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Photo Courtesy of the Ohio Bird Sanctuary

MAPLE, a Barred Owl at the Ohio Bird Sanctuary, isn't minding the snow and cold that has come to the area. Barred Owls are well-adapted to cold weather, staying year-round, fluffing feathers for insulation and hunting prey under the snow using superior hearing.

Liberty Park transformation underway in Madison Township

Liberty Park's pond is looking a bit different as a major revitalization and renovation project to restore the natural beauty and functionality is underway.

Dredging excess sediment will take place as water levels have receded for the winter. Instead of hauling this material away, it will be put to good use by using the nutrient-rich, organic sediment to fill the old Liberty Park Pool.

Once filled, the former pool area will be transformed into a native planting area. This isn't just a garden, but a living ecosystem that will support local pollinators and bring a burst of seasonal color to the park.

The park, located on the corner of Grace Street and Fifth Avenue in the Madison area, has seen numerous improvements over the past few years as volunteers have helped to bring the park back to life.

The historic Liberty Park Bath House is also getting a makeover to be made into an open-air pavilion.

To follow updates about the project visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1856303267973163>.

Richland Area Chamber will host Mayoral Vision 2026 Panel

The Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development, in collaboration with the Leadership Unlimited Advisory Board, will host a Mayoral Vision 2026 Panel Wednesday, Jan. 28, at the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center, 890 W. 4th St., Mansfield.

This special event will provide residents and business leaders with firsthand insights into the future direction of their communities.

Richland County mayors will come together for a panel discussion, sharing their vision for 2026, including economic developments, planned initiatives and ways for citizens to get involved in their city or village.

"This panel is an ideal way for citizens to understand the priorities of the Richland County mayors. The information shared helps participants make more informed decisions and get involved in their city/village," said Angie Cirone, Mansfield-Richland Area Educational Foundation Director. "The Leadership Unlimited Advisory Board is pleased to offer this second annual event."

Village mayor panelists will include Teri Brenkus, Mayor of Bellville; Wesley Dingus, Mayor of Butler; Cassaundra Fryman, Mayor of Plymouth; Todd Hall, Mayor of Lucas; and Bob Jarvis, Mayor of Lexington.

City mayor panelists will include Josh Bradley, Mayor of Ontario; Jodie Perry, Mayor of Mansfield; and Steve Schag, Mayor of Shelby.

Leah Gesouras, LU Class of 2025, and Head of Community Investment at Richland Source, will moderate the discussion.

The event will be held from 11 am to 1 pm in President Hall.

Sponsorship support for this event is provided by Presenting Sponsor ES Consulting Inc., along with Sustainer Sponsors Mechanics Bank, Nyte Flyte Entertainment, and The Gorman-Rupp Company. Additional support comes from Builder Sponsors American Homestead Exteriors, Columbia Gas of Ohio and Park National Bank.

Tickets are \$25 on the website. For more information or to register visit richlandareachamber.com or contact Angie Cirone at acirone@richlandareachamber.com.

Broadway and television stars return to Mansfield for benefit

Major Broadway and television talent are coming together in Mansfield this winter. Emmy Award-winning and Tony-nominated composer, director and producer Jeff Richmond comes together with television and Broadway stars for a benefit production of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, all in support of Mansfield's Renaissance Theatre.

Leading the cast are Richmond, television favorites Brian Stepanek (*The Suite Life of Zack & Cody*), John Lutz (*30 Rock*, *Late Night with Seth Myers*) and Broadway standout Kyle Selig (*Mean Girls*, *Monster High*). Directed by Richmond, the production is presented in association with Fancy Music Inc.

This production serves as a full benefit for the Renaissance Theatre, with proceeds partially supporting the organization's "Road to 100" initiative: an ambitious restoration effort as the Renaissance looks ahead to its 100th anniversary in 2028, and the next chapter of its nearly century-long role in Mansfield's cultural life. Planned upgrades include new seating, a restored curtain and a revitalized marquee, ensuring the nearly century-old theatre remains a vibrant cultural home for generations to come.

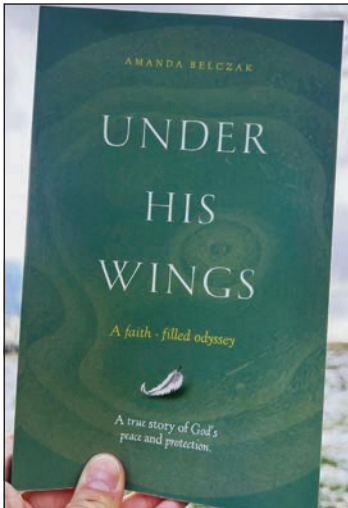
Winner of 6 Tony awards, Stephen Sondheim's *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* is built for nonstop laughs. Mistaken identities, outrageous characters, and physical comedy collide.

Performances will run Feb. 21, 22, 27, 28, and March 1. VIP and opening night reception tickets are limited. For tickets and information, visit the Renaissance Theatre box office or rentickets.org.

LOST IN A BOOK **Teddy Bear Concert brings fairy tale to young audiences**



A Book Review
By Amanda Belczak



Under His Wings is a true story I wrote about a special lady I know and is now available in print for purchase on Amazon.

Annemarie Travers was a child refugee of war and later grew up to do mission work under Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Septima Clark at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

I am honored to have been able to turn it into a book so the world can be amazed and encouraged as I have been by her experiences.

Buy your copy on Amazon at <https://a.co/d/dEKYxFD> and share with friends who would connect with this story.

Follow my blog at amanda-belczak.com

The Renaissance Performing Arts Association will present *Jack and the Beanstalk*, the next installment of its Teddy Bear Concert Series, on Sunday, Feb. 15, at 2:30 pm at Theatre 166, located next to the Renaissance Theatre.

This musical reimaging of the fairy tale is designed especially for children ages 2–10 and their families. Audiences will follow Jack's journey up the beanstalk, where he encounters a giant and learns the importance of courage and adventure.

Teddy Bear Concerts are crafted with young audiences in mind, offering a relaxed atmosphere with low sound levels and sensory-friendly spaces, ensuring that every child can enjoy the magic of the performance in comfort.

The concerts encourage laughter, participation and imagination.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased online at rentickets.org or by calling or visiting the Renaissance Box Office at 419-522-2726.

The Teddy Bear Concert Series is part of the Mechanics Bank Education Series, with Sensory-Friendly accommodations supported by Gorman-Rupp Company. The series is presented in partnership with Nationwide Children's.

"Whether it's your child's first theater experience or they're already budding theater lovers, Teddy Bear Concerts are designed to spark joy and curiosity," said Dauphne Maloney, Renaissance Education Manager and Teaching Artist.

"Jack and the Beanstalk is the perfect way to introduce young audiences to the magic of live performance."

THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER — By Ian Stumbo —

Jessie Buckley is absolutely Oscar worthy as the wife of William Shakespeare in *Hamnet*.

The new drama from Oscar winning director Chloe Zhao chronicles the life of Shakespeare (Paul Mescal) who is just starting his playwriting career in London while his wife Agnes takes care of their three children at home.

When an unexpected tragedy occurs, it inspires Shakespeare to write the play *Hamlet* after his young son named Hamnet.

Buckley gives a performance that puts every raw emotion on the screen. There are so many ups and downs in their marriage as Shakespeare is away for so much of the time getting his plays off the ground that Agnes is left raising the family and Buckley is just wonderful in these scenes.

The final sequence is an abridged version of *Hamlet* on stage at the Globe theater. Zhao

directs this scene with ease from Agnes realizing what the play truly represents to Shakespeare

himself in the play dealing with the previously mentioned loss. Mescal is also worthy of awards consideration as he is terrific as the creatively suffering Bard.

The only downside to the film is that everything between Agnes and William happens very, very fast and it seemed rush.

Once the film eases in its main plot line the movie really works. Its a beautiful story with terrific performances including supporting actors Emily Watson and young Jacobi Jupe.

Hamnet will definitely be a big player this awards season and besides a rushed beginning, this is a great story of family, loss and inspiration.



Rep. John highlights new OneOhio grant funding to combat addiction

State Representative Marilyn John (R-Richland County) announced that the OneOhio Recovery Foundation has launched a new statewide round of opioid settlement grant funding, making up to \$45.7 million available to support prevention, treatment and recovery efforts across Ohio.

Regional Grant Cycle 2 invites organizations working to address substance use disorders to prepare for the Funding Inquiry window, which opened Jan. 14 and closes Feb. 11. The full request for proposals is available at OneOhioFoundation.com/Grants.

"Substance abuse and addiction continue to have a negative impact on our families, workforce and communities in Richland County and throughout the State of Ohio. Recovery programs offer healing and hope to those desperate for answers," said John.

This round advances the momentum of the first grant cycle which distributed more than \$45 million to over 240 locally driven projects across Ohio. Those grants supported youth prevention, school-based mental health programs, recovery housing, treatment expansion, post-overdose outreach and workforce initiatives in the behavioral health field.

The Foundation will host several webinars. Additional event details will be posted at OneOhioFoundation.com/Grants.

The OneOhio Recovery Foundation is a nonprofit, charitable organization created at the direction of Ohio's state and local leaders to distribute 55 percent of the funds our state will receive from the pharmaceutical industry as part of the agreed-upon distributor settlement reached as a consequence of the national opioid epidemic.

To access the RFP or to sign up for updates visit OneOhioFoundation.com/Grants.

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News Briefs

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 am to 12 pm or until supplies run out.

This comes with a 30 lb. box of non-perishable food 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. The minimum income begins at \$1,957 per month for a one-person 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. 27

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Jan. 24 and 25. 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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The Lexington Area Senior Citizens Inc., invites those 55 and older to attend meetings the third Wednesday of every month at 11:30 am at Der Dutchman, Rt. 96, Bellville. Cost is \$17 for the meal, with an additional \$2 for pie.

The next meal will Feb. 18, and will include chicken. The Strut Your Stuff dancers will perform and those attending are encouraged to wear red.

The group will also meet for lunch at 11 am on Feb. 4 at Red Lobster in Ontario.

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

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Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, is looking to hire an experienced choir director to fill the position with an adult volunteer choir. The choir meets each Wednesday from 5-7 pm to prepare for 9:30 am Sunday services.

The choir/congregation look forward each year to either an Easter or Christmas cantata. The choir consists of approximately 18 singers, an experienced pianist/organist and five potential instrument soloists to complement the choir.

Trinity supports a mixed contemporary/traditional theme during our service and Christmas songs, classics and hymns make up our typical musical selections.

If interested, to receive a job description, application and interview times contact Trinity at 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, e-mail secretary@trinitygracefellowship.org or call secretary Mary Stake at 419-589-5890.

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Richland County Mobility Management hosts Mobility Steps at the Ontario Center (previously Richland Mall) between 10 am and noon on the first and third Wednesday of every month (excluding holidays).

Anyone that submits their steps at the walks is entered into a drawing for a \$10 gift card.

A special walking event will be held April 29, from 10 am to noon on the OSU-M campus, 1760 University Dr., Mansfield.

The walk starts at the campus recreation center and will be an easy walk through the campus while learning about local programs and services from the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging and Richland Mobility Management. No registration is required.

In the event of inclement weather, the walk will be held inside the recreation center. For information call Randy at 567-247-6483.

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The Taylortown Community Church Blessing Closet & Food Pantry recently opened and is offering free clothing and food for those in need. Open Mondays, 9 am to 2 pm, as well as every third Saturday from 9 am to 3 pm, the closet is located at the church, 2656 Taylortown Rd., Shelby. Church volunteers also serve a free hot meal every third Thursday from 5:30-6:30 pm with the next being Jan. 15.

There are no income or residency requirements. All are welcome.

Those wishing to donate can drop-off items during open hours

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A planned gift is more than a gesture. It's a promise to the people and places that matter most. By including Richland County Foundation in your will, you help lift our neighbors, support essential programs, and ensure that Richland County continues to flourish for years to come.

Add Richland County Foundation to your will and help strengthen our community for years to come.

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Ontario releases meeting schedule

The Ontario Board of Education 2026 meeting dates will be held Feb. 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8. All meetings will be held in the Ontario High School Library, 467 Shelby-Ontario Rd., Ontario at 7 pm.

A special meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 6 pm for a work session with Rockmill Financial to discuss the district's future financial plan and policy.



ERIN BARKER, from Doncaster, guides Discovery third grade students in a discussion about weather.

Discovery School welcomes UK visiting preservice teachers

At the start of 2026, most university students at York St. John in York, UK, were enjoying their winter break, but six special students were checking boarding passes and passports, and packing suitcases bound for Mansfield..

From Jan. 3-17, these six preservice teachers stayed with local host families as they learned about the culture of the U.S. and our educational system. Students were paired with a classroom teacher and had a checklist of activities designed by head of school, Simon Clark, who set up the exchange with his alma mater after an alumni event in New York City.

"It's been a privilege to support the next generation of teachers through this intercultural visit," said Clark. During their time at Discovery School we wanted to provide them with as much opportunity as possible for collaboration and knowledge sharing to give them a diverse and enriching experience. Our students have enjoyed getting to know our guests and learn from them. This international experience has proved to be enriching for our Wolfpack community."

"We all taught a lesson about ourselves, and the students loved it!" said Erin Barker, from Doncaster, who is paired with Discovery's third grade. She and Katie Grace from Leeds, are in their second international experience teaching, having spent time in Kenya together.

In their teachers' lessons, students learned about their student teacher's favorite foods, their family, the town they live in, and the UK in general. "They had so many questions and are so excited," added Maisie Cobbett, from Hertfordshire, who shared special tourist spots like the London Eye with students. Discovery students added to the lessons with knowledge they had gained from previous lessons with Mr. Simon and their own research about the UK.

"It's been really nice because they've learned from us and we've genuinely learned from them during the cultural exchange," shared Elle Carrington, who is serving in the fifth and sixth grade combination class. She is the only student from Wales, and has shared the alphabet and language with the students. Ellie Ashby, from Rotherham, has spent time with preschool, Kindergarten, and specialist enrichment class offerings. Lena Finney, from Derbyshire, has been in first grade, helping to lead small group lessons in math and reading.

The feedback from teachers has been very positive. Jenn Anderson, Early Learning Center assistant teacher shared that everyone has loved the experience and it seems that they are learning as much, if not more from the students, as they are from their U.S. experience.

"I don't want Maisie to leave, the kids really love her, too. She's done a great job," added Laura Heminger, fourth grade teacher. "I love that Erin has stepped right in and I've put her in charge of a few things, she's not afraid of anything!" said Jami Shepherd, third grade teacher.

Church Directory

All Souls Unitarian Universalist

25 Church St., Bellville
419-886-3497 • www.allsoulsuuohio.org
10:30 am Service and Sunday School
Adult RE Book Club (quarterly)

First Congregational Church

640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield
419-756-3046 • www.mansfieldfcc.com
Pastor Brad Bunn
8:30 am Chapel • 10:30 am Sanctuary
10:30 am Sunday School (nursery-high school)
10 am Monday Morning Bible Study

Lexington Church of the Cross

236 Otterbein Dr., Lexington
419-884-2150 • Churchofthecrosslex.com
Pastor-Rev. Dr. Edna Stahl
Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Junior Church for 10 and under • Wesley Class 10:45
5th Sunday of the month-Do Something Sunday AA, Girl Scouts,
Yoga, Knotty Ladies and Bible Study.

Ontario United Methodist Church

3540 Park Avenue West., Ontario
419-529-4345 • ontarioumc.com
Rev. J.P. Snyder
9:30 am Grace & Eggs
11 am Sunday Worship and Kingdom Kids

St. John's United Church of Christ

2010 Park Avenue West, Mansfield
(At Hope Lutheran Next to Drug Mart)
419-522-2813 • www.stjohnsmansfield.org
contact@stjohnsmansfield.org
Pastor Faith Proietti • 11 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

Trinity Grace Fellowship

1592 Grace St., Mansfield
419-589-5890 • 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

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Yoho National Park, Canada • Photo By Mark Shutt

RCCS collecting Valentine's Day cards

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

The Mansfield United Lions Club and RCCS 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, but no sealed valentines. Cards may be signed and will be accepted through Jan. 23.

The community is invited to drop-off or mail the unsealed cards to Richland County Children Services, C/O Valentine's Day, to 731 Scholl Rd., Mansfield, OH, 44906.

"This Valentine's Day, let's come together to make sure every child in foster care feels seen, valued and cherished," said Brigitte Coles, RCCS Community Engagement Supervisor. "For many of these incredible youths, a Valentine's card may be more than just paper and ink — it can be a reminder that they are not forgotten."

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

In Ohio there are more than 14,000 youths in foster care and 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 United Lions have prioritized supporting the foster children of Richland County and we have pride that the project has significant outreach with joy as the outcome," said Dr. Debra Weaver, president of the Mansfield United Lions.

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 visit richlandcounty-childrenservices.org.

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

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or call or text Lyndi Oakley 419-814-0372 or Tonja Barnett 419-571-3846 to set up a time outside of normal hours.

The biggest needs are non perishable food, coats, hats, gloves and kids clothing. Food is distributed quickly and will probably always be the greatest need. 100% of all donations go to filling the closet and pantry. Follow on Facebook at Taylortown Community Church Blessing Closet.

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The American Red Cross and the National Football League (NFL) are partnering for National Blood Donor Month, and to thank those who through Jan. 25, will be automatically entered for a chance to win a Super Bowl LX giveaway.

Make an appointment to give blood or platelets by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App or calling 1-800-RED CROSS. Donation sites will be open:

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 12-6 pm, The Ontario Center
Thursday, Jan. 22, 1-6 pm, Community Building, 21555 Pealer Mill Rd., Butler

Friday, Jan. 23, 12-5 pm, The Ontario Center
Monday, Jan. 26, 12-5 pm, The Ontario Center
Wednesday, Jan. 28, 12-6 pm, The Ontario Center

Thursday, Jan. 29, 1-6 pm, Madison Adult Career Center, 600 Esley Ln., Mansfield

Friday, Jan. 30, 12-5 pm, The Ontario Center; and 12-5 pm, Resurrection Parish, 2600 Lexington Ave., Lexington

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Dr. Paul Robinson on Sunday, Jan. 25, at 10:30 am. The subject will be "Let 2026 Be Your Year of Peacemaking." For information visit www.allsoulsuohio.org.

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Gerald Ray Strong Jr., January 7

Virginia Henry Baumberger, January 9

John Max McMillen, January 9

Mattie Lou Pickens, January 12

Michael Dean Call, January 14

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Community joins together for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Service

Photos and Article By Traci Little

ASHLAND — A spirit of worship, reflection, repentance, and unity filled Calvary Baptist Church on Sunday evening as churches and community members from across Ashland County gathered for the annual Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Community Service, hosted in partnership with the Ashland Pregnancy Care Center.

Held Jan. 18, the service brought together pastors, civic leaders, worship teams, and local ministries for a thoughtful celebration centered on God's gift of life, prayer for healing, and a reaffirmation of the community's commitment to supporting families and protecting human dignity.

The evening opened with worship led by Josh Cehulik and the Calvary Worship Choir, followed by a welcome and prayer from Pastor Harry Strachan of Calvary Baptist Church. The service was purposefully organized into themed prayer focuses, including a Time of Celebration & Praise, Time of Repentance & Healing, and a Time of Hope & Challenge, guiding attendees through moments of gratitude, reflection, and renewal.

Melanie Miller, executive director of the Ashland Pregnancy Care Center (APCC), provided a ministry update highlighting the organization's impact and faith-based mission of serving women, men, and families facing unexpected pregnancies. A special prayer focus recognized APCC's 45 years of service in the community, led by Pastor Rich Pate of King Road Christian Church.

Several prayer focuses followed, addressing topics such as the miracle of life, repentance and healing, elected officials and the soul of the nation, post-abortion healing, marriage and family, and the vital role of pastors and the church. Local leaders participating included Matt Miller of Jeromesville Methodist Church, Pastor Matt Potosky of Albion Bible Church, Rev. Dr. Eric Abel of Bethel Baptist Church, Pastor Dave McNeely of New Life Community Church, Pastor Josh Wilson of Grace Church and Pastor Tim Bright of Encounter Jesus Church.

An opportunity to give was shared by Pastor Strachan, with offerings benefiting the Ashland Pregnancy Care Center, followed by special music and a closing benediction, "Because He Lives," led by the Calvary Worship Choir.

Beyond the service itself, the evening also served as a celebration of growth and renewed vision for the Ashland Pregnancy Care Center — particularly as the organization prepares for an exciting new chapter with its new building in Ashland.

Located at 2111 Claremont Ave., the new APCC facility represents a significant milestone for the ministry, expanding its ability to serve clients with greater privacy, accessibility, and resources. The new building will allow the center to offer enhanced client care spaces, education areas, and support services, all designed to better meet the needs of women and families in Ashland County.

"This new building is not just bricks and mortar — it's a reflection of the community's heart for life and compassion," Miller shared

previously. "It will allow us to serve more families with excellence and Christ-centered care for generations to come."

"Our dream has always been to unite our ministry under one roof. After many years of prayer, fasting, dreaming, planning, saving, and praying, we are turning the page to a new chapter as God writes our story," Melanie Miller said. "This building is 12,800 square feet and will soon serve as the new forever home of Ashland Pregnancy Care Center. What an amazing blessing to have this building donated to our ministry, free and clear! Nothing in life is unplanned to God. Every child is crafted with care, known, and loved even before birth."

Founded in 1981, Ashland Pregnancy Care Center is a faith-based, nonprofit organization providing free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, parenting education, material assistance, and emotional and spiritual support to individuals experiencing unplanned pregnancies. The center operates through the generosity of donors, volunteers, and partnering churches.

The Sanctity of Human Life Sunday service underscored the strong partnership between local churches and APCC — a collaboration that continues to uphold a culture of life, healing, and hope throughout the region.

As the new location of the Ashland Pregnancy Care Center prayerfully prepares to open its new facility in the spring, Sunday's service served as a powerful reminder that when a community comes together in faith and compassion, lives are changed — and hope is built one family at a time.



Richland Academy registration open for StrongHER TogetHER

Richland Academy of the Arts has opened registration for a new program titled “StrongHER TogetHER.” This free program is made up of five separate workshops for female athletes ages 12–18 and their female parent/guardian focusing on mental health topics and hands on activities related to each subject.

Leading the main workshops will be Amanda Miller, a licensed MSN, RN, PMHNP-BC, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, ANCC Board Certified and Jacy Warrick, LPCC-S, ATR and a licensed professional clinical counselor with supervisory designation, a registered Art Therapist, EMDR Therapist and Somatic Practitioner with over seven years of experience in mental health working with adults, couples and children.

Participants will also have the opportunity to work with & learn from Ohio Health Physical Therapists, Ashland University Dietitians in collaboration with Idea Works Kitchen, Visual Artist and Instructor, Autumn Cadle and Yoga instructor Erin Wolford.

“We (Richland Academy of the Arts; RAA) are so excited to be able to offer this new program,” said dance department chair Sarah Horrigan-Ramos.

“Knowing how hard our dancers work not just in the studio but at school & other outside activities and the common conversations about mental health in our current society, makes this program relevant not just for dancers, but all young female athletes. Moms and guardians are often searching for words & tools to help their daughters navigate their teenage years and their chosen sport(s). Our goal, through these five workshops, is to give young female athletes and their parent/guardian opportunities to engage in conversation and activities to help them handle the stresses & challenges they face through the guidance of mental health professionals.”

This program, developed by Amanda Miller, Pam Madore and Sarah Horrigan-Ramos, is free thanks to the grant awarded to RAA from the Women’s Fund of the Richland County Foundation. Registration is available at richlandacademy.com.

Participants must be 12–18 years old, reside in Richland County and a female parent/guardian must register and participate in the workshop as well. Students and parents may register for all five workshops, but if your schedule only allows you to participate in one, that is ok as well; each workshop is designed to stand alone.

All sessions will take place at the Richland Academy of the Arts on Saturday’s between 2–5 pm on Feb. 7 (Leadership & Physical Wellness), Feb. 21 (Comparison Trap & Art in Motion), March 7 (Hormones & their role in Mental Health & Nutrition), March 21 (Anxiety & yoga) and April 11 (Navigating relationships with parents, coaches/teacher, friends & Art in Motion).

To register and learn more about Richland Academy of the Arts’ programming visit www.richlandacademy.com or call 419-522-8224.



Library’s Black History Celebration returns to main branch February 7

The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library (MRCPL) invites the community to its annual Black History Celebration, a free, family-friendly event honoring Black history, culture, and achievement. The celebration will take place at the Main Library, 43 W. Third St., Mansfield, on Saturday, Feb. 7, from 11 am to 3 pm.

This year’s celebration carries special significance as February 2026 marks the 100th anniversary of Black History celebrations in the United States. The observance began in 1926 as Negro History Week, founded by historian Carter G. Woodson, and later expanded into Black History Month in 1976 when it was formally recognized under President Gerald Ford.

The day’s festivities will include live entertainment, trivia, face painting, giveaways, interactive activities, and a free meal. Programming begins at 11 am in the second-floor lobby, featuring a performance by the Mansfield Senior Choir students, who will open with “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” followed by additional selections.

A free meal prepared by local caterer Glynis Haney will be served from 11:30–12:30 pm, while supplies last. Attendees will also have the opportunity to connect with several local organizations offering activities and resources, including the Alzheimer’s Association, NAACP Mansfield, North End Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC), Richland County Children’s Services, First Call 211, Ohio State University–Mansfield Black Student Association, and Third Street Family Health Services.

At 2:30 pm, the library’s Sherman Room will host “Roots at 50: Reimagining the Legacies of Lineage.” Fifty years after its publication, this engaging program explores how Alex Haley’s groundbreaking semi-autobiographical novel reshaped genealogy, history, and literature. A panel of experts from Ohio State University will lead a thought-provoking discussion on Haley’s lasting impact.

Guests of all ages are encouraged to participate in curated activities throughout the library. Upon arrival, attendees will receive an Activity Pass; completed passes can be entered for a chance to win one of two \$50 Walmart gift cards.

In addition to the Feb. 1 celebration, MRCPL will continue honoring Black History Month with special programming.

On Feb. 14, at 1:30 pm in the Main Library Community Room, the Children’s Theatre of Cincinnati will present “Harriet Tubman: Straight Up Outta’ the Underground.” This live, one-woman, interactive storytelling performance brings history to life as audiences follow Harriet Tubman on her courageous journey to freedom and her repeated missions to guide others along the Underground Railroad. This 45-minute, family-friendly performance is ideal for students in grades 3–8.

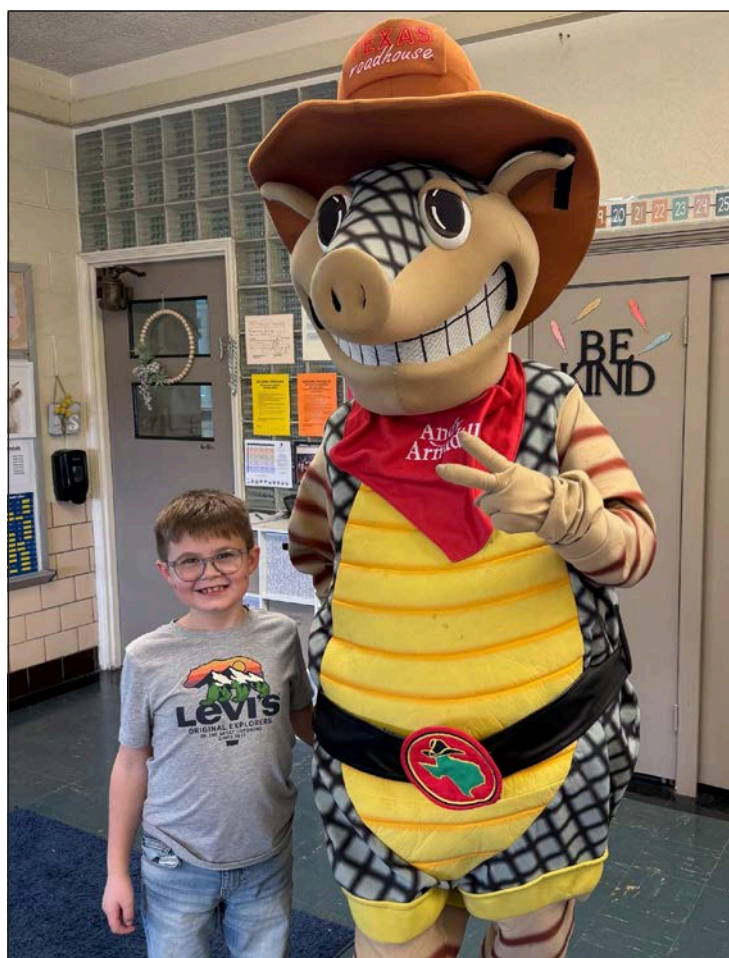
For more information and a complete list of Black History Celebration activities and programs, visit mrcpl.org.

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TEXAS ROADHOUSE recognized the top sellers from Lexington's Central and Western Elementaries for a gift card fundraiser. Top students enjoyed lunch and a visit from Andy the Armadillo, while the two top-selling classes earned a brownie party.

News Briefs in Education

Miami University students who are ranked in the top twenty percent of undergraduate students within each division for the fall semester 2025 have been named to the dean's list recognizing academic excellence.

Local students on the list are Morgan Dininger of Lexington, Elizabeth Hamler of Mansfield, Nico Laser of Mansfield, Hudson Moore of Mansfield, Ava Dean of Mansfield, Elsie Dahlinghaus of Mansfield and Allie Parker of Lexington.

Miami University is located in Oxford, OH.

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Capital University has announced that Isabella Allen of Mansfield was named to the provost's list for the fall 2025 semester. To be named to the list, full-time, degree-seeking students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.70 to 3.849.

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Miami University students ranked in the top three percent of undergraduate students within each division for the fall 2025 semester have been named to the president's list recognizing academic excellence. Local students on the list are Ben Pryor of Mansfield, Quin Frankhouse of Ontario and Shelby Zimmerman of Ontario.

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Pay Hall of Mansfield was named to the dean's list at Capital University for the fall 2025 semester. In order to be named to the list, full-time, degree-seeking students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.69.

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Capital University has announced its president's list honorees for the fall 2025 semester. Local students on the list are Abby Bechstein of Mansfield, Elizabeth Corn of Ontario, Jayden Dechert of Mansfield, Liam Paxton of Mansfield and Thomas Secrist of Mansfield.

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Local students have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2025 semester at Baldwin Wallace University. The list recognizes students who earn a grade point average of 3.8 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more graded hours during the semester.

On the list are Marisah Atterholt, a graduate of Hillsdale High School majoring in nursing; Kesley Crider, a graduate of Mansfield Senior High School majoring in music industry; Wyatt Estep, a graduate of Galion High School majoring in music education; Austin Fisher, a graduate of Lexington High School majoring in sport management; and Jack Hiebel, a graduate of Lexington High School majoring in finance and economics.

Lind Media Company promotes Armina Dowell to production manager

Lind Media Company has announced the promotion of Armina Dowell from project administrator to production manager, recognizing her outstanding contributions over the past two years.

Since joining Lind Media, Dowell has consistently exceeded expectations, playing a critical role in keeping Production-based operations organized, efficient, and on track. Her attention to detail, strong communication skills, and deep understanding of the production process have made her an essential part of the team and a driving force behind the company's continued success.

The Production Department works closely with Lind Media's sales team, off-site graphic designers, and clients to ensure every billboard design is effective, impactful, and completed on time for printing and posting. In her new role, Dowell will lead the growing production team, overseeing workflows and collaborating across departments to maintain the high standards that Lind Media is known for.

"Armina has been a major player in ensuring this aspect of the business runs smoothly," said Kerrie Bohach, VP of Administration. "Her dedication, reliability and ability to bring everything together make her the ideal choice to lead our production department as we continue to grow."

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Lexington begins new year with long list of coach hirings

The Lexington Board of Education held organizational and regular meetings on Wednesday, Jan. 14.

Andrew Burton, Bricker Graydon and Pepple & Waggoner were appointed as legal counsels for calendar year 2026.

The *Mansfield News Journal*, Richland Source and *Tribune-Courier* 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 members will receive compensation at the maximum allowance by law (\$125 per meeting) for calendar year 2026.

At the regular meeting, an administrative report on the high school was given as was a presentation by student representative Emma Bacquet.

Cara Pelphey will serve as the Western Elementary IAT chair for the remainder of current school year.

Rebecca Bigley's salary was adjusted from BS + 20 to MSW.

Hillary Scheiber will retire as the junior high educational aide, effective May 27.

Jim Rhea resigned as a bus driver, effective for the 2025-'26 school year. Amber Mittner resigned as the Western Elementary IAT chair, effective immediately.

Mary Beth Whitney was hired as a substitute educational aide for the remainder of the school year.

The board approved coaches including Nick Durchik, volunteer assistant coach for high school basketball; Mitch Sellers, JV baseball; Jeff Eichorn, volunteer assistant baseball; Kim Brown, volunteer assistant baseball; Ron Schaub, boys varsity tennis; Rob Michels, volunteer assistant boys tennis; Jansen Webster, volunteer assistant boys tennis; Kyle Strauch, high school assistant track; Seth Cole, high school assistant trackb(1/2 contract); Nick Teglovic, high school assistant trackb(1/2 contract); Grant Weaver, high school assistant track; Denise Benson, high school assistant track; Jennifer Wells, high school assistant track; Dan Wittmer, volunteer assistant track; Buck Morton, junior high track; Lisa Pfizenmayer, junior high track; Heidi Roush, junior high track; Austin Javurek, volunteer assistant; Tad Davis, assistant boys basketball coach for January and February; and Derrick Shelenberger, freshman basketball coach for January and February.

The board approved a Resolution approving a schematic design phase submission and authorizing the superintendent and/or treasurer to sign the submission form.

A Resolution allows the board to proceed with the proposition of an Income Tax.

The board approved the substitute lists as provided by MOESC dated Dec. 15, 2025 through Jan. 9, 2026.



MRS. MARTIN'S BIOLOGY STUDENTS at Shelby High School are diving into technological design with a fun Water Tower Challenge. Working within a time limit, budget, and supply list, students are tasked with building a water tower for their "town" that stands 50 cm tall and can hold 10,000 gallons of water (represented by 100 pennies).



MR. JOHNSON'S STEM CLASS at Ontario has been getting hands-on with switches, motors and batteries — testing, troubleshooting and discovering how simple circuits can bring big ideas to life.

BBB warns consumers about loan and debt-related scams

The Better Business Bureau® (BBB) serving Akron is warning consumers about an ongoing loan and debt-related impostor scam targeting individuals through repeated phone calls, voicemails and text messages.

According to reports submitted to BBB Scam Tracker, consumers are being contacted by individuals claiming to be "underwriters" or representatives from lending organizations. The callers insist the consumer applied for a loan and request follow-up or verification, even though no application was submitted.

Local consumers report receiving daily calls—sometimes multiple times per day—from constantly changing phone numbers. Despite blocking and deleting the calls, the same messages continue to arrive from new numbers.

In multiple reports, callers used names such as "Sally Foster" and "Nicole Bennett," and claimed to represent organizations including TD Lending Union and TD Business Lending. One consumer noted the caller spoke with a British accent and that the loan amount changed from day to day, including offers for \$63,000, \$59,000 and \$159,000.

Consumers also reported that while the incoming phone numbers varied, callers frequently instructed them to return the call to the same callback number, suggesting a coordinated scam effort.

To appear legitimate, scammers have used a variety of official-sounding business names, including: Tax Resolution Oversight Department, TD Lending, Loan Solutions, Lending Union, ATO and Lenny Union.

"Scammers rely on repetition and urgency to pressure people into responding," said Devan Weckerly Lambert, Director of Marketing at BBB Akron. "If you didn't apply for a loan, that alone is a major red flag. Legitimate lenders do not repeatedly call, text and leave voicemails demanding verification."

BBB encourages consumers to take these steps if they receive suspicious loan-related calls or messages:

- Do not engage or return the call
- Do not share personal or financial information
- Verify independently by contacting lenders directly using trusted contact information
- Block and report suspicious numbers
- Report the scam to BBB Scam Tracker to help warn others

Consumers can report scams at [BBB.org/ScamTracker](https://www.bbb.org/ScamTracker) and find additional tips for avoiding impostor scams at [BBB.org](https://www.bbb.org).

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ONTARIO VS CLEAR FORK VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL · JAN. 15
WARRIORS WIN 67-52 · PHOTOS BY JEFF HOFFER



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ONTARIO VS CLEAR FORK JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL · JAN. 15
WARRIORS WIN 34-32 · PHOTOS BY JEFF HOFFER



Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

LEXINGTON VS NORWALK VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL · JAN. 13
NORWALK WINS 57-27 · PHOTOS BY JEFF HOFFER



Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Lexington girls fall to the Norwalk Lady Truckers 57-27

By Kris Leiter

Last week, in a non-conference game on Jan. 13, Lady Lex (1-14, 1-8, OCC) fell to defeat to the Norwalk Lady Truckers (9-4, 5-1, 2nd SBL, Lake conf.)

Norwalk scored in double-digits in all four quarters.

The first quarter tally showed Norwalk scoring 16 points to Lexington's seven.

Lexington's Carliann Hughes dropped six points with Gracee Reis' one foul shot.

In the second quarter, the Lady Truckers continue to dominate the scoreboard by adding 15 points to Lady Lex's eight. Lexington would have three players adding to the tally. Kylie Murfield, Brynley Liersemann and Tatum Stover all scored two points.

The halftime score would have Norwalk leading the contest 31-15.

Commencing the third quarter, Norwalk notched 16 tallies to Lexington's five points and in the fourth and final quarter, the Lady Truckers would seal the deal with 10 points to Lexington's seven, for a total of 57-27.

Contributors for Lex in the third quarter would have Tatum Stover adding two points and Kylie Murfield would still have the hot hand and add a 3-pointer!

The final quarter saw Liersemann again with another free-throw as well as Stover adding two more points.

Thus far on the year, leading the stats for Lady Lex is freshman Sophia Brown, averaging 13.0-points per game along with cleaning the glass with 11.6-rebounds per game.

Ringin' in second is senior Tatum Stover, averaging 4.8-points per game, along with 5.6 rebounds.

Lady Lex will be hosting the Ashland Lady Arrows on Wednesday, Jan. 21.



LEXINGTON TRACK & FIELD athletes recently hit PRs across the board with multiple indoor school records. Alexis Cantrell and Allison Laury started the day by both breaking the previous indoor school record in the 60m prelims. They came back in the finals and broke the record again. In her opening 200m of the season, Laury broke the indoor school record, marking her second school record of the afternoon. In his first competition of the year, Eli Barr cleared 12 feet to break the indoor school record in the pole vault. Latrell Hughes opened his 800m season at the Michigan Showcase running 1:53.02 to win the event and set a school record. That performance currently ranks him #1 in Ohio (all divisions) and #8 in the United States. He is also currently #1 in Ohio in the 400m (49.1). Lincoln Rice and John Bartone earned their way into the Michigan Showcase and delivered sub-10 minute 3200m performances in a tough field.

MADISON VS WEST HOLMES BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL · JAN. 16 RAMS WIN 51-43 · PHOTOS BY LILLIANA ALLEN



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ONTARIO VS MADISON BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL · JAN. 10
WARRIORS WIN 68-38 · PHOTOS BY LILLIANA ALLEN



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ONTARIO VS MADISON BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL · JAN. 10
RAMS WIN 51-50 · PHOTOS BY LILLIANA ALLEN

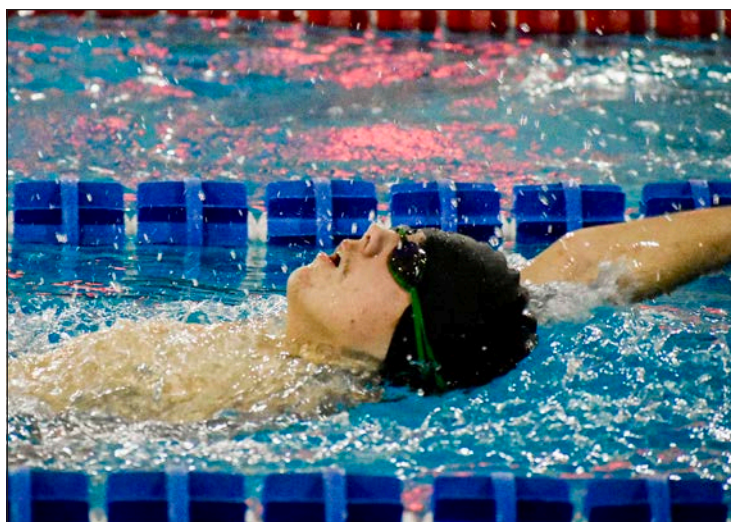
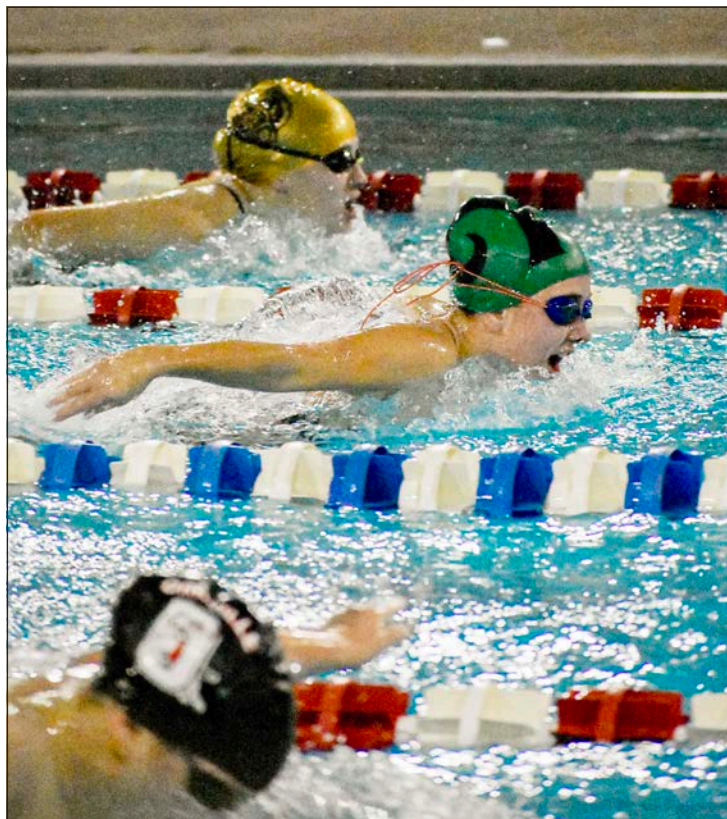


ONTARIO VS MADISON BOYS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL · JAN. 10
RAMS WIN 62-44 · PHOTOS BY LILLIANA ALLEN



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LEXINGTON SWIM MEET · JAN. 8 · PHOTOS BY LILLIANA ALLEN



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MADISON GIRLS WRESTLING MEET · DEC. 28 · PHOTOS BY LILLIANA ALLEN



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ONTARIO VS MARION HARDING SWIM · JAN. 13



SIX SHELBY ATHLETES competed in Dave's Running High School Series at University of Findlay. This is the first event of the indoor season for the Shelby athletes. Madison Henkel looks to be in mid-season form as she won the long jump competition with an 18-4.5 feet leap in her last jump of the competition, beating her closest competitor by nearly two feet. Karlie Walp won the 60 meter hurdles with a blazing 9.93 seconds, a second faster than second place. Princess Timko won the 60 meters dash with an 8.14 time. Ashley Montgomery (8.26) took fourth in the same event and Henkel placed fifth (8.26). Gavin Baker won the 60 meter hurdles in 8.45 seconds. Brady Bowman took second in the 60 meters, running a 7.14 while Baker finished third with a 7.32. Assistant coach Patience Lewis said, "I'm extremely happy with how all the sprinters did. We went into this meet wanting to get an idea of where we're at. Although indoor meets start in December we waited to start practice until after Christmas break. This was Madison's first indoor meet since her sophomore year and she's already got the longest jump I know of for Ohio high schools. Basically anyone that has run indoor track before today was as fast or faster than their previous marks. We were able to see weaknesses that we can work on before our next meet."

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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 January 7, 2026.

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. 26-01 – A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO TO SELL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES THROUGH AN INTERNET AUCTION SALE DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-01 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTORS, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN D. STUDENMUND AND ANDREW J. BURTON OF RENWICK, WELSH & BURTON LLC TO THESE POSITIONS, ESTABLISHING THEIR COMPENSATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-02 – AN ORDINANCE AWARDING A CONTRACT

TO PARR PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO 2026 DODGE DURANGOS AND THE UP FIT EQUIPMENT FOR THE TOTAL SUM OF \$155,848.58 THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-03 – AN ORDINANCE AWARDING A CONTRACT TO VALLEY FREIGHTLINER FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 FREIGHTLINER CAB/CHASSIS TRUCK THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-04 – AN ORDINANCE AWARDING A CONTRACT TO HENDERSONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SNOW AND ICE PACKAGE FOR NEW TRUCK THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker
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Free Arts Integration professional development available for teachers

The Mansfield Partners in Education Team, comprised of the Renaissance Performing Arts Association, the Mansfield Art Center, and Mansfield City Schools, will host a one-day professional development workshop on arts integration for primary (grades PreK–2) and intermediate/middle grades educators (grades 3–6), special education programs, and administrators on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at the Renaissance Theatre. Story Crafts and Story-Crafting: Inspiring Young Voices Through Orature and Literature (Adaptable for educators and mentors of Pre-K–2, Grades 3–4, Grades 5–6, and Special Education Programs)

Teaching Artist and storyteller Lynette Ford will guide teachers through the process of bringing stories to life with hands-on, easily replicable activities that encourage both spoken and written expression. This interactive workshop equips educators with creative strategies to help students craft and share their own stories—whether through oral storytelling (orature) or written narratives. Teachers will also be provided with tools to engage young learners in imaginative exercises that foster language development, confidence, and a love for storytelling in ways that seamlessly integrate into your curriculum.

The registration fee of \$125 for the workshop has been covered for all participants through the generous sponsorship of Charles P. Hahn, CFP with additional support from Meijer, Inc. and a grant from the Siebert Arts Fund of the Richland County Foundation.

The professional development workshop will be presented from 4:30 until 7:30 pm. Educators may register for one, or both, sessions, with dinner included for all attendees. Registration is available at rentickets.org Contact hour verification for CEUs are available for participants. For more information, call 419-522-2726 ext. 212 or email dauphne@mansfieldtickets.com.

Lynette (Lyn) Ford is an acclaimed American storyteller, teaching artist, author and workshop presenter. She was the first storyteller in Ohio to be nominated for a Governor's Award for the Arts and has been featured at major national and international festivals.

Renaissance to offer popular weekly improv class for students

The Renaissance Performing Arts Education Department announces that it will again offer its popular Improv Underground program, a free theatre improvisation course which is part of the 2025–'26 Mechanics Bank Education Series.

During the workshop, students will develop strong interpersonal skills through participation in theatre games and improvisation.

Improv Underground classes focus on building basic improv skills through group activities and are open to all students between the ages of 14 and 19.

Students between the ages of 12 and 14 may be considered for participation with permission of the instructor. Participants are guaranteed to gain self-confidence, improve communication skills, and have fun. All classes take place at the Renaissance Theatre in Mansfield from 4–5:30 pm on Wednesdays.

The course begins on Feb. 18, and will run through Tuesday, April 7. An "open mic" style performance, featuring class participants, will be held on Wednesday evening, April 8th, at the Renaissance Theatre's 166 venue. The course is led by Dauphne Maloney, well-known throughout the area for her work with youth theatre.

Interested participants can register online at www.rentickets.org; or by emailing dauphne@mansfieldtickets.com.

For more information on this program or other Renaissance Education programs, contact Dauphne Maloney at 419-522-2726, ext. 212 or visit www.rentickets.org

TITANIC exhibit coming to Ohio

This spring, Great Lakes Science Center will offer guests the opportunity to immerse themselves in the legendary Ship of Dreams. TITANIC: The Artifact Exhibition, opens on May 21.

The exhibition offers a powerful and emotional journey through one of history's most iconic tragedies.

Featuring over 200 authentic artifacts recovered from the wreck-site that tell the story of the Ship and her passengers and crew, life-size reconstructions of the Ship's most famous rooms, and the most historically accurate Titanic VR experience ever, guests will be provided with a deeper understanding of the Ship and her legacy.

Great Lakes Science Center will be The Exhibition premiere of the Titanic VR experience, produced in collaboration with Titanic: Honor & Glory, offering an unprecedented opportunity to be immersed in the Ship's grandeur. This is the most detailed and complete VR tour of Titanic ever created, including areas of the Ship that weren't previously visible to the public.

Tickets are available on the website at <https://greatscience.com>.



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