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THE TOMLINSON FAMILY has made it a yearly tradition to decorate their home for Christmas. The family works together to place decorations and lights at their Darby Drive home in Lexington. Family members are Eric, Anna, Skye (7) and Noel (4).

Family's tradition continues to grow in Lexington

By Traci Little

LEXINGTON — Each holiday season, a quiet stretch of Darby Drive transforms into a glowing destination, drawing families from across the area to slow down, roll down their windows, and take in the magic. At 5 Darby Drive, the Tomlinson Family Christmas Lights are more than a display — they are a labor of love built over decades, rooted in tradition, creativity, and community.

The story began years ago when Eric Tomlinson still lived with his parents in the Lexview area. Back then, decorating meant lighting up the yard and house as best he could, slowly adding decorations wherever space allowed. After purchasing his own home in Lexington, Eric continued the tradition, expanding to bushes, smaller trees and yard displays.

When Eric and his wife began dating in 2013, they discovered a shared love for Christmas decorating and light displays. What started as casual dates strolling through stores to admire lights and decorations soon turned into a growing collection, built patiently through sales and clearance finds.

"Decorating and Christmas lights were something we both really enjoyed," the family shared. "It just grew a little more every year."

After marrying in 2015 and moving in together, decorating became a full seasonal project. Each year, the yard would be decorated for trick-or-treat night, followed by an entire month devoted to Christmas. Evenings and weekends in November were spent side by side, setting up displays, testing lights and bringing new ideas to life.

While the display has earned awards from the village over the years, the Tomlinsons say recognition was never the motivation. "We do it because we enjoy it," they said.

As their family grew, so did the tradition. Their children now help decorate, offering ideas and asking their dad to create specific features. Planning for the next season often begins in the latter half of the year, when the family starts thinking about themes or new concepts to try.

Many of the most eye-catching pieces are handmade, including a beloved scene inspired by *The Muppet Christmas Carol*. Gonzo and Rizzo the Rat — featured in the famous "Light the lamp, not the

rat!" moment — are crafted from newspaper and tape, supported by wire coat hangers and wooden dowels, then hand-painted and sealed with varnish to protect them from the elements.

The Tomlinson Family Christmas Lights are turned on each year on the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend and remain lit through New Year's Day. On Christmas Eve, the lights shine all night long and stay on throughout Christmas Day.

That night holds special meaning for the family. On Christmas Eve, Darby Drive and part of Mohican Trail are lined with luminaries in memory of friends and family members who have passed away — a quiet, glowing tribute woven into the celebration.

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Taylortown Community Church opens blessing closet and food pantry

The Taylortown Community Church Blessing Closet & Food Pantry recently opened and is offering free clothing and food for those in need.

Open Mondays, 9 am to noon and 4–6 pm, as well as every third Saturday from 9 am to 3 pm, the closet is located at the church, 2656 Taylortown Rd., Shelby.

Church volunteers also serve a free hot meal every third Thursday from 5:30–6:30 pm.

There are no income or residency requirements. All are welcome.

Those wishing to donate to the closet can drop-off items during the open hours or call or text Lyndi Oakley 419-814-0372 or Tonja Barnett 419-571-3846 to set up a time outside of normal hours.

The biggest needs are non perishable food, coats, hats, gloves and kids clothing. Food is distributed quickly and will probably always be the greatest need. 100% of all donations go to filling the closet and pantry.

Please note that hours are subject to change for holidays. Follow on Facebook at Taylortown Community Church Blessing Closet.



Photo By David Lee

MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS — Walker David Lee, 2, admires his Christmas tree. He is the son of Evan Lee and grandson of David and Michael Lee.



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THE ENTERTAINMENT EXAMINER
— By Ian Stumbo —

For this holiday season, I thought I would write a review of a now classic Christmas movie with 1990's *Home Alone*.

Just having gave it a rewatch for a time too numerous to count, this movie (of course) is about the McCallister family who are running late for their flight to Paris and just happen to leave their young son Kevin (Macaulay Culkin) home alone.

As the family tried to get back to Chicago after realizing they left him, Kevin must thwart two burglars in the neighborhood named Harry and Marv (Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern). Kevin booby traps his home in an effort to catch them.

This is one of my favorite Christmas movies and has become a classic.

Upon its release it was absolutely hated by critics but was a huge financial success and was one of the highest grossing films of the year (alongside *Ghost* and *Pretty Woman*). Even renowned

critics Siskel and Ebert took another look at the film after its success.

What makes the movie so re-watchable year after year is writer John Hughes and director Chris Columbus sweet touch they gave the film.

Kevin is a mouthy kid at the beginning then goes on to miss his family as his mother (Catherine O'Hara) tries to get home. Culkin plays Kevin as so resourceful and grown up that he makes for a great leading actor at so young an age.

The booby traps are also classic playing more like a looney tunes cartoon but Pesci and Stern are so convincingly wacky in their roles that it makes the film so charming and fun.

I'm sure *Home Alone* is a staple in most homes during the Christmas season and more and more young people discover it ever year from its gangster movie dialogue to the memorable gags and characters, this is a classic for a reason.



OUMC to host recycling trailer Dec. 27-28

A recycling trailer will be in the parking lot at Ontario United Methodist Church, 3540 Park Avenue West, Dec. 27 and 28.

Acceptable items include steel and aluminum cans, crushed milk jugs, detergent bottles, plastic bottles with number 1 or 2 on the bottom, broken down cardboard, all papers included with the newspaper but no other magazines or paper. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse all containers well.

Bins are not to be used for garbage disposal.

Collections are typically held the last weekend of each month.



Lions announce contest winners

The Ontario Lions Coloring Contest winners were announced at the tree lighting ceremony Dec. 4. Winners are:

Pre K

1st – Harper Gallagher 2nd – Waylon Noble

Kindergarten

1st – Kei Saito 2nd – Anderson Besenti

First Grade

1st – Naomie Medwid 2nd – Marley Ross

Second Grade

1st – Emilia Mills 2nd – Holland Dutch

Third Grade

1st – Everett Heydinger 2nd – Samuel Talbott

Fourth Grade

1st – Julianna VanHarlingen

Fifth Grade

1st – Garrett Shealy 2nd – Olivia Spencer



Utah • Photo By Mark Shutt



Photo By Traci Little

THE JOLLY OLD MAN IN RED has been spotted at Kingwood Center Gardens. The mansion is decorated and lit for Christmas at Kingwood which runs through Dec. 30 on select nights.



Church Directory

Clay Memorial Lutheran Church

1601 Amoy East Rd., Mansfield
419-747-6882
Pastor Carol Kilgore
Sunday School 9:15 am • Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Clear Fork Alliance Church

1008 State Route 97, Bellville
419-886-4333 • www.clearforkalliance.org
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Monday Men's Group 7:30 pm
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6:30–8 pm and TeamKID and Youth Group

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

200 West Third St., Mansfield
419-524-4813 • mansfield1stcc1833@gmail.com
Rev. David Zerby
10:30 am Sunday Worship
Office Hours: Tu., W., Th. 9 am to 1 pm
Christian Builders, Sunday, 9:30 am
www.FirstChristianChurchMansfield.com
FB: FirstChristianChurch,Mansfield,Ohio

First Congregational Church

640 Millsboro Rd., Mansfield
419-756-3046 • www.mansfieldfcc.com
Pastor Brad Bunn
8:30 am Chapel • 10:30 am Sanctuary
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10:30 am Monday Morning Bible Study
7:30 am Wednesday Men's Breakfast

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236 Otterbein Dr., Lexington
419-884-2150 • Churchofthecrosslex.com
Pastor-Rev. Dr. Edna Stahl
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Junior Church for 10 and under • Wesley Class 10:45
5th Sunday of the month-Do Something Sunday AA, Girl Scouts,
Yoga, Knotty Ladies
and Bible Study.

Lexington Presbyterian Church

35 Church St. West, Lexington
419-884-1330 • 10:30 am Sunday Worship
Pastor Denny Nezrick
<https://www.facebook.com/Lexington-Presbyterian-Church-117768414915815>

Mansfield 1st Presbyterian Church

399 Trimble Rd., Mansfield
419-756-7066 • www.mansfield1st.com
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9 am Sunday Worship

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2055 Middle-Bellville Rd., Mansfield
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419-589-5890 • trinitygracefellowship.org
Pastor Larry Carnes
9:30 am Sunday School • 11 am Sunday School
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ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB members helped to ring bells for The Salvation Army at Kroger on Lexington Avenue.

ODDC asking for feedback on plan

The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council has approved a draft Five-Year State Plan on developmental disabilities. The council now seeks public feedback on the goals and objectives the council has created for 2027-'31. Additionally, the council is proposing to provide funding for 19 grant projects. Each of the proposed projects, along with goals and objectives, can be found at ddc.ohio.gov.

The council began working on the draft plan in 2024 when it published a public survey seeking input on the needs in Ohio. More than 1,000 survey responses were received from Ohioans with developmental disabilities, family members and system stakeholders. Council began evaluating the needs identified by Ohioans and developing goals and objectives to address those needs.

The council is seeking feedback on the plan. Anyone can submit comments or feedback at <https://form.jotform.com/253015784369060> through Dec. 31, 2025.

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Ashland churches join to form Emmanuel Anglican Church

Ashland Emmanuel Church, an historic local congregation, has joined with St. Augustine's Ashland mission and prayer group to become Emmanuel Anglican Church.

The two congregations began sharing worship services and holding a common Bible study in June of 2025.

In August, the congregation of Ashland Emmanuel voted unanimously to join St. Augustine's Ashland as one Anglican church. In keeping with its history, the newly joined congregations will retain the name worshipping as Emmanuel Anglican Church.

Ashland Emmanuel Church is a congregation with a long history in Ashland. Its roots go back to the 1830s with the church's first building being dedicated in 1875. Its current location, at 322 Cleveland Ave., was dedicated in 1914 and recently joined the Global Methodist Church.

St. Augustine's Ashland Mission is a church plant and mission work of St. Augustine's Anglican Church in Westerville. This church plant was started by Rev. Dr. Adam Carrington, a presbyter in the Anglican Church in North American (ACNA). It began in the summer of 2024 as a weekly evening prayer service, expanding to monthly Sunday worship at the start of 2025.

The church will continue to foster biblical education and worship while maintaining its historic building and pipe organ. Children are invited to full participation in worship with age-appropriate lessons offered twice monthly during the sermon.

Emmanuel Anglican Church worships on Sundays at 10:45 am according to the Book of Common Prayer. The church is part of the Anglican Diocese of the Living Word.



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•Family's tradition grows

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Perhaps the greatest reward comes from watching others experience the display.

"We get a real kick out of seeing all the people driving by," they said. "Seeing car windows roll down and little arms pointing at the things they love — that's what it's all about."

For the Tomlinsons, the lights aren't just decorations. They are memories, moments, and a reminder that joy shared is joy multiplied — one glowing season at a time.



MERRY
Christmas
— Staff and Students



Photos By Traci Little

THE CITY OF ONTARIO has a free Christmas light display in Marshall Park. Helping to decorate were the city's parks department, Ontario Local Schools, Pioneer Career and Technical Center, Madison Local Schools, The Ontario Lions Club, Spring Electric and many other volunteers. The drive-through display will be open through Christmas.

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THE HERLIHY CHRISTMAS
 Open House was held Dec. 11-14 at 170 W. Second St., Mansfield. The Christmas House has been a holiday tradition for many years. The family's personal collection was on display and featured over 30 Christmas trees, hundreds of Santas, Disney villages and trains. This was the 38th year for the display. Many of the decorations have been in the family for over 70 years. Decorating for the open house began in September. The family room tree is a live 15' tree with 5,100 lights and over 1,000 ornaments. The next open house will be in December 2027. For information visit www.herlihychristmashouse.com.





MEMBERS OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH in Ashland sang at the Candy Cane Trail opening at Ashland County Park District's Freer Field on Nov. 29. Pastor Harry Strachan prayed over the celebration. This was a grand opening ceremony for Ashland's world record-holding Candy Cane Trail which features hundreds of Christmas trees, thousands of lights and special sites that explore the meaning of Christmas. The free walking trail will be open through Jan. 1 (tentatively). Established in 2023, last year the festive light display claimed a GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS title for the "largest display of illuminated metal structures/sculptures" with 776 Christmas tree displays along the path. This year, even more has been added, including 40 illuminated Christmas trees, over 400 light-up candy canes, three new Christmas scenes, giant candy cane statues and more. This project is made possible by a partnership between the City of Ashland, Ashland County Park District and Dick and Ronda Poorbaugh, owners of Grandpa's Cheesebarn & Sweeties Chocolates. Also at the celebration were free hot cocoa and fireworks.



Bellville Christmas Parade & Festivities



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Malabar Farm's Big House decked-out for Christmas

Malabar Farm State Park hosted candlelight tours of the Big House on Dec. 5, 6, 7, 12 and 14.

Visitors were invited to wander through the home of Pulitzer Prize-winning author Louis Bromfield, adorned from top to bottom in Christmas décor. The historic 1930s-40s home contains many memories of Hollywood glamour. Hot refreshments and homemade cookies were served after the tours.

Located in Pleasant Valley of Richland County, Malabar Farm has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1973.

Visitors can see the farm, tour the Big House, hike nature trails, drive atop Mt. Jeez and participate in recreational activities.

As a working farm, visitors can meet a variety of animals raised on the farm and also browse Malabar Farm products available for purchase.

The next major event will be the Maple Syrup Festival March 8, 14 and 15.

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Day Trippin' With Damon – Franklin Park Conservatory in Columbus has been decorated for Christmas. Visitors can visit a penguin village, glowing boxwood house, Candyland board game and projected winter scenes. The Conservatory Aglow also features a 100-foot light tunnel, ornament tree with 1,400 ornaments and a dance party. For information visit www.fpconservatory.org/exhibitions/conservatory-aglow.



MANSFIELD BAPTIST



Photos By Lilliana Allen

Richland Academy of the Arts presented *The Nutcracker Ballet* at the Renaissance Theatre Dec. 6 and 7, as part of Christmas at the Ren presented by Brightspeed. This annual production is a beloved holiday tradition, bringing Tchaikovsky's timeless music and captivating choreography to life. Directed and choreographed by Sarah Horrigan-Ramos and Marden Ramos, this performance showcases the talent and passion of local dancers.



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MANSFIELD CHRISTIAN students shared their talents across several Christmas programs this season, performing at multiple churches throughout the community. Independent Studies performed at Impact Church on Dec. 5 and the pre-K through second grade students presented a program at Storyside Church on Dec. 8. The seventh through twelfth grade choral students performed at Storyside Church on Dec. 9 and the third through sixth grade band and choir performed at Storyside Church on Dec. 11. The seventh through twelfth grade instrumental students concluded the season at Mansfield Alliance Church on Dec. 15.

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Tribune-Courier Sports Highlights

Understanding the facts behind National Letter of Intent signings

By Kris Leiter

In last week's column we highlighted two Lexington seniors, Brayden Fogle and Joe Caudill, who recently signed National Letters of Intent (NLI) to pursue their future sports endeavors at their respective colleges.

Fogle will be playing tight-end for the Michigan State Spartans and Caudill will be heading south to warmer weather to the University of Georgia, playing tight-end for the Bulldogs.

Every year, high school seniors locally, as well as across the United States partake in this ceremonial signing. It is quite an accolade and deservedly so.

When I investigated this rite of passage I was surprised that there is much more to this tradition than meets the eye. I hope you enjoy the read as much as I have had doing the research.

I love the game show Jeopardy although I rarely get the answer correct. Since I'm a trivia buff, I like to learn something new. So, let's play our own version shall we

"For \$100 Alex, What is a National Letter of Intent signing."

At these ceremonies we usually see one or more athletes sitting at tables signing a document. So, what exactly is this event?

We'll start with the short version, then the novel.

In a nutshell, the National Letter of Intent is to provide college scholarship money to high school senior athletes that are intending to pursue college athletics as their next step.

Now, the novel.

I just assumed these signings were just a formality, officially announcing that athletes were interested in attending a certain college to participate in athletics in their given sport.

So, as one would guess, when financial assistance is being given, there are usually stipulations, and rightfully so. The signings have substantial validity and also protect the athletes. It also has its advantages.

This event was established to formalize and basically "seal-the-deal" for high school athletes pursuing college athletics.

College sports programs desire to recruit good talent, while in the same breath giving financial assistance to these gifted athletes. This helps athletes by having the money "burden" taken off their shoulders. It allows them to focus on their sport. College athletes have a ton of logistics such as practices, team meetings and travel logistics.

It also helps the athletes as opposed to having to pay for their housing, tuition, books, etc.

The actual "signing" was also implemented, to minimize recruiters and to keep them from continuing to pursue these young men and women after the signings.

So, is this contract a legal document? Yes, it is a legal binding agreement for financial compensation for athletes. In turn, the athlete is making a commitment to play for the school.

As for the financial part of the scenario, most of this scholarship money is allotted for primarily Division I and II candidates.

Each sport has "signing periods." There are also "early" signings (December) for football and basketball, with other sports usually taking place within the November timeline.

There are also "regular" signings that take place later, around February through April. These signing periods typically look like this:

Early Signing Periods (for fall 2026 enrollment):

NCAA DI Basketball: Nov. 12-19, 2025.

NCAA DI/II Football (Early): Dec. 3-5, 2025.

All Other DI/D2 Sports: Begins Nov. 12, 2025, with the final date varying by institution.

Regular Signing Periods (for fall 2026 enrollment):

NCAA DI Basketball (Regular): Starts April 15, 2026.

NCAA DI/II Football (Regular): Starts Feb. 4, 2026.

So, is this "technically" a legal binding contract or merely a cool formality? Are the athletes so called "signing" their life "in blood" as the saying goes.

As you can imagine, anything that usually involves compensation would probably involve many details. It is a legal agreement for one academic year between the college and the athlete. No coaches are signing.

The athlete is required to attend the college for a year and in turn, the school will provide athletic backing.

But what if the athlete decides after a few weeks or months that things aren't quite working out or they get cold feet? Are there consequences for not continuing at their original college?

If the rules of the contract are broken it can actually lead to penalties even the possibility of them having to sit out a year at another institution. Ouch!

Another stipulation is the student must maintain academic protocols such as good grades.

Once the athlete actually signs it basically ends the process for both parties. The athlete and outside colleges. As fair trade, the athlete isn't permitted to continue to explore additional universities and it protects the athlete from other recruitment. Any recruiters from that point on are not permitted to discuss other college opportunities with the athlete.

So to sum-up National Letters of Intent signings, it protects both the athlete and the college or university.

Pioneer CTC Board of Education holds final meeting of 2025

The Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education met Monday, Dec. 15.

The board approved revisions to existing and rescinded existing policy, approved an agreement with Verizon and approved revisions to the Student Services Plan.

Donations were accepted from Mary Lee Barr, Shelby, \$500 to be deposited into the Art Barr Scholarship Fund; Carrie Kemerer, Woman's Fund of the Shelby Foundation, Shelby, \$250 to be used for the Pioneer Sharing Closet; and Avenue Church, Ontario, gift cards with a value of \$350 to be used for the Pioneer Sharing Closet.

Michael Hoffman resigned as the Wynford Satellite Vo Ag Instructor, effective June 1, 2026.

Kaleb Hollar was hired as an intervention specialist on a one-year contract.

Stipend contracts of \$50 were approved for HOSA Cavs Day Chaperones William Dichtl, Karrie Davisson, Michael Millward and Stephen Raphael.

The board approved employment of certified substitute instructor Megan Herrnstein. She was also hired as a substitute ECE Lead Teacher/Aide.

Bethany Parsons was hired as the ECE Lead Teacher, effective Jan. 5, 2026.

Hirings for the adult education program include Sandra Grau, Holiday Wreath instructor; and James Secrest, CNA/CCMA/Phlebotomy instructor.

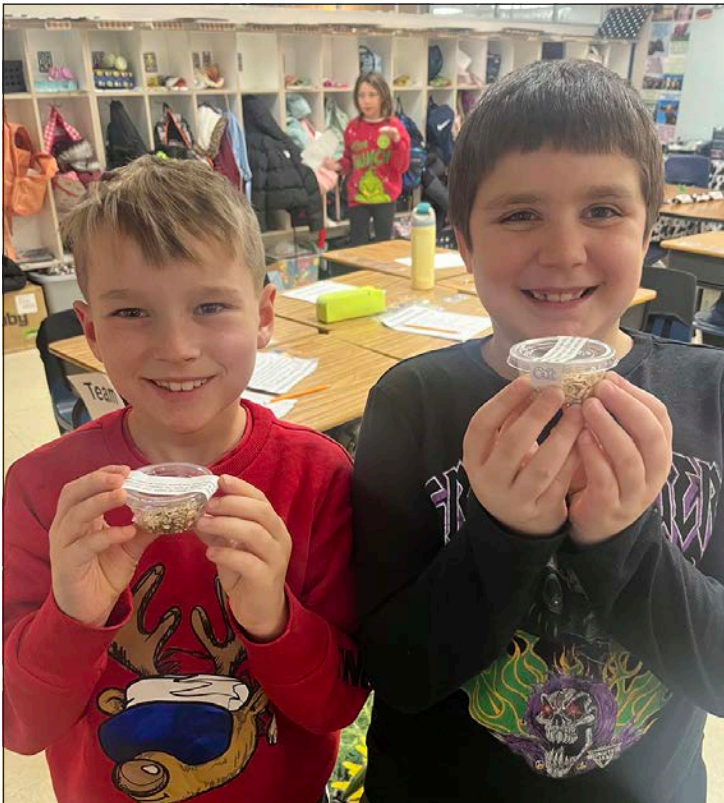
The board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Pioneer EAP and an agreement with Richland Public Health.

The 2026 marketing plan was approved.



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MISS HALE'S THIRD GRADE CLASS at Ontario used their multiplication skills to turn a recipe meant for one reindeer into enough magical reindeer food for all nine. They had a great time solving the equations, mixing the ingredients and getting hands-on with some holiday math fun. Each student even took home a bit of reindeer food to sprinkle outside on Christmas Eve.



ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL'S KEY CLUB collected over 500 items for a food drive to serve local families.

Hiebel garners 2025 Fall Academic All-Ohio Athletic Conference Honor

Jack Hiebel, a graduate of Lexington High School, is one of 97 Baldwin Wallace University fall sports student-athletes to earn 2025 Academic All-Ohio Athletic Conference honors.

In order to be selected as Academic All-OAC, a student-athlete must be a sophomore or higher in class standing, maintain varsity status and have at least a 3.50 cumulative GPA. A student-athlete may only receive Academic All-OAC on three occasions.

The 97 student-athletes included 32 from football, eight from men's cross country, 22 from men's soccer, five from women's cross country, 21 from women's soccer and nine from women's volleyball.

Of the 97 selections, 19 are three-time Academic All-OAC student-athletes, 31 are repeat selections, 47 garner their first selection and five had perfect 4.000 grade point averages.

First English Lutheran plans New Year's Eve service

First English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Ave West, Mansfield will host a New Year's Eve worship service at 7 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 31. Damian Boyd's Jazz Band will lead worship

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