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SCHMIDT TOTAL PROTECTION, formerly Schmidt Security Pro and Schmidt Fire, celebrated 50 years of serving the community with a ribbon cutting and celebration. Services include video surveillance and monitoring, access control and entry systems, intrusion and environmental detection, fire systems testing and inspections, network infrastructure and system health and personal safety.

American Red Cross offers tips for Fire Prevention Week

During Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 4–10, the American Red Cross Central & Southern Ohio Region is offering tips to help prevent home fires and keep loved ones safe.

"Across the country, the Red Cross responds to more than 60,000 disasters a year and most of these are home fires," said Ken Robinson, regional disaster officer. "In central and southern Ohio, disaster teams have responded to over 900 fires since the beginning of 2026."

"These fires are devastating for the people involved. But there are steps everyone can take which will help not only help prevent a fire from starting but also help keep everyone safe should an emergency occur."

Have A Plan: You may have less than two minutes to escape from a burning home. Draw up a household fire escape plan and practice it twice a year. Everyone in your household should know two ways to escape from each room in the home.

Decide where to meet once you get outside. Select a meeting spot at a safe distance away from your home, such as a neighbor's home or landmark like a specific tree in your front yard, where everyone knows to meet. Get out and stay out. Never go back inside for people, pets or things.

Time your fire drill and find out how long it took everyone to get out. If a fire starts in your home, get out safely, then dial 911.

Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Smoke alarms can cut your risk of dying in a fire nearly in half. Place smoke alarms on each level of the home, including inside and outside bedrooms and sleeping areas.

In addition to testing alarms once a month, change the batteries at

least once a year if the model requires it.

Check the manufacturer's date of your smoke alarms. If they're 10 years or older, they need to be replaced because the sensor becomes less sensitive over time. Follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Identify two exits from every room. Teach children what smoke alarms sound like and what to do when they hear one.

Be Safe In The Kitchen: Cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the U.S. Follow these five steps to help avoid a cooking fire:

- Never leave cooking food unattended. If you must leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove. Use a timer to remind yourself that the stove or oven is on.
- Avoid wearing loose clothing or dangling sleeves while cooking.
- Keep kids away from cooking areas by enforcing a "kid-free zone" of three feet around the stove.
- Keep anything that can catch on fire including pot holders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, and towels or curtains, away from your stove top and oven or any other appliance in the kitchen that generates heat.
- Purchase a fire extinguisher to keep in your kitchen.

Heat Your Home Safely: Home heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fires. As the time of year nears when people turn the heat back on, take these five steps to heat your home safely:

- Never use a cooking range or oven to heat your home.
- Never leave a fire burning in the fireplace unattended. Make sure any embers in the fireplace are extinguished before going to bed or

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Letter to the Editor

October is National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month, an annual event to honor individuals living in long-term care facilities and those receiving care in their home and call attention to their rights. It is an opportunity to focus on the dignity, respect and quality of life experienced by each individual receiving long-term care services and supports. The federal Nursing Home Reform Law guarantees these rights and places strong emphasis on individual choice and self-determination. Residents' Rights Month is a time to raise awareness of these rights.

This year's theme, "Join Us at the Table," highlights the central role that food, mealtime, and community play in residents' daily lives. Food is not only essential to residents' health, it extends beyond that. Food is comfort, culture, identity, and connection — a daily experience that shapes dignity and quality of life. Individuals receiving long-term care should be encouraged this month, and always, to voice their preferences regarding food and other care needs. It is their right.

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program at the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. serves older and disabled Ohioans receiving long-term care living in Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca and Wyandot counties. Ombudsmen empower, educate and advocate for individuals to have a voice in their care and to have care concerns resolved.

Those with a concern or question about long-term care can reach a local Ombudsman program at 800-860-5799 or ombudsman-group@aaa5ohio.org

Beverly Tatro
Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Director
Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc.

MRCPL to host Teddy Bear Concert

The Renaissance Theatre will host the first of its three Teddy Bear Concerts of the 2026-'27 Mechanics Bank Education Series on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 2:30 pm. "The Spooky Old House" will be held in the community room at the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library's Main Location, 43 W. Third St., in Downtown Mansfield.

Considered an annual fall family tradition, the performance features a humorous Halloween story, brought to life by artistic director Michael Thomas in an engaging musical adaptation that features audience participation, interactive storytelling with local actors and live musicians from the Mansfield Symphony.

With audience members sitting alongside the performers, and geared to children ages two through 10, each Teddy Bear concert offers an interactive element as well as a relaxed environment. Small audience sizes, lights up and low sound levels allow audience members with autism and other sensory-sensitivities to be accommodated at this performance.

Tickets are free for "The Spooky Old House," thanks to additional support from Mechanics Bank, Nationwide Children's and The Ohio Arts Council. To reserve tickets visit www.rentickets.org or stop by the box office at 138 Park Avenue West in Mansfield. For inquiries, call 419-522-2726.



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News Briefs

The City of Ontario will host a city-wide trick-or-treat night on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 5-6:30 pm

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Mansfield 1st Presbyterian Church, 399 S. Trimble Rd., Mansfield, will host a rummage sale on Friday, Oct. 9, from 9 am to 4 pm; and Saturday, Oct. 10, from 9 am to noon.

The sale will include a selection of clothing for children and adults, shoes, books, toys, housewares, furniture and more. Proceeds are used for local missions. For information call 419-756-7066.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will welcome Dr. Paul Robinson on Sunday, Oct. 11, at 10:30 am. The topic will be "America 250: The Hallmark of America's Greatness." For information visit www.allsoulsuohio.org.

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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 Oct. 21, with ham being served. Ken Huber, saxophonist, will perform.

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

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City of Mansfield Mayor Jodie A. Perry has announced that city-wide trick-or-treat is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 31, from 5-7 pm.

Residents who wish to participate are asked to turn on their porch lights. Young children will be out walking throughout the community. Please use extra caution when driving.

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First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Avenue W., Mansfield, will host a Heritage Organ Concert on Sunday, Oct. 25, at 4 pm.

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The City of Ontario October meeting schedule includes Oct. 13, 5:30 pm, special council meeting (zoning code review); Oct. 14, 1 pm, civil service commission and 4 pm, planning commission; and Oct. 21, 6:15 pm, caucus and 7 pm, council.

Meetings are held at the city building 555 Stumbo Rd., Ontario.

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A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Oct. 24 and 25. Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, broken down cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.

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Richland Public Health will be closed from 8 am to 4:30 pm on Monday, Oct. 12 for a scheduled staff in-service day.

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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, Oct. 13, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. This is open to lower income households. Sign-up is required on-site. Please bring a state ID, driver's license or proof of residence. For information call the church at 419-522-0662.

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The Mansfield Chamber Music Players will present the Thirtieth Annual Donald Bernhardt Memorial Chamber Music Concert on Sunday, Oct. 11 at 4 pm in Riedl Hall at The Ohio State University, Mansfield Campus. Music will be performed by a violin, oboe, piano trio, a string quintet, a woodwind sextet and a wind-string nonet.

These concerts were organized by Carol Bernhardt in memory of her late husband, Donald Bernhardt who was concertmaster of the Mansfield Symphony and the Ashland Orchestra, as well as an avid chamber music player. Since the first concert in 1997, the Mansfield Chamber Music Players have performed over 115 different pieces.

The concert is free and open to the public and is provided by the Donald Bernhardt Memorial Chamber Music Fund at Chase Bank in cooperation with The Ohio State University - Mansfield Campus.

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UH Samaritan Medical Center to host Champions of Care event

ASHLAND — University Hospitals Samaritan Medical Center and Samaritan Hospital Foundation will host Champions of Care, an exclusive speaker session celebrating advancements in healthcare services, innovative programs and caregiver excellence at UH Samaritan Medical Center.

The event will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at UH Samaritan on Main, 663 E. Main St., Ashland. A reception featuring hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine will begin at 5 pm, followed by the pro-

gram at 5:30 pm.

The featured speaker will be Sylvia Radziszewski, RRT, MBA, Chief Operating Officer of UH Samaritan Medical Center, who will provide attendees with an overview of recent developments, strategic priorities, and ongoing efforts to enhance healthcare access and quality throughout the Ashland County community.

"Champions of Care provides an opportunity to connect with community members, supporters, and healthcare advocates while showcasing the exceptional work being done every day by our caregivers," said Radziszewski.

"We are proud to share the progress being made across our programs and services and the impact these efforts are having on the patients and families we serve."

The event reflects the shared commitment of UH Samaritan Medical Center and Samaritan Hospital Foundation to advancing healthcare excellence and strengthening the health and well-being of Ashland County and surrounding communities.

Community members interested in attending are asked to RSVP by Monday, Oct. 19, to Amanda Church at Amanda.Church@UHhospitals.org or 216-983-2216. Business casual attire is requested.

Samaritan Hospital Foundation supports the mission of UH Samaritan Medical Center by generating philanthropic resources that enhance patient care, expand services, invest in technology and strengthen healthcare programs that benefit the community.

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All Souls Unitarian Universalist

25 Church St., Bellville
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10:30 am Service and Sunday School
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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@stjohnmansfield.org
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THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT hosted a pancake breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 3, at the new station, 222 Vanderbilt Rd. Breakfast included pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, milk and orange juice. Proceeds raised will continue assisting the community and the department.

10th Annual Savor & Sip is Oct. 22

The 10th Annual Savor & Sip Silent Auction and Food Tasting will be held Thursday, Oct. 22, from 5-7:30 pm at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center, 890 W. Fourth St., Mansfield.

The event will offer sample tastings from food vendors, live music and the chance to bid on over 100 silent auction items.

Auction items include themed baskets, chocolates, gift cards, wine, sports tickets and more. Live entertainment will be by Avenue Blue.

Food vendors to date include Avita Health System, Bytchn Kitchen, Carbliss, Char-Bougie LLC, City Garden Cafe, Coney Island Diner, Deer Ridge Golf Club & The Black Dog Tavern, Exclusively Yours Catering, Cab2twist, LLC, Fazolis, Gionino's Pizzeria, Jackie's Cheesecakes, Jamaican Spice On Wheels, Millersburg Brewing, Reindeer Grill, Richland Carrousel Park Inc., Skyline Chili, The Hidden Acres Farm, Truckin Trav Street Food, Twisted Fig Tea, U R Worthy Catering and Westbrook Country Club.

A free souvenir pub glass and tote bag will be given to the first 300 to register. Cost is \$30 per person early bird through Oct. 9 and \$40 after. To register call 419-522-3211 or register online at <https://richlandareachamber.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register?cid=0tpU28f842XDA9766i2256n9o0o2op6379BD2w7296DT-MO3207982p814072s77d>

Friends plan book sale in Galion

The previously scheduled spring book sale at the Galion library could not be held due to an emergency sewer issue at the library. The Friends of the Galion Public Library were all staged and ready to go when the library had to shut down.

Now that the cleaning and restoration are complete and the library is fully open, the regularly planned bi-annual fall book sale is scheduled for Oct. 8, 9 and 10, and will include the entire amount of earlier collected books and the books accumulated through the summer months. Book enthusiasts will find this "double sale" in the community room of the library at 123 N. Market St., Galion.

Books and other media will be on offer by donation, which go directly to support programs and other needs of the library. This sale is the most essential fund-raiser for the Friends every year.

Sale hours are Thursday, 9:30 am to 8 pm; Friday, 9:30 am to 5 pm; and Saturday, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. More information is also available by calling the library at 419-468-3203.

Fundraisers will support shelter

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and The Domestic Violence Shelter of Richland County invites the community to help raise awareness, support survivors and bring the community together.

Remaining events include a Chipotle Fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 4-8 pm. When mentioning the fundraiser at purchase at the 764 N. Lexington Springmill Rd., Ontario location, 25 percent of qualifying sales will benefit The Domestic Violence Shelter.

On Saturday, Oct. 17, a community wellness event will be held from 9 am to 1 pm at 44 W. 4th St., Mansfield.

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Digital Decluttering: Creating Space in a Connected World

By Kelley Kovacs, LMT
Comfrey Corner

Our phones and computers make life easier, but they also collect clutter surprisingly quickly.

Unread emails, duplicate photos, forgotten downloads, unused apps and constant notifications can leave us feeling distracted before we have even started the day.

Digital decluttering is the practice of clearing that excess and choosing what deserves our attention.

A good place to begin is the device you use most. Remove apps you no longer need, then arrange the remaining ones so essential tools are easy to find. Consider moving social media, shopping and games away from the home screen. That small amount of friction can prevent automatic scrolling and help you open your phone with a purpose.

Next, tackle notifications. Most apps do not need permission to interrupt you. Keep alerts for calls, messages from important contacts, appointments and genuinely time-sensitive information. Turn off promotional updates and badges that create a false sense of urgency.

Checking less important apps at a time you choose can feel far more calm.

Email also benefits from a

simple cleanup.

Unsubscribe from newsletters you rarely read, delete obvious junk and create a few broad folders rather than an elaborate system.

If thousands of old messages seem overwhelming, archive them and start fresh with the inbox you have today.

Photos and files may require more patience. Work in short sessions, deleting duplicates, blurry pictures and outdated documents. Give important files clear names and store them in a small number of folders.

Back up anything valuable before making major changes.

Once the digital noise is reduced, everyday tasks often become easier.

You can spend less time searching, face fewer interruptions and gain more room to focus on people, work, rest and hobbies.

In a world designed to keep us clicking, deciding what not to keep can be a quiet but powerful form of control and help you enjoy a clearer mind daily.

Watch for more tip as we edge closer to the holidays.



Day Trippin' With Damon: Dog Fountain, Mt. Vernon, OH

This fountain was built in 2019 and features eighteen full-color cast aluminum dogs. The fountain is located at 201 S. Main St., in downtown Mount Vernon.

Scholarship program award recipients announced

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. Foundation Board has selected the 2026 Scholarship Program award recipients. Scholarships are made possible by the Annual Meeting Sponsorships.

The Agency on Aging Foundation Board elected to provide a total of \$3,500 in scholarship awards this year to individuals who will benefit in the field of aging.

The scholarship recipients represent a variety of educational and professional paths, including physical therapy, neuroscience, occupational therapy, social work and pharmacy — all fields that can contribute to the health, independence and well-being of older adults and individuals with disabilities.

Abigail Beidelschies, of Seneca County, is a student at the University of Findlay pursuing a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. Her education will prepare her for a career in physical therapy, a field that plays an important role in helping individuals maintain mobility, independence and quality of life.

Kaili Ingram, of Huron County, is a pre-med student at Ohio State University majoring in Neuroscience. Through her studies, she is building a strong foundation in the sciences as she prepares for a future career in healthcare and service to others.

Lauren Anspaugh, of Marion County, is pursuing an Associate degree in Occupational Therapy at Marion Technical College. Occupational therapy helps individuals develop, recover, or maintain the skills needed for everyday activities and independence, making her chosen field an important part of supporting individuals

throughout their lives.

Carlee Lightle, of Richland County, is an Adult Protective Services Case Manager with the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. and is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree with a certification in Gerontology at Cleveland State University. Through her work with Adult Protective Services, Carlee supports older adults and individuals who may be experiencing abuse, neglect or exploitation. Her continued education in social work and gerontology will further strengthen her ability to serve older adults and support their safety, well-being, and independence.

Carley Zender, of Crawford County, is pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the University of Findlay. As the daughter of an Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. team member, Carley has a personal connection to the Agency and its mission. Her studies in pharmacy will prepare her for a career in healthcare, where pharmacists play an important role in medication management and support overall health and well-being.

Applications for the 2027 Scholarship Program will open mid-January 2027. Follow on Facebook for more information at <https://www.facebook.com/aaa5ohio/>

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., located at 2131 Park Avenue West in Ontario, provides leadership, collaboration, coordination and services to older adults, people with disabilities, their caregivers & resource networks that support individual choice, independence and dignity.



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Board announces Aubrie Hall as new executive director

The Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board (RCMHRSB) has announced the appointment of a new executive director, Aubrie Hall.

Hall was appointed as the executive director in September and will officially assume responsibilities on Nov. 2, following the retirement of former di-

rector, Sherry Branham-Fonner.

Under the guidance and supervision of the RCMHRSB Board of Directors, Hall will lead county-wide strategy and oversight for local public mental health and recovery initiatives.

A Richland County native with 15 years of dedicated public service, Hall brings extensive leadership and community en-

gagement experience to the role. She holds a bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University (2010) and earned her master's in healthcare administration in 2021. Most recently, Hall served as executive director of NAMI Richland County, where she tripled the agency's operating budget, staffing, and community programs over a two-and-a-half

year period.

Her broad experience also includes serving as director of victim services with the Richland County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and managing large-scale healthcare projects, physician coaching and patient-centered process improvements across OhioHealth Mansfield and Shelby Hospitals.

•Red Cross offers tips for Fire Prevention Week

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leaving home. Use a glass or metal fire screen to keep embers in the fireplace.

It's critical to keep at least three feet of space around all heating equipment, and never leave space heaters unattended.

If you must use a space heater, place it on a level, hard and nonflammable surface, such as

a ceramic tile floor. Don't place it on rugs and carpets, or near bedding and drapes. And keep children and pets away from the heater.

Plug space heater power cords directly into outlets — never an extension cord. Turn it off every time you leave the room or go to sleep.

"According to the Nation-

al Fire Protection Association, there was a home fire every 23 seconds in 2024 which claimed a life every two hours and 14 minutes," Robinson reported. "During Fire Prevention Week, we here at the Red Cross urge everyone to develop their evacuation plans, check their smoke alarms and help keep the members of their household safe."



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Throughout her career, Hall has actively participated in numerous local coalitions, advisory boards, and advocacy projects.

"I am honored to step into this role and serve the community I have called home my entire life," said Hall. "I look forward to building upon our strong foundation and collaborating with our community partners to ensure accessible, high-quality mental health and recovery services across Richland County."

The Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board serves as the local statutory authority in Richland County responsible for planning, funding, and monitoring public mental health and substance use treatment and recovery services.

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Madison celebrates 2026 homecoming with pep rally crowning

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Madison Comprehensive High School celebrated homecoming 2026 on Friday, Oct. 2, with a school-wide pep assembly recognizing this year's homecoming court and highlighting the accomplishments of members of the senior class.

Students packed the gym as members of the homecoming court were introduced, with the Madison band, cheerleaders and Ramettes helping build excitement ahead of the evening's homecoming football game.

Members of the 2026 homecoming court are Kylie Carroll, Quinten Fava, Kennedy Hofer, Camden Moysi, Taylor McKown, Julian Washington, Aubrey Ohl, Aiden Proctor, Lena Sasis, Lincoln Shepherd, Ashtyn Huffman, Koree Kershner, Kaiden Koch, Zoie Ball, Aseem Mickouma, Emily Saunders, Hudson Stacy, Sophie Lowe, Knight Wolfe and Brianna Coulter.

The court represented a wide range of activities and accomplishments at Madison, including athletics, National Honor Society, Student Council, career-tech programs, SkillsUSA, music and other

school organizations.

During the assembly, Madison also recognized 2025 homecoming king Timothy Ellis before announcing and crowning Hudson Stacy as the school's homecoming king.

The homecoming festivities continued Friday evening, when Brianna Coulter was crowned Madison's 2026 homecoming queen during the football game's halftime.



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Mansfield Christian fills day with homecoming activities

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Mansfield Christian School celebrated its 2026 homecoming on Thursday, Oct. 1, bringing students and staff together for a day of school spirit, fall activities and the crowning of this year's homecoming king and queen.

Beautiful weather provided the backdrop for a parade featuring floats highlighting the school's fall sports teams. The band added to the celebration, bringing plenty of energy to both the parade and pep rally.

The school also introduced its 2026 homecoming court. Senior representatives were Dawson Loose and Ryen Anderson, Elijah Martin and Lydia Fry, and Andrew Malone-Martinez and Michelle Hope.

Representing the junior class were Noah Reeder and Summer Williamson, while sophomores Logan Nicol and Lucy Fry and freshmen Ben Granter and TeAnna Elliott rounded out the court.

Congratulations to the 2026 homecoming king and queen Lydia Fry and Elijah Martin.

The festivities gave the entire Mansfield Christian school family an opportunity to come together, celebrate its students and make memories while showing their Flame pride.



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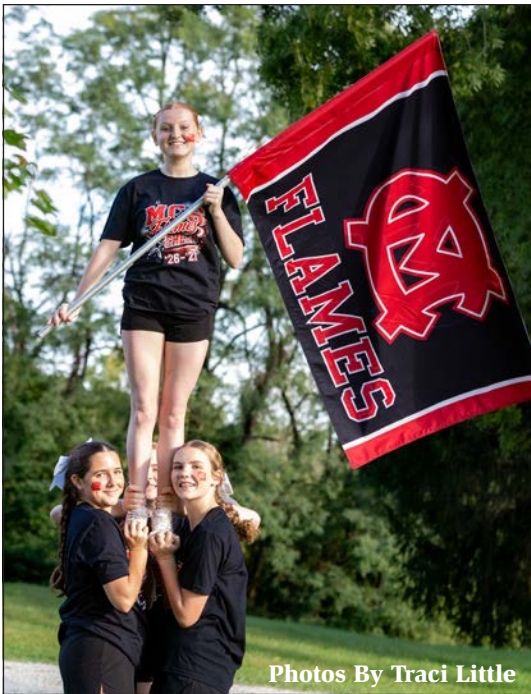
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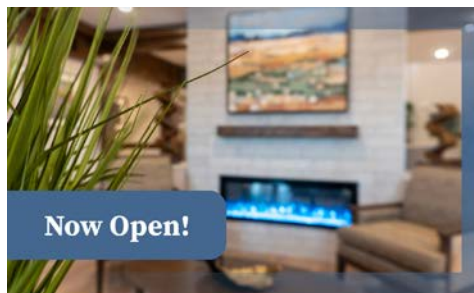


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Crestview boys soccer celebrates senior night with 5-0 win

Photos and Article By Traci Little

Crestview honored six senior players during senior night on Tuesday, Sept. 29, as the Cougars hosted the Loudonville Redbirds in the second game of a varsity soccer doubleheader.

The Cougars capped-off the evening with a commanding 5-0 victory, recording a shutout and improving their season record to 9-3.

Goals were scored by Tristin Teeter who scored his first goal of the season, two by Brennon Dille, and a goal each by Kenneth McGregor and Brandon Bergosh.

Brandon Bergosh was named Player of the Match.

Recognized for Crestview were seniors Grady Cline (15), Brennon Dille (2), Kenneth McGregor (11), Nathan Kaufman (8), Brayden Parrigan (9) and Troy Weaver (12).



Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



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Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights



CRESTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL honored three seniors during senior night on Tuesday, Sept. 29, as the Cougars hosted the Loudonville Redbirds. The two teams battled to a 1-1 draw, moving Crestview's season record to 7-2-4 and Loudonville's to 10-3-1. Recognized for the Cougars were seniors Kathryn Abshire, (19), daughter of Ken and Krystal Abshire; and twin sisters Logan Moore, (11) and Deryn Moore (20), daughters of Mike and Haley Moore. The seniors were joined for a photo by members of the Crestview coaching staff and team managers. Pictured are Kathryn Abshire, assistant coach Ashley Pirc, Deryn Moore, team manager Miller Pirc, Logan Moore, team manager Brynn Pirc and head coach Elizabeth Webb.



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CRESTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL senior soccer girls celebrated during senior night on Sept. 29 were Logan Moore (11), Kathryn Abshire (19) and Deryn Moore (20).



Sports Highlights

Ontario continues to shine

By Kris Leiter

We just inked seven weeks of our high school gridiron and are heading into week eight strong.

This is the second week of OHSAA computer rankings and these scores reflect the release from this past Tuesday, Sept. 29.

Let's see what teams are riding the top 12 bubble.

Division III — Region 10

Ontario (7-0, 4-0 MOAC, tied for first place)

The Ontario Warriors haven't really surprised anyone, as they continue to blaze the warpath of undefeated status 7-0!

They recently manhandled MOAC league opponent, the Marion Harding Presidents in fine fashion 27-12 at Copeland Field.

The Warriors claimed second place in computer points, gaining almost two points from 10.35 to 12.28 (as of Sept. 29). The number one top dog is still Celina, going from 11.85 to 13.38. That puts the Warriors about 1 point away from the numero uno spot.

This Friday, Ontario will duke it out with Shelby, another MOAC rival at the beautiful Whippet Athletic Complex. Both teams share first place in the MOAC with identical 7-0 records! If you jog your memory from recent years, this has been a mighty battle!

Division IV — Region 14

Shelby (7-0, 4-0 MOAC, tied for first place) The Whippets are howling and still claiming an undefeated record of 7-0!

Shelby handily defeated Clear Fork 28-21 last Friday night. Clear Fork (5-1, 2-1 MOAC, second place) dropped in rank after their defeat to Shelby.

Division IV — Region 27

Lucas (3-3) took down Buckeye Central, 49-6, which helped the Cubs move the needle roughly a quarter computer point. However, based on other teams, Lucas slid from the 12 spot down to 14 with 4.26.



Madison boys golf team claims first OCC title since 1994

Photos and Article By Traci Little

The Madison Comprehensive High School boys golf team made history this season, capturing the 2026 Ohio Cardinal Conference championship — the program's first league title since 1994.

The Rams secured the OCC championship Sept. 10 at Oak Tree Golf Course in Mansfield under head coach John Neron.

The championship season continued a strong family tradition for the Maglott brothers. Following the graduation of Nick Maglott, younger brothers Josh and Brandon helped carry that success forward as key members of this year's team.

Josh Maglott, Brandon Maglott, Studer and Easton McCrory were among the Rams who contributed to Madison's historic 2026 campaign.

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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 September 16, 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. 26-18 – RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

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DURING LETTER "A" WEEK, Mansfield Christian School pre-k students learned how to make apple butter, apple sauce and apple cider. The students voted on their favorite treat which came out to be apple butter and cold apple cider. Mike Wilson demonstrated how apple butter is made.

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