

# The Source

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# OhioMeansJobs Stark and Tuscarawas Connects to In-Demand Training

Nino Pope came to the OhioMeansJobs Stark and Tuscarawas Centers seeking financial assistance for CDL training in order to upgrade his current skillset, after serving for seven years as an infantryman in the military. Nino mentioned that he drove several large vehicles while in the military and that his background would make him an excellent candidate for CDL training.

While in the military Nino was deployed several times, his last one being to the Middle East. Nino expressed his desire to be more present with his one-year-old daughter while also being able to provide for his family. It was evident from day one that Nino’s motivation to get training and get his CDL was unsurpassed.

Nino completed his training in September 2023 and began employment at Logan Trucking, only days after completing his training, making \$22 per hour.

While applying for funding, Nino stated, “I am hopeful that my track record of commitment, sacrifice, and perseverance will inspire you to take a chance on me.” It’s safe to say he did inspire everyone at the OhioMeansJobs Stark and Tuscarawas Centers!

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## Mayor Thomas Bernabei Recognized for Service to the Workforce System

City of Canton Mayor Thomas Bernabei was recently recognized for his service locally to the public workforce system. Mayor Bernabei has shared his time, experience, and knowledge to assist in the governance and betterment of our system and community. Mayor Bernabei will complete his current term as mayor on December 31, 2023. Thank you for your service to the public workforce system, Mayor Bernabei – you will be missed!



# ODJFS Director Matt Damschroder Visits OhioMeansJobs Tuscarawas Center

On November 15th, 2023 Director Matt Damschroder visited the OhioMeansJobs Center in Tuscarawas County. During the visit, Damschroder received a tour of the facility and learned about collaborations in Tuscarawas County that serve both individuals and businesses.

Joining the discussion were members from the Stark Tuscarawas Workforce Development Board, Workforce Initiative Association, and the Tuscarawas Economic Development Corporation.



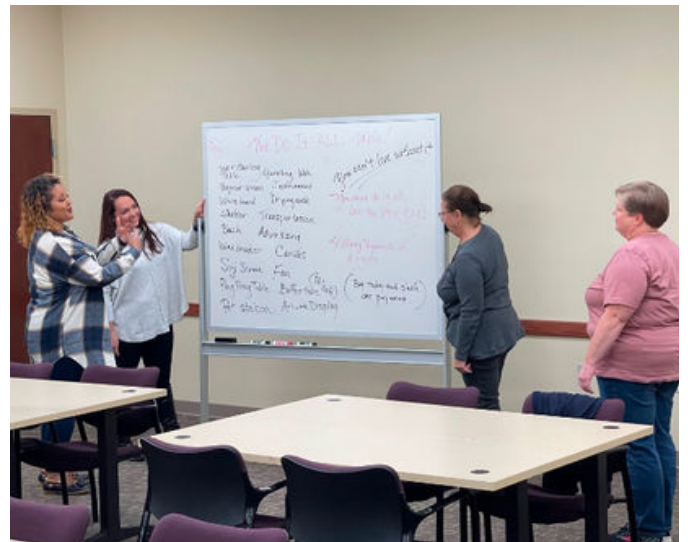
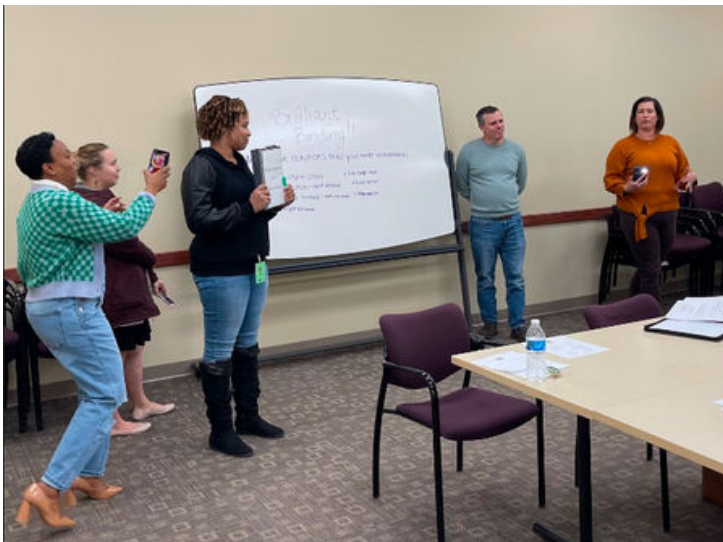
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Marla Akridge, Tuscarawas Economic Development Corporation  
John Kelly, Tuscarawas Economic Development Corporation  
Amy Miller, Workforce Initiative Association  
Matt Damschroder, ODJFS Director  
JoAnn Breedlove, Stark Tuscarawas Workforce Development Board  
Matt Falter, Workforce Initiative Association  
Chuck Byrd, Workforce Initiative Association



# Youth Working Group “Thinks Outside the Box” with Brian Blasko

The Stark Tuscarawas Workforce Development Board’s Youth Working Group convened on Monday, November 7th, 2023 to bring resources and development opportunities to youth-serving staff members.

Brian Blasko helped facilitate discussion on how we can “think outside the box” to expand our creative resources to better serve youth and young adults in Stark and Tuscarawas Counties. The session allowed participants to have fun in learning how to think creatively to better serve our community.



# OhioMeansJobs Stark and Tuscarawas Counties Celebrates Veterans

OhioMeansJobs Stark and Tuscarawas Counties participated in various veteran focus activities throughout the month of November.

On Friday, November 11th, DeHoff Memorial Library held a Veteran’s Day event, titled, Service and Sacrifice | Honoring Our Veterans. Community Services Coordinator, Lori Douglass attended the event representing OhioMeansJobs Stark and Tuscarawas Counties. The event featured Veteran displays, a poetry reading “I AM A VETERAN”, a reading of the symbolism of America’s White Table on display, and a time of story sharing. Coffee and muffins were served to attendees.

OhioMeansJobs Stark and Tuscarawas Counties also encouraged all Veterans to utilize their services or attend a Veteran event to be entered for a chance to win a \$100 gift card, as a small way to show appreciation for the sacrifices made. The winner was Anthony Brown, who was extremely appreciative.



# Learn About OhioMeansJobs Stark and Tuscarawas Counties Access Points

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## 2023

### Access Points & Community Outreach

- ACCESS POINTS** (Monthly & Bi-Monthly)  
**Stark & Tuscarawas County Libraries**  
These services include assistance with resume writing, interviewing skills, and general job search assistance.
- MORE ACCESS POINTS** (Weekly & monthly)  
**Goodwill Industries & More**  
Access Point with Goodwill at The Ken Weber Community Campus providing services every Tuesday. Monthly access at Stark County Jail as well as CommQuest Men's and Women's treatment facilities
- COMMUNITY EVENTS** (VARIED SCHEDULE)  
**Single Events**  
Single events have included community resource fairs, employment barrier assistance, and others. School events encompass career fairs, back-to-school giveaways, and job search skills information among others.
- OUTREACH** (AS REQUESTED)  
**Initiatives to assist the community**  
Outreach initiatives include presentations to family support groups, resource sharing, and resource network groups.

[Click here to see OhioMeansJobs Stark and Tuscarawas Access Point Schedule](#)

# OhioMeansJobs Stark and Tuscarawas Counties at the Ken Weber Community Campus Access Point

## Get employment help from OhioMeansJobs Stark & Tuscarawas Counties and Goodwill

### open for walk-ins

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Thursday

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday

OhioMeansJobs Stark & Tuscarawas Counties on site Tuesdays

### assistance with

Applying for jobs  
Creating resumes  
Searching for jobs  
Additional employment-related tasks

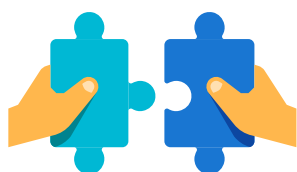
**The Huntington Community Employment Room at the Ken Weber Community Campus at 408 Ninth St. SW, Canton**



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Every Tuesday from 10 AM-2PM you will find a representative from OhioMeansJobs Stark & Tuscarawas Counties at the Ken Weber Community Campus.



*Lori Douglass, Community Outreach Coordinator, successfully assisted a job seeker visiting the Goodwill campus with information on resume and interview preparation, as well as help researching local companies so she could better reach her career goals.*

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# Now Enrolling for Adult Classes at Buckeye Career Center

A new year is a great time to learn a new skill or enhance your current skills.

Buckeye Career Center has a fresh lineup of classes to kick off 2024 for adults of all skill levels, including many that qualify for the Adult Diploma Program (ADP). ADP classes are denoted with \* following the class name.

Classes include: Quickbooks Pro I, Basic Construction/Carpentry\*, Nail Technician\*, Office Professional\*, Automotive Engine Repair\*, Phlebotomy\*, Excel II, Drone Flight Training\*, Digital Photography - Understanding Your Digital Camera, Forklift Training, Plumbing, Ohio Commercial Pest Control Technician\*, Manufacturing & Warehousing Associate\*, Guitar for Adults, Advanced Small Engine Repair, Intro to Line Dancing, Welding Short Course\*, Inventor Beginning Assembly Modeling, and Estate Planning Basics.

Class dates, times, and prices vary but can be completed in a few weeks to a few months, depending on the specific class. Students enrolled in these programs are eligible to earn industry-recognized credentials and a career technical certificate. Students working through the ADP program are eligible to earn an Ohio High School Diploma, as well. Financial aid is available for those who qualify, while the ADP program is free for Ohio residents.

For more information, call the BCC Adult Education office at 330-339-2288 or visit [BuckeyeCareerCenter.org](http://BuckeyeCareerCenter.org) to learn more about the programs beginning in the new year.





# Project REBUILD Recruiting for January Cohort

Project REBUILD's mission is to re-engage young adults ages 16-24 to create pathways to academic, professional, and leadership opportunities while providing them with the skills and support to set them up for lifelong success. Project REBUILD believes in creating a caring, supportive, and positive learning environment to develop and learn new skills to maximize their full potential.

The Project REBUILD program lasts for (9) months, during which students will learn, develop, and achieve by learning soft skills and getting hands-on training. Student members also get paid during their training and can earn additional incentives along the way. During the course of their (9) months with Project REBUILD, students have the chance to earn their high school diploma, and learn about careers, post-secondary education, and organizations that positively impact our community. Students can also earn multiple certifications while participating in the program.

Register here: <https://projectrebuild.org/application-youthbuild-greater-stark-county/>



# Holiday Fun at OhioMeansJobs Stark and Tuscarawas Counties



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# Tech Tips with Carolyn Varlamos

This month's Tech Tips looks at how to add and link bookmarks in Microsoft Word and how Microsoft Excel can now stop turning everything into a . The tips have been found by OhioMeansJobs tech guru Carolyn Varlamos with the help of the HowtoGeek.com and techrepublic.com websites.

## How to Add and Link to Bookmarks in Microsoft Word

By Sandy Writtenhouse, How-to Geek

Bookmarks in Microsoft Word are similar to those in your web browser. Once you save a bookmark, you have an easy reference to that spot. To make bookmarks even handier, you can create links to them in your Word document.

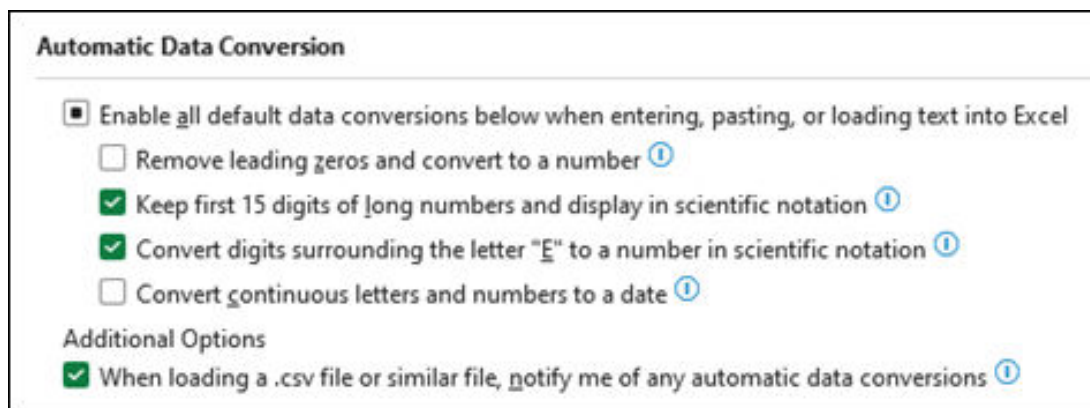
Word bookmarks are convenient for navigating lengthy documents, whether for yourself or your readers. When you link to a bookmark within your text, you can skip directly to that location with a click which is ideal for different sections, text, visuals, or tables.

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## Microsoft Excel Can Now Stop Turning Everything into a Date

By Corbin Davenport, How-to Geek

Microsoft Excel converting numbers into other formats has been a running joke for years, especially with date conversions, Microsoft rolled out a new setting last year that turns off data conversions like scientific notation and removing leading zeroes, and now an additional setting to turn off date conversion has arrived.



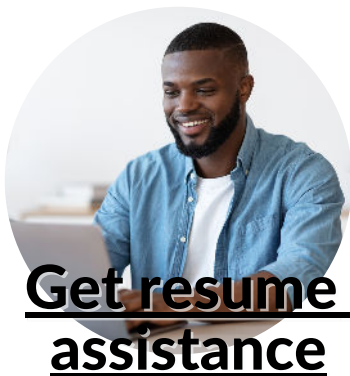
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