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Gas station may go in at Ohio 741 site.

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FRANKLIN TO LAUNCH EMS

Fire staff preparing to take over rescues.

LOCAL/B1

LOCAL FORECAST



Today 51°/49°
Showers expected in the afternoon.

Sunday 57°/44°
Monday 52°/33°
Tuesday 39°/30°

Full forecast. C6

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IN THE NEWS

400 U.S. troops to help defend Turks from Syria

The U.S. will send 400 troops and two batteries of Patriot missiles as part of a NATO force to help protect Turkey from Syrian missiles, the Pentagon says. Germany and the Netherlands have agreed to send similar numbers of troops and missiles. Several Syrian shells have landed in Turkish territory. **A4**

LOCAL & STATE

Cities, firms both need to win in tax debate

While many city leaders and business advocates want to see income tax uniformity in Ohio, they apparently don't agree on how to enact the change. **B1**

» **Cable bill:** A little-known Federal Communications Commission rule was lifted earlier this week that could add costs to your cable television bill. **B1**

NATION & WORLD

Alternate fiscal crisis plan looks more likely

Since talks on the fiscal crisis seem stalled, it's becoming more likely, some say, that a measure could be passed on expiring tax rates — leaving all other money matters to be decided in 2013. **A4**

LIFE

8 gift ideas for all on your list

Gift ideas for a wide range of recipients — from grandparents, parents and partners, to children and pets. **D1**

» **DIY:** If you are looking for a quick and easy way to display your holiday cards, but not fill up all your table space, check out our do-it-yourself cardholder. **D1**

SPORTS

Bengals on the cusp of playoffs

The Cincinnati Bengals' ugly victory Thursday in Philadelphia gave them a chance to make the playoffs by winning at Pittsburgh and at home against Baltimore in the next two weeks. **E1**

» **Middletown boys basketball:** Jalin Marshall's 18 points helped the Middies to their first victory of the season, 65-45 against Oak Hills. **E1**

» **FBC Division III championship:** Mount Union ended a three-year losing streak in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl with a 28-10 victory over St. Thomas of Minnesota on Friday night. **E2**

SPECIAL REPORT CONNECTICUT SCHOOL SHOOTING

NO SAFE PLACE



Connecticut State Police lead a line of children from Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., on Friday. SHANNON HICKS / NEWTOWN BEE

» 26 die, including 20 kids, in school massacre

» 'Our hearts are broken today' - Barack Obama

Small town's innocence shattered

By Christopher Sullivan
Associated Press

NEWTOWN, CONN. — At the crossroads that marks the center of this three-century-old New England postcard town stands a flagpole that's a kind of barometer. Every day, says Susan Osborne White, who has lived here all her life, "it tells me which way the wind is blowing."

She calls the local newspaper when ever the flag is lowered to half-staff, to ask why.

Newtown continued on A2

By John Christoffersen
Associated Press

NEWTOWN, CONN. — A man killed his mother at their home and then opened fire Friday inside an elementary school, massacring 26 people, including 20 children, as youngsters cowered to the sound of gunshots reverberating through the building and screams echoing over the intercom.

The 20-year-old killer, carrying at least two handguns, committed suicide at the school, bringing the death toll to 28, authorities said.

Gunman continued on A2



Parents leave a staging area after being reunited with their children after the shooting.

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TEAM COVERAGE

» Kate Bartley reports all weekend from Newtown, Conn., on MiddletownJournal.com, NewsCenter 7, and 95.7FM and AM1290 News Talk Radio WHIO.

NEW DETAILS

JEMS board to consider levy on May ballot

Leaders make more than \$500,000 in cuts to 2013 budget.

By Skip Weaver
Staff Writer

FRANKLIN — The Joint Emergency Medical Services board will consider a tax levy in the May 2013 election now that it

has made multiple cuts to the 2013 budget that will help the organization operate two ambulances in the coming year.

JEMS currently is funded by two levies that combined bring in approximately \$295,000 from the residents of Carlisle and the non-city portion of Franklin Twp. A 2.61-mill levy on the Nov. 6 ballot passed in Carlisle and Franklin Twp., but

Franklin voters, who had approved their own EMS levy in an August special election, defeated the measure. The levy would have generated an additional \$730,000.

"I think we have a good shot at passing a levy," board president Scott Boschert said about the May ballot initiative. "Right now it is hard for us to know what our income

is going to be at all, and we're not going to know until about six months into the year what the township and Carlisle will bring in from runs."

The cuts made at Thursday night's board meeting included a 25 percent reduction in salary for both the JEMS chief and fiscal officer.

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