



**2026 Science Fair Winners**

Congratulations to our 2026 Science Fair winners, eighth graders Izzy Pontau and Chloe Hollowell, and seventh grader Fulton Kler! We are proud to announce that they will be advancing to the 73rd Northeastern Ohio Science & Engineering Fair at Lakeland Community College this month. Best of luck as you represent us at the next level. We're cheering you on and can't wait to see all you accomplish!



**Welcome, Officer Jim!**

During Catholic Schools Week, the SJA community proudly welcomed our new School Safety Officer at a special school assembly. We are grateful for this partnership and the continued commitment to keeping our school community safe. Pictured back row, left to right: Chagrin Falls Police Chief Amber Dacek, SJA SSO Officer Jim Reasor, Principal Stacie Webster, Pippa Goggins; front row, left to right, Gus Walter and Berkley Lewis.



**CSW Fun**

Fifth graders Declan Ryan, Everett Hess, and Delano Proctor showed off their impressive igloo-building skills using marshmallows and toothpicks during Catholic Schools Week. They definitely understood the assignment from their eighth grade student "teachers" while their teachers enjoyed a well-deserved break!



**Save the Date:  
VBC 2026**

Vacation Bible Camp will be June 15-19 this year. The theme is Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God. Your child will embark on a wild, creature-filled Amazon adventure where kids learn that Jesus is Creator, All-knowing, our Refuge, Love, and Forever. Campers age four through sixth grade are welcome. Teens in seventh grade and beyond are welcome to volunteer. They must be present for all five days of camp. Registration forms will be sent in March.



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Film FOCUS

By David King

**The Rip**

**B**

As a non-criminal myself, I find that over the years I have learned a lot of criminal slang from the movies I have watched. In that vein, I have recently added two new terms to my vocabulary. The first term is “stash house” which was featured in the new HBO series “Task” with Mark Ruffalo. Apparently, a stash house is defined as a residence where drug cartels store the cash from their ill-gotten criminal activities. The second term “the rip” describes an amount of money skimmed off the top of these funds by the corrupt people who are supposed to turn over those stolen monies to the authorities. This is the sort of “rip” referred to in the title of a brand-new Netflix film that reunites Matt Damon and Ben Affleck. These two actors have been best friends since elementary school and when they appear in movies together, they seem to elevate one another's performances. In fact, part of this film's appeal is that we fans enjoy seeing these two lifelong pals working together again. But it is also a compelling story based upon a life of true crime.

In this film, Ben and Matt play the roles of two detectives in the Miami-Dade Police Department's Narcotics Unit. When a tip comes in that there is a local stash house with \$50,000 worth of cash in it, a task force is sent to collect the money. Matt Damon as Lieutenant Dane Dumars will lead the unit with Ben Affleck as Sergeant J.D. Byrne acting as his second in command. Such missions need a task force for protection because these stash houses often have sophisticated surveillance systems watching over them. If the police are seen infiltrating their location, the criminals might attack them. The standard protocol for such a raid is that the police must first find where the cash is hidden, and then must conduct an actual count of the money on the spot before bringing it back to headquarters. This relatively simple procedure goes forward as usual until they realize that there is much more money there than the tip had indicted. When it turns out to be closer to two million dollars, the raid stretches on much longer than anticipated. Dumars knows every minute they spend in this house gets them deeper in danger of detection. He also realizes that someone on his team might tip off the criminals to get a share of the cash. To prevent leaks, he decides to collect everyone's phones; it rankles his team to not be trusted. The two women officers conduct the laboriously large cash audit while the other men stand guard. This course of action begins to make Sergeant Byrne suspicious of his partner's motives. And when the bad guys do show up and attack, everyone is suspicious of everyone else. This gives the film a nice sense of suspense where you don't know who to trust. In the end there is an impressively violent chase and gun battle which will satisfy those who like such scenes.

This film is would not be considered any sort of masterpiece but is a good solid action entertainment. It was directed by Joe Carnahan who has a great reputation for creating many such action films and the popular NBC television series "Blacklist." The film's producers, Damon and Affleck, used a very interesting new method of financing. Rather than just the leads getting fat paychecks, all 2,000 people working on the film's crew will earn a percentage based upon the film's popularity. They hope that it will encourage new quality movie products where everyone has some skin in the game. It sounds rather admirable to me. It was made expressly for Netflix where it can now be exclusively streamed.

**One Battle After Another**

**B+**

Paul Thomas Anderson is one of the few modern filmmakers who would be given the freedom and funding to make such a big movie in today's market. With a history of successful films including "Boogie Nights," "Magnolia" and "There Will Be Blood," he was able to create this film that is widely considered a masterpiece but has yet to earn back its \$300,000,000 “break-even point.” That is bad news for the future of big budget Hollywood productions.

This film is categorized as a “Black Comedy/Action-Thriller” which I wished I had know ahead of time because I was confused during the first 15 minutes by the over-the-top elements that were shockingly violent but supposed to be funny. Set in an undetermined time period, the film has many reflections of our current national problems. Leonardo DiCaprio plays the part of a character just known as “Bob” who in his younger years was working with a far-left revolutionary group called the French 75. His specialty was setting up explosive diversions while the rest of his group released immigrants from detention camps. Another leader of this group was his lover Perfidia (Teyana Taylor), who would humiliate one of their captors, a bigoted white nationalist named Colonel Lockjaw (Sean Penn) by drawing him into a mixed-race sexual relationship. This incident would produce a baby girl who Bob would love despite her not being his kin. Still pursuing her revolutionary beliefs despite being a mother, Perfidia will go on following her revolutionary passions while Bob laid low to raise the baby girl on his own.

Sixteen years later, Lockjaw is about to become a member of an elite white nationalist commission. But if his relationship to a mixed-race child becomes public, it would spoil everything. Thus he must send out his troops to find and kill the child. Living off the grid in poverty, Bob and the child named Willa (Chase Infiniti) lead a secret life in hiding. The free-spirited teenaged Willa loves her father but resents that he has become a stoner with an addiction to drugs. She does not know that he has chosen this defeated “burned-out” lifestyle for her protection. When Lockjaw's troops capture the girl, Bob will have to return to his old friends in the French 75 to save her.

The film has lots of exciting action scenes and a 20-minute chase scene at the end that is thrilling. DiCaprio is excellent as always and young Chase Infiniti in her first role shines in a truly star-making performance that has already earned her both a Golden Globe and Academy Award nomination. Another outstanding and humorous role is played by Benicio del Toro who was once the head of the French 75 but now lives as a used car dealer. Best of all is another striking Sean Penn performance as the deliciously evil Colonel Lockjaw. Penn already has two Oscars and is the odds-on favorite to do it again with this role.

This film is very long at 242 minutes, very violent and very explicit. But for those who are not easily offended, it is a worthwhile film to seek out. Now streaming on HBO Max.





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*Valentines Mission at Lord of Life*

Lord of Life's Valentine Mission took place on Sunday, Feb. 8. It is truly a mission that the whole congregation participates in! All were able to live out the bible verse to "love one another" from John 13. Middle and high school youth made cards, crafts and treats that will be delivered to shut-ins and mailed to college freshman. Our younger students made cards to send to congregation members. Our Family LIFE group crafted over 15 Valentine bags that were delivered to members and shut-ins. Congregation members wrote words of encouragement on hearts to be mailed. Our Valentines Mission allowed our children and youth to share God's love with others, while teaching important lessons about serving others.

All are welcome at any event hosted by Lord of Life. Lord of Life is located at 17989 Chillicothe Rd. just south of Rt 422. For more information, contact the church office at (440)543-5505 or visit their website, [www.loloh.org](http://www.loloh.org)

## 2026 Camp Canopy Scholarship

Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is pleased to offer scholarship funding for the 2026 Camp Canopy, held Sunday, June 7-Friday, June 12 at FFA Camp Muskingum located on the shores of Leesville Lake in Carroll County. This weeklong camp is sponsored by the Ohio Forestry Association and open to incoming high school freshmen through graduating seniors this year. Students will explore many branches of forestry and wildlife including tree identification, wildlife species management, forest products, insects, amphibians, dendrology, and fungi, to name a few. Campers will have the opportunity to learn firsthand about Ohio's forests and natural resources through engaging activities, woodland hikes, demonstrations, and outdoor experiences taught by resource professionals. Camp Muskingum provides clean, comfortable accommodations and delicious meals, along with recreational activities such as swimming, fishing, challenge courses, boating, paddleboarding, kayaking, and entertaining evening programs.

Applicants must be current Geauga County residents and enrolled in high school at the time of camp. Students who have completed eighth grade through seniors graduating this year (maximum age 19) are welcome to apply. Scholarship applications are due to the District by Friday, May 1. For more information and the scholarship application, visit [geaugaswcd.com](http://geaugaswcd.com) or contact [gprunty@geauga.oh.gov](mailto:gprunty@geauga.oh.gov) or 440-834-1122. Don't miss this experience of a lifetime offering college scholarships, career interest opportunities, and lasting friendships and memories!

## Lord of Life to Help Rebuild in Boone, NC After Hurricane Helene

Lord of Life has been responding to storms and disasters around the globe for more than 25 years. In July, a group of youth and adults from the church will travel to Boone, NC to work with several disaster response organizations. In our work over the years we have replaced roofs, done interior and exterior work, replaced flooring, decking, and even built a bridge. (Thousands of private bridges were washed away during the flooding.) Youth from the congregation are eager to participate in this week of service. The church has a longstanding tradition of taking their faith to the streets, whether it is assisting in a Habitat build in downtown Cleveland, replacing a roof in Mississippi, repairing a school in New Orleans or supporting global outreach through Lutheran Disaster Response. Lord of Life takes Jesus' call to go into the world seriously.

In the past 25 years the congregation has offered similar outreach to those impacted by Katrina in Biloxi, MS and New Orleans. We have also sent groups to Long Island, NY to Indiana, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, West Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina. The congregation has a heart for this important outreach. In addition to their work in rebuilding, the church supports mission partners who are doing similar work in Ukraine, the Mideast, Sierra Leone, Hawaii, California and wherever the needs are most significant.

To participate in a servant trip or for more information about the local, regional, national, and international mission activities of Lord of Life, contact the church office at 440-543-5505, visit the church website or join the online community at [www.loloh.org](http://www.loloh.org). Lord of Life is located at 17989 Chillicothe Rd. in Bainbridge.

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