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Rainbow Connection returns, supports county residents

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Rainbow Connection's 53rd annual telethon is set for March 8 and will be streamed live from Tuscarawas Central Catholic Junior/Senior High School.

The event will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and can be watched on Spectrum Channel 15, YouTube, and the organization's website at tuscrainbow.org, ac-

ording to a community announcement. Viewers can pledge donations by calling 330-343-1600 during the telethon.

The telethon raises funds to support Rainbow Connection's mission of assisting disabled and disadvantaged individuals in Tuscarawas County. All money raised during the event and the accompanying auction goes directly to the community through the organization's casework.

Many ways to give to Rainbow Connection

In addition to the telethon, Rainbow Connection is hosting an online auction at tuscrainbow.org. Bidding opens at 3 p.m. March 1 and concludes at 3 p.m. March 8, according to the announcement. The auction features

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Maple-themed events are scheduled every weekend in March 2026 at Hale Farm & Village in Bath Township. PROVIDED BY NANCY BALLUCK

GOT SYRUP?

Check out these Ohio's upcoming maple festivals

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For some, spring isn't marked by a calendar date. It begins with maple syrup. • With freezing nights and warmer days, maple sap begins to flow, accompanied by pancake breakfasts, tree trails and syrup tasting. • Stephanie Lero, executive director of Hale Farm & Village in Bath Township, said the return of maple season is as much about community as it is syrup. • "It's just fun to see everyone gather and come out of the winter abyss that we had," Lero said. "It's a great tradition in the spring." • At Hale Farm & Village, maple tapping is a tradition that dates back centuries. The village will host its annual Maple Syrup Festival & Pancake Breakfast on March 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29. The event gives people the opportunity to wander the village, watch historic demonstrations and, of course, eat pancakes.

Maple syrup festivals coming to Ohio state parks

The maple season is being celebrated across the region with themed festivities.

This year, Hocking Hills, Hueston Woods, Malabar Farm and Indian Lake state parks will have maple syrup festivals. The festivals are free and open to the public. Some events offer breakfast and maple products for purchase:

- Hocking Hills State Park (Logan) – Maple Sugaring in the Hills, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 14 and 15. Visit the naturalist cabin behind the Old Man's Cave visitor center to see how sap transforms into maple syrup. Through live demonstrations, learn about the history of maple sugaring in Ohio. A local

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Dover/New Philadelphia rent prices hold steady in January

USA TODAY Network

Renters in Dover/New Philadelphia saw apartment listing prices stay in line with last year's median of \$1,200, an analysis of new data from rental marketplace Zumper shows.

The typical apartment listed for rent at \$1,200 in January. Median listing prices in Dover/New Philadelphia are trending the same as last month's \$1,200 price.

The data covers all bedroom sizes, ranging from studios to four-bedroom units, within the specified metropolitan area. It reflects the median rent for all listings that were active at any given point during the month, according to Russell Middleton, co-founder of Zumper. New construction is included in the data and listings that are currently occupied or no longer available are excluded.

Out of 6,526 rental listings in Dover/New Philadelphia, 68 are subsidized. When those are excluded, the overall median rent for listed apartments goes to \$1,200.

One-bedroom apartments listed to rent at a median of \$900, no change since December, when they were \$900. Since last year, one-bedroom rental prices slightly dropped from \$930.

Two-bedroom apartments listed

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