



Photos By Traci Little  
**KENNEDY SAPP** was crowned as Miss Ontario 2026 during a pageant on Friday, June 26. Miss Ontario contestants were Airiona Courtney, Aadilynne Kightlinger, Lillian Ladner, Alyssia Pickett, Rychel Rehberg, Scarlet Rehberg, Briar Samuels, Kennedy Sapp and Callie Scott. The Little and Junior Miss Ontario pageants were held Wednesday, June 24. Pictured are 2026 Junior Miss Ontario Mila Morrison, Miss Ontario Kennedy Sapp and Little Miss Ontario Grace Myers.

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## Richland County Children Services launches call for foster parents

Submitted By **Brigitte Coles**,  
RCCS Community Engagement Supervisor

There is a moment — quiet, ordinary, almost invisible — when a child realizes the world is not as safe as it should be. For too many children in Richland County, that moment comes far too soon.

Richland County Children Services (RCCS) sees these moments every day. A toddler clutching a stuffed animal as she leaves the only home she's ever known. A teenager trying to act brave while wondering where he will sleep that night. A sibling group holding hands tightly, hoping they won't be separated. These are the children waiting for someone to open their door — and their heart.

To shine a light on this urgent need, RCCS is launching a new community campaign: "This Seat is Waiting for Someone Who Can Open Their Home to a Child in Need."

The image is simple: an empty chair. But the meaning is powerful. It represents the space a child is hoping someone will make for them — at the dinner table, in the living room, in their daily life. A space where they can feel safe, valued and loved.

"We are inviting local businesses, libraries, faith communities, and organizations to partner with us by allowing RCCS to place a campaign chair at your location. Each chair will include a flyer with information about fostering, along with a QR code that community members can scan to connect directly with our Foster/Adoption Department. From there, they can begin the process of becoming a foster parent or request more information," said RCCS Community Engagement Supervisor, Brigitte Coles. "The Mansfield/Richland County Public Library and the YMCA of North Central Ohio are locations that are partnering with us. Their participation will help raise awareness, spark conversations, and inspire individuals who may be considering fostering — or who have never realized how great the need truly is."

The campaign runs from July 6 to Sept. 30.

Foster parents provide stability during chaos, comfort during fear, and hope during uncertainty. Some children need a temporary home while their families heal. Others are waiting for a forever family. All of them are waiting for someone who believes they matter.

"Our caseworkers work tirelessly to protect and support children in crisis, but they cannot do it alone," RCCS Assistant Director Nicole Foulks said. "Foster parents are essential partners in giving children the stability and hope they deserve."

"If you've ever wondered whether you could make a difference, fostering is that difference," RCCS leadership added. "You don't have to be perfect. You just have to be willing."

RCCS is asking residents to imagine what it would mean to fill that empty seat. To picture the child who might sit there — laughing, learning, healing, growing. To consider that the turning point in a child's story could begin with a single yes.

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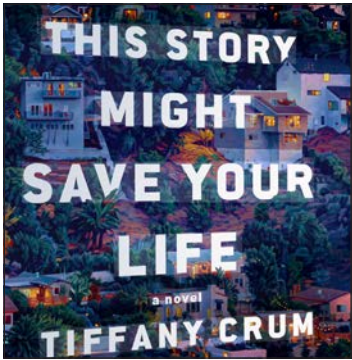
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LOST IN A BOOK



A Book Review  
By Amanda Belczak



*This Story Might Save Your Life: A Novel* by Tiffany Crum is for all the fans of mysteries and podcasts!

Two best friends host a popular survival/comedy podcast in the hills of LA.

When one of them goes missing, the story becomes a who done it with plenty of twists and turns. I loved the pacing of the story with flashbacks revealing little bits at a time.

The audiobook also had great voice actors that brought it to life.

My rating: ★★★★★

Follow my blog at [amanda-belczak.com](http://amanda-belczak.com)

Alternating solo series is Friday

An evening of original music and artistic collaboration will be featured during the "4 Seasons" Alternating Solo Series on Friday, July 10, at 6:30 pm at La LUNA, 32 N. Walnut St., Mansfield.

Throughout the evening, each musician takes turns performing one song at a time, creating a seamless musical conversation that allows audiences to experience the unique voice of every artist while witnessing the connections between their individual styles.

Featured performers include Orié Rush, Calio June, Karyn "GrayOwl" Wade and Chico's Brother & Henrietta.

The alternating performance format transforms the concert into a shared musical journey.

Admission is \$5 at the door, making the evening an opportunity to support local and regional musicians.

"This series is about more than music," said Aurelio Villa Luna Diaz, owner of La LUNA. "It's about creating space for artists to inspire one another while inviting the audience into an experience that feels personal, collaborative and unexpected. "La LUNA continues its mission of celebrating creativity, fostering community connections, and providing a welcoming venue where music, visual arts, spoken word and cultural experiences thrive."

For more information follow La LUNA on social media or contact the venue directly.

THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER  
— By Ian Stumbo —

This week I will do two quick movie reviews. *Supergirl* is the latest in James Gunn's new DC Cinematic Universe and stars Milly Alcock in the title role.

After her dog Krypto is severely wounded, Kara goes on a three-day journey to track down the man that did it while a young girl is in tow avenging her family's death from the same man.

What a disappointment this is. *Supergirl* is one of the most bland, uninteresting movies in recent memory. While Alcock does fine in the title role and Jason Momoa tags along in a comic relief supporting performance, everything from the action sequences to one of the most forgettable villains and a script from a first-time writer that is very bland, just bogs this whole movie down. This one deserved better.

Released on VOD is the hugely talked about horror movie *Obsession*. This movie took the box

office by storm earlier this year.

Insecure Bear (Michael Johnston) is in love with his friend Nikki (Inde Navarrette). He buys an item from an occult store and makes a wish that she falls in love with him. The result is something quite disturbing.

Written and directed by Youtuber Curry Barker, this is a very interesting horror film about love and different kinds of obsessions surrounding it.

The horrific images and sequences work really well together and the two leads are great.

Only two things bothered me. The movie gets going and then it slows way down. Also, Nikki's inner self emerges with her "wish" sinister self and it is not always apparent when that is happening. More explanations would have helped.

I do applaud Barker for an interesting horror film with great visuals and scary sequences.



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CITY OF MANSFIELD Safety Service Director Keith Porch performed a promotional ceremony Wednesday, July 1, at the City of Mansfield Council Chambers for the promotion of Mansfield Fire Department Firefighter Zachary Smith to Lieutenant, Lieutenant Christopher Ransom to Captain and Captain David Compton to Assistant Chief.

# News Briefs

Trinity Grace Fellowship, 1592 Grace St., Mansfield (Madison area), will hold its annual Vacation Bible School from 6–8:30 pm July 19–23.

This year's VBS theme is Emerald Crossing and is geared for children kindergarten through sixth grade. Children in seventh and eighth grade can volunteer to help teach Bible lessons with Trinity's teachers. The lessons revolve around Psalm 23 and the knowledge that Jesus is our Shepherd.

Adults can participate in an adult Bible study with Pastor Larry Carnes about Psalm 23 and the book, *Traveling Light* by Max Lucado while the children are learning about Emerald Crossing.

Pre-registration is available at [trinitygracefellowship.org](http://trinitygracefellowship.org).



A special meeting of the Ontario Board of Education will be held in the Ontario High School Library, 467 Shelby-Ontario Rd., Ontario, on Monday, July 27, at 6 pm.

The meeting will be held to discuss the development of tax policy with Rockmill Financial.



First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Ave. West, Mansfield, offers a free produce distribution the second Tuesday of each month, April through November in the west parking lot.

The next free produce distribution will be Tuesday, July 14, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

The church receives over 6,000 lbs. of fresh produce. This is open to lower income households, please bring a state ID, driver's license or proof of residence. This is a drive through distribution in the west parking lot. Volunteers will load the produce into trunks or the back of vehicles. Please have vehicle empty and ready for loading. For information call the church at 419-522-0662.



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 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.



A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, July 25 and 26. Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, broken down cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.



Jingle in July is a free supervised day camp at The North End Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC) located at 486 Springmill St., Mansfield.

The camp is from 9 am to 2 pm on Wednesday, July 22 and will include activities with Mrs. Claus, gingerbread figure design and painting, games, holiday-themed activities and more. Lunch and

snacks will be provided.

This event is ideal for children 6–11 years old that live in Mansfield. Parents are asked to provide a refillable water bottle and sunscreen for their child. Siblings must fill out separate forms. Space is very limited.

A waiting list will be created once capacity is reached. Children must be registered in advance to attend.

To register visit [https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=lqPDPi5VbkaHVxbObL7Oag6Ag\\_y1t2JBt8G1339gXnlUQzZ-WWk83TTQ3M1BFVEJQTjJDSVIEOVdUNC4u&route=shorturl](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=lqPDPi5VbkaHVxbObL7Oag6Ag_y1t2JBt8G1339gXnlUQzZ-WWk83TTQ3M1BFVEJQTjJDSVIEOVdUNC4u&route=shorturl).



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 July 15, and will include roast beef and the game of bingo.

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



The City of Ontario meeting schedule for July has been released. Meetings are held at 555 Stumbo Rd., Ontario.

The schedule includes July 15, 5:30 pm, personnel committee of the whole, 6:15 pm caucus and 7 pm council.



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](mailto:kfanning@mlsd.net) or [Imann@mlsd.net](mailto:Imann@mlsd.net) for the band and [mpoland@mlsd.net](mailto:mpoland@mlsd.net) for Ramettes.



Mechanics Bank will host Live@Lunch performances in the downtown Mansfield courtyard, 2 S. Main St., all summer long, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Food trucks will also be available.

Upcoming performers and food trucks include July 10, Taylor Schlupp, Black Willow; July 24, Tom's Kitchen Table, Panchos Tacos; Aug. 7, EKG, Grunt Grub & Cowgirl Creamery; Aug. 21, Jevan Cole, On the Rise BBQ; Sept. 11, SHaK, The Back Porch Food Co.; and Sept. 18, Tom's Kitchen Table, Cub Country.

The courtyard is open every Friday over lunch.



All Souls Unitarian Universalist of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Rev. Joan Van Becelaere on Sunday, July 12, at 10:30 am. The subject will be "Where do we come from? What are we? Where are we going?." For information visit [www.allsoulsuuhio.org](http://www.allsoulsuuhio.org).



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# Special Olympics Richland County Bears athletes to be celebrated

By Traci Little

MANSFIELD — Music will fill the air, families will gather for an afternoon of fun and local athletes will take center stage as the community comes together to support Special Olympics Richland County Bears athletes.

The Mansfield United Lions Club will host the Special Olympics Athlete Showcase Fundraiser on Saturday, July 11, from noon to 4 pm at Kelly's Dairy Bar and Miniature Golf, 1280 S. Main St., Mansfield.

The family-friendly event is designed to celebrate the accomplishments of Special Olympics athletes while raising funds to support athletic opportunities, competitions and programming throughout the year.

Organizers have planned an afternoon packed with activities and entertainment for all ages. Guests can enjoy live music by Backburner, a DJ, snow cones, popcorn, cotton candy, miniature golf and ice cream while learning more about the athletes and programs supported through Special Olympics Ohio.

The fundraiser will also provide an opportunity for community members to meet athletes and recognize the determination, courage and sportsmanship they demonstrate both on and off the playing field.

Special Olympics Ohio serves thousands of athletes with intellectual disabilities across the state by providing year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-style sports. Beyond athletics, the organization promotes inclusion, confidence, leadership and community engagement.

The event's theme reflects the spirit of the Special Olympics Athlete Oath: "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

Organizers say the showcase is intended not only as a fundraiser but also as a celebration of the athletes' achievements and the supportive community that surrounds them.

Community members are encouraged to attend, enjoy an afternoon of family fun and help support local Special Olympics athletes as they continue to pursue their goals and represent their communities with pride.

For those unable to attend, donations to support Special Olympics Ohio will also be accepted through the organization's fundraising efforts.

## Church Directory

### All Souls Unitarian Universalist

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

### First Congregational Church

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

### Lexington Church of the Cross

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

### Ontario United Methodist Church

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

### St. John's United Church of Christ

2010 Park Avenue West, Mansfield  
(At Hope Lutheran Next to Drug Mart)  
419-522-2813 • www.stjohnsmansfield.org  
contact@stjohnsmansfield.org  
Pastor Faith Proietti • 11 am Sunday Worship  
Office hours: Mon-Fri 9 am to 1 pm  
AA Meetings M & F 10 am & noon;  
Wed. noon Brown Bag and Sat. 6 pm

### Trinity Grace Fellowship

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

### G & M Body & Paint Shop

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### Wappner Funeral Home

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## Vendor registration open for Free Community Health Day on July 31

Richland Public Health in collaboration with the Cleveland Clinic, OhioHealth and Third Street Family Health Services will present the annual Free Community Health Day on Friday, July 31, from 9 am to 2 pm in the Richland Public Health parking lot, 555 Lexington Ave., Mansfield.

Free/low cost health services will be offered and local organizations are invited to join the event.

To ensure community members have the opportunity to improve their eight dimensions of personal wellness (physical, emotional, social, spiritual, intellectual, financial, occupational, environmental) th day, local organizations can register for free as a vendor.

Those interested in hosting a booth, bringing a mobile unit or volunteering in the event, register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9TQRHCS> or call 419-774-4761. Vendor registration deadline is Friday, July 17.

# Memorial Arrangements

## Jeffrey Steven "Jeff" Ramey

Jeffrey Steven "Jeff" Ramey, age 57, of Shelby, died Friday afternoon, July 3, 2026 at OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital. His death follows a brief illness.

Jeff was born November 25, 1968 in Shelby, the youngest child born to Robert Lee and Joyce Ann (Frederick) Ramey. He graduated from Shelby High School in 1987. In August of that same year, Jeff enlisted in the United States Army, faithfully serving his country over four years, including Operation Desert Storm in The Gulf War. Although Jeff was quiet about his service, he was incredibly proud of it.

Jeff worked for several years at Newman Technology and most recently for the maintenance department at Central Ohio Associates located in the Central Ohio Industrial Park (COIP) in Shelby. He enjoyed his work and his colleagues who were friends.

Jeff had a profound appreciation for nature. A true outdoorsman, he was most at home in the woods, finding peace and purpose in wilderness survival, bushcraft and traditional outdoor living. He loved to travel, especially trips to Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado, but also found great joy in staying local by frequently visiting the reservoir.

Additionally, Jeff had a passion for photography, capturing many amazing images of the nature which he loved.



Photo By Mark Shutt

Jeff is survived by his sister and brother-in-law: Teresa and Ed Vore of Lexington; brother and sister-in-law: David and Diane Ramey of Lexington; nephews: Joey Vore and Ben Vore; special friend with whom he remained close: Michelle Bender; dear friend: Dave Moore; beloved neighbors and friends: Cindy and Jim, Ardith, Velma and Ernie and Brian and Amanda; and other relatives and friends. Jeff was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Bob and Joyce.

Family and friends are welcome to attend graveside services on Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 10:30 am at Oakland Cemetery, South Gamble Street, Shelby. Military honors will be conducted by the Richland County Joint Veterans Burial Detail. Jeff will be laid to rest beside his parents.

To honor Jeff, we ask that you take a quiet walk in the woods. Observe the nature around you, tread lightly, and leave no trace. For those wishing, contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice that benefits veterans.

Care for Jeff and his family is being provided by the Penwell Funeral Home, 168 W. Main St., Shelby. Condolences may be left at PenwellFuneralHome.com or on the Facebook page.

### Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

- Carolyn Sue Cahill, Nov. 17 (Celebration July 19)
- Donna Marie Brandenburg, June 17
- Jeffrey Luke Lambert, June 19
- Carol Ann (Hock) Kurek, June 20
- Donna Sue O'Brian, June 20
- John "Papaw Back" Ronald Back Jr., June 22
- Ronald Eldon Betscher, June 23
- Gary Richard Kiplinger, June 23
- Betty E. Florence, June 25
- Freeman Eli Miller, June 25
- Daniel Shears, June 25
- Kathryn "Kathy" Ann Taus, June 26
- Goldie Mae Whisler, June 26
- Karen Sue Frank, June 27
- Shirley Jo Musick, June 27
- Sammy C. Collins, June 28
- William James Adkins, June 29
- Andrew John Saris, June 30
- Ronald Jay Lallathin, July 1
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# Lexington board plans for upcoming school year

The Lexington Board of Education met Wednesday, June 24, for its regular meeting.

An administrative report was given concerning the preschool and special education/school psych and therapy.

### Financial Items:

The monthly financial report for May 2026 was approved as were temporary appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2027 at the fund level set at 50% of fiscal year 2027 final appropriations.

Property, fleet and liability insurance was renewed with the Ohio School Plan for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, cost \$106,736. Cyber insurance coverage will be held with Tokio Marine HCC for the period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, at a cost of \$6,684.

Appropriation modifications were made for fiscal year 2026.

Domenic Cole was hired as the intermediate music and band teacher for the upcoming school year.

Jana Rhoad was hired as the long-term substitute for Laura Pfeiffer's maternity leave from the start of the 2026-'27 school year through Oct. 9, 2026.

Ryan Bastian, Sonja Clever, Dr. Heidi Roush, Jennifer Verspoor and Julie Lamp were approved for summer extended school year services.

Mark Reisdorf resigned as a substitute bus driver and Christina Hicks resigned as a 2-hour food service worker at Eastern 2-hour. Sonja Knapp resigned as a custodian at Western Elementary.

Hirings for the 2026-'27 school year included Christina Hicks, first cook, high school food service, 2-year contract; Sonja Knapp, high school food service 6-hour general help, 2-year contract; and Mikayla Christman, high school food service, 6-hour general help, 1-year contract.

Coaching resignations came from Gavin George, high school boys soccer coach; and

John Murray, high school football assistant coach/weight strength coach.

The board approved employment for coaches for the 2026-'27 school year including Brad Kasper, head varsity wrestling coach; James Copenhaver, varsity assistant football coach (1/2 contract); Davion Weatherspoon, varsity assistant football coach (1/2 contract); Adam Friederman, freshman boys soccer coach; Eric Turlo, volunteer boys high school soccer coach; Abbegeal David, junior high volleyball coach; and Megan Strickler, junior high cheer advisor.

Aubrey Klink resigned as the high school yearbook advisor for the 2026-'27 school year. She will be the co-advisor with Alyssa McCready.

Hirings for the upcoming school year include Darla Baker, AM&PM Safety Duty; Tommie Roseberry, IAT chair; Domenic Cole, co-assistant instrument music director & assistant marching band director.

Tuition students approved for the 2026-'27 school year are Ariel Liu, continuing, 11th grade; Bronson Brown, continuing, 10th grade; and Benson Brown, continuing, 6th grade.

Fees approved for the 2026-'27 school year include pay to participate fee of \$100 for each high school sport and marching band; pay to participate fee of \$50 for each junior high school sport and marching band; a technology instructional fee of \$50 for all K-12 students; and a lunch/breakfast price increase of 25 cents.

A contract was approved with Allerton Hill Consulting Services, effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 and the fiscal year '27 845 contract with MOESC was also approved.

A resolution was passed approving the Design Development (DD) Phase submission and authorizing the superintendent and/or treasurer to sign the DD Phase sub-

mission form.

A Resolution of Necessity for the Renewal of a Tax Levy was given approval as was a resolution requesting certification or estimated tax rates for income tax.

Three-year administrator's contracts were approved for Tucker Bacquet, Jeff Eichorn, Jamie Masi, Levi Mowry, Scott Potter, Ashley Rebillot, Paula Shupe and Kyle Trittschuh.

One-year contracts (retire/rehire) were approved for Tricia Volz (2nd year) and Kevin Young (2nd year).

## Summer concert series begins at Kingwood

Kingwood Center Gardens will host its annual free concert series, Live on the Lawn, on Thursday evenings in July. Concerts begin at 7 pm, with free admission beginning at 6:30.

The 2026 concert line-up includes July 9, Lincoln Highway; July 16, Townline 26; July 23, Willie Phoenix; July 30, Tom's Kitchen Table.

Guests should bring their own lawn chairs or blankets. A variety of food trucks will be available at each concert. While Kingwood's liquor license is pending, alcohol will not be available on site and outside alcohol will not be permitted.

Live on the Lawn 2026 is presented by Modern Woodmen of America Fraternal Financial and sponsored by community partners, Brightspeed, Pacific Impressions Landscaping, Inc., and North Central Ohio Media Group.

For additional information, including inclement weather location visit [www.KingwoodCenter.org](http://www.KingwoodCenter.org) and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

## Portion of Rt. 96 will close

State Route 96, just east of Mansfield Adario Road, will close Monday, July 13 for a culvert replacement.

The detour route will be SR 96 west to SR 603 north to SR 3 south to SR 96 and reverse.

The estimated completion date is Friday, July 17.

For more detailed traffic information and to get personalized traffic alerts, download the OHGO app or visit [OHGO.com](http://OHGO.com). The app and website can show closures, road obstructions and weather hazards.



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1201 Mill Rd, Bellville  
[revivecoffeebar.com](http://revivecoffeebar.com)

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330-347-7058

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3052 Mabee Rd, Ontario

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# Ontario Liberty Festival

The Ontario Liberty Fest (formerly the Ontario 4th of July Festival) returned Friday, June 26 and Saturday, June 27, at Marshall Park in Ontario. This special edition of the festival celebrated America's 250th birthday with two days of patriotic celebration.

Brian & Michelle Gates State Farm Insurance Agency sponsored the classic car show on Friday in Marshall Park. The band, I Told You, performed. Saturday included the Ontario Youth Sports All Star Boys and Girls Tournament, a kids festival, dog parade and 4th of July Parade.

The Ontario Lions Club hosted its famous frog jumping contest with Miss Ohio, Miss Teen Ohio and Miss Ontario contestants signing autographs. There was live music, food eating contests and raffle drawings.

The festival concluded with a laser show.



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# Downtown Forward project receives Ohio Historic Tax Credit

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Development Director Lydia Mihalik announced more than \$86 million in tax credits to support the preservation and revitalization of dozens of historic buildings across the state.

The Downtown Forward project in Mansfield received a \$5 million tax credit from the Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit program. Downtown Forward is a transformational revitalization initiative made possible through the donation of 14 historic Mansfield buildings from the Fernyak family and is a partnership between the Richland County Foundation and Windsor Development.

Windsor Development is an Ohio-based firm specializing in historic redevelopment and community-centered downtown revitalization. The phased project will restore historic buildings, introduce new housing and activate commercial spaces in the heart of the city.

“This is one of the most significant moments for downtown Mansfield in generations,” said Allie Watson, President and CEO of the Richland County Foundation. “The Fernyak family’s extraordinary gift ensures these historic buildings remain community assets while creating new opportunities for residents, businesses, and investment. Downtown Forward represents long-term commitment, thoughtful growth, and belief in Mansfield’s future.”

The Fernyak family has played a long-standing role in downtown Mansfield. Their decision to donate 14 buildings reflects a belief in the city’s future and creates a rare and exciting generational opportunity to bring new housing, restore historic spaces, and strengthen the heart of downtown in a meaningfully coordinated way.

“Our family has believed in downtown Mansfield for many years. We felt strongly that the next chapter for these buildings should be guided by an organization focused on the long-term good of the community,” said John Fernyak. “The Richland County Foundation is uniquely positioned to ensure these properties continue serving Mansfield for generations. We’re excited to see new life, new residents, and renewed energy in the heart of downtown.”

Phase One of Downtown Forward will renovate 180,000 square feet and create approximately 102 new apartments in a mix of studio, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom units. Based on standard residential occupancy, the development is expected to bring approximately 150 new residents to downtown Mansfield, significantly increasing daily activity and foot traffic.

The redevelopment will also introduce approximately 50,000 square feet of commercial space, supporting additional retail, restaurant, and small business opportunities in the downtown core.

The multi-million-dollar investment includes architectural restoration, infrastructure improvements, modern building systems, and historic preservation efforts designed to maintain the character of downtown Mansfield while making the buildings viable for long-term use.

Construction is expected to begin in Q3, with completion targeted for late 2027. The project is expected to generate approximately 160 construction jobs during redevelopment and 12–14 permanent full-time operational jobs once the development is stabilized.

“Projects like this only succeed when the community leads the way,” said Alex Dorsey, Founder and CEO of Windsor Development. “We have heard Mansfield loud and clear. Our focus is to preserve the character of these historic buildings, create quality housing, support local businesses, and bring more people downtown every day. We believe this investment will have a lasting impact on Mansfield, helping create a vibrant, walkable downtown that reflects the community’s vision and creates new opportunities for generations to come.”

Downtown Forward is designed as a phased redevelopment effort. Phase I represents the first step in a broader long-term opportunity. The Fernyak family owns approximately 50 properties downtown, creating the potential for continued investment and additional housing and commercial redevelopment over time.

Downtown Forward will restore historic buildings, activate underutilized upper floors and bring new residents to the city center, supporting existing businesses and increasing daily activity and foot traffic, essential components of long-term economic vibrancy.

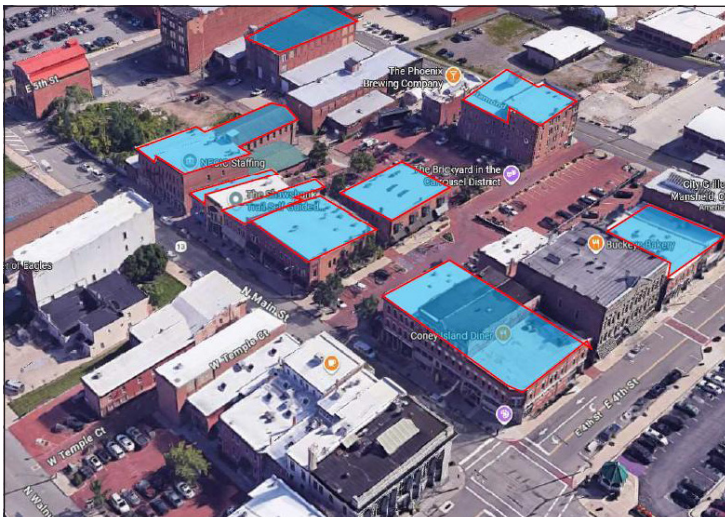
Mayor Jodie Perry called the project a milestone for Mansfield’s future.

“This investment represents confidence in our city and our downtown,” said Mayor Perry. “Bringing more residents downtown strengthens small businesses, increases vibrancy and builds on the progress already underway. Downtown Forward is exactly the kind of partnership that moves Mansfield forward.”

The donation allows the Richland County Foundation to guide the long-term future of key downtown properties while working with development partners to ensure thoughtful redevelopment that benefits the entire community.

“This is about more than buildings,” said Allie Watson, President and CEO of the Richland County Foundation. “It’s about creating a downtown where people live, gather, and do business. This is exactly what community foundations are built to do: turn meaningful gifts into lasting community benefit. We’re extremely fortunate to have strong partners beside us, years of community planning behind us, and an extraordinary donor gift that makes advancing our mission possible.”


Additional phases, renderings, and project details will be released as planning progresses.



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# Ashland celebrates America's 250th with patriotic Fourth of July parade through downtown

Photos and Article By Traci Little

ASHLAND — Thousands of spectators lined Claremont Avenue and Main Street last Saturday morning as Ashland kicked off its America 250 Birthday Bash with a patriotic Fourth of July parade celebrating the nation's 250th anniversary.

Under sunny skies and warm temperatures, the parade featured veterans, first responders, civic organizations, businesses, marching groups, dancers and dozens of community members proudly displaying red, white and blue.

Serving as parade emcees were Ashland Mayor Matt Miller, State Rep. Melanie Miller and Shelly Kemper of Mix 106.1, who welcomed the crowd and reflected on the significance of America's semi-quincentennial celebration.

"This is a day to celebrate the greatest nation on earth and the freedoms so many have sacrificed to protect," Mayor Miller said during the broadcast.

The parade opened with Ashland City Council President Steve Workman and Councilman-at-Large Dr. Dan Lawson carrying the parade banner, followed by the Ashland Police Division, members of the Mansfield Police Motorcycle Unit, the VFW Post 1067 Honor Guard, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ashland County Sheriff's Office and Ashland Fire Department.

Veterans were honored throughout the parade, with representatives from local veterans organizations, the American Legion Riders, the Savannah Veterans and individual military veterans receiving enthusiastic applause from the crowd.

This year's festivities also featured a special appearance by a re-enactor portraying General George Washington, riding in a military Humvee reminiscent of those used by U.S. Marines.

Children drew cheers during the longtime Push 'Em Pull 'Em Parade tradition, with youngsters decorating bicycles, wagons and scooters in patriotic themes. The inaugural Ashland County Community Marching Band made its debut performance, filling downtown with patriotic music.

Local organizations showcased Ashland's community spirit, including the Ashland Elks Lodge No. 1360, Ashland Noon Lions Club, Ashland Regional Ballet and Opus II Dance Studio, Ashland Arts Center, St. Edward School, Quincy's Refuge, Salvation Army Ashland Kroc Center, Explore Ashland Ohio, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Masonic Lodge No. 151, REMAX Showcase, Farm Inc., God's Field and numerous civic and political organizations.

The parade also featured Darcy's Marchers baton twirlers, monster trucks from Gerhardt's Garage, dozens of members of the Ashland Area Jeep Club and the colorful Amazing Giants stilt walkers from Columbus.

Mayor Miller thanked the many volunteers and sponsors who helped organize the day's events, including Ashland Elks Lodge No. 1360, the Ashland County Community Foundation, Ashland Main Street, Ashland Eagles Club and Culver's.

The parade marked the beginning of a full day of America 250 festivities that continued with the dedication of Ashland's new Freedom Monument at Freedom Park, followed by an evening celebration at Freer Field featuring live music, food vendors, birthday cake pops and an expanded fireworks display.

Throughout the morning, speakers emphasized the importance of remembering the sacrifices made by generations of Americans while encouraging the community to celebrate the freedoms that unite the nation.

The Fourth of July celebration was part of Ohio's statewide America 250 initiative commemorating the nation's 250th birthday through events highlighting patriotism, history and community involvement.



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# Bellville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade



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# Light Up the Valley 5K & Fireworks



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MRCPL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR Jessica Ney and the RCCS team officially launched the new campaign by placing this featured chair on the second floor of the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library.

## •Richland County Children Services launches call for foster parents

*(Continued from Front Page)*

Open your home. Open your heart. Change a life. Richland County is strongest when its people step forward for one another. Right now, children are waiting — and the next foster parent could be you.

If you've ever considered fostering — or even if the idea is just now crossing your mind — RCCS encourages you to explore what fostering could mean for you and for a child who needs you. Foster parents receive training, support, and guidance every step of the way.

To learn more about becoming a foster parent, or to participate in the "This Seat is Waiting" Campaign contact Richland County Children Services at 419-774-4100 or visit our website at [www.richlandcountychildrens-services.org](http://www.richlandcountychildrens-services.org) and click Foster/Adoption Inquiry to learn more.

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Photos By Jeff Hoffer  
MANSFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT crews were at North Lake Park on July 2 for a pop-up splash pad, giving kids a chance to cool off and have some fun on a hot summer day.

## Nominations being accepted for City of Mansfield Mayor's Beautification Award

The City of Mansfield has introduced the Mayor's Beautification Award recognizing local businesses, organizations and residents who enhance the appearance, curb appeal and overall attractiveness of our community.

This award celebrates those who take pride in their properties through landscaping, exterior improvements, cleanliness, creativity, and community spirit. The award program will run from April through October, with an additional recognition awarded in December for a holiday theme.

Nominations will be accepted monthly and must be submitted by the 10th day of each month. Winners will receive public recognition at a city council meeting with a certificate from the mayor and a yard sign to display. Nominations will be accepted for local businesses, non-profit organizations and individual residents.

To make a nomination, include the name of the business, organization or resident, address, contact person, phone number, email address and photos showcasing your property improvements, in an email to [TGermann@mansfieldohio.gov](mailto:TGermann@mansfieldohio.gov).

# News Briefs in Education

Miami University students ranked in the top 3% of undergraduate students within each division for the spring 2026 semester have been named to the president's list, recognizing academic excellence.

Local students on the list are Ben Pryor, Giana Camarata, Elizabeth Hamler and Nico Laser, all of Mansfield; and Joseph Litao of Ontario.



Miami University students who are ranked in the top 20% of undergraduate students within each division for the spring semester 2026 have been named to the dean's list.

Local students on the list are Morgan Dininger of Lexington, Quin Frankhouse of Ontario, Sarah Williams of Ontario, Thomas McCoy of Mansfield, Jackson Pigg of Mansfield and Allie Parker of Lexington.



Miami University conferred more than 4,500 degrees on May 16 at Yager Stadium as part of its 2026 Spring Commencement ceremony.

Local students included Morgan Dininger of Lexington, Giana Camarata of Mansfield, Elizabeth Hamler of Mansfield, Nico Laser of Mansfield, Sophia Masi of Mansfield, Shelby Zimmerman of Ontario and Isaac Swogger of Ontario.



Local students graduating from Columbus State Community College during Spring Semester commencement on May 15 were Violeta Colon, Braxton Hall, Olivia M Krupar (cum laude) and Macy J. Mangan.



Area students have been named to the 2026 spring semester dean's list at Columbus State Community College. To be named to the list, a student must achieve a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher and be enrolled for six or more credit hours.

On the list are Felicia Arthur, Karla Burggraf, Olivia Krupar and Kristi Nutter.

## Cyclosporiasis cases being investigated, symptomatic residents encouraged to seek care

Richland Public Health is investigating a cluster of cyclosporiasis cases among Richland County residents with illness onsets in the past two weeks. Investigations are underway to identify a potential common exposure. If you are experiencing symptoms of Cyclospora infection, please see a healthcare provider for stool testing and treatment.

Cyclosporiasis is a diarrheal illness caused by infection with the parasite *Cyclospora cayetanensis* which is commonly found in developing countries and is spread by food or water contaminated with feces. In recent years, outbreaks have occurred in the U.S. as a result of eating contaminated fresh produce, especially during the summer months. Cyclosporiasis is not known to spread from person-to-person. Symptoms of cyclosporiasis occur 2 to 14 days after exposure (on average, within one week) and may include frequent watery diarrhea, loss of appetite and weight, abdominal cramps and bloating, nausea (vomiting is less common) and low-grade fever.

If not treated, the illness may last for a few days to over a month. Symptoms may seem to go away and then return one or more times.

To help prevent the illness avoid consuming food or water that may be contaminated with feces; wash all fruits and vegetables thoroughly under running water before eating, cutting or cooking; scrub firm fruits and vegetables, such as melons and cucumbers, with a clean produce brush; cut away any damaged or bruised areas on fruits and vegetables before preparing and eating; refrigerate cut, peeled or cooked fruits and vegetables as soon as possible (within two hours).

To learn more about cyclosporiasis, visit [www.cdc.gov/cyclosporiasis](http://www.cdc.gov/cyclosporiasis).



## Avita Health System expands education and training center

**GALION** — Avita Health System has relocated its Education Department to a new, expanded Education & Training Center at 135 S. Market Street in Galion. This move brings clinical training, education, and workforce development into one centralized space designed to better support staff, students, and the community.

Avita's Education Department serves more than 1,600 individuals each year, including nurses, physicians, students, EMS partners, and community members. Usage is expected to grow as access to training continues to expand.

"This new Education & Training Center allows us to elevate how we train and support our staff in one centralized location," said Aimee McKenzie, Director of Education Department & Training Center. "Our goal is to provide our staff and community with high-quality education and training where skills are refined and patient outcomes are improved."

The new space strengthens how care teams train and stay prepared, enhancing high-quality care for patients and families.

The Education & Training Center offers new employee clinical orientation, American Heart Association certifications (BLS, ACLS, PALS and more), annual nursing competencies and continuing education, training support for nursing students and allied health learners and off-site classes for local schools, businesses and organizations.

Employees also have access to required certifications at no cost, supporting ongoing professional growth.

The new center includes a high-fidelity simulation lab, funded in part by the Avita Foundation. This allows teams to practice real-life scenarios in a controlled environment. The facility also serves as a continuing education provider, offering CE credits for many courses.

"This investment goes beyond staff development. It expands access to life-saving training in the community and reinforces a shared goal: improving health outcomes across the region," added Jerome Morasko, President & CEO, Avita Health System.

The relocation reflects Avita's continued growth and commitment to innovation. It also strengthens partnerships with nursing programs and supports recruitment and retention by offering a high-quality training environment.

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## Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

## The game of tennis: Scoring and sports history

By Kris Leiter  
(Part 2)

Last week, we learned about the origin of the game of tennis. The Monks? Who would have thought?

This week we will discover a few more gems of knowledge about this sport.

Tennis may have the most unique scoring system of any sport — love, 15, 30, 40, deuce, add-in, add-out. As a beginner or lifelong player, you may not realize how the scoring system came to be.

The current scoring system originated with the monks in the early twelfth century, when “tennis” was called “jeu de paume” (when it was played more like handball).

There are a few theories that are still debated on how scoring was done.

The first is the clock theory. That the game was kept using the face of the clock. The hand of the clock would move by quarters: 15, 30 and 45. Over a period of time, “forty-five” was shortened to “forty” to allow for deuces and advantages (add-in and add-out) while staying within the 60-minute mark.

Theory two is more simplistic. It is based on the French currency “denier” as bets would be placed in increments of 15.

And another theory is that points were related to movement on the court. When a player would score a point, the player would move 15 feet closer to the net and subsequently 10 feet closer as each point would be won.

So what are the origins of “love” (zero). “Love” is thought to derive from the French word for egg, because an egg resembles the shape of a zero.

Once the score reaches 40 for each player, it is called deuce. At deuce, it requires a player to win two consecutive points to win the game. The word originates from the French phrase “à deux de jeu,” meaning the players are “at two points of the game.” The first point scored after deuce is called “advantage” (giving that player the chance to win the game on the next point).

If the server wins the point at deuce, they would announce “add-in” at the advantage to the server. If the server loses the next point, the score goes back to deuce.

I have been a part of matches that have gone back and forth in double-digit attempts to win the point.

I have played for over 40 years, and I wasn’t even aware of the origins of the terms.

The rules are a bit more a simplistic — thank goodness!

Let’s start with the serve. The server must start on the right-hand side “forehand” or “deuce” side of the court, to the right of the center line. The server must serve the ball into the opposite side of the court within the opponents “box”.

If the ball doesn’t land into the opponent’s box, that it is called a “fault” and the server gets a second serve. The server will announce “second-serve”.

If the second serve misses the box, that is a “double-fault” and the opponent wins that point. If the serve does land in the box, it’s game on!

At that point, the two opponents (four for doubles) will “volley” (hit the ball back and forth and back and forth), and this can continue for moments or as long as minutes or a lot of minutes depending on the skill level of the players. Just watch a match on television and you will see I am not exaggerating on this as it can take quite a while for someone to land a shot, finally scoring a point.

Now keep in mind, the scenario that I just described can occur at all levels — from a youth leagues to high school, collegiate and the professional level, where the sheer speed and endurance are incredible to watch.

As with any sport, there are some entertaining stories that can strike up good conversations even years later.

As the 1970s rolled around, professional sports were a male-dominated world, quite the contrast from today’s sports world.

In the fall of 1973, Billie Jean King and Bobby Riggs were launched into the national spotlight. They were both great tennis players, but their accolades were not the main reason why they both made headline news.

Riggs’ tennis success was actually quite impressive. He won Wimbledon in 1939 as a triple-threat in men’s singles, doubles and mixed doubles. He was also the world’s number one amateur in 1939 and professionally in 1946 and 1947. He was inducted into the 1967 International Tennis Hall of Fame.

As Riggs entered retirement in his mid-fifties, he continued to vocalize publicly that the game was still dominated by men.

To prove his point, he would go so far as to challenge King to a match a “battle of the sexes.” He would stand on this theory, even though King was still in her prime and actively playing on the tour.

Riggs started to blaze trail of wins over some well-reknowned females, continuing to prove his point. This timing was synonymous with the media frenzy that was building momentum, leading to the ultimate challenge match against King.

On Sept. 20, 1973, the spotlight would shine on Riggs and King at the Houston Astrodome. Over 50 million Americans would watch and King would defeat Riggs handedly in a stunning straight-sets victory 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.

Riggs was humbled as this flip-the-script match would be the catalyst in launching women’s professional sports into the public arena.

In the early 1980s, John McEnroe would emerge in the world of tennis, adding flair to the game. His talent spoke for itself and what made McEnroe unique is that he was a vocal player and would have a tendency to dispute with the officials over a possible controversial call.

These humorous scenarios would become synonymous with his name. He would draw the audience’s attention to his chair-side discussions with the officials. Most players tend to voice their opinions and resume play fairly promptly, but McEnroe would belabor the conversations or disputes to the point that you never knew when these humorous encounters would cease, which only added to the viewing excitement.

For anyone who enjoys playing, tennis has great benefits. There are adult leagues in many cities and some have tennis clubs including indoor clubs.

The United States Tennis Association actually has a National Tennis Rating Program for any player based on their skill level. It makes it nice that no matter the level, age or gender, this can still an enjoyable life-long sport.

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## 135th Continental Congress of the DAR convenes for 250th

Nearly 5,000 members of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) are convening this week in the nation's capital for the 135th Continental Congress, the longstanding service organization's annual meeting. The week-long convention includes business sessions, committee meetings, service projects, and social functions, all topped off with formal evening ceremonies at which national DAR award recipients are honored.

"Continental Congress is a time-honored tradition and opportunity for our members to come together to celebrate our country's rich history, share ideas, and mark their past year in service. With our nation commemorating its 250th anniversary this year, DAR chapters have been sharing the history of those inspiring individuals who contributed to American independence," said Ginnie Sebastian Storage, DAR President General.

At the Opening Night Ceremony on Wednesday, June 24, America's 250th anniversary and DAR's role in commemorating it were a prominent part of the festivities. Pamela Rouse Wright, Honorary DAR President General and current National Chair of the DAR America 250! Committee highlighted the many ways that DAR members have been preparing for this milestone year including community events, travelling exhibitions, and other efforts that promote the organization's mission pillars. Watch a video highlighting DAR America 250! initiatives

Special presentations were made by DAR collaborating organizations: the Trust for the National Mall and the George Washington Foundation, both of which have longstanding relationships with the National Society. As a part of the George Washington Foundation presentation, President General Storage announced a \$1 million donation to the Foundation to establish the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Chair of Education Endowment. This perpetual endowment will provide dedicated funds toward the salary and benefits of the Foundation's first ever, NSDAR Director of Education.

The acclaimed PBS documentary, "The American Revolution," by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein and David Schmidt received the DAR Media and Entertainment Award with Burns, of Walpole, N.H., receiving the DAR Medal of Honor. Burns and the team behind "The American Revolution" were not able to attend in person but presented meaningful video remarks, with Botstein and Schmidt recording theirs at a visit to DAR National Headquarters in May.

The Founders Medal for Patriotism was presented to Derric Johnson of Winter Garden, Fla, founder of the Americana singing ensemble Liberty Voices which performed a moving patriotic musical tribute for all attendees. During the singing of the national anthem there was a surprise appearance by Lincoln, a bald eagle soaring through the auditorium, bringing cheers of excitement from the audience. The President General's Medallion was also presented to the American Eagle Foundation, which facilitated Lincoln's flight, for their work in conserving this living symbol of our nation's freedom. Watch a video here of Lincoln in flight.

The National Defense Night Ceremony, celebrating our nation's military personnel and veterans was held on Saturday, June 28 and featured a 25th anniversary commemoration of Sept. 11, 2001. T

The DAR Medal of Honor was presented to community service leader Donna Herndon of Murray, Ky. The Margaret Cochran Corbin Award honoring distinguished women in military service will be presented to U.S. Air Force Colonel Nicole Malachowski (ret.) of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Recognizing the service of our military's nurses, the Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee Award - Army Nurse of the Year was presented to U.S. Army Colonel Jodelle Schroeder, of Fairfax, Va. In honor of the 125th anniversary of the Army Nurse Corps, a special award, the Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee Legacy Award recognizing the long-term impact and sustained excellence that Army Nurses have on communities, will be presented to Dr. Wanona Sue Fritz, a retired member of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, of Surprise, Ariz.

The DAR Service for Veterans Committee were presented their annual service awards for 2026.

The DAR Continental Congress is an annual gathering that has been held each year since the organization's founding in 1890.



## Sutton Bank Attica location renovation to begin July 13

Sutton Bank is pleased to announce that renovations to the lobby of its Attica headquarters will begin on July 13 as part of the bank's ongoing commitment to providing customers with a comfortable, modern banking experience.

During the renovation period, the branch's drive-through and night-drop services will remain fully operational. Customers will also continue to have access to in-person banking services inside the branch; however, the main lobby area will be closed during construction. A temporary teller station will be available in a private office area located near the front entrance to assist customers with their banking needs.

As construction progresses, a few services will be temporarily unavailable. Customers will not be able to access safe deposit boxes during the renovation period, and the branch's coin counting machine will be out of service until construction is complete.

Customers are encouraged to take advantage of Sutton Bank's convenient digital banking services throughout the renovation. Online Banking, Mobile Banking, Mobile Deposit, and ATM services will continue to be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"We appreciate our customers' patience and understanding as we make these important improvements," said Tony Gorrell, CEO of Sutton Bank. "This renovation reflects our continued investment in our communities and our commitment to providing a welcoming banking environment while delivering the local service our customers know and trust."

Sutton Bank apologizes for any inconvenience the renovation may cause and looks forward to welcoming customers into the newly updated space upon completion.

For questions regarding branch services during the renovation, please contact the branch at 419-426-3641.

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