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Agency's Senior Spring Extravaganza celebrates Older Americans Month

Photos and Article By Traci Little

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. hosted a dazzling celebration of Older Americans Month with its annual Senior Spring Extravaganza on May 21, at the Ontario Center (formerly Richland Mall). From 10 am to 2 pm, hundreds of older adults gathered for a lively, fun-filled event themed "Flip the Script on Aging," inspired by the Glitz and Glamour of Old Hollywood's Golden Era.

The free event offered attendees a wide array of entertainment, resources, and activities. Highlights included a classic car show, live musical entertainment by Randy Velez, a resource fair, lively games of BINGO, delicious lunch provided by Mechanics Bank, and the chance to win exciting door prizes. Attendees also enjoyed refreshments and had the opportunity to connect with vendors and organizations providing information on aging services and community resources.

This celebration was made possible through the generous support of Premium Sponsors ES Consulting and Richland Public Health, as well as numerous other local sponsors, community-based organizations, and volunteers who came together to honor and uplift older adults in our region.

Older Americans Month, led nationally by the Administration for Community Living, is a time to recognize the contributions of older adults and renew our commitment to supporting them. This year's theme, "Flip the Script on Aging," encouraged a shift in perception—celebrating aging as a time of vitality, wisdom, and engagement.

The agency extends its thanks to all who participated, sponsored and supported this memorable day. For more information about upcoming events and services for older adults, follow on Facebook at www.facebook.com/aaa5ohio or contact the office at 419-524-4144. *(More Photos on Page 8)*

Madison board recognizes retirees

The Madison Local Board of Education met for its regular meeting in the Madison Middle School Auditoria on May 21.

The board recognized retirees Tracey Burden, Laura Phillips and Christine Snider.

Jacelynn Barley is a National Qualifier for SkillsUSA Competition in Prepared Speech and was recognized by the board.

Renee Neron, curriculum director, and Curt McVicker, director of school improvement, assessment and federal programs, gave presentations.

A donation of \$1,000 was accepted from Michael and Carla Donahue for the carpentry program. A donation of six AEDs was accepted through the Richland AED Program. Richland AED is a public access defibrillation program made possible by a grant partnership between The Richland County Foundation and Richland Public Health. Three AEDs are currently on-site with the remaining three arriving at a later date.

The board approved the donation of \$1,099.47 from Mifflin PTO to the Mifflin Principal's Fund to cover the cost of end-of-year awards.

Approval was given to treasurer Bradd Stevens' monthly financial report, five-year forecast, transfer of \$25,000 from General Fund 001 to Adult Ed 012 and transfer of \$15,000 from General Fund 001 to Permanent Improvement 003-9014 for future turf replacement.

Resignations were accepted from Laura Phillips, high school teacher, for the purpose of retirement; Alexis Carlson, high school and middle school teacher, Christine Snider, Madison South teacher, retirement; Tim Niswander, assistant varsity football coach; Tracey Burden, high school teacher, retirement; Kaitlyn Fanning, assistant band director; Grace Bapst, middle school teacher; Krista Ferini, middle school Academic Challenge advisor; and Preston See, equipment manager.

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Richland County Foundation supports children's summer activities

The Richland County Foundation is supporting summertime programs focused on children.

The Summertime Kids Committee, chaired Foundation Board of Trustees member Karen Bierly, along with members from the community approved \$59,000 in Summertime Kids grants to 26 organizations. The grants of up to \$2,500 support creative, educational, and fun-filled activities for hundreds of Richland County children.

Grants were approved were for ABC Learning Center; First English Lutheran Early Learning Center, Learning to Kayak; Flying

Horse Farm, Residential Summer Program; Friendly House, Summer Fun & Staycation Program; Hoops for Youth, Summer Program; Independent Living Center NCO, Artful Innovators; K-City Childcare & Preschool, Welcome to the Real World; Kingwood Center Gardens, Summer Camp; Life-care Alliance, Camp Hamwi; Love On A Mission, Summer Zine Project; Mansfield Area Y, Y on the Fly; Mansfield Playhouse, *Little Mermaid Jr.*; Mansfield Parks and Recreation, Summer Fun at North Lake Park; NE-CIC, Summer Trades Camp; Pioneer Career & Technology Center, Lights, Camera, Ac-

tion & Explore; Primary Care Solutions, Summer Wellness Program; Recreation Unlimited Foundation, Residential Camp; Recreation Unlimited Foundation, Residential Summer Camp; Renaissance Performing Arts, Broadway Camp; Richland Academy of the Arts, Keyboard for Kids; Richland County Park District, Critter Camp; Richland Co. Bd. Developmental Disabilities, Campership Program; Shelby City Schools, Camp Invention; Third Street Family Health Services, Annual Block Party; Unstoppable Youth Sports, Youth Sports Baseball; and Zoe's Learning Center, Summer Field Trip.

LOST IN A BOOK



A Book Review
By Mandy Belczak Gurney



How did I miss Gabrielle Zevin's book *Young Jane Young* after I loved *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* and *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*?

Different than the other two, but still brilliant writing, it is a hilarious story about a Monica Lewinsky-type scandal, an unassuming wedding planner, an overly protective Jewish mother, a smart daughter with a lot to learn and a politician's wife who might surprise you.

The story jumps timelines, perspectives and states. I laughed so often. It was brilliant. The voices in the audiobook were so well done, I highly recommend.

My rating: ★★★★★

Follow my blog at [Green Gurneys.com](https://www.greengurneys.com)

Rep. John bill would improve 340B program

Majority Floor Leader Marilyn John (R-Richland County) recently introduced House Bill 276, legislation to make improvements to the state's 340B program, ensuring access to affordable prescription medications.

A few provisions highlighted by Rep. John are as follows:

- Prohibits manufacturers of dangerous drugs, repackagers of dangerous drugs, and third-party logistics providers from limiting the acquisition of a 340B drug by or delivery of a 340B drug to a 340B grantee, with certain exceptions;

- Requires a 340B grantee to submit any claims or utilization data as a condition for allowing the acquisition of a 340B drug by or delivery of a 340B drug to a 340B grantee; and

- Requires health plan issuers to disclose certain data and information as outlined under the bill on drugs covered under a related health benefit plan upon request of a covered person, the covered person's health care provider, or the third-party representative.

The 340B Drug Pricing Program allows Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) to purchase prescription medications at significantly reduced prices and provide discounted outpatient 340B medications to eligible patients.

"This issue was brought to my attention by the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers and Third Street Family Health Center located in Mansfield," said John. "For just over 30 years, Third Street has provided medical care across north central Ohio, and it is my honor to champion legislation to help FQHC's like them."

THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER

— By Ian Stumbo —



It's hard to believe the first *Mission: Impossible* film was released in 1996 and now the eighth installment has just been released titled *Mission: Impossible-The Final Reckoning*.

This is a direct sequel to the last movie where agent Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) is trying to hunt down an AI called "the entity."

After being recruited by the president (Angela Bassett), Hunt assembles his team back together to travel the farthest depths of the ocean to stop this new intelligence from taking the world's nuclear arsenals offline.

Cruise, along with co-stars Ving Rhames, Simon Pegg and Hayley Atwell, return and these actors are still so great in these roles. Cruise has been spearheading this franchise for decades and now produces these films.

Along with writer/director Christopher McQuarrie they have successfully released the last four entries to wide success.

In saying that, while a solid action movie, this latest (or maybe last) entry really lacks in action and that is disappointing. There is so much dialogue

and setup that the payoffs do not seem as satisfying as in other movies.

Though, in saying that, the underwater sequence and the aerial scene near the end are worth the price of admission.

McQuarrie tries to tie all the previous entries together into this movie and while that is appreciated, sometimes there were too many flashbacks which take away from *The Final Reckoning* being its own movie.

There are some great, classic scenes that feel right at home in this series while at the same time feeling underwhelming and like there should be more even in an almost three-hour movie.

For fans of this series, *Mission: Impossible-The Final Reckoning* is a solid entry and delivers enough to certainly warrant a recommendation though when the last four entries have just been stellar, it's too bad this last movie couldn't quite reach those heights.



Tribune-Courier Forum

We want to take a moment to thank the community for its continued support and enthusiasm for Shawshank Showdown.

Unfortunately, due to the personal schedules of organizers and challenges in securing field funding, FIRST Robotics Mansfield will not be hosting Shawshank Showdown in 2025. While this was a difficult decision, we are committed to coming back stronger in 2026.

Many teams and volunteers in the FIRST community have expressed wanting to see Shawshank Showdown return in 2026, and we are working on the steps needed to plan this event.

We would like to aim for June 6, 2026, at Mansfield Senior High School, if available. We are actively looking for sponsors for the event to help with field funding, volunteer food and more.

We are looking for interested organizations to be involved in Education Row. This can range from local nonprofits to schools, workplaces, colleges and more.

Those interested in sponsoring, volunteering or who have a food truck to bring are encouraged to reach out to us at www.firstroboticsmansfield.com or call 567-275-1207.

Thank you again for being part of this incredible community. We look forward to working with you to make Shawshank Showdown 2026 a success.

Sincerely,
Electra Norwood, Chantal DeYoe
Stellar Robotics Volunteer Robotics Administrators

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The Lexington Area Senior Citizens Inc., invites those 55 and older to attend meetings the third Wednesday of every month at 11:30 am. February through May, the group will meet at New Life Church of Christ (NLC of C), 195 W. Durbin, Bellville. Cost is \$17 for the meal.

Meetings June through December will be held at Der Dutchman, Rt. 96, Bellville. Meals are \$16, with an additional \$2 for pie.

The next meal will be June 25, with a pork dinner. The McCready Kids will perform.

The group will meet for lunch on June 4, at 11 am at Black Dog (Deer Creek Golf Course) in Bellville.

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

NAMI Richland County will host a NAMIWalk event on Saturday, May 31, at Ontario Marshall Park, 3375 Milligan Rd., Ontario, lower park. The event will include a 1-Mile Fun Walk and a 5K Race.

Registration opens at 8 am and the 5k and walk begins at 9 am. Family Fun Day begins at 9:30 am. NAMIWalks are held to promote awareness of mental health and reduce stigma, raise funds for NAMI's free mental health programs and build community and let people know they are not alone.

Registering is free and will ensure participants have access to on-line fundraising and are eligible for incentive gifts. Registered participants who self-donate or raise \$100 or more will earn a t-shirt and those who raise \$1,000 or more will receive a lapel pin. To register visit <https://www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=register.start&eventID=1744>. For more information call 419-522-6264 or email Families@namirc.org.

Kid's Day at Charles Mill Marina, 1277 State Route 430, Mansfield, will be held Saturday, June 14, from 10 am to noon.

There will be a kid's boating education seminar, free 15-minute pontoon boat rides, face painting, games and prizes, a photo booth, food trucks, llamas and alpacas from Shady Lane Alpaca Farm, animals from Gorman Nature Center and giveaways courtesy of Outback Steakhouse, State Farm Insurance, Western Southern Bank and Modern Woodman. There will also be booths from Richland Soil and Water Conservation District and Richland County Solid Waste.

CACY's Store It Safe Richland Program offers lock boxes for firearms, sharp objects and medications to protect and reduce risk of injury and save lives.

Contact the CACY office at 419-774-5683 or andersont@cacyohio.com for details. If someone is thinking of harming themselves, call the local crisis helpline at 419-522-HELP (4357).

Richland Pregnancy Services (RPS) is seeking volunteers with a passion for the unborn to assist in meeting the needs of clients who are facing an unplanned pregnancy decision.

All volunteers must express a faith in Christ, be part of a local church and hold a biblical world view. Volunteers play a vital role

in carrying out the mission of RPS. Eight-Week volunteer trainings are required and are held Fridays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at RPS, 1560 W. Fourth St., Mansfield. Contact sydney@richlandpregnancy.com or call 419-522-8863 for more information.

Madison Local Schools will be accepting open enrollment applications now through May 31 for the 2025-'26 school year.

If a student is considering open enrolling to Madison Local Schools, applications must be turned in by May 31 to be considered for approval for the upcoming school year.

For more information visit www.mlsd.net or contact the board of education office from 8 am to 4 pm, Monday-Friday at 419-589-2600 ext. 65005.

Dayspring will host the 6th Annual Hope Run 5K and 1 Mile Walk on Saturday, June 28.

The 5k and 1 mile will step-off at 10 am, beginning and ending at Dayspring, 3220 Olivesburg Rd., Mansfield. The course is cross-country with rolling hills and trails. The event will be held rain or shine unless there is extreme weather.

Cost is \$20 before June 2 and includes a guaranteed shirt. Race day registration begins at 9 am and remains \$20 but does not guarantee a shirt. Prizes will be awarded in every category.

An entry form can be found on the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/DayspringAssistedLivingCareFacility>.

Proceeds will benefit Friends of Dayspring in support of the next Dayspring Levy Campaign. For information call 419-565-3694 or email Rileyboy0907@gmail.com.

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville, 25 Church St., Bellville, will host speaker Rev. Dr. Elaine Strawn on Sunday, June 1 at 10:30 pm. The subject will be "The Three Bs."

For more information visit www.allsoulsuuohio.org.

The 4th Annual Juneteenth Parade and Festival will be Saturday, June 14, from 10 am to 6 pm. The free day-long celebration will kick-off with a linedance party at 10:30 am in front of the Renaissance and the parade will step-off at 11 am at Marion Avenue and Park Avenue West featuring marching bands, drumlines.

Following the parade will be the festival in Central Park in downtown Mansfield featuring live music and entertainment, a vendor marketplace, food trucks, community choirs, health screenings, a kid's zone, wine tasting, line dancing and more.

The event will raise awareness about health equity, voter education and engagement, economic empowerment and education. This year's celebration includes youth basketball activities, and book signing featuring local authors. For information call 419-610-6334.

Richland County Children Services (RCCS) will host a free foster parent recruitment event on Wednesday, June 11, from 5-8 pm at Children Services, 731 Scholl Rd. In event of rain, the event will move to Malabar Intermediate School, 205 W. Cook Rd.

There will be free food, games, prizes, a balloon artist and performance from The Oolong Gurus.

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Event Details : Check in 9:00 am | Ceremony / Walk at 10:00 am

Church Directory

Clay Memorial Lutheran Church

1601 Amoy East Rd., Mansfield
419-747-6882

Pastor Carol Kilgore

Sunday School 9:15 am • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville
419-886-4333 • www.clearforkalliance.org

Rev. Matt Merendino

Rev. Mike Stine, Associate Pastor

9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship

Sunday Evening 6 pm Home Groups

Monday Men's Group 7:30 pm

Wednesday evenings: 6:45 pm, Prayer Meeting

6:30-8 pm and TeamKID and Youth Group

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

200 West Third St., Mansfield
419-524-4813 • mansfield1stcc1833@gmail.com

Rev. David Zerby

Office Hours: Tu., W., Th. 9 am to 1 pm

10:30 am Sunday Worship

Christian Builders, Sunday, 9:30 am

www.FirstChristianChurchMansfield.com

FB: FirstChristianChurchMansfield, Ohio

First Congregational Church

640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield
419-756-3046 • www.mansfieldfcc.com

Pastor Brad Bunn

8:30 am Chapel • 10:30 am Sanctuary

10:30 am Sunday School (nursery-high school)

10:30 am Monday Morning Bible Study

7:30 am Wednesday Men's Breakfast

First English Lutheran Church

53 Park Avenue West, Mansfield
419-522-0662 • www.felc-mansfield.org

Pastor Jay Jackson

9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship

Call about Prayer Groups, Small Groups, Bible Studies, Book Clubs, Pub Theology, Community Meals, Free Produce distribution and Senior Boxes.

Grace Episcopal Church

41 Bowman Street, Mansfield
419-524-2661

Rev. Christopher D. Hofer, Priest-in-Charge

Rev. Daniel Orr, Associate Priest

Worship: Sundays, 8 am and 10:15 am

Christian Formation for All Ages: Sundays, 9:15 am

Food Pantry: Thursdays, 9-11 am

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 4-6 pm

gracemansfield.org • facebook.com/GraceChurchMansfield

G & M Body & Paint Shop

1689 West Fourth St., Ontario • 419-529-2747

Wappner Funeral Home

Mansfield • Ontario • Ashland • 419-522-5211

Lexington Church of Christ

230 Delaware Ave., Lexington
419-884-1532 • www.lccoh.com

Lead Minister Brandon Bogue

9 am Sunday School • 10 am Sunday Worship

Lexington Presbyterian Church

35 Church St. West, Lexington
419-884-1330

Pastor Denny Nezrick

10:30 am Sunday Worship

<https://www.facebook.com/Lexington-Presbyterian-Church-117768414915815>

Mansfield 1st Presbyterian Church

399 Trimble Rd., Mansfield
419-756-7066 • www.mansfield1st.com

Rev. Joseph Yerger

9 am Adult & Youth Sunday School

10 am Traditional Sunday Worship

ADA Accessible Nursery

and Children's Programming Available

Mansfield Baptist Temple

752 N. Stewart Rd., Mansfield
419-589-5413 • www.mbt.org

Pastor Rob Kurtz

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am & 5:30 pm Sunday Worship

7 pm Wednesday Service

Oakland Lutheran Church

2045 Olivesburr Rd., Mansfield
419-571-9920

Pastor Paul Lintern

9 am Sunday Worship

Ontario United Methodist Church

3540 Park Avenue West., Ontario
419-529-4345 • ontarioumc.com
Pastor George Lee
10:15 am Sunday Worship and Kingdom Kids

St. John's United Church of Christ

68 Park Avenue East, Mansfield
419-522-2813 • www.stjohnsmansfield.org

Pastor Faith Proietti

10 am Sunday Worship

Office hours: Mon-Fri 9 am to 1 pm

AA Meetings M & F 10 am & noon;

Wed. noon Brown Bag and Sat. 6 pm
Clothing Ministry by appt: 419-512-9817

Southside Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

2055 Middle-Bellville Rd., Mansfield
419-756-3436

Pastor Paul Lintern

10:45 am Sunday Worship

Trinity Grace Fellowship

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

Pastor Larry Carnes

9:30 am Sunday Worship • 11 am Sunday School

Bible Study Mondays 2 pm

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Raffle prizes include a 6-month household membership for the Y, a Rigid Wet/Dry VAC from Home Depot, a Samsung Soundbar from ABC Warehouse and items from A Heritage House. No ticket is required for the raffle, just fill out a foster care inquiry card or be a current foster parent who brings a guest interested in fostering.

For more information contact Mark Keck or Susie Curatti at 419-774-4100.

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Richland Academy's Trut Your Stuff Senior tap dance group will celebrate 25 years on Friday, June 13.

The free performance and celebration will be held at Richland Academy of the Arts, 75 N. Walnut St. Wine & hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30 pm with a 6 pm performance.

RSVP to 419-522-8224 by Monday June 9.

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The Ultimate Veteran Adventures Golf Scramble will be a day of golf and giving back on Saturday, June 14 at Ashland Golf Club, 1333 Center St., Ashland.

The nonprofit supports U.S. veterans through outdoor recreational experiences and community. Funds are being raised to give veterans a trip to Alaska.

All proceeds support Ultimate Veteran Adventures in creating healing experiences in the great outdoors for our nation's heroes.

Registration will begin at 8 am with a 9 am shotgun start. Cost is \$500 per team and includes carts, breakfast, lunch, dinner, photos and prizes.

Spots are limited. To enter a foursome team or sponsor the event visit uvagolf.org. Call or text 567-359-0463 for more information.

Open house will honor Judge Henson

Family and friends of the late, Judge James D. Henson, will host an open house celebrating his life on Sunday, June 8, from 1:30-4:30 pm.

Henson, who passed away on April 13, 2025, was a Richland County public servant for decades. Many remember him as a contributor to our community, a church pillar and a passionate family man.

The open house will be held at First Congregational Church, 640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield.



Hanging Lake, Colorado • Photo By Mark Shutt

Heydinger will celebrate 90th

A 90th birthday party open house will be held for Carolyn Heydinger on Saturday, June 7, from 2–4 pm, at The Waterford, 1296 S. Trimble Rd., Mansfield.

Those attending should enter through the front entrance. Parking is on the side or back.

No gifts please, but cards are welcome. Cards can also be mailed to Carolyn Heydinger, Room 158, 1296 S. Trimble Rd., Mansfield, OH 44906.

Obituary Listings for Wappner Funeral Directors

Dolores M Faber, May 18
Glenn Stout, May 18
Claudia Lynne Erlenbach, May 19
Margaret Ann Fisher, May 19
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KTC to host junior firefighter bootcamp

Knox Technical Center (KTC) will host a junior firefighter bootcamp for incoming eighth through eleventh grade students for the 2025–26 school year. The bootcamp will be held June 16–20, from 8 am to noon at the KTC campus, 1481 Yaeger Rd., Mt. Vernon.

The bootcamp provides an introduction to the world of emergency services for young people. This program blends classroom learning with hands-on training, covering essential skills like hose operations, equipment handling and basic first aid.

Beyond the technical aspects, the bootcamp emphasize teamwork, leadership and responsibility, fostering a strong sense of community and discipline. This serves as a crucial stepping stone for those interested in pursuing a career in firefighting or simply wanting to contribute to their community. Cost is \$159. For information visit https://www.knoxtechnicalcenter.com/publicsafety-emt-137259-627157-664074.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawKX8M9leHRuA2FlbQlXMAbicmlkETfkc-jV4T1JOYXM5MEVZW5pAR6wGc8M2xEf0R78EsYPn72H3EWQr-Fu3tE0b0DvjK7kuq_KkIsa7KdfZfGlbMw_aem_c15wNnhHJb-9gypemNtLBRg



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May is Older Americans Month. The Long-Term Care Ombudsman program at the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. serves some of our most vulnerable older Ohioans. The word "Ombudsman" may not be familiar to everyone, but the mission of the long-term care ombudsman program is simple — we advocate for Ohioans receiving long-term care. Whether in nursing homes, assisted living, adult group homes, or through in-home services, Ombudsmen empower, educate and advocate for individuals to have a voice in their quality of care and daily living.

The long-term care ombudsman program encourages everyone to plan ahead for the possibility of needing long-term care. One key service we offer is to help Ohioans evaluate their care options, learn what questions to ask, and how to choose long-term care to suit their needs. Because we are funded through federal and state funds, our services are unbiased, provided at no charge, and a phone call away.

Another essential service from the long-term care ombudsman is to champion the concerns of those already living in long-term care. We visit long-term care communities, speak to residents, help them know their rights, and empower residents to speak up for excellence in their care.

If residents want our help, we will advocate on their behalf to solve problems related to their care, safety, environment, preferences and more. Last year we helped resolve over 370 complaints for residents living in Region 5 which covers Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca and Wyandot Counties.

Every resident living in a long-term care setting deserves a safe environment, quality care, and to be treated with dignity and respect. It is the role of the Ombudsman Program to help this vulnerable population make this a reality. You can reach your Region 5 Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program at 800-860-5799 or btatro@aaa5ohio.org.

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



Allure Studios and Spa celebrates 25 years of beauty and wellness

By Traci Little

Allure Studios and Spa, a well loved cornerstone in Mansfield's beauty and wellness scene, is proudly celebrating 25 years of pampering the community.

For a quarter-century, Allure has gone above and beyond the traditional salon experience — rejecting the ordinary and embracing a luxurious, full-service approach that treats you from head to toe, inside and out.

Whether you're in need of a fresh haircut, a relaxing massage, or rejuvenating skin care, Allure Studios is the place where beauty meets serenity. Their team of skilled professionals is committed to helping every guest look and feel amazing.

"Allure added lighter blonde highlights to my hair and it looks awesome! I love it!" — Mackenzie M., Fredericktown

Discover the Allure difference from everyday glam to special occasions, Allure Studios offers a wide range of beauty and spa services.

When it comes to hair care, Allure is a Paul Mitchell-focused salon, ensuring top-tier hair services with premium products. Whether you're looking for a trendy cut, vibrant color, elegant updo or intricate braid, stylists are ready to make your vision a reality.

Give your hands and feet the attention they deserve with Allure's rejuvenating manicure and pedicure options. From Gel X full sets to dip nails and spa manicures, you'll leave feeling refreshed and polished.

Allure's massage menu offers something for everyone — relaxation, pain relief or a romantic couples massage. Options include hot stone, deep tissue and affordable 30 to 90-minute sessions.

"My wife and I stopped in yesterday for a couples massage. Your staff was courteous and kind and got us a cup of coffee! The massage was great and we very much enjoyed our experience!" — Joel W., Mansfield

Allure uses only the best products on the market for facials, body wraps, and waxing services. Treat your skin to a luminous glow or a deep pore cleanse with one of their many facial treatments.

For long-lasting beauty, explore permanent makeup options including microblading, powder brows, lip blushing, and eyeliner. A perfect choice for those looking to simplify their beauty routine.

"Debbie was amazing! If anyone is looking for a massage therapist she is your girl! She made sure I was comfortable and overall the experience was amazing. Will definitely be coming back." — Josie S.

Visit Allure at 491 Lexington Ave., Mansfield, or call 419-774-9600. Hours are Monday-Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm with evening appointments scheduled from 5-8 pm.

Come see why Allure Studios has been a trusted name in self-care for 25 years. Whether you're a long-time client or a first-time guest, now is the perfect time to indulge in the Allure experience.

Visit allurestudios.net to view service details and special packages and book an appointment today.

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Michelle Gates, Agent

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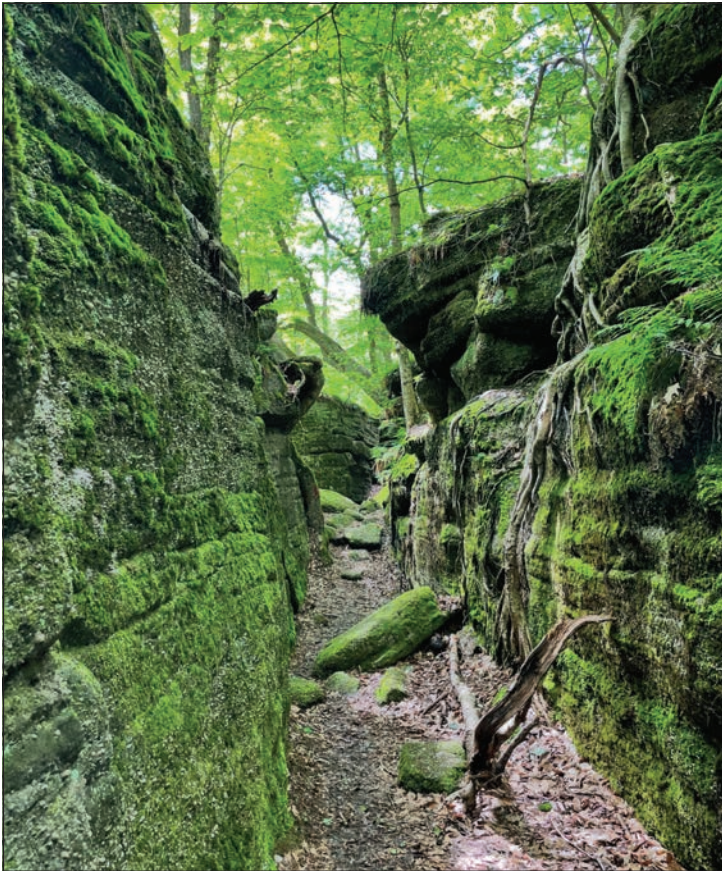


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Day Trippin' With Damon – A brand new glass walkway has been installed near Minnehaha Falls at Nelson-Kennedy Ledges State Park in Portage County, OH. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources celebrated the opening of the new glass walkway with a ribbon-cutting ceremony May 23. The Falls Edge Glass Walkway stretches 137 feet in an elegant S-shaped design, allowing visitors to walk directly above Sylvan Creek's gorge with views 50 feet down to the water below. The walkway extends to a point just short of Minnehaha Falls, creating the sensation of floating above the waterfall. The \$1.68 million project began in December 2022. The park features rugged cliffs, waterfalls and natural landscape. It's spectacular rock formations are among the few in northern Ohio still exposed to view. Hikers can enjoy trails that take them to formations like Devil's Icebox, Goldhunters Cave and Old Maid's Kitchen. Nelson-Kennedy Ledges State Park is open daily from dawn to dusk. Parking and restrooms are located at 12440 OH-282 Garrettsville, OH.

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Transitional STYLE



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Transitional style decor blends traditional and contemporary design elements to create a balanced, timeless look. It's characterized by clean lines, neutral colors, and a mix of textures that create a sophisticated yet inviting atmosphere.

SENIOR SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA



Photos By Traci Little

•Madison board recognizes retirees

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Resignations were also accepted from Pam Gerich, 1-1 Paraprofessional, high school, retirement; Susan Weikle, head cook, Eastview, retirement; Joann Teschler, 4-hour café, Eastview, retirement; Aimee Boyer, 4-hour café, middle school; Jessica Evans, assistant teacher, MECLC; Cynthia Keith, 4-hour café, high school; and Laura Simmons, 4-hour café, Mifflin.

Staff hired for next school year includes Leigh Oden, intervention specialist, middle school; Kaitlyn Fanning, 5-12 instrumental/general music/band director; Karen VonStein, high school career-technical job training coordinator; and Mark Reed, middle school STEM.

Supplemental positions awarded for the 2025-'26 school year include Katelyn Oslie, sophomore class advisor; Katie Wade, high school special education building coordinator; Dave Stupka, varsity football assistant coach; Preston See, varsity football assistant coach; and David Hipp, boys' golf assistant (JV) coach.

Pupil activity positions approved for the 2025-'26 school year are Tricia Bernhard, varsity volleyball coach; Mico Castelveter, varsity girls' golf coach; T. Justin Hunt, varsity football assistant coach; Calvin Gordon, ½ varsity football assistant coach; and Brian Lowe, freshman football assistant coach.

Summer School staff hired on an as-needed basis included Brittaney Farley, Mifflin; Shari McQuate, Eastview; Valerie Barnhart, South; Danielle Wentworth, South; Tim Niswander, high school; Jeff Burkholder, high school; Troy Schulz, high school; Katie Wade, high school; and Katelyn Oslie, high school.

A stipend was approved for OCC Leadership at the high school for Jennifer Steffey in the amount of \$700 for the 2025-'26 school year to be paid for through the high school principal's fund.

Two-year contracts were approved for Eric Dillon, Brian Hicks and Ellen Shimko.

Three-year contracts were awarded to Cody Barker, Madyson Blanton, Jeffrey Burkholder, Neely Burkholder, Wendy Caperton, Katy Lang, Ryan MacCredie, Amy O'Connell, Casey Perry, Preston See, Melinda Williams and Krystal Wynn.

Five-year contracts were awarded to Heather Argo, Joshua Boliantz, Lynn Gross, Amanda Hopkins, Kobi Johnson, Tara Kemp, Shelbi Ohl, Katelyn Oslie, Katrina Tripp, Melissa Vetter, Michael Wagner, Kyle Wirick and Steve Zellner.

Retired employee Matt Godsil was hired on a one-year administrative contract.

Three-year administrative contracts were awarded to Nicole Cox, Andrew Ditlevson, Jennifer Eckenwiler, Kyle Gordon, Andrew Kepple, Lisa Miracle, Jordan Nelson, Renee Neron, Sonja Pluck, Doug Rickert, Nathan Stump, John Neron, Mike Yost and Melissa Wigton.

Nicole Young was hired as an orientation specialist/career navigator for ASPIRE & ADP Programs for Madison Adult Career Center. Substitute teachers hired on an "on call" basis, as needed for the 2024-'25 school year include Jada Thompson and Iain McDonald.

Cross country volunteers approved were David Gilbert and Tyler Amos. Cynthia Keith was hired as a high school 4-hour café worker and Kimberly Belt was hired as a special education paraprofessional at Mifflin.

One-year contracts were awarded to Partena Tesca, Lester Dixon, Margie Mosier, Philip Mata and Tammy Harris.

Two-year contracts were awarded to Chelsea Smith, Brenda Walker, Debra Cicolani, Sandra Toth, Tayler Salser, Holly Fair, Vicky Buckley, Matthew Bartlett, Jane Lallathin, Ray Prater, Shannon Hardy, Amanda Oswalt, Amanda Henry, Brittani Cross, KaLeyha Utt, Michelle Boudinot and Olivia Shrader.

Continuing contracts were awarded to Ethan Wilson, Rebecca Richards, Rona Gushard, Rikki Parker, Ana Moco-Nunes, Sheena Thompson, James Ernsberger, Shaun Henry, Michelle Keen, Shelly Pogue, Dean Wills, Amy Daniels, Dallas Pettet and Daniel Lashley.

Substitute employees hired on an "on call" basis, as needed, for the 2024-'25 school year are Kimberly Belt, paraprofessional; and Lisa Campbell, food service.

The list of 2025 graduates was approved on the condition that they meet all requirements of Madison Comprehensive High School and the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.

The board approved a net reduction in force of eight teaching po-

sitions, effective with the 2025-'26 school year for the reason of enrollment. The board approved the suspension of contracts, effective with the reduction in force, for Aaron Akers, Ashley Galbraith, Abbey Gray, Stephen Phillips and Madelyn Schlauch.

The board approved a net reduction in force of two classified positions, effective with the 2025-'26 contract year (for the reason of enrollment) These are Tina Clark and Darla Noblet.

An overnight trip for the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Competition at the Georgia World Center in Atlanta, GA, from June 23-28, 2025, was approved and will be paid for out of Career Tech weighted funds.

The 2025-'26 MECLC Family Handbook was approved and a contract for police services between the Richland County Sheriff's Office and Madison Local Schools for the 2025-'26 school year was approved.

An agreement between Madison Local Schools and River Education Services, Inc. for the Leap Program for the 2025-'26 school year was given approval by the board.

An agreement between Madison Local Schools and Catalyst Life Services for mental health counseling and case management for students from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 was approved.

The Memorandum of Understanding between Madison Local Schools and The Center for Individual and Family Services, Inc. for qualified sign language interpretative and/or captioning services as needed from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 was approved.

The Memorandum of Understanding between Madison Local Schools and The Center for Individual and Family Services, Inc. for audiology services from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 was also approved.

The high school roofing project was approved to include the purchase of project materials from Garland Roofing in the amount of \$139,118 to be paid out of FY25 funds, and labor services from Worner Roofing Company for \$110,355 to be paid out of FY26 funds.

Payments from the State of Ohio College Credit Plus New Course Incentive program was approved, at no cost to the board, for Maggie Thomas, \$2,000; Chad Metzger, \$1,272.74; James Dillon, \$363.63; and Kim Boehm, \$363.63.

The board approved the Interagency Agreement between Ohio Heartland CAC Head Start-Early Head Start, the North Central State/OSU/M, Child Development Center-Early Head Start, Great Lakes Community Action Partnership, Migrant and Seasonal Head Start and the Madison Local School District effective July 1, 2025 until June 30, 2026.

A Memorandum of Understanding was approved between the Madison Local School District and Ohio Heartland CAC Head Start for the 2025-'26 Program Year.

A bid was accepted from the Adena Corporation for the Ramble Inn renovation project to meet ADA requirements. The cost of the project is \$89,315 to be paid out of Career-Tech weighted funds.

An amendment to the administrative salary schedule was approved to reflect an adjustment of the position index for the Director of Curriculum and Instruction position from 0.975 to 1.02. An amendment was also made to the administrative salary schedule to reflect an adjustment of the position index for the preschool coordinator position from 0.56 to 0.5725.

A discussion was held about Board Policy 1514 - Hiring of Administrators Who are Retired under State Retirement Systems (maximum number of contract years).

A tax policy presentation was given by David Conley of Rockmill Financial Consulting.



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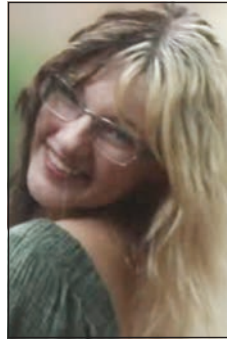
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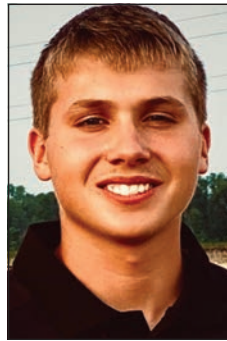
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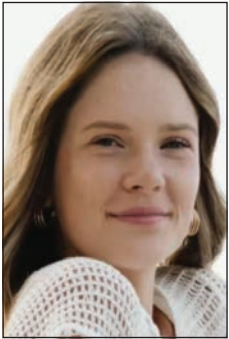
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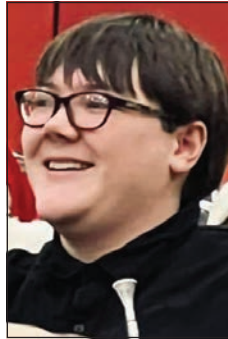
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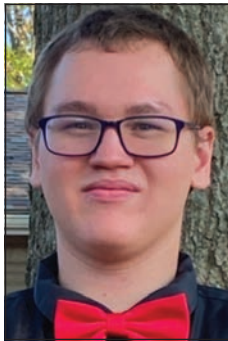
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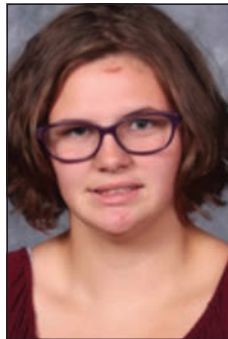
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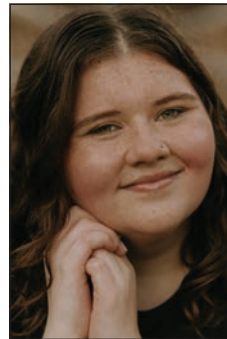
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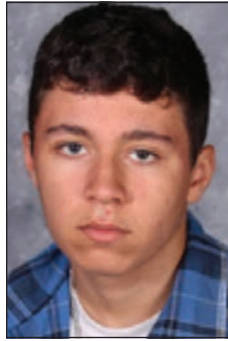
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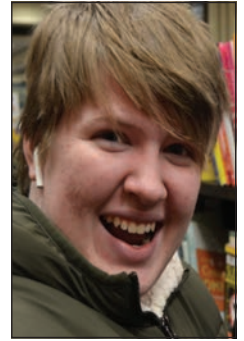
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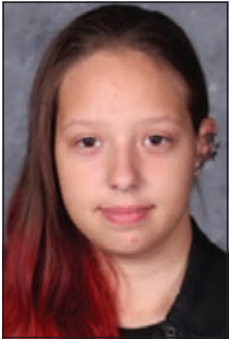
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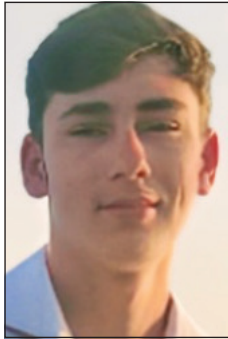
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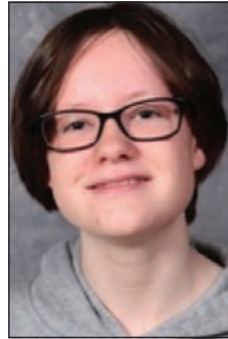
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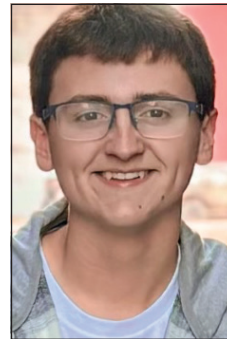
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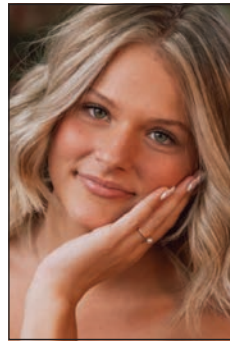
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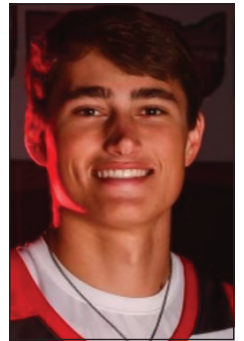
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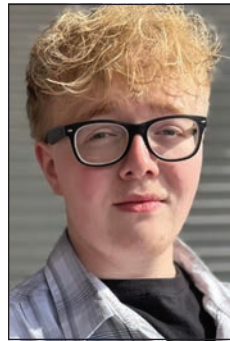
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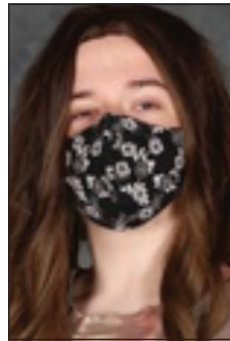
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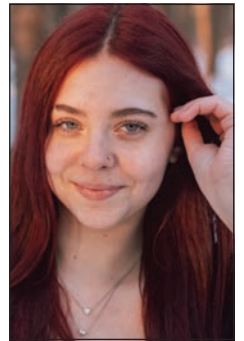
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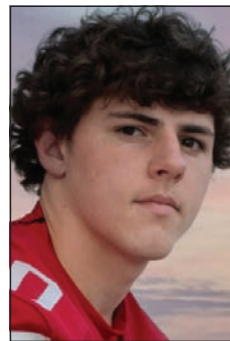
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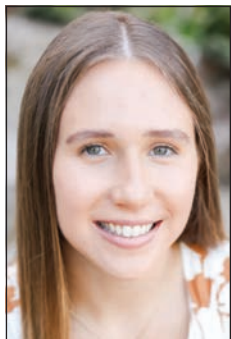
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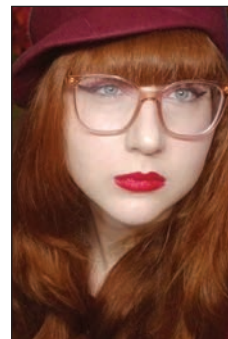
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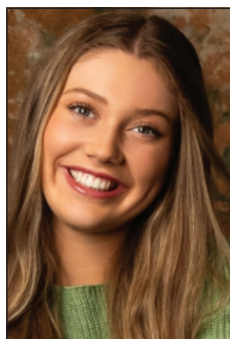
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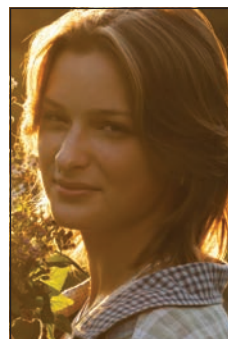
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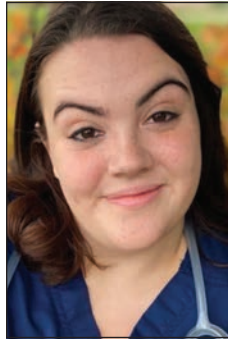
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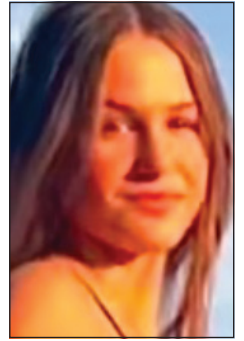
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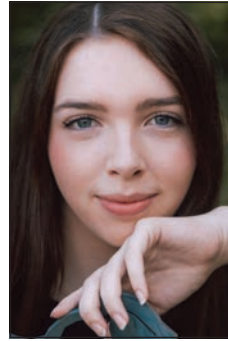
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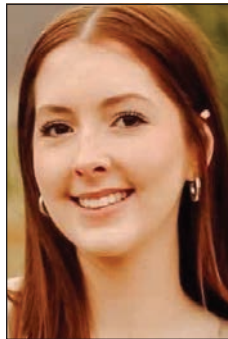
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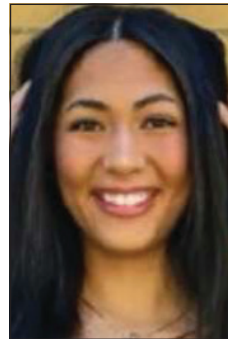
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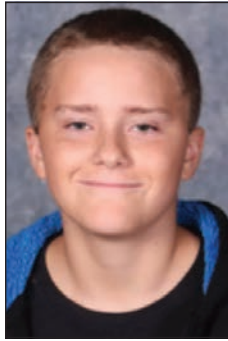


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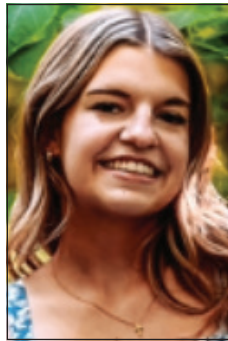
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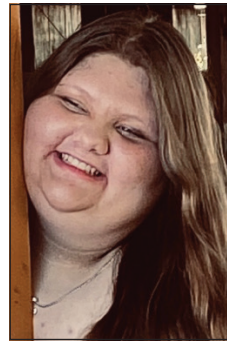
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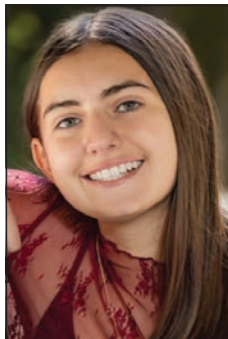
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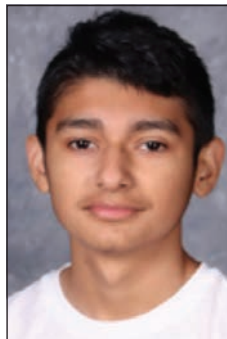
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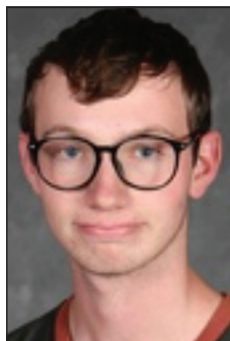
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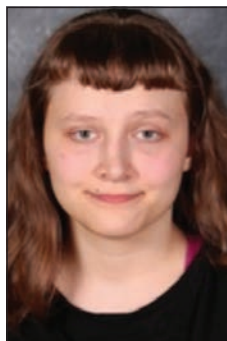
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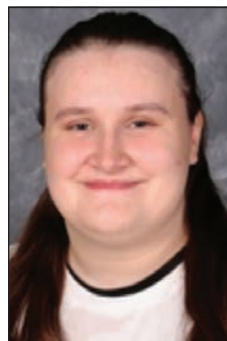
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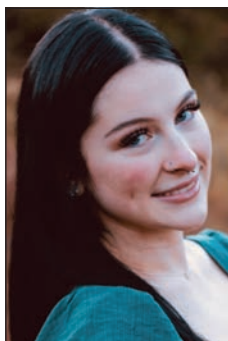
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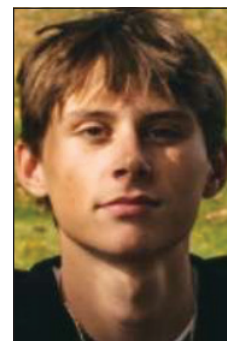
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Shelby High School Graduates

Shelby High School hosts Senior Signing Day ceremony

Shelby High School held a Senior Signing Day for the Class of 2025 on May 13 in Shelby High School Gymnasium.

Students signed commitments to enroll, enlist or for employment or apprenticeships. Bobbi Weaver, Shelby High School Counselor, welcomed those in attendance and Kendra Walp, senior executive committee member, gave the Senior Address.

Addresses were also given by Shelby High School Principal John Gies and Anita Ream, Shelby High School teacher and career coach.

Closing Remarks were given by principal John Gies.

Foreign Exchange Students

Alicia Deborde, France, Enrolling in College

Rocio Quesada Gonzalez, Spain, Enrolling in College

Enlistment

Cayden Burns, Navy

Devin Mullen, Navy

Bryson Mitchell, Air Force

Blake West, Air National Guard - Purdue University

Certification Program

Robert Ernsberger, Job Training

Ryan Patterson-Bellar, Job Training

Nic Stoffel, Pioneer Career & Technology Center

Employment/Apprenticeship

Luke Bailey, Ed Whited Construction

Trenton Braska, Schumacher Farms

Michael Crall, Dutch Maid Logistics

Charlie Hodge, Employment

Delaney Mulvane, Child Care

Megan Nothacker, Spitzer Motors of Mansfield

Grace Rietschlin, Arbor Creek Gardens and Floral and Bloom With Grace

Carson Secriskey, Taylor Metal Products

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Brianna Hughett, Apex Academy

Chelsy Roberts, Apex Academy

Anderson Brubaker, Ashland University

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Mansfield Memorial Day Parade



Richland County honors veterans with 2025 Memorial Day Parade

Photos and Article By Traci Little

On Monday, May 26, Richland County gathered to honor its fallen heroes during the annual Veteran's Memorial Day Observance. The event, held in downtown Mansfield, was marked by a stirring parade and a touching ceremony in remembrance of all deceased Richland County veterans.

The day began with the traditional Doughboy Observance by American Legion Post #16, followed by a salute to Korean War veterans led by KWVA Chapter #51. Parade participants formed at the five-way light at Marion Avenue at 9:45 am, and the procession began at 10:30 am, marching toward the square.

Pamela Milligan, Brig. Gen. USAF Ret., served as both Grand Marshall and Speaker of the Day. Dennis Hempfield was the Parade Marshall, and Burk W. Jisa served as First Assistant.

Bruce Phipps was named President of the Day and also served as President of the Memorial and Patriotic Association, with Hank Webb of Belmont Community Church delivering the invocation.

A diverse lineup of local groups joined the parade, including high school bands from Madison and Mansfield Senior, the Marine Corps and Mansfield Police color guards, the Ohio State Patrol, veterans' service vans, and numerous veteran organizations.

Community members such as Real Life Community Church, Trinity Grace Fellowship, and the Twisted Twirlers also marched in solidarity and remembrance.

The day's events concluded with an 11 am service at the gazebo, where guests, veterans, and officials paid tribute to those who gave their lives in service to the nation. Community members gathered for a moving program to honor the service and sacrifice of veterans.

The ceremony began with the VFW Post 3494 Color Guard raising the flag, followed by the national anthem led by John Darby. Bruce Phipps, president, delivered a heartfelt welcoming address, while Hank Webb from Belmont Community Church offered an invocation.

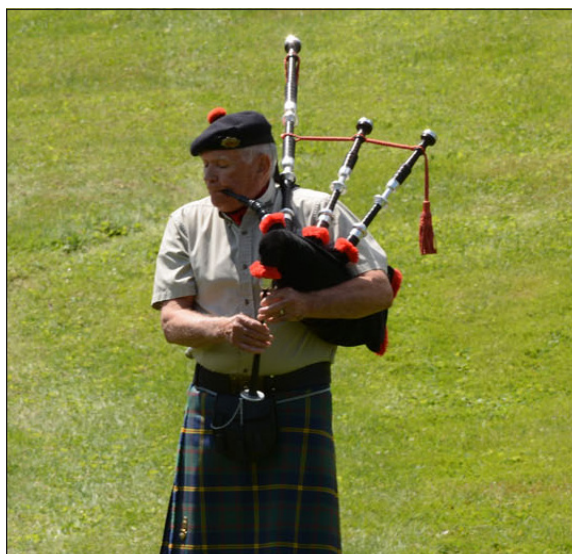
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Logan Orders were read by Douglas Theaker of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #21. Patriotic selections filled the air, courtesy of the Fun Center Chordsmen. Throughout the program, speakers like Pamela Milligan, Brigadier General USAF (Ret.), and Linda Close from the American Legion Auxiliary, paid tribute to veterans' bravery and resilience. A moment of remembrance was led by Pastor Paul Lintern, while the ceremony concluded with the retirement of the flag and colors, symbolizing a deep respect for those who served. The event stood as a powerful reminder of sacrifice and community pride.



Mansfield Memorial Day Parade



Bellville Memorial Day Parade



Photos By Jeff Hoffer

Bellville Memorial Day Parade



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Lexington board holds last meeting before summer

The Lexington Board of Education met Wednesday, May 21. The meeting opened with Gracie Masi, student representative to the board, giving a report. An administrative report on athletics was also given.

The treasurer's monthly financial report for April 2025 and the 5-Year Financial Forecast for FY25 through FY29 were approved.

A donation in memory of former employee Lois Lasker, in the amounts of \$100 from Patricia Shook, \$40 from Robert and Joni Hassmann and \$50 from an anonymous donor, was accepted for the Eastern Elementary Library.

Employee requests to retire and be rehired in the same capacity for the 2025-'26 school year were approved for Kevin Young and Sally Giefer. Resignations were accepted from Zak Wilkins, high school band teacher/marching band and instrumental music director; Suzy McBride, high school intervention specialist and Informed Teens co-advisor; Matt Lautanen, Junior High ELA and cross country and track coach; and Amy North, Central Elementary, second grade teacher.

Ashlee Strang was hired as physical education teacher at Central Elementary, on a one-year contract. Carter Bivens was hired as a music/band teacher, instrumental music director and high school marching band director on a one-year contract.

Geoff Newland was approved as a long-term sub for junior high science, effective Aug. 20-Sept. 19, 2025.

Salary adjustments were made for David Hines, Julie Lamp, Kevin Richer, Mike Schwechheimer and Jacob Brown. Teaching and extended service contracts and supplemental activity contracts were approved for the next school year.

Jim Steele's contract was not renewed for assistant football which expires on July 31, 2025.

Retirements were accepted from Tricia Volz and Todd Scheiber, effective May 31, 2025 with the intent to be rehired in the same capacity, effective July 1, 2025.

One-year contracts were awarded to Cris Nash, transportation; Emily Cockley, transportation; Mark Lynskey, transportation; Stephen Smith, transportation; and Sharon Fesmier, substitute educational aide/secretary.

Contracts were approved for classified employees.

Coaching resignations were accepted from Eric Leprotti, girls' basketball coach; Noelle Dudgeon, junior high cheer advisor; Gabrielle Stover, varsity girls head basketball coach; Matt Lautanen, junior high cross country coach; Tricia Brown, JV volleyball coach and cross country coach; and Tricia Brown, JV volleyball coach.

Coaches hired for the 2025-'26 school year include Denise Benson, head varsity cross country; Tricia Volz, JV girls' cross country;

Heidi Roush, junior high cross country; Andrew Saris, head varsity football; Jeff Strickler, varsity football; Jamie Masi, varsity football; Jacob Owens, varsity football; John Murray, assistant football (half contract); Dalton Fix, assistant football (half contract); Nate West, freshman football; Jacob Brown, junior high football; Taylor Gerhardt, junior high football; David Biggers, volunteer assistant football; Montrell Caldwell, volunteer assistant football; Nick Durchik, head varsity boys' golf; Alex Hertensteiner, junior varsity boys' golf; Pete Them, head varsity boys' soccer; Gavin George, freshman boys' soccer; Eric Turlo, volunteer assistant boys' soccer; Buck Morton, varsity girls' soccer; Roxanne Drueschler, junior varsity girls' soccer; Jansen Webster, co-head girls' tennis coach (60%); Hayliegh Tucker, co-head girls' tennis coach (40%); Janette Wyant, head varsity volleyball; Jennifer Wells, freshman volleyball; Sami Marcum, seventh grade volleyball; Maddie Hernstein, eighth grade volleyball; Pam Leasure, varsity/reserve cheer; Holli-Ann Anschutz, freshman cheer; and John Murray, weight strength, May-July.

The board approved the graduating class of 2025, as presented by principal Jamie Masi, pending successful completion of all graduation requirements.

Ariel Liu was approved as a continuing tuition student for the 2025-'26 school year, grade 10. A service agreement with Knox County ESC was approved for student placement and services, as needed, for the 2025-'26 school year.

Summer employment for paint and work in the maintenance department was approved for Darius Darmody, Chase Nelson, Cooper Queen, Benjamin Wiltanger, Austin Miller and Eric Blackstone.

A payment of \$750 was approved for Erin Wolford who was the choreographer for *The Little Mermaid* musical. A payment of \$120 was approved for pianist Deborah Logan for the winter junior high and high school concert and \$120 for the junior high spring concert.

Substitute lists were approved, as provided by MOESC dated March 14-April 14, 2025.

North End Farmers Market returns

The North End Farmers Market is back, opening for the season on Thursday, June 12.

Hosted by the North End Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC), this weekly market continues to bring together local growers, makers and neighbors at the NECIC Urban Farm, 311 Bowman St., Mansfield.

The market is held every Thursday from June 12 to Sept. 25, from 4-7 pm, rain or shine.

With a variety of returning and new vendors, visitors can look forward to a fresh mix of locally grown produce, homemade goods, handcrafted items, food trucks and family-friendly activities.

The North End Farmers Market serves residents of all income levels. It accepts a wide range of payment methods including cash, credit/debit cards, SNAP, WIC and the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

For the most up-to-date information on accepted programs and matching benefits contact NECIC.

Those interested in joining the market as a vendor, food truck or community information table can apply online at <https://www.necic-ohio.org/programs/local-food-initiatives/north-end-farmers-market-is-back>

For more information contact Tionna Perdue, NECIC Operations Manager, at 419-522-1611 or tionna@necic-ohio.org.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL held its last Key Club meeting of the school year. (Top photo) William Wang was recognized as Volunteer of the Year 2024-'25. (Bottom photo) The changing of the chair ceremony was recognized. In the back are new officers and in the front are the outgoing officers. Event Supervisor was Isa Hill and is now Darbie Broom. The secretary went from Angel Tan to Yuchen Lin. The vice president office was filled by Madeline Saltzgeber and is now Eva Hadsell. The president was Sky Liu and is now Angel Tan.

News Briefs in Education

The Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education will hold a public meeting to discuss the proposed reemployment of retiring EMIS Coordinator Dan Burtscher and Director of Business Affairs Kris Kowalski.

This meeting is being conducted in accordance with Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3307.353, which requires a public hearing before the reemployment of retirees in the same position.

The public meeting will take place on Monday, June 16, at 6 pm, in the Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education Conference Room, 27 Ryan Rd., Shelby.

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Thiel College in Greenville, PA, recently awarded diplomas to its graduates following its spring 2025 academic semester.

Vance Turesson, of Lexington, was celebrated as member of the Class of 2025. He studied Media & Journal TV Radio & Online Media.

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Local students who are members of the graduating Class of 2025 at Heidelberg University who graduated May 11 are Connor Ladd of Mansfield, Bachelor of Science, Environmental Science & Sustainability; Kylie Snow of Mansfield, Bachelor of Science, Marketing, Cum Laude; Kylie Hendrix of Ontario, Bachelor of Arts, Integrated Media, Cum Laude; and Brooklynn Wharton of Ontario, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Summa Cum Laude.

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Local students at Cedarville University have been named to the dean's list for the Spring 2025 semester. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.50 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours. On the list are Ethan Hunter of Lexington, Claire Robinson of Mansfield, Sophia Tridico of Mansfield and Garett Weaver of Lexington.

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Local students at Cedarville University have been named to the dean's honor list for the Spring 2025 semester. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours. On the list are Ian Barnes of Ontario and Ariella Waters of Mansfield.

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Geneva College announced the dean's list of undergraduate students for the spring 2025 semester. To be eligible for this recognition, students in traditional programs must earn a GPA of at least 3.6 while passing 12 credit hours or more.

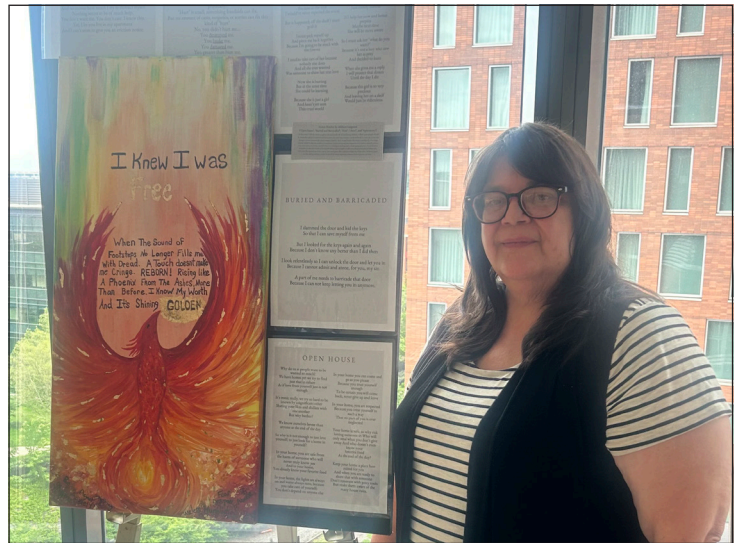
Among those named is Lillie Berryman of Mansfield, who is a senior at Geneva College.

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Local students graduated from Cedarville University in spring 2025 with an undergraduate degree. Graduating were Ethan Hunter, Ethan Mark, Ariella Waters and Ariella Rose of Mansfield; Derric Taylor and Derric Mitchell of Ontario; and Garett Weaver and Garett Austin of Lexington.



STEPHANIE WEBB, a realtor from the Keller Williams Legacy Group, shared her career journey as a real estate agent and what that could look like for Ontario High School students.



VICTORIA HOEFTLER, artist and survivor, stands next to her piece.

Art and advocacy shine at the Two Days in May Conference

The Ohio Attorney General's Office hosted the 33rd annual Two Days in May Conference on Victim Assistance in downtown Columbus. This vital event brought together victim advocates, advocacy organizations, and lawmakers to share knowledge and collaborate on strategies to better serve domestic violence survivors across Ohio.

A standout feature of this year's conference was an exhibit from The Domestic Violence Shelter Inc. in Richland County. The exhibit, featuring seven easels showcasing artwork and poetry created by teenagers and domestic violence survivors, was a powerful display of resilience and hope. By using multimedia creativity, it brought focus to critical issues like teen dating violence, domestic violence, and sexual assault, while emphasizing the strength found in recovery.

One young artist, Avigayle Miller, a freshman at Lucas High School, contributed her piece titled Set Free. This artwork was submitted to The Domestic Violence Shelter Inc.'s Expressions: Teen Dating Violence Awareness Art & Poetry Contest. Seeing her work on display at the conference had a profound impact on her.

"It is nice to feel like I am putting out awareness of such a sensitive subject to people and letting people be more open to hearing about the subject and seeing it in different forms, like art," said Miller.

Miller's piece used light and dark contrasts to poignantly express both the challenges and hope surrounding domestic violence. "There's always stuff dragging you down, and even though you see the good things about something or a person, the bad things don't change. The orb represents letting go and being free," she explained. Her vision captured the core message of the exhibit—to highlight the persistent struggles of survivors while celebrating the hope that recovery is possible.

The annual Two Days in May Conference provides a unique platform for advocates to access a wide range of workshops, covering topics to enhance support for survivors and prevent future abuse. This year's addition of The Domestic Violence Shelter Inc.'s exhibit underscored the importance of art as both a voice for survivors and a tool for education. Through creative expression, the exhibit enriched the conference's overarching mission of understanding and supporting those affected by violence.

"Art shows everyone's different perspectives of life," said Colleen Rice, Executive Director at The Domestic Violence Shelter Inc. "We hope this exhibit will resonate with attendees and inspire them as they take what they've learned back to their communities."

The Domestic Violence Shelter Inc. continues to work tirelessly to support survivors, raise awareness, and foster understanding within the community. Their efforts at the conference demonstrate the impactful ways that creativity and advocacy can build bridges toward healing. The online gallery can be found at <https://thetdvshelter.my.canva.site/twodaysinmay>.

Pioneer accepts donations for DECA program

The Pioneer Board of Education met May 19, and approved an attendance agreement for the 2024-'25 school year and medical, dental, vision and life insurance rates.

The board approved an interagency agreement and MOU for the 2025-'26 program year.

Donations were accepted from Ann Kleilein, Delaware, \$500 to be deposited into the Art Barr Scholarship Fund; Butler Lions Club, Butler; \$100 to be deposited into the Summer Kennard Scholarship Fund; and Village of Butler Police Department, Butler, \$200 to be deposited into the Summer Kennard Scholarship Fund.

Donations were accepted for the Pioneer Bucyrus DECA program from State Farm, \$50; Lee's Comfort Shoes, \$50; Heat Wave, \$100; Midwest Furniture, \$100; Nationwide (Paul Moser), \$100; Kaye & Co Salon, \$100; Dostal & Kirk, \$100; American Shoe Red Wing, \$100; Edward Jones, \$100; Kim Jenney, \$100; Wise Funeral Services, \$100; Castle Auctions, \$150; Amish Vault, \$150; Klontz Photography, \$150; Sage Repair LLC (Fernando Sanchez), \$150; StreetWise, \$150; Vasils 2.0, \$160; Baker's Pizza, \$300; Kennedy Purdy Hoeffel & Gernert LLC, \$300; Butchko, \$400; and Doug's Kids, \$500.

The board approved student participation at the FFA Officer Retreat at Hocking Hills State Park, Logan, OH, June 9-11, for Wynford students. Shelby students will attend the FCCLA National Leadership Conference, Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, FL, July 4-10.

The board approved the voluntary transfer of Daniel Slaughter, career tech supervisor to academic supervisor beginning with the 2025-'26 school year.

The board approved an increase in mileage for 2024-'25 and 2025-'26 school years for Don Paullin, adult education director. This for an additional \$1,000 mileage.

Matthew Hanning resigned as engineering design technology instructor, effective at the end of the 2024-'25 contract year. Eric Wimbler resigned as homeland security instructor, effective at the end of the 2024-'25 contract year.

One-year contracts were awarded to Jesse Meyer, welding instructor; Michael Messersmith, auto tech instructor; and Jon Secrest, welding instructor.

Maternity leave was approved for Morgan Schumacher, school counselor, for up to twelve weeks maternity leave commencing May 5, 2025.

Supplemental contracts for certificated personnel were awarded to Caleb Alt, industrial diesel instructor, to inspect and maintain the Pioneer buses up to 250 hours at the rate of \$45/per hour; Skyler Rose, collision repair instructor, to maintain and repair Pioneer vehicles up to 250 hours at the rate of \$45/per hour; and Kevin Burke, culinary arts instructor, banquet prep for next school year, up to 100 hours, as needed outside the regular work day, at the hourly per diem rate of pay.

Contracts were also awarded to Seth Weibel, culinary arts level one instructor, for banquet prep for next school year, up to 50 hours, as needed outside regular work day, at the hourly per diem rate; William Dichtl, administrative copy work, up to 250 hours at the board approved Step 1 of the adult education salary schedule with time to be reported on an hourly timesheet and approved by the director of operations, June 1-30, 2025 and from July 2-Aug. 15, 2025; Fritz Fagan, IT instructor, summer IT work, up to 150 hours at the rate of \$35.18/per hour, June 1-Aug. 1, 2025; and Caleb Alt, three days extended service to attend UNOH Instructor Update Seminar, University of NW Ohio, July 16-18, for professional development/new technology, up to 21 hours at the board-approved rate, with payment upon proof of attendance and participation.

The board approved stipend contracts for for the FCCLA State Leadership Conference, Columbus, April 24-25, for Kris Bruce, \$50; Melinda Meisse, \$50; Kelly Jung, \$50; and Maleesa Warner, \$50.

Stipend contracts were also given for the Wynford State FFA Convention, Columbus, May 1-2, for Crystal Jennings, \$50.

Grant Brocwell will receive a bus driver in-service stipend of \$90 and Brittany Van Dine was approved for a summer camp instructor stipend as a substitute instructor, June 2-5, as needed, up to \$500.

The board accepted the resignation of part-time classified employees Alexandria Dye, ECE parent coordinator; and Debra Hayes, part-time cafeteria worker.

The board approved additional hours to a career coach contract

for Rick Beans, Clear Fork Career Coach, for an additional 35 hours.

Employment of summer workers was approved for Darien Dean, summer custodian; and Grant Heinle, summer IT.

Employment of summer camp student workers was approved for June 2-5, as a one-time payment of \$220 for Gavin Bichsel, Peyton Blevins, Shelby Bloemen, Caleb Branam, Addilyn Brant, Gaige Dishong, Somer Fletcher, Samuel Jackson, Jayden Johnson, Liana Jones, Kathryn Keffalas, Jenaya Powell, Camryn Powers, Alyssa Reitman, Caleb Stricklin and Elyjah Tuttle.

Employment of Early Childhood Education student workers for the 2025-'26 school year, effective Aug. 1, 2025 through May 28, 2026, was approved for Sara Cook, Emma Ervin, Lilee Shifflet, Jayda Sterling and Audrey Wolford.

The board approved the employment of part-time adult education personnel including LPN instructors Stacy Worner, Dana Braden and Lori Madison, Tammy Arnold, Dana Braden, Ashley Draper, Tanna Goebbel, Abigail Hoven, Alison Lykins, Lori Madison, Karleigh Proshaska, Amber Reed, Theresa Roth, Stacy Worner, Amber Wurgler and Joan Kanne.

Part-time adult education employment was also approved for Caleb Alt, customized training instructor; Tim Butcher, forklift/OSHA instructor; Samantha Crosby, STNA instructor; Angela Durbin, phlebotomy instructor; Crystal Escalera, counselor/evening coordinator; Jennifer Howell, cake decorating instructor; Richard Jones, welding instructor; Lisa Kilgore, CCMA/STNA instructor; Kelsi Kitzmiller, phlebotomy instructor; Christopher Lane, welding instructor; Laurie Lenz, STNA instructor; Lisa Leonhart, CPR/First Aid instructor; Jesse Meyer, welding instructor/sub; Jon Secrest, welding instructor/sub; Justin Tuttle, customized training instructor; Art Varga, applied math & blueprint reading/CXT instructor; Brittany West, CCMA instructor; John Yohe, edgenuity instructor; and David Bush, CTX coordinator.

Representatives McClain, Miller provide testimony on legislation to expand midwifery services

State Representatives Riordan McClain (R-Upper Sandusky) and Melanie Miller (R-Ashland) yesterday provided sponsor testimony before the House Health Committee on House Bill 224, legislation to create a new licensure framework for midwives in Ohio.

The bill aims to expand access to midwifery services by implementing the following:

Recognize and provide new, optional licensure framework for midwives;

Ensure that traditional (lay) midwives can continue to operate without licensure as they always have as long as they receive informed consent from their clients and carry out their limited scope of work; and

Create an advisory committee to oversee and advise on matters regarding midwifery.

"The miracle of birth is an awe-inspiring event and isn't simply a procedure to be rushed as long as mom and baby are doing well," said McClain during sponsor testimony. "Midwives provide a time-tested approach to prenatal care and childbirth that guides the mother through the natural processes of bringing a healthy baby from their womb into their arms."

"I believe this legislation will directly increase access to maternity healthcare, ensuring the health and wellbeing of moms and babies," said Miller. "Midwives provide essential care and support to women and infants throughout pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period. Their role in maternity health is invaluable, ensuring women receive the personalized, compassionate care they need during some of the most significant moments in their lives."

The bill comes as a result of issues surrounding access to maternity services, especially in rural areas. Miller and McClain also championed this policy during the previous General Assembly.

The legislation awaits further consideration from the House Health Committee.

WesBanco, Inc. expands regional presence with conversion of Premier Financial Corporation

WesBanco, Inc. ("WesBanco") (Nasdaq: WSBC), a diversified, multi-state bank holding company, announced today the successful customer transition of approximately 400,000 consumer and 50,000 business relationships, along with the branding and operations of approximately 70 financial centers, from Premier Financial Corp. to WesBanco.

Former Premier financial centers in northern Ohio, southern Michigan and northeastern Indiana proudly reopened May 19 as WesBanco locations, marking a significant expansion of the Bank's regional presence. With the completion of the conversion, WesBanco now has more than 250 financial centers, as well as loan production offices, across nine states. WesBanco previously welcomed approximately 900 new employees as part of its acquisition of Premier.

"Customer and brand conversion is a milestone that marks the start of building even stronger relationships with our new customers, businesses and communities," said Jeff Jackson, President and Chief Executive Officer of WesBanco. "Since announcing the merger less than one year ago, our teams have worked diligently to ensure a smooth transition. Now, we are thrilled to introduce WesBanco products, solutions and exceptional service to our new and expanded communities."

WesBanco announced the intended acquisition of Premier Financial Corp. on July 26, 2024, and the merger was consummated on Feb. 28, 2025, creating a regional financial services institution with more than \$27 billion in assets, significant economies of scale, and strong pro forma profitability metrics. WesBanco is now one of the top 100 largest insured depository organizations in the United States and the 8th largest bank in Ohio, based on deposit market share. WesBanco now serves customers through financial centers and loan production offices in Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

Customer appreciation events will occur throughout June at WesBanco's newly converted financial centers. The Youngstown, Ohio community also now sees the WesBanco logo atop the historic downtown clock tower.

With over 150 years as a community-focused, regional financial services partner, WesBanco Inc. has a nine-state footprint. Headquartered in Wheeling, WV, WesBanco has \$27.4 billion in total assets, with Trust and Investment Services holding \$7.0 billion of assets under management and securities account values (including annuities) of \$2.4 billion through its broker/dealer, as of March 31, 2025. Learn more at www.wesbanco.com and follow @WesBanco on Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram.

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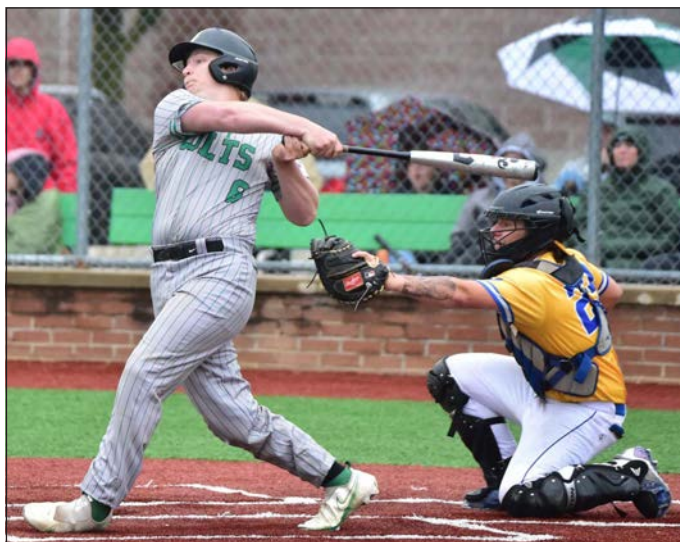
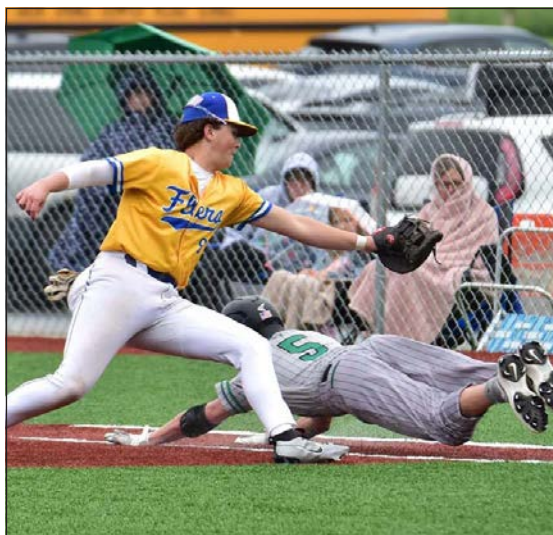
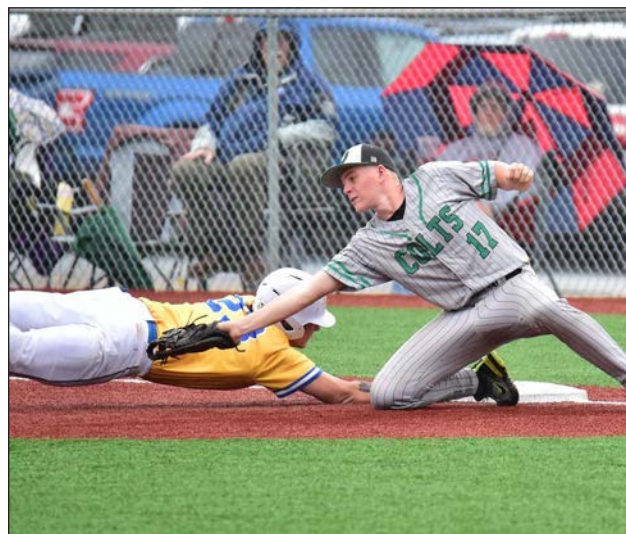
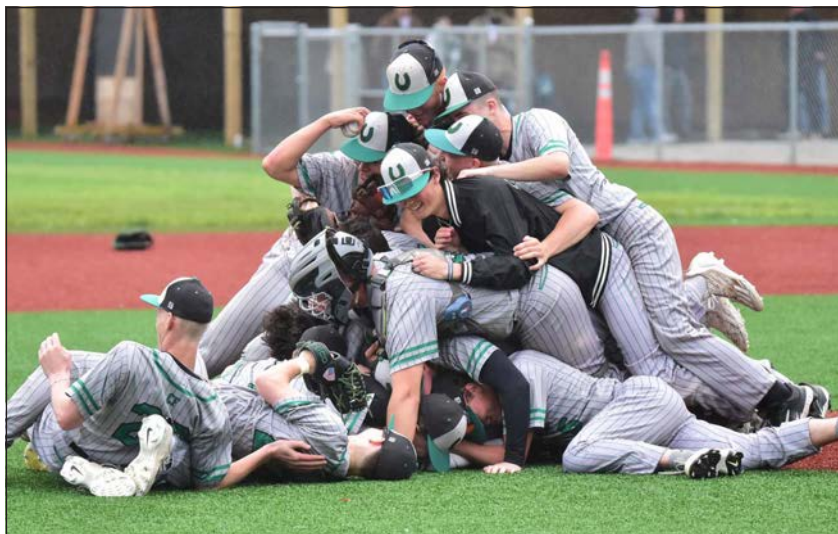
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**Walter Tickhill and Zoe Decimus with Mr. Miller
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Local baseball teams continue OHSAA post season

By Kris Leiter

As the OHSAA baseball post season continues, let's catch up to the area boys in the DIII scenario.

Division III – Northwest District

The Madison Rams (10 seed) fell 5-1 to Tiffin Columbian (7 seed) in the first round of the OHSAA Baseball post-season May 20 in Tiffin. The Rams finished 3-5 overall, 2-10 (sixth) in the Ohio Cardinal Conference.

Tornadoes can pop up at the most unexpected time, and that's exactly what Tiffin (7seed) is doing! The Tornadoes toppled the mighty Bulldogs of Defiance (1 seed) last Thursday, May 22 to keep on keeping on. They not only defeated the Bulldogs in the lower bracket, but shut them out in fine fashion 6-0!

Tiffin, the spoiler in that game, knocked off the 1 seed, Defiance, defying odds. Big Lex and Tiffin will come together this Thursday for district semi-finals and it should be a nailbiter!

By Tiffin toppling the Bulldogs, it was quite a notch in their belt as Defiance ended the regular season 22-2, and undefeated a 9-0 in the Western Buckeye Conference.

The Lexington Minutemen (5 seed) defeated the Mansfield Senior Tygers (8 seed) 9-2 in the opening week of post-season play, last Thursday, May 23. This was an upper bracket game.

Lexington and Tiffin will collide May 29 at 2 pm (Upper Bracket) at the Paradiso Athletic Complex, 2375 W. Country Rd. 26, Tiffin, Ohio 44883.

Lexington Minutemen (5 seed) (12-3) (7-5 third OCC)

Tiffin Columbian Tornadoes (7 seed) (10-14) (4-6 fourth, SBC)

This should be a good match-up, as Lexington is moving along the tournament trail quite nicely.

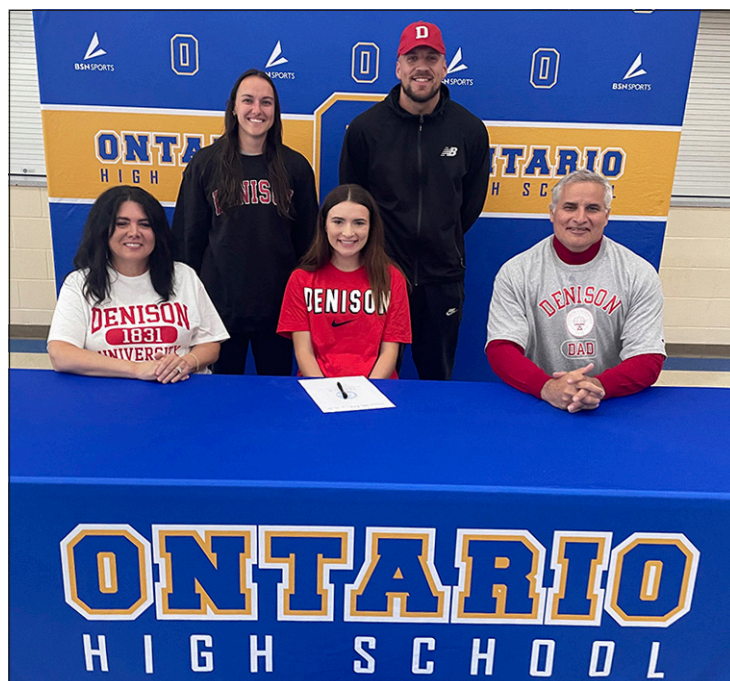
Also at the Paradiso Athletic Complex on May 29 at 4:30 pm (Lower Bracket) will be the Ashland Arrows (4 seed) (15-11) (6-6 fifth OCC) against Wapakoneta (2 seed) (17-3) (7-3 second Western Buckeye Conference)

There might be something in the water in Ashland as the girls made a nice run on the tournament trail. They fell to the Madison Rams, 8-0 after five innings in the state semis last week in Willard.

The boys are chiming right along as well.

Ashland is just a bit outside of our coverage area, but noteworthy in this case, being a member of the OCC. We see Ashland competing here locally, almost weekly for some good match-ups against our Richland County teams.

If Lexington can tangle with Tiffin and defeat the Tornadoes on Thursday in early game, they could possibly face member OCC Ashland this coming Saturday for a district title.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL'S Aialyn Bischak committed to Denison University for track and field during a signing ceremony recently.

AFTER GRADUATION PRACTICE the Ontario High School Class of 2025 walked the halls of all the buildings.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before Council of the City of Ontario, during the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at the Ontario Municipal Building, 555 North Stumbo Road, upon a request submitted by Troy Nash for his property located at the southeast corner of W. 4th St. and Rock Road to amend the zoning code as follows:

1. Section 1137.05 Business District, (c) Conditionally Permitted Uses, to include mini-warehouses.
2. Section 1143.03 Design Standards, (g) Mini-Warehouses, to include mini-warehouses in a Business District.

The Planning Commission does not recommend these proposals.

All persons interested in this issue are invited to attend and express their views.

Cathy VanAuker
Clerk of Council
City of Ontario, OH
(T-C 5-22, 29 '25) 27L

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Troy Township Zoning Board will hold a public hearing for input on a proposed resolution for small scale solar facilities. The public hearing will be Tuesday June 10th 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Township meeting room at 247 S. Mill Street Lexington, Ohio. The proposed amendments and resolution can be viewed at the Township meeting room any time prior to the public meeting.

Kevin J. Angle
Troy Twp. Administrator
Village of Lexington, OH
(T-C 5-29 '25) 15L

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THE ONTARIO SIXTH GRADE awards assembly was held recently. Among those receiving awards were (top photo) Harper Armstrong, Albany Hacker, Khloe Browning, Adam Hamilton, Riya Sasikumar and Crew Arter; (middle left photo) Samantha Hamilton, Grit Award; Adam Hamilton, Honor Award; and Lucy Spellman, Integrity Award; (middle right photo) Citizenship Awards; and (bottom photo) Perfect Attendance, Juliana Blunk, Claritza Decimus, Adam Hamilton and Daniel Jiang.



Pictures On The Plaza returns

The Renaissance Theatre invites families and movie lovers alike to enjoy the return of its free outdoor film series, Pictures on the Plaza, beginning this summer.

Screenings will take place at 8:30 pm on Friday, June 6 (*The Princess Bride*), Wednesday, July 9 (*The Sandlot*), and Wednesday, Aug. 13 (*Paddington 2*) in the grassy Plaza between the Renaissance Theatre and Theatre 166, visible from Park Avenue West.

Each evening begins at 7:30 pm with family-friendly activities hosted in collaboration with Richland Academy of the Arts and Buckeye Imagination Museum.

Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, picnic blankets, and enjoy free popcorn during these relaxed, community-centered summer nights.

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