had to cook up so I put it in the crock pot with some broth and water and cooked it that way. It was definitely an easy way to prepare it. In a stockpot, with some olive oil, saute the onion for 5 minutes, add the ancho chili pepper and stir. Add in rest of ingredients, EXCEPT CREAM CHEESE AND TOPPINGS. Heat and season with salt & pepper to taste. Soften Cream cheese in a bowl and temper some of the hot soup with the cream cheese to warm it up. (This way it will not curdle when added). Stir until well incorporated and then slowly add to the soup. In a bowl toss the tortilla strips with some olive oil and salt & pepper. Lay out in a single layer on a baking sheet and heat in a 300 degree oven until strips are just crispy, 10-15 minutes. Add toppings to soup. (You can use whatever you want, I didn't put any cheese on my soup, but it would be a great addition).

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Lifestyle Inspiration



THE HOME OF

John & Dawn Crosswhite of Shelby



Photo by Damon Callis

Day Trippin' With Damon – Bath Covered Bridge in New Hampshire is located near the oldest general store still open in the United States. The bridge is in the center of Bath Village and the current structure is the fifth bridge to stand on this site. The first was constructed in 1794 and was demolished by a flood, as were the second and third bridges. The fourth bridge was destroyed by fire in late 1830. The fifth bridge was completed by early 1832.





Photos By Jeff Hoffer

THE FUN CENTER CHORDSMEN presented the "Harmony in Motion" Veterans Salute Concert Nov. 11, at First Congregational Church, Mansfield. Director Trevor Garrabrandt led the group and keynote speaker was Ralph Veppert. Upcoming performances include Malabar Farm on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 5-7 pm; First United Methodist, Shelby, Saturday, Dec. 14, 7 pm; and Saturday, March 22, annual show at Crestview High School, Rt. 96, at 3 pm.



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Scholarships available through DAR

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

The Jared Mansfield Chapter local scholarship is open to all students, both genders, who will be attending OSU-Mansfield, NCSU or the Dwight Schar College of Nursing, Mansfield and pursuing any field of study. The local scholarship is also open to high school graduating seniors. This scholarship is renewable, and the student may apply each year. Call Joedy Studer at 419-631-1015 for information. The completed application must be postmarked by April 15.

The Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution awards the "Wings of Eagles" scholarship to graduating high school seniors, including those completing a certified home school program, in the amount of \$1,000 each. Awards are based on academic excellence and financial need. All applicants must be citizens of the United States and legal residents of the state of Ohio and must attend an accredited college or university in the United States.

Visit OSDAR at ohiodar.org to obtain a scholarship application. All applicants must be sponsored by the local DAR chapter and applications must be submitted to the local chapter by Jan. 31.

The National Daughters of the American Revolution also offers scholarships in many different majors. All students will submit their applications using an online process at <http://dar.academicworks.com>. Emailed or mailed applications will no longer be accepted.

Ontario board approves hirings at November meeting

Ontario Local Schools Board of Education held a meeting Nov. 12. Ontario Middle School Principal Chris Miller and OMS Dean of Students Jordyn Eckert presented an update on RTI/MTSS at the middle school.

The board approved the five-year forecast and the 2024-'25 spending plan (monthly budget).

Appropriation adjustments included the general fund, \$266,618.

Anita Them was approved to perform secure data entry clerical services for the board office at \$30 per hour, as needed.

The resignation of Kelley Caporini, sixth grade math teacher, was accepted for retirement purposes, effective Dec. 20.

The resignation of Belinda Crawford, bus driver, was approved, effective Oct. 25. Heath Sager's resignation as the OMS winter facility coordinator, was approved, effective Nov. 5.

Extracurricular/supplemental staff personnel hired for the 2024-'25 school year were Brooke Trumpower, middle school swim head coach, \$2,379; Riley Kleshinski, middle school volunteer wrestling assistant coach, \$0; Jeremy Peoples, high school volunteer wrestling assistant coach, \$0; Matt Dille, high school volunteer assistant wrestling coach, \$0; Heath Sager, 7th grade boys basketball coach, \$4,538; Hope Miller, 8th grade girls basketball coach, \$3,302; Justice Holmes, middle school volunteer assistant swim coach, \$0; Kenton Cordrey, high school volunteer assistant swim coach, \$0; Keirsten Proulx, volunteer gymnastics coach for student-athlete Trinity Spackey, \$0; Karen Kauffman, middle school winter activity coordinator, \$2,967.

Wes Turnbaugh, Monty Ohl, Nick Miller and Jason Perry will share the positions of high school wrestling coach, middle school wrestling coach and middle school assistant wrestling coach, \$3,637 each.

Emily Stearns was hired as a playground aide, \$3,892. Certificated substitute teachers hired for Stingel, OMS and OHS include Stephanie Mills, Joseph Williams Farhana Urni, Jana Rhoad and Marc Twitchell.

Mackenzie Stoner was hired as a long term substitute teacher at Stingel Elementary at \$150 per day, effective Dec. 3, for the remainder of the 2024-'25 school year.

The board approved the employment of substitute classified staff personnel for the 2024-'25 school year including Jesica Ellis, Friday school monitor; Stephanie Mills, secretary; Paula Porter, custodian; Melissa Scott, cook; Stephanie Hoffer, cook; Alison Weaver, secretary; and Lavon Danals, cook.

The board approved the Applied Behavior Analysis Service Agreement (ABA) for a BCBA for the current school year.

An overnight baseball team trip over spring break to West Virginia April 11-12, was approved. An overnight softball team trip to Mari-

etta over spring break April 11-12, was also approved.

Donations were accepted from Ontario Lions Club, Stingel playground sign communication board, \$3,200; Gorman Rupp, boys basketball, \$350; Martin Breitingner, teacher conference meals, \$400; Terra Bonte, teacher conference meals, \$75; anonymous, teacher conference meals, \$30; Stingel PTO, second grade field trip, \$250; Scott and Kelly Purvis, girls basketball, \$500; Dan and Brenda Niss, girls basketball, \$2,500; anonymous, OMS Teacher Conference Meals, \$32; and two donations from Charities Aid Foundation America through Greg Atkinson at PepsiCo Foundation, \$1,000 each for girls soccer.

The next board of education meeting will be held on Dec. 10.

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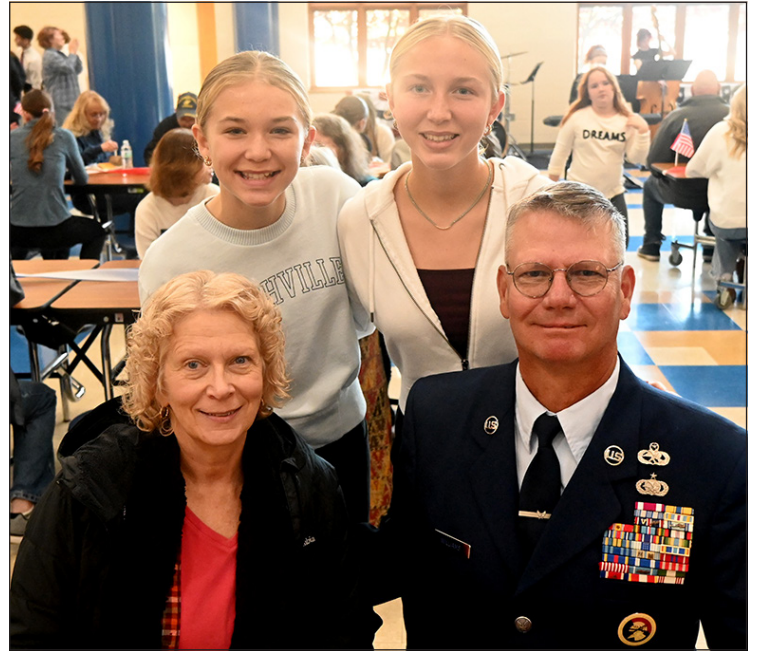
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Ontario High School Veterans Day Breakfast





ONTARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL FCCLA students attended the FCCLA district leadership conference at Mid Ohio Educational Service Center with over 200 students in attendance. Students had the opportunity to listen to a keynote speaker Ontario Mayor Kris Knapp, regarding students' futures and their dreams. Students also attended workshops on finance, self defense, car maintenance, college, home cooking, mental health, FCCLA competitions, communication, parenting, Color a Smile and the Kindness Rocks Project. Mrs. Rhodes' and high school member Lexi Ogle led workshops on teaching students about the Kindness Rocks Project and haD them design 100 rocks to donate to Nationwide Children's Hospital.



IN RECENT WEEKS, students in Ms. Owen's Family and Consumer Science classes at Ontario have been engaged in hands-on learning about kitchen safety. They explored essential topics like preventing cross-contamination, practiced accurate measurement techniques, took part in a measurement challenge and enjoyed a kitchen scavenger hunt. Students tackled "The Kitchen Mishap" case — an interactive mystery set up with caution tape, crime scene markers, a strawberry sauce-covered knife, a chalk outline and various kitchen hazards. Students worked to piece together what happened to the "injured" party while identifying potential safety risks. The last week culminated in a baking project where students across all six periods made cookies for the school dance, enjoying the treats they created. These activities not only teach valuable life skills but also make learning fun and interactive.

4-H recognizes achievement at annual program

By Judy Villard Overocker, Ph.D.
Associate Professor and Extension Educator,
4-H Youth Development

The Richland County 4-H program held its annual 4-H Honor Program on Sunday, Nov. 10. Recognition was given to 4-H members, adult volunteers and “friends” of the Richland County 4-H program. The top 4-H member honors were given to Member-of-the-Year recipients Carson Secriskey, Kaley Bowman, Abigail Secriskey and Anderson Roll.

The Outstanding Service to 4-H Awards, given to 4-H advisors on the basis of excellence in 4-H volunteer leadership on the club and/or county level, were presented to Jessica Albert, Alicia Fulk and Nichole Foulks.

Meritorious Service to 4-H awards, given to special friends (non-member and non-advisor) of the 4-H program were presented to Sue Kisling and Marla Reynolds

Four teenage leaders were recognized with the Outstanding Junior Leader Award for outstanding leadership and service to the county 4-H program. The honorees were Sofi Johnson, AJ Roll, Sarah Smith, and Abigail Secriskey. Junior Leader Merit Award winners were Sofi Johnson and Sarah Smith.

The Camp Counselor Recreational Leadership Award is presented to a select group of 4-H camp counselors who have demonstrated outstanding recreational leadership during the county 4-H camping programs. These counselors have motivated campers and gone the extra mile to get campers involved in various forms of recreation and social development. Six honorees were recognized for this achievement in 2024 Liam Kuhn, Abby Snyder, Zoe Kuhn, Jack Stephens, Micah Miller and Jack Stover.

4-H members receiving recognition for outstanding officer books/scrapbooks included:

President

Gold: Abigail Secriskey (Roaming Rovers 4-H)

Honorable Mention: Kaley Bowman (Wild-n-Free 4-H) and Vanna Burns (Ring Raiders 4-H)

Vice-President

Gold: Tanner Beer (Roaming Rovers 4-H)

Honorable Mention: Cailey Fairchild (Bibs & Boots 4-H)

Treasurer:

Gold: Carson Secriskey

Honorable Mention: Mary Thompson (New Edition 4-H) and Katie Crider (Ring Raiders 4-H)

Secretary

Gold: Sarah Smith (Roaming Rovers 4-H)

Honorable Mention: Courtney Howarth (Bibs & Boots 4-H) and Corbin Eldridge (Ring Raiders)

Health and Safety

Gold: Westen Rehberg (Roaming Rovers 4-H)

Recreation Leader

Gold: Charlie Yoakum and Owen Dolezal (Bibs & Boots 4-H)

Historian/News Reporter

Gold: Brooklyn Gilger (New Edition 4-H)

Honorable Mention: Persephone von Ehrenkrook (Roaming Rovers 4-H)

All 4-H clubs have the opportunity to attain the gold, silver banner or bronze banner award distinction based on officer reports, project completion, member attendance, public speaking participation, health and community service activities, parent/family involvement, member/advisor training and community awareness/promotion. The Gold Banner Club award was given to the Roaming Rovers (Shelby) 4-H Club. Silver Banner Award was presented to the Bibs & Boots (Shelby) 4-H Club.

Forty-five youth were honored as recipients of the county's 58 county medal awards. These awards are given for outstanding project and/or activity achievement. The 2024 recipients and the category(ies) won:

Mariah Barciz – Foods & Nutrition and Gardening & Horticulture
Bryson Bays – Sheep

Shelby Bays – Sheep

Tanner Beer - Poultry

Anna Blanton – Rabbits

Beau Blanton – Poultry

Kaley Bowman – Foods & Nutrition, Family Life, Achievement

Makenna Burkhart - Photography

Vanna Burns – Alpaca

Carson Cook – Swine

Reece Cook – Sheep

Tynley Cook - Goats

Katie Crider – Alpaca

Deborah Crouch – Public Speaking

Laura Dick - Agriculture

Lily Eckenwiler – Health

Bry Francis – Veterinary Science

Ryder Frech - Beef

Sean Funk – Personal Development

Brooklyn Gilger – Foods & Nutrition

Lillian Heydinger – Rabbits

Alivia Hicks - Poultry

Sofi Johnson – Safety/Safety Education, Leadership, Achievement

Weston Lacey – STEM

Liam McVey - Goats

Lelia Meyers – Pet Care

Kinleigh Nickell – Natural Resources

Westen Rehberg – Public Speaking, Poultry

Gracie Rodman – Health

AJ Roll - Leadership

Fin Rowlands – Veterinary Science, Achievement

Katelyn Schiffer – Rabbits

Abigail Secriskey – Public Speaking, Achievement, Leadership

Carson Secriskey – Wood Science, Citizenship, Achievement

Amery Sexton – Foods & Nutrition

Charleigh Sherman – Dog Care & Training, Citizenship

Hayden Skropits – Personal Development, Horse

Sarah Smith – Safety/Safety Education, Leadership

Chloe Stigall – Clothing & Textiles

Payton Stover - Horse

Evan Stuart – Safety/Safety Education

Mary Thompson – Goats

Sarah Turner – Family Life

Aurelian von Ehrenkrook – Natural Resources/Shooting Sports

4-H members in attendance were given recognition for completion of their 4-H project year. The Richland County 4-H Committee presented membership pins to youth with ten or more years of membership:

10 year 4-H members: Aubrey Holly, Kyleigh Biglin, Selah Ogle, Payton Stover, Hadley Williams, Madeline Miller, Micah Miller, Taylor Wolf, Raya Walter, Courtney Howarth, Sadie Howarth, Caroline Martin, Haiden Newmeyer, Camryn Gowitzka, Jack Cotter, Charlotte Niese, Sam Fairchild, Logan Hoffman, Allie Shrader, Sarah Smith, Sawyer Eshelman, Reece Cook, Lillian McClain, Abigail Secriskey, Carson Secriskey

11 year 4-H members: Allyson Arnold, Wade Bolin, Braden Boyer, Madison Boyer, Caleigh Cook, Morgan Cook, Dakota Craner, Isaiah Crouch, Samantha Darling, Cailey Fairchild, Kassie Kleman, Maggie Lantz, Mandee Lantz, Michaela Lantz, Adalie Miller, Audra Music, Molly Parks, Gracie Rodman, Abigail Smith, Abigail Snyder, Makenzie Spoerr, Linzy Weyhmeller

12 year 4-H members: Ryleigh Newsome, Macey Parks, Julia Sickmiller, Jack Stover

13 year 4-H members: Leah Blay, Karsyn Blust, Cadence Fairchild, Mikaela Guegold, Sofia Johnson, Ashley Markley, Kelsey Snyder

14 year 4-H members: Allyson Cook, Deborah Crouch, Caroline Tilton

Adult volunteers were recognized for their years of service to the 4-H program. Special awards were given to advisors with 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 or more years of service:

Five years of volunteer service: Cristy Crider, Crystal Eldridge, Sumer Newsome

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ONTARIO'S KINDNESS CLUB students visited the nursing home. They will be going at least once a month for the rest of the year.

•4-H recognizes achievement at annual honor program

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Ten years of volunteer service: Natasha Hummel, Christine Lynch, Andrew Parks, Chad Reyn-olds, Amy Skropits, Mike Spoerr, Kelcie Chance

Fifteen years of volunteer service: Hannah Crouch, Sue Cook, Andrea Hart, Stephanie Lewis

Twenty years of volunteer service: Eileen Eisenhauer, Stephanie Gulley, Monica Robinson

Twenty-five years of volunteer service: Pat Janisch

Thirty or more years of service: Carole Kirkpatrick (30), Cathy Gardner (40 years), Diana Kelley (41 years)

Sofi Johnson and Deborah Crouch, retiring 4-H members, served as Mistresses of Ceremonies. Sponsors for the 2024 Honor Program included: BlueScope, OSU Extension - Richland County, Mansfield Noon Optimist Club, Kisling Educational Fund, Villard Educational Grant Fund, Fritos Lay Company (Wooster) and the Richland County 4-H Committee.

Rep. Romanchuk announces investment in local water service

State Senator Mark Romanchuk (R-Ontario) announced Madison Water District in Richland County will receive \$378,500 to connect 200 township residents and 10 businesses to reliable and safe public drinking water.

"Clean and safe water is essential for our residents' health and for our businesses to grow and succeed," Romanchuk said. "These funds will be a welcome help to Madison Township."

These dollars come from the sixth round of the H2Ohio program, the statewide water quality initiative supported by the Governor and Ohio General Assembly. This round of funding will support 13 water infrastructure projects throughout the state.

Learn more about H2Ohio at <https://h2.ohio.gov>.



BIOLOGY STUDENTS at Ontario High School are learning about mitosis and stem cells. After the lesson, students completed a lab in which they modeled stem cells and embryo formation using clay. Students enjoyed building and said it helped them to remember the stages of formation and stem cell biology much better than on paper.



MCS announces campaign for new high school

Dr. Cy Smith, Superintendent of Mansfield Christian School, announced launch of the most transformative campaign in school history at the annual banquet on Nov. 1. He declared that MCS stands at a pivotal moment, reminiscent of the momentum in the 60s and 70s. Not since then has MCS proposed such a substantial and ambitious capital campaign.

To an audience of over 400 stakeholders and community members, Dr. Smith rolled out the vision for a new high school to address the school's near capacity enrollment.

The new building will be crafted with future generations in mind, providing 16 state-of-the-art classrooms equipped with innovative technology, dedicated spaces for the Career Academy classes and Media Production programs, along with a cafeteria for grades 9-12.

Essential areas like intervention services, study rooms, and counseling offices will support student success. A new fine arts facility will include band, choir, art and theater spaces alongside a 1,000-seat auditorium, which will enrich the chapel experience and

community gatherings.

Additionally, a new high school gym with expanded seating, larger locker rooms, and advanced training facilities will allow our student-athletes to thrive and enable our middle school programs to expand into the current secondary gym, freeing up space for elementary gym classes.

Beyond the high school expansion, the vision includes transforming the current building to enhance elementary programs and introduce a middle school with dedicated facilities, including renovated science labs, an art room, and a STEM space.

This plan will allow MCS to lower student-teacher ratios and provide K-8 students with their own cafeteria and eliminate the need for modular classrooms.

"Together, these three new structures — focused on academics, arts and athletics — are designed to embody excellence, reflecting our commitment to glorify God through exceptional education," said Dr. Smith.

Honor and Merit Rolls

Madison Local Schools 1st Nine Weeks

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Seniors — Isabella Allen, Draven Anderson, Ava Armstrong, Nathan Baldinger, Jacelynn Barley, Aleigha Bebout, Nya Bishop, Aaliyah Blackwell, Emily Bogner, Emily Brandt, Tevin Davidson, Aaliyah Dombroff, Dryden Durbridge, Ryleigh Foley, Elijah Fox, Lucas Garand, Wyatt Geiger, Landon Goad, Freddie Gordon, Nikkian Grimes-Pittenger, Carter Heimbuch, Ashley Herder, Logan Hoffman, Ava Huff, Alyse Huggins, Mason Jacobus, Kiarra Johnson, Keiayrsah Jones, Olivia Kiley, Natalie Lewis, Clairra Lowe, Natalie Markle, Hannah Markley, Gage Masters, Veronica Mawer, Zion McCraney, Nicholas McKean, Allison McKown, Ayeziah Mitchell, Carter Moore, Emily Musgrove, Samantha Myers, Brady O'Brien, Isaiah Ortiz-Martinez, Ian Parker, Sophia Parsons, Paige Patton, Maveny Perkins, Dakota Perseitz, Sydney Phillips, Josslynn Pryor, Drake Ramey, Nevaeh Rhein, Meghan Roberts, Zhylayja Robinson, Madison Sackman, Brody Savage, Bresendra Shaum, Landon Simpson, Emma Speelman, Trenton Speelman, Rhea Stanfield, Karis Vega, Angela Williams, Braylon Williams, Derek Yates and Lela Zehner

Juniors — Elizabeth Bekeleski, Madison Berry, Nathan Bittman, Myla Blankenship, Cruz Boggs, Natalie Brandt, Micah Clark, Preston Coffman, Morgan Cook, Courtney Cyrus, Evan Cyrus, Lillian DeLong, Timothy Ellis, Brianna Fidler, Emma Finley, Camryn Gowitzka, Emmalie Hall, Landon Harvey, Aubrey Hendrickson, Nathan Hoffman, Kalayah Johnson, Kaylin Johnson, Amya Joplin, Drew Kepple, Campbell Kiser, Tauren Lindsey, Isabella Liviskie, Jacob Lord, Nicholas Maglott, Kavantray Marsh, Aubrey McClure, Deont'e McDaniel, Ashton McGlasson, Zoe McQuillen, Brayden Montgomery, Owen Morrow, Macy Mounts, Jada Neal, Jalycia Nelson, Andrew Parish, Cameron Porter, Emma Reynolds, Jennah Richards, Zoey Robinson, Aryana Rogers, Elizabeth (Elle) Schwartz, Briana (Bri) Smith, MaRhea Smith, Bryce Speelman, Grace Speelman, Esther Stanfield, Morgan Steward, Kinlei Stol-

tenberg, Kaylee Stone, Ariyah Tufts, Courtney (Cole) Viock and Jerry Wertz

Sophomores — Anna Blanton, Kylie Carroll, Kinley Clow, Kaylea Cole, Samantha Crist, Lucas Davidson, Giavanna (Gia) DiPuccio-Resendiz, Claire Durbridge, Trenton Ford, Travis (TJ) Hicks, Kennedy Hofer, Cambree Howe, Chase Hunsinger, Kaiden Koch, Layla Krizan, Evan Larsen, Sophie Lowe, William (Will) McClain, Taylor McKown, Jordan McWilliams, JulieAnna Miller, Ashley Nikolaus, Avery O'Brien, Emily Saunders, Autumn Schroeder, Joseph (Wade) Seibert, Jaxson Shaffer, Allie Shrader, Isabella (Bella) Smith, Hudson Stacy, Keeli Stewart, Gabriela (Gaby) Vega-Wieland and Baylee Yost

Freshmen — Sophia Allen, Zaylynn Ball, Isaiah Blust, Kaley Bowman, James (Jr) Broyles, Jarrod Cyrus, Carter Foley, Izaiah Gordon, Kendall Graham, Cadence Gushard, Amerah Reign (Amerah) Hapin, Owen Hendershott, Sarah Holt, Haylie Hutcheson, Journee Jaranowski, Kaden LaPene, Angel Montanez, Cerenity Montgomery, Victoria Neal, Devin Peterson, Rachel Porter, Khloe Sayre, Allie Shambaugh, Landon Stone, Elle Washington and Makenzie Wynn

Eighth Grade — Jenna Bebout, Lainey Binns, Alexander Dillon, Kordell Hardy, Troy Kegley, Cameron Montgomery, Tavian Porter, Gabriel Prater, Amari Rasch, Miah Reid and Morgan Turney

Seventh Grade — Liam Barr, Jaxson Bennett, Reagan Brooks, Gannon Conway, Abbigale Crist, Daevon Endicott, Samara Gillespie, Savannah Hamilton, Laine Heston, Jordan Jeffers, Emma Lewis, Carson McQuillen, Kathryn Myers, Preston Patrick, Matthew Risner, Natalie Smith, Mckenzie Williams and Jersie Yunker

Sixth Grade — Annalise Barber, Amia Carroll, Lily Eckenwiler, Laiuren Foster, Frehley Gushard, Hailey Hedrick, Roman Hipfl, Parker Larsen, Abrianna Micallef, Gavin Moore, William Owens, Demari Roper, Elena Santiago, Eleanor Sidwell, Beckham White, Mackenzie Wiggins, Mckenzie Wingler and Spencer Wynn

Fifth Grade — Ella Barr, Lincoln Bays, Madelinbe Dunlap, London Hamilton, Ingrid Keffer, Liam Kiser, Zeke Markley, Peyton Meek, Joseph (Joe) Reddy, Tyler Salyers, Hailey Snelling and Chazlyn Zehner

Fourth Grade — Kyson Brinker, Max Duffner, Mason Edmiston, Ember Fry, Bryson Holloway, Alexander Holt, Sawyer Howell

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• Honor and Merit Rolls

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Evelyn Isenhardt, Teagan Kirsch, Ares Peters, James Ross, Brynn Sauder and Gabriel Utt

Third Grade — Karter Allen, Evan Baldrige, Blaire Belcher, Josiah Brammer, Madilyn Bryant, Raylee Carmichael, Lincoln Collins, Cayne Comisford, Owen Elswick, Gracelynn Evans, Rayson Evans, Gavin Fellure, Jekhi Finley, Livia Foote, Owen Frank, Layla Harvey, Crue Henry, Grayson Hoehn, Ryleigh Holmes, Emma Horsley, Dalton Hudson, Konner Jessee, Lily Kegley, Caleb King, Abram Kliewer, Madilynn Kline, Adrian Knight, Ellorie Lang, Asher Larsen, Emeri Lewis, Malachi Lindsay, Isiah Lykins, Cobey McCoy, Bailey McQuillen, Landon Mitchell, Stacey Montgomery, Edith Mount, Emme Neron, Theron Ogle, Hayden Ohl, Cameron Parsley, Leah Peck, Madelyn Risinger, Jase Shiera, Karsyn Sigafoss, Ava Sigman, Evelyn Wake and Liam Wake

HONOR ROLL

Seniors — Andreus (Khris) Adkins-Tolbert, Declan Auflick, Addison Baker, Nikolas (Nik) Balg, Shyann Barnhart, Ethan Bibler, Matthew Biller, Isaiah Bland, Allyssa (Ally) Blasini, Tristan Blevins, Devin Bond, Rodney Caldwell, Madison Crank, Jaxon Crow, Kaitlyn Davies, Chloe Davis, Gracie Dotson, Ariel Ellis, Frank Fava, Ja'Kari Favers, Joshua Finley, Kayana (Kay) Garrett, Collin Huffman, Haylee Isenhardt, Zariah Jackson, Ralph Jensen, Mariah Johnson, Cameron Kuhn, Teddy Lane, Logan Mapes, Gavayne McDaniel, Emily Merritt, Mason Merritt, Keira Mooneyham, Katie Myers, Braden Nungester, Damon Parnell, Jordan Parnell, Landon Rhinehart, Camden Rhodes, Larissa Sarow, Faith Smith, Lillie Southerland, Emma Stankovich, Layni Stollings, Leah Thomas, Maggie Thomas, Owen Wigton, Christopher Wurth and Wyatt Yarman

Juniors — Lilliana Allen, Bradley Baich, Payton Bartolomea, Megan Bays, Julianna Boliantz, Carter Branham, Helen Bricker, Gabriella (Gabby) Chipner, Aubrie Clark, John (J.C.) Collins, Aubrey Conn, Caleigh Cook, Laykin Curry, Piper Donahue, Ashley Gusta, Alexis Hairston, Kelsie Harry, Hayden Hatfield, Anaysia Henriquez, Maci Hergatt, Alyson (A) Hoak, Randy Jamieson, Brennan Johnson, Izabela King, Analea Laferty, Zachariah (Zach) Loretta, Christopher Lucas, Wyatt Martin, Justin McCraney, Aaron McEnderree, Chloe McWhorter, Kaleb Minch, Camdyn Neal, Corey Otey, Olivia (Liv) Penrod, Raygen Reiter, Nathan (Nate) Riggle, Lily Sanderfer, William Saunders, Adrianna Shoemaker, Johnny Smith, Katie Smith, Grady Spurlock, Jaxin Stancombe, Taylor Steffey, Liam Stone, Anthony Studer, Lucas Swanger, Kya Swigart, Ashton Taylor, Alexander Thompson, Kayzia Thornley, Bryce Tudor, Jocelyn (Jae) Turner, Julius Walker, Audrey Ward, Lillian (Lily) Waxter, Logan Waxter, Rudy Webel and Elias White

Sophomores — Gavin Baker, Zoie Ball, Ivory Balogh, Caden Bishop, Alexis Cameron, Jaselle Clark, David Clayburn, Destini Conrad, Isabella Conway, Brianna Coulter, Thomas Cox, Sophia Curry, Micah Finley, Nicolas Gatten, Treyvin Glasser, Brady Gretzinger, Aliya Hall, Autumn Haynes, Santanna Hoffman, Ashlyn Huffman, Chloe Jeffers, Lola Kerrick, Caiden Lawhorn, Cooper Leather, McKarley (Karley) Lowe, Joshua Maglott, Christopher Manley, Hayden Mapes, Darius Marsh, Malachi Marsh, Kiya McCounghey, Alexander Moore, Camden Moysi, Cadence Mutter, Aubrey Ohl, Ravino Pena, Ellie Powell, Gage Ramey, Kassidy Sanders, Zackary Sanders Winters, Lena Sasis, Geraldo Sayre, Kylie Schaefer, Peyton Schulte, Zoi (Zee) Sealey, Lincoln Shepherd, Cameron Smith, Kristopher Sutton, Lyla Walker, Kyleigh Washington, Daniel Weightman, Evan Williams and Knight Wolfe

Freshmen — Aiden Atwell, Lillie Baker, Dredan (Rosanna) Barger, Hudson Bays, Aniyah Bond, Cohen Brandt, Lilyana Brown, Ashlin Carmichael, Bryant Carroll, Deanna Chipner, Caliyah Clapper, Alec Clark, Layla Cushard, Alec Day, Shiana Elliott, Ariel Foote, Chloe Gilbert, Kaleia Gonder, Kayden Graf, Lawson Gray, Livia Grove, Anna Hannah, Nathaniel Hansel, Izabella (Bella) Harris, Liam Harvey, Cadence Hendrickson, Alana Henriquez, Jaxson Henry, Mallie Hickey, Alexander Jenkins, Adalynn Jordan, Payton Kellner, Camyille King, Gracie Lee, Keana Lenhart, Zaydian Longboat, Braelynn Loucks, Alexander (Alex) Maddy, Aeriyan-na Massey, Taja Melton, Malyaha Moore, Aubrieanne Morton, Emma Myers, Elliot (Ellie) Ousley, Landon Parsons, Nevaeh Patton, Karalynn Ransom, Rhiana Reynolds, Joseph (Joey) Roberts, Gracie Schaade, Christian Schultz, Jaiden Shaffer, Adrian Siedel, Coltin Smith, Gavin Spiess, Aidan Stamper, Jocelynn Teeters, Max Thomas, Destiny Thompson, Kenley Turner, Alex Wendland, Maci

Whitesel, Leyla Wicker, Phillip Wiggins and James Zaletel
Eighth Grade — Anna Ankrum, Abigail Anschutz, Aleah Bara, Makenna Berkshire, Madelynn Carpenter, Brennan Coulter, Wesley Dawson, Lucas Eckenwiler, Hannah Evans, Aubree Fisher, Jack Foster, Chelsea Graham, Isabelle Hall, Kylee Herrick, Arenal Hunsinger, Andrew Kippenberger, Madison Kliewer, James Lamb, Andrew (Aj) Lowe, Brandon Maglott, Nyah Marcial, Abigail (Abby) McWilliams, Gabreilla Mickouma, Aryiah Miller, Hayley Morris, Mason Morrow, Lillian Mutter, Jaylonna Nelson, Addyson Powell, Savannah Ransom, Nevaeh Spurgeon, Sofia Thompson and Cameron Williams

Seventh Grade — Nola Bishop, Ky-Lyn Byerly, Katrina Carson, Amelia Clayburn, Baylee Cushard, Rylie Davidson, Grady Davis, Rianne Davis, Karsyon Dravenstott, Alyse Emery, Traevon Endicott, Peyton Foote, Dillon Herder, Sadie Jones, Gabrielle Kline, Kaeleb Llamas, Aziyah Mcknight, Faith Metcalf, Vaughn Miller, Macy Moore, Brooklynn Moyer, Hayden Parsons, Marielle Peters, Casey Rachel, Addisyn Shopbell, Kendal Shrader, Aryan Spencer, Leo Stantz, Aiden Washington and Alexander Weightman

Sixth Grade — Ashley Anschutz, Aaron (Aj) Baker, Tanner Bays, Camdyn Bigler, Jacob Bond, Jeffrey Brooks, Daniel Carpenter, Delaney Conway, Jaxton Doyon, Kaelyn France, Asherah Hapin, Erin Johnson, Taelyn Kirsch, Milo Mccann, Alexyss Morales, Grant Mountz, Mileena Porter-Race, Dylan Pucci, Zavier Roberts, Addisyn Ruckman, Hagen Sauder, Clayton Shepherd, Kemonie Sims, Lorelai Sly, Sadie Smith, Lillian Sutle, Shawn (Jr) Sydnor, Madelynn Thompson, Seth Utt, Milla Wertz, Myla-Jayne Wilds and Caylee Yeager

Fifth Grade — Jade Anderson, Zella Ball, Isabella Beatty, Madalyn Best, Gabriel Bishop, Benton Brandt, Braxton Brandt, Aria Brewster, Amir Byrd, Kaiden Chan, Wyatt Clark, Cade Deems, Quinton Dvis, Peyton Hager, Isaiah Hollar, Naomi Houston, Jazalyn Joplin, Kendle Keirns, James Lang, Myla Lewis, Kerrigan Lukowski, Chloe Manley, Olivia Mason, Baylee Mitchell, Clayton Mount, Kellen O'brien, Alexcis Pace, James Price, Joel Robertson, Carter Shenberger, Isaiah Smith, Cater Smollen, Aubrey Spurlock, Olivia St Clair, Chase Sturgill, Peyton Toon, Ezra Triplett, Jaxon Turner, Ace Washington, Krostopher Washington and Micheal Williams

Fourth Grade — Embree Baker, Ayden Bara, Preslee Barney, Thomas Bautz, Kenzlee Bee, Natalie Benton, Julian Bertoch, Aubree Bond, Naveah Bond, Bexley Brandt, Lillian Brooks, Maddox Brown, Steven Burnell, Brogan Buzzard, Kyrie Byrd, Ania Carroll, Lillian Chambers, Jayce Clark, Seth Clark, Braxton Cole, Jessi Conway, Connor Cushard, Kylee Cushard, Brantin David, Abigail Davis, Mahlaya Davis, Natalie Debo, Jayden Estes, Allie Fellure, Andrew Finley, Camden France, Layla Gushard, Gracie Henderson, Abel Hensley, Brynlee Huss, Achilles Johnson, Noel Johnson, Brody Kanz, Harley Kindinger, Kinsey Kirkpatrick, Grace Kunz, Phoenix Lewis, Jase Little, Kinnidi McPeek, Weston Miller, Maicie Moss, Abel Norris, Hazel Obar, Olivia Parks, Hudson Parsons, Nakeivia Powell, Zakkiah Pryor, Toby Ransom, Lacey Reynolds, Waylon Schoonover, Callie Shoffstall, Lexys Shrock, Conner Slone, Mykelti Sly, Rowen Smith, Ember Stamper, Brennan Stephens, Blakely Swanstrom, Austin Toon, Brynn Wheatner, Jacario Williams, Stormey Windsor, Benjamin Witt and, Mackenzie Wood

Third Grade — Lilyahna Adkins, Praxton Allen, Emily Allison, Alicen Anders, Wyatt Ball, Jayla Beasley, Robert Beck, Blake Binns, Karson Bishop, Jasper Blair, Noah Blankenship, Shaelynn Bond, Nevaeh Bostic, Lyla Bristow, Aliana Brock, Liam Brock, Paityn Brooks, Madalyn Burkholder, Jaxson Carroll, Ruger Childress, Kiryn Clouse, Jah'keise Colvin, Carter Corbett, Mason Crego, Kallee Daugherty, Abel Dewitt, Tanner Drake, Aubrey Elliott, Mason Enix, Jay'sean Favers, Stephen Fisher, Mercy Foncanon, Khalil Franklin, Keily French, Beckham Gleason, Kameron Gonder, Harry Greving, Kohlsyn Hale, Christopher Haynes, Damian Herzner, Melia Hogard, Oliver Hubert, Lily Hudson, Ma'Leaha Huffman, Daphne Ingles, Ammity Jackson, Nevaeh Kelly, Zaniyah Kelly, Scarlet Kindinger, Myles Klecka, Braydon Lawrence, Ra'Mari Lee, Corbin Lentz, Ashton Longboat, Braxon Martin, Kennedy Miller, Xay'on Montgomery, Mason Moore, Lincoln Morrow, Kylie Murray, Lincoln Myers, Dean Nantz, Juniper Parker, Zeighla Perry, Parker Pfund, Karsyn Pifer, Kyler Price, Connor Pryor, Amiyah Radcliffe, Mae Rhinebolt, Lilyana Richards, Remington Ruley, Troy Schafer, Lilly Schumaker, Divinity Shoaf, Zayne Simpkins, Marlee Smith, Paytin Snyder, Addie Stamper, Luke Stantz, Kaylie Stevens, Austin Stoots, Jace Stout, Johnathan Swanciger, McKinley Tackett, Brendan Thomas, Bailey Van Horn, Xavier VonStein, Nate Walker, Sawyer Wallace, Averie Washington, Cassidy Wilson and Brynlee Young

Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Lexington bows out to Toledo Central Catholic, Ontario moving on after close 49–48 win over Shelby

By Kris Leiter

Welcome to week 4 of the Regional Finals! For the first time in school history, the Ontario Warriors move on tomorrow!

- Friday, Nov. 22: Regional finals.
- Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Dec. 5–7: State championship games hosted at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton

Ontario defeats Shelby 49–48 in the last seconds

Any good movie will have three things in common — a great beginning, middle and end. Steven Spielberg couldn't have written a better story for the epic football game Friday night at Mansfield's historic Arlin Field. In literally the last second, a victory came for Ontario 49–48.

In the words of long-time football fan and veteran chain gang member that night, Tom Cline, "It's one of the best football games I've ever seen."

A great movie will hold the attention of the viewer until the very end. A good writer will incorporate some drama, unpredictable elements and throw in a miracle.

In this case, two amazing coaches serve as the directors — Ontario's Aaron Eckard and Shelby head coach Rob Mahaney. Arlin Field was a great setting — holding over 8,500 people. We flash back to two scenes.

Flashback 1: Oct. 13, 2023, Ontario Copeland Field. Shelby narrowly defeats Ontario 37–31 in the waning seconds of the game on a hook-and-ladder play.

Flashback 2: Oct. 18, 2024, Shelby's Whippet Athletic Complex. A classic game of expectations as a packed house comes to Shelby. Both teams would fight to the bitter end, but as fate would have it, Shelby would recover their own kick-off return within Ontario's 10 yard line and score moments later for another last minute victory for the Whippets 50–36.

The night of Nov. 15, featured two phenomenal quarterbacks: Shelby's Brayden Devito and Ontario's Ohio State commit Bodpegn Milller and a great supporting staff for both teams. Both quarterbacks rolled the credits with over 1,000 yards of total combined offense between the two teams!

They say it's hard to beat a team three times and it was definitely true Friday night.

We all hoped it would be a good game and we all hoped these two teams would show everyone who punched their \$12 dollar ticket a classic. And that it was!

By halftime Shelby was leading 14–13. A nail biter already.

As with any great movie, suspense slowly builds and that came to ring true as the third quarter would produce 34 points by the Whippets' phenom of a quarterback junior Brayden Devito.

By the end of third quarter, Shelby had lead at a comfortable 48–26. I will admit that I, and possibly many fans, thought we were to see the Warriors season slowly dim on a well-played season. Even if they would end in the agony of defeat on this given night, we could give kudos to the Warriors.

As for movie suspense — The Warriors were down 48–29 with 9:24 remaining in this epic game! Shelby was called for a penalty and a subsequent turnover gave the ball to the Warriors. Could Ontario flip the script?

The Warriors took over on offense at 9:17, deep in Whippet territory! On the 12 yard line, the Warrior plot thickened and it would take a miracle to come back from 48–29.

In the next breath, all eyes on Ontario, they would part the red sea and do the unexpected and score an 84 yard touchdown! 48–38!

Would the tide turn to Ontario? The suspense thickens and all are on the edge of their seat!

Ontario would score the next 20 points and within the last sec-

onds, the Warriors toppled the Whippets with the final tally of 49–48. The Warriors had scored 23 points in the fourth and, with the hard nosed defense, did not allow Shelby to add to the scoreboard! Zero, notta!

Between Devito and Miller alone, they had a combined total passing and rushing of over 1,000 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Miller rushed for 209 yards and two touchdowns, passed for almost 300 yards and had three more touchdowns!

Devito would chime in as well with almost 230 yards rushing, three touchdowns and passing just over 200 yards with three passing touchdowns

This moves Ontario into the Regional Finals for the first time in school history!

There is another great game in store this Friday as Ontario will tangle with Sandusky Perkins in Tiffin at Frost-Kalnow Stadium, 300 South Monroe St., for the Division III, Region 14 game. Kick-off is at 7 pm.

1. Sandusky Perkins (12–1) vs. 3. Ontario (11–1) at Frost-Kalnow Stadium



Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Ontario High School vs Shelby Football



Study abroad opportunities available for high school students

Qualified high school students are offered a unique opportunity to explore the world by spending an academic year, semester or summer in Europe, Asia, North or South America, Australia or South Africa as part of the ASSE International Student Exchange Program. A non-profit, public benefit organization, ASSE is dedicated to promoting closer ties of friendship between the United States and other countries by fostering intercultural understanding through youth exchange programs.

Students, 15 to 18 years old, qualify on the basis of academic performance, character references and a genuine desire to experience life abroad with a volunteer host family. Prior knowledge of the host country's language is not a requirement. Scholarships are available and are based on academic performance, leadership skills and financial need.

Families abroad are carefully screened, and students do not need to know the language of the host country prior to departure but will acquire the language skills through experiencing the day-to-day local culture and attending regular high school classes along with their new teenage friends.

ASSE also provides the experience of a lifetime to American families who are interested in hosting an international student from Spain, Italy, Germany, Ukraine, Thailand, Japan, and many other countries. These exceptional young students will attend the local American high school for an academic year or semester.

Students or families interested in learning more about becoming an ASSE exchange student or host family should contact ASSE at 1-800-736-1760, visit www.asse.com or send an email to assemidwest@asse.com.

CLASSIFIEDS

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 November 6, 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-19 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WAGES AND SALARIES FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THIS CITY, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 23-30, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-20 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 301 DEFINITIONS; 301.183- LOW-SPEED MICROMOBILITY DEVICE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-21 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 371 PEDESTRIANS; 371.14- LOW-SPEED MICROMOBILITY DEVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, OH
(T-C 11-14, 21 '24) (31L)

CITY OF ONTARIO OFFICE PERSONNEL CIVIL SERVICE EXAM

The City of Ontario, an Equal Opportunity Employer, currently has an opening for an Office Personnel position in the Water/Sewer Department. This position requires skills in general office duties such as data entry, customer service, phone calls, cash and credit card handling, Word, Excel and general clerical work. Starting hourly rate is \$21.10. The successful applicant must be bondable. We offer an excellent benefit package.

Applications may be picked up at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, or online at www.ontarioohio.org, and must be returned by December 4, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. in a sealed envelope addressed to the Civil Service Commission-Office Personnel Position. The Civil Service examination for the Office Personnel position will be held Sunday, December 8, 2024, 9:00 a.m., at the Ontario Service Building, 3375 Milligan Road, Ontario, Ohio.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, OH
(T-C 11-21, 28 '24) (31L)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Sealed bids for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel for January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025 will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 5th, 2024 by Adam Gongwer, Service-Safety Director of the City of Ontario.

Specifications may be obtained electronically from the Service-Safety Director.

Email a request to servicesafetydirec-

tor@ontarioohio.org, or a paper copy is available at the City of Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio 44906.

All bids should be sealed in an envelope, clearly marked: 2025 GASOLINE & DIESEL FUEL BID, the name of the Bidder, and include a CERTIFIED CHECK OR BOND on a solvent bank, in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

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

Adam Gongwer
Service-Safety Director
City of Ontario, OH
(T-C 11-21, 28 '24) (32L)

NOTICE

The City of Ontario Civil Service Commission will hold a hearing for amending the Rules and Regulations at their meeting on December 4, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road. The rules for consideration are:

- 7.08 Original Appointment Exams
- 7.09 Medical, Physical, Psychological, or Drug Testing
- 11.02 Procedure in General
- 11.05 Disciplinary Suspension

James Boyer, Chairman
Civil Service Commission
City of Ontario, OH
(T-C 11-21 '24) (16L)

Veterans Career Fair is Nov. 26

DAV (Disabled American Veterans) and RecruitMilitary® will co-host the National Virtual Veterans Career Fair, Nov. 26 from 11 am to 3 pm Central. The event is free to veterans, their spouses, active duty military personnel and members of the National Guard and Reserve.

More than 80 employers actively seeking the unique talents of America's veterans will be on-site representing a range of industries, from construction to medical to administrative and logistics, with career opportunities from entry level to senior management. In addition to employment assistance, the veterans expected to attend can utilize career counseling and resume assistance, network with fellow veterans and military personnel, and get support with their Department of Veterans Affairs benefits and claims assistance—all at no cost.

To register visit jobs.dav.org.



THE ONTARIO ACADEMIC CHALLENGE team traveled to Ashland University for the Mohican/Loudonville Tournament on Friday, Nov. 15. Both the varsity and JV teams finished fifth out of the 10 schools in the competition. The young team has had a solid season.

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