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LANCASTER, OH — Fairfield County Commissioner Dave Levacy was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame earlier this month at The Ohio State University's Fawcett Center in recognition of his outstanding post-military accomplishments.

The U.S. Army veteran is one of 20 inductees this year, including Fairfield County Air Force veteran

Michael W. Carrell.

"As Governor, I am proud to welcome the Class of 2024 to the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame," said Governor DeWine. "The 20 exceptional Ohio veterans we are celebrating deserve our gratitude, not only for their service to our country in the Armed Forces but for their enduring service to our communities and our state in their post-military

lives. These individuals have dedicated their lives to helping others and are an inspiration to all of us every day."

Hosted by the Ohio Department of Veterans Services (ODVS), this year's event marked the 33rd annual Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and brought the total number of inductees to 994.

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Tallmadge principal honored with award



LANCASTER, OH - Sandra Walker, principal of Tallmadge Elementary School, has been selected to receive the Administrator Award for Leadership in Science Education by the Science Education Council of Ohio.

The Administrator Award for Leadership in Science Education is given to a current elementary, middle or high school administrator who has demonstrated leadership in the development, implementation and maintenance of an outstanding school science

program; supported staff development in science; promoted positive relationships between the school's science program and the community; and has been an advocate and leader for the development of science inquiry skills and positive attitudes toward science among students, parents and teachers.

"We are extraordinarily proud of Sandra and her commitment to ensuring that every student has access to the best science curriculum," said Superintendent Nathan Hale. "Further, fostering an academic environment where a passion for the sciences can flourish is even more commendable."

As an awardee, Walker will be recognized at the annual SECO Science Symposium Recognition Reception to be held on Monday, January 27, 2025, at Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center in Lewis Center, OH.

For information about Lancaster City Schools, visit [www.lancaster.k12.oh.us](http://www.lancaster.k12.oh.us).

FMC offers cutting-edge treatment option for carotid artery stenosis



LANCASTER, OHIO – Fairfield Medical Center is now offering TCAR (transcarotid artery revascularization), a hybrid treatment option for those living with carotid artery stenosis. The carotid arteries are a pair of blood vessels located on either side of the neck and are responsible for supplying blood and oxygen to the head and brain. When these blood vessels narrow or become blocked, stroke or stroke-like symptoms – including sudden numbness or weakness, loss of balance, disrupted vision or trouble speaking – can occur.

"Carotid artery disease often goes undetected until patients experience stroke symptoms," said vascular surgeon Joshua Hernandez, MD, of Fairfield Healthcare Professionals Vascular Surgery. "If someone is considered to be at high risk for the condition, our ability to screen, monitor and promptly treat the blockage can improve patient outcomes and support overall cardiovascular health."

Not all carotid narrowing requires intervention, and the

condition is often managed with medications and lifestyle changes. For those exhibiting symptoms or a high degree of stenosis, interventions may be recommended. In addition to TCAR, FMC offers several procedures to treat carotid artery stenosis.

"TCAR is a cutting-edge technology in the field of vascular surgery," Dr. Hernandez said. "The procedure offers several benefits, including a unique 'reversal of flow' system to reduce the risk of stroke. This method also decreases the risk of nerve injury, kidney complications and heart attack while requiring a smaller incision than traditional surgery, which means patients can experience a quicker recovery and return to health."

During the procedure, a small incision is made, and the affected carotid artery is connected to the reversal of flow system, shunting blood flow away from the brain. This brief change in direction allows the blood to be filtered and cleaned of any debris that may dislodge during stent placement, which minimizes the risk of post-operative complications. A complex network of vessels keeps the brain oxygenated and healthy

for the duration of treatment, and once the carotid artery is reopened, normal circulation is restored.

"The addition of TCAR to our vascular surgery portfolio offers significant benefit to patients in the region," said vascular surgeon Jason André, MD, who serves as the program's medical director and is a long-standing champion of advanced interventions at FMC. "Not only are we making care more accessible to residents of Southeast Ohio, but we are expanding our ability to safely and effectively treat patients who may otherwise have been ineligible for treatment due to anatomy concerns or considered too high risk for standard surgery."

If you or a loved one experience signs of a stroke, including those that appear briefly and resolve within an hour, call 911. Transient ischemic attacks, also known as "mini strokes", can be a warning sign of an impending emergency. To learn more about carotid artery screenings or interventions, talk with your provider or contact FHP Vascular Surgery at 740-687-6910.



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In memory of Victoria L. Schneider  
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Victoria L. Schneider, 74, of Lancaster, passed away surrounded by her family on Monday, December 23, 2024. She was born on September 2, 1950, in Lancaster to the late Carl and Mary Ellen (Hyme) Engle.

Vickie was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was married to her loving husband, Rick Schneider, for 52

wonderful years. Together, they built a life centered on family and faith.

Before the joy of welcoming their children, Vickie and Rick experienced the loss of a child through miscarriage, a grief they carried with grace and love. This deepened their appreciation for their family, including their children, Lori (James), Tamara (Bobby) with children Annabelle (15) and Nathan (13), Kevin with children Ariana (20) and Eli (15), and Lindsey.

Vickie dedicated her time to her loved ones and her community. Her favorite thing in the world was to spend time with her grandchildren, whom she loved beyond measure. As an organ donor, her care and concern for others continues to touch the lives of others.

She is also survived by her

sisters, Carla and Pam, and many cherished nieces, nephews, and extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Julie.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 30, 2024, at The Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Lancaster, OH. Interment followed in St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation was on Sunday, December 29, 2024, from 2:00–4:00 p.m. at Sheridan Funeral Home, with a vigil at 4:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to FAIRHOPE Hospice or St. Jude's.

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Levacy, 79, was drafted into the Army in 1965 while a student at Ohio University and served until November 1967. College students were exempt from the draft, but he was drafted between exemptions. For much of his service, Levacy oversaw the personnel department at Fort Story in Virginia. After his military service, Levacy was the Millersport/Walnut Township Fire Department chief and also worked as a paramedic. He is a former Millersport Village Council president who was elected to Fairfield County Commissioner in 2012. His dedication to serving others has earned him significant recognitions, including the 2020 Floyd Wolfe Award for community service and the 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Fairfield County Lincoln Republican Club. Levacy resides in Millersport with Ann, his wife of 57 years.

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# VCNB announces exciting changes to bank leadership



MCARTHUR - We are pleased to announce some exciting changes coming to our leadership structure in 2025. Beginning January 2, Mark Ersland retained the CEO position of The Vinton County National Bank and Tom Oyer became President of The Vinton County National Bank. This change is a sign of the times here at VCNB as the bank has grown so much in recent years that it is necessary to separate the roles of CEO and President which have historically held by Ersland alone.

“Mark has shouldered these two roles since Ron Collins retired several years ago but the bank has grown significantly over time. In order to continue to build and grow our successful bank while staying in tune with the needs of our communities, we have decided to separate the roles and create more focus for each position,” Oyer said.

When Ersland took over as VCNB President in 2018, the bank’s asset size was \$937.6 million. He was named



Mark Ersland submitted

CEO/President in 2019 and the bank has since grown to just shy of \$1.5 billion at the end of 2024. While the CEO of a corporation focuses on the company’s big picture, the President is more involved in the bank’s day to day operations and works toward achieving goals.

As a sixth-generation banker from the Will family of McArthur, Oyer understands the bank’s inner workings and core values. He values the philosophy of servant leadership, acknowledging that the best way to tend the needs of bank customers is to look after bank employees. “I personally can’t take care of all the needs of our customers but I can show our bank employees that they are valued and, in return, they will show that same respect to our



Tom Oyer submitted

customers,” he explained.”

Oyer grew up visiting the bank with his grandfather, late VCNB President and Chairman Bob Will. “I have many fond memories of the bank from throughout my lifetime. It has been ever present and something I was always conscious of being important even as a child. I understood that it was important to my grandfather, that he was proud of the bank and how it could better the lives of people in Vinton County and throughout South Central Ohio.”

Ask Oyer about banking and he can explain everything from the intricacies of the industry to the people who make community banks special. “We are grateful for every one of our customers. The money you deposit in our bank, will be loaned to other

people in your community who are building homes, buying vehicles, and starting small businesses”. In this sense, your money is being invested in your community.

He is also proud that the bank serves many schools, townships and villages by holding deposits and financing countless snow plows, fire trucks, ambulances and community buildings. “The vast majority of our employees live and work in our communities. They grew up here, are raising families, and have a lot of pride in these small towns we call home. Having a banking career in your own community is a wonderful thing.”

When Oyer discusses his priorities, he talks a lot about the human side of the growing national fraud crises. He explained that every passing day is marked by some type of fraudulent attempt and often by new methods that criminals use to commit crimes. “It used to be that we were just protecting customer money from bank robbers. Now the robbers aren’t coming through the front door. They’re everywhere and we are doing all that we can to protect our customers. However, we need our customers to be vigilant too.

Fraud is the bank robbery of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and we need our customer’s help to stop it in its tracks.”

He described how customers may occasionally receive a phone call from the bank to confirm they wrote a specific check or made a purchase. “We do that to make sure it’s really you spending your money,” he said. “It is all for your protection.”

In his free time, Oyer stays busy raising a family. His wife is a school teacher and together they have four children. “Most of our free time is spent at practice fields, gyms, 4H meetings, and school functions. It’s a wonderful life”. They live near Laurelville but his home office is in McArthur. “I have the best commute in the state, driving the back roads of the Hocking Hills”.

He looks forward to the coming years and to working closely with Mark to help the bank continue to grow and strengthen. “Mark has been my mentor and we work well together. This move will enable us to better focus on meeting the needs of our customers, employees, and shareholders. VCNB has both a rich history and a bright future ahead.”

## January thoughts



by Rick Schneider

As a child I liked January. It seemed as if it was the month with the most “snow days” that closed our school. Since our treeless backyard sloped downhill it was the sled track for the neighborhood. There were many long afternoons and early evenings spent out there.

As a teenager, during my senior year in high school and through a few of my college years, January offered the same thrill and group activity at a somewhat hilly golf course in the city I grew up. One hill was aptly named “Suicide Hill”. During that era of

my life I worked on weekends as a bus boy at a night club.

Myself and the three other guys I worked with got off work at 2:30 in the morning and would head over to that golf course where quite a few high school and college age students would gather for a night of sledding down the hill. The white snow and the reflection of the city lights illuminated the course well enough to see. It was fun.

As a parent, several January's later, I would take our young children to the Fairfield County Fairgrounds to go sled riding. It was not long until they went there on their own. The memories of those fun filled January's helped me to enjoy, or at least endure, so many more January's through the ups and downs of life.

I know full well that January can be bleak. It can be especially bleak when you have lost someone close to you whether a life-long friend, a family member or a spouse. It may seem like there you were, and all of a sudden, it’s now here you are.

As a volunteer at FAIRHOPE Hospice and Palliative Care I have witnessed and come to understand how weather, the seasons and the passing of time can effect both happy and sad emotions. And how the seasonal affective disorder, coupled with the grief for a lost loved one, can sometimes seem unbearable.

For many of us, sledding down a hill after a January snowfall is not on the to-do list. However, do look for the beauty of snow on the branches a tree after a January snow. Know that you will eventually see the beauty of the snow and the beauty of life. In life we can love or dislike the snow, but either way we will still have the snow.

It seems like we need to be reminded of things we already know more often than we need to be taught new things. Know that every year will eventually run out of winter. We know April is on the horizon, as is a full and happy life. Everything is going to be okay.

## Fairfield County Commissioners announce service rate freeze for county utilities customers

LANCASTER, OH - The Fairfield County Commissioners are pleased to announce a freeze on both water and sewer usage rates. The current water and sewer rates for Fairfield County Utilities will remain the same for customers through 2025.

“We are seeking to keep costs low for all of our customers; residential, commercial, and industrial, while significantly improving our level of service,” said Commissioner Jeff Fix. “The

rate freeze will allow us to do just that.” The County Commissioners recognize the Utilities Department and Director Tony Vogel for their continuous hard work and efficient operations, allowing the county to maintain current rates even with rising energy costs.

The Fairfield County Utilities Department is responsible for managing and operating the county’s three drinking water plants and five wastewater plants

providing over 1.9 million gallons of drinkable water and treating over 2.5 million gallons of used water every day. The staff of 22 professionals serve roughly 8,000 customers in the northwest portion of Fairfield County with water and sanitary services.

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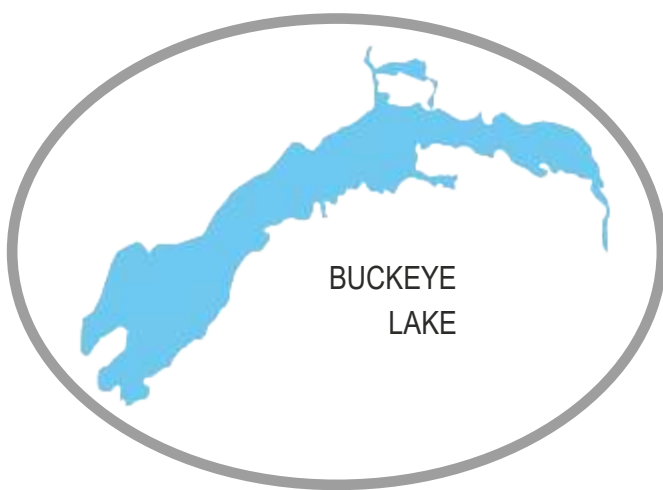
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## Millersport Council Report

Village Council met on Tuesday December 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Building. In attendance were Council Members President Pro Tem Dustin Bidwell, Elizabeth Butler, Nicole Crossan, Stephanie Helle, and Jim McKittrick. Also present were Fiscal Officer Susan Ramsey, Zoning Administrator Bill Simpson, Po-

lice Chief Mark Consolo, Lt. Justin Wiseman, Assistant Village Administrator Tim Morris and Village Administrator Vincent B. Popo. Rick Thompson was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

Roll call was taken and everyone was present except Rick Thompson.

A motion to accept the Tuesday November 12, 2024 council minutes was made by Councilor Stephanie Helle and seconded by Councilor Beth Butler. All voted yes and the motion carried 5-0.

A motion to accept the Special Meeting on Monday November 18, 2024 council minutes was made by Councilor Stephanie Helle and seconded by Councilor Beth Butler. Councilor Nicole Crossan abstained. Remaining councilors voted yes and the motion carried 4-0.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Councilor Dustin Bidwell and seconded by Councilor Stephanie Helle. All voted yes and the motion carried 5-0.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Street:** Mayor Gary Matheny praised Dan Phelps, Bonnie and Mike Stutske for the beautiful look at the Park and the Christmas Wagon.

**Police Department:** Chief Mark Consolo sent statistics for the month of November. The department issued (3) three traffic warning, (1) one traffic citation, (1) one dispatch run and (1) one mutual aid runs

and worked (110) One Hundred Ten hours. Chief Consolo provided council with the CAD report.

**Fire Department:** Chief Robert Price sent the run totals for the month of November. Station 631 made (29) twenty-nine runs; Station 632 made (19) nineteen runs; Station 633 made (31) thirty-one runs; and Walnut Township made (30) thirty mutual aid runs.

**RESOLUTION 1388** is a resolution recommending wage increases for 2025. A motion to pass the resolution was made by Councilor Dustin Bidwell and seconded by Councilor Beth Butler. All voted yes and the motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION 1389** is a resolution adjusting Sandy Lines wages. This is the 1st Reading. A motion to waive the three readings was made by Councilor Stephanie Helle and seconded by Councilor Beth Butler. All voted yes and the motion carried 5-0. A motion to pass the resolution was made by Councilor Dustin Bidwell and seconded by Councilor Beth Butler. All voted yes and the motion carried 5-0.

The American Legion building has a new roof and siding. The next phase is to redo the plumbing and upgrade the restroom facilities.

Zoning Administrator Bill Simpson will oversee the upgrade and Matt Clark will be doing the plumbing work for the village. Bill received a

\$2,600.00 bid for drywall work. Tim Morris approached the Fraternal Order of Eagles #2801 for financial assistance for the future museum.

The Village of Millersport will be celebrating its Bicentennial in 2025. Plans are now being set to form committees to plan the celebration. Residents that are interested in being part of this event should contact Vince Popo (614-562-7320). Plans are for a Bi-centennial Festival Day was set by council on Saturday July 5, 2025 with food trucks, bounce houses, games including a dunk tank. Jim Johnson is to coordinate a car show for the day. Contacts from the Sweet Corn Lions Club include Steve Shover (Vice Chair for Facilities), Diana Keller (President of the Millersport Lions Club), Tamarra Parker-Stephens (Sweet Corn Festival Heritage Chair), Dan Booze (Sweet Corn Festival Assistant Marketing Chair), and Lindsay Drumm (Sweet Corn Festival Major Prize Chair).

Last month Councilor Rick Thompson suggested a July 5th Poker Run as part of the Bi-centennial Celebration. The money could be used for the Fire Truck addition at the American Legion.

The Tree Lighting and Christmas Parade took place on Sunday December 8, 2024 at 6pm. Santa and Mrs. Claus along with Benny the Bass made a special appearance. This the 3rd Annual Christmas event.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Dustin Bidwell and seconded by Councilor Elizabeth Butler. All voted yes and the motion carried 5-0.

\*A copy of the recorded Village of Millersport Council Meeting dated Tuesday December 10, 2024 is available upon request.

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"For me and my family, Fairfield Medical Center is truly the care we trust," said Kellie Sharp, Jay's wife and John's daughter-in-law. "Not only do they know us, but they care about us. To have that level of empathy and compassion and personal connection is something that you don't want to compromise."

John agreed, saying the care he received was beyond anything he could have asked for. "I didn't meet a person that I didn't like," John said. "Everybody went out of their way to help me and beyond what's normal. I wish the whole world was that way."



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## by Carol King and Vince Popo

As part of the 2025 celebration the Village of Millersport has partnered with the Millersport Lions Club to host events. A community dinner is planned on Saturday April 12, 2025, and there will be a limited amount of dinner tickets sold for this event. The

Some of those changes include the following: first, the village completed two big projects in 2024 and will

All of these vehicles were paid for with cash. No major purchases should be needed in the near future and the

We will run a series of articles that will help celebrate the Millersport history written by various residents. If anyone has a story that they think people would like, contact Vince Popo 614-562-7320.



Fairfield County adopts updated Subdivision Regulations and introduces Model Zoning Code to guide future growth



LANCASTER, OH — The Fairfield County Commissioners and Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission proudly announce the adoption of updated Subdivision Regulations and the endorsement of a new Fairfield County Model Zoning Code as of December 3, 2024. These updates represent a significant milestone in the County's efforts to promote quality growth, attract investment, and reflect the recommendations of the Fairfield County Comprehensive Plan.

"These updates are a critical step in shaping the future of Fairfield County," said Jeff Fix, Fairfield County Commissioner. "By establishing clear standards, we are fostering an environment that encourages investment, supports vibrant communities, and ensures sustainable growth for years to come."

**Updated Subdivision Regulations**

For the first time since 2003, Fairfield County's Subdivision Regulations have received a comprehensive overhaul. Administered by the Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission, these regulations govern the division of land and include requirements for the design, layout and mechanisms for ensuring developments are constructed to County standards – such as ensuring that street alignment, lot sizes, easements and infrastructure placement are all properly planned and standardized.

The updates also include a strategic shift of construction and material specifications into two newly adopted design manuals: the Fairfield County Roadway Design Manual and the Fairfield County Stormwater Design Manual. These design manuals were created by the Fairfield County Engineer to promote flexibility by allowing engineers to propose design exceptions, enabling the development of high-quality, tailored solutions that align with the Fairfield County Comprehensive Plan.

**Model Zoning Code**

The Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission has also introduced the Model Zoning Code, in recognition that zoning is regulated at the village and township level. This optional

resource provides local governments with the resources to create or update their zoning ordinances.

The Model Zoning Code aligns with the recommendations of the Fairfield County Comprehensive Plan and includes best practices in current planning trends, including accessory dwelling units, short-term rentals, and solar energy developments. The Code provides guidelines on land use, density, building height, setbacks, and other key elements – with a goal to empower communities to tailor regulations to their specific needs and goals. Townships and villages can adopt the Code in its entirety or select portions that best fit their priorities. The Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission staff is available to assist communities in implementing the Code.

"The updated Subdivision Regulations and the new Model Zoning Code reflect our commitment to thoughtful, forward-looking planning," said Holly Mattei, Interim Director of the Regional Planning Commission. "These tools provide a framework to guide development, streamline processes, and address the evolving needs of our County and communities."

Knights donate to St. Vincent De Paul

Living up to our goals, the Knights of Columbus Council 1016 made a yearly Christmas donation to St. Vincent De Paul on Wednesday December 4, 2024. The Knights treasurer David Kilbarger presented a check for \$500 to Assistant Manager Teresa Linehan. This money is to help St. Vincent De Paul carry out their mission of helping those in our community who are in need.

(photo, right) Dave presenting check to Teresa Linehan of St. Vincent De Paul submitted



Agriculture Appreciation Act

COLUMBUS - The Ohio Senate passed House Bill 162, the "Agriculture Appreciation Act," which recognizes several federal agriculture days in state law, including FFA Week, 4-H Week, Agriculture Day, and Farmer's Day. The bill was supported by State Senator Tim Schaffer (R-Lancaster).

"Agriculture is the backbone of our state's history and economy, and Ohio's farmers and future farmers deserve acknowledgement for their contributions to our communities and country," Schaffer said. "This legislation gives them this recognition in state law."

The Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, which Schaffer chairs, also added a designation for "Ohio Soil Health Week" during the second week of November to celebrate and raise awareness for the importance of soil health to agriculture. This week is in honor of the birthday of soil pioneer and advocate David Brandt. The committee also added an amendment to permit a county to hire more than one deputy apiarist (beekeeper).

"These changes will continue to educate Ohioans about agriculture and give our counties the ability to hire the best and brightest people to enforce the law," Schaffer said.

House Bill 162 heads back to the House for a concurrence vote.

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# Eagle Scout Award Achievement



Ashton Chase submitted

Ashton Chase, a current Lancaster High School senior and son of Kevin and Cassie Chase, has achieved the Eagle Scout Award with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Simon Kenton Council, Troop 5 out of Lancaster, Ohio. The Eagle Scout Rank is the highest award earned in the Boy Scouts of America and is achieved by less than 4% of BSA members.

The Eagle Scout award is earned by completing at least 21 merit badges, which includes 14 mandatory requirements. A scout must also demonstrate Scout Spirit which includes service, leadership, and attitude based on the Scouting Oath and Laws. The final requirement for the Eagle Scout Award is to plan, organize, lead, and manage a large service project.

Ashton's final service project was assembling and installing 15 monofilament recycling bins at



Ashton with Buckeye Lake Park Ranger Heather Byers. submitted

strategic locations within our community, including Buckeye Lake and Lancaster City Parks. Monofilament fishing line poses a significant threat to marine life and the overall health of our local ecosystems. These bins are designed for easy disposal and recycling of fishing line.

Ashton is a second-generation Eagle Scout following in the footsteps of his father, Kevin Chase, who earned his Eagle

Scout in 1999. Ashton has been involved with scouts since the age of 6 and has held leadership positions within his troop including Senior Patrol Leader (SPL). Along with scouts, Ashton is an honor student and works part time. He enjoys outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, and camping in his spare time. After high school Ashton plans to attend college to pursue a career in Biomedical Engineering.



Ashton and his father Kevin Chase. submitted

## OSU Extension Update

### Protect Your Winter Skin

Ah, winter, the sounds of snow crunching beneath your feet, fires crackling in the fireplace, and dry, rough skin. In the winter, due to the lack of heat and humidity, our skin has a hard time keeping in moisture, leading to dry, rough skin and cracked lips. This is especially true for those who have skin conditions such as eczema as these tend to flare up more in the wintertime. However, for anyone in cold winter climates, taking good care of your skin is important, as it is the largest organ of the body. There are some simple steps you can take to help prevent damage to your skin this winter.

**Cover as much skin as possible** - Use gloves, mittens, a scarf, hats and more to have the least amount of skin exposed to the elements so they don't become dry. This is especially important on sub-zero temperature days to avoid frostbite.

**Add layers or a blanket** - Turning on the furnace or fireplace creates dry heat and takes more moisture out of the air in your home. Consider adding more layers of clothing or a blanket before turning on the fireplace or turning up the furnace.

**Use a humidifier** - Our skin is so susceptible to getting dry due to lack of moisture in the air. Adding a humidifier to your home can help bring some of that moisture back in. Do this early in the season as a preventative measure.

**Change how you bathe** - Use warm water in the bath or shower, as hot water tends to make dry and

cracked skin worse. Keep your bath short to avoid drying out your skin even more.

**Look at your products** - Use moisturizer immediately after washing to help put moisture back into your skin. Avoid any products with alcohol as these can dry out your skin even more. The American Academy of Dermatology has more suggestions on products to help in the winter including cleansers, and face and body moisturizers.

**Drink your water** - Keeping yourself hydrated helps your skin also become more hydrated. Drink the recommended amount of water, about 8 glasses a day, to help your skin stay moist throughout the season.

**Don't forget the sunscreen!** Even in the winter, we are not immune to the sun and UV rays, even if we cannot see them. Use SPF 30 or higher when outside to protect from these rays, especially on skin that is not covered by clothing. Look for a sunscreen that also has moisturizer to help give the skin some added protection.

**Love your lips** - Oftentimes people forget about protecting their lips in the winter. Use lip balm to help keep in moisture and added bonus if it has sunscreen too. If you do end up with dry winter skin, you may need to see a dermatologist to get it under control. In the wintertime there is no escaping the cold. We can however take steps to protect our skin and prevent it from damage that may occur. You only get one skin, make sure you take the

time to care for it, not just in the wintertime but everyday.

Source: Katie Schlagheck, Extension Educator, Family and Consumer Sciences Ottawa & Sandusky County

### Beef Cattle and Livestock Economic Outlook! An Evening with Kenny Burdine Wednesday, January 29 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Going into 2025 beef cattle prices are at record highs! Can it continue? How long will the consumer continue to support these price levels? Is it too late to consider expansion?

Explore the economics of the beef cattle and livestock sector with Kenny Burdine, Extension Professor in livestock economics, University of Kentucky. Kenny grew up in Jessamine County, KY, where his family produced tobacco and raised cattle and sheep. Kenny joined the UK Agricultural Economics faculty in 2012 and is currently an Extension Professor in livestock economics. Burdine focuses his extension program in the areas of livestock marketing, price risk management, and general profitability. He travels extensively and delivers 40-60 programs each year directly for livestock producers. His applied research interests are primarily focused on marketing and decision-making for beef, dairy, and forage producers. Kenny also teaches a livestock marketing class on campus.

Don't miss this opportunity to listen to Kenny Burdine as he discusses his views on the economic future of the beef cattle industry.

Join us in the Fairfield County Ag Center in Lancaster on January 29 as we spend an evening exploring the economics of the beef cattle and livestock sector with Kenny Burdine. Sponsorship and refreshments provided by the Fairfield County Cattlemen Association. For more information contact Stan Smith 740-653-5419.

### Eight Easy Exercises for Financial Fitness

Thursday, February 6, 2025 - 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Location: Pickerington Public Library, 201 Opportunity Way, Pickerington, OH 43147

The steps in the budgeting process can be overwhelming if you haven't done them before or if you don't understand how to do them. The tool that will be shared in this session, Eight Easy Steps to Financial Fitness, will help you plan for a budget that will work for you. Come join Shannon Carter from OSU Extension to learn about resources and activities you can use to get your household finances on track. Contact phone: 740-653-5419

### Heart Healthy Living Feb. 13, 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Heart-healthy living involves understanding your risk, making healthy choices, and taking steps to reduce your chances of getting heart disease. By taking preventive measures, you can lower your risk of

developing heart disease that could lead to a heart attack. You can also improve your overall health and well-being. Come learn about the steps you can take to live a heart-healthy lifestyle. Register at: [fcdlibrary.libnet.info/event/11994621](http://fcdlibrary.libnet.info/event/11994621).

### Advanced Winter Tree ID Program

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 - 9:30am to 3:00pm

Location: Fairfield County Ag Center, 831 College Ave, Lancaster, OH 43130

Contact email: [ohiowoods@osu.edu](mailto:ohiowoods@osu.edu)

Can you identify trees with leaves? What about without leaves? Identifying trees in winter can be a real challenge. This is an advanced class for individuals who are familiar with using a dichotomous key. This one day workshop is designed to give participants in-depth training and practice on identifying trees without the leaves.

The class begins indoors with some introductory identification clues and samples. A guide for identifying trees by fruit and twigs will be utilized for a major portion of the class. The afternoon portion of the class may be outside—weather and time depending. Complete details can be found by visiting [woodlandsstewards.osu.edu](http://woodlandsstewards.osu.edu).

Class fee: \$40. Registration: [web.cvent.com/event/cdfb93be-93fc-480c-845e-379811bf70dc/regProcessStep1](http://web.cvent.com/event/cdfb93be-93fc-480c-845e-379811bf70dc/regProcessStep1) by February 12, 2025.



# The Van Buren Fund allows students to experience engaging learning opportunities



by Tim Turner, Principal,  
Liberty Union Middle School.

The Liberty Union Middle School choir room has a new look: 30 brand new Fender acoustic guitars line the walls, mounted on a custom wooden rack crafted from lumber from the school’s land lab. All of the sixth grade general music students and members of the school’s guitar club are now learning to play those guitars. The new instruments were purchased thanks to the generous donation of the Fred Van Buren Fund.

Never having had children of



his own, local farmer Fred Van Buren wanted to ensure that his legacy lived on by providing for the education of youth of his community. His estate succeeded in that effort by creating a scholarship fund, providing hundreds of four-year college scholarships to local students for 35 years.

When Trustees Stephanie Brenzo, Richard Miller, and James Keller were tasked with

determining the Fund’s future, they wanted to ensure that the spirit of Van Buren’s wishes was respected. That’s when they decided to donate the Fund to LUMS to support musical and educational purposes.

The Van Buren Fund has provided a wealth of enriching educational experiences for the students of LUMS: educational trips to Ohio State music performances, The Works,



Hocking Hills State Park, Outdoor Education at FFA Camp Muskingum, and The Wilds; interactive workshops with visiting musicians the Cavani String Quartet and author Shelley Pearsall; academic competitions like the Scripps Spelling Bee and Power of the Pen; and access to scores of instruments from piano keyboards and recorders to a

variety of band instruments. Principal Tim Turner is enthusiastic about the possibilities and what they mean for the students: “The kids are excited to come to school.” The Van Buren Fund allows all students to experience engaging learning opportunities at LUMS today and for years to come.

## The beginning of a new adventure



Doug Shell posing at his retirement with his wife Becky and his son, Logan. submitted

by Amy Carpenter, Ph.D.

Doug Shell didn’t always know he wanted to be a fireman. As a child, he was more farm oriented. He graduated and went to Ohio State University. Doug planned on being an ag teacher or a farmer. One day a buddy of his told him that the fire department was giving a test.

Doug took the fire department test in 1985 at Ohio State Fairgrounds. Thousands of people took the test. The fire department was not hiring that many firemen, so he didn’t think he would get in. In 1986 he was told he could start the entry process, and in 1987 Doug was hired for the Columbus Fire Department. Columbus is different than most departments and they put you through their own school, despite any prior training you have had. After four months of training, Doug was hired on full-time.

Over the years of being a firefighter, Doug has had first hand knowledge of how beneficial CPR is. When he first became a fireman, firefighters would just go through the motions and hope their attempts to revive a person would work. A person only had a ten percent chance to survive. Now with CPR being

taught and the invention of automatic defibrillators, thirty percent of people are able to survive.

Doug adds how equipment and technology are so much better now than in the past. With thermal imaging cameras, firemen can see through smoke and darkness, can help locate victims, and can identify hot spots. Training has also improved. Now there is training on fire behavior, rescue techniques, hazardous materials handling, and emergency medical services. More hands-on training and ongoing education is essential in staying up with the latest advancements.

A memorable moment Doug recalls is being first on the scene when Georgia Pacific exploded on September 10, 1997. The explosion shook homes up to seven miles away. The explosion killed one worker, injured four others, and caused significant damage to the facility. His crew was able to provide medical assessment, basic first aid, and stabilization of the victims’ condition until further medical assistance arrived.

In 1995 Doug was asked to come and work part-time at the Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office, and he has been there ever since.

After joining the sheriff’s office, Doug started to see the other side of being a first responder. As a deputy, when he arrived to an accident scene, it was his job to collect evidence. He also had to get cars off the road and to get traffic moving again. With his firefighter background, he already knew what each person’s job was, and how to work together for the best outcome of everyone involved.

Being a firefighter is a stressful job. Many firefighters deal with mental, physical and relationship issues. They also struggle with substance abuse and suicide. One of the ways Doug has dealt with the stress of his job over the years is creating a “brotherhood” with his colleagues. He and his colleagues became friends, and would do things together as families on their days off. Doug shares, “When you know your colleagues better, you see changes in their everyday attitude, and you know when something is off with them. You know each other so well, that you check on each other. When you train together, work together and play together, everyday living is more amicable.”

The problem with being a first responder is once you see something, you can’t unsee it. A first responder’s shift never ends. Many first responders deal with flashbacks, where they relive a traumatic event as if it is happening all over again. Doug learned over the years that the best way to deal with these moments was to talk to his fellow firefighters, who understood exactly what he was going through. Doug explains, “All firefighters should talk through runs once they have them, so they are able to process the trauma and communicate how to improve the run for the next time.” Sharing feelings is hard for many first responders to do, because many think that it is sign of weakness. In reality, asking for help is the strongest thing you can do for yourself. It takes courage. Communication is the key!

The key to being a good firefighter is living a balanced life. It is creating a life of work, rest, and fun. It is taking care of yourself both physically and mentally. Doug explains, “You

can’t let little stuff eat you up. The more you dwell on questions, the more questions you have.”

Another thing Doug has learned over the years is how important physical activity is not just the body, but the mind as well. When he works-out, he feels like he is “burning out the trauma.” Using physical activity to manage trauma helps first responders with stress reduction, sleep quality, cognitive function and resilience.

After many firefighters retire, they use their life of solitude to relive the trauma they experienced. Doug is not about to let that happen to him. To Doug, a busy lifestyle is

important to combat these thoughts and emotions. Even though Doug has officially retired from the Columbus Fire Department, he is already ready for his next adventure. He is a member of the Fairfield County Fair Board, and he is now the Junior Fair Director for the Fairfield County Fair. Being the Junior Fair Director is one of the busiest roles of the fair board. The Junior Fair Show is the top five in the state of Ohio. Even though there are many events that make up the Junior Fair, Doug is ready for the challenge and he is excited about his new job and what the future holds.

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New Library Hours for The Wagnalls Memorial

New hours have started for the Wagnalls Memorial Library for 2025. In response to reduced public funding, the library will be

closed on Tuesday evenings. The new library hours are Monday through Wednesday, 10 am to 5 pm; Thursday, 10 am to 8 pm; and Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm. The Wagnalls Memorial will still offer all the programs and services that it has been offering. To keep up-to-date on all the events and programs of the library, as well as art and community programs, please visit [www.wagnalls.org](http://www.wagnalls.org). For more information about the Wagnalls Memorial Library funding or to make a donation, please email executive director, Deb Silvia, at [dsilvia@wagnalls.org](mailto:dsilvia@wagnalls.org) or call 614-837-4765 x132.

Toadstool Shadow Performing at The Wagnalls Memorial

The Wagnalls Memorial Performing Arts Series presented by RedOne Realty-Gilmore Group

presents Toadstool Shadow on Saturday, January 25 at 6 pm!

Toadstool Shadow is a folk trio from Chillicothe, Ohio. Three cousins, they have entertained festival audiences across southern Ohio since 2023. Their all-original songs are about things like horses, mermaids, and corn, all sung in sunshiny two-part female harmony. Mixing music and humor, Toadstool Shadow seamlessly synthesizes the silly, the serious, and the surreal. Their goal is to provide family-friendly entertainment that is fun for both kids and adults.

The Scouts will have a hotdog dinner by donation starting at 5 pm in the Social Hall below the auditorium. All proceeds from dinner support the Scouting program at Wagnalls.

Tickets are \$20 per family (1 adult and up to 3 children) and \$10 per adult. Tickets are available online following the link at [www.wagnalls.org](http://www.wagnalls.org) or at [www.facebook.com/thewagnallslibrary/events](http://www.facebook.com/thewagnallslibrary/events) and at the door. All seating is general admission. Doors to Wagnalls open at 5:30 pm (if not coming to dinner) and the auditorium doors open at 5:45 pm. There's plenty of free street parking and our parking lot behind Wagnalls. Questions? Please call 614-837-4765.

The Wagnalls Memorial 3rd Annual Gala, A Magical Night

Join us Saturday, March 8 at 6 pm for The Wagnalls Memorial Third Annual Gala, A Magical Night. This wonderful evening presented by Options Medical Weight Loss is a fundraiser for Wagnalls with silent and live auctions supporting our restoration projects and a special auction item for the library.

We will be entertained by Reelin' in the Years (local band covering music from the 70's and 80's); Michael Griffin, Greatest Living Escape Artist; strolling magician, and themed bars.

Tickets include hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and drinks.

Save and buy early bird tickets by January 31! Table and auction sponsors are also available and include guest tickets and publicity. Tickets and sponsorships can be found online at [www.wagnalls.org](http://www.wagnalls.org) through the event link near the bottom of the home page or on the Facebook event at [www.facebook.com/thewagnallslibrary/events](http://www.facebook.com/thewagnallslibrary/events). Donations for the silent and live auctions are also appreciated. For questions or to donate, contact executive director, Deb Silvia, at 614-837-4765 x132 or [dsilvia@wagnalls.org](mailto:dsilvia@wagnalls.org).

Tractor Maintenance & Small Engines 4-H Club

Do you have a child or grandchild who would like to learn more about farm tractors or small engines? The Tractor Maintenance & Small Engines 4-H Club is accepting new members! 4-H is a non-formal, educational youth development program for individuals aged 8 and in 3rd grade or 9 years old through age 18, as of January 1, 2025.

This 4-H club is unique in that they focus on one specific topic – Small Engines and Farm Tractors. Meetings are on Monday nights, January through March each year. Advisors teach members how to work on small engines and tractors while visiting different businesses and agriculture shops throughout the county. No experience is necessary – This is a great opportunity to learn something new!

The club is also using a new curriculum that focuses on tractor safety and how to properly perform tractor maintenance. The tractor maintenance courses are available to members who have completed the small engine project books or have had previous experience working on machinery.

The club meets every Monday in January through Mid-March. Joining 4-H is relatively inexpensive – members can participate in the Tractor Maintenance and Small Engine Club for \$20! For more information, contact the Fairfield County Extension Office at 740-653-5419.

Private Pesticide and Fertilizer Re-certification 2025

Fertilizer Re-certification (cost: \$10) will be held on Monday, February 10, 2025, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. with Pesticide Recertification (Cost \$25) to follow immediately beginning at 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

The Fertilizer Recertification class will be repeated on Thursday, March 13, 2025, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Pesticide Recertification will be held the same day beginning at 9 am -12 pm. Pesticide Re-certification.

Remember to bring your current card with you to the training. Both training will be held at the Fairfield County Agriculture Center, 831 College Ave., Lancaster. For more information or to register online go to: <http://go.osu.edu/PestFert>

Questions? Call OSU Extension at 740.653.5419.

Farm Accounting with Quicken Workshop

Reevaluate how your farm keeps financial records in Quicken in 2025. Quicken is a simple farm accounting system that is familiar to farmers and farm families. Each hands-on workshop brings a mobile OSU computer lab and examples of farm data to you.

Learn how to customize the chart of accounts to align with the IRS Schedule F, utilized sub-categories to track and manage critical farm input expenses, allocate income and expenses to a farm enterprise, barn or farm location, build reports that describe the farm finances in real-time, explore how farm accounting can do more than a tax return.

The Fairfield County session will be held February 12 and 13 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. each night at the Fairfield County Ag Center located at 831 College Avenue in Lancaster. Cost is \$65 per farm business ( 2 individuals per business) and is limited to 10 farm businesses per location.

Registration: Call OSU Extension in Fairfield County at 740-653-5419 for details.

Deadline to register: One week prior to the start of each workshop. For additional questions, please call Wm. Bruce Clevenger, OSU Extension Field Specialist, Farm Management, [clevenger.10@osu.edu](mailto:clevenger.10@osu.edu)

Real Estate Tax Relief for Seniors and 100% Disabled Veterans Available

Homeowners aged 65 and older or those who are permanently and totally disabled may qualify for Ohio's Homestead Exemption for property tax relief.

That relief is improved due to legislation passed in 2023. The Homestead income threshold and exemption amounts now adjust with inflation annually.

The new income threshold will adjust to \$40,000 for 2025, up from \$38,600 in 2024.

The exemption amount, which reduces the amount of the value of the property that is taxed, will increase to \$28,000 in 2025, up from \$26,200 in 2024.

Disabled veterans with a 100% disability rating and their surviving spouses qualify for an enhanced exemption. This amount also adjusts annually for inflation. The enhanced exemption value will increase from \$52,300 in 2024 to \$56,000 in 2025.

These amounts above apply to tax year 2024 (collected in calendar year 2025) for real property and to tax year 2025 (collected in calendar year 2025) for manufactured or mobile homes.

For more information on the Homestead program, please reach out to the Fairfield County Auditor's office at (740) 652-7020. Homestead application forms are available at: <https://www.co.fairfield.oh.us/auditor/Ohio-Homestead-Exemption-Program.html>

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The Village of Thurston has completed the 2024 annual financial report and it is available for review. Any person who would like to review the report can contact the village office at 740-862-6003 to set up a time. The report is also available online at [www.thurstonohio.com](http://www.thurstonohio.com).



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**A Message from Citizens for Fair Fields, LLC:**  
We ask you to stand with us to STOP the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project in Fairfield County. By opposing at the Public Hearing, it sends a strong message to the Ohio Power Siting Board to reject installations of utility scale solar in population dense communities and on our prime farmland.

Why be concerned about Utility Scale Solar in Fairfield County?	Other Ohio communities with Utility Scale Solar experienced:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Utility scale solar does not belong in highly populated communities.</li><li>• Property rights of a few cannot be to the detriment of many people.</li><li>• Prime farmland is rich in nutrients; for food growth.</li><li>• Our zoning commission is being obliterated.</li><li>• This solar project conflicts with the Fairfield County Land Use Plan.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Damage to farm drain tile systems</li><li>• Flooding</li><li>• Damage to local roads</li><li>• High traffic during construction</li><li>• Lack of weed control</li><li>• Visual bight</li><li>• Equipment fires</li><li>• Unintentional relocation of wildlife</li></ul> <small>Photo by Citizens for Fair Fields, LLC</small>

**Pleasantville Elementary School - 300 W Columbus St - Pleasantville, OH**

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