



## Project fosters environmental and agriculture education

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (RSWCD) and the Richland County Farm Bureau donated three environmental and agriculture literacy kits to Richland County elementary schools and the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library (MRCPL).

The kits provide a turnkey lesson plan for kindergarten through sixth grade educators to instruct students about natural resources, food, and agriculture. The kits include children's books, lesson plans and items needed for an activity. A total of 75 kits were distributed throughout the county in December and January.

Volunteers from both organizations helped assemble the kits and delivered them to the schools.

Individuals, homeschoolers, homeschool groups, scout troops, 4-H clubs and church groups are invited to check out the kits through the MRCPL. Financial support for the Cultivating Minds Project was provided by the Richland County Foundation Gift of Grain Fund, Richland County Youth and Family Council, private donations and MRCPL. A private RSWCD donor assembled and funded an additional kit that simulates stream monitoring in an indoor setting.

"Water Quality? Ask the Bugs" is a Project Wet lesson for middle and high school students. It may be checked out through MRCPL.

Kits include: **Freddy the Fish:** (K-6 grades) Participants listen to the story of Freddy the Fish. He decides to travel downstream and witnesses pollution being dumped into his environment. Students are asked how Freddy feels as more pollution is added and come to realize that pollution can add up and impact our environment.

**Let's Raise a Barn:** (3-5 grades) Participants listen to *Barn at Night*, a book about an after-dark journey out to the barn on a cold winter evening. The students learn about different types of barns and design a barn to meet the needs of a specific farm animal.

**Search for the Source:** (K-2 and 3-5 grades): Participants listen to *Right This Very Minute*, a table-to-farm book about food and farming. The instructor engages students in discussion about everyday items. Relay teams fill the Source Baskets with pictures of items and discuss the true source of the items.

For information contact [contact@richlandswcd.net](mailto:contact@richlandswcd.net) or 419-747-8685.

## Lexington BOE busy during organizational meeting

Lexington Local Schools Board of Education met Jan. 15, for its organizational meeting.

Andrew Burton, Bricker Graydon and Pepple & Waggoner were appointed as legal counsels for calendar year 2025.

The *Tribune-Courier*, *Mansfield News Journal* and *Richland Source* were designated as official news outlets of the district.

Board members were authorized to participate, at their own expense, in group health and dental insurance plans provided to employees of the district.

Board member compensation was authorized at the maximum allowance by law (\$125 per meeting) for calendar year 2025.

A legislative liaison and student achievement liaison were chosen for calendar 2025.

The board authorized the treasurer to secure position bonds as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code 3313.25 for the board president in the amount of \$20,000; superintendent in the amount of \$20,000 and treasurer in the amount of \$100,000.

The board authorized the superintendent and treasurer to enter into and/or accept/participate in federal, state or local grants or agreements and authorize the treasurer to appropriate funds for the grants awarded.

The treasurer was authorized to file requests for amendments of the Certificate of Estimated Resources with the Richland County Auditor as information becomes available to the treasurer to warrant such a filing.

The superintendent or treasurer was authorized to accept all donations to the school district on behalf of the board of education.

The board authorized the treasurer to make fund-to-fund advances, advance returns and transfers as needed throughout the year with board ratification as part of the financial reports at the next regular meeting.

The treasurer was authorized to invest interim and inactive funds in permissible investments and to sign all checks drawn on bank accounts of the school district. The treasurer can also borrow funds in

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## The Domestic Violence Shelter urgently accepting donations

The Domestic Violence Shelter is faced with an urgent challenge. The shelter's van, which serves as a lifeline for transporting survivors to safety, counseling, medical care and essential services, requires immediate repairs. Without it, those in crisis will face barriers to accessing the help they desperately need. This van is their pathway to hope.

As the shelter continues to provide care, it is also in need of items that bring comfort and dignity. These essentials help ensure that every individual who walks through the doors has access to what they need to feel safe and cared for.

Along with supporting the van repairs, the shelter is seeking donations for the following items to replenish supplies and meet the needs of clients: comforters, hats, mittens, sweat pants, t-shirts, sweatshirts, plus sized bras and underwear, electric blankets, weighted blankets, toilet paper, paper towels, liquid shower soap, hair conditioner, lotion, bath towels and wash cloths and slippers.

Visit <https://thedvshelter.app.neoncrm.com/forms/drive-change?campaignId=7> to donate or reach out directly to coordinate item donations.

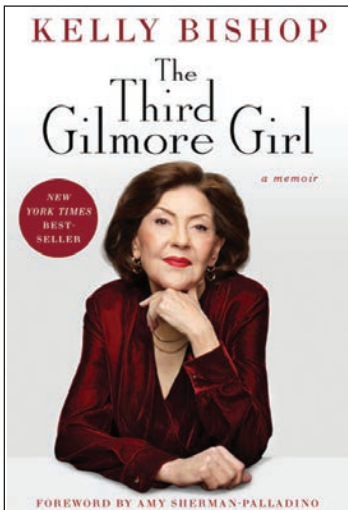
To arrange item donations, contact Kate at [khenderson@thedvshelter.com](mailto:khenderson@thedvshelter.com) or call 419-774-5843 ext. 100.

Every item shared, every dollar donated is applied toward a grant required grant match.

# LOST IN A BOOK Enrollment will begin at Ontario



A Book Review  
By Mandy Belczak Gurney



Even if you aren't a Gilmore Girls fan, *The Third Gilmore Girl* was spectacular.

From her early days as a Broadway dancer to her transition into film, Kelly (Carole) Bishop shares her memoirs with flare.

I love how bold she was from the beginning, speaking up for what she wanted, but also keeping her integrity. There was a string of bad men and one special great love. Of course, what I enjoyed most of all was her perspective as the third Gilmore Girl. I cannot recommend the audiobook enough as Kelly Bishop reads it herself.

My rating: ★★★★★

Follow my blog at [GreenGurneys.com](http://GreenGurneys.com)

Ontario Preschool will be accepting applications of interest for the 2025-'26 school year beginning Monday, Feb. 3 for Ontario residents.

Those interested should fill out final forms completely (all forms should turn green) and the school will contact with a screening appointment. (Those enrolled for preschool last year, but withdrew, should send an email to Mrs. Crawford to reactivate the final form account). (Select the 25-'26 school year).

Open enrollment applications can be filled out and turned into the board office beginning March 1. Open enrollment gets the last priority for placement, but will be considered if there is program availability. All potential students will be scheduled for a developmental screening in March or April and acceptance into the program will be mailed by the end of May.

Classes are filled by what is available, teacher requests are not accepted. AM or PM preference can be requested, but they can not be guaranteed. Visit <http://www.ontarioschools.org/PreSchool.aspx> for more information on enrollment and the program or email the director at [crawford.stacy@olshiohio.org](mailto:crawford.stacy@olshiohio.org).

Ontario kindergarten enrollment begins Monday, Feb. 3, 2025.

Students must be five on or before Aug. 1, 2025 to enroll for kindergarten. Enrollment begins by filling out final forms completely on the Ontario School District website (choose the 25-'26 school year).

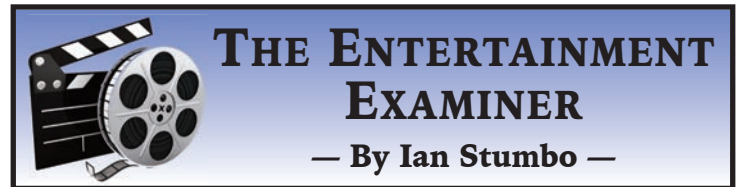
Once final forms are completed (all forms are green) applicants can come into the Stingel Elementary office and complete the application process beginning Feb. 3 anytime between

8-3. At this appointment bring birth certificate, immunization record, proof of Ontario residency (utility bill, lease/mortgage agreement) and custody papers (if applicable).

Two night office hours are open from 4:30-7:30 pm on Feb. 6 and 13 for those work-

ing during the day. A kindergarten screening will be scheduled in August to turn in all of these documents.

Open enrollment begins March 1. All applications need to be turned into the board office, once accepted, by June 12, 2025.



Leigh Whannell is one of the most consistent names in horror writing and directing such projects as the *Saw* franchise, *Insidious*, *The Invisible Man* and *Upgrade*. Whannel dives back into the monster-verse with *Wolf Man*.

Christopher Abbott and Julia Garner play a married couple who are having problems. To try and mend their marriage, Abbott has his wife and their daughter take a trip to his late father's home in Oregon where he grew up.

There have been rumors forever of the wolf man who hunts people at night.

After an accident, the family holes up in a house, a wolf man begins to transform and it is up to Garner's character to save their family.

Though Abbott and Garner give really solid performances in this film, it's too bad the movie around them is so dull.

*Wolf Man* needs more characters and plot for it to really succeed. Like *The Invisible Man* (which was excellent), Whannel tries to put these monster-verse films in the real world and bring some sort of real-life stories to the fold. That is a great idea though it does not work here.

Only giving this movie virtually three characters is a mis-

take because there are just not enough interesting events going on with them. There is some-

what of a transformation (nothing near as memorable as the amazing *An American Werewolf in London* and *The Howling*) though suffers from not being as great as it could have been.


The beginning of the film sets up what could be an interesting story with Abbott's character as a young boy learning lessons from his father and hearing about the tale of the wolf man though the movie turns into such a bore that even when there are werewolf chase or fight scenes they just do not play as well because the movie that surrounds them is uninteresting.

*Wolf Man* is a big misstep for the usually reliable Whannell. He takes some interesting creative liberties like brightening up the screen and showing the perspective of the wolf and the actors do a good job, it's just too bad that the movie feels so much less than related to other werewolf movies that did things much better and much more effectively.



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# News Briefs

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Jan. 25 and 26. 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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LifeWise Madison is partnering with Links Country Meat Market in Crestline for a \$200 Meat Bundle Fundraiser Raffle. \$10 tickets can be purchased for a chance to win a \$200 beef, pork, and chicken meat bundle.

The bundle includes 5 lb ground beef, 2 chuck roasts 2-3 lb each, 4 cube steaks, 2 sirloin steaks, 2 porterhouse steaks, 3 lb salt/pepper sausage rolls 1 lb, 1 pk link's bratwurst, 8 pork chops, 1 boneless shoulder roast 2-2½ lb, 1 pk salt/pepper sausage patties, 1 pk salt/pepper breakfast links, 5 lb link's dry cured bacon, 1 pk chicken leg quarters, 2 pk boneless skinless thighs, 2 pk boneless breast tenders and 2 pk boneless skinless breast.

Tickets will be on sale until Jan. 31, at 4:30 pm. The drawing will be held at 5 pm. Contact a LifeWise Madison team member or Pam Adkins at 567-274-8532 or pamelaaadkins@lifewise.org for tickets.

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CACY's Store it Safe Richland Program offers lock boxes for firearms, sharp objects and medications to protect and reduce risk of injury and save lives. Contact the CACY office at 419-774-5683 or andersont@cacyohio.com for details. If someone is thinking of harming themselves, call the local crisis helpline at 419-522-HELP (4357).

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The Lexington Area Senior Citizens will not have a January meeting.

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Richland Public Health will host a Winter Hike for Health on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 9 am to noon. The free event will be held at Malabar Farm State Park, 4050 Bromfield Rd., Lucas. Hikers will meet at the visitor center. Pets are welcome but should be on a 6 foot leash. For more information call 419-774-4761.

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First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Avenue West will be offering senior boxes of non perishable food provided by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm or until supplies run out. This comes with a 15 lb. box of fresh produce and a two

lb. box of cheese. These items are free to those who qualify by age (60+) and low income guidelines. Recipients must have at least one person age 60 or older in the household.

These items are available on the fourth Tuesday of each month, year round. The distribution is held in the South Mulberry Street parking lot. The next distribution is Tuesday, Jan. 28.

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Madison Local Schools will host a 100 year staff reunion on Feb. 22, at the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center. Doors open at 5 pm and dinner will be served at 6 pm. There will be a cash bar.

Staff members, past and present, can register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScO6JgY15npg-8vRhTl8GfOYXWff-BiUYnmYR0QGMyspJbn4kQ/viewform>

Cost of the reception is \$27.50 per person. Payment and registration can also be made at the Madison Board Of Education Office, 1379 Grace St., Mansfield.

Deadline for payment and registration is Feb. 1.

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The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library (MRCPL) invites the community to participate in the annual Winter Reading Program now through Feb. 1.

The program is available for all ages and encourages reading by offering prizes for children, teens and adults. Read a book, complete and submit a ticket in person or online, and be entered into one of many weekly prize drawings. Tickets are available at all nine MRCPL library locations and at any bookmobile stop, in addition to an online submission option through the library's website. Follow MRCPL on Facebook for additional chances to win.

For information regarding the program and branch hours visit [mrcpl.org](http://mrcpl.org).

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Rev. William Humphrey to present "Now What" on Sunday, Jan. 26, at 10:30 am.

For information visit [www.allsoulsuuohio.org](http://www.allsoulsuuohio.org).

The Malabar Farm Maple Syrup Festival will be held March 1, 2, 8 and 9, from noon to 4 pm. There will be syrup making demonstrations, horse drawn wagon rides and food and maple products for sale. The festival is held at 4050 Bromfield Rd, Lucas.

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To submit a news brief item send an email with information to [news@tribune-courier.com](mailto:news@tribune-courier.com). To advertise in the T-C, email Traci at [tribune.courier.traci@gmail.com](mailto:tribune.courier.traci@gmail.com).

## Road Apple Run returns March 1

The 19th Annual Road Apple Run 5K road race will be held Saturday, March 1, at 10 am. Race day registration will begin at 8:30 am in the commons area of Crestview High School, 1575 OH-96, Ashland.

The Road Apple Run will be an out and back 5K race on a scenic country road in northern Richland County. Bordered by several peaceful Amish farms, the course is mostly flat with some slight upgrades. The biggest challenge will be avoiding the 'exhaust' from the frequent travel of the horse drawn vehicles.

The entry fee is \$25 and includes a free t-shirt if registered by Feb. 21. Entry also includes a raffle ticket for a chance to win gift baskets and gift cards.

To register online visit <https://registration.midohiorm.com/events/2025-road-apple-run-5k-road-race-12302024234>.

For a mail-in form visit [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1n5uD-8wIIGPF\\_1s39EWYfKgyktbcg-UN0/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1n5uD-8wIIGPF_1s39EWYfKgyktbcg-UN0/view)

Awards will go to the first and second place male and female finishers in the age groups of 10 and under, 11-12; 13-15; 16-18; 19-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; and 70+. Overall awards will be presented to the top first and second place in each gender.

The Savannah Lions Club will be offering a post-race breakfast by donation only.

All proceeds from the 5K will support Crestview's track and cross country teams. For more information contact Amy McFarland at 419-895-1700 ext. 18105 or [roadapplerun@gmail.com](mailto:roadapplerun@gmail.com).

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STEVE FENDER will speak at the free pond clinic on Feb. 25.

## Free pond clinic is February 25

Ponds can create a sense of serenity, a focal point and a source of recreation. They can also be used as a source of drinking water, fire suppression and a watering source for crops and livestock.

Many people think creating and owning a pond is as simple as digging a hole and letting it fill up with water. There are a lot of factors that must be considered which include how to stock and manage a pond.

Those with questions about a new or existing pond can attend a free pond clinic on Tuesday, Feb. 25 from 5:30–7:30 pm at the Longview Center, 1495 W. Longview Ave., in Mansfield.

The Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (RSWCD) is hosting the clinic.

Steve Fender of Fenders Fish Hatchery is the guest speaker and will be available to answer pond questions.

Register for the clinic at <https://richlandswcd.net/event/pond-clinic-5/>.

For more information contact [wallace.matt@richlandswcd.net](mailto:wallace.matt@richlandswcd.net) or call 419-747-8687.



# 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](http://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

### First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

200 West Third St., Mansfield  
419-524-4813 • [mansfield1stcc1833@gmail.com](mailto:mansfield1stcc1833@gmail.com)  
Rev. David Zerby

Office Hours: Tu., W., Th. 9 am to 1 pm  
10:30 am Sunday Worship  
Christian Builders, Sunday, 9:30 am  
[www.FirstChristianChurchMansfield.com](http://www.FirstChristianChurchMansfield.com)  
FB: FirstChristianChurch,Mansfield,Ohio

### First Congregational Church

640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield  
419-756-3046 • [www.mansfieldfcc.com](http://www.mansfieldfcc.com)

Pastor Brad Bunn  
8:30 am Chapel  
10:30 am Sanctuary  
10:30 am Sunday School (nursery–high school)  
10:30 am Monday Morning Bible Study  
7:30 am Wednesday Men's Breakfast

### First English Lutheran Church

53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield  
419-522-0662 • [www.felc-mansfield.org](http://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.

### Lexington Church of Christ

230 Delaware Ave., Lexington  
419-884-1532 • [www.lccoh.com](http://www.lccoh.com)  
Lead Minister Brandon Bogue  
9 am Sunday School  
10 am Sunday Worship

### Lexington Presbyterian Church

35 Church St. West, Lexington  
419-884-1330  
Pastor Denny Nezrick  
10:30 am Sunday Worship  
<https://www.facebook.com/Lexington-Presbyterian-Church-117768414915815>

### Mansfield 1st EPC

399 Trimble Rd., Mansfield  
419-756-7066 • [www.mansfield1st.com](http://www.mansfield1st.com)  
Rev. Joseph Yerger  
9 am Adult & Youth Sunday School  
10 am Traditional Sunday Worship  
ADA Accessible Nursery  
and Children's Programming Available

### Mansfield Baptist Temple

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

### Oakland Lutheran Church

2045 Olivesburr Rd., Mansfield  
419-571-9920  
Pastor Paul Lintern  
9 am Sunday Worship

### Ontario United Methodist Church

3540 Park Avenue West., Ontario  
419-529-4345 • [ontarioumc.com](http://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](http://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

### Southside Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

2055 Middle-Bellville Rd., Mansfield  
419-756-3436  
Pastor Paul Lintern  
10:45 am Sunday Worship

### Trinity Grace Fellowship

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

### G & M Body & Paint Shop

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

### Wappner Funeral Home

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# Valentine's Card Drive underway for kids in foster care

Richland County Children Services (RCCS), the Mansfield United Lions Club and the City of Mansfield Parks & Recreation Department are making Valentine's Day special for youths in foster care with Valentine's Day cards.

The Mansfield United Lions Club, RCCS and the City of Mansfield Parks & Recreation Department will be collecting Valentine's cards for children in foster care ages 0-6, 7-12 and 13-18.

Cards can be handmade, or store brought, no sealed valentines and cards may be signed. Cards will be accepted through Feb. 7.

The community is invited to drop off or mail the unsealed Valentine's Day cards to Richland County Children Services, 731 Scholl Rd., Mansfield, OH, 44906 or the Mansfield Parks & Recreation Department, 100 Brinkerhoff Ave., Mansfield, OH, 44906, C/O Valentine's Day Cards.

"Last year we collected more than 9,000 items, including Valentine's Day Cards, books, candy, dolls, and gift bags. People from all over Richland County, and out of state donated cards including families, schools, churches, businesses, public officials, colleges, correctional institutions and more helping to make the community project a success."

"This year we want to collect more for youths in Richland County and throughout the state of Ohio," said Brigitte Coles, Richland County Children Services, Community Engagement Specialist.

In Ohio there are more than 16,000 youths in foster care and unfortunately many of them do not have the chance to be part of Valentine exchanges. The Valentine's Day Card Project gives the community an opportunity to show children in foster care that they are loved, appreciated and not alone.

"The Mansfield Parks Department loves being involved with this effort every year," said Angel Singleton, Recreation Coordinator. "A card is a simple and kind gesture that shows you care. The small ef-

fort really goes a long way."

"The Mansfield United Lions have prioritized supporting the foster children of Richland County for four years. We have pride that the valentine card project has significant outreach with joy as the outcome," said Dr. Debra Weaver, co-President of the Mansfield United Lions.

"Lions meet the needs of local communities and the world. There are 1.4 million members of the volunteer organization in over 200 countries," said Weaver.

"The Mansfield United Lions Club meets at 6 pm the second Monday of each month at the upper building at Burton Park off of Sunset Blvd. Find us on Facebook, or email mansfieldlionsunited@gmail.com for more information on becoming a member or opportunities to partner on future projects."

Richland County Children Services (RCCS) mission is to lead our community in assuring the safety, well-being, and permanency of children at risk of abuse and neglect.

RCCS encourages all individuals to invest in the lives of children and to provide them with unconditional love, support, guidance, and every available resource to ensure their health and well-being.

Those interested in becoming a foster parent can contact Richland County Children Services at 419-774-4100 or go to richlandcounty-childrenservices.org.

For more information about the Valentine cards project contact Brigitte Coles at 419-774-4168 or brigitte.coles@jfs.ohio.gov.



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- Donald Ray Morris, January 11
- Kevin Lee Shearer, January 11
- Betty Lou Clantz, January 12
- Shirley Hobson, January 12
- Charleen McCauley, January 12
- James Joseph Biller, January 13
- George Henry Gutchall, January 13
- David Allen Carson, January 14
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## First Congregational Church invites community to chili cook-off

First Congregational Church, 640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield, has announced a fundraising event to help a local food bank.

A chili cook-off will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 4:30–7 pm. Donations will be accepted at the door and proceeds will go to aiding the local food bank at Grace Episcopal Church. Specifically, it is in need of a new commercial freezer to help serve the over 1,000 people who rely on the food bank.

“We are excited about this new event and hope that the community will come support our efforts to help the food bank,” said Rev. Brad Bunn. “Multiple committees are participating in the cook-off, and attendees can expect to see a variety of tasting options, as well as table decorations.”

Sunday services are held at 8:30 am and 10:30 am and all are welcome. Services are also broadcast via Facebook (follow to stay up to date with events and more). Nursery services are available at the 10:30 am Sunday service. Elevators to each floor are also available.

## Mansfield Symphony Orchestra presents concert with MSYO

As part of our OhioHealth Symphony Series, The Mansfield Symphony Orchestra (MSO) continues its season on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 7:30 pm with the Mansfield Symphony: Side x Side — “Enigma Variations” concert featuring the Mansfield Symphony Youth Orchestra (MSYO).

The repertoire for this concert will feature “Symphony No. 2 in B minor” from composer Aleksandr Borodin, a piece which is considered to be one of his most important large-scale works, and “Enigma Variations, Op. 36” (Variations on an Original Theme) by Edward Elgar, a work comprised of fourteen variations on an original theme serving as a musical dedication to his circle of friends.

The mission of the MSO is to provide a quality symphonic experience that engages musicians, patrons, and youth alike. Under the creative direction of Octavio Más-Arocas, the Mansfield Symphony Orchestra features over 55 talented musicians from Mansfield, Ohio and the greater Ohio region.

“The side-by-side concert is one of the most important performances for the orchestra, said Octavio Mas-Arocas, MSO Music Director.” “It is a privilege for the professional musicians to share their experiences with the talented students of the MSYO. Whether they decide to pursue a career in music or not, I know this concert will serve as an inspiration to love music for the rest of their lives. For us, the members of the MSO, it is a tremendous responsibility to be part of this important moment in the lives of these human beings. This is one of my personally favorite concerts of the year, and I can’t wait to share this incredible music with these incredible young people.”

“Our Youth Orchestra students have the opportunity every year to perform, hear, and watch world class musicians and an outstanding conductor share their expertise in a few days,” said Mr. Stephen Domka, MSYO Director. “Considering the size of Mansfield and the ongoing economic struggles of Richland County, the Renaissance Performing Arts continues to be a beacon of light promoting and supporting the Arts. I am thankful this opportunity continues locally in our community.”

The Mansfield Symphony Orchestra, along with members of the Mansfield Symphony Youth Orchestra, will be conducted by MSO Music Director and Conductor, Octavio Más-Arocas.

The Renaissance is located at 138 Park Avenue West, Mansfield. For more information contact the Renaissance Theatre box office at 419-522-2726 or visit [rentickets.org](http://rentickets.org).

## •Lexington BOE busy during organizational meeting

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anticipation of future tax receipts at the best available rate for cash flow purposes.

The treasurer can convene a meeting of the records commission, not limited to, but at minimum annually.

The board authorized the superintendent to send school employees to professional meetings within the amount of appropriations for calendar 2025 and to employ such temporary personnel as needed in emergency situations. Such employment will be presented to the board for approval at the next regular meeting.

The board authorized the superintendent to accept resignations of employees as needed subject to final board approval at the next scheduled board meeting. Such resignations shall be considered effective as of the date and time of the superintendent’s acceptance.

The superintendent was appointed as the board’s designee for suspension appeals.

The treasurer has been authorized to pay all bills within limits of the appropriations resolution as bills are received under assumption goods received or services performed are acceptable. The treasurer can also obtain advances against tax collections from the county auditor in order to meeting current expenses.

The assistant superintendent and special education director were appointed as Title IX Coordinators. The superintendent was appointed as Title VI Coordinator.

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**BAKED PASTA PRIMAVERA**

**Ingredients**

- 1 1/2 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups milk
- 2 bay leaves
- 6 Tbsp. butter
- 6 Tbsp. flour fresh ground nutmeg salt & pepper
- 1 lb penne pasta olive oil
- 1 summer squash (medium), cut in medium cubes
- 2 peppers (I used red) chopped in chunks
- 1 cup mushrooms cut in half (I like to use the smaller baby bellas)
- 1 onion chopped
- 2 cups grape tomatoes (1 package is close enough to 2 cups)
- 1 8 ounce package mozzarella pearls (these are tiny mozzarella balls)
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese

**Instructions**

Mix all the vegetables with olive oil and salt and lay out on a baking sheet, roast in oven for 20–30 minutes at 350 until they are just beginning to get ‘crisp.’ Boil water and make pasta while you are preparing Bechamel.

**TO MAKE BECHAMEL:** In a sauce pan heat the chicken broth and bay leaves, keep heat to low Warm milk in the microwave or on the stove top In another sauce pan melt butter and then whisk in flour. Slowly add the broth (remove bay leaves) and continue to whisk over medium heat. Add in warm milk while continuing to whisk, bring mixture to a boil. Add in 1/4 tsp. nutmeg and it salt and a few twists of some fresh ground pepper. After sauce has boiled turn off heat and set aside.

**TO ASSEMBLE:** In a bowl add cooked pasta, enough of the sauce to coat, and the roasted vegetables, mix well. Add more of the bechamel until the pasta and vegetables are well coated and you see extra sauce. Add mozzarella pearls and Parmesan and stir well. Place in baking dish and sprinkle with some panko crumbs or bread crumbs. Bake for 20 minutes at 350 degrees.

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**Day Trippin' With Damon** – Bradstreet Landing in Rocky River, Ohio, is popular for collecting beach glass, fishing, birding and watching sunsets. The name originates from the story of Colonel John Bradstreet. In October 1764, he left Fort Sandusky for Fort Niagara with 1,500 troops aboard 60 boats and nine canoes. On the evening of Oct. 18, they stopped on the shore for the night. Sudden storm waves destroyed 25 boats and severely damaged many others. After three days of repairs, the remaining boats continued on, but the loss of boats meant some soldiers had to continue on foot. Although bad weather and supply shortages made the journey difficult, there was only one confirmed fatality on the return to Fort Niagara.



THE ONTARIO CLASS OF 2025 Drug Free Seniors made the first trip of the school year to Stingel to present the benefits of healthy choices.



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## Shelter announces teen dating violence awareness contest

In anticipation of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in February, the Domestic Violence Shelter invites local teens to showcase their creativity and raise awareness about teen dating violence through various art forms in the Expressions: Teen Dating Violence Awareness Art & Poetry Contest.

This event is an opportunity for Richland County teens 13–19 years old to express their thoughts and feelings on the significant issue of teen dating violence through the creative mediums of art and poetry.

To participate, teens must complete an online registration and submit their art or poetry between Jan. 20 and Jan. 31.

The culminating Expressions Art Show will take place on Feb. 6, at the Marketplace at Eisenhower Memorial Center on Ohio State University's Mansfield Campus. This is a free event that is open to the public. The event will feature free food along with a display of the artwork submitted to the contest.

Teens wishing to enter the contest should visit The Domestic Violence Shelter's website and choose the "Events" tab, or click on the link below: <https://thedvshelter.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/thedvshelter/event.jsp?event=1&>

The Domestic Violence Shelter sponsors are Sutton Band, Park National Bank, BP Electric, King Office Service Inc., Johnny's Mattress & Furniture, Johnny's Motorcars and Directions Credit Union.

## Area Agency on Aging scholarship applications now being accepted

The Area Agency on Aging announces the start of its 2025 scholarship program, aimed at supporting individuals pursuing higher education or certification in the field of aging or disability services.

The Foundation Board will award three scholarships to individuals who demonstrate a commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of older adults and those with disabilities through their educational pursuits.

The scholarship program will award one \$2,000 scholarship for a student attending a 4-year university; one \$1,000 scholarship for a student attending a 2-year college, technical school, center of education or pursuing a certification; and one \$1,000 scholarship for a student attending any type of higher institute of learning or certification and a retiree or staff member of the Area Agency on Aging or is a child (step), or grandchild (step) of an actively employed (full-time or part-time) Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. staff member.

The application deadline is March 15, 2025. Visit [aaa5ohio.org](http://aaa5ohio.org) for detailed eligibility criteria and application instructions.

## Safe boating classes offered

The Mansfield Power Squadron is hosting two safe boating classes this winter. Classes will be held Tuesdays from Feb. 18 through March 18 at Madison Adult Career Center, 600 Esley Lane, Mansfield. Classes are held from 7–9 pm Thursdays from Feb. 20 through March 20 at the Shelby Marvin Memorial Library, 29 W. Whitney Ave., Shelby. Classes are from 6–8 pm.

The cost for the class is \$40 and includes a comprehensive safe boating book. Families taking the course can share a book (\$28).

The goal of the courses is to reduce boating accidents. Statistics show that 85 percent of fatal boating accidents involve untrained or internet trained operators. Therefore, Mansfield Power Squadron holds in-person classes to provide information and discussion about how to safely operate a boat — regardless if that is a canoe, kayak, pontoon boat or bigger power boat.

Those interested can contact [1mansfieldpowersquadron@gmail.com](mailto:1mansfieldpowersquadron@gmail.com) or visit [usps.org/mansfield/](http://usps.org/mansfield/).

The Mansfield Power Squadron is a 501.3(c) organization dedicated to promoting safe, fun boating. The class is approved by the State of Ohio to fulfill the training requirement for those operating a boat with a 10 horsepower (or greater) motor and personal watercraft (jetski).



## Dr. Daniel Lee to give presentation about Alzheimer's research

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter has announced that Dr. Daniel Lee, neuropsychiatrist with OhioHealth Neurocognitive Clinic, will present a special program, "Navigating Anti-Amyloid Therapies for Alzheimer's Disease," on Thursday, Feb. 20, from 5:30–6:45 pm.

The event will be held at the Mansfield-Richland County Public Library, main library community room, 43 W. 3rd St, Mansfield.

A light supper will be provided, and pre-registration is required by calling 567-302-3610 or emailing [JenCMiller@ALZ.org](mailto:JenCMiller@ALZ.org).

Dr. Lee will discuss how to navigate groundbreaking new treatments for Alzheimer's and other dementia. The Alzheimer's Association will also share information on valuable resources available free to the community and how to access them.

"There is exciting progress in Alzheimer's and dementia research that is creating promising new treatments for people living with the disease," said Pam Myers, senior director, programs for the Alzheimer's Association of Northwest Ohio and Central Ohio Chapters. "It is important to learn as much as you can about which drugs are available."

"We are fortunate to have a dedicated and talented expert such as Dr. Lee to share his knowledge about available treatment options and the steps we should take with a healthcare professional to determine if a treatment is right for us or our loved one."

Daniel Lee, MD, received his medical degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine, where he also completed his residency in Psychiatry. He went on to complete a fellowship in Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry at the Northwestern University Meulam Center for Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease. Dr. Lee is board-certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and the United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties.

He has clinical interests in the diagnosis and management of cognitive syndromes and neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's, Lewy body dementia, behavioral variant frontotemporal dementia, primary progressive aphasia and posterior cortical atrophy. He comes to OhioHealth after serving as the clinical assistant professor for the Ohio State University School of Medicine. Dr. Lee is a member of the American Neuropsychiatric Association and the American Academy of Neurology.

Those concerned about themselves or a loved one can contact the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter at 419-537-1999 to schedule a care consultation and be connected to other free local resources.

To learn more about Alzheimer's or other related dementia, or to access free tools and resources, visit [alz.org](http://alz.org) or call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900.



# Honor and Merit Rolls

## Ontario Middle School Second Grading Period

### ALL A

**Eighth Grade** — Sabrina Bilyj, Trevor Breitinger, Jackson (Jack) Buttil, Aleiya Cantey, Vincent (Vince) Caudill, Noah Coley, Nicholas (Nick) Crawford, Abigail (Abby) Crouch, Bryce DeWees, Callie Fagan, Avi Featheringill, Evan Gorrell, Leah Gorrell, Jace Hale, Sophia Hamilton, Paxton Jeffery, Kayleigh Jenkins, Ava Julian, Madeline (Maddy) Kennedy, Noah King, Steliana Krueger, Parker Laymon, Tianyi Liu, Taelix Lucanegro, Ella Manns, Kileigh McLaren, Parker Metzger, Hunter Miller, Grace Mills, Alexander (Alex) Morabito, Nicholas (Nicky) Morabito, Braylee Morehead, Frank (Frankie) Nemeth, Taitum Owens, Clayton Petty, Kasen Pittman, Keith Pollock, Khayman Reed, Zane Reynolds, Olivia Sandwall, Alayna Secrist, Zoey Shaffer, Justin Shira, Emerson Weiler, Penelope (Penny) Wilging and Samantha (Sammy) Wilging

**Seventh Grade** — Breahna Blackstone, Hudson Born, Grayson Bradley, Sylvia (Sylvi) Burns, Chloe Carpenter, Jeffrey Davis, Zoe Decimus, Nolan Dials, Tyler Domyan, Samuel (Sam) Dumas, Emilee Eberhardt, Ava Estep, Nico Fox, Brooklyn Gobble, Malia Harris, Zoey Jones, Elliot King, Ian Linger, Aubrey McAleer, Emery Miller, Dylan Milligan, Naomi Mullins, Hudsyn Pelphrey, Julia Pohlbel, Alyssa Racer, Rychel Rehberg, Jocelyn Risner, Ahyaan Saif, Molly Sapp, Blake Schwartz, Callie Scott, Chloe Siburt, Aileen (Aileen Steiding) Steiding Mora, Walter Tickhill, Charlotte (Char) Wagoner, Cole Walter and Braden Ward

**Sixth Grade** — Kale Ames, Crew Arter, Holly Barker, Preston Baumgard, Garrett Bender, Hazel Bessette, Oliver Biddle, William (Will) Bishop, Juliana Blunk, Jacob Bonte, Sophia (Sophi) Breitinger, Owen Brinker, Khloe Browning, Mei Chang, Wyatt Click, Kaylee Cochran, Andrew Coley, Liam Conn, Amaya Dean, Kale DeHart, Meghan Dille, Rebecca (Becca) Dunkle, Wailynn Dzugan, Kacey Finley, Albany Hacker, Jett Hale, Adam Hamilton, Samantha (Sammie) Hamilton, Aubrey Hawkins, Ryland Hensel, Elliana Heydinger, Maeley Hiner, Penelope (Pippa) Hines, Isaac Hohman, Daniel Jiang, Blake Jourden, Frank (Kendrick) Kearney, Cameron (Cam) Kreibrink, Brody Kuhlman, James Lee, Lexi McCracken, Gavin Meligan, Cali Miller, Marley Mullins, Briggs Musick, Chloe Nemeth, Chloe Perry, Larkin Rietschlin, Everly Roig, Miles Ruhe, Rowyn Santry, Riya Sasikumar, Bella Shafer, Bryson Smith, Carrington Smith, Jonah Smith, Lucy Spellman, Elijah (Eli) Sterner, Hannah Them, Nguyen (Hiep) Tran, Emelyn Truax, Ariel Truex, Eva Uhde, Briella Van Harlingen, Trace Wetzel, Benton Willis and Liam Wilson-Golden

### HONOR ROLL

**Eighth Grade** — Leah Bonen, Landon Breitinger, Logan Chase, Kurstin Chrysler, Emryn Fanello, Gianna (Gia) Gfrer, Parker Hale, Wyatt Herold, Rylan Heston, Madelynn (Maddy) Hocker, Kyleigh Kanouse, Kairi Kearney, Aubrynn Lawhorn, Daniel Moritz, Jaria (Mia) Moton, Kendyll Mullins, Connor Myers, Natalie Peace, Mark (Markie) Porter, Emma Preuninger, Otto Rietschlin, Marisa Rodriguez, Lacey Savage, Wade Schraedly, Que Tran, Layla Van Harlingen, Bella Viola, Corbin Walter, Levi Walter, Zahrana Woods, Nathan Xiao

**Seventh Grade** — Leyton Bender, Emma Boor, John (Brody) Carpenter, Charles (Charlie) Cotter, Reed Eberst, Timothy (Tim) Elias, Connor Goodlin, Jason Harwood, Keatyn Kilgore, Aiden Kirst, Gage Kososky, Ava Lamb, Braylen Moore, Rinka Mori, Sophia Nelson, Jarrett Peachee, Kylie Pocock, Mya Rose, Braxton Schneider, Cruz Schroeder, Zoey Schwartzfigure, Trevor Stacy, Clayton (Clay) Stevens, Carter Tomlinson, Makayla Wells, Saniyah Witherspoon, Logan Zeigler

**Sixth Grade** — Harper Armstrong, Cambree Bartolucci, Wyatt Bechstein, Abigail (Abbey) Bercauw, Emilie Carson, Asher Clark, Lillian (Lilly) Cowell, Jarren Grace, Matthew Dickson, Nico DiOrio, Wyatt Eddleblute, Jordyn Featheringill, Evan Fleming, Kendall Frontz, Cali Godfrey, Addilyn (Addy) Harvey, Ava Herold, Jaevin Howard, Flynn Jovani, Thomas (Micah) Klopfenstein, Konnor Leonhard, Alexis (Lexie) McClain, Claire Moritz, Hudson Morrison, Gavin Polotto, Abbey Rhoad, Lillian Salsler, Connor Spillman, Hadley Vavra, Grace Vermillion

### MERIT ROLL

**Eighth Grade** — Aiden Armstrong, Mason Boyd, Alexa (Lexi) Conrad, Jalynn Craze, Naquaris (Moni) Dillon, Luke Fletcher, Alay-

na Foltz, Cory Garn, Makenna Greene, Roman Hardy, Aiden Harley, Liam Holden, Chassity Keaton, Alexander (ALEX) Kern, Sienna Kinniard, Mason Kiser, Zachary (Zach) LaCroix, Makenzi Larrabee, Joshua (Josh) Mabry, Dana Messer, Reese Miller, Kamden (Kam) Mitchell, Sadie Neumann, Gatlin O'Brien, Autumn Porter, Keegan Roberts, Briar Samuels, Oliver Shaw, Oliver B Shaw, Alexander (Alex) Simmering, Jacob Simms, Kaleb Sipes, Peyton Smith, Trevor Studer, Ryan Swanson, Graham Thurber, Mason Unger, Carter Viola, Kaelynn Wilson and Natalie Wonderski

**Seventh Grade** — Lillian Brahler, William (Liam) Chitwood, Braxton Collins, Wyatt Dzugan, Grayson Eldridge, Cheyenne Elliott, Hailey Graham Bay, Hayden Grisham, Whitley Hall, Renelle Harris, Hayden Headley, Jordan Heckard, Isabella Hobson, Lavary Jackson, Cali Joseph, Karsynn Lawhorn, Sophia (Sophie) Matthes, Kellan McManes, Gage Miller, Alezander (Zander) Monroy, Carson Mosier, Julius Neely, Alexis (Lexi Or Alexis) Norman, Le Thao (Thao) Phan, Kori Risner, Carter Robinson, Sylas Sabo, Loewen Shaw, Jaiden Sines, Camron Smithberger, Jerrett (Jett Soliday) Soliday, Luke Spellman, Brinley Vincent, Olivia Whisler and Cambria Zeigler

**Sixth Grade** — Grady Boyd, Kara Bradley, Gage Criss, Chloe Cushing, Joseph (Joe) Dahlby, Landon Daugherty, William (Will) Fenner, Gavin Fitzpatrick, Danielle Frasz, Gavin Griffith, Larry Kelly, Nathan Kershner, Macie McClain, Jaxon Metelsky, Zane Micheli, Laila Moyer, Elliana Nelson, Sasha Nimocks, Gavin Peterson, Madison (Maddy) Queer, Aaliyah Schaade, Addisyn Schunatz, Apollo Thackrah-thien, Sophia Tolar, Braxton White, Kaleyb Woods and Von Zeigler

## News Briefs in Education

Over 1,150 students received degrees from Northern Illinois University in December. Included among the graduates was Kaitlynn Long of Mansfield, who earned a Master of Science in digital marketing.



Heidelberg University has announced the names of students who have earned academic recognition on the fall semester dean's list.

According to Provost Dr. Courtney DeMayo Pugno, students must be enrolled full time and meet academic criteria set forth by the university to be named to the list.

On the list are Ellie Cotter, freshman; Kendall Kuhn, freshman; and Kylie Snow, junior, of Mansfield; and Kylie Hendrix, senior; and Brooklynn Wharton, senior, of Ontario.



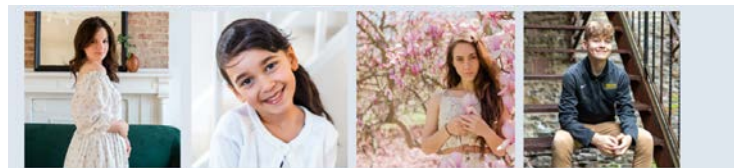
Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) students named to the fall 2024 president's list are Steven Clark of Ontario, Robert Broyles of Mansfield, Chasity Kelly of Mansfield and Kyle Collins of Mansfield.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the list. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.



Area students have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2024 semester at the University of Mount Union. On the list are Callie Cyrus of Mansfield, Alex Depperschmidt of Mansfield, Jacob Hathaway of Lexington, Anna Perkins of Mansfield and Lucas Starling of Mansfield.

To be eligible, students must have completed at least 12 credit hours of traditionally graded coursework while achieving a grade point average of 3.550 or better with no letter grade below a B.



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# Madison BOE starts year with packed agenda

The Madison Local School District Board of Education met at Madison Middle School Auditoria on Jan. 15.

The school board was recognized by superintendent Rob Peterson as a part of School Board Recognition Month.

Presentations were given by Lindi Holfinger, MECLC Director and Jennifer Eckenwiler, Madison South Preschool Coordinator.

A donation of \$1,400 was accepted towards negative lunch balances from the family of long-time Operations Supervisor Steve Crist.

A donation of positive lunch balances was accepted from students no longer enrolled in the district in the amount of \$289.32 toward negative lunch balances throughout the district.

Treasurer Bradd Stevens presented the monthly financial report and Fiscal Year 2026 tax budget.

JoNell Aron resigned as the middle school music teacher, effective Feb. 28.

Supplemental positions for the 2024-'25 school year were awarded to Jeff Burkholder, assistant varsity track coach; Brett Sanders, head middle school track coach; Steve Zellner, assistant middle school track coach; and Tyler Amos, assistant middle school track coach.

Madison Adult Education hires include Nicole Williams, Medical Assisting Technologies; Jason Phelps, Industrial Electrical Maintenance; Cody Holmes, Precision Machining/CNC Technologies; and Douglas Wilson, Precision Machining/CNC Technologies.

Substitute teachers hired on an "on call" basis, as needed for the 2024-'25 school year are Tyler Amos, Samantha Darling, Kendall Guegold, Kathryn Lindenberger, Kerry Montgomery, Victor Skoog, Camryana Smith, James Utt and Rachell Clark.

David Gilbert was approved as a middle school track volunteer.

Resignations were accepted from Keylee Rogers, lead teacher, MECLC; Jason Anschutz, vendor custodian, MECLC; Donna Atwell, billing specialist, MECLC; April Moore, custodian, high school; and Kelly Schroeder, special ed. paraprofessional, South.

Hirings included Darla Noblet, bus driver, route 11; Tiffany Miller, 4-hour cafeteria, high school; Jessica Evans, assistant teacher, MECLC; and Brian Barr, contracted vendor custodian, MECLC.

A cell phone allowance for January 2025–December 2025 was approved for John Neron, Mark Pogue, Joshua Miller, Jeremy Thoman and Mike Yost.

The board approved the overnight varsity baseball spring trip to Cincinnati, March 21–23, 2025, at no cost to the board.

The Staffing Agreement between the Madison Local School District, Mansfield Christian School and Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center to provide staffing services for Title I Coordinator, Title I Teachers, Title I Tutors, and Paraprofessional Aides to Mansfield Christian School beginning July 1, 2024 and ending July 31, 2025, at no cost to the board was approved.

The board approved the service agreement between Madison Local School District, the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center Governing Board and St. Mary of the Snows School to provide up to eight hours of direct and indirect Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) Consultation and Professional Development Services beginning Nov. 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2025, at no cost to the board.

The next regular board of education meeting will be Feb. 19, at 6 pm in the Madison Middle School Auditoria.

## Money Wise: How to Get Back on the Right Financial Track After the Holidays

The holidays can be an excuse for one last blowout before vowing to reset financial goals in the new year. Credit card debt can accrue and savings deplete quickly as people enjoy the festivities. But with an action plan, short-term debt from the holiday season doesn't need to saddle money aspirations in the year ahead.

"Between buying gifts, traveling and taking advantage of available discounts, it's not uncommon to run into short-term debt during the holidays," said Manuel Salazar, chief executive officer of Take Charge America, a national nonprofit credit counseling and debt management agency. "If you spent more than your budget allowed, take inventory of your expenses and find an optimal way to pay down the debt."

Salazar shares six tactics on how to refresh finances following the holiday season.

**Create or Refine Your Budget:** A well-crafted budget is the cornerstone of financial stability. Review your spending habits and identify areas where you can cut back. You can find free budget worksheet online and through a mobile app.

**Conduct a Subscription Audit:** A few dollars toward a slew of unneeded subscriptions can quickly bust your budget. Take a closer look at your subscriptions and cancel any unnecessary ones. Every dollar saved can be redirected toward climbing out of a short-term hole.

**Determine the Best Debt Payoff Strategy:** If you've accumulated holiday debt, consider consulting credit counselor to develop a budget and personalized action plan to eliminate it. Free and confidential credit counseling sessions are available through nonprofit agencies like Take Charge America.

**Automate to Meet Financial Goals:** Automating finances can improve financial discipline. You can schedule transfers from direct deposit into your savings account and set up recurring bill payments. These auto transfers make for better budgeting, knowing a portion of your money is earmarked for savings. They also save you the hassle of remembering due dates, which prevent unnecessary late fees.

**Fuel Your Savings:** It is recommended to have three to six months of savings stashed away in case of emergencies. While hard to achieve, consider using holiday bonuses and tax refunds while adjusting your budget to boost your savings.

**Enlist Help:** An accountability partner can ensure you stick to your budget. Choose someone you trust – a friend, partner or family member – and be honest about your progress.

## Columbia Gas of Ohio shares safety tips for winter weather

As the weather continues to be cold and the potential remains for hazards such as ice, snow and plummeting temperatures, Columbia Gas of Ohio is reminding customers to prepare now so they can help keep their families safe and warm throughout the winter.

### Outside the home:

- Clear snow and ice from your intake and exhaust vents. Keeping those vents clear can help you avoid carbon monoxide buildup and operational issues with your appliances.

- Keep your natural gas meter clear and visible at all times so it is accessible for maintenance or in the event of an emergency; never let snow completely cover the meter and don't use a shovel or hammer to hit the equipment to break up snow or ice.

### Inside the home:

- Use space heaters with caution. Place them on hard, level surfaces and keep anything flammable – bedding, curtains, rugs, etc. – at least three feet away.

- Ensure heating appliances and equipment are inspected and operating properly. Operate all pieces of equipment according to the manufacturer's instructions.

- Never use a stove or oven as a source of heat in your home; ovens are designed to heat food and should only be operated with the door closed.

- Don't burn charcoal or run a generator indoors or in an enclosed space.

- Clean your chimney and check for blockage at least once a year before using your fireplace.

### What to do in case of a potential gas leak:

- If you smell the "rotten egg" odor of natural gas or think there may be a gas leak, stop what you are doing, leave the area immediately, then call 911 and Columbia Gas at 1-800-344-4077.

For more safety tips visit [columbiagasohio.com/safety/home-safety](http://columbiagasohio.com/safety/home-safety).

# Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

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## Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

## Mansfield Christian boys' furnace hot against Plymouth

By Kris Leiter

Coach Cary Craner and the Mansfield Christian Flames lost eight seniors, including Amarr Davis, who was a huge contributor to the scoring columns, leaving just four seniors to return. MCS does have a nice class of five juniors joining the varsity ranks. This will ring in a total of nine upperclassmen for 2024-'25.

Keep your eyes on #33. Junior Taylor Hahn, 6' 3" has been getting some quality minutes on the hardwood. He's very aggressive cleaning off the glass in the rebound column with multiple efforts, as well as adding points in the scoring columns. Hahn has also received player of the game accolades in recent weeks.

Last year, the Flames made a nice run in the post-season tournament, advancing to the District Semi-Finals at Willard High School. They fell to the Colonel Crawford Eagles 63-59.

On Dec. 15, MCS was ready to take on Plymouth. A lot of times, I'll look at the records of two teams and make a preliminary decision whether it might be a good game.

This game started out as a relaxing Sunday drive in the country in the first half, with Mansfield Christian in total control.

However, then the second half of the game came and it was roller coaster ride to the very end. It turned out to be a nail biter!

Starting the firepower was the Flames and they were hot! Did I say hot? By the end of the first quarter horn, the Flames had things heated up by 16-2!

Remember Davion Mack, the freshman from last year? He's only a sophomore but wasted no time in the first quarter pouring in eight points and two steals.

During the second quarter, the Big Red got the locomotive fired up and opened the show by scoring the first eight points of the quarter, by a 13-10 scoring run. Plymouth would begin the show at 6:45 with a firework of a 3-bagger by 6' 3" freshman Izaya Reynolds.

Within 30 seconds, at 6:15, teammate at 6' 2" junior Jarrett Burrer dropped another 2-spot, and at 5:37 went to the free throw line and dropped 2-2.

The Big Red wasn't finished quite yet. As the clock showed 4:50, halfway through the quarter, another 2-point field goal would light-up by Reynolds to close the gap by five points. The score would show 16-11, the Flames still holding the lead, but Plymouth had the train coming down the track and with speed.

The Flames continued the scoring frenzy through the second quarter. By halftime, the Flames held an 11 point lead at 26-15.

Like a good movie, the second half would be worth the price of admission and starting the third quarter, the Big Red was again starting the firepower!

At 7:30, Big Red 6' 3" junior Eli Keefe would light things up with a 2-pointer, Flames 26-17. Then at 6:47, Big Red 5' 9" Burrer dropped 2-2 at the charity stripe.

At 6:14, Keefe again would notch two more tallies.

It was fireworks at 5:41 by junior Jackson Bays with 3-pointer, putting Plymouth within four points. The Flames held a narrow lead, 28-24.

As the third quarter continued, there would be three lead changes and three ties with both teams trading points like the New York

stock exchange trading commodities.

As the clock would end for the quarter, the Flames held a narrow lead, 37-34.

Let the fourth quarter begin! Plymouth would be like that pesky fly at the summer picnic, just hanging around enough to let you know they weren't going away.

As time ticked away, the Big Red closed the gap slowly but surely.

At 5:50, Mansfield Christian would commit two fouls, sending the Big Red's Lex Grose to the line. Grose sank a free throw, keeping things tight in scoring column.

At 5:37, the Flames would lead narrowly 39-37! Big Red within two points!

The Flames' Taylor Hahn would answer back at 5:05, at the foul line. He dropped both free throws to open the lead a tad bit, 41-37!

As the next few minutes would go by, Big Red's Jarrett Burrer had plans — big plans! Burrer would drain six points in the next minutes to tie the game at 2:51 left in the fourth quarter! 44-44 at 2:27 on the clock!

As the next few minutes would chip away, there would be two lead changes and two ties!

Things were hot in the furnace, and so were fouls shots! It was coming down to who would make the free throws!

As :03 would show on the clock, the Flames, 5' 9" senior Matthew Gillum would drop a big 2-pointer, and the game would be tied 52-52!

Adding four overtime minutes to the clock resulted in three lead changes.

As mentioned, free throws can make a difference and indeed the Flames took advantage.

The Flames made 5 free throws and Plymouth would only counter with one completed free throw.

And to end it all, the Flames kept the fire burning with a final of 60-57!

## OHSAA adds divisions in track and field and cross country

During its January meeting Thursday morning, the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors voted unanimously to expand postseason tournament divisions in track and field and cross country. Track and field will add two divisions, expanding from three divisions to five, while cross country will add one division, expanding from three divisions to four.

The expansion will take effect beginning with the 2025-'26 school year. As part of the expansion, Division I will have a smaller number of teams than the other divisions. The number of schools in the other divisions will be divided as equally as possible. In the current three-division format for both sports, the number of schools in each division is divided as equally as possible.

The expansion for track and field and cross country follows the OHSAA's recent expansion in several team sports, including basketball, baseball, soccer, softball and girls volleyball. Over the last several years, the Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches has made several proposals for expansion.

"We have been studying expansion in track and field and cross country for quite some time, just like how we studied expanding divisions in those team sports," said Doug Ute, OHSAA Executive Director. "Adding divisions and decreasing the size of Division I has already brought such a positive change for those team sports, and now we have worked through the process to do that in track and field and cross country. We appreciate the dialogue with the OATCCC leadership and their assistance and patience."

Details and tournament format information will be announced when the board approves the tournament regulations several months before each tournament.

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# Five Things we Learned About Alzheimer's In 2024

With an estimated 6.9 million Americans aged 65 and older currently living with Alzheimer's disease, the road to a cure seems long and uncertain.

But as a new year begins, experts are reflecting on some of the hopeful advances in diagnosis, treatment and risk management that were made in 2024.

The Alzheimer's Association — a Chicago-based nonprofit committed to Alzheimer's research, care and support — shared its top five significant discoveries from the year.

## FDA Approves Third Drug That Slows The Course Of Alzheimer's Disease

2024 saw a new drug enter the dementia landscape, as the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved Kisunla (donanemab) in July. This was the third new approval since 2021.

Kisunla, which is made by Eli Lilly, is designed to "slow progression and change the underlying course of the disease," according to the Association's press release.

The once-monthly injection is intended for adults with early symptomatic Alzheimer's disease.

This is the first medication to target amyloid plaques — the proteins that build up in the brains of Alzheimer's patients, often impairing memory and cognitive function — with evidence to support stopping therapy when amyloid plaques are removed, a company release stated.

"This is real progress," said Alzheimer's Association President and CEO Dr. Joanne Pike in a statement shared with Fox News Digital at the time.

"[This FDA] approval allows people more options and greater opportunity to have more time. Having multiple treatment options is the kind of advancement we've all been waiting for."

## Blood Tests Could Improve Speed and Accuracy of Diagnosis

Research this year has helped move Alzheimer's blood tests closer to being used in physicians' offices.

Studies have shown that blood tests can achieve a higher accuracy of diagnosis, which could help fast-track patients' access to clinical trials and treatments, according to the Alzheimer's Association.

"Blood tests for Alzheimer's are demonstrating in research that they could significantly improve a clinician's accuracy and confidence, provide greater accessibility and a reason for more communication," the same source stated.

In one study reported this year, a specific blood test was around 90% accurate in identifying Alzheimer's in patients with cognitive symptoms seen in primary care and at specialized memory care clinics, per the Association.

## Individuals And Caregivers Want More Support Post-Diagnosis

People who are newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's and their caregivers need more support in navigating the health care system. That's according to a 2024 Alzheimer's Association survey, which found that 97% of dementia caregivers expressed a desire for those support systems.

A majority of dementia caregivers (70%) also noted that "coordination of care is stressful."

To help address this, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in July 2024 launched an eight-year pilot program in dementia care management, called the Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience (GUIDE) model.

The program aims to work with health care systems to provide supportive services to people living with dementia and their caregivers, with a focus on helping patients remain in their homes and communities, according to the Alzheimer's Association.

## Wildfire Smoke Raises Risk of Dementia More than Other Air Pollution

According to 2024 research, air pollution has been linked to an increased risk of dementia. The 10-year study, which was presented during the Alzheimer's Association International Conference in Philadelphia in July, found that wildfire smoke can be "particularly hazardous" for brain health.

The research included more than 1.2 million people in southern California, an area that experiences frequent wildfire activity.

Air pollution produced by wildfires could be more hazardous to health because it is produced at higher temperatures, contains a greater concentration of toxic chemicals, and is smaller in diameter than other sources, the Alzheimer's Association stated.

## Scientists Define Alzheimer's by the Physical Changes in the Brain

In June 2024, scientists and clinicians published research that showed physical changes that happen in the brain due to Alzheimer's disease.

"Defining diseases by their biology has long been standard in many areas of medicine — including cancer, heart disease and diabetes," the Alzheimer's Association wrote.

"The new publication defines Alzheimer's as a biological process that begins with brain changes before people exhibit memory and thinking problems."

These brain changes were found to come ahead of the typical outward symptoms, such as memory loss, confusion, disorientation and trouble with planning or organizing.

Additional research and support resources from the Alzheimer's Association can be found at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

There are 236,200 Ohioans 65 and older living with Alzheimer's disease according to the Alzheimer's Association 2024 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures. A total of 414,000 Ohio caregivers provide 624 million hours of unpaid care each year, valued at \$11.4 billion.

To learn more about Alzheimer's or other related dementia, or to access free tools and resources, visit [alz.org](http://alz.org) or call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 helpline at 800-272-3900.

## DAR Marian Anderson Legacy Scholarship accepting applications

Undergraduate and graduate students studying music can apply for the DAR Marian Anderson Legacy Scholarship through Jan. 31, 2025. Sponsored by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the scholarship provides a one-time \$5,000 award to one student annually who is pursuing undergraduate or graduate study in music.

Applicants should be accepted or currently enrolled in an accredited university or college in the United States and have a concentration in music in their course of study. Music performance, composition, theory, or education are all areas that students may be specialized in to qualify for the scholarship. They should have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent GPA on the scale used by the institution.

Applications require references sent through the application system, so students need to request their references ahead of the Jan. 31 application deadline.

In honor of Ms. Anderson's commitment to the community throughout her life and her willingness to share her incredible talent with the world, applicants are asked to write a personal statement describing their humanitarian or volunteer contributions on behalf of their community and/or country.

To recognize the city Marian Anderson called home, preference will be given to students from the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania metropolitan area, even if they are not pursuing music studies in the Philadelphia area.

This scholarship is not automatically renewed. However, recipients may reapply for consideration each year for up to four consecutive years.

The scholarship is supported by the Daughters of the American Revolution's Marian Anderson Legacy Fund. Learn more about the relationship between Marian Anderson and the DAR, and the organization's on-going efforts to honor her memory at [www.dar.org/MarianAnderson](http://www.dar.org/MarianAnderson)

One of the largest patriotic women's service organizations in the world, DAR has 190,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters across the country and several foreign countries.

For additional information about DAR and its relevant mission visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org).



**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL NINTH GRADE HIGHEST HONORS** were awarded to Myles Born, Alyvia Buckner, Madelyn Carson, Ellie Dawson, Jackson Dean, Grant Domyan, Stella Durbin, Noah Durfee, Nadie Eberst, Aria Edgell, Luke Genders, Briella Hall, Willow Harris, Adelina Hines, Owen Hunt, Addysen Jacobsen, Elise LeHew, Ava Lively, Amelia McCoy, Emell McKinney, Ryann Messer, Colten Montgomery, Yuka Mori, Carson Moritz, Kamryn Pelphrey, Camila Perez-Archuleta, Conner Perry, Norah Potter, Roxy Purvis, Kolbe Ramion, Morgan Rose, Kennedy Sapp, Daycee Schlotterer, Vaydie Schroeder, Kaelin Scott, Addison Smith Maddix Smith, Alexis Them, Ella Them, Mason Wilkerson, Tanner Winningham, Ava Zehe, Antony Zhu and Leah Ziegler.



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**ACADEMIC BOOSTERS** provided the Ontario High School students who earned Highest Honors with a treat from Everbowl.



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**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL TWELFTH GRADE HIGHEST HONORS** were awarded to Matthew Bayes, Jack Belding, Aerialyn Bischak, Brooklyn Caldwell, Alea Cook, Samuel Crawford, Jailyndecimus, Taylor Dille, Brooke Eyerly, Brady Fletcher, Sophia Fraley, Regan Freiheit, Mitchell Geer, Blake Gregory, Natalie Hall, Zoe Hampton, Samuel Jackson, Stella Kaufman, Abigail Kern, Kelsi Krzeminski, Vanessa Liu, James Mahon, Zachary McChristy, Rowan McManes, Emma Mies, Claire Morrison, Camden Platner, Nissi Powers, Ryan Racer, Ethan Radojcsics, Evan Ruhe, Isabella Schoonover, Claire Shaw, Landon Sowards, Jakiah Trammell, Morgan Turnbaugh, Carter Walters, Anna Ward, Kennedy Weiler, Brayden Wendling, David Winans, Joshua Yoak and Jack Zahn.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Springfield Township meetings will be held every other Monday beginning Jan. 6, 2025, at 6:00 pm with the following exceptions: Jan. 20, Feb. 17, May 26, Sept. 1 and Oct. 13. Meetings will be held the following Tuesday at 6:00 pm due to those Mondays being holidays. The final meeting of the year will be Dec. 22. The organizational meeting for 2025 will be held on Dec. 31 at 9:30 am with the Fire Dependent's Board preceding said meeting at 9:00 am. The Records Retention Meeting will be held April 28, 2025, at 5:45 pm. All meetings will be held in the Township Hall, 3700 Park Avenue West, Ontario, Ohio.

Anita Kochheiser  
Springfield Twp. Fiscal Officer  
City of Ontario, OH  
(T-C 1-23 '25) (21L)

### CITY OF ONTARIO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION PATROL OFFICER EXAM

The City of Ontario will conduct a Civil Service examination for the position of entry level police officer on Sunday, February 16, 2025, at the Ontario Municipal Building Community Room, 555 North Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio 44906. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. and the exam will begin at 9:00 a.m. No admittance after 9:00 a.m.

Candidates must be U.S. citizens and present a valid driver's license at the time of the examination. Must be at least 21 years of age (unless the candidate qualifies for the OPOTA exception) but not more than 34 years of age and must possess a high school diploma or GED equivalence. Passing Candidates who qualify in the top ten will be required to complete a physical strength and agility test. Candidates that are selected will be subject to psychological, polygraph, drug and alcohol screening along with a comprehensive background check.

NOTICE: Applicants must have their Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) Certification to apply. Applicants currently enrolled in an Ohio Basic Peace Officer Training Academy are allowed to test but Certification must be complete by time of appointment.

The City of Ontario is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on any basis prohibited by law including military status. However, if you are applying for a civil service examination and elect to claim military service credit either as an honorably discharged veteran or as a member of the National Guard or a Reserve component as provided in R.C. 124.23, then please attach a copy of your honorable discharge from active duty, DD 214 or other proof of eligibility for this credit. Applications are available at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Police Department window or online at [www.ontpd.com](http://www.ontpd.com). Applications will be accepted until Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the Police Department window in the Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road. Those with questions may call the Division of Police at 419-529-2115 and ask to speak with a recruiter.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, OH  
(T-C 1-16, 23 '25) (62L)

### CITY OF ONTARIO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION GENERAL LABORER EXAM

The City of Ontario is accepting applications for the full time position of "Maintenance and Cemetery Superintendent." This test will also be used to consider employment for future openings in the following departments: Streets, Water, Sewer, and Parks. Starting wage is \$21.48 per hour, with consideration given for qualifications and experience. Standard work week is 40 hours. We offer a comprehensive

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, OH  
(T-C 1-16, 23 '25) (71L)

benefits package, including health, eye, & dental coverage.

Job responsibilities include, but are not limited to: General cleaning; floor care; cleaning & care of equipment; restroom cleaning & maintenance; removal of trash; office cleaning; minor equipment repairs; basic plumbing & electrical work; climbing ladders to clean & change lighting; yard & grounds maintenance; seasonal outside maintenance; maintain cemetery grounds, driveways, cemetery burial plot records and handle inquiries for sale of lots; use a computer for email, time card and ordering supplies.

Candidate must understand that duties, location of work, and shift pattern are subject to change as determined by administration to meet the needs of the City.

**REQUIREMENTS:**  
High School diploma or general education degree (GED) Ability to lift and/or move up to 100 pounds Able to work well with minimal supervision

Applications may be picked up at the Ontario Municipal Building at 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm beginning Monday, Jan 13, 2025, or downloaded from <https://ontarioohio.org/>. Deadline to submit your application is 3:00 pm on Feb 11, 2025 in a sealed envelope marked Civil Service Commission – General Laborer Position, or email to [CivilService@OntarioOhio.org](mailto:CivilService@OntarioOhio.org). The test will be given at 9 am at the Ontario Municipal Building on Feb 16, 2025.

The City of Ontario is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on any basis prohibited by law including military status. However, if you are applying for a civil service examination and elect to claim military service credit either as an honorably discharged veteran or as a member of the National Guard or a Reserve component as provided in R.C. 124.23, then please attach a copy of your honorable discharge from active duty, DD 214 or other proof of eligibility for this credit.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Madison Township Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 11 2025, at the Madison Town Hall, 817 Expressview Drive, rear entrance. The requested hearing is as follows:

Reviewing an application for variance at 1569 Suburban Dr. to allow the occupant to install a six (6) foot privacy fence to the front of his property. In violation of resolution 800.9 (B). All adjoining land owners are invited to contribute in the hearing to express their support or concerns of this variance.

Leanna Rhodes  
Madison Twp. Fiscal Officer  
Mansfield, OH  
(T-C 1-23 '25) (19L)

## ASSE looking for families to host students

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs (ASSE), a non-profit, public benefit organization, is inviting local families to discover the many rewards of hosting a foreign exchange student.

ASSE students come from more than 50 countries worldwide: France, Denmark, Spain, Italy, Ukraine, Japan, Australia, to name a few.

Students are between the ages of 15 and 18 years, and they are enthusiastic and excited to experience American culture, family life, school, sports, etc. They also love to share their own culture and language with their host families, who welcome the students into their home, not as a guest, but as a family member, giving everyone involved a rich cultural experience. Host families may be single parents, couples and single persons.

The exchange students have pocket money for personal expenses and full health, accident and liability insurance.

ASSE students are carefully selected based upon academics and personality, and host families choose their student from a wide variety of backgrounds, countries and personal interests.

ASSE also offers qualified American students the opportunity to learn another language and culture by spending a school year, semester or a summer with a host family in another country.

Those interested in hosting an exchange student or becoming an exchange student abroad, should call Saphia at 1-800-736-1760, visit [www.asse.com](http://www.asse.com) or send an email to [asseusamidwest@asse.com](mailto:asseusamidwest@asse.com) to request more information or start the application process.

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