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THE 2026 BYRON H. CARMEAN CHARACTER, DEDICATION, AND SERVICE AWARD is the most prestigious award presented by Pioneer Career and Technology Center. Mr. John Carmean presented awards to this year's winner Audrey Wolford, a Crestview senior in the Pioneer Early Childhood Education program, and nominees Kinsley Van Dine, Jesse Halfhill and Tyce Lisle.

Pioneer celebrates student achievement

Article Submitted By
Pioneer CTC

SHELBY — Pioneer Career and Technology Center celebrated student success at its 2026 Awards Night, bringing together students, families, staff, and community partners to recognize outstanding achievements, dedication to education and the bright futures ahead.

A highlight of the evening was the announcement that Pioneer seniors have earned more than \$1 million in scholarships to further their education.

In addition to scholarship recognition, students were honored with a variety of awards celebrating leadership, citizenship, and commitment to their programs, as well as recognition for those who have chosen to serve in the military.

The evening's highest honor, the Byron H. Carmean Character, Dedication, and Service Award, was presented to Audrey Wolford, an Early Childhood Education senior from Crestview.

Wolford was selected from a group of distinguished nominees

for her strong work ethic, leadership, and commitment to her career pathway. She has built an impressive record of achievement both in and out of the classroom.

At Pioneer, she is enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program and also works as a student employee in the Pioneer Preschool, where she assists with daily classroom routines, including student arrival and dismissal, meal preparation, and maintaining a clean and organized learning environment.

Outside of the classroom, she has been actively involved in cross country and in past years was active in track, gymnastics and 4-H. She also volunteers in her church nursery each week and babysits.

Her accomplishments include multiple cross country honors, Pioneer Student of the Month recognition both her junior and senior years and the Pioneer Junior Citizenship Award — all reflecting her strong work ethic, leadership and dedication to service.

Pioneer Career and Technology Center is proud to recognize all students who exemplify excellence, leadership, and a passion for learning, and extends its congratulations to the Class of

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Events continue for Mental Health Month

Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services has released events celebrating May as Mental Health Month. Remaining events include:

May 7, 4:30–6:30 pm, Catalyst Life Services will host its annual kids carnival at 270 Sterkel Blvd., Mansfield. The event is free, but those attending are asked to bring a donation of hygiene products. There will be snacks, prizes and games.

May 16, the 6th Annual 33 Forever Mental Health Birthday Walk in downtown Mansfield. The walk starts at 11:33 am and registration starts at 10:33 am. Register at www.33forever.life

May 20, at 3 pm, Substance Abuse Treatment Court Graduation held at the County Building in Judge Naumoff's courtroom, 50 Park Ave., West, Mansfield.

May 29, 12–2 pm, Food, Fun, and Family Life Event, 151 Marion Ave., Mansfield. This free community event celebrates and supports families and will feature food, fun activities and opportunities to connect. Open to all.

May 30, 8 am to 12:30 pm, annual NAMI-Walks event at Marshall Park in Ontario. The event will feature a 1-mile fun walk and 5K Race with the goal of raising awareness about mental health and local resources available in the community. There will be food trucks, a DJ, balloon animals, face painting, yard games and family fun. To register visit www.namiwalks.org or call 419-522-6264.

May 30, 12–4 pm, 6th Annual Party in the Park at South Park, 100 Brinkerhoff Ave. It will feature food, games, bingo and line dance suitable for all ages. The event is open to the community and parking will be available on Brinkerhoff and Park Avenue West.

May 29, 5–9:30 pm, Mansfield UMADAOP and Mansfield City Schools Peace on My Block event at Arlin Field. The event will kick off with an F-16 flyover and a special appearance by the U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team. The event features games, activities, food trucks and fireworks. Open to all.

Mansfield Division of Police invites community to Bike-A-Palooza

The Mansfield Division of Police invites families from across the community to the 11th Annual Bike-A-Palooza, taking place on Saturday, May 9, from 10 am to 2 pm at North Lake Park, 625 Hope Rd.

Bike-A-Palooza is a free, family-friendly community event designed to bring families together for a day filled with fun, education, and connection while promoting bicycle safety and healthy outdoor activity.

This year's event will feature a bike ride with a cop, a bicycle safety rodeo, bike inspections and minor repairs, bounce houses, family entertainment, food and kona ice, facepainting and a bicycle raffle featuring over 70 brand-new bicycles.

Bicycle raffle winners must be present to claim their prize. Every child who registers will receive a free bicycle helmet while supplies last, and all attendees are encouraged to join Mansfield Police Officers for the popular community bike ride along the trail, which will begin at the conclusion of the event. The community can also meet Mansfield Fire Department members.

METRICH region collects over 1,385 pounds of medication

The METRICH Enforcement Unit along with the Mansfield Division of Police, the Richland County Sheriff's Office, the Shelby Police Department, Lexington Police Department, Plymouth Police Department, Community Action for Capable Youth (CACY), Richland County Solid Waste Authority, Richland Public Health, and the Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board, participated in the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) National Prescription Take Back Initiative on April 25.

In addition to Richland County law enforcement agencies, numerous other law enforcement agencies from the METRICH region also participated. The METRICH region collected over 1,385 pounds of unused or expired prescription/ medication. Community participation and commitment by all law enforcement agencies in the METRICH region was key to the success of this event.

In Richland County, the Mansfield Police Department collected 89.8 pounds. Other location totals were Richland County Sheriff's Office, 29 lbs., Shelby Police Department, 23.8 lbs., Lexington Police Department, 20 lbs. and Plymouth Police Department, 17 lbs.

Other collection site totals were Ashland County Sheriff's Office, 157 lbs.; Bucyrus Police Department, 91.4 lbs.; Galion Police Department 90.5 lbs.; Crawford County Sheriff's Office, 74.8 lbs.; Hancock County Sheriff's Office, 87 lbs.; Norwalk Police Department, 75.2 lbs.; Fredericktown Police Department, 29.5 lbs.; Mt. Vernon Police Department, 84.4 lbs.; Knox County Sheriff's Office/Centerburg, 24 lbs.; Marion County Sheriff's Office/Marion Police Department, 154.4 lbs.; Morrow County Sheriff's Office, 140.04 lbs.; Cardington Police Department, 5.14 lbs.; Fostoria Police Department, 17.07 lbs.; Tiffin Police Department, 41.8 lbs.; Seneca County Sheriff's Office, 52.2 lbs.; Wyandot County Sheriff's Office, 36.6 lbs.; Upper Sandusky Police Department, 24.6 lbs.; and Carey Police Department, 20.4 lbs.

METRICH is a ten-county decentralized task force in North Central Ohio whose mission is to improve the quality of life for the citizens we serve by reducing the availability of illegal drugs and weapons through proactive enforcement efforts.

The success of METRICH is a tribute to the cooperation and support within the Law Enforcement Community in the METRICH region and to those citizens who have chosen to improve the quality of life in their communities by assisting METRICH in reporting suspicious activity and valuable information.

Citizens may report suspicious activity to the crime hot lines at 419-522-7463 and www.METRICH.com

THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —

A new Netflix movie that will interest people that are fans of shark movies is *Thrash*.

Very much in the vein of the alligator movie *Crawl* from a few years ago, this movie surrounds a group of people in coastal South Carolina getting prepared for a large hurricane.

Characters include a young woman hunkering down in her home, a pregnant woman on her way to work and a family getting their home ready for the coming storm.

Soon, the levees break and a large group of bull sharks surround the area as everyone is in a fight for their life.

This movie is fine and passable but nothing special.

Crawl was so great because

it was a different idea though *Thrash*, while actually having some engaging characters, does nothing new with the genre.

The special effects are pretty bad and the sharks are ferocious though they don't improve the movie.

The only known actor is Djimon Hounsou who is tracking the sharks and letting the audience know facts about them.

Thrash is fine and since its only Netflix can be given a pass for mindless entertainment, just don't expect anything new or innovative with this shark movie.



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News Briefs

The Madison Ram Marching Band Alumni Football Game will be held Friday, Aug. 28, at the Madison Comprehensive High School and Stadium, 600 Esley Ln., Mansfield.

Practices are held Monday, Aug. 24, from 2:30–4:30 pm and Thursday, Aug. 27, from 6–8 pm, in the high school band room.

Musicians should report to the band room at 5 pm on the night of the event. The game begins at 7 pm.

To sign-up visit <https://forms.gle/Ez93fK7YLoXQvVsk6>. Sign ups close on Friday, July 24.

For information email kfanning@mlsd.net or Imann@mlsd.net for the band and mpoland@mlsd.net for Ramettes.

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The Franklin Township Fire Department Ice Cream Social will be held Saturday, June 13, at Crestview Elementary School, 1575 St. Rt. 96, Ashland, from 4–7 pm.

The event will feature homemade ice cream, food, bounce house inflatables, Touch-A-Truck with multiple agencies, kids' activities and more.

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Springfield Township Fire Department will host its first annual open house and pancake breakfast on Saturday, May 30, from 8:30–10:30 pm.

The event will be held at Station #1, 3700 Park Avenue West, Ontario and is brought to the community with the assistance of the Ontario Lions Club. Those attending can meet the trustees, fiscal officer, zoning inspector, fire chief, assistant fire chief and road department crew.

Free breakfast and handouts are available for residents and kids.

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, May 23 and 24. Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, broken down cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.

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The City of Ontario will hold meetings at the municipal building, 555 Stumbo Rd., Ontario, in May.

Meetings are scheduled for May 6, 6 pm, Utilities Committee, 6:15 pm, Caucus and 7 pm Council; May 13, 1 pm, Civil Service Commission and 4 pm, Planning Commission; and May 20, 6:15 pm, Caucus and 7 pm, Council.

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The National Day of Prayer will be celebrated on May 7 with a parade in Mansfield.

The event, sponsored by Godsfild, will line-up at Penn Avenue beginning at 5 pm. The parade will start at 6 pm.

A service will be held in South Park, 100 Brinkerhoff Ave., at 7 pm. There will be a time of public worship and prayer and ministry. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/100-brinkerhoff-ave-mansfield-oh-44906-3238-united-states/national-day-of-prayer-parade/1677065993331490/> for more information on the event or to

sign-up for parade participation.

Some churches will be bringing bagged meals and hygiene products to pass out to those at the park.

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Ontario UMC, 3540 Park Ave West, Ontario, will host exercise/walking led by an instructor for various age groups every Thursday at 10 am. This is open to the community at no charge. This will include chair yoga, dance exercise, resistance bands and walking.

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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. 97, Bellville. Cost is \$17 for the meal, with an additional \$2 for pie.

The next meal will be May 20, and will include chicken. This is the LASC's 52nd anniversary. Jane Horton will be the guest.

For information visit the Facebook page at Lexington Area Senior Citizens (LASC). Dues are \$10 per year.

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The City of Ontario's 2026 Concerts in the Park will be held at the band shell in Marshall Park at 6 pm.

Concerts are scheduled for June 9, Canyon Echoes; June 26, I Told You; July 7, Conne; July 21, Oolong Gurus; Aug. 11, Soul Town; and Aug. 25, Red Ball Jets.

This event is free to attend. Lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged.

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The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. will host a free Senior Spring Extravaganza on Friday, May 29, from 10 am to 2 pm, at the Mid-Ohio Education Center, 890 W. 4th St., Mansfield.

The Mardi Gras-style event will be focused on healthy and positive aging. Guests will enjoy resources and information on aging-related topics, along with a free lunch, BINGO, an on-site classic car show, music by Randy Velez and a variety of community vendors.

Register for the car show by calling 567-247-6458. Registration is not required to attend the event. For more information call 419-524-4144 or follow www.facebook.com/aaa5ohio. Sponsorships are available by visiting www.aaa5ohio.org

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Hayley Young and Sam Young on Sunday, May 10, at 10:30 am. Hayley Young, 9-year-old Sam Young and a very curious puppet named Jeffery explore what nurturing really looks like in honor of Mother's Day. For information visit www.allsoulsuohio.org.

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Resumes and letters of interest are being accepted for the appointment to fill the vacancy in the Richland County Clerk of Courts position. Applicants must be a resident of Richland County and a registered republican. The appointment meeting will be held on June 4. The deadline to apply for consideration is May 15, by 5 pm. Forward letters of interest and resumes to megan.whatman@gmail.com.

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The Lexington Farmers Market's season will begin Wednesday, May 20, and run weekly through Oct. 14. The market will be held every Wednesday from 4–7 pm in the Lexington–Shelby Elks Lodge #2554 and Common Ground Training parking lots, 320 E. Main St., Lexington. For information contact lexohiofarmersmarket@gmail.com.

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“Unearth a Story” exhibition invites artists of all ages to dig into the past

The Mansfield Public Art Commission, in partnership with the Mansfield Richland County Main Public Library, has announced a prehistoric-themed call for art: “Unearth a Story™.”

This exhibition coincides with the library’s summer reading program and invites the community to explore the wonders of history, paleontology and the hidden narratives buried beneath the earth.

The slogan “Unearth a Story™” opens a world of creativity, from uncovering hidden histories or exploring the past, the slogan under-

scores the joy of discovery that reading brings. It also emphasizes that every person and every community has stories waiting to be found and shared.

In a move to foster community-wide creativity, this year’s exhibition is open to all age groups, from budding young paleontologists to professional adult artists. Submissions can be a variety of media, including painting, photography, digital art, textiles and mixed media.

“Art is about discovery,” said Jennifer Pennell, Public Art Commission Chair. “With the ‘Unearth a Story’ theme, we want to see Mansfield’s collective imagination come to life — bridging the gap between the ancient past and our creative present.”

The deadline for entries is Friday, May 29. A notification of acceptance will be issued the week of June 1 and the exhibition opens Monday, June 15.

Entries can be dropped-off in the Library Communications Office, 45 N. Walnut St., Mansfield

Artists may submit up to three pieces for consideration. All works must be original and ready to hang. Original art may be listed for sale or not for sale. Any art sales would be communicated directly to the artist, and the Public Art Commission and library would not take any commission to facilitate the sale beyond providing the artist’s contact info.

Artists may submit artwork for consideration digitally by completing the submission form at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9OAEtTW_R8OwcVxVs2kMyomLUUXOvoWYfRJ5QaM-BeojWXhQ/viewform?usp=preview. Include high-resolution images, dimensions, medium and a short description for each piece. For Public Art Commission Guiding Principles, visit <https://ci.mansfield.oh.us/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Public-Art-Guiding-Principles.pdf>

Church Directory

All Souls Unitarian Universalist

25 Church St., Bellville
419-886-3497 • www.allsoulsuohio.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
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Ontario United Methodist Church

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419-529-4345 • ontarioumc.com
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MEMBERS OF ALTRUSA CLUB OF MANSFIELD volunteered for United Way and sorted 1,000 books for Big Red Bookshelves. Among those volunteering were Bonnie Palmer, Candy Brenner, Marilyn McFarland and Deb Ronk.

Madison begins open enrollment

Madison Local School District has begun open enrollment for the 2026-'27 school year.

Applications will be accepted for the upcoming school year now through May 31, 2026. All applications must be submitted by May 31 to be considered for approval.

For details and to access applications visit www.mlsd.net or visit the Madison Local School District Board of Education office at 1379 Grace St., Mansfield.

For more information call 419-589-2600, Monday through Friday, from 8 am to 4 pm.

Lexington High School will host volunteer fair on May 13

Lexington High School's student council is hosting a volunteer fair in an effort to connect volunteer opportunities to high school students, ages 14 to adult, on Wednesday, May 13.

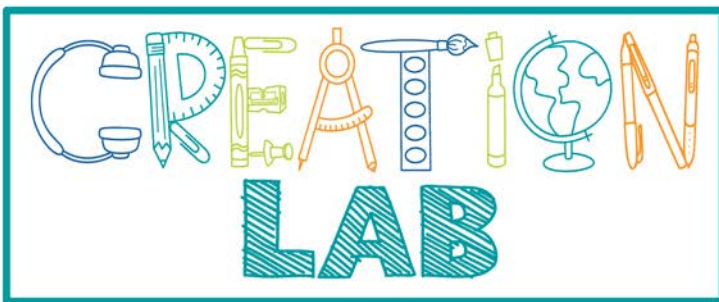
Students will be able to visit community agencies that would benefit from volunteers this summer and beyond. Access will be provided during the student advisory periods, from approximately noon to 1 pm.

Those in need of volunteers can set-up a display for free and provide information for students to take home to share with family members to help foster communication and clarify volunteer expectations. All visitors must have a valid driver's license or state ID.

Displays will need to be set-up in the auxiliary gym at Lexington High School, 103 Clever Ln., Lexington, by 11:45 am. The event would conclude at 1 pm with tear down complete by 1:30 pm.

If bringing treats, please ensure they are nut-free. Giveaways or promotional pieces should not include noise-making items. Those attending should plan on 200-300 informational packets. Due to board policy, it is requested that religious entities not attend this specific event. For more information call Rebecca Bigley at 567-274-3463 or email bigley.rebecca@lexington.k12.oh.us using the memo "Volunteer Fair". Register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfnC5x3lB_LTh_xdmCTlBmoPj__BtB1X9rbK4_VRJEjx-47AOw/viewform before 3 pm on May 8.

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Milk & Honey celebrates ribbon cutting in Shelby

Photos and Article By Traci Little

SHELBY — A dream years in the making came to life Friday morning as community members, local leaders and supporters gathered for the official ribbon cutting of Milk & Honey, a new mission-driven coffee shop in downtown Shelby.

Held at 11 am on May 1, the ceremony marked more than just the opening of a business — it celebrated the launch of a space rooted in hope, healing and opportunity.

Owned and founded by Kimberly Mosler, Milk & Honey is designed as a social enterprise that employs and supports women recovering from trauma, substance abuse and human trafficking. The shop's motto, "every cup is a promise fulfilled," reflects its deeper purpose — each purchase directly contributes to restoring lives.

"This has been something we've been praying for," Mosler said during the ceremony. "We hope this becomes a pillar of light in the community — a place where people feel invited, welcomed, seen and valued."

The ribbon cutting drew praise from city officials and representatives from the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development, who highlighted both the business investment and its broader impact.

"This is a great day for Shelby," Mayor Schag noted. "Milk & Honey is truly a blend of ministry, business and blessing — where every transaction has an impact far beyond the cup."

Chamber leaders also commended Mosler's continued dedication to the community, describing her work as inspiring and transformative for the lives of others.

Located near a growing downtown plaza, the coffee shop features a modern, upscale design paired with intentional gathering spaces — from open, light-filled work areas to cozy corners complete with

a fireplace. The layout encourages both productivity and connection, inviting guests to linger rather than simply grab-and-go.

"We wanted to create something different," Mosler said. "A place where people can meet, build relationships, or just sit and be."

Milk & Honey offers a variety of specialty espresso drinks and handcrafted beverages, including signature lattes and in-house cold foam with a crème brûlée-inspired flavor.

But beyond the menu, the heart of the business lies in its mission. Through its connection to local outreach efforts, the shop provides employment opportunities and support systems for women working to rebuild their lives — creating what Mosler described as a "full-circle" model of care and empowerment.

Community members in attendance reflected that sense of purpose throughout the event, celebrating not only a new gathering place but an inspiring investment in people.

"This is a full-circle moment for me," Mosler said. "I was once that broken woman, walking through the same kind of pain we're now helping others overcome."

To stand here today and create something that gives other women a chance — it means everything to me."

Milk & Honey is now open Monday through Friday from 6 am to 3 pm, and Saturdays from 7 am to 2 pm, welcoming the community to experience both its coffee and its mission.

With the snip of the ribbon, Milk & Honey began its next chapter — serving more than coffee, but offering hope, purpose and new beginnings. Each visit now carries an impact far beyond the cup, helping to change lives one story at a time.




Kimberly Mosler, Owner

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Bradley Swain

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2026 for their continued success.

This year's Carmean Award nominees, who were also recognized for their achievements, include Jesse Halfhill, College-Now Business, Lexington; Kinsley Van Dine, Homeland Security, Shelby; and Tyce Lisle, Engineering Design Technology, Colonel Crawford.



Kayonna Franklin



THE OHIO STATE REFORMATORY

2026 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5/9 - 5/10	OHIO HAUNTER'S CONVENTION
5/15 - 5/17	PARAPSYCON
6/6 - 6/7	PARTY AT THE PEN
7/17 - 7/19	INKCARCERATION
8/15	SHAWSHANK HUSTLE
9/19	HIGH WALL CRUISE-IN
9/25 - 11/1	BLOOD PRISON



Cooper Lowe and Jesse Halfhill



Kanarra Creek, Utah • Photo By Mark Shutt

Heritage Ohio launches state-wide initiative to spotlight and celebrate 250 historic Ohio buildings

Heritage Ohio is launching a new statewide initiative grounded in a simple but powerful idea: every building has a story to tell. In honor of America 250, “250 Buildings, 250 Stories” will identify, elevate and focus attention on 250 historic buildings across Ohio, connecting their past, present and future by telling their stories.

Historic buildings are often seen as challenges. Heritage Ohio is reframing that narrative and positioning them as economic assets and community anchors with untapped potential.

“Every building represents a story,” said Matt Wiederhold, Executive Director of Heritage Ohio. “Some represent successful reinvestment. Some have been the location for events and occasions of both local and statewide significance. Others are waiting for their next chapter. This initiative is about bringing those stories forward and using them to expand the revitalization that is already occurring across Ohio, but also to highlight buildings that need investment before they are lost forever.”

Heritage Ohio invites anyone to nominate and submit an Ohio building for consideration, including community members, local leaders, property owners, organizations, and preservation advocates alike.

Submissions are encouraged from both large and small communities across Ohio, ensuring that the full diversity of the State’s historic places is represented. This inclusive approach ensures that meaningful stories are revealed from every corner of the state.

Buildings may be nominated in three categories: Celebrated 250, which features completed rehabilitation projects that demonstrate successful reinvestment; Opportunity 250, which identifies buildings at risk or ready for investment and redevelopment; and Legacy 250, which recognizes structures with significant historical or cultural legacies. Together, these three categories create a comprehensive picture of Ohio’s historic built environment by honoring past successes while identifying future opportunities.

Nominated buildings will be featured on Heritage Ohio’s Facebook and Instagram pages as well as on LinkedIn and in the quarterly Heritage Ohio newsletter, Revitalize Ohio.

The goal of 250 Buildings, 250 Stories is not just to document history but to activate it. The 250 Buildings, 250 Stories will also be recognized at the Heritage Ohio state conference, to be held in Cincinnati Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, 2026.

Building submission information and additional details will be available at www.heritageohio.org.

Heritage Ohio is a statewide, not-for-profit preservation organization dedicated to assisting people and organizations to protect, preserve and revitalize Ohio’s historic sites, as well as administering the Ohio Main Street Program.

Our mission is to empower people to save the places that matter, build community, and live better. Learn more at www.heritageohio.org.

Walk for Life returns June 6

The 2026 Walk for Life will take place on Saturday, June 6, at 10 am at, North Lake Park, Hope Rd., in Mansfield,, bringing together individuals, families, churches and community organizations to peacefully and publicly affirm the value of human life at every stage.

Organized by Richland Pregnancy Services, the Walk for Life is expected to draw hundreds of participants from across the region. The event will include a prayer gathering and a family-friendly walk through North Lake Park, with prizes, gifts, and games for all participants

“This year’s Walk for Life theme is based on “Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.” Psalm 139:16.

RPS believes in supporting mothers, fathers, and children with love, resources and real solutions. Proceeds and donations from the 2026 Walk for Life will benefit Richland Pregnancy Services, helping provide services such as pregnancy support, parenting education, material assistance and counseling.

Participants of all ages are welcome. Walkers are encouraged to form teams and collect pledges to support the cause. Registration information is available at <https://friendsofrichlandpregnancy.com/events/walkforlife/> and same-day registration will begin at 9 am.



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A Night to Shine: Mansfield Christian celebrates student talent at annual fine arts gala

Photos and Article By Traci Little

MANSFIELD — Music filled the air, artwork lined the halls and students took center stage as Mansfield Christian School hosted its 2026 Fine Arts Gala, “A Night to Shine,” on April 30.

The evening showcased the depth of talent across the school’s fine arts programs, bringing together performances and displays celebrating creativity from band, choir, drumline, media and visual arts students. Musical numbers such as Make a Difference, You Do Not Walk Alone and Arletta and Allegro reflected both technical skill and heartfelt expression.

In addition to the live performances, attendees had the opportunity to explore student artwork and media projects displayed throughout the venue. Visual art installations and digital media pieces added another dimension to the evening.

The event also served as a fundraiser, with art pieces available for purchase and proceeds supporting the school’s fine arts programs. Guests were encouraged to enjoy refreshments while browsing the displays and connecting with students and faculty.

A special moment of the evening included recognition of senior students, honoring their contributions and commitment to the arts throughout their time at Mansfield Christian. Faculty, staff and program leaders were also acknowledged for their guidance and support in helping students grow in their talents.

The gala was made possible through the generosity of numerous donors, volunteers and community supporters, whose contributions helped to bring the event to life. Organizers expressed gratitude for those who provided resources, time and encouragement to ensure the evening’s success.

Rooted in its mission, the program reflected a message drawn from Matthew 5:16: “Let your light shine before others.” Throughout the night, that message was evident as students stepped forward with confidence, sharing their gifts and passions with the community.





NEXT YEAR'S OFFICERS were announced at Ontario High School Key Club's last meeting of the 2025-'26 school year. The top ten volunteers were recognized during the meeting. Officers will be president, Angel Tan (returning); vice president, Eva Hadsell (returning); secretary Yuchen Lin (returning); and event supervisor, William Wang (replacing Darbie Broom). The top ten volunteers are William Wang, Yuchen Lin, Darbie Broom, Tamia Slack, Aadi Kightlinger, Angel Tan, Miyah Chester, Kailey Hale, Tatum Mottayaw and Eva Hadsell. William Wang was presented with Volunteer of the Year with over 100 hours of community service both in Key Club and outside of school.



ONTARIO STINGEL SECOND GRADE STUDENTS performed "The Granny Awards" on Wednesday, April 29, in front of their friends and family. Miss Emily Gerek directed the musical with the help of the second grade teachers.

Honor and Merit Rolls

Clear Fork High School

3rd Nine Weeks

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Freshmen — Gabriella Bailey, Katie Beck, Brea Bieri, Coralene Cline, Marlee Cromer, Kolton Crunkilton, Morgan Crunkilton, Ameena Dorner, Brock Douglas, Brody Douglas, Lincoln Ehrmantraut, Isabella Fenton, Kaitlyn Gerhart, Elijah Jones, Ian Lang, Tyler Mack, Lillian McCready and Eliyah Molina, Logan Oswald, Paige Reece, Wyatt Scheid and Drayden Tschantz

Sophomores — Adilynn Hickinbotham, Alyssa Johnson, Luke Keever, Maria Knight, McKenley Knuckles, Kylie Ludwig, Ethan McFerrer, Karlynn Mortimer, Quentin Rinehart, Adelyn Snyder and Allison Walker

Juniors — Asia Bechtel, Ava Boccio, Jadalyn Brokaw, Grace Burgholder, Mackenzie Daniels, Layla Daugherty, Benjamin Dudley, Charles Granholm, Alaina Hawkins, Zachary Hill, Davis Hoeflich, Marcus Hoeflich, Brody McGregor, Alekai Price, Hudson Schag, Ella Schmidt, Hailly Thrush, Arianna Vanhooose and Austin Vanhouten

Seniors — Piper Black, Alyssa Burger, Mattie Colegrove, Abigail Geary, Jasmine Johnson, Nicholas Martin, Kenadee Muntain, Bryar Ousley, Bailee Riddle, Selena Ross, Faith Smith and Ashtyn Wine

HONOR ROLL

Freshmen — John Angelas, Kylee Bloomfield, Millie Chamberlain, Elizabeth Dudley, Violet Freeman, Jude Gailey, Aimee Greene, Ava Kime, Ethan Kline, Kaitlin Kline, Cierra Knecht, Garrett Lane, Riley Line, Makaelah Mills, Evelyn Morfin, Landon Palmer, Brody Pritchard, Eli Rinehart, Jakob Schmidt, Caylin Sellers, Chloe Sherman, Karli Shultz, Beckett Slaughter, Grace Smith, Joshua Snider, Trey Swank, Troy Swank, Audrie Thompson, Brody Thompson, Cooper Thompson and Mason Weidemeyer

Sophomores — Matthew Anders, Ian Black, Nathaniel Buck, Gunnar Dill, Chesnei Flynn, Broghan Gatto, Alyson Geary, Audrey Haring, Ashlyn Inman, Malayna Kehl, Jyllian Langer, Presley Lilly, Katelyn Lucci, Adelyn New, Aubryn Nickoli, Kendall Oswald, Braylen Peteri, Caitlin Seward, Emma Shultz, Ashley Smith, Caleb Snyder, Zhoie Steagall, Quinn Stover, Addison Thrush, Alina Van Horn and Malia Walker

Juniors — Mary (Max) Betts, Taylor Bly, Aubri D'Hondt, Jonathan Evans, Mariah Hatfield, Erika Hollar, Joseph Lykins, Isabella McKenna, Evyn Morfin, Katrina Neal, Deacon Sims, Chloe Steward, Wade Traxler and Owen Weikle

Seniors — Clement Britton, Jacob Brokaw, Addison Johnson, Jayden Kaylor, Tysten Kilgore, Austin McFerrer, Christopher Ransom, Hadley Slaughter, Liliana Trunzo, Sophia Wharton, Sophia Wilson and Jacob Zack

MERIT ROLL

Freshmen — Hunter Barnes, Brevyn Bias, Melina Binion, Dean Bowman, Jackson Brubaker, August Burgholder, Wyatt Coble, Lucas Colvin, Briawna Duncan, Ian Fuller, Emerson Gautreaux, Wade Hamilton, Stella Lynn, Ashton McGregor, Mya Meyers, Jacy Niswander, Michael Ross, Tenli Shultz, Raegan Sudol, Lincoln Thrush, Jayden Weemhoff, Ridge Wendling, Braylee Wenger

Sophomores — Aiden Armstrong, Kendall Baughman, Elyza Baumgardner, Dustin Borders, Wyatt Bunnell, Payton Dewey, Mason Freetage, Olivia Hall, Brayden Hayes, Gage Hoffman, Lucas Krzeminski, Keegan Lorentz, Kemilee Niswander, Brody Oswald, Madilynn Peters, Ashley Peterson, Paige Raike, Sophia Schag, Payton Snyder, Collin Thompson and Barrett Walters

Juniors — Wesley Bunnell, Christopher Bush, Carter Coole, Aiden Demoss, Tiegan Franta, Brynley Kirkpatrick, Avery McWilliams, Hayden Northrup, Mya Perry, Marley Pinkerton, Ava Roberts, Isaac Ross, Peyton Sickles and Adalyn Wise

Seniors — Sabree Caudill, Reece Cook, Dylan Darlak, Hansen Dornbirer, Delilah Henry, Gwyneth Jones, Cameron Lanker, Savannah Mazzola, Gannon O'Brien, Porter Schmidt, Ian Symsick and Makenna Wuertz



FIFTH GRADERS in Mrs. Stierhoff's ELA classes at Ontario have been working on some big presentations to end the year. They are called "Teach-Shares" and students have been presenting on all kinds of interesting topics. A few include learning to play the drums, cooking salmon and even writing in Chinese.

Ontario High School Prom



Sasha Bulakovski and Payne Schwartz



MCS Family Fun Night filled with games, giving and support

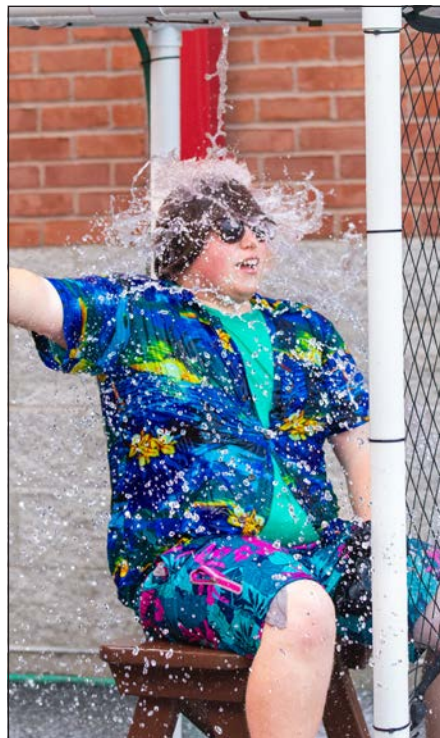
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MANSFIELD — Laughter, games and ticket purchases filled the halls of Mansfield Christian School on Friday evening, May 1, as families gathered for the annual Family Fun Night, hosted by the Class of 2027.

The event, held from 5:30 to 8 pm, welcomed the community for an evening centered on connection, entertainment and support for students. With carnival-style games, activities and affordable ticketed fun, the night offered something for all ages.

In addition to the festivities, this year's event featured a silent auction aimed at helping the junior class raise funds for their senior trip next year. Organizers said the auction included a variety of sought-after items, drawing interest from attendees both at the event and online.

As families moved between game stations, displays and auction tables, the evening showcased a strong sense of community — bringing people together not only for fun, but to support students and their future experiences.



Local artists invited to celebrate Mansfield with creativity

Artists of all disciplines are invited to participate in the eleventh installment of the Membrane Constellation Exhibition, a dynamic, community-centered showcase that has been uplifting local creativity since its founding in 2017.

Over the years, the exhibition has featured hundreds of artists and continues to serve as a platform for original, thought-provoking work.

The upcoming exhibition, Membrane Constellation XI, will take place on Friday, June 19, from 5–8 pm and will center around the theme: “Why I Love Mansfield.” Artists are encouraged to interpret this prompt in their own unique way, exploring personal connections, cultural pride, local history, or visions for the city’s future. All artistic mediums are welcome, including visual art, spoken word, and more.

In addition to the art showcase, the event will feature an open mic segment, providing artists and community members an opportunity to share their voices live. The evening will also highlight featured speakers who are making meaningful, positive contributions within the Mansfield community.

The exhibition will be held at La LUNA, 32 N. Walnut St., Mansfield.

Artists interested in participating or seeking more information about submissions are encouraged to reach out to Aurelio V. Diaz at 419-417-0717 and Kathy Goodwin at 419-685-0066

Membrane Constellation XI promises to be an inspiring celebration of local talent, storytelling, and community spirit. Artists and attendees alike are invited to be part of this vibrant cultural experience.



America 250-Ohio executive director will speak at OSU-M graduation

The Ohio State University at Mansfield will hold its annual graduation celebration Thursday. The campus welcomes Todd Kleismit, executive director of the America 250-Ohio Commission, as the keynote speaker.

Kleismit oversees statewide programs, partnerships and events that highlight Ohio’s contributions to American history as part of the nation’s semiquincentennial celebration.

The Mansfield Campus Graduation Celebration gives the campus a chance to celebrate Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, and Bachelor of Science students on the Mansfield campus who have graduated in Summer and Autumn of 2025 and Spring of 2026.

The event will take place at 6:30 pm on May 7 in Founders Auditorium, and families and friends of graduates are welcome to attend.

While Ohio State holds a single university-wide commencement at Ohio Stadium on Sunday, May 10, this local celebration offers a more intimate opportunity for Mansfield students to celebrate with loved ones, classmates and faculty.



Mobility Steps encourages walking

Richland County Mobility focuses on transportation and mobility for seniors and persons with a disability.

To get everyone active and socially involved, Mobility Steps is offered throughout the year at The Ontario Center (formerly Richland Mall).

The Mobility Steps are on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 10 am to noon. Mobility Steps is also held at the OSU Campus, Kingwood Gardens and the B&O Bike Trail throughout the year.

This summer, the “Voices of Richland County” Mobility Steps walking series will be offered at The Ontario Center and will feature guest walkers each walk.

The guest walker schedule includes May 20, Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging CEO Duana Patton; June 3, 2025–’26 Richland County High School State Champs; June 17, Richland County Pageant Queens; and July 1, Richland County Media Personalities.

RHAPSODY IN BLUE AND THE ONTARIO JAZZ BAND took the stage to present a Cabaret on April 25. The evening was a celebration of the arts and the talent within Ontario Local Schools. The Ontario Music Boosters presented the dinner-and-show experience.

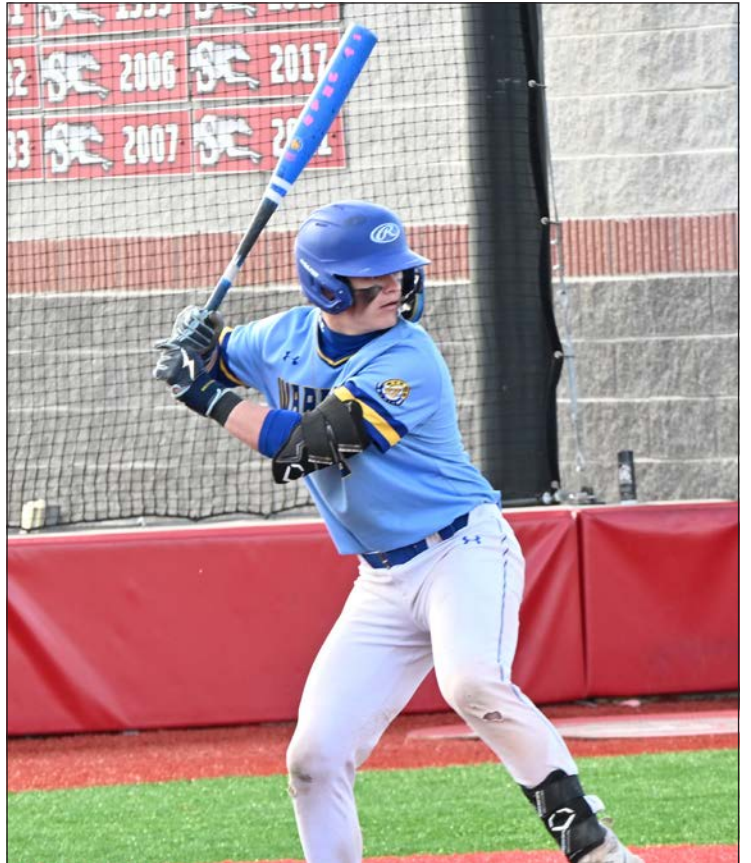
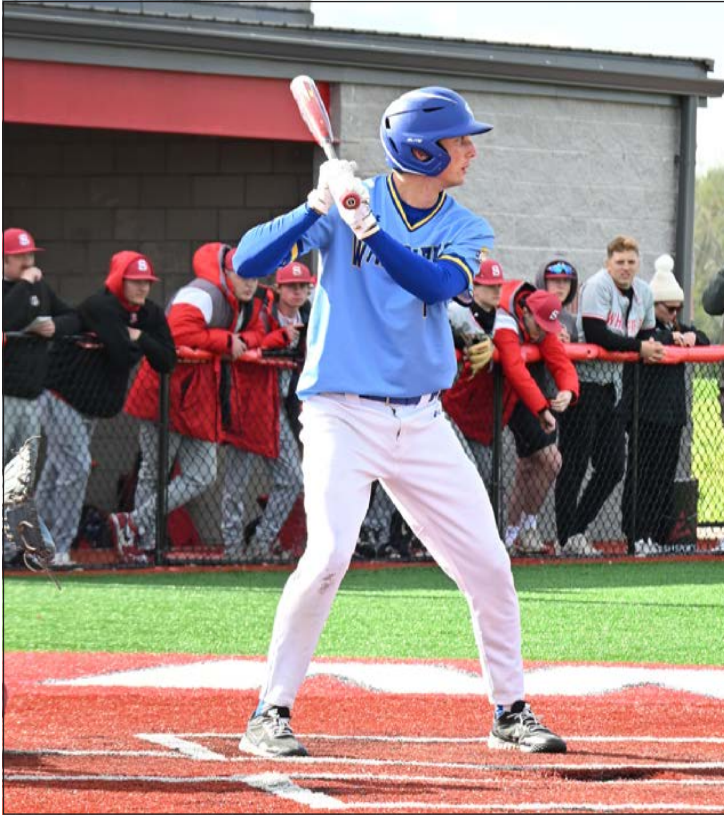
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LEGAL NOTICE

The following is a succinct summary of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Ontario, at their regular meeting held on April 15, 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. 26-05 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM SPOT LOCATIONS OF PAVEMENT REPAIR ON SR 314 IN THE CITY OF ONTARIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

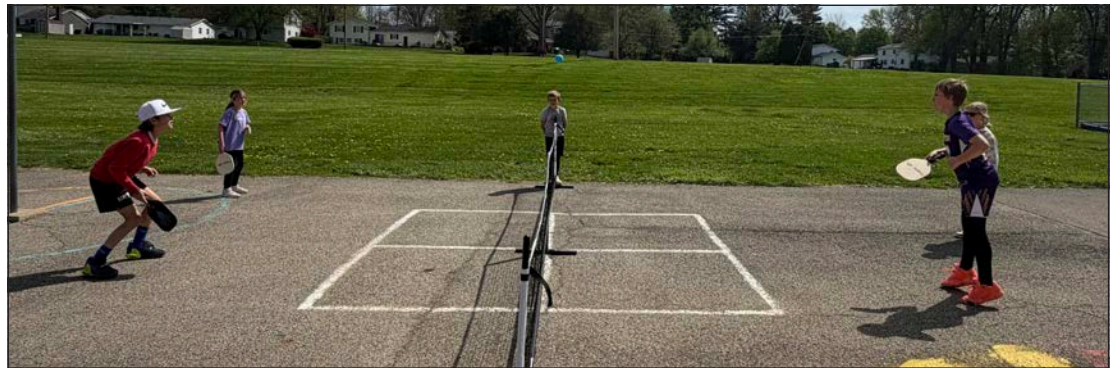
ORDINANCE NO. 26-09 – AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PUBLIC ALLEY BETWEEN PARCELS 0386018105000, 038601810800, AND 0386025604000 TO ALEC SCHMITZ AKA ALEC J. SCHMITZ, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AS AMENDED.

Abbey Beaver
Asst. Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, Ohio
(T-C 4-23, 5-7, '26) 31L

Lions breakfast is Saturday, May 9

The Savannah-Crestview Lions Club will host a breakfast supporting the Crestview Area Buyers Club on Saturday, May 9, from 6:30-10:30 am in the Savannah Town Hall, 12 S. Main St., Savannah.

All donations go directly to the exhibitors of the Ashland and Richland County Fairs.



MS. DYER AND MRS. STRANG AT LEXINGTON were awarded a grant from USA Pickleball, bringing over \$1,200 worth of brand-new equipment to our elementary schools. This opportunity will allow students to be introduced to a fun, engaging sport that promotes teamwork, coordination and lifelong fitness skills.

Mayor's show opens at main library

Building on the success of last year's inaugural exhibition, the Mansfield Public Art Commission (MPAC) and the Mansfield

Richland County Public Library announce the return of "The Mayor's Show: Rising Artists of Mid-Ohio."

The dedicated gallery space, located in the second-floor lobby of the main library, continues to serve as a vital hub for local talent. This year's exhibition once again features the top award winners from Artapalooza, the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center's annual student art show.

These emerging artists were hand-selected to showcase their winning works in a professional gallery setting.

Regarding the show, Mansfield City's Mayor, Jodie A. Perry states, "It is always wonderful to see the talent of our local youth at the Mayor's Show in May!"

The show will be open May 5-29, at the main library, 43 W. Third St., Mansfield, open Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 8 pm, Friday and Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, 1-5 pm.



Olivia Brinker, a junior at Ontario High School, has been honored with the R.A. Horn Outstanding Student Achievement Award from State Support Team 7. The recognition honors students who have made significant gains in academics, extracurriculars, or life skills and was presented based on a nomination from teacher Amy Kroll. This honor reflects Olivia's commitment to academic excellence and her meaningful contributions to the school community.

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