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**THE CITY OF ONTARIO** held its annual Easter Egg Hunt at Marshall Park on Saturday, April 19 for children age three through fourth grade. *(More Photos on Page 8)*

## Lions to collect donations for Matthew 25 Outreach

The Ontario Lions Club will host a special fundraiser on May 3 and 4 from 10 am to 4 pm at Tractor Supply, 2727 W. 4th St., Ontario.

The Lions' food trailer will be on-site, and a portion of all sales will be donated to Matthew 25 Outreach, a local food bank serving Richland, Ashland and Medina counties. The Lions will also be accepting direct donations. By supporting the fundraiser, proceeds will go to produce distributions and the senior food box program.

The next local produce distribution will be at Mansfield Senior High School, 124 N. Linden Rd., on Saturday, May 3, from 10 am to 1 pm. For information or to volunteer call Call 419-961-0110.

## Madison Board of Education approves massive list of hirings

The Madison Local School Board of Education met April 16, in the Madison Middle School Auditoria.

Jerry Wertz was recognized as a national qualifier for the Business Professionals of America (BPA) Competition in Device Configuration and Troubleshooting.

Jacelynn Barley was recognized for her accomplishments in SkillsUSA as a national qualifier in prepared speech but she was unable to attend the meeting. Melissa Wigton, Eastview Elementary Principal, gave a presentation.

A \$1,000 donation was accepted from VFW Post 9946, to be used by the Purple Star Military Kids Program at Mifflin Elementary. A \$6,000 donation was given by the Middle School PTO to the Middle School Principal's Fund, to be used for field trips.

A \$139.98 donation was accepted from the Mifflin Elementary PTO to the Mifflin Principal's Fund, to be used for the cost of games for physical education classes.

Ideal Electric Co. donated 34 spools of Innershield flex core welding wire (valued at \$7,888) and two pallets of steel (valued at \$4,000) to be used by the Welding Technology programs and the Manufacturing Technology program at the high school and MACC.

The March 2025 financial report was approved, as was the Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid and Student Wellness and Success Fund expenditure plan for FY26.

Resignations were accepted from Eric Boehm, teacher, effective May 30; and Kristin Ruby, teacher, effective July 31.

Bill Roth was hired as student services director and Megan Moysi was hired as assistant varsity track coach.

Employments approved for the 2025-'26 school year include Naomi Adinkrah, 1/3 South student council advisor; Curtis Ashley, high school drama advisor (play); Kim Boehm, high school social studies department chair and assistant cross country

coach; Josh Boliantz, middle school drama advisor; Derek Boyd, assistant seventh grade football coach; Melissa Brandt, FCCLA advisor; Jennifer Branstetter, high school student council advisor and junior class advisor; Tracey Burden, high school math department chair and National Honor Society advisor; Jeff Burkholder, assistant varsity football coach and winter fitness coordinator; Breanna Crunkilton, Eastview math department chair; Jenifer Culler, Mifflin special education coordinator; Kate Darnell, high school Key Club advisor and sophomore class advisor; James Dillon, high school Academic Challenge advisor and high school science department chair; Michelle Dillon, Academic Booster coordinator and high school English department chair; Kaitlyn Fanning, high school assistant band director (fall); Brittany Farley, Mifflin student council advisor; Steve Farley, head varsity boys' golf coach; Krista Ferini, middle school Academic Challenge advisor; and Teri Foley-Kanz, eighth grade cheer advisor.

Hirings also included John Foust, head eighth grade football coach and head eighth grade girls' basketball coach; Lindsey Frank, middle school 7/8 special education coordinator; Matt Godsil, 1/2 art club advisor; Craig Green, high school drama advisor (musical) and vocal ensemble; Lynn Gross, seventh grade cheer advisor; Kathie Jansen, Eastview ELA department chair; Julie Kirkpatrick, writers' club advisor; Jessica Kunz, senior class advisor; Jennifer Lawhorn, 1/3 South student council advisor; Tim Lord, middle school Audio Visual and middle school social studies department chair and head varsity boys' soccer coach; Tracie Luckie, middle school English department chair; Ryan MacCredie, 1/2 art club advisor; Tiffany McCoy, Eastview special education coordinator; Kim Miller, high school career tech department chair; Jodi Newberry, Madison South ELA department chair; Tim Niswander,

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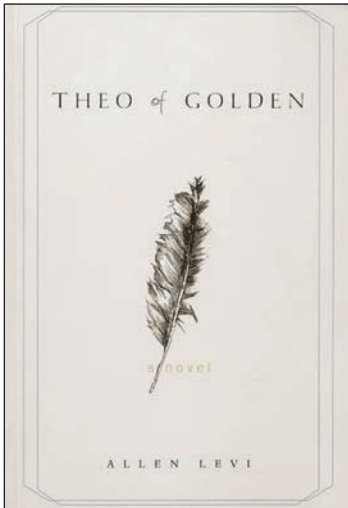
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LOST IN A BOOK



A Book Review
By Mandy Belczak Gurney



Theo of Golden by Allen Levi might be the most beautiful book I've ever read.

Theo is an old man who shows up one day in the small southern town of Golden and no one knows why he has come.

Theo discovers portrait artwork for sale in the local coffee shop and is amazed by the technique, but wonders why more haven't sold. Theo begins the project of buying certain portraits, tracking down the real people in them and giving them as gifts.

This small act of kindness unravels several stories within the story.

I cherished the way they came together in the end. Seeing the world and people through

Theo's eyes is healing. It's a story of the ripple effects of kindness. It's a story about those who have experienced great loss, but will still lean into joy.

It's how we as humans can experience extreme grief and also walk in the light, and even more, we can be the light.

I finished this story on the beach in Florida staring out at the gulf and just wept by its beauty and the profound impact it had on me.

I recommend waiting to read this until you can give it your full attention. If you're in a busy and distracted season, wait. To experience its beauty, you'll need more time.

Allen Levi is the amazing author who self published this story. I think part of why it's so precious is because no large publishing houses got their hands on it. The writing is so pure.

I encourage you to visit https://www.allenlevi.com and check out his other work.

My rating: ★★★★★ (a bonus 6/5)

Follow my blog at Green Gurneys at GreenGurneys.com

Foundation annual meeting is May 9

The Richland County Foundation will conduct its annual meeting Friday, May 9 at 11:30 am at Kingwood Center Gardens, 50 Trimble Rd., Mansfield. The Foundation invites anyone in the community who is interested to the lunch.

Registration is online at richlandcountyfoundation.org, click the donate tab and then events.

The cost is \$30 per person. The luncheon meeting can also be paid for by mailing a check to 181 S. Main St., Mansfield, OH 44902 or call 419-525-3020 for additional information.

THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER - By Ian Stumbo - (includes clapperboard and film reel icon)

Ryan Coogler's new release Sinners is a very well done horror film set in Mississippi in 1932.

This movie has been getting rave reviews since its release last weekend and I will add mine to that.

Michael B. Jordan gives a great performance (or performances) as twin brothers Elijah and Elias Moore.

After returning to Mississippi from their gangster dealings in Chicago, the brothers open up a dance hall that attracts all kinds of musical talent. Soon, they realize there is an evil in this town that won't stop until it gets them all.

Coogler has become such a great director from his small but effective debut Fruitvale Station to the excellent Creed to the Black Panther films, Sinners really showcases his directing talent.

This movie completely feels like it is set in the time in which

it is set and the movie's scarier creature scenes are very well done in terms of how they are shot and the lighting used.

Hailee Steinfeld and Delroy Lindo are great supporting players though Jordan shines through as these twins who he is able to play differently enough to tell them apart. There are also some terrific music sequences as this movie is filled with great blues and bluegrass tunes.

Sinners is such an original film and its great to see it do well at the box office this week. Coogler and Jordan give the audience a great story set in older times that comes with some great scary scenes and action. Sinners has a lot going on though it well worth the ride.



NAMIWalks event to be held in Ontario

NAMI Richland County will host a NAMIWalk event on Saturday, May 31, at Ontario Marshall Park, 3375 Milligan Rd., Ontario, lower park. The event will include a 1-Mile Fun Walk and a 5K Race.

Registration opens at 8 am and the 5k and walk begins at 9 am. Family Fun Day begins at 9:30 am.

NAMIWalks are held to promote awareness of mental health and reduce stigma, raise funds for NAMI's free mental health programs and build community and let people know they are not alone.

Registering is free and will ensure participants have access to on-line fundraising and are eligible for incentive gifts. Registered participants who self-donate or raise \$100 or more will earn a t-shirt and those who raise \$1,000 or more will receive a lapel pin.

To register visit https://www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=register.start&eventID=1744. For more information call 419-522-6264 or email Families@namirc.org.

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# News Briefs

The 4th Annual SPT Charity Golf Outing will be held Friday, May 16, at Twin Lakes Golf Course, 2220 Marion Avenue Rd., Mansfield. Entry includes breakfast, dinner, beverage, snacks, golf, cart and prizes. Cost is \$340 per team and the registration deadline is May 2.

The event is limited to 18 teams. To register visit <https://files.constantcontact.com/5fc06ec5201/1d2cc196-705a-42f0-97cb-f8ab2ebaf63e.pdf?rdr=true>.

All proceeds benefit Special Olympics Ohio-Richland County. For more information call 419-834-8366 or email [aaron@spyohio.com](mailto:aaron@spyohio.com).



There will be two sessions of the Senior Citizen Luncheon at Madison Comprehensive High School's Ramble Inn, 600 Esley Ln., on Thursday, May 8. The first session will be at 11 am and the second will be at 12:30 pm. The cost is \$8 per lunch.

Reservations must be made by noon on Tuesday, May 6. Call the board office at 419-589-2600, ext. 65001 or email [csmith@madisonrams.net](mailto:csmith@madisonrams.net) to make a reservation.



The Republican Party Central Committee members for the City of Ontario have extended the deadline for applicants to be appointed to the position of Auditor for the City of Ontario. Interested candidates should submit their letter of interest and resume to [janezim@icloud.com](mailto:janezim@icloud.com) by April 30.



The City of Ontario has released the meeting schedule for the next few months:

April 30, 6:15 pm, Caucus; and 7 pm, Council

May 12, 8:30 am, Council at Ontario Middle/High School Auditorium, 447 Shelby-Ontario Rd.

May 14, 1 pm, Civil Service Commission; and 4 pm, Planning Commission

Unless noted otherwise, meetings are held at the city building, 555 Stumbo Rd., Ontario. The Clerk of Council's Office supports the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Those who need special accommodations can call 48 hours prior to a meeting time at 419-529-6714 for arrangements.



The Lexington Area Senior Citizens Inc., invites those 55 and older to attend meetings the third Wednesday of every month at 11:30 am. February through May, the group will meet at New Life Church of Christ (NLC of C), 195 W. Durbin, Bellville. Cost is \$17 for the meal.

Meetings June through December will be held at Der Dutchman, Rt. 96, Bellville. Meals are \$16, with an additional \$2 for pie.

The next meal will be May 21, celebrating the 51st anniversary of LASC. Entertainment will be the musical group Granny Creek.

The group will join together for a lunch on May 7, at Chinatown, 238 Ashland Rd., Mansfield, at 11 am.

For information visit [www.lexasc.org](http://www.lexasc.org). Dues are \$10 per year.



All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Rev. William Humphrey who will speak on "Themes of Spring — Connection, Resurrection and Resistance" on Sunday, April 27 at 10:30 am. For information visit [www.allsoulsuuohio.org](http://www.allsoulsuuohio.org).



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](mailto:andersont@cacyohio.com) for details. If someone is thinking of harming themselves, call the local crisis helpline at 419-522-HELP (4357).



A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, April 26 and 27. Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, broken down cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.



Richland Pregnancy Services (RPS) is seeking volunteers with a passion for the unborn to assist in meeting the needs of clients who are facing an unplanned pregnancy decision.

All volunteers must express a faith in Christ, be part of a local church and hold a biblical world view. Volunteers play a vital role in carrying out the mission of RPS. Eight-Week volunteer trainings are required and are held Fridays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at RPS, 1560 W. Fourth St., Mansfield. Contact [sydney@richlandpregnancy.com](mailto:sydney@richlandpregnancy.com) or call 419-522-8863 for more information.



Bryan Bielanski, a singer-songwriter based in Charlotte, North Carolina, will perform April 26, at The Mothership, 327 Park Avenue W., Mansfield. Doors open at 6 pm and the show begins at 7 pm.

Born in Parma, OH, Bielanski specializes in acoustic rock & roll.

Tickets are \$10 and available at the door. For information visit <https://bryanssuperhappyfuntime.bandcamp.com>.



A survey is being conducted with its results to be included in the Richland County Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan. The survey can be accessed at <https://www.aaa5ohio.org/services/transportation/mobility-management/richland-county-mobility-management-transportation-survey/>



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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](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 and 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: [FirstChristianChurchMansfield, Ohio](https://www.facebook.com/FirstChristianChurchMansfield)

## 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.

## Grace Episcopal Church

41 Bowman Street, Mansfield

419-524-2661

Rev. Christopher D. Hofer, Priest-in-Charge

Rev. Daniel Orr, Associate Priest

Worship: Sundays, 8 am and 10:15 am

Christian Formation for All Ages: Sundays, 9:15 am

Food Pantry: Thursdays, 9-11 am

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 4-6 pm

[gracemansfield.org](http://gracemansfield.org) • [facebook.com/GraceChurchMansfield](https://www.facebook.com/GraceChurchMansfield)

## G & M Body & Paint Shop

168g West Fourth St., Ontario • 419-529-2747

## Wappner Funeral Home

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## 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 Presbyterian Church

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

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## 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 and 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 9am to 1pm

AA Meetings M & F 10 am & noon;

Wed. noon Brown Bag and Sat. 6 pm

Clothing Ministry by appt: 419-512-9817

## 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

## Presentations to be given at OUMC May 3

Elva Hurst will share her faith story using chalk talk at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, on Saturday, May 3, from 8:30-11 am.

Hurst is an artist from Lancaster County, PA. She grew up in a large Old Order Mennonite family and spent most of her time teaching herself art between chores on the family dairy farm.

After graduating eighth grade from her one room school, she discovered the art of chalk talk.

She now owns and operates the Barnyard Art Studio and Gallery on her 40 acre farm in Lancaster, PA. She does some traveling to share her stories of faith and freedom through chalk talk.

She will share her stories through fluorescent chalk, music and sound effects. The grand finale includes a colored light and an ultraviolet black light to create effects on her art work.

Klye Ray is from Mansfield and is passionate about capturing the beauty and craftsmanship of every church he photographs. He started over a year ago and has photographed nearly 150 churches.

His passion for architecture and history stems from his former job at the Ohio State Reformatory in Mansfield. What started as a small hobby has turned into a large project.

Ray will be sharing his photographs at Ontario United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 3, from 1-2:15 pm.

Both of these presentations are a part of the Ohio Methodist Historical Society's annual meeting. There will be a free will offering for the presentations. Those attending can stay for the day and eat lunch. If staying for lunch RSVP to 419-529-4058

## Sporting clay event planned for September

Western Buckeye Council will host a sporting clay event on Thursday, Sep. 11, at Elkhorn Lake Hunt Club, 4146 Klopfenstein Rd., Bucyrus, from 1-6 pm.

Proceeds will benefit scouting programs.

For more information contact Amy Heller at 330-418-282 or email [Amy.Heller@scouting.org](mailto:Amy.Heller@scouting.org) or visit <https://www.celebrate-scouting.org/western-shoot>.



Mount St. Helens, Washington • Photo By Mark Shutt

## Senior citizens may be eligible for farmer’s market vouchers

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., in partnership with the Ohio Department of Aging, has announced the return of the Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) for income-eligible older adult residents of Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca and Wyandot counties.

The program provides income-eligible seniors with \$50 in vouchers to purchase locally grown fruits, vegetables, herbs, and honey at participating farmers’ markets and roadside stands.

All new applicants and past participants must apply at <https://www.aaa5ohio.org/services/sfmnp-1/>.

The fastest and most convenient way to apply for the SFMNP program is through the online application form. An email address is required to complete the electronic form.

Applicants in Ohio who register with an email address will receive a confirmation email once approved and can begin using their \$50 benefit beginning May 15.

For application assistance call 567-247-7101.

### Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Robert E. Brewer, April 9  
 Shirley Ann Burggraf, April 10  
 Patricia Marcella Price, April 11  
 Marilyn Elizabeth Ann Masheter, April 12  
 James D. Henson, April 13  
 Virginia Frances Contrascere, April 14  
 Thomas Eugene Taska, April 14  
 William E Farris, April 16  
 Delores Theresa Jarboe, April 16  
 Annette Elaine Whitcomb, April 17  
 Ruth Aldine Goettl, April 18

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MRS. LOHR, MRS. PERRY, MRS. RUSH AND MRS. WALTERS' classes at Lexington's Central teamed up for a fun way to share facts about the animals they researched and wrote about. Students presented their information to others and drew a photo of their animal.

## Minority health fair is April 26

The NAACP #3190 invites the Mansfield community to a day dedicated to health, wellness and connection at a minority health fair Saturday, April 26, from 10:30 am to 2 pm at Providence Baptist Church, 112 W. 6th St., Mansfield.

With the theme of promoting "Health in All Forms," this year's fair will bring together over 20 vendors offering information and resources focused on physical, mental and financial well-being.

Attendees will have the opportunity to connect with local health professionals, receive free health screenings and take part in interactive presentations led by experts on healthy diets for diabetics, staying mentally sharp as we age, personal journeys of drug abuse and recover and breaking the stigma around mental health care.

The event will feature raffle drawings throughout the day, with chances to win gift cards and other prizes just for participating.

"This event is about empowering our community with knowledge, access, and support," said Alomar Davenport, President of NAACP #3190. "We want to break down barriers and show that health is more than just physical — it's mental, emotional and financial too."



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## Forum addresses issue of youths aging out of foster care

More than 250,000 children are placed into the foster care system in the United States every year. More than 23,000 youth are forced to exit the system annually without having found a forever family, leaving them to fend for themselves.

In Ohio, 14,720 youth are in foster care, and 4,826 will age out in the next five years. They are more likely to endure challenges such as, homelessness, unemployment, academic difficulties, substance abuse and food insecurity.

Richland County Youth and Family Council, in collaboration with Richland County Children Services, is hosting a pivotal event titled "Aging Out of the Foster Care System. What Now?"

This forum, scheduled for Friday, May 9, at 11 am in Eisenhower Hall at The Ohio State University at Mansfield, aims to shed light on the challenges faced by youth transitioning out of the foster care system and explore ways the community can offer support for their successful integration into society.

Attendees will have the opportunity to engage with local leaders, including Michelle Miller, Richland County Youth and Family Council Executive Director; Herbert Ross, Program Director/QMHS/CDCA/Life Coach/Intervention Specialist, Family Life Counseling; Mary Stephan, Independent Living Caseworker, Richland County Children Services; RCCS youths who have aged out of foster care; and Kathy Goodwin, Family Housing Intervention Specialist and Third Street Family Health Services/Safe Program Mansfield City Schools. The discussion will be moderated by Aurelio Diaz, 5th Ward Mansfield City Councilman.

By fostering dialogue and collaboration, this forum seeks to inspire collective action in providing a nurturing environment for these young individuals to flourish.

Doors open at 10:45 am with a free luncheon at 11 am. The forum begins at 11:30 am. For further details, contact Michelle Miller at 419-774-5442.

## Lexington board hosts meeting

Lexington Board of Education met April 16. The meeting opened with the recognition of student Alex Trolan.

Gracie Masi, student representative to the board, presented her report and an administrative report was given about the preschool.

The treasurer presented the financial report for March 2025 and the board approved an invoice from the Friendly House in the amount of \$9,000 for pool rental for the swim and dive teams for the 24-'25 season.

Continued enrollment in the Sedgwick Ohio School Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Program for calendar year 2026 was approved. The annual fee is \$3,915 and there is a targeted savings of \$15,724.

The board accepted a donation of a Skutt KM-1027-3 208-volt 3-phase Kiln valued at approximately \$4,008.75 from Keith Stoner for the Lexington Art Department.

Hirings included Alyson Berg, high school math teacher, one-year contract, effective Aug. 15, 2025; Addeline Haring, intervention specialist, Central Elementary, one-year contract, effective Aug. 15, 2025, substitute teacher, effective May 1, 2025; and Cara Park, intervention specialist, Western Elementary, one-year contract, effective Aug. 15, 2025.

A leave of absence was approved for Emily Santamaria for maternity leave effective April 28 through May 30, 2025 and a one-year leave of absence for the 2025-'26 school year.

The board voted for non-renewal of long-term substitutes and coaches for the 2024-'25 school year.

Aubrey Klink was approved as the staff member handing out diplomas at commencement, as voted on by the senior class.

The substitute lists, as provided by MOESC dated March 14-April 14, 2025, were approved.

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ONTARIO LIONS CLUB held its annual Police and Fire Awards on Tuesday, April 15 at the Ontario Senior Center. Recognized at the event were Ontario Police Department Officer of the year 2024 Dylan Bailey and Dispatcher of the Year 2024 Ian Metcalf. Also recognized were Springfield Fire Department EMT of Year 2024 Reece Miller and Fireman of Year 2024 Nathan Volz.

### 29th Anniversary Earth Stewardship Celebration holds kick-off

The Earth Stewardship Steering Committee held the kick-off of the 29th Anniversary Earth Stewardship Celebration, joining citizens across the State of Ohio and the United States in celebrating the Great American Cleanup.

Mansfield Mayor Jodie Perry, the Richland County Commissioners, elected officials and community leaders joined members of the Earth Stewardship Steering Committee to officially proclaim the months of April 1 through Aug. 1 as Earth Stewardship Months in Mansfield/Richland County. The kickoff was held Tuesday, April 22 at Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development.

The committee also announced the kickoff of Planting Pride in Richland County. The annual event invites area groups in all of Mansfield/Richland County to conduct a project during the months of April through August to commemorate Earth Day, Arbor Day and Soil and Water Stewardship Week and serve as a reminder that these days should not be celebrated on just one day, but throughout the year.

Citizens are encouraged to join this celebration by participating in a litter clean up, tree planting and/or beautification project, recycling drive, community garden, rain barrel/rain garden and planting of native plants, pollinators, prairies and/or wildflower garden projects. Register participation by calling 419-522-3211.

Registration and project completion deadline is Aug. 1, 2025 (photos due Aug. 1). Participants can join over 58,922 volunteers from

Richland County who, over the past 28 years have completed over 786 projects and donated over 2.2 million hours of time.

Members of the Earth Stewardship Steering Committee include the City of Mansfield, Downtown Mansfield, Inc. North End Community Improvement Collaborative, OSU Extension, Richland Area Chamber and Economic Development, Richland Public Health, Richland County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority and Richland Soil & Water Conservation District.

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## Red Cross celebrates April as National Volunteer Month

During National Volunteer Month in April, the American Red Cross asks donors to help keep the blood supply stable by making an appointment to give blood or platelets now. Type O blood and platelets are especially needed to ensure hospitals are fully stocked with life-saving blood products this spring.

Book a time to give blood or platelets now by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App. All who come to give April 14–30, will get an exclusive Red Cross tshirt, while supplies last, plus be automatically entered for a chance to win a \$5,000 prize. There will be three winners. All who come to give May 1–18, will get a \$20 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. Throughout May, those who come to give will be automatically entered to win a U.S. trip of choice for two.

Wednesday, April 23, noon to 6 pm, The Ontario Center, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario; and 7 am to 1 pm, K of C Hall, 208 Vernon Rd., Shelby

Thursday, April 24, 12–6 pm, Heartland Church, 2505 Lexington Springmill Rd. S., Lexington; and 11 am to 5 pm, The Ontario Centre, Richland Mall

Friday, April 26, 9 am to 2 pm, Jefferson Twp Hall Bellville, 115 Main St., Bellville

Wednesday, April 30, 12–6 pm, The Ontario Center, Richland Mall



# •Madison Board approves massive list of hirings

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assistant varsity football coach; Holly North, BPA advisor and year-book advisor; Shelbi Ohl, senior class advisor; Kalen Oslie, varsity volleyball assistant coach; Melissa Parish, Madison South math department chair and assistant varsity swimming/diving coach; Laura Phillips, Spanish club advisor; Jennifer Porter, Mifflin math department chair; Chad Reynolds, head girls' tennis coach and head swimming/diving coach; Heather Reynolds, Madison South special education coordinator; Doug Rickert, assistant varsity girls' basketball coach; Emily Richter, 1/3 South student council advisor; Brent Sanders, high school audio visual; Preston See, 1/2 assistant varsity football coach, fall equipment manager and head seventh grade boys' basketball coach; Christa Shutt, middle school math department chair; Goldie Spencer, middle school 5/6 special education coordinator; Melissa Stoffer, Mifflin ELA department chair; Megan Studer, middle school Key Club advisor; Mary Thomas, Eastview student council advisor; Zinda Thomas, middle school science department chair, and middle school student council advisor; Jim Thompson, SkillsUSA; Ryan Tinsley, assistant varsity girls' basketball coach; Karen VonStein, SkillsUSA; Katie Wade, student council advisor and junior class advisor; Matt Wade, head cross country coach; and Owen Zeiter, head ninth grade boys' basketball coach.

Pupil activity positions for the 2025-'26 school year include Michelle Byus, head varsity cheerleading advisor; Amy Daniels, assistant varsity cheerleading advisor; Tim Deel, head seventh grade football coach; Davey Hipp, head varsity boys' basketball coach; Zac Huff, head varsity girls' soccer coach; Dustin Moysi, assistant varsity boys' soccer coach; Kelly O'Brien, assistant varsity girls' soccer coach; MaShala Poland, music assistant (Ramettes); Phil Schmook, head varsity girls' basketball coach; Travis Stantz, head eighth grade boys' basketball coach; and Sarah Wiggins, head seventh grade volleyball coach.

Rachel Ahrens was hired as a MACC canvas painting instructor. Substitute teachers hired on an "on call" basis, as needed for the 2024-'25 school year are Kimberly Belt, Beth Conn and Kayla Robinson.

Continuing contracts were approved, effective with the 2025-'26 school year for Kelly Carpenter, John Foust, Lindsey Grove, Dane Henry, Jennifer O'Brien, Laura Parsons, Megan Studer, Melinda Tinney, James Thompson, Jordan Ullman and Matthew Wade.

Extended time of 10 days was approved for Stephen Phillips, cybersecurity, for the current school year.

An unpaid leave of absence was approved for Kristin Ruby, teacher at Madison Middle School, effective April 1 through July 31, 2025.

Resignations were accepted from RaJanae Johnson, MECLC; Wanda Boyce, 4-hour cook, high school; Tammy Paramore, preschool bus paraprofessional; and Sarah McMahan, special education paraprofessional.

## Local lake monitors needed

Volunteers with Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) take an active role in water quality.

The next lake monitor volunteer training will be held Tuesday, April 29, from 5-7 pm at Pleasant Hill Lake, 3431 OH-95 Perrysville.

Richland SWCD partners with the Ohio Lake Management Society-Citizen Lake Awareness and Monitoring (OLMS-CLAM) for training and equipment.

Volunteers will learn how to record water clarity, color, temperature and depth and will monitor Clear Fork, Charles Mill and Pleasant Hill Lakes.

The data is used to document changes in lake conditions and the information is used to assist with watershed management efforts. Results are shared with the public and help increase awareness about water quality and conservation.

Volunteers add data onto the Richland Soil and Water Conservation District website in real-time so must have access to the internet.

To join this citizen-scientist group, sign up to attend the training at <https://richlandswcd.net/event/lake-monitor-volunteer-training-2/>.

Those attending the training are reminded to wear weather appropriate clothing and footwear.

Appointed as substitutes were Brenda Nadler, bus paraprofessional; Steven Nadler, bus paraprofessional; and Kayla Robinson, administrative assistant. Partena Tesca was appointed as a preschool bus paraprofessional.

The board approved the 2025-'26 calendar for the Madison Early Childhood Learning Center and the preschool calendar.

The board approved the preschool parent handbook and itinerant services parent handbook for the 2025-'26 school year.

The board approved the preschool tuition increase from \$125/month to \$150/month, effective with the 2025-'26 school year.

The board approved the overnight trip for the BPA National Leadership Conference to be held May 7-11 in Kissimmee, FL, to be paid for out of Career Tech weighted funds.

The board will seek competitive bids for the Ramble Inn renovation project to meet ADA requirements. Upon approval, the project will be paid for out of Career Tech weighted funds.

An amendment to the administrative salary schedule, effective with the 2025-'26 school year, to add the a preschool coordinator position was approved. Also effective with the 2025-'26 school year, the district will no longer contract with Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center for the preschool coordinator services.

The board approved the amendment to the administrative salary schedule, effective with the 2025-'26 school year, to add the director of curriculum and instruction position. The district will no longer contract with Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center for the director of curriculum and instruction services.

Extra duty assignments were approved for next school year for Josh Boliantz, junior class advisor; and James Thompson, junior class advisor.

The Special Education Service Agreement was approved with Ombudsman Education Services, Ltd.

The next regular board of education meeting will be May 21 at Madison Middle School Auditoria.

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**DISCOVERY SCHOOL** second grade teacher Lindsey Mawhorr plays a math addition game with students Calder Nugent, Olin Amert and Cannyn Bradshaw.

## Discovery School's state tax-credit scholarship fund has successful first year

Tax season is not normally an exciting time for schools, but this year has changed that for Discovery School. The school was showered with generous donations to fully fund its new scholarship fund, a part of the Ohio Scholarship Donation Credit through the state of Ohio. With over \$15,000 for the year ahead, school officials are looking forward to supporting the learning community in a big way. Back in November, Discovery School became the latest addition to the list of the State of Ohio's Scholarship Granting Organizations. This designation allows the school to accept donations to its scholarship fund giving a dollar for dollar credit against their Ohio tax liability when people file their taxes with the state.

Simon Clark, Discovery's Head of School, is overwhelmed with the response. "We were hoping this first year for support to be able to offer a few families assistance after hearing how important a hands-on, International Baccalaureate education was to them. Our community heard that call in a big way; to have received over \$15,000 to support low-income students helping to level the playing field and give them the opportunity to learn in the way that works best for them is beyond our expectations."

Discovery's business manager, Susanne Carmack, has been hard at work to make sure structures are in place, both for donors and for scholarship recipients. "Our team has been working hard to research and create a thorough donation and scholarship application process. It's been fun for me to learn the ins and outs, identifying where the state income requirements are, and running models to see what a difference this fund can make in the lives of our students whose families need a little help bridging the financial gap to go to their school of choice."

This fund has been a year's work in progress, starting with Alyssa Nugent, Assistant Head of School, researching similar schools to understand how Discovery compared overall statewide. After bringing the scholarship fund idea to the team, they spent a year researching, attending informational sessions, and connecting with other certified scholarship granting schools before applying. Nugent shared, "Discovery is such a hidden gem; we offer an educational experience that is unique and balanced, with quality and rigor. In my connections with educational professionals statewide and nationally over the last two years I have witnessed how positively we compare with some of the best schools around. This fund is a dream come true to help students who want to learn in our community that values applied learning and higher-order thinking skills be able to reach that goal."

The school is accepting donations to the fund for the 2025 tax year through April 15, 2026. For more information about the school, or learn more about the tax-donation credit funded Discovery School Scholarship visit [www.discovery-school.net](http://www.discovery-school.net) or call 419-756-8880.

## Construction projects announced for area roads

ODOT construction projects are anticipated to affect roadways in Richland County. All outlined work is weather permitting. Visit [OHGO.com](http://OHGO.com) for travel updates. All outlined work is weather permitting and is subject to change.

State Route 13 northbound and southbound, from Hanley Road to Chilton Ave, will have long-term lane closures for a resurfacing project. The northbound and southbound driving lanes will be closed for roadway reconstruction and culvert work. Traffic will be maintained in 10' lanes in each direction with barrels.

The South Main Street entrance ramp to SR 13 north and the SR 13 south exit ramp to South Main Street will both close Monday, April 28 for 60 days for resurfacing work. The estimated ramp reopening is Friday, June 27.

Access from Chilton Ave to SR 13 will close Monday, April 28 for 60 days due to resurfacing work. The detour route will be SR 13 to W. Raleigh Ave to Marquis Ave to Chilton Ave. Estimated ramp reopening is Friday, June 27, 2025

Westbound access from Straub Road to SR 13 will close Wednesday, April 30 for seven days due to resurfacing work. Motorists traveling eastbound along Straub Road will have access to the intersection. The detour route westbound motorists will be Woodville Road south to Hanley Road west to S. Main Street North to Straub Road. Estimated reopening of westbound side is Wednesday, May 7.

Eastbound access from Straub Road to SR 13 will close Wednesday, May 7 for seven days due to resurfacing work. Motorists traveling westbound along Straub Road will have access to the intersection. The detour route for eastbound motorists will be Straub Road to S. Main Street South to Hanley Road east to Woodville Road North to Straub Road. Estimated completion is Wednesday, May 14.

The I-71 south exit ramp (Exit 169) to SR 13 will close Tuesday, May 6 for 14 days due to resurfacing work. The detour route will be to continue south on I-71 to the SR 97 exit (Exit 165), exit onto SR 97 and reenter onto I-71 north, and take I-71 north to Exit 169 to SR 13. Estimated ramp reopening is Tuesday, May 20.

The SR 13 north exit ramp to Cook Road will close Wednesday, May 7 for 60 days for resurfacing work. The detour route for motorists travelling to Cook Road will be to continue on SR 13 north to E. 1st Street to S. Diamond Street to Woodville Road to Cook Road. Estimated ramp reopening is Sunday, July 6.

The Cook Road entrance ramp to SR 13 south will close Wednesday, May 14 for 60 days for resurfacing work. The detour route for motorists traveling to SR 13 south will be Cook Road to S. Main St to Hanley Road to SR 13. Estimated ramp reopening is Sunday, July 13.

Interstate 71 northbound and southbound, between SR 39 and U.S. 30, will have single lane closures for a slope stabilization project. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained. Estimated completion is November 2025.

State Route 181 will have single lane closures from just south of Main Street in Crestline to SR 309. Project work includes pavement repairs and bridge maintenance work. Traffic will be maintained by flaggers. Estimated completion is September 2025.

State Route 314 from the Morrow County line to the City of Ontario corporation limits will have single lane closures for a pavement repair project. Traffic will be maintained by flaggers. Estimated completion is June 2025.

State Route 314, between Flowers Road and SR 309, closed Monday, April 21 for 30 days for a culvert replacement. The detour route for northbound motorists will be SR 314 north to SR 97 west to SR 19 west to SR 61 north to SR 309 east and reverse for southbound motorists. Estimated completion is Wednesday, May 21, 2025



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# OSU-M students honored with awards

## Parker Fry receives American Chemical Society Award

Parker Fry, of Mansfield, received the American Chemical Society Award for the Mansfield campus during the Academic Awards Celebration April 3.

The award recognizes outstanding academic performance in chemistry, and was bestowed to Fry, along with exceptional undergraduates from nearby colleges, by the Wooster section of the American Chemical Society.

"Parker is a serious student, ready to contribute in class and to help his fellow students successfully complete classroom recitations," said Faith Wyzgoski, associate professor of chemistry at Ohio State Mansfield. "Chemistry can be challenging; Parker works hard to master its intricacies and to assist his fellow students in the classroom and the laboratory. He also is a careful worker while conducting experiments, paying attention to detail and accuracy."



## Trinity Potts receives Mansfield Faculty-Staff Scholarship

Trinity Potts received the Mansfield Faculty-Staff Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to a continuing student selected by a vote of faculty and staff for exceptional classroom performance and academic achievement.

"A quiet leader is someone who is empathetic, engages in thoughtful communication, and leads by example. These are all of the qualities that describe Potts perfectly," said Amy Brunell, associate professor of psychology at Ohio State Mansfield. "Several of her professors – from those in her major of Psychology to fields such as English and History – pointed out that Potts is extremely diligent in her work. Her work ethic inside and outside of the classroom sets a great example for her peers."



## Max Steinhauser receives David M. Scott Memorial Scholarship

Max Steinhauser received the David M. Scott Memorial Scholarship (\$1,250), which honors a student with a high academic standing in science or engineering and was created in memory of David M. Scott, a longtime professor of physics on the Ohio State Mansfield campus.

"Max is among the top students in science courses offered at our Ohio State Mansfield campus," said Agus Muñoz-Garcia, associate professor of evolution, ecology, and organismal biology (EEOB) at Ohio State Mansfield. "His teachers are unanimously very impressed by his academic performance. In addition to being a great student, all of his professors emphasized his motivation, commitment, and hard work."



## Charles Mill Marina to host Kid's Day

Kid's Day at Charles Mill Marina, 1277 State Route 430, Mansfield, will be held Saturday, June 14, from 10 am to noon.

There will be a kid's boating education seminar, free 15-minute pontoon boat rides, face painting, games and prizes, a photo booth, food trucks, llamas and alpacas from Shady Lane Alpaca Farm, animals from Gorman Nature Center and giveaways courtesy of Outback Steakhouse, State Farm Insurance, Western Southern Bank and Modern Woodman. There will also be booths from Richland Soil and Water Conservation District and Richland County Solid Waste.

## Mullins receives Mansfield Campus Academic Excellence Award

Mayson Mullins received the Mansfield Campus Academic Excellence Award during the Academic Awards Celebration.

The award is presented each year to outstanding seniors at Ohio State whose baccalaureate studies have been primarily at the Mansfield campus.

"With discrete confidence and an acute sense of the subtleties of language, Mayson has wowed her professors and elevated her peers," said Elizabeth Kolkovich, associate professor of English at Ohio State Mansfield. "As an English major, she can swing across genres with ease and communicate the intricacies of many forms of culture."



## Evan Brown receives Best of Photography Award

Evan Brown received the Best of Photography Award.

"Evan is the kind of student who arrived early and stayed late, always ready to engage with the material," said Kate Shannon, associate professor of art at Ohio State Mansfield. "He took each assignment seriously, whether it was a major project or a small exercise, and worked hard to refine his craft."

In one particularly striking series, Brown created self-portraits in which his body appeared to merge with the changing autumn landscape—an evocative blend of beauty and the haunting quality of the season.

He also completed a memorable documentary project, capturing the decline of industry in Mansfield and finding pockets of beauty amid post-industrial backdrops.



## Mallorie McAvene receives Visual Arts Award

Mallorie McAvene received the Visual Arts Award.

"McAvene is supportive of the creative activity of her classmates and brings infectious enthusiasm and curiosity to every classroom situation," said John Thrasher, professor of art at Ohio State Mansfield. "She has been one of the most productive ceramic students. I've had in quite some time."

McAvene's artwork was recently on display in the Pearl Conard Art Gallery, as part of the Student Art Exhibition. Her work in this year's exhibit featured pottery, a ceramic mask, photographs and three drawings—a self-portrait, a landscape with her home and a wrinkled paper bag.

"Her work is skillfully executed and eye-catching," said Thrasher. More than 30 students were recognized for high achievements, including scholarships, book awards, student research and writing awards.



## Shelby library to hold kick-off May 31

The Marvin Memorial Library, 29 W. Whitney Ave., Shelby, will host a summer Reading kick-off party on Saturday, May 31 from 11 am to 1 pm in the Kerr Garden Room.

Those attending can sign-up for summer reading while listening to music, playing games, participating in a coloring contest and enjoying snacks. Magician Michael Mage perform at 11:30 am.



**MRS. KNAPP'S FIRST-GRADE CLASS** at Lexington celebrated being authors. They shared their opinion writing about their favorite books with their families and everyone enjoyed listening to and encouraging the young writers.

## National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is April 26

University Hospitals and the Cleveland Clinic will partner to host National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on April 26, from 10 am to 2 pm.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is a biannual event where communities throughout the country set up collection sites for the safe disposal of expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications. Proper disposal of unused drugs can prevent accidental poisoning, misuse, and overdose.

All UH drug take-back sites will offer free naloxone kits, and fentanyl test strips courtesy of Project DAWN. This continued effort to make naloxone widely available remains a key strategy in fighting the opioid epidemic. The comprehensive approach appears to be working to combat the opioid crisis. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently reported provisional data predicting a nearly 24% decline in drug overdose deaths in the U.S. for the 12 months ending in September 2024, compared to the previous year. Although encouraging, overdose is still a leading cause of death for people between the ages of 18-44 and remains a public health emergency.

The local UH take back location is in the main lobby of the Ashland County Sheriff's Office, 1205 E. Main St., Ashland.

The METRICH Enforcement Unit will be partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and local law enforcement for the event as well.

This event is sponsored by the Mansfield Division of Police, Richland County Sheriff's Office, Shelby Police Department, Lexington Police Department, Plymouth Police Department, Richland County Solid Waste Authority, Richland Public Health, Community Action for Capable Youth (CACY) and the Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board.

Pills will be the only form accepted (no sharps, plastics or liquids.) It will be helpful to put the pills that will be disposed into a plastic bag or Ziplock bag prior to coming to the collection site.

This is for household unused or expired medications only.

Richland County will have five locations for prescription drug drop off including the Richland County Solid Waste Authority facility, 1125 National Parkway, Mansfield; Richland County Sheriff's Office, 597 Park Ave East, Mansfield; Shelby Police Department, 31 Mack Ave., Shelby; Plymouth Police De-

partment, 48 W. Broadway St., Plymouth; and the Lexington Police Department, 44 W. Main St., Lexington. Each of these locations will be open from 10 am to 2 pm.

For more information call 419-755-9677.

## Teachers can apply for grants

Local educators are invited to submit grant applications to the Richland County Foundation.

Education grants are selected by a community committee for creative and innovative supplemental programs not covered by school funding.

The grants are given to K-12 teachers in public or private Richland County schools to encourage them to develop new programs for their classrooms.

The committee will prioritize requests which emphasize: attendance, literacy, mathematics and/or career advising.

Items not eligible for funding include storage containers and rugs, substitute teacher costs, seating and furniture and physical technology items (cameras, printers, tablets, etc.).

The applications are available at [richlandcountyfoundation.org](http://richlandcountyfoundation.org) with a May 1 deadline.

For additional information contact Community Investment Officer Bobby Rhea at [brhea@rcfoundation.org](mailto:brhea@rcfoundation.org) or 419-525-3020.

The Richland County Foundation, a not-for-profit 501c3, was established in 1945 as a way for individuals to pool and invest their gifts for the long-term good of Richland County and its residents.

## Registration underway for Alzheimer's Association walks

The Alzheimer's Association invites the community to register for 2025 Walks to End Alzheimer's® taking place across the region.

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, this inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to join the fight against the disease. All money raised through Walk to End Alzheimer's benefits the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association.

"Now is the moment we've been waiting for. With new treatments emerging in the fight against Alzheimer's and all other dementia, now is the time for hope," said Vince McGrail, executive director of the Alzheimer's Association Central Ohio and Northwest Ohio chapters.

"Every step takes us closer to a cure and to achieving our mission of a world without Alzheimer's and dementia. We hope Ohioans will register their team and walk to honor our friends and neighbors facing this disease."

The local 2025 Walk to End Alzheimer's will be at North Central Ohio/Mansfield on Saturday, Sept. 13, at Richland Carrousel Park, 75 N. Main St., Mansfield.

To register as a team or an individual and receive the latest updates on this year's Walks, visit <https://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.

# Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

MADISON AND NEW PHILADELPHIA TRACK MEET · APRIL 15  
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# Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

## Lucas wrestling is going strong

By Kris Leiter

A bear cub may not seem like the fiercest animal on the planet, but looks can be deceiving and eventually the baby cub will grow into a full-grown beast.

Lucas High School wrestling coaches Billy Caudill, Ed Finley and Steve Flannery all work together to keep the fierce cubs roaring.

“We started the program in 2015 so this is our 10th year of wrestling,” said Finley. “For a small school just starting out with wrestling we’re doing really well.”

“Our Middle School program is really cranked up. This year, as far as winning goes, we don’t have the numbers like we want, but we have a lot of good stuff happening in a short amount of time — at least a short amount of time in the wrestling world.”

Zelle Finley, Ed’s middle school son, is holding his own. He is 22-3.

Teammate Christian Carol can also stand proudly on his 18 victories. No small potatoes.

Another notable is Billy Caudill’s son Raiden who started as a freshman. He is chartering new waters for the Cubs this year by ringing the bell with 100 wins!

“Every year he’s gotten better. A lot of that is not just during the wrestling season, he spent a lot of time in off-season tournaments. In the summertime when nobody’s wrestling he still plays three sports,” said Caudill.

Raiden and Atticus Hall are the only two seniors on the team this year.

“We started with six seniors, but injuries hampered a few of them. Aiden Kendall, a sophomore didn’t get to start, but plans on coming back next year.

Female wrestler Jocelyn Ramey has lots of time ahead of her. “She went 3-1 this year,” said Finley. “She also competed in an all-girls tournament this year and wrestled against the number one seed, and ranked eighth in the state.”

“Jocelyn has excelled so much to where she is now ranked 35 in the state among girls. We’re trying to give her more opportunities”

“As a team, we don’t have big numbers but we try to win individual championships. We finished third at the KMAC.”

The program also has some unique items of interest. They hold their practices above the post office instead of competing for time in the school gymnasium.

I still remember years ago, the early morning bus trips with Ed Finley’s oldest son, Zane, who graduated from Lucas. Zane was a phenom at Lucas and placed well in his high school tenure.

Zane has now been involved in the sport of MMA, training and competing in the Las Vegas circuit for approximately two years now. Maybe there is something in the water in Lucas?

Billy, Ed and Steve proudly gave kudos to the Cub program, which seems to keep getting bigger and stronger as the years have continued.

The small one-stop-light village is a close knit group of coaches, students and supportive parents. The cubs keep collecting tournament medals like Christmas gifts every year.



**AT THE WALSH JESUIT WARRIOR RELAYS** on April 19, three new Ontario High School records were set. The team of Xavier, Dean, Xander, and Jace ran a blazing time of 18:42.40 — a 4:40.6 average. They then turned around and broke the Distance Medley (800-400-1200-1600) record and ran a 10:42.96. The team of Ari-lynn, Tessa, Sasha, and Audrey took down a seven-year old record (formerly held by their head coach with 1:43.26).

## DAV, RecruitMilitary to host virtual career fair for veterans

DAV (Disabled American Veterans) and RecruitMilitary® will co-host the Central Region Veterans Career Fair, April 29 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 35 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.

This year, DAV will sponsor more than 90 in-person and virtual job fairs. Since the inception of its employment initiative in 2014, there have been nearly 274,000 attendees and more than 167,000 job offers.

To register for the Central Region Virtual Veterans Career Fair and access additional no-cost resources for veterans and their families, visit [jobs.dav.org](http://jobs.dav.org).

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22-1628 B DENNIS C. BOTTORF, Administrator of the Estate of Christopher Ramshaw, Plaintiff v. JOHN DOE(S), Potential Next of Kin of Christopher Ramshaw and BART HAMILTON, Richland County Treasurer, Defendants

To the Defendants, the unknown spouse, creditors, executors, administrators, heirs at law, next of kin, devisees, legatees, and/or assigns of Christopher Ramshaw, whose present location is unknown and cannot with reasonable diligence be ascertained:

Plaintiff has brought this action naming you as a defendant in the Richland County Common Pleas Court, 50 Park Ave. East, Mansfield, Ohio 44902, by filing its Complaint on the 12th day of March, 2025.

The object of the complaint is to obtain authority to sell real estate of Christopher Ramshaw, deceased, said real estate located at 523 Heineman Blvd, Mansfield, Ohio 44903.

The relief demanded by Plaintiff is authorization by the Richland County Probate Court to sell the real estate owned by Christopher M. Ramshaw and to determine any next of kin and such other legal and equitable relief to which it may be entitled.

You are required to answer the Complaint within twenty-eight (28) days after the last publication of this notice setting forth whatever right, title or interest you have or may claim to have in the aforementioned premises or be forever barred from claiming or asserting same. The publication will be published one a week for six (6) consecutive weeks, with the last publication to be made on/about April 21, 2025.

In case of your failure to answer or otherwise respond as permitted by the

Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure within the time stated, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dennis C. Bottorf, Administrator of the Estate of Christopher M. Ramshaw

**By Cassandra JM Mayer, Attorney for Estate of Christopher M. Ramshaw, 452 Park Ave West, Mansfield, Ohio 44906, Phone: 419-524-2444; Fax: 419-524-2300.**

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Separate sealed bids for the 2025 Resurfacing Program, City of Ontario, Ohio will be received by Adam Gangwer, Service-Safety Director, at 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio 44906 until 10:30am, local time Thursday May 8, 2025, and then, at said office, publicly opened and read aloud.

Contractors will be required to purchase and download an electronic set of plans and bid documents via the KEM Web Site by visiting <https://kemcartney.com/project-bids/>. If you would prefer a hard copy be mailed, we will do so upon receipt of payment in the amount of \$50.00 per set, along with your UPS or FedEx account number so that shipping charges can be applied to your account. Checks shall be made payable to K.E. McCartney & Associates and all documents become the property of the prospective bidder, with no portion of the payment being refunded. Should you have any questions during the bidding process please contact [jburgholder@kemcartney.com](mailto:jburgholder@kemcartney.com).

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

against the City of Ontario.

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

Each bid must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. The Owner intends and requires that this project be completed by September 26, 2025.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Richland County and City of Ontario, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Wage and Hour Division, 614-644-2239.

Adam Gongwer  
Service-Safety Director  
City of Ontario, OH  
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LEGAL NOTICE

The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their regular meeting held on April 16, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-03 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE- SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE 2025 CITY OF ONTARIO PAVING PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-04 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-10 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE 2026-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN FUNDS WITH THE RICHLAND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker  
Clerk of Council  
City of Ontario, OH  
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## Home Energy Assistance Program application deadline is May 31

The Ohio Department of Development and the 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](http://www.energyhelp.ohio.gov) to apply online or to download a copy of the application.

When applying, individuals need to have copies of 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, and proof of disability (if applicable).

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

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 or visit [www.energyhelp.ohio.gov](http://www.energyhelp.ohio.gov).

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