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## ICE official resigns to run for Congress in Ohio

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A top official with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is resigning from her post after less than a year to mount a Republican campaign for Congress in a northwest Ohio district that is one of the most competitive in the country.

Madison Sheahan, 28, announced her campaign for Ohio's 9th Congressional District on Jan. 15, challenging incumbent Democrat Marcy Kaptur, who won reelection by a narrow margin in 2024. The district includes Toledo and swaths of northwest Ohio.

"In less than one year with ICE, I've stopped more illegal immigration than Marcy Kaptur has in her 43 years in Washington," Sheahan said in a cam-

paign launch video.

Sheahan, who called herself a "Trump conservative" in the video, graduated from Ohio State University in 2019. She was on the women's rowing team and studied public affairs, according to her biography from ICE. She was deputy director at ICE before resigning.

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Mrs. Earlene Woodson sang "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" at the annual community breakfast and membership drive, honoring Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 19. PHOTOS BY DOUG HISE/SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-MESSENGER

## Unity at annual NAACP event honoring MLK Jr.

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FREMONT – Unity, titled "We the People," was the theme for the annual community breakfast and membership drive honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the Jan. 19 federal holiday in his name at St. John's Lutheran Church in Fremont.

Leaders from across Sandusky County turned out for the event, despite bitter cold and blowing snow. The weather was bad enough that a Level 2 Snow Emergency was declared by Sheriff Chris Hilton, but that didn't stop the event.

The event has been postponed for the last several years due to extreme weather, but Fremont NAACP Unit President Cassandra Tucker decided to push through for this year.

"The last few years we had extreme temperatures, but I talked to a few people about the cold and other groups around the country had their events," Tucker said. "How do we compare the temperatures to being attacked by dogs, having fire hoses turned on us

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**Samara Dumas**, bass soloist for the Ross High School Orchestra, performed at the annual community breakfast and membership drive honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

## Ohio ACA enrollment drops as premiums increase

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The number of Ohioans getting health care through the Affordable Care Act dropped 20% after extra assistance for enrollees expired last year.

About 463,000 people have signed up for coverage this year, down 120,000 from 2025, according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The numbers reflect new and returning consumers who enrolled in the marketplace as of Jan. 3.

Open enrollment ended Jan. 15, meaning those figures may not be final.

Ohio saw the second-largest decline in signups by percentage behind North Carolina. Enrollment could dip even further throughout the year if people are unable to pay their premiums and lose coverage, according to KFF, a health care policy nonprofit.

Health care costs are front and center after enhanced tax credits under the Affordable Care Act expired at the end of 2025. The law provides subsidies to enrollees who qualify based on their income, but Congress approved extra aid and expanded eligibility in 2021.

The GOP-controlled U.S. House and Senate let the enhanced credits expire after the issue dominated the longest government shutdown in history.

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