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Santa makes his rounds through Muskingum County attending Christmas parades



Santa greets families in New Concord as he parades through town during one of his several visits through Muskingum County. New Concord, Dresden, and Zanesville were all recent stops for the popular jolly old elf. He previously passed through South Zanesville and will be making one last Muskingum County parade appearance in Roseville on December 14 at 10 a.m.  Matthew Dotson

More pictures on pages 12 and 13.

32nd Annual Festival of Trees amasses 185 entries

by Lynette Dotson

December 6th marked the 32nd year for the Zanesville-Muskingum County Chamber of Commerce's Festival of Trees auction.

"The Festival of Trees is the Chamber of Commerce's largest fundraiser our budget is made up of membership dues and fundraising and this is our biggest fundraising event," explained Lydia Tom, Membership Services Specialist for the Chamber. "All of the money that we raise for this event helps us provide services to our members and local businesses, so all of the programs that we provide throughout the year, the advocacy, the marketing programs, the website services, and the money we raise help support that."

The auction took place at the Zanesville-Muskingum County Welcome Center, but it was also broadcast live on Whiz AM1240. Interested bidders had an opportunity to win some amazing holiday decorations and incentives such as wreaths, Christmas trees, signs, centerpieces, and more.

"It's just a fun day, bringing everyone together, getting all of our volunteers and local businesses in the same room, watching the businesses bid on each other's entries, supporting each other, all of the promotions on the radio and our website, it's a reason to start the season and bring everyone together," stated Tom.

To learn about the services that the Zanesville-Muskingum County Chamber provides please visit zmchamber.com.

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Storybook Christmas 5K and 1 Mile Run saw great turnout despite the cold

by Lynette Dotson



Kinzie Krieger, Chris Seymour, Mary Ann Knapke and J. Ginikos cross the start line of the Storybook Christmas 5K and 1 Mile Run.  Lynette Dotson

131 participants bundled up for the annual Storybook Christmas 5K and 1 Mile Run presented by Visit Zanesville and Advanced Heating and Cooling on December 7. The festive run started near the Welcome Center and wound through downtown Zanesville, taking in the holiday decorations throughout the course.

Overall, Clark Smith (17) of McConnelssville earned a first-place finish with a time of 17:00.6, trailing by only 7 seconds was Anthony Stidom (17) from Roseville who took second place. In third, was Scott Davies (53) of Logan with a time of 17:11.3.

The top female finishers were Mackenzi Clemens (27), Brittney Berkfield (34), and Tiffany Leach (43) who finished in 14th, 15th, and 16th places respectively.

Finishing in the top position in their age categories for the men were Brandon Haines (14 and under), Carson Steimer (15 to 19), Ross Barker (20 to 29), Kyle Anderson (30 to 39), Randall Haines (40 to 49), Adam Holmes (50 to 59), Ken Ludt (60 to 69), and Joe Schaumleffel (70 and over).

For the women the top finishers by age were W. Canter (14 and under), Lilia Semchishin (15 to 19), Kendra Dingey

(20 to 29), Tricia Rodgers (30 to 39), Kara Jackowski (40 to 49), Susan Brock (50 to 59), Cheryl Stillberger (60 to 69), and Nancy Shamp (70 and over).

The 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk was not a timed event but it allowed participants of all ages and abilities the opportunity to get into the holiday spirit in festive downtown Zanesville.

Proceeds from the event support A Storybook Christmas and allow for the purchasing of new decorations, and maintenance for the current ones as well as supporting the events that are hosted during December.

Rally in the Alley Raises Funds for Genesis Women's Boutique

submitted

Genesis HealthCare System received a donation of \$3,602.50 for its Women's Boutique from an August fundraiser, Rally in the Alley, held at the Downtown Exchange. The event was in support of Andrea Bowman, a breast cancer patient undergoing treatment at the Genesis Cancer Care Center who owns a business at the Downtown Exchange. The event featured children's activities, a Jeep cruise-in, music, raffles and food.

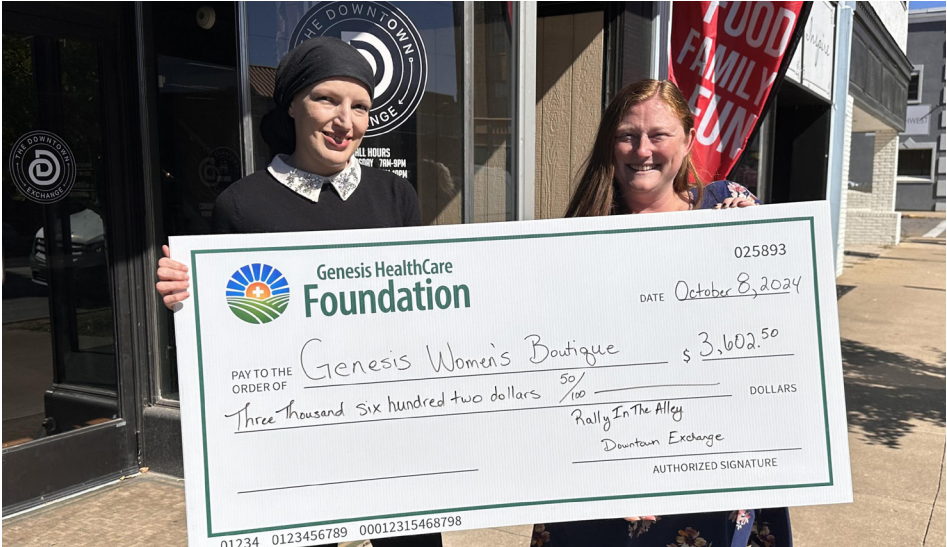
"We are grateful to Andrea and the Downtown Exchange for this generous donation," said Pebbles Kieber, Director, Genesis Cancer, Palliative Medicine and Hospice Services. "The funds will benefit cancer patients who need services and products our Women's Boutique offers during their cancer journey."

The Genesis Women's Boutique is located in the Genesis Cancer Care Center at 2951 Maple Ave., Zanesville. Services include trained and certified fitters to assist breast cancer patients with bras and prosthetics after a mastectomy or

lumpectomy. Products such as wigs, head coverings, clothing and inspiration gifts are available also.

The Downtown Exchange is a multi-

tenant food hall located at 527 Main St. in downtown Zanesville (www.downtown-exchange.com).



Andrea Bowman, left, presents a check from the Rally in the Alley at the Downtown Exchange to Pebbles Kieber, Director, Genesis Cancer, Palliative Medicine and Hospice Services.  Submitted

Straker Foundation Grant Cycle Opens January 6, 2025

submitted

The J.W. & M.H. Straker Charitable Foundation's 2025 grant cycle opens on January 6, 2025; it will close on January 30 at 11:59 p.m. Non-profit organizations (those with 501 c 3 status), accredited educational institutions, and governmental entities operating in Muskingum County are eligible to apply. Requests should be for projects that enhance life in Muskingum County. Reviewers look for fund-raising and sustainability plans, and detailed project budgets.

Eligible organizations are invited to apply for the amount they need for their intended project or program, but staff caution that limited resources may cause the Foundation to offer partial funding.

Proposals must be filed through the Foundation's on-line portal: <https://www.strakerfoundation.org/Grant-Application/>

Staff members welcome questions about the application process until the office closes for the holidays on December 19. The Foundation will re-open on January 6, 2025.

Six Muskingum County high school choirs perform at Secrest Auditorium and Music Hall

by Lynette Dotson



The John Glenn High School choir perform Mele Kalikimaka during the 35th Muskingum County Holiday Choir Concert leading to an eruption of cheers and laughter from the crowd. A few of the male vocalists from the group took center stage in colorful grass skirts and showed off their dance moves.

 Lynette Dotson

High School choirs from Philo, Maysville, Tri-Valley, West Muskingum, Zanesville, and John Glenn came together to put on a spectacular evening of holiday music for the 35th Muskingum County Holiday Choir Concert. The concert was held at Secrest Auditorium and Music Hall on December 7 with the support of The Friends of Secrest Foundation and the City of Zanesville.

Net proceeds from the concert go to the Muskingum County Community Foundation's Performing Arts Scholarship. Each year the scholarship awards high school students who are going to further their education in the area of fine arts.

First to perform was Philo High School directed by Amanda Cox and

accompanied by Jim McLaughlin. The choir performed three songs including *Winter Bells*, *I Heard the Bells*, and *DJ Play a Christmas Song*.

Second, was Maysville High School directed by Sheridan Wilson and accompanied by Tom Tompkins. Their three numbers included *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*, *The Candle is a Symbol*, and *Frosty the Snowman*.

Next up, director Daniel Mulcahy led Tri-Valley in their contributions; *I Saw Three Ships*, *All the Stars Shone Down*, and *Sing Out the News* with accompanist Jim McLaughlin on piano.

Fourth to the stage was West Muskingum with their director Josh Whetstone and accompanist Rita Mohler. They performed *Dai Diddle Dai*, *Carol of*

the Bells, and *Go Tell It*.

Next, Zanesville, led by their director Cole Pennington performed *At Christmas*, *Christmas Canon*, and *Christmas Tree Farm*. Their accompanist was Tom Tompkins.

Afterward, John Glenn sang *You Make It Feel Like Christmas*, *Sweet Silent Night*, and *Mele Kalikimaka*. Melinda Kaiser directed the choir and Jim McLaughlin was the accompanist.

To conclude the evening, all choirs combined to perform a powerful set of five songs. *While By My Sheep*, *See the Baby*, *O Holy Night*, *Sing We Now of Christmas*, *Holiday Favorites*, and *We Wish You a Merry Christmas/Silent Night*.

Annual Ethnic Food Fair: Zane State College's Culinary Arts Experience in Honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

submitted

Zane State College's Annual Ethnic Food Fair will take place on Friday, January 17, 2025, at 11 a.m., at The Campus Center, 1555 Newark Road, Zanesville. This cherished event draws guests year after year to reunite with friends, enjoy a diverse and delicious meal, and celebrate the enduring legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Highlighting culinary diversity, this year's menu will feature French, Italian, Jamaican, and Soul Food, all prepared by Zane State Culinary Arts students under the expert guidance of Chef Marco Adornetto. The College extends its gratitude to The Energy Cooperative for its continued partnership as the presenting sponsor.

Proceeds and Purpose:

All proceeds from the event benefit the Joyce A. Farmer Smith Memorial Scholarship. Established by the Zane State College Foundation, this scholarship honors Smith's lifelong commitment to

advancing minority students and raising awareness of minority issues. The fund directly supports Zane State College students.

Event Details and Tickets:

To ensure ample food preparation, all tickets must be reserved online by 5 p.m. on January 15 here: <https://give.zanestate.edu/EFF2025>.

- Advance tickets: \$15 per person
- At the door: \$20 per person

Event Schedule:

- 10:30 a.m. – Doors Open
- 11:00 a.m. – Program Begins
Presenter: Marketta Thomas, Chief Strategy Officer and Executive Director of Enterprise Muskingum
- 12:30 p.m. – Final Entry and Last Chance for Ticket Payment
- 1:00 p.m. – Event Concludes

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Muskingum University Awarded USDOL Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities Initiative Grant submitted

Muskingum University was awarded over \$1.4 million for a Workforce Opportunity for a Rural Communities Initiative grant from the U.S. Department of Labor.

The WORC Initiative funds projects that promote economic mobility, address historic inequities for marginalized individuals and regions, and enable workers to access opportunity in their communities in the Appalachia, Delta and Northern Border regions. The University was one of 15 Appalachian Regional Commission recipients.

“Muskingum University is excited to receive its second WORC Initiative grant and continue its impact on the region,” said President Susan Hasseler. “Having a team of committed organizations working collaboratively to meet workforce needs will contribute to long-term

economic vitality.”

The Expanding Rural Integrated Healthcare Pathways in Appalachian Ohio project addresses the area’s need to identify, educate, hire and retain well-trained healthcare workers. It will serve a 21-county region that includes Adams, Athens, Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Scioto, Tuscarawas, Vinton and Washington counties.

These counties are designated as Health Professional Shortage Areas (HP-SAs), and all but one of the counties is designated both as a Primary Care and Mental Health HPSA (US Department of Health & Human Services). Muskingum University has taken a lead in the health and wellness of the region through aca-

ademic and workforce programs and as a convenor of stakeholders to create solutions and systems to bring prosperity to the distressed communities in south-east Appalachian Ohio.

“Our Workforce Opportunities for Rural Communities Initiative grants will help Americans in the Appalachian, Delta, and Northern Border regions access good jobs and foster community stability and growth,” said Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training José Javier Rodríguez. “The grants will help provide training and supportive services and launch strategic initiatives that pave the way for workers to thrive in meaningful work in our local communities.”

The consortium, comprised of health-care industry, educational institutions, and workforce development organizations, will continue to collaborate

throughout the project. Consortium members include Genesis Healthcare, Muskingum Valley Healthcare, Muskingum Behavioral Health, OhioHealth Southeastern Ohio Medical, OhioHealth O’bleness Medical, Buckeye Hills Career and Technical Center, Central Ohio Technical Center, Mideast Technical Center, Tri-County Career Center, Zane State College, Ohio Mideastern Government Association (OMEGA), Ohio Means Jobs (OMJ), Buckeye Hills Regional Commission, and Muskingum Valley Behavioral Health.

For more information about USDOL’s WORC Initiative, visit <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/dislocated-workers/grants/workforce-opportunity>.

Scholarship recipients announced submitted

The 2025 Martin Luther King, Jr. Book Scholarship committee is pleased to announce the recipients of this year’s scholarship. All recipients will be recognized at the upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund Prayer Breakfast on Monday, January 20, 2025.

- Yuvraj Bastola, Tri-Valley High School
- Mariam Eid, West Muskingum High School
- Carmin Farnsworth, Maysville High School
- Nicholas Flarey, Tri-Valley High School
- Michael Hill, Zanesville High School
- Alaiah Johnson, John Glenn High School
- Elijah Mayle, Maysville High School
- Dhruv Patel, Zanesville High School
- Huryah Shawar, West Muskingum High School
- Zoey Shumate, John Glenn High School
- Harman Singh, West Muskingum High School
- Josiah Sipe, Tri-Valley High School
- William Tang, West Muskingum High School
- Hannah Tezen, Tri-Valley High School
- Giada Tongson, Tri-Valley High School
- Kristy Zhang, West Muskingum High School
- Nicole Zhang, West Muskingum High School

Applicants for the scholarship must be minority students, Muskingum County high school graduates who have taken a CP, Honors or AP track throughout high school with a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) and have applied to a 2 or 4-year college or university. Applicants must provide an official high school transcript that shows ACT scores and cumulative GPA to their application for it to be considered complete. Other requirements include receiving an 18 or higher composite ACT score and passing all state tests.

The 31st Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund Prayer Breakfast is Monday, January 20, 9:00 AM at North Terrace Church of Christ, 1420 Brandywine Boulevard. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the Zanesville-Muskingum County Welcome Center, 205 North Fifth Street. For more information on the MLK Scholarship and sponsorship opportunities, visit www.mlkscholarshipfund.org.

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David T. Stewart Serves on the Zane State College Board of Trustees submitted

Zane State College is pleased to announce the appointment of David T. Stewart to its Board of Trustees. A life-long resident of Zanesville, David brings both deep roots in the community and extensive professional experience, making him a valuable addition to the Board.

Zane State College President Chad Brown noted, “We are delighted to welcome David to the Board of Trustees. His extensive experience in business and manufacturing combined with his deep connection to



David T. Stewart  submitted

our College and community make him a perfect fit for this role. We are confident that David will bring valuable insights and a strategic perspective that will benefit our students.”

David graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 2012, where he played football throughout his college years. He furthered his education with a master’s degree in Business Information Systems from Muskingum University in 2021. His resume includes roles at the Columbus Crew and Cincinnati Bengals, where he achieved record-breaking sales. In 2015, he returned to Zanesville to join Stewart Glapat Corporation, his family’s business established in 1939. As Executive Vice President, he has led the company to a more than 350% increase in annual revenue through innovative sales strategies and strategic planning.

In addition to his role at Stewart Glapat, David serves as the current president of the Board of Directors for United

Way of Muskingum, Perry, and Morgan Counties, demonstrating his commitment to community service and leadership.

David shared, “With my grandfather, Walker Huffman, being the first-ever president of Zane State (formerly Muskingum Area Technical College), this opportunity holds deep personal significance. Zane State College plays a critical role in our community’s future, and our company relies on the College as a key partner in seeking talented individuals for employment opportunities. I look forward to working with fellow board members and the College’s leadership team to help shape a bright future for the students and families we serve.”

Zane State College looks forward to the insights and leadership that David will bring to the Board of Trustees as we continue our mission to provide exceptional education and opportunities for our community.

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Taking a look back at sports highlights throughout
Muskingum County for November 26 - December 9, 2024.

Foxfire basketball opens inaugural season with two big wins

by Matthew Dotson



Nazir Smith jumping up for two of his 33 game points against Oakstone Academy.  Matthew Dotson

Vs Marburn Academy (12/10)
On the road to New Albany on Tuesday night, the Phoenix having tasted victory at home were looking for another win against the Panthers at Marburn Academy. They blasted off to a quick 14 – 0 lead against the Panthers by the end of the first quarter. Putting up point after point, the Panthers struggled to get in a few shots before halftime landing only seven points going into the break down 36 – 7.
When the two teams were back on the court the Panthers were still trying to play catchup as the Phoenix pulled out another 12 points in the third quarter while only allowing three points. Foxfire wrapped up their second game in fashion as they finished out the game with a 56 – 11 victory against Marburn Academy.
Junior Nazir Smith had 18 points, senior Carsyn Dunn had 10 points, and junior Caidyn Dunn had eight points for the game.
The Phoenix will be back on the road on Friday December 13th as they face Cornerstone Academy, game time is set for 6pm.

Vs Oakstone Academy (12/05)
The Tigers came to visit Foxfire Schools on Thursday to play in the very first home-opening game for the Phoenix. Oakstone got the jump on the fledgling Phoenix team taking a 10 – 6 lead by the end of the first quarter, but Foxfire didn't let that shake them. After a heavy battle in the second period the boys not only rebounded from the four-point deficit but they took a three-point lead into the halftime break.
After the intermission, the Phoenix were just as fast on their toes as they had been in the first half of the game with leading scorer Nazir Smith shining in the timeframe with a massive 15 point boost for Foxfire bolding their lead to 42 – 27 going into the fourth and final frame of the game.
As the last minutes rang out on the clock the Phoenix defense was on point, holding the Tigers to just six points in the period while they offensively pushed their score up 14 more points powering through the final seconds and taking their very first game at home by a score of 58 – 33.
For the game, Nazir Smith had 33 points for the Phoenix, and teammate Todd Pollock had 13 points, Braydon O'Neill hit six points, and Caidyn Dunn and Jordan Johnson each had two points.

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West Muskingum girls basketball advances to 2 – 3 overall and 1 – 1 in MVL

by Matthew Dotson



Debra Allen tries to get by her defender Maddie Garber of the Scotties.  Matthew Dotson

Vs Meadowbrook (12/11)

West Muskingum was ready for the Lady Colts as they arrived at their court. From the start the Lady Tornadoes dominated the game as the Colts tried to keep up. In the end the Colts fell to their hosts 49 – 33.

West Muskingum's next game will be on Saturday, December 14th at home against New Lexington. Game time is set for 6 PM.

Vs Grove City (12/8)

The Lady Tornadoes hosted the Grove City Lady Greyhounds on Sunday in a non-conference matchup. The Greyhounds dominated the game from the start taking a huge 26 – 2 advantage at halftime. The Tornadoes recovered a little in the second half of the game but not before the damage was too far gone and the Greyhounds ended up with a massive 57 – 20 victory.

Vs Tri-Valley (12/4)

West Muskingum hosted the Tri-Valley Scotties on Wednesday. It was a close matchup with both teams trading the lead back and forth throughout the night with West taking the lead early in the first quarter 6 – 4. Tri-Valley came back to tie up the game at 7 then

jumped ahead with a 10 – 7 lead before the end of the first period. In the second quarter, the Lady Tornadoes tied up the game and took it one step further taking a larger 17 – 10 lead in the second quarter. As the game went on the two teams balanced out at 25 points in the fourth quarter, but the Tornadoes pulled ahead to take the game 44 – 38.

Vs Lakewood (11/29)

The Lady Tornadoes traveled to Hebron to face the Lancers in a non-conference game on Friday. Although the Lancers put up a good fight, the West Muskingum girls were ready for them taking an early 7 – 2 lead in the first quarter of play. By the second quarter, the Lady Tornadoes jumped ahead 16 – 8 early on then pushed that lead up to 26 – 12 before the end of the first half.

Back on the court, the punishment kept coming for the Lancers as West Muskingum bumped their score from 33 – 19 all the way to 36 – 24 just prior to the final period of the game. Lakewood made a valiant effort for a comeback, but fell shy and West Muskingum went home with a 44 – 38 win.

John Glenn boys basketball had two big wins before falling to Coshocton in last minute upset

by Matthew Dotson



Andrew Glaub aims for a layup while Maysville's Gavin Ferguson tries to block.  Matthew Dotson

Vs Coshocton (12/10)

On the road over the hills to Coshocton, John Glenn battled all the way to the end. With a tight defense and making the right plays from the tipoff, the Muskies were able to jump out ahead in the first quarter of play to take a 22 – 19 lead. The Redskins ramped up their defense in the second period as they learned their opponent and started to stagger the plays coming at them. As the first half of the game wound down the Muskies held a two-point lead at 34 – 32.

After halftime, the Muskies held their ground and kept one step ahead of Coshocton as they increased their lead to 49 – 44 over the Redskins heading into the final quarter of the game. In a stunning turn of events, the Redskins had apparently saved enough gas in the tank for a last-quarter push not only tying up the game with the Muskies but jumping out ahead in the final seconds to take the game in an upset 64 – 62.

Despite the loss, junior Stehl Bates put up 24 points, eight rebounds, four assists, and two steals for the game. Junior Cj Dolan had 14 points, three rebounds, three assists, and three steals. Classmate Brayden Davis had 13 points, nine rebounds, and two steals.

The Lil' Muskies will face conference rivals Philo Electrics on Friday, December 13th in New Concord. Game time is set for 7:30 PM.

Vs Maysville (12/6)

On a trip to nearby MVL conference team Maysville Panther Pound, the Lil' Muskies were hoping to continue a winning streak. The first few minutes of play were a battle but John Glenn got the jump on the Panthers pushing out to a 19 – 13 lead going into the second quarter. Neck and neck, the two teams answered back on almost every shot in the second with Maysville edging the Muskies out by one point but they still went to the halftime break down 34 – 29.

When the two teams resumed play, the Muskies were back in it, taking

charge of the court and holding the Panther's offense to just a few shots as they took a jump forward landing their lead at 52 – 36 going into the final round. With almost a resounding force, Maysville fought back hard in the final few minutes of the game scoring a huge 27-point quarter but with New Concord hot on their heels they fell just shy of overcoming the lead that the Lil' Muskies had locked in place and they fell to John Glenn by a score of 71 – 63.

Junior Stehl Bates had the high score for the Muskies with 17 points, 10 rebounds, five assists, two steals, and four turnovers. Classmate Cooper Briggs had 12 points for the game, one rebound, and three assists. Junior Brayden Davis had ten points and two rebounds.

Vs Tuscarawas Valley (12/3)

On a trip to Zoarville on Tuesday night, the Lil' Muskies were aiming to get a big win for the season-opener game. The Trojans were not fast enough to keep pace with their visitors as the John Glenn team dominated the court from the tipoff running up a 19 – 7 lead by the end of the first quarter. There was no momentum lost in the second quarter as the Muskies continued the punishment of the Trojans sending them to the halftime locker rooms down 39 – 15.

After the intermission, the Lil' Muskies were met with more opposition than in the first half of the game as the Trojans tried to keep up but by the end of the third quarter John Glenn had a 50 – 23 lead over Tusky Valley.

The Trojans outshot John Glenn in the final minutes of the game, but it was way too late to make a difference as the Lil' Muskies second string was still able to keep up and the New Concord team took home a 62 – 37 victory.

For the night junior Stehl Bates had 12 points, two rebounds, five assists, and three steals. Senior Will Nicolozakes had 10 points, two rebounds, one assist, three steals, and two turnovers. Junior Cj Dolan had nine points, three rebounds, one assist, four steals, and one turnover.

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Tri-Valley Swimmers Open 2024-25 Season

by Mike Stirling



2024/2025 Tri-Valley Swim Team. Submitted

Scottie swimmers took to the starting blocks at the Muskingum Valley Family YMCA on December 4, 2024 to defend their reputation as a top high school swim program in this part of Ohio. In so doing, the student athletes coached by Head Coach Christi Holmes did not disappoint in their first test back in the pool this season.

When all the results were in, the Dawgs girls squad outdistanced their closest competition 151 to 127 while the boys outscored their closest competitors 222 to 137. The Dresden competitors recorded some impressive swims during the evening.

Two 200 yard Medley Relays started the action as the girls team of Sarah Jacoby, Dani Stewart, Savannah Brooks and Braylie Burkey finished in first place followed by teammates Dara Wilson, Kylie Martin, Kendyll Buckner and Addy Durst. Not to be outdone, the boys team of AJ Lawler, Owen Harney, Garrett Stirling and twin brother Dallin Stirling nailed down first for the boys with a new best time of 1:50.75 in the Boys 200 Yard Medley. Following were Scottie teams of Jack Morehouse, Coen Fuhri-man, Carter Dinan and Aiden Lentz in third place and a team of Caden Blake, Danny Jiang, Kollin Buckner and Sam Wegner who teamed to capture fourth.

Next up was the Girls 100 Yard Individual Medley. The girls were represented by Kendyll Buckner and Dara Wilson. On the boys side, Kollin Buckner and Coen Fuhri-man took to the blocks. Event 5 was the 50 Yard Backstroke. Junior Sarah Jacoby captured second just .15 off the lead followed by Addy Durst in third. For the boys, AJ Lawler won first followed by Jack Morehouse, Cole Dougherty, Jaxson Hammond, Danny Jiang and

Eli Woytko.

Breaststroke competition was next as Braylie Burkey took second place for the girls team followed closely by teammate Kylie Martin and Freshman Coen Fuhri-man came in second followed by fellow Freshman Logan Heemeyer in the 100 Breaststroke.

Junior Sarah Jacoby came in first in the 50 Yard Butterfly to outtouch teammates Dani Stewart and Kendyll Buckner for the girl swimmers and Tanner Mohler hit the pads (as he was swimming for Licking Valley) with Tri-Valley swimmers Carter Dinan and Dallin Stirling right on his heels in their heat of the 50 Butterfly.

Testing their 100 Freestyle skills were Savannah Brooks (first place) and Braylie Burkey (third place) for the girls and Aiden Lentz, Sam Wegner, Kollin Buckner and Caden Blake (places 2,3,4,5) followed by teammate Adam Hustey.

Next up was Dani Stewart who finished second just ahead of Brianna Clark and Dara Wilson in the girls 50 Yard Breaststroke. The boys placed Owen Harney in first place followed by teammates Danny Jiang, Dallin Stirling, Garrett Stirling, Cole Dougherty, Logan Heemeyer and Eli Woytko.

Swimming with Tri-Valley, Tanner Mohler (representing Licking Valley) captured first in the 100 Backstroke followed by Scottie swimmers Jack Morehouse, Caden Blake and Jaxson Hammond.

Moving on to the 50 Yard Free, Scotty girls Kylie Martin and Brianna Clark carried the Tri-Valley banner while Tyler Mohler (swimming for Licking Valley) finished second and was just out of the top spot. He was joined by Scotty swimmers Carter Dinan, Aiden Lentz, Owen Harvey

and Adam Hustey.

In the final individual event, Savannah Brooks and Addy Durst finished first and second in the 100 Yard Butterfly while AJ Lawler and Garrett Stirling touched first and third in the Boys Butterfly.

To cap the first meet of the year, Tri-Valley Girls, Savannah Brooks, Braylie Burkey, Dani Stewart and Sarah Jacoby improved their seed time in the 200 Free Relay by over a second and won first place and bested their competition by nearly six seconds. They were followed by teammates Kendyll Buckner, Kylie Martin, Brianna Clark and Addy Durst.

Boys speedsters AJ Lawler, Coen Fuhri-man, Dallin Stirling and Carter

Dinan captured first in their 200 Free Relay followed by two Scotty teams consisting of Kollin Buckner, Sam Wegner, Garrett Stirling and Aiden Lentz who were third followed by the foursome of Owen Harney, Jaxson Hammond, Caden Blake and Jack Morehouse who came in a close fourth. One additional relay team also put their stamp on the meet as Cole Dougherty, Logan Heemeyer, Adam Hustey and Danny Jiang represented the Tri-Valley Scotties

Coach Holmes and her staff were pleased with the effort of all of the Tri-Valley student athletes.



Matthew Dotson

Area bowling teams rolling up the wins

by Matthew Dotson



Wade Hockenberry in a large meet earlier this season at Sunrise Bowling Center.  Matthew Dotson

Zanesville vs Northridge (12/5)

Thursday the Blue Devils took on Northridge in a rematch, the ladies emerged victorious, Maddie Murgatroyd led the girls with games of 190 and 158 (345) followed by Jazzie Spencer 188 and 127 (315). For the boys, they lost to Northridge with Matthew Mettler bowling a personal best game of 243 then 183 (426). He carried a perfect game into the 9th frame. Dillon Rush followed up with games of 176 and 199 (375).

Tri-Valley Vs Northridge (12/5)

In a non-league match hosting Northridge, the boys and girls varsity teams both earned wins and the boys JV black earned two wins.

Derek Sullivan (JV black) led all bowlers with 226 (414). Varsity bowler Logan Untied rolled a 230 (412). Varsity boys defeated Northridge 2186 – 2084 improving to 6 – 0 on the season (5 – 0 MVL). Caiden Hogue also pitched a nice 213 game. Wade Hockenberry rolled a 213 game as well.

Varsity girls defeated Northridge 1581 – 817 to improve to 5 – 0 on the season (4 – 0 MVL). Girls were led by Hayleigh Davis 170 (316).

JV black picked up two wins to improve to 8 – 0 (7 – 0 MVL). Defeating Northridge 1969 – 1543 and JV gold 1969 – 1352. The team was led by Derek Sullivan's 226 (414) and Cameron Hoge's 202 (389). Lane Untied rolled a 192.

JV gold was led by Marshal Knicely's 149 (274) and Randy Merckle's 135 (245) as they dropped both matches to JV black and Northridge.

Maysville vs Heath and Philo (12/2)

The Panthers boys varsity team picked up two wins by edging out Heath and Philo in a tri-match. Top scorers were Connor Theisen 202 (380), Jacob Miller 201(399), Matt Johnson 191 (379). The boys team is now 4 – 2 for the season.

The girls team improved to 4 – 1 on the season by also beating Heath and Philo in a tri-match.

The top scorers for the day were Auska Johnson 180, 171(351), Jacey Waxler 152 (271), Alana Johnson 144 (282), Khloie Savage 150 (253).

For the boys JV team the top scorer for the night was Zach Landers 189(316). For the girls JV the top scorer was Adri Mears 129 (239).

Maysville Panthers hoping for another great season take a small hit against John Glenn

by Matthew Dotson



Kane Roehrig eyes the tipoff against John Glenn.  Matthew Dotson

Vs New Lexington (12/10)

In their third home game in a row, the Maysville Panthers faced the New Lexington Panthers on Tuesday at the Panther Pound in Maysville. From the tipoff, the two teams were breathing down each other's necks as they went shot-for-shot in a 14 – 13 quarter where Maysville got a slight advantage. The second quarter slowed down quite a bit as the teams ramped up their defenses keeping each other at single digits for the period but Maysville took a 22 – 19 lead into the halftime break.

Back on the court, New Lexington doubled down their efforts as they outscored Maysville 2 – 1 for the period taking the lead 33 – 29 for the period and leaving Maysville hoping for a comeback in the final time slot. The fourth quarter was obviously the time to shine for the Maysville Panthers as they exploded with a 26-point quarter that was undeniable the New Lexington team could only fight with what they had but in the end, fell to the home team 55 – 48.

Maysville's next game will be Friday, December 13th, in Byesville against the Meadowbrook Colts. Game time is set for 7:15PM.

Vs John Glenn (12/6)

In just the second game of the season, the Panthers hosted nearby MVL rivals John Glenn from New Concord. Right out of the gate, the Muskies took control of the ball leading the charge in the first quarter as they took a 19 – 13 advantage over the Panthers. Maysville bounced back and kept on point with John Glenn in the second quarter outscoring them by one point but still ended up going into the intermission down

34 – 29.

As the game continued the Muskies defense became harder to break through for the Panthers as they were held to just seven points in the third quarter while John Glenn had an 18-point quarter pushing their lead up to 52 – 36 going into the fourth and final quarter. The Panthers pulled out all of the stops, answered every shot and then some as they countered a 19-point quarter by the Muskies with a 27-point quarter of their own. They came close to matching the lead but fell just short and John Glenn walked away with the 71 – 63 victory

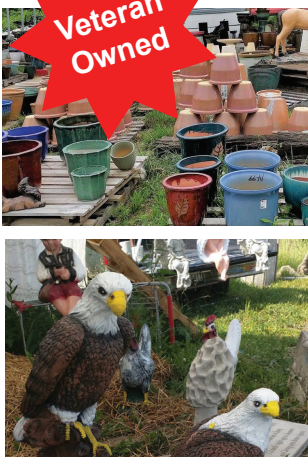
Vs Bloom-Carroll (12/3)

The Bulldogs traveled to Maysville on Tuesday to the Panther Pound. The two teams were step-in-step as they started the game with the Panthers pushing hard to squeeze out a lead by the end of the first period, and they did with a five-point advantage at 20 – 15. As the game continued, the Bulldogs increased their defense holding the Panthers to just a one-point advantage for the quarter but they still went to the halftime break down 40 – 34.

During the second half of the game, the start was so close that the two teams scored exactly 22 points for the third period but Maysville maintained their lead heading into the final quarter. In the final minutes of the game the Panthers used their skills to drive their lead up with a 20-point period, and although the Bulldogs tried to keep up, they couldn't keep pace and they fell to the Panthers 82 – 69.

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Volunteers bring Bethlehem Walk to life



A free, live, outdoor drama, The Bethlehem Walk, took place in Chandlersville the weekend after Thanksgiving. The annual event is a recreation of what it would have been like to walk to the town of Bethlehem the night Jesus was born.

The hour-long tour started at the Chandlersville Methodist Church, 9105 Chandlersville Road, where groups gathered and waited for a shuttle to the drama. Various musicians performed in the sanctuary during the wait.

From the moment the tour began at-

tendees were drawn into the drama and interacted with the interpreters during various moments through the journey. Traveling in small groups, participants met different people along the way including a fisherman who is also headed to Bethlehem and volunteers to guide

the group for most of the journey. He asks for someone to hold the small sack of coins during the trip. They were later handed to the tax collectors. While approaching the intimidating Roman soldiers he tried to get someone else from the group to request safe passage through their gates but ultimately ended up politely communicating with the guards at the gate. Further in the journey as the group reaches Bethlehem he requested that someone from the group knock on the door to one of the inns. All of the moments such as those created a memorable experience that made the attendees part of the drama.

The Bethlehem Walk was made possible thanks to the involvement of several area churches and over 200 volunteers who came together to produce the non-denominational community event.

To learn more about The Bethlehem Walk and how you can help with next year's drama visit facebook.com/BethlehemWalkMuskingum.



Explore over ten rooms brimming with all things Christmas at White Pillars Christmas House

by Lynette Dotson



A touch of snow began to cover White Pillars Christmas House, located at 7405 E Pike in Norwich, just about two weeks before Christmas.  Lynette Dotson

Located at 7405 E Pike, Norwich, is White Pillars Christmas House, a year-round Christmas shopping destination with two floors of shopping and over ten rooms housing an amazing selection of Christmas decor and gifts.

This unique shop is in an old Victorian-style home built in 1882 positioned along the National Road. The spirit of Christmas is infectious upon entering the shop and seeing every space adorned with festive decor including beautifully decorated Christmas trees. Christmassy scents fill every room and holiday music lightly plays in the background.

You will find a massive offering of ornaments from classic glass ornaments to modern licensed characters and everything in between. Unique nutcrackers, snowmen, angels, trees, Santas, and more are throughout every room.



3D Christmas cards, charms, lanterns, snow globes, lights, flameless candles, nativity sets, journals, Department 56 Villages, Jim Shore, and various holiday decorations are some of the items you will find at White Pillars Christmas House.

While walking through you may have to take a second pass as there is so much to take in. Don't forget to borrow one of the shopping baskets by the door, you will need it! Saturday, December 14 Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the Grinch will be visiting from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Operating hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

White Pillars Christmas House can be found online on Facebook and on their website whitepillarschristmashouse.com where you can continue to shop a selection of their products anytime.

For the Children: A Celebration of Love and Community at the 34th Annual Christmas Show

by Shelley Tolliver

As the holiday season approaches, communities around the world gather to celebrate the spirit of giving, love, and togetherness. In Zanesville, Ohio, this spirit shines brighter than ever through the 34th Annual Christmas Show, aptly titled "For the Children." Rich Tolliver and friends continue this cherished tradition to transform the stage into a haven of joy, laughter, and heartwarming performances, all with a singular mission: to help the children in our community.

At its core, "For the Children" is more than just a benefit show; it is a testament to the power of community and the magic of volunteerism. Each year, talented individuals from every walk of life come together, auditioning not for fame or fortune but for the opportunity to make a difference. These volunteers dedicate their time, energy, and creativity, ensuring the show is a beautiful blend of artistry and heart.

The ticket price for the event isn't just

an entry fee—it's a gift of hope. Instead of a fixed price, each ticket is purchased with a donation. 100% of the proceeds go directly to supporting Zanesville's Children's Services, ensuring that children in need receive the care, resources, and opportunities they deserve. Each dollar contributed is a step toward brighter futures, and every ticket purchased is an act of compassion that reverberates throughout our community.

The show's theme, "For the Children," serves as a poignant reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. It's a call to reflect on the joy of giving and the impact of selflessness. While the holidays often bring a flurry of activity, this event encourages us to pause and remember those who need our love and care the most—our children. They are the heart of our future, and together, we can ensure they feel cherished, supported, and celebrated.

This year's production promises an

unforgettable evening filled with festive music, captivating performances, and holiday cheer. From the angelic melodies of carols to the laughter-inducing skits and reflections on holiday traditions and meanings as well as honoring several special people who shared their talents throughout our 34 year history. This show captures the essence of Christmas magic. But beyond the dazzling lights and applause lies the soul of the event: a community united by love and purpose.

As you take your seat in the audience, know that you're not just watching a performance; you're part of a movement. You're helping to light up the faces of children who may otherwise find this season challenging. You're giving them the gift of joy, hope, and the knowledge that they are not alone.

The 34th Annual Christmas Show is a reminder that the holidays are about more than just receiving—they are about

giving back. It's about creating moments of joy and forging connections that last long after the decorations are packed away. This year, let us come together as a community to celebrate what truly matters: love, generosity, and the unyielding belief in a brighter tomorrow for the children.

Join us in this celebration of compassion and creativity. Together, let's make this Christmas one that fills not only the hearts of our children but also our entire community with joy and gratitude. See you at the show!

The show goes up this weekend Thursday, December 12, Friday, December 13, Saturday, December 14 show time is 8:00 pm. The Sunday Matinee is December 15 and begins at 2:30 pm. To order tickets, please visit <https://zane-traceplayers.ludus.com/index.php...> or call our box office at 740-453-8481.



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Adornettos Pizzeria
2224 Maple Avenue Zanesville

The Barn Bar & Grill
1947 Linden Ave., Zanesville

Bee Sweets Desserts
527 Main Street, Zanesville
(Downtown Exchange)

Bistro B
1405 Rear Maple Avenue, Zanesville

Bogey's Tavern
5845 Frazesburg Road Nashport

Bryan Place
49 N. Sixth Street, Zanesville

Central Pike Coffee Co.
2928 Maysville Pike, Zanesville

Chapman's Coffee House
527 Main Street, Zanesville
(Downtown Exchange)
& 68 1/2 W Main St, New Concord

The Chatty Cat Cafe
3575 Maple Avenue #106, Zanesville
(Colony Square Mall)

The Clover Key
6005 Newark Road, Nashport

The Coffee Cup
815 Linden Ave, Zanesville

Darrell's Donuts
2355 Shaw Road, Zanesville

Donald's Donuts
2622 Maple Avenue

Giacomo's Deli & Bread
2236 Maple Avenue Zanesville

Grillin' Dave-Style
1612 Linden Avenue, Zanesville

Gypsy Pizza
527 Main Street, Zanesville
(Downtown Exchange)

Happy Donuts
1825 Maple Avenue Zanesville

Hayai Hibachi
527 Main Street, Zanesville
(Downtown Exchange)

Kick-N-Ax
970 Linden Avenue, Zanesville

Killing Tree Winery
16688 CR 4, Dresden

The Lucky Jupiter
527 Main Street, Zanesville
(Downtown Exchange)

Maxwell's Pizza
2759 Maysville Pike, Zanesville

Mizu Sushi & Grill
3517 Maple Ave., Zanesville

Monterrey Mexican Restaurant
3523 Maple Ave., Zanesville

Muddy Miser's
112 Muskingum Ave., Zanesville

Olde Falls Inn
3452 Newark Rd., Zanesville

Old Market House Inn
424 Market Street, Zanesville

Overlook Restaurant at The Virtues Golf Club
One Long Drive, Nashport

Play Grounds Coffee and Play Cafe
2103 Maple Avenue, Zanesville

Rake's Place
2207 Linden Avenue, Zanesville

Rittberger BBQ & Deli
527 Main Street, Zanesville
(Downtown Exchange)

Russo's Wood Fired Pizza
2526 Maple Ave., Zanesville

Scotties Den Restaurant
33 E. Muskingum Ave., Dresden

Scott's Diner
41 E. Main St., New Concord

Tacology
527 Main Street, Zanesville
(Downtown Exchange)

Taste of Greece
527 Main Street, Zanesville
(Downtown Exchange)

Tat's Pizzeria
2440 Maysville Pike Zanesville

Tom's Ice Cream Bowl
532 McIntire Ave., Zanesville

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Warehouse Restaurant Dresden
18 E 9th St., Dresden

Weasel Boy Brewing Company
126 Muskingum Avenue Zanesville

Zanes's Bites Burgers and Wings
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Adventure Gaming
3575 Maple Avenue, Zanesville
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Bargain Box
575 Harding Road, Zanesville

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503 Brighton Blvd, Zanesville

A New Beginning
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The Daily Drip
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416 Main Street, Dresden

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506 Main Street, Dresden

The Elk's Eye Art Market
22 S 4th Street, Zanesville

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1416 Maple Avenue, Zanesville

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Holiday Events

MUSKINGUM COUNTY COURTHOUSE LIGHT DISPLAY

 Through January 2
 Muskingum County Courthouse
 Sun-Thu 5 - 9PM,
Fri & Sat 5 - 10PM
Be sure to catch the Courthouse Light Display Sunday through Thursday from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday until 10:00 p.m. While downtown, be sure to visit Zane's Landing Park to see hundreds of lights and decorations.

“FOR THE CHILDREN” : A CELEBRATION OF LOVE AND COMMUNITY AT THE 34TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOW

 December 13, 14 & 15
 The Renner
(148 North 7th Street, Zanesville)
 8PM Friday and Saturday, 2:30PM Sunday
The show's theme, “For the Children,” serves as a poignant reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. It's a call to reflect on the joy of giving and the impact of selflessness. The ticket price for the event isn't just an entry fee—it's a gift of hope. Instead of a fixed price, each ticket is purchased with a donation. 100% of the proceeds go directly to supporting Zanesville's Children's Services, ensuring that children in need receive the care, resources, and opportunities they deserve. Each dollar contributed is a step toward brighter futures, and every ticket purchased is an act of compassion that reverberates throughout our community. To order tickets, please visit <https://zanetraceplayers.ludus.com/index.php...> or call our box office at 740-453-8481.

OUTDOOR ICE SKATING

 December 13
 Downtown Zanesville
 5 - 9PM
Ice Skating will be at the lower parking lot of the Welcome Center in downtown Zanesville on December 7 and 13 from 5 to 9 p.m. A limited amount of ice skates are available to borrow so it is suggested that you bring your own if you have them. The cost is \$5 per skater, no registration is required.

HOLLY JOLLY TROLLEY RIDES - HISTORICAL TOURS AND DOWNTOWN LIGHT TOURS

December 13, (Departing from the Center for Seniors), December 20, (Departing from the Downtown Exchange)
“All Aboard the Holly Jolly Trolley! Get ready for a magical ride through Zanesville this holiday season! Whether you're a history buff or a Christmas light enthusiast, we have something for everyone:

Tour Times:
Historical Tours (1-hour guided rides):
1:00-2:00 PM
2:15-3:15 PM
3:30-4:30 PM

Downtown Light Tours (30-minute festive rides):
5:15-5:45 PM
6:00-6:30 PM
6:45-7:15 PM
7:30-8:00 PM
8:15-8:45 PM

Reserve your seat now at VisitZanesville.com. Don't miss this holiday tradition—space is limited, so book your spot today! “

THE 34TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BENEFIT PRESENTED BY THE ZANE TRACE PLAYERS

 December 13 - 15
 The Renner Theater
(148 North 7th St., Zanesville)
 Thu-Sat 8PM, Sun 2:30PM
A variety show that celebrates the season in style! Come enjoy classic holiday favorites and some merry mischief too! Formerly the Annual Angel Tree Benefit sponsored by Mudgett's Monuments. Ticket prices are a donation for the children. All donations are used to shop for children under the umbrella of the Children Protective Services. For reservations call 740-453-8481. www.therenner.org

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

 December 13
 Muskingum County Center for Seniors
(160 N 4th St., Zanesville)
 5PM - 8PM
Warm up and browse our vendor tables, enjoy light refreshments and bring the family to shop during the Storybook Christmas festivities. Holly Jolly Trolley rides will be departing from the Center for Seniors from 1:00-9:00pm. Enjoy the activities with your family and friends as we celebrate the holidays.

LIVE NATIVITY DRAMA

 December 13 & 14
 Zanesville Bible Methodist Church
(925 Grove Road, Zanesville)
 7 - 9PM
The Zanesville Bible Methodist Church is putting on their annual Live Nativity Drama December 13 and 14. This is a free event. This event features a drive thru marketplace and a walk thru drama. Encounter the true meaning of Christmas with live animals and over 50 actors! Hot chocolate and cookies available. Free ornament for the first 200 cars.

COOKIE WALK

 December 14
 Central Trinity United Methodist Church
(62 S 7th St. Zanesville)
 9:30AM - 2PM
No time to bake several varieties of delicious Christmas cookies? No problem! Stop by the CT Cookie Walk and pick up a dozen or two. Cookies are \$7 a dozen. Proceeds help fund youth projects and other United Women in Faith at CT projects.

PAWS OF MUSKINGUM COUNTY OHIO - ANNUAL HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

 December 14
 Muskingum County Welcome Center
(205 North 5th Street, Zanesville)
 11AM - 3PM
Get ready to spread some holiday cheer while making a difference in the lives of the furry companions of Muskingum County residents! Join us at the Zanesville Welcome Center for raffle baskets, silent auction, and live auction! You won't want to miss out on the chance to win some awesome items like: * Overnight stays. * Pet toys and goodies. * Gift cards to your favorite shops and restaurants, * Designer items, * Event tickets, * Fun kids baskets AND MORE! Every dollar raised goes directly to supporting PAWS of Muskingum County and our mission to provide low-cost spay and neuter services and rehoming for cats in need. Let's make a difference- one paw at a time! Cash, Venmo, card, and check are accepted.

PIZZA WITH SANTA

 December 14
 Main Street Pizzeria, LLC
(705 Main Street, Dresden)
 12PM - 2PM
Come visit with Santa, get a picture, have a piece of pizza and a cookie, get a goodie bag, and enter to win a prize! Cost will be \$5 per child. Please register at forms.gle/aC89MmNQkdeUBFMM7 so we make sure to be prepared for how many kids will be attending! We are so excited to have Santa coming to see the kids!
Parents MUST stay with their child for the event

DOWNTOWN CARRIAGE RIDES

 December 13 & 20
 Pickup and dropoff at The Downtown Exchange (527 Main Street, Zanesville)
 5PM - 9PM - TICKETS REQUIRED
Enjoy a horse-drawn carriage through downtown Zanesville. For more information and tickets: <https://www.visitzanesville.com/Storybook-Christmas/Carriage-Rides/>

ROSEVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE AND BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

 December 14
 Lineup begins at 9:30AM
Roseville Small Business Association will be sponsoring the Christmas Parade & Breakfast with Santa. Lineup for the parade begins at 9:30 at the School on W. Athens Rd and ends at the Community Center. Parade starts @ 10am with free breakfast to follow.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

 December 14
 The Virtues Golf Club
(One Long Drive Nashport)
 9AM - 12PM
Fresh fruit display, omelette station, scrambled eggs with cheese, bacon, sausage patties, baked ham, breakfast potatoes, french toast, sausage gravy over biscuits and a kid's cookie decorating station. Adults \$24. Kids 6-12 \$13. kids 5 and under FREE. Book your reservations now for Breakfast with Santa Call: (740)763-1111

HOT CHOCOLATE MAKE & TAKE ACTIVITY

 December 14
 Hartstone Ohio Stoneware Factory
(1719 Dearborn St., Zanesville)
 9AM - 2PM
Join us for our Hot Chocolate Make & Take Activity! How it works: Step 1: You pick out a Traditional Mug of your choice Step 2: You fill a zip lock bag with hot chocolate and all the extras! We'll have our Hot Chocolate bar filled with over FIFTEEN ingredients you can add to your hot chocolate creation! Step 3: Seal your bag and we'll box your mug and your hot chocolate mix in the perfect gift box! Cost is \$20

NOT SO SILENT NIGHT

 December 14
 The Elk's Eye Art Market
(22 South 4th Street, Zanesville)
 6PM - 9PM
The Elk's Eye Art Market will be staying open until 9 to allow you time to finish up your Christmas shopping, or maybe just to get away from the holiday. The merriment will include some sweets to satisfy the holiday cravings and some of our 30+ artists will be available to visit with, so come mingle, and reset your jingle with us.



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ONCE UPON A CHRISTMAS XI - JOY TO THE WORLD

📅 December 14

📍 Secrest Auditorium and Music Hall
(334 Shinnick Sreet, Zanesville)
🕒 7:00 PM

"Once Upon a Christmas is a family friendly story line-based variety show that showcases over 60 area performers. Once Upon a Christmas raises money to feed the hungry in Muskingum County and surrounding areas. All proceeds from this production are donated to Christ's Table. Over the past 10 years Once Upon a Christmas has donated 120,000 meals to Christ's Table. We are excited about this years production and we look forward to seeing you there! Tickets are \$15. <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/55425560/once-upon-a-christmas-xi-joy-to-the-world-zanesville-secrest-auditorium-and-music-hall>

JINGLE FOR JESUS WALKATHON

📅 December 14

📍 Trulight Ministries
(807 Putnam Ave., Zanesville)
🕒 5:00PM - 6:30PM

Join us for the Jingle for Jesus Walkathon, a festive fundraiser to support TruLight Ministries vital programs! TruLight provides essential services, including free breakfasts Monday through Friday, laundry and showers for the homeless, an emergency winter shelter, emergency clothing, a furniture bank, and biblical counseling. Every step helps make these programs possible. We'll begin the walk at TruLight Ministries with an opening prayer before making our way to the courthouse and back. Each participant will receive jingle bells to spread holiday cheer, and together, we'll sing Christmas carols along the route! Raise \$200 or more, and you'll receive a free event T-shirt! Let's make a joyful noise for a good cause. <https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrysync/event/website/home/?e=28721>

OMG! IT'S THE-THE-THE.....THE GRINCH! AND, SOMETHING NEW: KIDS' NIGHT!

📅 December 15

📍 The 146 (Located in Colony Square Mall)
(3575 Maple Ave. Zanesville)
🕒 5PM - 7PM

Mr. Grinch will be stopping by to take pictures with all the little Who's that come visit, so make sure to wear your Christmas colors! For Kids' Night activities, we'll decorate Christmas cookies, cake pops, and make tree ornaments! This is a FREE event!

A FREE FAMILY EVENT! "CHRISTMAS CARRIAGE RIDES"

📅 December 15

📍 St. Ann's Parish Hall
(405 Chestnut St. Dresden)
🕒 2PM - 5PM

Horse-drawn carriage rides | Coffee, hot chocolate, and cookies | Kid's activities | Door raffle
*Donations are appreciated

ALL DAY GIFT WRAP PARTY - FUN FOR THE FAMILY

📅 December 19

📍 Dresden Branch Library-Dresden Meeting Room
(816 Main Street Dresden)
🕒 All Day
There will be bow making, wrapping supplies, gift bag decorating, holiday music/movies, and hot chocolate. Perfect for those last minute shoppers.

HOLIDAY BOOK SWAP: GIVE A BOOK, GET A BOOK!

📅 December 16

📍 South Branch Library
(2530 Maysville Pike, Zanesville)
🕒 5PM - 6:30PM
Celebrate the joy of reading and the spirit of giving at our Holiday Book Swap event! Treat yourself and others to the gift of a new book. Bring a gently used book that you've loved and are ready to pass on, and exchange it for another book to enjoy during the cozy winter months. It's a wonderful way to discover new stories and share the magic of reading with your community. Join us for an evening of festive cheer, bookish conversation, and the excitement of finding your next great read.

WEST MUSKINGUM MIDDLE SCHOOL - HOLIDAY ARTS FESTIVAL

📅 December 17

📍 West Muskingum Middle School
(100 Kimes Rd, Zanesville)
🕒 5:30PM - 6:30PM
"Come and enjoy an evening of art exhibits and musical performances on Tuesday, Dec. 17 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Parents and students can walk informally through the art exhibits in the cafeteria. Musical performances will be as follows: Fifth Grade Choir - 5:30 p.m. Fifth Grade Band - 6 p.m. Sixth Grade Choir - 6:40 p.m. Sixth Grade Band - 7:10 p.m. Seventh & Eighth Grade Choir - 7:40 p.m. Seventh & Eighth Grade Band - 8:10 p.m."

FAMILY STORY PICK N' SWAP-FAMILY READING TIME

📅 December 19

📍 Colony Square Mall
(3575 Maple Avenue, Zanesville)
🕒 5PM - 6PM
Come join us at the Colony Square Mall where you and your family can pick your very own mystery book! This program draws inspiration from the Swedish Christmas Eve tradition, where families exchange books and gather around the tree to read together. At our event, each family will choose a book from a wrapped selection and spend quality time enjoying their story. Once you finish your book, you can either trade it with another family or take it home as a keepsake. To enhance the experience, we'll also have hot cocoa available for everyone to enjoy. Join us for a cozy evening of reading and connection! Register: <https://events.muskingumlibrary.org/event/12094426>

CELEBRATE SOLSTICE

📅 December 21

📍 The Elk's Eye Art Market
(22 South 4th Street, Zanesville)
🕒 10AM - 6PM
The Stars will shine, winter will begin, and you will find that elusive last-minute gift for that special someone- all at The Elk's Eye Art Market. If you have struggled to find the right gift for someone special, give us a chance- with a wide range of art in many media, there is plenty from which to choose. We will be giving a free gift with each purchase made during regular store hours to celebrate the celestial occasion.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

📅 December 20 - 22

📍 Colony Square Mall
(3565 Maple Avenue, Zanesville)
🕒 10AM - 5PM
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📅 December 21

📍 McHugh South
2487 Maysville Pike, Zanesville
🕒 12PM
McHugh South is hosting Cars, Cookies and Cocoa! There will be Hot Cocoa, Cookies, and even gifts bags for the kids. Santa photos will start at 12pm. Come enjoy Deals that Sleigh and celebrate the Holidays with McHugh South!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS - KIDS PARTY

📅 December 22

Central Trinity United Methodist Church
📍 (62 S 7th St. Zanesville)
🕒 9AM - 11:30AM
The Ultimate Happy Birthday Jesus Party! Ignite and Traditional service for ALL kids! Make sure to bring your kids to have a fun time while being reminded of the greatest gift of all, Jesus!

CHRISTMAS BINGO - EVENT BY TRI-VALLEY BAND BOOSTERS

📅 December 22

📍 Buds (Old Nashport Elementary)
(6260 Newark Rd, Nashport)
Doors open at 4PM Game begins at 6PM Play Christmas BINGO for festive fun with family and friends. Bring your favorite Christmas dessert or prepare your best Santa impression for cash prizes.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS JUDGING IN FRAZEYSBURG

📅 December 22

📍 Frazeytsburg, Ohio 43822
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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGENT

📅 December 22

📍 Ark Springs Baptist Church
(8085 Big Muskie Dr., Chandlersville)
🕒 10:30 - 11:30AM
Please join us for the first Christmas program we've had in a long time!

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📅 December 22

📍 The Renner Theatre
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🕒 2:30 PM
Tickets: <https://zanetraceplayers.ludus.com/index.php?step=seats>

MUSKINGUM CHURCH CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

📅 December 24

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Lady Dawgs start season off right with three big wins

by Matthew Dotson



Emma Smith gets the tipoff against West Muskingum.  Matthew Dotson

Vs John Glenn (12/11)

Back at home on Wednesday night, the Lady Dawgs hosted the John Glenn Lil' Muskies. If you recall the Lil' Muskies lost to Tri-Valley both times that they faced them last season, so Tri-Valley was looking for a big win. What they got was a fight that in the end was a lot harder than they had anticipated, but they were able to defeat the Muskies once again in the 43 – 35 victory where John Glenn really held their own despite the loss.

Tri-Valley takes on the Philo Lady Electrics on Saturday in Duncan Falls, game time is set for 12:30 PM.

Vs Sheridan (12/7)

Tri-Valley played host to the visiting Lady Generals from Sheridan on Saturday as they looked to make headway against last year's undisputed 16 – 0 MVL champs as they made their way to Dresden. The Lady Dawgs outstepped their opponents in the first period holding Sheridan to just five points for the period while taking the lead at 9 – 5. Tri-Valley continued to build its momentum heading into the second quarter taking a 28 – 19 lead heading into the halftime break.

After halftime, the two teams were head-to-head for the majority of the quarter as the final points for the frame were only separated by one point, but that was all the Scotties needed to hold their lead as they ended the quarter up 37 – 27. The Lady Generals came alive in the final minutes of the game rallying to make 11 points for the quarter while holding Tri-Valley to just four points. Regardless the Dawgs had the advantage, and Sheridan was not able to overcome it as Tri-Valley took the victory 41 – 38.

Maddie Garber led the Dawgs with 18 points, Annika Collet and Mackenzie Harvey had five points each, and Ad-

dison Wilson had four points. Emma Smith, Ella Knowlton and Jacie Rollison all had three points each.

Vs West Muskingum (12/4)

The Lady Dawgs headed over the hills to the Southwestern end of the county to take on the West Muskingum Lady Tornadoes on their home court on Wednesday night. West M was last season's MVL small school division champions with a 14 – 2 conference record and a big 41 – 26 win over Tri-Valley in a game that started out going in the Scotties' direction but after the first half of the game, the TV offense started to stall out as the Tornadoes just found their footing to blow past Tri-Valley and never look back.

Tri-Valley was hoping for an upset in the game on Wednesday over the Tornadoes as

They pushed forward to take an early advantage over West Muskingum by fighting for a quick, 10 – 9 lead heading into the second quarter.

West Muskingum wasn't about to just let them have it as they battled back in the second quarter to take the lead and hold onto it into the halftime break sending the Lady Dawgs to the locker rooms to think about the 19 – 15 gap.

Returning to the court, Tri-Valley jumped back into action taking shot after shot and pushing their way up to a tied 25 – 25 score rounding into the fourth quarter. In the final minutes of the game, the two teams fought harder than ever with Tri-Valley taking the edge as they walked away with a 38 – 34 victory.

Annika Collet had 12 points in the game, followed by Maddie Garber with eight points, Mackenzie Harvey had seven, and Jacie Rollison had five points.



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The Fighting Muskies womens basketball team is off to a great start for the season



Laurell Brown tries to work around the Willmington defender for a pass.  Jasper Owens

ond period the Princes got their footing and kept pace with the Muskies as they battled down the court holding tight only allowing Muskingum to get one point ahead of them in the frame, but still going to the locker rooms with a 43 – 22 deficit.

Back on the court, Muskingum took over again with a 23-point bevy of shots that almost doubled their competition and led to a 66 – 35 end of the third quarter. The final period was neck-and-neck the whole way with both teams scoring 18 points but that didn’t help close the gap for Heidelberg and they fell to the Fighting Muskies by a score of 84 – 53.

Leading the way for the Muskies was the pair of juniors Tori Jones and Laurell Brown who both had 14 points for the game. Freshman Julia Jaenke had 13 points, classmate Mckenna Baney had 12 points and junior Claudia Harrington had 11 points, nine rebounds, six assists, two blocks, and a steal.

Vs Wilmington (12/04)

The Quakers made their way to New Concord on Wednesday night to face the Fighting Muskies at the Steele Center. Muskingum took the lead early on in the first quarter with a score of 21 – 13. Points were contributed by Courtney Hivick with four points, four from Claudia Harrington, four from Tori Jones, four from Laurell Brown, a trey from reserve player Kenzie Bicking, and a shot by Mckenna Baney to round out the quarter.

The Muskies did not let up in the second quarter as they stayed ahead of the Quakers with three-pointers from Lizzy Allen, Kenzie Bicking, and Mckenna Baney to take a 38 – 25.

After the intermission, the two teams were back on the court with Willmington taking charge in the third quarter slightly edging out the Muskies in points for the period but still trailing 51 – 42 thanks to four points scored by Abby Boeing, a three-pointer by Tori Jones, and another three by Kenzie Bicking along with scores by other Muskie teammates.

Muskingum went all-in in the fourth quarter as Kenzie Bicking contributed her last three-pointer of the day, Mckinzi Linscott also had a three along with Juila Jaenke as the rest of the team rallied for 24 points in the period to finish out the game with a 75 – 61 victory.

The game secured a 1 – 0 start in the OAC for the Muskies with Head Coach Alison McCarthy marking her first career win in the Ohio Athletic Conference. Senior Kenzie Bicking led the Muskies with 12 total points, three rebounds, two assists, and one steal.

Vs Oberlin (12/08)

Back on the bus on Sunday, the Fighting Muskies headed off to Oberlin to face the Yeomen on their home court at Phillips Gymnasium. Muskingum took a slight lead at the end of the first period with a score of 14 – 12. Both teams matched equally in the second period with 20 points a piece for the quarter which gave the Muskies the halftime lead of 34 – 32.

When the break had ended the Yeomen took the court with newfound energy and a strategy to slow the Muskies offense leaving them trailing at the end of the third quarter by a score of 53 – 41. Muskingum tried to fight back in the fourth quarter, but Oberlin had their number and took the game 73 – 54.

The Fighting Muskies will be taking on Baldwin Wallace on Saturday at the Steele Center, game time is 1 PM.

Vs Heidelberg (12/07)

The Muskies hit the bus and headed for Tiffin to take on the Heidelberg Student Princes at Seiberling Gymnasium on Saturday. Commanding the court the Muskies jumped out to a massive 29 – 9 lead at the end of the first period thanks in part to a three-pointer by Tori Jones, another from Julia Jaenke. In the sec-



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TRI-VALLEY

Boys Basketball			
Fri., Dec 13	Morgan	Away	7PM
Sat., Dec 14	DeSales	Home	7PM
Tue., Dec 17	Meadowbrook	Away	7:15PM
Fri., Dec 20	Sheridan	Home	7:30PM
Mon., Dec 23	Big Walnut	Home	5:30PM
Fri., Dec 27	Hilliard Bradley	Away	3:00PM
Girls Basketball			
Sat., Dec 14	Philo	Away	12:30PM
Mon., Dec 16	Harvest Prep	Home	7:15PM
Wed., Dec 18	River View	Away	7:15PM
Sat., Dec 21	Morgan	Home	12:30PM
Sat., Dec 28	Bloom Carroll	Home	1:15PM
Bowling			
Thur., Dec 19	Philo	Home	4PM
Swimming			
Fri., Dec 13	Dover	Away	6PM
Sat., Dec 14	Holiday Relays	Home	1PM
Wed., Dec 18	Tri-Meet	Home	5:30PM
Sat., Dec 28	Cloverleaf	Away	10AM
Wrestling			
Fri., Dec 20	Coshocton	Away	4PM

ZANESVILLE

Boys Basketball			
Sat., Dec 14	Watkins Mem	Home	3:00PM
Wed., Dec 18	Newark Cath	Away	7:15PM
Sat., Dec 21	Licking Heights	Away	3:15PM
Girls Basketball			
Fri., Dec 13	Watkins Mem	Away	7PM
Tue., Dec 17	Newark Cath	Home	7:15PM
Fri., Dec 20	Licking Heights	Away	7PM

WEST MUSKINGUM

Boys Basketball			
Fri., Dec 13	New Lexington	Away	7PM
Tue., Dec 17	Coshocton	Away	7:30PM
Fri., Dec 20	Barnesville	Home	7PM
Girls Basketball			
Sat., Dec 14	New Lexington	Home	6PM
Wed., Dec 18	Coshocton	Away	6PM
Fri., Dec 20	Martins Ferry	Home	5:30PM
Mon., Dec 23	Strasburg	Home	6PM
Sat., Dec 28	Loudonville	Home	11A

MAYSVILLE

Boys Basketball			
Fri., Dec 13	Meadowbrook	Away	7:15PM
Tue., Dec 17	Crooksville	Away	7:30PM
Fri., Dec 20	Coshocton	Home	7:30PM
Girls Basketball			
Sat., Dec 14	Meadowbrook	Home	11AM
Wed., Dec 18	Crooksville	Away	7:30PM
Sat., Dec 21	Coshocton	Home	11AM
Fri., Dec 27	Claymont	Home	10AM

BISHOP ROSECRANS

Boys Basketball			
Sat., Dec 14	Miller	Home	7:30PM
Fri., Dec 20	Fisher Catholic	Away	7:30PM
Mon., Dec 23	Newark Cath	Home	7:30PM
Thur., Dec 26	Bridgeport	Home	5PM
Girls Basketball			
Fri., Dec 13	Fisher Catholic	Home	7:30PM
Sat., Dec 21	FCA	Away	7:30PM
Fri., Dec 27	Franklin Hts	Home	5PM

PHILO

Boys Basketball			
Fri., Dec 13	John Glenn	Away	7:30PM
Tue., Dec 17	Morgan	Away	7:15PM
Fri., Dec 20	River View	Home	7:30PM
Mon., Dec 23	Lakewood	Away	7:30PM
Girls Basketball			
Sat., Dec 14	Tri-Valley	Home	12:30PM
Wed., Dec 18	New Lexington	Home	7:30PM
Sat., Dec 21	John Glenn	Away	12:30PM
Mon., Dec 23	Lakewood	Home	7:30PM
Fri., Dec 27	Belpre	Away	11:30AM

FOXFIRE

Boys Basketball			
Fri., Dec 13	Cornerstone	Away	6PM
Sat., Dec 14	Mohican	Home	11AM
Tue., Dec 17	Torah	Home	6PM
Thur., Dec 19	Franklinton	Away	6PM

JOHN GLENN

Boys Basketball			
Fri., Dec 13	Philo	Home	7:30PM
Tue., Dec 17	River View	Away	7:30PM
Fri., Dec 20	Morgan	Home	7:30PM
Girls Basketball			
Sat., Dec 14	Sheridan	Home	2:30PM
Wed., Dec 18	Meadowbrook	Away	7:15PM
Sat., Dec 21	Philo	Home	12:30PM

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TV DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS: JANE AUSTIN'S "PRIDE AND PREJUDICE" ADAPTED BY: REBECCA GELLOTT
📅 December 13 & 14
📍 Tri-Valley High School Cafetorium (46 East Muskingum Ave. Dresden)
🕒 6:30 PM
Tickets on sale at Dresden Elementary, December 9-12, 10AM-2PM. Tickets: \$10 Adults, \$6 Students, 5yrs and under Free.

TELESCOPE OBSERVATION NIGHT
📅 December 14
📍 Lewis Observatory (1425 Newark Rd, Zanesville)
🕒 7:30PM
The Zanesville Astronomy Club, a NASA Night Sky Network affiliate, has a telescope observation night on the 2nd Saturday of each month using the Lewis Telescope at the Lewis Observatory at the back of the parking lot of the OUZ campus. Guests are welcome to bring a telescope to share. All events are free to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

ZANESVILLE FARMERS MARKET
📅 December 14 & 21
📍 Weasel Boy Brewing (126 Muskingum Avenue, Zanesville)
🕒 11AM - 1PM
There are TWO Saturdays in December to shop small and support our local farmers market vendors this holiday season. Stay cozy and see you soon!

SOURDOUGH BASICS - CREATING AND CARING FOR YOUR STARTER
📅 December 14
📍 Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library-Duncan Falls Meeting Room (222 Main St., Duncan Falls)
🕒 12PM - 1PM
Learn the art of sourdough! Discover how to care for your sourdough starter and explore different ways to use it in this engaging workshop. Perfect for beginners and seasoned bakers alike. Register: <https://events.muskingumlibrary.org/event/12130486>

"THE FAMILY MAN" - FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
📅 December 16
📍 Roseville Branch Library-General Library (41 North Main St., Roseville)
🕒 5PM - 6:30PM
Jack (Nicholas Cage) is happily living his single life. He has everything. One day he wakes up in a new life where he didn't leave his girlfriend for a trip. He's married to Kate and has two kids.

KARAOKE AT THE MALL
📅 December 18
📍 Colony Square Mall - Food Court (3575 Maple Avenue, Zanesville)
🕒 4PM - 7PM

FAMILY STORY PICK N' SWAP- FAMILY READING TIME
📅 December 19
📍 Colony Square Mall (3575 Maple Avenue, Zanesville)
🕒 5PM - 6PM
This program draws inspiration from the Swedish Christmas Eve tradition, where families exchange books and gather around the tree to read together. At our event, each family will choose a book from a wrapped selection and spend quality time enjoying their story. Once you finish your book, you can either trade it with another family or take it home as a keepsake. We'll also have hot cocoa available for everyone to enjoy. Join us for a cozy evening of reading and connection! Register: events.muskingumlibrary.org

IT'S A POPPER PARTY! - DIY CONFETTI POPPERS
📅 December 30
📍 Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library-Meeting Room (222 Main St. Duncan Falls)
🕒 3PM - 4PM
Together we will turn boring cardboard tubes into a fun and colorful party poppers to use at home for New Year's Eve. This will be most fun for preschool and younger school aged kids. Registration opens December 9: <https://events.muskingumlibrary.org/event/12075801>

NEW YEAR'S EVE SQUARE DANCE
📅 December 31
📍 Lindsley's Banquet Barn 4060 New Riley Road, Dresden
🕒 7PM - 12:30AM
\$35 per person. Dinner, snacks, party supplies, dancing & instruction will be provided! **YOU DO NOT NEED EXPERIENCE!** Beginners-Experts are welcome! Caller is Valerie Norman. Bring your friends and let's ring in the new year having some fun!

AMERICAN MOJO AT THE AMERICAN LEGION
📅 December 31
📍 Zanesville Legion Post 29 (27 S 3rd St. Zanesville)
🕒 8PM
Come celebrate with us as we all ring in the new year on the dance floor together.

THE COLOR OF MAY AT THE DRESDEN AMERICAN LEGION
📅 December 31
📍 Dresden American Legion
🕒 6PM
Open to the public 21 and up. Free parking. No cover charge.

**A BUZZ FUNNY**

WHAT DO CHRISTMAS TREES WEAR TO THE POOL?

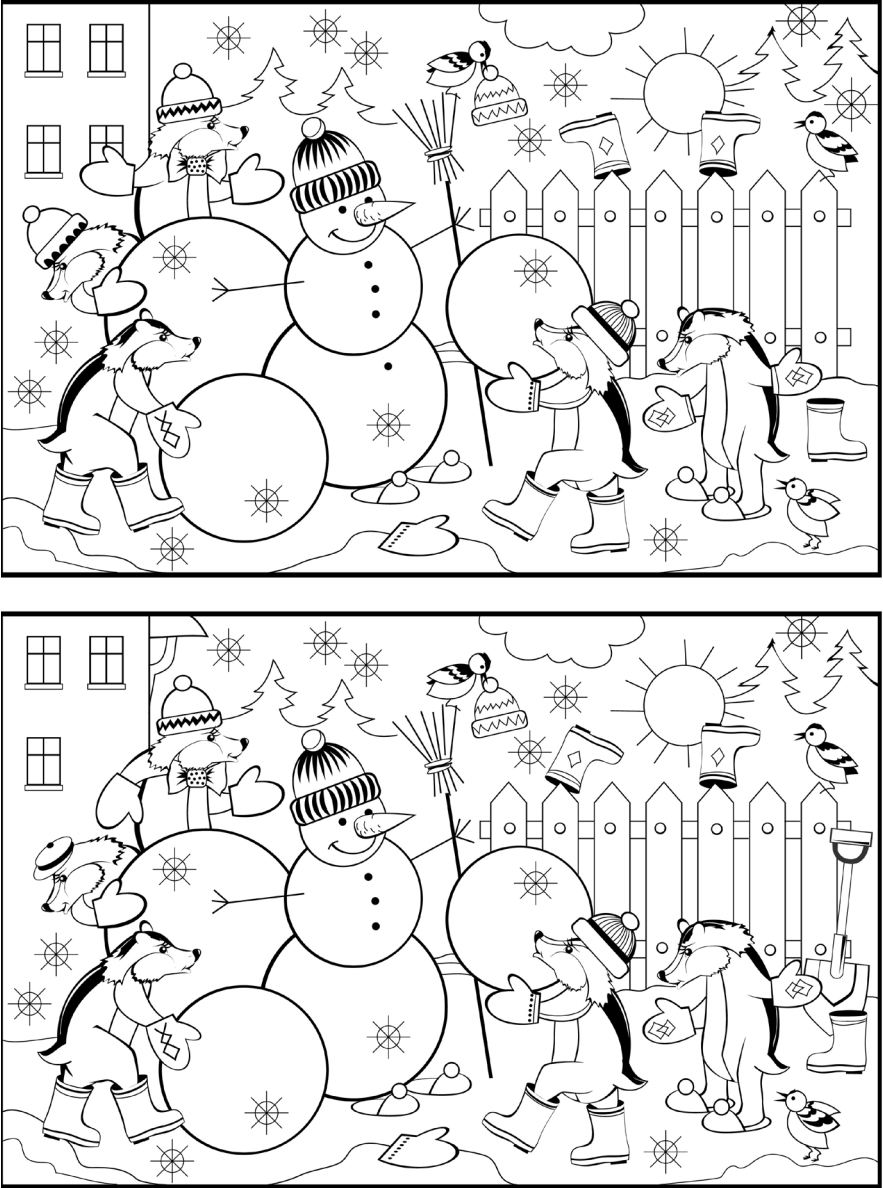


Little BUZZLE

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Puzzles for our younger Buzz readers.



Alice in wonder land

By Alice Stratman Smith

It's Christmas time! It's shopping, special events, family gatherings and parties! With all the hustle and bustle we may forget whose birthday we are celebrating! What do you think Jesus wants for His birthday?

Members of The Rock Zanesville church will be going to Reynosa, Mexico December 11th to minister at the Josiah and Bethany Children's Home. I will be praying for their trip and remembering when my husband Larry (1940-2020) ministered in Mexico getting funds and workers to building churches and a Bible Training Center.

It has been reported that a record amount of deer were 'harvested' in Ohio this year. Pastor Aaron was a successful hunter this year. My husband Larry was an avid hunter. He took area boys (including my nephews Dustin and Darin Melick) to a Hunter Safety Class and hunting. I took the class also and was so proud to 'harvest' two trophy bucks that we had the antlers mounted. John Kelly, a graduate and later on the staff at Outreach For Youth at Pataskala, needed to shoot a deer for Margie Maldonado, the Director's wife. John didn't get a deer that year so I gave Margie the mounted horns of the biggest deer. Years later she gave it to a pastor in Mexico that admired it. Larry was a successful hunter when we lived in Texas also, but I didn't hunt there. We processed the deer and made hamburger, jerky, steaks and roasts. Larry took some of it to Mexico and they sure liked the jerky.

Paul explains the best gift ever in Romans 6:23...NIV...For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Garden of Lights extends The Garden of Lights Ohio Holiday Transformation Contest deadline

The Crawford Barn property has been transformed into a dazzling light display inspired by the classic fairy tale *Alice in Wonderland*.

Visitors have a chance to win professional holiday lighting for the exterior of their residence. The prize package features C9 Stringer LED lights along the roofline by manufacturer S4 Lights, as well as installation by Nelson's Seasonal Décor. Nelson's Seasonal Décor will provide 2-3 designs for the winner to choose from. The package includes design, labor, and materials for a total value of \$15,000.

To enter, visitors must post about

their Garden of Lights experience on Facebook and Instagram, tagging Garden of Lights Ohio as well as three friends. Entries will be accepted through the last day that the display is open. One winner will be announced on the closing day. The complete rules and regulations can be found at <https://bit.ly/4geTAYh>. As guests walk through the outdoor exhibition, they will be mesmerized by a spectacular array of breathtaking lights that illuminate the space and create the captivating atmosphere that brings Wonderland to life. In addition to themed character lanterns and the longest light and music tunnel in the United States,

guests can enjoy a variety of multimedia attractions and family-friendly interactive games that test perceptiveness and memory. This unique attraction promises an unforgettable experience for visitors of all ages, combining magic, wonder, and fun for the entire family.

The Garden of Lights *Alice in Wonderland* exhibition is open to the public at 5563 Raiders Road, Fazeysburg, Ohio. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 5-9 PM and Friday through Sunday 5-10 PM. Tickets are available online at gardenoflights.com/en/ohio or onsite at the ticket office.

Jackson Twp meeting

Jackson Township Trustees will hold the 2024 year end meeting on Monday December 30 at 9AM.

The 2025 Reorganizational and Temporary Appropriation meeting will be held immediately following.

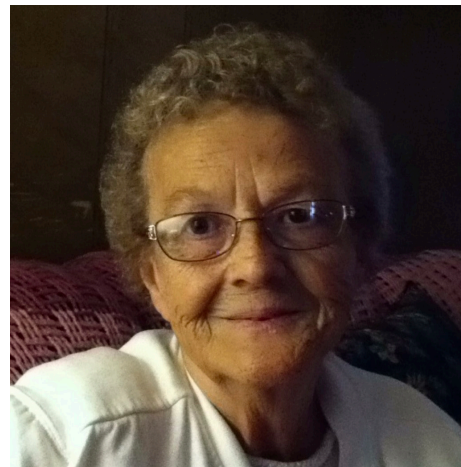
The meetings will be held at the meeting room in the Township Hall in Fazeysburg. The public is invited to attend.

The regular meeting for Jan. 2, 2024 is cancelled.

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OBITUARY

Carol "Butchie" Lee Bice



Carol "Butchie" Lee Bice, 81, of Dresden, went to be with the Lord, Wednesday, November 27, 2024, at Al-ticare of Coshocton.

Born February 20, 1943, in Zanesville, a daughter of the late Edward "Lou" Melrose and Susie (Johnson) Melrose Scott. She was a graduate of Tri-Valley High School and a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church in Dresden. Car-

ol worked 8.5 years as a bottom maker at the Longaberger Basket Company, 8.5 years as a job coach at Experience Works and a few other jobs in Dresden to keep herself busy over the years. She was a loving mother and friend to all who knew her. She enjoyed playing Bingo, and once a week she would get together with her sisters to play Canasta. Carol loved reading her Bible, enjoyed fishing and watching the Buckeyes and Green Bay Packers play football on TV.

Surviving are her five children, Ed (Linda) Bice, Andy Bice, Rick Bice, Shelley (Rick) Spragg and Roger (Rhett) Bice; ten grandchildren, many great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by seven siblings, Marion Smith, Betty Wright, Mary Lehman, Bill Melrose, Orpha Noland, Ceedee Wright, and Jerry Melrose; and her ex-husband, Ronald (Ron) L. Bice, who she loved till the day she died.

Family and friends visited from 11:00am till the time of service at 1:00pm, Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at the Dresden Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home, 714 Main Street.

Funeral services were held at 1:00pm, Tuesday, December 3, 2024, with Mr. Frosty Pierce officiating.

Carol was laid to rest at Dresden Cemetery.

Madison Twp meeting

Madison Township Board of Trustees will hold their year-end meeting on Monday, December 30th at 6pm. The 2025 Organizational meeting will be held immediately after.

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Gospel Sings

Dec 13 First Baptist Church Dresden
Dec 27 First Baptist Church
All Gospel Sings start at 7pm.
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Cass Twp trustee

Submitted by: S. Yvonne Sidwell, fiscal officer

Effective January 1, 2025 there will be a vacancy for trustee of Cass Township. The trustees are accepting a letter of intent along with a resume from any cass township resident that is registered to vote that is interested in the position of trustee for the remainder of the current term. Letters of intent along with resume must be received by the Cass Township trustees no later than January 27th, 2025. The remaining trustees will review all letters of intent along with the resume and make the determination of the appointed trustee to be sworn in and assume all duties at the February 4th, 2025 regular meeting. Letters of intent along with resume may be mailed to: Cass Township, PO Box 326, Trinway, Ohio 43842 or personally dropped off at the Township Meeting Hall during the December 31st, 2024 meeting or the January 7th, 2025 meeting. Meetings begin at 7:00 P.M.



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WORRY

Dear Friend,

Charles Spurgeon, a wise old pastor once said, "Worry, if carried to excess, has the nature of sin in it."

It is certain that most of us are prone to worry and fretfulness over this that and the other. I suppose it is rooted in our own human nature.

It is good at such times to remember the invitation and instruction of the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Philippians. "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer in supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:6-7)

When I was a young man I received a good piece of advice from my uncle Jerry. He said, "Whenever I have a problem or worry I can not solve, or that is just beyond my ability, I take that whole matter and lay it up in God's basket and leave it there."

My friend, I have found that not only does this plan work, it is the will of almighty God! This morning, whatever your burden may be, take it to the lord and leave it there. (Ps. 55:22).

See you on Sunday,

- Pastor Robinson

JOIN US!

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Service: 10:40 a.m.

Bible Study: Sunday 6 p.m., Wednesday 7 p.m.

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SENIOR CENTER MENU

Lunch is served Monday through Friday each week. Reservations are required by 9 am for lunch by calling the Muskingum County Senior Center at 740-454-9761. There is a suggested donation of \$3.00 for lunch. Menu is subject to change without notice.

Friday, December 13

BEEF & NOODLES, LIMA BEANS, CARROTS, TROPICAL FRUIT

Monday, December 16

BAKED CHICKEN, DICED POTATOES, STEWED TOMATOES, MIXED FRUIT

Tuesday, December 17

HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH, POTATO SALAD, PICKLED BEETS, PINEAPPLE

Wednesday, December 18

BAKED STEAK, WEDGE FRIES, CALIFORNIA BLEND, PEACHES

Thursday, December 19

HOME DELIVERED ONLY, TURKEY & DRESSING, MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, PUMPKIN PIE, DINING ROOM - CHEF'S CHOICE

Friday, December 20

F.O.P. DINNER

Monday, December 23

HAM, SWEET POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, PINEAPPLE

Tuesday, December 24

CLOSED

Wednesday, December 25

CLOSED

Thursday, December 12

BBQ CHICKEN SANDWICH, TATER TOTS, GREEN BEANS, PEACHES

DRESDEN ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

Mondays:

Line Dancing at 10:00 AM
Bingo at 12:00 PM

Tuesdays:

Golf Card Game at 10:00 AM
Hausey & Canasta at 12:00 PM

Wednesdays:

Line Dancing at 10:00 AM

Thursdays:

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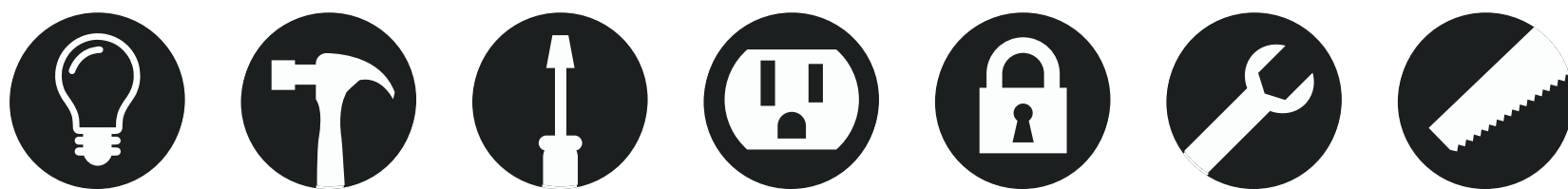
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