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Danielle's Lighthouse offers hope, healing and a place to begin again

Photos and Article By Traci Little

A standing-room-only crowd filled the newly renovated Danielle's Lighthouse on Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 18, as community leaders, mental-health partners, and family members gathered to celebrate the grand opening of Richland County's newest crisis step-down unit — a 10-bed facility designed to provide stability, recovery support, and renewed hope for individuals transitioning out of mental-health hospitalization.

The project marks a major milestone in Richland County's continuum of care. The Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board played a leading role in planning, designing, and developing the facility, identifying the long-recognized need for supportive housing for those not yet ready to return home after a behavioral-health crisis. Coleman Health Services, selected by the Board to operate the program, will manage day-to-day services and provide person-centered care grounded in recovery, stability, and dignity.

Steve Bossart, Vice President of Business Development and Marketing at Coleman, opened the ceremony with gratitude and anticipation. "This is going to be a special place in this community," he said. "We're really glad you're all here today to help us cut the ribbon and open this great facility."

Honoring Danielle's Legacy

The facility is named in memory of Danielle "Dani" Leedy, a vibrant, deeply loved young professional from Richland County who lived with chronic depression and died in 2019 at age 33. Her parents, Jeff and Donna Heck, founded the nonprofit 33 Forever after her passing to ensure her legacy would be one of helping others — not defined by her death.

"Immediately after losing Dani, we knew her legacy could not be her suicide," Donna told the crowd. "She lived to help others. She was an amazing life-changer. So we created 33 Forever so her heart for helping people would live on."

Donna recounted the helplessness the family felt years earlier when, after Dani survived a suicide attempt at age 22, they were discharged from the hospital with no guidance other than: "Take her."

"We were literally at a loss," she said. "There was nowhere for her to go."

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Ontario will host annual tree lighting

The City of Ontario's annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held Thursday, Dec. 4, in Marshall Park.

The event will open at 5:45 pm with a special candle light vigil will be held at the pavilion. The candles will be in honor of the memories of those we've lost.

This quiet time of reflection and remembrance invites the community to hold space for loved ones and share their light with family and friends. Candles will be provided.

Hot chocolate and cookies will be served beginning at 6 pm.

The event will include a visit from Santa and performances from Rhapsody in Blue, the Ontario High School Jazz Band and the Ontario High School Golden Girls.

The tree lighting will be held at 6:30 pm with Mayor Knapp. Announcement of the winner of the Lions Club Coloring Contest will be announced following the lighting.

The event is coordinated by Ontario Community Events, Ontario Local Schools, the City of Ontario and the Ontario Lions Club.

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LOST IN A BOOK KCCC to host open house



A Book Review
By Mandy Belczak Gurney



She Didn't See it Coming by Shari Lapena is an interesting mystery that will have you wondering who committed the crime until the very end.

My rating: ★★★★★

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The Knox County Career Center (KCCC) will host Open House & First Chance Application Night on Thursday, Nov. 20, from 4:30-6:30 pm.

Open to the public, business partners, alumni and community members, along with current students and their families, will be in attendance.

Current sophomores and juniors from associate schools and their families, will have the opportunity to visit KCCC's career tech programs. Sophomores can visit any two-year programs.

Juniors will have the chance to visit our senior-only program, Pre-Professional Mentorship. Students will have an opportunity to apply in person in the cafe.

If students are unable to attend, the application window will be open from 4:30 pm to midnight at www.knoxcc.org, click on "Apply Now".

Local food trucks, On the Rise Bar-B-Que and Buddy's Local Eats, will be selling food. KCCC's Culinary Arts students will be selling coffee and pastries out of the River Room Cafe and WNZR will be broadcasting on-site and doing live interviews. KCCC swag will also be handed out. For information email careereducation@knoxcc.org or call 740-397-5820.

Light Up Lexington is December 1

The 45 annual Light Up Lexington ceremony is scheduled to kick off the holiday season on Monday, Dec. 1, at 6:45 pm.

Winter sports players of Lexington Schools will be presented including basketball, bowling, swim team and wrestling.

The poster contest winners will be announced at the ceremony. Lexington students in first through fourth grades participate and several winners are picked from each grade level. A gift and a certificate from the mayor are given to each winner.

Those attending can visit the reindeer and the museum will have its Lexington Christmas open house starting at 6 pm. There will be cookies and mulled cider.

THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —



Now streaming on Netflix is Guillermo del Toro's epic *Frankenstein*. Based on the classic Mary Shelley novel, this is a two and a half hour film showcasing Oscar Isaac as Victor Frankenstein who grows up under the harsh upbringing of his father, becomes a doctor and decides to create life in his castle.

His creation (Jacob Elordi) is more than Frankenstein bargained for as the tale unfolds.

Written and directed by Guillermo del Toro who is one of the best around and directing the Oscar winning *The Shape of Water*, *Hellboy*, *Blade 2* and *Pinocchio*. I remember the first time I saw Pan's Labyrinth the images and the story still stay with me.

Frankenstein is made on the grandest scale and looks terrific. The costumes and makeup are awards worthy as is Elordi who deserves a supporting actor nomination as the monster.

Del Toro tells this story in pieces and it works really well bringing this story together. The supporting cast is excellent as well featuring Christoph Waltz, Mia Goth, Charles Dance and David Bradley. Oscar Isaac is perfectly cast as Victor Frankenstein and does terrific work as well.

This is certainly a contender for top ten of the year though what is keeping me from a perfect rating is the movie did drag a few times with its excessive length though on repeat viewings it could certainly come together more.

I highly recommend this version of *Frankenstein* as it is one of the most epic and grand in scale that has been made. Del Toro makes another great film with terrific performances, visuals and storytelling.



The Ontario Lions Club would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to the following businesses and individuals whose generous donations made the Fall Pancake Day on Nov. 4, another truly special event!

Thank you to ABC Warehouse, Applebee's, Arbor Creek Garden and Floral, Athens Greek Restaurant, Bob & Bob Door Co., Buffalo Wild Wings, Eagle Loan Company, 4th Street Coffee House, Gates State Farm Insurance, Goodyear, Harbor Freight, Hobby Town, Logan's Roadhouse, Meijer, Meraki Salon, Mid-Ohio Mind, Body & Soul, Millie's Music Studio, O'Charley's Restaurant & Bar, Ontario Youth Sports, Penn Station, Raising Cane's, Lion Randy Hanlon, Reflections Salon & Spa, Skyline Chili, Sturts Trucking, Texas Roadhouse, The Cap Place, Thrive Nutrition Studio, Traci Michele Photography and Tractor Supply Co.

Once again, thank you to our local businesses and customers for your support! We look forward to seeing you again at our next pancake day on Saturday, April 4, from 6:30 and to noon.

With gratitude,
President Lion Randy Hanlon
and the Ontario Lions Club Members

Anyone wishing to become a member of the Ontario Lions Club can contact any member or write to Ontario Lions Club, 3777 Park Avenue West, Ontario, OH 44903.

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News Briefs

A craft and vendor show will be held Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Butler Event Center, 111 W. Elm St., Butler.

Those attending are asked to bring non-perishable food items to help the North Bend Community Produce Distribution.

The event has free admission and lunch will be available.

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Main Street in Bellville will host its annual family holiday parade on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 11 am.

After the parade, those attending can visit the township building (old fire station) for hot cocoa, cookies, hot dogs, crafts for kids, horse and carriage rides and a visit with Santa.

For parade entry information email tinascristmasparade@gmail.com. All activities and refreshments are free. The event is sponsored by the Clear Fork Valley Chamber of Commerce.

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SR 97, just east of N. Huron Street, closed Monday, Nov. 17, for a culvert replacement. This project is managed by the Village of Bellville because it falls within the village corporation limits.

The detour route for eastbound motorists will be SR 13 north to I-71 north to SR 39 east to SR 603 south to SR 95 east to SR 97 and reverse for westbound motorists. The estimated completion is Friday, Nov. 21.

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The public is invited to a "Celebration of Christ Our King" Saturday, Nov. 29 at Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield.

The combined praise and worship service will begin at 4 pm, followed by a potluck dinner in fellowship hall.

The event is being sponsored by Global Methodist churches in Ashland and Mansfield. Clergy and laity from area Global Methodist churches will be involved throughout the service.

This is an opportunity to come together as a greater body of Christ to celebrate and share how He has blessed each of His churches.

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Nov. 29 and 30. 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, 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 Dec. 17 and will be a Christmas luncheon. Image from Mansfield Christian School will perform and officers will be installed. The group will meet for lunch Dec. 3 at MVP Sports Bar, 275 Park Avenue West. For information visit www.lexasc.org. Dues are \$10 per year.

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The Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education has changed its regular November board meeting to Monday, Nov. 24, at 6 pm in the Pioneer Board of Education Conference Room.

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On Tuesday, Nov. 25, First English Lutheran Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Kingdom Grace Fellowship Church will partner to offer a community-wide Thanksgiving service at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 525 W. Cook Rd., Mansfield. The entire community is invited.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Rev. Dr. Elaine Strawn on Sunday, Nov. 23, at 10:30 am. The subject will be "Building the Muscle of Gratitude." For information visit www.allsoulsuohio.org.

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First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Avenue West will be offering senior boxes of non perishable food provided by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm or until supplies run out. This comes with a 15 lb. box of fresh produce and a two lb. box of cheese. These items are free to those who qualify by age (60+) and low income guidelines. Recipients must have at least one person age 60 or older in the household.

These items are available on the fourth Tuesday of each month, year round. The distribution is held in the South Mulberry Street parking lot. The next distribution is Tuesday, Nov. 25.

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The Richland Rural Life Center, 969 E. Crall Rd., Mansfield, will host its annual Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, Dec. 6.

The event will include cookie decorating, a visit and photos with Santa and breakfast. Two times slots are available: 8 and 9:30 am. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children ages 3-11. Children two and under are free when accompanied by an adult.

Breakfast includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit cup and beverage. Purchase advance tickets at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/breakfast-with-santa-83>. Seating is limited.

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Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield, will have a Christmas Carol Sing during its regular 9:30 am service Nov. 30, the first Sunday of Advent.



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Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville
419-886-4333 • www.clearforkalliance.org
Rev. Matt Merendino • Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship
Sunday Evening 6 pm Home Groups
Monday Men's Group 7:30 pm
Wednesday evenings: 6:45 pm, Prayer Meeting
6:30–8 pm and TeamKID and Youth Group

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

200 West Third St., Mansfield
419-524-4813 • mansfield1stcc1833@gmail.com
Rev. David Zerby
10:30 am Sunday Worship
Office Hours: Tu., W., Th. 9 am to 1 pm
Christian Builders, Sunday, 9:30 am
www.FirstChristianChurchMansfield.com
FB: FirstChristianChurch,Mansfield,Ohio

First Congregational Church

640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield
419-756-3046 • www.mansfieldfcc.com
Pastor Brad Bunn
8:30 am Chapel • 10:30 am Sanctuary
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
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,
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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 • facebook.com/GraceChurchMansfield

G & M Body & Paint Shop

1689 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
Lead Minister Brandon Bogue
9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship

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.

Lexington Presbyterian Church

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

Mansfield 1st Presbyterian Church

399 Trimble Rd., Mansfield
419-756-7066 • www.mansfield1st.com
Rev. Joseph Yerger
9 am Adult & Youth Sunday School
10 am Traditional Sunday Worship
ADA Accessible Nursery & Children's Programming

Mansfield Baptist Temple

752 N. Stewart Rd., Mansfield
419-589-5413 • 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 Olivesburg 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
Rev. J.P. Snyder
9:30 am Grace & Eggs
11 am Sunday Worship and Kingdom Kids

St. John's United Church of Christ

68 Park Avenue East, Mansfield
419-522-2813 • www.stjohnsmansfield.org
Pastor Faith Proietti • 10 am Sunday Worship
Office hours: Mon–Fri 9 am to 1 pm
AA Meetings M & F 10 am & noon;
Wed. noon Brown Bag and Sat. 6 pm
Clothing Ministry by appt: 419-512-9817

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
Pastor Larry Carnes
9:30 am Sunday School • 11 am Sunday School
Bible Study Mondays 2 pm



WARRIOR LEADERSHIP EXECUTIVE COUNCIL members at Ontario High School participated in the MOAC Student Exchange with students from Shelby High School. On Wednesday, Ontario hosted visiting Whippets, giving them a glimpse into what it's like to be an Ontario Warrior for the day. On Thursday, Ontario's Executive Council traveled to Shelby City Schools to experience life as a Whippet. The exchange provided students from both schools the opportunity to build connections, share ideas and learn from one another's school communities.

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Paula Ann Skaggs, Nov. 8
John Michael Ziegler, Nov. 10
Angeline Arnold Silver, Nov. 11
Roger Lee Bloom, Nov. 12
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Small Business Saturday will be celebrated this weekend

The Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development invites the community to join this year's Shop Small – Richland County celebration this Saturday, Nov. 22.

The event, part of the national Shop Small movement, encourages residents to support locally owned businesses during the holiday season.

Small Business Saturday is nationally recognized on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

This year, after listening to small businesses, Richland County's celebration will take place one week earlier. It gives shoppers the opportunity to support local businesses, capture shopping dollars an entire week before Black Friday, and still make kickoff for the Ohio State vs. Michigan football game.

"This year, at the request of local businesses who participated in past years and from survey results, Richland County's celebration will take place one week earlier," stated Ellen Heinz, president and CEO of the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development. "It is the same event, just the Saturday before Thanksgiving. By celebrating a week earlier, shoppers have the opportunity to support local businesses and enjoy the big game."

Dozens of locally owned shops, restaurants, and boutiques across Richland County are expected to participate.

Shoppers can visit participating businesses to enter two types of prize drawings.

Each business will host its own prize drawing for shoppers who visit on Nov. 22 (no purchase necessary).

Shoppers can also scan a QR code inside each store to be entered into one of five \$100 grand prize drawings sponsored by the Chamber and partners.

Getting around will be easier than ever this year thanks to Richland County Transit (RCT), which will run fare-free on Saturday, Nov. 22 (and again on Dec. 13). All regular routes will operate except Route 15 (Airport Industrial Park) and Dial-A-Ride will be available for those who qualify.

Basic hours will be from 9:30 am to 4 pm (varies by route). For route details, contact RCT at 419-522-4504.

A list of participating businesses is available at RichlandAreaChamber.com under the event calendar, or by clicking this link.

"Every dollar spent locally helps strengthen our economy and support our beloved local businesses that make Richland County unique," Heinz added. "We encourage everyone to shop early, shop local, and show support for small businesses."

Shop Small – Richland County is presented by the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development in partnership with Downtown Mansfield, Inc. and sponsored by Medical Mutual.

Shoebox collection underway

Every year, Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week takes place the third week in November when more than 4,500 shoebox drop-off locations open across the country.

Samaritan's Purse's mission for the collection is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Every year, shoebox gifts are collected, filled with toys, school supplies and hygiene items for children around the world. The website at www.samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child given examples on how to pack a shoebox.

Remaining dates for local drop-off locations include:

Freedom Ridge, 2200 Bedford Blvd., Ontario, Wednesday, Nov. 19, Friday, Nov. 21 and Saturday, Nov. 22, 9 am to noon; Thursday, Nov. 20, 5–8 pm; Sunday, Nov. 23, 1:30–4:30 pm; and Monday, Nov. 24, 9 am to 3 pm.

Impact Church, 160 Woodruff Rd., Mansfield, Wednesday, Nov. 19, Friday, Nov. 21 and Monday, Nov. 24, 9 am to noon; Thursday, Nov. 20, 3–6 pm; Saturday, Nov. 22, and Sunday, Nov. 23, noon to 3 pm.

Trinity Lutheran Church, 508 Center St., Ashland, Wednesday, Nov. 19, Friday, Nov. 21, Saturday, Nov. 22 and Sunday, Nov. 23, 10 am to noon; Thursday, Nov. 20, 5–7 pm; and Monday, Nov. 24, 9–11 am.

•Danielle's Lighthouse offers hope, healing and a place to begin again

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That experience became the spark behind Danielle's Lighthouse — a space where individuals can heal safely, regain stability, and begin again. In tribute to Dani's life, 33 Forever is donating a custom mural and photography installation, including images captured by Danielle's sister, Alex, creating a warm, art-filled environment designed to inspire hope.

A Needed Gap in Richland County's Mental-Health Continuum

Executive Director Sherry Branham-Fonner of the Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board, who has served the community for 33 years, praised the collaborative effort that brought the vision to life.

"That gap is being filled today," she said. "This project would not be possible without tremendous collaboration."

She recognized key partners whose support transformed the once stark, concrete-block building into a home-like sanctuary including the Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services, which provided 90% of renovation funding; NAMI Ohio, which contributed \$15,000 for exterior beautification and landscaping; Amcrete, which donated a concrete pad at cost for an outdoor picnic area; 33 Forever, sponsoring artwork and photography; The 1112 Project, providing ongoing hygiene bags; Adena Corporation and architect Todd Robleski, who reimaged the interior space; local artists and photographers, including Alex Heck, whose work brings life to the hallways; and Coleman Health Services to operate the facility.

Coleman Health Services President and CEO Hattie Tracy spoke to the meaning behind the project's opening.

"What we are celebrating today is much more than a renovated building," Tracy said. "This space has been transformed into a 10-bed supportive housing and recovery site dedicated to meeting critical needs. Danielle's Lighthouse is not only a home — it is a message that recovery, independence, and positive destiny are always possible."

Coleman, which serves 58 counties across Ohio and provides care to more than 40,000 individuals annually, will oversee the site's clinical and supportive services.

John Annarino, Chief of Staff for the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OhioMHAS), offered an emotional reflection connecting Danielle's story to the larger statewide effort to expand compassionate, accessible mental-health care. "This isn't a building," he said. "It's a heart of hope."

He looked around the room and added, "There is a room full of people here, but I feel just one beating heart because you've all come together. That's how things get done."

Quoting a reflection once given to him, Annarino honored the Heck family: "Every person is a bridge spanning two legacies — the one they inherit and the one they pass on. Sometimes one family has the courage

to face the flame. That family brings peace to their ancestors and spares all the children that follow."

The Heart Behind the Name and the Art

Donna returned to the podium to explain the significance of the building's name and the artwork inside — including a mural of the Marblehead Lighthouse, a place Dani always wanted to visit.

"We bought a place near Marblehead in 2018," Donna recalled. "I FaceTimed her and said, 'You're going to love it here.' She never made it. Now she did. She's at the lighthouse standing behind us today."

The Starfish Story: A Reminder of Why This Work Matters

Jeff closed with a story dear to the family — the boy on the shoreline throwing stranded starfish back into the ocean one at a time.

"Maybe I can't save them all," the boy says. "But I made a difference to that one."

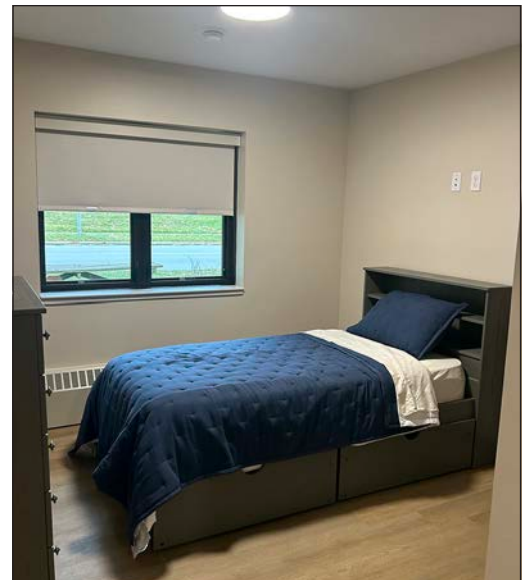
Jeff looked toward the guests and staff preparing to serve at Danielle's Lighthouse. "That's what this place is. That's what mental health has to be — one starfish at a time."

A Ribbon Cut, A Beacon Lit

As the ceremony concluded, the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development team stepped forward with their ceremonial scissors. With applause, tears, and gratitude from all corners of the room, the ribbon was cut — officially opening Danielle's Lighthouse, a beacon for those seeking stability after crisis.

More than a building, it stands as a living testament to Danielle Leedy's legacy — a space rooted in compassion, built by collaboration, and filled with the message that healing is not only possible, but expected.

For information visit <https://33forever.life/> or <http://facebook.com/33foreverinc>



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The American Red Cross encourages donors to give before the end of the year. The last two months of the year can be a challenge for many donors trying to juggle regular donation appointments with packed schedules full of seasonal activities and holiday planning.

The Red Cross is teaming up with Bandai Namco Entertainment America Inc. to celebrate the 45th anniversary of PAC-MAN™. All who come to give blood Nov. 17–Dec. 7, will score an exclusive pair of Red Cross x PAC-MAN socks, while supplies last.

Those who give blood or platelets during the same time frame can snag a custom Red Cross x PAC-MAN GASHAPON®, while they last.

Reserve a spot to give blood or platelets by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

In November, successful donations will get free A1C testing, commonly used to screen for prediabetes and diabetes. (One test result in a 12-month period; do not fast before donating). Visit RedCrossBlood.org/diabetes for more information.

Wednesday, Nov. 19, noon to 6 pm, The Ontario Center, 2209 Richland Mall, Ontario

Thursday, Nov. 20, 2–7 pm, Community Building, 21555 Pealer Mill Rd., Butler

Saturday, Nov. 22, 9 am to 2 pm, The Ontario Center,

Monday, Nov. 24, noon to 5 pm, The Ontario Center

Wednesday, Nov. 26, 9 am to 2 pm, The Ontario Center

Saturday, Nov. 29, 9 am to 2 pm, The Ontario Center

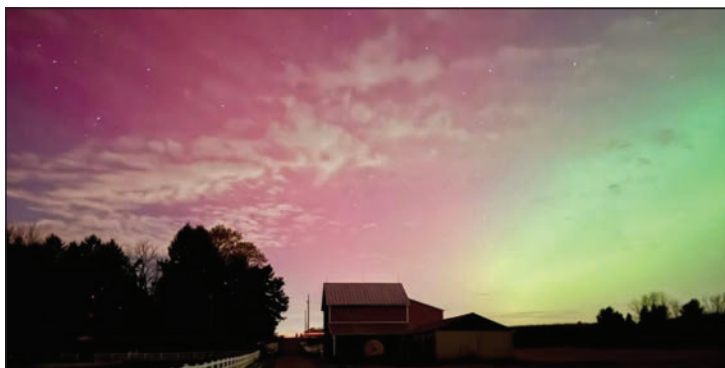
Monday, Dec. 1, noon to 5 pm The Ontario Center

Tuesday, Dec. 2 8:30 am to 1:30 pm, St. Peter's High School, 111 West First St., Mansfield

Wednesday, Dec. 3, noon to 6 pm, The Ontario Center

Thursday, Dec. 4, 8 am to 1 pm, Shelby High School, 1 Whippet Way, Shelby

Saturday, Dec. 6, 9 am to 2 pm, The Ontario Center



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RCT will offer free bus rides

Richland County Transit (RCT) is spreading holiday cheer by offering free special holiday service to thank riders and the community for supporting public transit throughout the year.

Fixed route bus rides are free for everyone and Dial-A-Ride service is free for eligible riders.

Special Saturday service (when RCT doesn't usually run) will be offered for Shop Small Saturday on Saturday, Nov. 22 and on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 9:30 am to 4 pm.

Fare-Free Fridays will be offered during regular hours (6:30 am to 6:30 pm) on Black Friday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Dec. 19.

RCT will be closed all day for Thanksgiving (Nov. 27), Christmas (Dec. 25) and New Year's Day (Jan. 1). RCT will end service at 4 pm on Christmas Eve (Dec. 24).

The schedule on Nov. 22 will be:

Transit 1, Park Avenue, 9:30-3:30, last bus at 2:30

Transit 2, Lexington Avenue, 9:30-4:00, last bus at 3:30

Transit 3, South Main, 9:30-3:30, last bus at 2:30

Transit 5, Springmill, 9:30-4:00, last bus at 3:30 SHOP

Transit 7, Ashland Rd., 10:00-3:30, last bus at 3:00

Transit 8, Glessner, 10:00-3:30, last bus at 3:00

Transit 9, W Fourth St., 10:00-4:00, last bus at 3:00

Route 16 Ontario Circulator (Leaves Walmart on the hour with the first bus at 10 am. Leaves Meijer on the half hour, last bus at 3:25)

DAR will be available from 9:30-4:00, with last scheduled pick-up time at 3:15 pm. Call 419-522-4504 to schedule.

The schedule on Dec. 13 will be:

Transit 1, Park Avenue, 9:30-3:30, last bus at 2:30

Transit 2, Lexington Avenue, 9:30-4:00, last bus at 3:30

Transit 3, South Main, 9:30-3:30, last bus at 2:30

Transit 5, Springmill, 9:30-4:00, last bus at 3:30

Transit 7, Ashland Rd., 10:00-3:30, last bus at 3:00

Transit 8, Glessner 10:00-3:30, last bus at 3:00

Transit 9, W Fourth St 10:00-4:00, last bus at 3:00

Route 16, Christmas Circular (Leaves Walmart on the hour with the first bus at 10:00. Leaves Meijer on the half hour last bus at 3:25).

DAR available from 9:30-4:00, last scheduled pick-up time 3:15 pm. Call 419-522-4504 to schedule.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL'S CCP CHEM 130 class practiced analytical lab techniques and applied their understanding of oxidation-reduction reactions. Students completed a redox titration to determine the percent hydrogen peroxide in a solution from a drugstore.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL'S ACADEMIC CHALLENGE team had a meet at Ashland University on Nov. 14.

Mansfield to host Christmas Time in the City

Christmas Time in the City will be held Friday, Dec. 5, from 5-9 pm in downtown Mansfield.

The highlight of the evening is the Christmas tree lighting ceremony which will take place at 6 pm.

Additionally, Richland Carrousel Park will be at the center of the celebration with carriage rides, live reindeer, photos with Santa and more. Carriage rides are available exclusively through online reservations available at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-time-in-the-city-carriage-rides-tickets-1967752982140?aff=ebdsshcopyurl&utm_campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=



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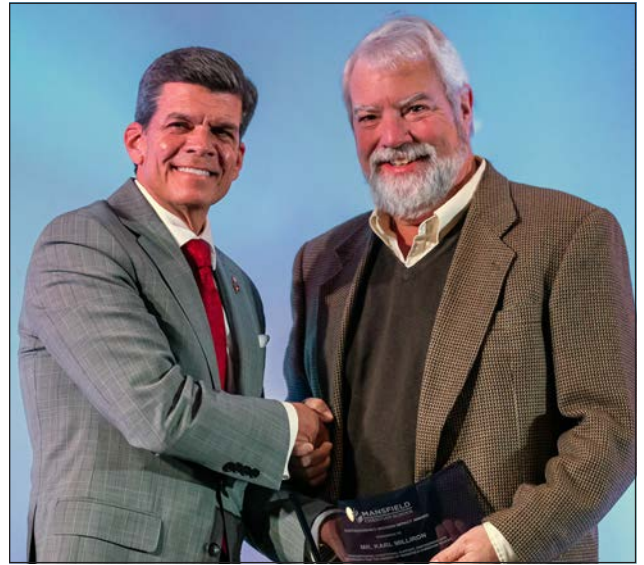
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MCS celebrates growth at annual school banquet

Photos and Article By Traci Little

The MCS Annual School Banquet was held on Friday, Nov. 7 at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center, bringing together more than 400 guests for an evening filled with worship, celebration, and stories of God's faithfulness. Guests enjoyed worship led by Image, a joyful performance from the second-grade class, and moving testimonies shared by high school seniors, parents, and teachers.

An impactful highlight of the evening was honoring Karl Miliron as this year's Distinguished Mission Impact Award recipient, recognizing his longstanding commitment to the mission and students of MCS.

Superintendent Dr. Cy Smith shared a powerful message reflecting both gratitude and vision for the season ahead. "Whether you are interested in the new high school, a new roof, teacher salaries, or student programs, Mansfield Christian will be one of the best investments you have made in your lifetime," he said. "We will train our children all day, every day, like Daniel—by filling their minds and shaping their hearts, and for this reason, every hour matters and every life changes."

This year's banquet centered around the school-wide theme, "1,000 Hours – Every Hour Matters, Every Life Changes." Dr. Smith explained that the theme was chosen to emphasize the lasting impact of intentional Christian education: "I love our theme this year. Every Hour Matters. Every Life Changes. Because what fills their minds shapes their hearts. We wanted to demonstrate how 1,000 hours shapes not only our students, but also our families, teachers, and community."

Dr. Smith also shared updates on the school's Capital Campaign, which includes plans for a new high school building designed to expand enrollment opportunities for grades 9–12 and create additional space for elementary and middle school students. "I'm excited to report and publicly praise the Lord that we have raised \$7.6 million for the new high school," he said. "We are 75% of the way there and getting closer every month."

The new facility will support the arts, athletics, and additional academic space—reducing the need for modular units and shared classrooms. Dr. Smith emphasized the significance of this moment for the school community: "There are times in our lives when momentum unlocks opportunity—when an unbelievable blessing breaks into our everyday world. This is that moment for MCS and we absolutely cannot miss what God is doing. Mansfield Christian School stands ready to seize our moment in time and forever change the lives of students, parents, faculty, and community members."

Throughout his remarks, Dr. Smith reminded guests why the mission of MCS remains vital. "Children are created in God's image—endowed with capable minds, hearts, souls, and spirits," he said. "God has wired the human heart with a desire to make sense of the world and find answers to big questions. What fills their minds truly shapes their hearts."

He shared that MCS is actively equipping teachers to build their lessons around four pillars—truth, hope, identity, and calling. "We teach hope not as wishful thinking, but as certainty in what has and will happen," he noted.

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•MCS celebrates growth at banquet

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The evening closed with heartfelt appreciation for the businesses who help support the mission. MCS extends its gratitude to Banks & Associates CPAs, LLC and Bay World Manufacturing for their generous

support as Platinum Event Sponsors.

With strong momentum, a clear mission, and God's provision evident, Dr. Smith encouraged the community to continue walking forward together: "This is God's movement, and this is our moment."





OVER 70 VETERANS attended a breakfast and program hosted by Ontario High School on Veterans Day. Colonel Neil Chitwood was speaker for the program. The oldest veteran in attendance served in the U.S. Army and is 90 year old.



Richland County preparing for holiday events, festivals

Mansfield and Richland County will come together to bring holiday events across the area. From the county seat of Mansfield to the towns and villages of Lexington, Shelby, Bellville, Lucas, Butler and Plymouth, details can be found at destinationmansfield.com/tinseltowns.

Nov. 29–Dec. 30: Christmas at Kingwood Center Gardens takes visitors on a festive stroll through the glowing trail of lights and Community Tree Walk. Inside the 99-year-old Kingwood Hall mansion, guests can see holiday décor winding through every room. A Display Greenhouse and Garden Gateway warm with gifts and snacks. Details, including experiences like the St. Peter's Handbell Choir, pictures with Santa and his reindeer and a model train display, along with timed-entry tickets are available at kingwoodcenter.org/christmas-at-kingwood/.

The lights are ablaze on Downtown Mansfield's dazzling 30-foot tree starting Dec. 5 at 5 pm. Carrousel and carriage rides (advance carriage tickets required), live reindeer and alpaca, Santa caroling and more will be available. Local galleries, antique and thrift stores, boutiques, restaurants and more fill the city center with plenty of free parking. Pint-sized shoppers love Downtown Mansfield Inc.'s Tiny Tim Shop, where volunteers help kids 12 and under pick and wrap a variety of gifts under \$15 Saturdays Nov. 22–Dec. 21. Reservations are free but required.

Dec. 6–7, it's Christmas in the Village in historic Plymouth, with carriage and trolley rides, a giant snow globe offering photo ops, a parade of lights, tree lighting, Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Firehouse, fireworks with live music and a Village Christmas Market.

Shelby's Christmas in the City Holiday Parade highlights a day packed with family events that run from 1–7 pm on Sunday, Nov. 30. There will be a gingerbread house and coloring contests with prizes, a Winter Wonderland Walk and Christmas market with downtown shops offering free goodies, crafts and activities and specials, face painting, letters to Santa, food trucks, cotton candy and appearances by Santa, Elsa and Anna and The Grinch.

Sutton Bank expands access to home loan solutions

Sutton Bank recently announced a collaboration with Rocket Mortgage®, one of America's largest retail mortgage lenders. This initiative makes Rocket Mortgage's fully digital home loan experience available through Sutton Bank, offering homebuyers and homeowners a convenient way to purchase or refinance a home.

Chris Klemann, Chief Operating Officer at Sutton Bank, described the collaboration as an exciting new opportunity for individuals within the local area who would like to become a homeowner or benefit from new mortgage offerings.

"We're confident that Rocket Mortgage's digital and simplified mortgage experience fits with our ongoing mission to find opportunities that make banking easy for our customers," said Klemann. "Whether you're buying your first home, refinancing, or exploring your options, this collaboration combines the best of both worlds: the innovation of Rocket Mortgage® with the community-focused service of Sutton Bank."

Homebuyers and homeowners will have access to dedicated resources throughout the mortgage process, along with services designed to make homeownership more accessible. Through this partnership, Sutton Bank will provide leading home loan products and customer service backed by Rocket Mortgage's technology and expertise. Loan options include conventional loans, FHA loans, VA loans, low down payment loans and programs designed to support affordable home-ownership.

To learn more or get started with a home purchase or refinance, please visit www.suttonbank.com or call 419-426-3641 to connect to one of Sutton Bank's mortgage lenders.

Sutton Bank is an independent, community bank established in 1878, and headquartered in Attica, OH. Sutton Bank has consistently been named one of the top small business and agricultural lenders in the State of Ohio.

The most Christmasy place south of the North Pole may be Bellville. The village is home to a festive holiday lighting and Christmas parade, in addition to the full-service Kleerview Farm Christmas tree farm where kids can visit live Reindeer and Santa Claus.

Lucas warms visitors Dec. 5–7 and 12–14 during Malabar Farm State Park's Big House candlelight tours. The tours include fresh-baked cookies and hot, local cider. Volunteers welcome all into te decorated rooms with colorful tales of celebs who visited to escape Hollywood paparazzi. Tucked in the rolling farmland of Pleasant Valley, this working National Register of Historic Places farm fulfilled Pulitzer Prize-winning author Louis Bromfield's dream of sustainable agriculture. Farm products and more are available for purchase in the gift shop.

Dec. 11–14 gives travelers a one-of-a-kind chance to visit what may be the most festive family in the U.S. as Herlihy Christmas House welcomes visitors for the 38th year. This private home has been opening its doors to generations, showing off a massive personal collection of more than 30 themed Christmas trees, hundreds of Santas, villages, Disney and trains. This long-time family tradition embodies the true spirit of Christmas, donating all proceeds (minimum \$2 donation/person) to local charities.

Dec. 13 is Christmas for the Birds at Ohio Bird Sanctuary with cookie decorating, crafts, refreshments, photos with Santa and bird ambassadors, and a giving much-needed gifts for the sanctuary's avian residents, whose wish list includes paper towels, puppy pads, bluebird pellets, dried mealworms and trash bags. Admission is \$25 per vehicle with reservations required and limited parking.

A shopping experience featuring gifts of art directly supports local artists at Mansfield Art Center's 56th Annual Holiday Faire Winter Market, Nov. 22–Dec. 31. Visitors can also create gifts themselves while learning fine art skills with classes at the center, including fused snowflake glass, glass icicles or blown glass bulbs.

Ghosts of Christmas Past appear at Mansfield's Oak Hill Cottage when re-enactors in period costume share stories this seven-gable 1847 Gothic Revival home. Its five double chimneys and seven marble fireplaces are bedecked in Victorian holiday finery. Sunday tours run from 2–4 pm, Dec. 7–29. N

The nearby BibleWalk inspires reverence for the Christmas season with free holiday tours Dec. 23–31, while the historic Renaissance Theatre spreads the spirit with music in a host of holiday shows, including *The Nutcracker* ballet and Holiday Pops.

The Renaissance Theatre will host "We Wish You a Jazzy Christmas," performed by the Artistic Jazz Orchestra (AJO) on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 pm. Part of

Led by Paul Martin, the Artistic Jazz Orchestra will bring to life festive renditions of timeless Christmas classics, echoing the style of jazz greats like Count Basie and Duke Ellington. The performance will feature the soulful vocals of Kelly Knowlton, a dynamic vocal ensemble, and spirited dancers from Richland Academy of the Arts, creating an evening full of joy, movement, and magical surprises.

The Artistic Jazz Orchestra began with a focus on the works of Stan Kenton and has since expanded to embrace big band favorites spanning the 1940s through the 1960s. Under the leadership of Paul Martin, an Ashland native and Artistic Director for over 30 years, the ensemble shares a deep bond.

For a completely unusual holiday experience, Christmas Incarceration invites guests to trade holiday stress for seasonal screams as they step into a chilling holiday experience like no other, Dec. 5–6 and 12–13 at Ohio's most infamous haunted house.

The brilliant creatives behind Halloween's Blood Prison at Mansfield Reformatory put their twist on the holidays, transforming the festive season into a spine-tingling spectacle where the ghost of Christmas is around every corner. Advance timed-entry tickets recommended.

Travelers can dive into the winter holiday season on the ski, snowboard and tube slopes and runs at Snow Trails. Pre-season and First Day of Winter parties are Nov. 22 and Dec. 20 and feature live music and fun. Ski lessons, lift passes and ski and shop gift certificates and gear make ideal holiday gifts. Lift and tubing tickets often sell out and must be purchased in advance at snowtrails.connectintouch.com.

Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Shelby Whippets pummel Lima Bath 49-7

By Kris Leiter

The Shelby Whippets rolled right over Lima Bath with ease 49-7 last Friday night in the regional semi-finals. Shelby, the number one seed, had home field advantage into the third round.

Lima Bath (9-2, 7-2 Western Buckeye Conference) came into Shelby (11-0, 7-0, Mid-Ohio Athletic Conference) for a competitive battle.

You may look at score and think that Bath wasn't a good team, or wasn't prepared. Not in the least. As a matter of fact, Lima Bath has made the post-season playoffs four out of the past five years.

Bath is a member of the competitive Western Buckeye Conference. The WBC has the likes of Wapakoneta (11-1, 9-0) who topped the WBC this year as number 1 and Lima Shawnee (8-4, 7-2) rings in with the 2-spot in the conference standings.

This year, Bath only fell to defeat twice and those were the conference foes, Wapakoneta and Lima Shawnee.

As most teams do weekly prep for their upcoming opponents, Shelby and company, with record-breaking quarterback and Air Force commit, Brayden Devito, did the typical film breakdown.

It must have paid off as not only did Shelby defeat Lima, they literally blew them off the field! Bath almost handed Shelby a shut-out platter with a goose-egg on it — almost. Lima did notch the score-board with seven points, but not until the last ticks on the clock.

I'll admit, I thought Lima would give Shelby a little more of a game. As playoff teams typically go deeper into the later rounds, the scores get fairly closer and can be nail-biters.

But the Shelby Whippets came to play! I was listening to Devito's post-game interview and to no surprise, Shelby did their homework and did they ever!

With this notch in the victory column Shelby will lead us to the anticipated showcase showdown at Arlin Field this Friday night at 7 pm, as Galion is chomping for a bit for redemption from week four and a chance to play in Canton.

As we look forward to Friday's battle between the Whippets and Tigers we can look back at Shelby's performance against Ontario last year at Arlin Field.

All of last year, two prolific quarterbacks, senior Bogdepen Miller for the Warriors and Shelby junior Brayden Devito, helped lead the teams to successful seasons.

A year ago may seem like a long time, but for the Whippets and their loyal fans it seems like yesterday.

Shelby was battling it out with Ontario in another crazy, epic, almost made-for-a-movie football game. The Warriors handed Shelby a loss of just 49-48.

That score doesn't come close to expressing the nail-biting, exciting and unpredictable game. At halftime, it was 14-13, Shelby leading. Nothing unusual. But a lot happened in the next two quarters ending in the Ontario victory.

During week 4 of this football season, these two teams tangled a web of excitement in Galion. Both teams were nip-and-tuck the entire game, with Galion actually having the upper edge for most of three quarters. The score was tied at 28-28 heading into the fourth quarter.

This was another amazing game with Galion scoring six points and then Shelby flipping-the-script to add 17 points to wrap the battle 45-34! The Whippets handed Galion their only defeat of the entire season.

Shelby football coach Rob Mahaney and Galion's Matt Dick surely haven't forgotten as they prepare for a rematch.

I was taking notes on the Shelby game last Friday, but I will confess, I was sneaking a peek at the Galion versus Sandusky Perkins game as well. Galion is having one of their best seasons with an 11-1 record, and still going strong!

Matt Dick has been at the helm of the football program for the past 10 years. He has also guided his teams into post-season play six

of those years.

"We are going try to keep quarterback Devito guessing," said coach Dick. "We are going to try to keep our offense on the field as much as possible and make things unpredictable."

Mahaney's undefeated squad is hoping to make history. If they do come out the victors Friday, they will move onto the state semi-finals in Canton.

"We have made the post-season playoffs for the past 10 years since I have been here," said Mahaney. "Matt has an awesome team over there. Their defense is really good, with their 4-3 formation."

Galion's all-conference quarterback Ayden Schmit will bring some air-time to the Tiger offense.

Total Tournament Appearances

Galion (14): 1985 (State champs) 1986, 1989, 2009, 2012-2015, 2019-2024

Shelby (12): 1998, 1999, 2007, 2010, 2016, 2017, 2019-2024

Last Appearance	All time record	State Champ
Galion 2024	6-13	1985
Shelby 2024	6-12	

OHSAA Football

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ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL'S Addisyn Pittman signed at Letter of Intent to play soccer for Ashland University. Hattie Yugovich will play soccer for Akron University.

Honor and Merit Rolls

Madison Local Schools

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Seniors — Lilliana Allen, Cyrus Baggett, Payton Bartolomea, Madison Berry, Nathan Bittman, Myla Blankenship, Cruz Boggs, Julianna Boliantz, Helen Bricker, Ethan Cates, James Cecil, Jasele Clark, Micah Clark, Justin Cline, Aubrey Conn, Morgan Cook, Courtney Cyrus, Evan Cyrus, Emily Daugherty, Lillian DeLong, Teyvion Durst, Timothy Ellis, Collin Faith, Emma Finley, Hannah Fultz, Shiane Graham, Landon Harvey, Hayden Hatfield, Aubrey Hendrickson, Maci Hergatt, Nathan Hoffman, Randy Jamieson, Kalayah Johnson, Kaylin Johnson, Amya Joplin, Drew Kepple, Campbell Kiser, Bradlee Kotterman, Aaliyah Kuttler, Tauren Lindsey, Isabella Liviskie, Christopher (Chris) Lucas, Nicholas Maglott, Nathanael Marks, Jamelyn Mays, Deont'e McDaniel, Zoe McQuillen, Macy Mounts, Jalycia Nelson, Andrew Parish, Cameron Porter, Cruz Rachel, Raygen Reiter, Emma Reynolds, Jennah Richards, Zoey Robinson, Aryana Rogers, William Saunders, Elizabeth Schwartz, Briana Smith, MaRhea Smith, Bryce Speelman, Grady Spurlock, Jaxin Stancombe, Esther Stanfield, Taylor Steffey, Kaylee Stone, Liam Stone, Anthony Studer, Lillian Symsick, Alexander Thompson, Kayzia Thornley, Bryce Tudor, Ariyah Tufts, Jocelyn Turner, Courtney (Cole) Viocck, Joseph Walker, Audrey Ward, Jerry Wertz and Elias White

Juniors — Alivia Adams, Leo Atwell, Kylie Carroll, Kinley Clow, Destini Conrad, Brianna Coulter, Samantha Crist, Sophia Curry, Giavanna DiPuccio-Resendiz, Claire Durbridge, Trenton Ford, Nicolas Gatten, October Gieseman, Aliya Hall, Kaitlyn Haring, Kennedy Hofer, Santanna Hoffman, Chase Hunsinger, Chloe Jeffers, Mason Johnson, Kirra Kiser, Kaiden Koch, Evan Larsen, Sophie Lowe, Joshua Maglott, Hayden Mapes, Darius Marsh, Kiya McConaughy, Taylor McKown, Tyler Medley, Camden Moysi, Cadence Mutter, Avery O'Brien, Ravino Pena, Cadance Peters, Branson Porter, Ellie Powell, Gage Ramey, Zackary Sanders Winters, Lena Sasis, Emily Saunders, Geraldo Sayre, Autumn Schroeder, Joseph Seibert, Jaxson Shaffer, Colton Shaw, Lincoln Shepherd, Allie Shrader, Shiann Skeen, Hudson Stacy, Hayden Stollings, Kristopher Sutton, Dylan Tschantz, Ariyah Tucker, Gabriela Vega-Wieland, Lyla Walker, Alaina Washington, Daniel Weightman and Knight Wolfe

Sophomores — Lillie Baker, Zaylynn Ball, Kaley Bowman, Henry Brinley, James (Jr) Broyles, Layla Cushard, Alec Day, Carter Foley, Cadence Gushard, Owen Hendershott, Alana Henriquez, Sarah Holt, Angel Montanez, Emma Myers, Khloe Sayre, Gracie Schaade, Allie Shambaugh, Landon Stone, Maci Whitesel and Makenzie Wynn

Freshmen — Anna Ankrum, Abigail Anschutz, Jenna Bebout, Make-na Berkshire, Lainey Binns, Carson Cook, Alexander Dillon, Hannah Evans, Gavin Faith, Jack Foster, Bella Guardiola, Kordell Hardy, Madison Kliwer, Andrew Lowe, Brandon Maglott, Aryiah Miller, Lillian Miller, Mason Morrow, Jalyonna Nelson, Daniel Norris, Gweneth Pennington, Addyson Powell, Gabriel Prater, Savanna Ransom, Avery Rust, Kallee Short, Kaysten Sly, Trenton Sweet, Cloe Taylor, Mylee Temple, Sofia Thompson and Alden Washington

Eighth Grade — Zane Baker, Jaxson Bennett, Reagan Brooks, Abbigale Crist, Ian Forbes, Jordan Jeffers, Carson McQuillen, Olivia Morris, Kathryn Myers, Preston Patrick, Matthew (Matty) Risner, Natalie Smith and Jersie Yunker

Seventh Grade — Annalise Barber, Jeffrey Brooks, William Bunden, Amia Carroll, Connor Coey, Lily Eckenwiler, Lauren Foster, Hailey Hedrick, Roman Hipfl, Taelyn Kirsch, Kennadi Knipp, Parker Larsen, Abrianna Micallef, Gavin Moore, Damari (Mari) Roper, Bristol Salser, Hagen Sauder, Eleanor Sidwell, Kemonie Sims, Haden Sisson, Lorelai Sly, Shawn Sydnor, Madelynn Thompson, Anthony Weightman, Becham White, Mackenzie Wiggins and McKenzie Wingler

Sixth Grade — Ella Barr, Lincoln Bays, Madalyn Best, Madeline Dunlap, Layla Fix, London Hamilton, Kendle Keirns, Liam Kiser, James Lang, Peyton Meek, Timothy (Tj) Mion, Alexis Pace, James Price, Tyler Salvers, Carter Shenberger, Carter Smollen, Emily Spillman, Olivia St Clair, Avaya Stephens, Jaxon Turner, Michael Williams, Eliana Wilson and Chazlyn Zehner

Fifth Grade — Ania Carroll, Jayce Clark, Seth Clark, Kylee Cushard, Ember Fry, Alexander (Alex) Holt, Sawyer Howell, Teagan Kirsch, Weston Miller, Malika Mion, Lucas Perry, Gentry Robertshaw and Brynn Sauder

Fourth Grade — Karter Allen, Praxton Allen, Emily Allison, Zoe Baker, Josiah Brammer, Raylee Carmichael, Lincoln Collins, Mason

Crego, Owen Elswick, Gracelynn Evans, Jekhi Finley, Livia Foote, Grayson Hoehn, Ryleigh Holmes, Emma Horsley, Konner Jessee, Lily Kegley, Zaniya Kelly, Oliver Kestner, Caleb King, Abram Kliwer, Madilynn Kline, Brooklynn Koeller, Asher Larsen, Emeri Lewis, Cobey McCoy, Jillian McMasters, Bailey McQuillen, Landon Mitchell, Stacey Montgomery, Emme Neron, Theron Ogle, Hayden Ohl, Marie Rhinebolt, Madelyn Risinger, Jase Shiera, Ava Sigman, Evelyn Wake and Liam Wake

Third Grade — Rashawn (Johnny) Alexander, Rayna Baker, Camden Barr, Amelia Bowman, Emberlynn Buhrts, Stytan Duffner, Avery Fissel, Emily Foster, Zoe Gibson, Caliece Grimes, Kingston Hammond, Nicholas Harvey, Jerry Hofacker, Hayden Holmes, Kason Huss, Greyson Isley, Grayson Kobb, Silas Ogle, Lucas Ohl, Kenley Osie, Charleigh Pennywitt, Lillian (Lily) Rowland, Lincoln Sapp, Hayes Sauder, Kenzlee Schnuerer, Mark Sims and Kendall Turner

HONOR ROLL (A & B)

Seniors — Noah Beidelschies, Caden Bishop, Destiny Britt, Alexis Cameron, David Clayburn, Lariah Coble, Kaylea Cole, Isabella Conway, Gage Cyrus, Lucas Davidson, Landyn Dodd, Lindsay Dulin, Payton Fife, Micah Finley, Kiera Fouts, Jace Germann, Treyvin Glasser, Brady Gretzinger, Jayden Hall, Travis Hicks, Lacy Jessee, Koree Kershner, Layla Krizan, Cooper Leather, Noah Leppo, McKarley Lowe, Marisa Manlet, Christopher Manley, Malachi Marsh, Emmalee (Em) McDaniel, Jordan McWilliams, Kylie Merritt, JulieAnna Miller, Ashley Nikolaus, Aubrey Ohl, Aiden Proctor, Kylie Schaefer, Peyton Schulte, Zoei Sealey, Brayden Seymour, Isabella Smith, Keeli Stewart, Jesper Szameitat, Kaylee Thompson, Julian Washington, Kyleigh Washington, Emma Wilds and Baylee Yost

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Sophomores — Rosanna Barger, Hudson Bays, Cory Bishop, Aniyah Bond, Jillian Brummett, Logan Carmichael, Caliyah Clapper, Jarrod Cyrus, Allysia Deems, Joseph Dehart, Ariel Foote, Ryan Fox, Lucas Gentile, Kaleia Gonder, Izaiah Gordon, Kendall Graham, Aiden Grant, Livia Grove, Amerah Reign Hapin, Izabella Harris, Crystal Heiland, Anyla Hence, Cadence Hendrickson, Jaxson Henry, Mallie Hickey, Haylie Hutcheson, Journee Jaranowski, Adalynn Jordan, Camylle King, Gage Kraetzig, Zaydien Longboat, Adrianna Lozier, Cailyn Lozier, Alexander Maddy, Ayden McGlasson, Cerenity Montgomery, Malyah Moore, Cameran Musson, Victoria Neal, Landon Parsons, Nevaeh Patton, Leeann Perkins, Devin Peterson, Landen Pfund, Elijah Pointer, Rachel Porter, Karalynn Ransom, Rhiana Reynolds, Joseph Roberts, Max Thomas, Destiny Thompson, Kenley Turner, Elle Washington, Brooklyn Whitcomb and Leyla Wicker

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Ohio House approves bill establishing advanced practice respiratory therapist designation

State Representatives Marilyn John (R-Richland County) and Tom Young (R-Washington Twp.) announced that legislation they championed that creates an advanced licensure pathway for respiratory therapists passed through the Ohio House of Representatives.

House Bill 253 works to address a gap in high-quality, prompt care for individuals with cardiopulmonary disease and other respiratory issues by expanding access to respiratory services for those who need it. By establishing the Advanced Practice Respiratory Therapist (APRT) license, the bill provides a regulatory framework for providers who practice in this area so more Ohioans can be served.

"Providing a high-quality, well-educated workforce is key to providing high-quality medical care in the State of Ohio and that is what this bill does," said Rep. John, who jointly sponsored the bill.

"By officially recognizing and licensing the Advanced Practice Respiratory Therapist (APRT) role, this legislation validates the pioneering educational excellence of programs like The Ohio State University's MRT, and will deliver more accessible, specialized, and quality patient care, securing a stronger and healthier Ohio," said Rep. Young, joint sponsor.

House Bill 253 requires an advanced practice respiratory therapist to hold a license issued by the State Medical Board and establishes criminal penalties for violators. The bill also specifies the services that an advanced practice respiratory therapist may perform under a supervising physician's delegation, including administering, ordering, and prescribing drugs and medical devices.

House Bill 253 now moves to the Ohio Senate for further consideration.

Drivers asked to make safety a priority

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) and Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO) are asking motorists to make safe driving a top priority this holiday season to ensure Ohio hits its goal of four straight years of declining traffic fatalities.

While there had been a rise in traffic deaths from 2018 to a peak of 1,356 in 2021, Ohio has seen a reduction over the last three consecutive years. In 2024 there were 1,157 people killed on Ohio roads, down from 1,242 in 2023 and 1,275 in 2022.

However, current crash data shows traffic deaths in 2025 are tracking closely with last year's pace, prompting state agencies to launch a year-end enforcement and education blitz focused on the behaviors that most often lead to deadly crashes — distraction, impairment, lack of seat belt use, and speeding.

As of Nov. 13, there have been 976 lives lost on Ohio roads compared to 1,029 at the same point in 2024.

"We've made tremendous progress in saving lives on Ohio roadways, but we can't afford to let up now," said Governor Mike DeWine. "Every driver plays a role in keeping this positive trend going by staying alert, slowing down and always buckling up."

"With record investments in roadway safety, engineering can only go so far. We need drivers to take responsibility and do their part to make safe decisions behind the wheel," said ODOT Director Pamela Boratyn.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol reports that speed, impairment, and failure to wear a seat belt remain factors in the majority of fatal crashes. Troopers will increase visibility and enforcement through the end of the year to remind motorists that safe driving saves lives.

"Our message is simple: We want everyone to make it home for the holidays and enjoy time together," said Colonel Charles A. Jones, superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. "Put the phone away, buckle up, drive sober, and make the safe choice every time you get behind the wheel."

In 2024, 43% of traffic deaths were a result of a crash that involved drugs, 34% of those killed chose not to wear a seatbelt, 32% involved alcohol impairment, and 30% were from crashes involving excessive speed.

•Honor and Merit Rolls

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Gabriel (Gabe) Salyers, Addisyn Shoppell, Kendal Shrader, Aryan Spencer, Mariah Stacy, Jonas Stapleton, Vincent (Vinny) Studer, Alexander Weightman, Brennen Wilson, Ethan Wingo and Coryell Wooden

Seventh Grade — Ashley Anschutz, Aaron (Aj) Baker, Tanner Bays, Mason Bennett, Jacob Bond, Jaxon Conrad, Delaney Conway, Liam Cushard, Richard (Ricky) Davis, Madilyn Fidler, Asherah Marie Hapin, Klayton Hayes, Derek Johnson, Erin Johnson, Amiyah Jones, Cody King, Adelynn Klecka, Branson Littleton, Milo McCann, Jesslynn McMasters, Gage Merritt, Aubrie Mooney, Dane Moysi, Leila Myers, Christian (Chris) Pennington, Mileena Porter-Race, Dylan Pucci, Mason Putney, Xavier Roberts, Railynn Rollison, Addisyn Ruckman, Harper Sasis, Clayton Shepherd, Sadie Smith, Serenity Stigger, Lillian Suttle, Seth Utt, Milla Wertz, Jadeyn (Jade) White-Simpson, Myla-Jayne Wilds and Spencer Wynn

Sixth Grade — Jade Anderson, Zella Ball, Corinne Beal, Isabelle (Belle) Beatty, Danica Bell, Caysance Bradshaw, Benton Brandt, Braxton Brandt, Lewis Brinley, Kingston Cameron, Skylar Carlson, Chase Carpenter, Araina Charley, Wyatt Clark, Carter Clow, Zoey Eberhardt, Johnathan Eulett, Zoey Fulton, Peyton Hager, Codie Hinton, Isaiah Hollar, Naomi Houston, Jackson Howard, Semaj Hudson-Wilson, Abigail (Abby) Hunter, Zay'ana Johnson, Bentley Kershner, Georgia Kimble, Paxton Leo, Isabella Loera, Zeke Markley, Olivia Mason, Leighton Mastin, Joseph (Joe) McMasters, Baylee Mitchell, Lily Morton, Kellen O'Brien, Jaxon Pennywitt, Mason Riggenbach, Allison Risner, Joel Robertson, Isaiah Smith, Hailey Snelling, Aubrey Spurlock, Gabriel Utt, Ace Washington, Kolman Washington, Hoyt Watson, David Wood and Arianna Zeigler

Fifth Grade — Elena Allen, Thomas Bautz, Bexley Brandt, Chloe Bridges, Lillian Brooks, Maddox Brown, Kalob Buhrts, Steven Burnell, Kyrie Byrd, Lyllian (Lylli) Chambers, Leon Couch, Brantlin David, Abigail Davis, Mahlaya Davis, Natalie Debo, Daisy Denney-Dailey, Mason Edmiston, Jaxten Estes, Jayden Estes, Andrew Finley, Landon Hammond, Gracie Henderson, Abel Hensley, Bryson Holloway, Ethan Hutchison, Harley Kindinger, Kinsey Kirkpatrick, Grace Kunz, Phoenix Lewis, Jase Little, Paige Mathie, Alaina Palmer, Ares Peters, Toby Ransom, Conner Slone, Logan Smith, Brennan Stephens, Noah Tuttle, Elysiah (Ellie) Vanwagner, Brynn Wheatner and Benjamin Wittig

Fourth Grade — Lilyahna Adkins, Albara Alanani, Evan Baldrige, Blaire Belcher, Noah Blankenship, Kymber Bowen, Lyla Bristow, Patilyn Brooks, Madilyn Bryant, Ruger Childress, Jaxon Clifton, Kiryn Clouse, Cayne Comisford, Abel Dewitt, Rayson Evans, Gavin Fellure, Paislee Finley, Stephen Fisher, Owen Frank, Olivia Given, Beckham Gleason, Harrison Greving, Layla Harvey, Nathan Heier, Crue Henry, Josephine Hill, Oliver Hubert, Dalton Hudson, Lily Hudson, Max King, Myles Klecka, Ellorie Lang, Ashton Longboat, Isiah Lykins, Anah Medina, Lincoln Morrow, Edith Mount, Lincoln Myers, Dean Nantz, Juniper Parker, Leah Peck, Karsyn Pifer, Faith Richards, Lilyana (Lily) Richards, Aaron Shabbir, Braxton Shively, Divinity Shoaf, Karsyn Sigafoos, Marlee Smith, Novalene Smith, Luke Stantz, Kaylie Stevens, Jace Stout, Johnathan Swanciger, McKinley Tackett, Brendan Thomas, Jocelynn Tindal, Averie Washington, Cassidy Wilson, Makenzie Woodhull and Brynlee Young

Third Grade — Serenity Adkins, Cooper (Coop) Allen, Brody Bautz, Cassius (Cash) Bell, Noah Bell, Maleya Bond, Lilyann (Lily) Bransted, Grayson Brewster, Aria Brooks, Braxten Cabell, Tabious Carter, Leanna Clarke, Dominic Clawson, Sloan Coey, Madilyn Collmar, Harley Corey, Rylee Dale, Jaxon (Jax) Dangelo, Raelynn Davis, Braxton Day, Leanna Drugan, Scarlett Edwards, Robert Godshall, Ella Grant, Jax Greenich, Avery Hager, Jaelynn Hamilton, Brantley Henderson, Asher Hill, Christopher (Wyatt) Hill, Kasper Hooper, Alana Humphrey, Jaxon Hunt, Jamarah James, Halo Johnson, Liam Kanz, Kaden Keith, Isabella Leadingham, Brylie Loucks, Raylynn Matz, Zariyahh McIntyre, Johnny Melton, Isabella Messersmith, Brooks Miller, Kylee-Ann Neighbors, Karmen Nixon, Vernon Rhea, Maci Robinson, Delainey Salser, Connor Schnuerer, Ava Senecal, Dominick Smollen, Kohen Stahl, Zoe Stevens, Jaxxon Swanciger, Mila Swigart, Karlee Tackett, Zeniyah Theophile, Colton Thompson, Mason Turner, Ellis VanDriest, Xzavian (Zave) VanWagner, Garrett Watson, Grayson Watson, Madalynn Webb, Kingston Williams, Blake Wingler, Skyler Witt, Harper Wolf, Wyatt Wooten and Brody Zeigler

CLASSIFIEDS

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 November 5, 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. 25-12 – A RESOLUTION RENEWING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF ONTARIO, OHIO AND THE RICHLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP TO FURTHER HELP WITH ESTABLISHING THE ONTARIO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-23 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 525, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC OFFICE, BY ADDING SECTION 525.19 ESCAPE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-24 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 25-05 KNOWN AS THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2025 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, AND THE ENTERPRISE FUND.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-25 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, OH
(T-C 11-13, 20, '25) 44L

CITY OF ONTARIO GENERAL LABORER POSITION

The City of Ontario, an Equal Opportunity Employer, currently has an opening for a General Laborer in the Service Department. The current opening is in the Streets Department, the test will also be used for future openings in the Water, Sewer, Parks and Maintenance Departments.

A valid driver's license is required. Please visit ontarioohio.org for a full job description. We offer an excellent benefits package.

Applications are available at the On-

tario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, or online at www.ontarioohio.org and must be returned by noon on December 10, 2025. Applications may be returned by email to civilservice@ontarioohio.org or in a sealed envelope addressed to the Civil Service Commission-General Laborer Position. The Civil Service exam will be held Sunday, December 14, 2025, 9:00 a.m., doors open at 8:30 a.m., at the Ontario Municipal Building Community Room, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, 44906.

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

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, OH
(T-C 11-20, 27, '25) 46L

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Sealed bids for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel for January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026 will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 2nd, 2025 by Adam Gongwer, Service-Safety Director of the City of Ontario.

Specifications may be obtained electronically from the Service-Safety Director. Email a request to servicesafetydirector@ontarioohio.org, or a paper copy is available at the City of Ontario Municipal Building, 555 Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio 44906.

All bids should be sealed in an envelope, clearly marked: 2026 GASOLINE & DIESEL FUEL BID, the name of the Bidder, and include a CERTIFIED CHECK OR BOND on a solvent bank, in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

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

Adam Gongwer
Service-Safety Director
City of Ontario, OH
(T-C 11-20, 27, '25) 31L

Mansfield Symphony Youth Orchestra will present holiday prelude Dec. 14

The Renaissance Performing Arts Association invites the community to celebrate the season with the Mansfield Symphony Youth Orchestra (MSYO) in their annual Holiday Prelude concert on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 3:30 pm at the Renaissance Theatre.

Under the direction of Stephen Domka, these gifted student musicians from a twelve-county region will perform joyful new arrangements of holiday favorites alongside beloved orchestral classics. From timeless melodies to spirited surprises, the program showcases the passion, dedication, and artistry of North Central Ohio's next generation of performers.

"This concert is one of the most heartwarming traditions at the Ren," said Chelsie Thompson, President & CEO of the Renaissance Performing Arts Association. "It's an opportunity for families to come together, experience the magic of the season, and be inspired by the incredible talent of our young musicians."

The Mansfield Symphony Youth Orchestra is composed of approximately 90 of the region's finest high school musicians, representing a twelve-county area. As the only youth orchestra within a 65-mile radius of Mansfield, the MSYO offers students the chance to perform a wide variety of orchestral repertoire within a full symphony setting—an opportunity not always available at their schools.

HEAP assistance available

The Ohio Department of Development and the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. has announced that assistance is available to help with 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 eight members and 60% of State Median Income for a household of nine or more members to pay their heating bills.

The benefit is applied directly to the customer's utility or bulk fuel bill. Older Ohioans may go to their local Area Agency on Aging office for help with assembling the required documents and completing the application or visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov to apply online or to download a copy of the application.

Applications must be received by May 31, 2026. For information call 419-524-4144.

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 energy bills after Jan. 1.

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