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**Monday's ribbon-cutting at Simply Fresh Creations included owner Chelsea Holland (center and holding the scissors) with (l-r) Greenfield City Manager Todd Wilkin; Susan Howland and Sherry Parker, both with the village; Courtney Alexander, who is an employee at the shop, Holland's sister and holding Chloe the dog; Holland's mother Heather, who is holding Holland's nephew, Hudson Alexander; Jamie Wheeler, Highland County Chamber of Commerce executive director; and Greenfield Village Council member Phil Clyburn.**

## Ribbon-cutting held at rebranded Greenfield eatery

Changes made due to rising prices and giving customers what they want

By Angela Shepherd  
For The Times-Gazette

Simply Fresh Creations, located at 414 Jefferson St., was officially welcomed to the neighborhood Monday with ribbon-cutting with the village of Greenfield and the Highland County Chamber of Commerce.

Originally opened in November of last year as Highland Nutrition, owner Chelsea Holland said she recently rebranded for a couple reasons. One of those is that the products she was using were becoming too expensive and that put a lot of burden on keeping the shop going. Also, Holland said, the rebranding was about giving customers what they had

been asking for. It's something she had been asking her everyday customers about for a few months — what they would like to see if she made changes. From there Holland took the ideas from customers and crafted a menu to include grab and go options and more.

The grab and go options are chicken, ham or turkey wraps, which can also all be made to order. There are also different types of salads which are chicken, ham or turkey, and there's a strawberry spinach salad, too. Seven smoothies are available to choose from as well as seven smoothie bowls. Other offerings include different flavors of bagels and oatmeal. There's also a drink menu that includes the low-calorie, sugar-free Loaded Refreshers which are boosted with

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## Brown top conservation farmer

Wants to help other farmers protect natural resources

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Highland County farmer Nathan Brown was one of five Ohio family farmers recognized by the Ohio Department of Agriculture as a winner of the 2022 Conservation Family Farm Award at the Farm Science Review in London, Ohio late last week.

"It's a pretty awesome feeling to have been recognized," said Brown, who farms nearly 1,200

acres in northern Highland County. Corn and soybeans are the primary crops grown on the farm along with some wheat. Cattle and a flock of sheep are also raised on the farm.

Brown utilizes no-till farming, grass waterways, crop rotations, cover crops, and nutrient management to conserve his farmland and ensure its value in the future.

"We want to make sure



Brown

that we are leaving our soil in as good or better shape than we found it for generations to come," said Brown. "We have limited resources with our soils, and they take so

long to reproduce and to regenerate themselves, so if we're doing practices that are promoting erosion then we are losing all that topsoil — in this part of the state we don't have a lot of topsoil to begin

with; we've only got four or five inches of topsoil — and that's a very precious commodity that we don't want to lose."

Brown said he works to help other farmers in their efforts to protect Ohio's natural resources. "I guess part of my venture into conservation was not only trying to learn myself but sharing with others and trying to let other farmers in the area know what kind of practices I'm doing and what works on my farm," he said. "I think that I'm

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Cecile Baird, who has been creating art with colored pencils for nearly 40 years, works on a project Tuesday at the Highland County Senior Citizens Center in Hillsboro.

## Hillsboro man gets 90 days in jail

Charged with trafficking in meth and marijuana

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A Hillsboro man was sentenced in Highland County Common Pleas Court to three years of community control and 90 days in the Highland County Jail on multiple drug trafficking counts.

Tristan Nicely, 25, was sentenced on one count of aggravated trafficking in drugs, a fourth-degree felony; two counts of aggravated trafficking in marijuana, both fourth-degree felonies; and a forfeiture specification.

Court records state that Nicely's 90 days in the Highland County Jail would have no credit or good time probation. Records also state that Nicely must successfully complete residential treatment for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and any required aftercare.

The records also said that he was also ordered to forfeit \$722 to the Hillsboro Police Department, along with a rifle and vehicle to the Highland County Sheriff's Office. The records stated that the clerk of courts of Highland County issued a certificate of title to the Highland County Board of Commissioners for the 2003 Hyundai Tiburon that was a factor in the crimes.

Court records state that if Nicely violates any of the community control sanctions, he would be given a sentence of between six and 54 months in prison and be ordered to pay a fine of \$15,000.

According to court

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## Reviving a tradition

Former Brush and Palette members holding 1st event

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A local art group that meets weekly at the Highland County Senior Citizens Center is holding an artisan event at the Hillsboro Church of the Nazarene from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22.

The event will feature primarily colored pencil art and will possibly include taxidermy, pottery and jewelry. Some items will be for sale by

individual artists, and punch and cookies will be served at the free event.

The group consists of former members of the Leesburg Brush and Palette Art Guild that faced dwindling membership during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The new art group meets every Tuesday at the Highland County Senior Citizens Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Anyone with a membership at the senior citizens center is welcome to attend.

So far, this is the only event we are planning because we are just starting to get back from COVID," said

Mary Wilkin, a member of the group. "At one time we had about 45 members, and we only have about 12 now."

She said the group hopes to make the event an annual display. Previous shows by the Leesburg Brush and Palette Guild held at Southern State Community College were judged with ribbons going to first, second and third places in different categories.

"We are just starting out displaying our work to let people know we are still here, and maybe later we might go into being juried again," said Wilkin.

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