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FAIRHOPE Hospice and Palliative Care celebrates 40 years

On January 11, the community gathered to celebrate the 40th anniversary of FAIRHOPE Hospice & Palliative Care. A special ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception was held to signify this momentous occasion. Since its inception in 1984, FAIRHOPE has been dedicated to meeting the hospice and personal care needs of central Ohio, specifically Fairfield and neighboring counties. As the fourth hospice center licensed in the state of Ohio, FAIRHOPE has continually pursued their mission of delivering compassionate, high-

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FAIRHOPE Hospice and Palliative Care celebrated 40 years with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception on January 11. submitted

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LUFFA Parliamentary Procedure team competes at state

On December 9, 2023, the Liberty Union FFA Parliamentary Procedure competed at the state competition. The team won second in their room of five teams and moved on to the finals round.

The Advanced Parliamentary Procedure CDE is an assessment of students' abilities to participate effectively in a business meeting or other group decision-making situations. Each team brings 6 kids; four serving as members, one as secretary, and one as the acting chairman.

The chairman's job is to run the meeting by calling for votes,

debates, and seconds. The chairman also rules upon any mistakes or requests made by the members. The secretary takes minutes throughout the meeting, including motions made and the disposition of the motion. The secretary and members must debate four times and the debates are scored on a scale from one to twelve. The secretary and members are also assigned motions they must make and are judged on how the making of the motion is carried out.

Member of the team, Ashley Kessler, says, "It was a great four



The Liberty Union FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team (from left to right) Jack Kaper, Ashley Kessler, Lillian McCoy, Reagan Thomas, Bailey Shy, and Caroline Endsley. submitted

years competing on the Parliamentary Procedure team and it was a good year to go out on". Parliamentary Procedure is a favorite CDE at Liberty Union and

each member of the team had to compete for a place on the team. The Liberty Union FFA Parliamentary Procedure team tied with the second place team and

placed third overall. Congratulations to all competitors. We are extremely proud of all of their accomplishments!

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FAIRHOPE Hospice and Palliative Care staff. submitted

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FAIRHOPE. "Our gratitude extends to every family and patient whose lives and stories we've been privileged to be a part of. A heartfelt thank you to everyone for the unwavering support we've received throughout our 40-year journey!"

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The Ohio Department of Development and Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency is assisting income-eligible Ohioans with water and wastewater assistance. The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program provides eligible Ohioans assistance paying water and wastewater bills. The program runs until March 31, 2024.

To apply for the program, clients are required to contact Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency.

Clients need to bring copies of the following documents to their appointment:

- Copies of their most recent water/wastewater bills;

- Copay for sanitation charges and penalties for sanitation charges
- A list of all household members and proof of income for the last 30 days or 12 months for each member;
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members;
- Proof of disability (if applicable)

For more information about the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program, contact the Agency at 740-653-4146. For contact information of your local Energy Assistance provider, call (800)282-0880 (hearing impaired clients may dial 711 for assistance), or visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov.

Fairfield ADAMH Board gains two new board members and a staff member



Cindy Lyttle submitted



Enonn Smith submitted



Tracy Freeman submitted

The Fairfield Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board has added two new

board members to fill two vacancies on its 14-member board.

This month's regularly scheduled Fairfield ADAMH Board meeting will be the first for Tracy Freeman and Cindy Lyttle as newly appointed board members.

A unanimous decision by the Fairfield County Commissioners was made to add Freeman and Lyttle to the board. Freeman will replace an opening on the board vacated by Mary Schwader who resigned earlier in 2023 with her term ending June 30, 2025. Lyttle will fill the vacancy left when Thom Williamson resigned due to relocating out of the county. This term ends on June 30, 2026.

Freeman, a Pickerington resident, recently retired after spending 23 years in public and non-profit legislative advocacy. She also serves on the Ohio Environmental Education Fund Board for Ohio and the Public Benefits Advisory Board. She is a friends/family advocate for Nar-Anon (Narcotics Anonymous) family groups and those who have loved ones with substance use disorders. Freeman serves as a volunteer delivering Meals on Wheels through Lifecare Alliance.

Lyttle graduated from Lancaster High School and has served the area as a retail professional. Her service has been to help strengthen her community through Komen Columbus, the Pickerington Chamber of Commerce/Women's Leadership Coalition, Beta Sigma Phi, Central Ohio Society of Professional Journalists and helping in area schools.

Enonn Smith joined the Fairfield ADAMH Board in December filled a new position as the IT Claims Specialist. Previously working in Northwest Ohio, he attended the University of Toledo where he built a strong technical foundation and served as a manager, gaining invaluable customer service skills.

"I'm excited to join a team of professionals that is working toward bettering their community on so many levels," Smith said.

The organization's Executive Director is looking forward to the addition of the board members and the new team member.

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"With the addition of Enonn (Smith), we now have 12 full-time team members, and his position will enable us to expand our billing services," Fields said. "The Fairfield ADAMH Board is now a complete, 14-member board, with the addition of Tracy (Freeman) and Cindy (Lyttle)," Fields added.

This is a big year for the Fairfield ADAMH Board as the Star-Light Center is expected to open this spring after experiencing several delays. The Board will then embark on a new project to provide housing for individuals with mental health needs on the north side of Lancaster. The ADAMH Board also partners with 14 non-profit community agencies (network of care agencies) to provide funding and guidance for services to Fairfield County residents.

"There is a lot of work to do in Fairfield County to address the increasing needs we are seeing," Fields said, "it's a continual effort to develop and implement innovative programs to address these needs, and with the community's support, it can truly be a team effort," she concluded.

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Fairfield County Foundation announces Cycle 3 grant recipients

The Fairfield County Foundation recently announced the recipients for the third and final grant cycle in 2023. The Foundation awarded grants to 11 organizations totaling \$167,000 at their November Board meeting.

"Over three grant cycles this year, the Foundation awarded 39 grants totaling \$404,429," said Amy Eyman, Chief Executive Officer of the Fairfield County Foundation. "We are proud to support such a diverse and important list of community initiatives across Fairfield County."

Below is a complete listing of the Cycle 3 grant recipients:

Meals on Wheels Fairfield County, Inc. Gas Generator to Support Refrigeration Units for Food Storage Alma S. Busby, Ward R. & Dorothy Delancy Halteman, Wendel Family, Pickering Family, Fairfield County Foundation Community

Impact Fund, Richard L. Roundhouse Fund

Lancaster Chorale Performing Season 2023-24: Magnificat / At the Manger / Love Songs for Spring Ann Chess, Hoyman Family Fine Arts, Janet S. Crist, Pickering Family Fund

United Way of Fairfield County Fairfield County Welcome Home Newborn Visiting Program George and Dollie L. Zimpher Memorial and Jerry & Janet Nauman Fund

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Fairfield County The Mentor Center Terry A. McGhee/Sally J. Grimm Community Fund and Wendel Family Fund

Baltimore Downtown Restoration Ballroom Floor Refinishing, Victoria Opera House Janet S. Crist Fund

Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency Community AED Supplies and Replacement Parts Health Fund

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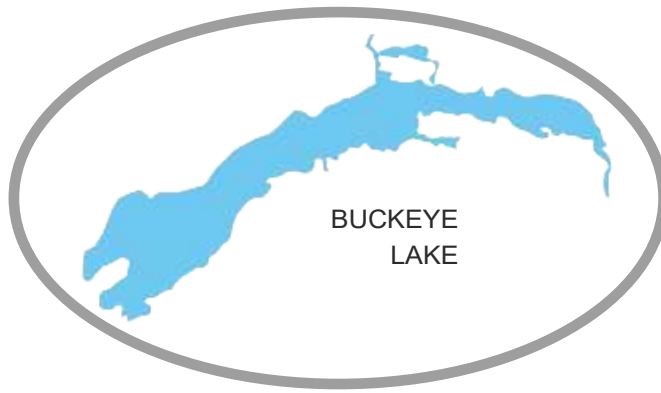
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Scott Cross, President of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #2801 presented a \$6,000 check to members of the Walnut Township School District to be used to help pay lunches for students. According to Scott, "no child should spend their day in school hungry".

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(L-R): Debbi Popo, newly elected BOE member; Vince Popo, current BOE member; Jill Bradford, treasurer; Kim Radulovich, superintendent; Scott Cross, FOE #2801 president, and Jenn Levacy, current BOE member. submitted

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Millersport Council Report

Village Council met on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Building. In attendance were Mayor Gary Matheny, Council Members present were President Pro Tem Craig Cooperrider, Elizabeth Butler, Dustin Bidwell, Stephanie Helle and Rick Thompson. Also present were Village Zoning Administrator Bill Simpson, Chase Wood Water Tech, John Wood, Water Superintendent,

Administrator Vincent B. Popo and resident Sharon Johnson. Councilor Fiscal Officer Susan A. Ramsey was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

Roll call was taken and Councilor James McKittrick was absent.

The Parade with Santa and the Tree Lighting was a bigger event than last year. Santa and Mrs. Claus was greeted by many parents and kids. The "Leo"

branch of the Millersport Lions Club served hot chocolate and Amber Hetteberg passed out cookies and donuts. A special thanks to Mayor Gary Matheny, Chief Consolo and Officer Tim gales, Fire Chief Bob Price and the fire personnel, Jack and Cynthia Thompson, Tom Nebbergall and Wyatt, William and Bonnie Stutske. A special thanks to Bonnie Stutske for decorating the bridge.

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Street: Street Supervisor Dan Phelps has put away the leaf machine for the year and is ready for winter with salt from Walnut Township.

Police Department: Chief Mark Consolo sent statistics for the month of November. The department issued (1) one traffic warning, (0) zero traffic citation, (0) zero dispatch runs and (0) zero mutual aid runs and worked (106) One Hundred Six hours.

Commissioner Jeff Fix met with council on Tuesday December 5, 2023; see minutes from that meeting.

Councilor Beth Butler followed up to go over the steps needed to establish rules, guidelines, fees and 3% bed tax on short term rentals. The Lancaster City ordinance is one of the models we

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are looking to implement. After much discussion it was agreed to set a follow-up meeting to move forward on a Millersport Ordinance for bed tax and registration fees and then with the input from the residents of the Village of Millersport discuss effects.

Fire Department: Chief Robert Price sent the run totals for the month of November. Station 631 made (54) fifty-four runs; Station 632 made (33) thirty-three runs; Station 633 made (27) twenty-seven runs; and Walnut Township made (17) seventeen mutual aid runs.

Resolution 1378: is a resolution authorizing wage increases for 2024. A motion to pass the resolution was made by Councilor Craig Cooperrider and

seconded by Councilor Dustin Bidwell. All voted yes and the motion carried 6-0.

The Village of Millersport will be celebrating its Bicentennial in 2025. Plans are now being set to form a committee to plan the celebration. Residents that are interested in being part of this event should contact Vince Popo (614-562-7320).

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Dustin Bidwell and seconded by Councilor Craig Cooperrider. All voted yes and the motion carried 6-0.

*A copy of the recorded Village of Millersport Council Meeting dated Tuesday December 12, 2023 is available upon request.

Fairfield County Foundation 2024-2025 scholarship application available online

LANCASTER, Ohio - The Fairfield County Foundation is currently accepting applications for more than 100 different scholarship funds for local students for the 2024-2025 school year using one online application, which can be found at <https://www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org/scholarships/applications>.

The application officially opened December 1, 2023 and the deadline to submit applications is Friday, March 8, 2024. Applicants are encouraged to check out the scholarships page on our website for more details, criteria, tips and frequently asked questions to assist in filling out the application. The Foundation's application system filters

down which scholarships students are eligible to receive based on the criteria of each scholarship fund.

Generally, scholarships are reserved for residents of Fairfield County or graduates of a high school in Fairfield County; however, there are a few that are available to students outside of the county. Applicants can be graduating high school seniors, current undergraduate, graduate, non-traditional or vocation/technical school students.

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Meals on Wheels receives grant from Fairfield County Foundation to support generator project

Lancaster, Ohio- Meals on Wheels Older Adult Alternatives of Fairfield County recently received a \$50,000 grant from the Fairfield County Foundation through multiple funders: Alma S. Busby, Ward R. and Dorothy Delaney Halteman, Wendel Family, Pickering Family, Richard L Roundhouse, and the Fairfield County Foundation Impact Fund for a new gas generator to support refrigeration units for food storage.

“Our goal is to maintain the integrity of the food that is stored in coolers and freezers in the event of power failure which allows us to maintain client services for our meal program.” stated Anna Tobin, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels Fairfield County. “We are extremely

grateful for the various funds that contributed to the project to bring it to fruition. The support of the Fairfield County Foundation has been instrumental in our ability to meet the capital expenditure investments required of a program of our size and scope.”

Meals on Wheels OAAFC is Fairfield County’s #1 source for senior services ensuring health, connection, and independence for those sixty and older living in Fairfield County. In addition to the meal program, the agency offers over 20 additional services to help older adults thrive. The agency is a 501(c) 3 private, non-profit that receives funding through the Ohio Department of Aging Title III program, the local Meals on Wheels Senior Services Levy, grants, and donations to provide

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These acts reflect the district's commitment to one of the three elements of its Portrait of a Graduate model, specifically Caring, which emphasizes empathy and a commitment to the community.

"All five elementary schools, the Bridges and preschool programs, both junior high schools, and the clubs and classes at the high school have provided countless meals, toys, cards, clothing, and winter essentials to the people in our community most in need this winter," said Superintendent Nathan Hale. "At the beginning of the year, we committed to a year

of joy and if this level of generosity doesn't illustrate joy, I'm not sure what does."

In addition to working with one another, many schools and clubs also partnered with local organizations such as the Salvation Army, Fairfield County 2-1-1, area churches, and non-profits, furthering their lesson in collaboration.

"The Board and I have been impressed with the coordination displayed by our faculty and the willingness of our students and their families to participate in these acts of giving," Hale said. "Undoubtedly, a positive ripple effect will result from their kindness."

To see the complete list of acts of giving, visit the district's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/LancasterCitySchools.

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New Year's resolutions

By Amy Carpenter, Ph.D.

Dear Hank,

Each year I make resolutions of how I want to change my life for the better, but I don't think about making New Year's Resolutions for my pooch. Can you give me some ideas to improve my best friend's life too?

Sincerely,

A Concerned Dog Mom



That is a great question! Here are 7 ways you can improve the quality of your dog's life too:

1. Take your dog to the vet for wellness exams. Dr. Hohenhaus, author of "The Link Between Cancer and Your Pet's Size and Color" (2015), suggests that you should take young healthy dogs to the vet twice a year and older dogs (or dogs with chronic conditions) more than twice a year. She also suggests that if you have a dog whose breed is predisposed to cancer, you should consider even more frequent checkups. According to "The Vetiverse" (a source of collective vet wisdom), the popular U.S. breeds with a higher mortality rate (due to cancer) include the Bernese Mountain Dog and the Rottweiler. Other notable mentions include the Boxer, Briard, French Bulldog, and Bullmastiff. The Veterinary Diagnostics Institute (2012) adds the following breeds to the list as well: Golden Retrievers, Boxers, Great Danes, German Shepherds, English Setters, and Doberman Pinschers.

2. Give your dog monthly checks. Pick a date, like the first of each month, that you can remember easily. Oregon State University College of Vet Medicine, shares that you should check your dog's nose/muzzle, mouth (inside and out) skin, legs, underbelly, eyes, jawline, ears, torso, feet and anus. This also includes unusual behavior in attitude and/or appetite. You should document your findings and share anything abnormal with your vet right away.

3. Feed your dog a healthy and balanced diet. According to

FETCH by WebMD, whether you buy your dog food or make it yourself, your dog needs a balanced diet to stay healthy. That should include a mix of proteins, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins, minerals and water. Look for the words "Complete and Balanced Nutrition" on the label. Along with a healthy and balanced diet, make sure your pooch stays at a healthy body weight. To find out the best weight for your pet go to www.petobesityprevention.org.

4. Exercise your dog daily. PDSA, an organization that offers free and low-cost veterinary care, shares that dogs should have 1 to 2 walks a day (unless otherwise directed by your vet). Some breeds like the Miniature Dachshund might need moderate exercise, while the Border Collie might need a lot more exercise. The PDSA adds that a brisk walk is a great opportunity for your dog to burn off extra energy, and a slow walk (letting your dog sniff and explore) is great for your dog's mental health. Even if you work long hours or aren't physically able to walk your pooch, there are dog walkers in your area you can contact for help. You can also visit Miller Dog Park (located at 409 N. Memorial Drive) to help your pooch stretch their legs.

5. Give your Dog Consistent Training. Just like kids, dogs need to understand rules and follow them. Loyal Companions, an animal hospital and pet resort, explain that training is an essential part of owning a dog and training can be started at any age. Training builds confidence, provides mental stimulation and strengthens the human-animal bond. Even if you didn't get your pooch as a puppy, it is never too late to start training your dog. Despite the old adage, "You can't teach an old dog new tricks," you actually can!

6. Protect your dog from the elements. The American Veterinary Medical Association recommends that dogs should be kept inside during cold weather. Even though it is a common belief that dogs are more resistant than people to cold weather (due to their fur) that actually is not true. Just like people, dogs are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia. So, if it is too cold for you, it is too cold for your dog too!

This is also true in the summer months as well. Outside time in the summer should be limited. The Humane Society of the United States explains that dogs re-



Amy Carpenter (owner of Hank's Pet Sitting Service) at Miller Dog Park with rock donated by the Hank Kabel Sarcoma Foundation. submitted

spond differently to heat than humans do. Even different breeds of dogs respond differently. For instance, dogs with white colored ears are more susceptible to skin cancer and short-nosed pets typically have difficulty breathing. Some ways to provide help is by giving your dog ample shade and water and cooling your dog from the inside out with pupsicles and a cool body wrap.

7. Brush Your Canine's Canines. We learn as little kids how important it is to brush our teeth, but it is also important to brush your dog's teeth. According to "Periodontal Disease in Dogs: Etiopathogenesis, Prevalence, and Significance" by Colin Harvey, 85% of dogs 4 or older had some periodontal disease. Small dogs are particularly at risk. Dr. Santiago Peralta, DVM and specialist in oral surgery at Cornell University, explains that chew toys are not enough and plaque is can build up in tough-to-reach places. The Washington Post explains that if you don't brush your dog's teeth, bacteria can infect your dog's gums and it can find its way into your dog's bloodstream. From there, the bacteria can reach other organs damaging the heart, liver and kidneys. Prevention is the key!

So, when trying to figure out how to make your life better in 2024, don't forget to make a list for your best buddy too. Working on goals with a partner makes them easier to do!

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Winter Bird Feeding Tips

Understanding the varied feeding patterns of birds can make a significant difference in their well-being. Some birds, like chickadees and cardinals, are year-round, while others are more seasonal. For species like red-breasted nuthatches, redpolls, pine siskins, grosbeaks, scarcity of seeds can lead them far from their usual ranges in search of food.

Diverse food choices in planning for winter bird feeding involves three primary categories of food: large seeds, small seeds and suet.

Large seeds: Black-oil sunflower, striped sunflower, safflower, peanuts, shelled corn, cardinal mixes (sunflower, safflower and peanuts.)

Black oil sunflower seeds and cardinal mixes are the most popular choices, comprising about 80-90% of seed used in Ohio. They offer high energy content and appeal to a wide range of winter birds, including cardinals, blue jays and finches.

Peanuts: Attractive to chickadees, nuthatches, woodpecker, and blue jays. Even cardinals sometime like peanuts.

Seed mixes: Cracked corn or milo are generally avoided due to their popularity with nature's bullies: house sparrows and starlings.

Niger seed (thistle) is a staple for goldfinches, house and purple finches and pine siskins. Make sure to get a special feeder with smaller holes if you choose to include thistle.

Suet: A nutritional powerhouse: Suet, suet mixes and peanut butter are vital for offering high-energy nutrition. They can be in various forms, from wire mesh feeders to open platforms.

Selecting the right feeder: Finding the ideal feeder for your yard involves trial and error. Consider platform or tray feeders (covered or uncovered), hopper-style feeders, or cylindrical feeders for specific seeds.

Optimal Feeder Layout - As winter sets in, placing feeders closer to the house can provide easier access, especially in snow-fall. Using clusters of feeders with a variety of offerings, along with a designated ground feeding site, provides a diverse buffet for our bird friends. Make sure that the feeders are placed close to protective tree cover, which allows birds to seek refuge between visits.

Safety Measures for Feeder Placement - To safeguard birds from potential predators, place feeders at least ten feet away from concealing cover. Feeders placed near windows increase collision risks. Consider using stick-on window feeders, or relocating the feeders.

Also, don't forget the water! Birds need a source of clean drinking water in the winter too. Mimic nature's birdbath. Make shallow pools of water. Place water at ground level where birds would find water in nature. Think about adding a heater so water won't freeze.

By implementing these winter bird feeding tips, bird watchers can create a haven for our winged friends, fostering not only survival, but also enhancing the bird-watching experience in the frosty months of winter.

Fairfield SWCD Scholarship Opportunity

The Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) will offer up to three \$1,000 college scholarships per year.

Applicants must be graduating from high school and be residents of Fairfield County. Home-schooled students are eligible as well. At the time of application, applicants must have achieved at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent).

Applicants need to be pursuing a degree in the fields of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conser-

vation or Environmental Education. Examples of some eligible degrees include: Agriculture, Ag Engineering, Aquatic Ecology, Biological Sciences, Conservation Planning, Environmental Education, Environmental Science, Forestry, Natural Resource Conservation, Soils, or Wildlife. Call the SWCD office if you have a question about your area of interest.

Eligible post secondary institutions include technical colleges, two-year associates or four-year bachelor's degree programs. If you plan to attend something other than the above, please call the SWCD office to check on eligibility.

Scholarship application is due to the Fairfield SWCD office by March 31. Applications can be mailed or emailed to scholarship@fairfieldswcd.org.

New Year, New Opportunities for 4-H Youth in the Jr. Fair Market Competitions

Junior Fair exhibitors need to be aware of the new opportunities at the 2024 Fairfield County Fair.

Dairy Steer Class to be offered at the 2024 Fairfield County Fair. All animals must be of a dairy breed and will be weighed in at the Market Beef Weigh in slated for March 9, 2024. Time and location to be determined.

A new market category in the market hog show will be the purebred division market hogs. Exhibitors may show purebred market animals, both barrows and gilts. Animals declared for the purebred division will need to show a valid pedigree in the exhibitor's name and meet the respective breed characteristics.

Homegrown Market Lamb Division to be added to the Market Lamb Show in 2024. Entries must be born from a ewe owned prior to January 1 of the current year and raised at the 4-H/FFA member's family residence or adjoining family residence in Fairfield County. Homegrown market lamb classes are held separately -before the general market lamb show and only one lamb per exhibitor will be eligible to show in

this class. Exhibitors participating in this class should advise Sheep Show Committee members or Jr. Fair Coordinator, Doug Shell within 2 weeks of the birth of the homegrown market lamb for ID and tagging.

For details, on any of the above classes please contact Junior Fair Livestock Director, Doug Shell at lshell171@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events:

Private Pesticide Recertification - Tuesday, February 6, 2024 - 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the Fairfield County Ag Center Cost \$25.

Fertilizer Recertification - Tuesday, February 6, 2024- 12:00 noon at Fairfield County Ag Center. Cost is \$10.

Private Fertilizer Recertification - Thursday, February 29, 2024 from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Fairfield County Ag Center. Cost is \$10.

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Please bring your ODA Fertilizer or Pesticide card with you to the training. All classes will be held at the Fairfield County Agriculture Center, 831 College Ave., Lancaster, OH.

For more information or to register online go to: <http://go.osu.edu/PestFert>

Slow Cooker Workshop

Join Shannon Carter, Extension Educator and Sandy Bohl, Trained Instructor, with Ohio State University Extension Fairfield County, to learn more about the basics of using a slow cooker, including: Meal planning tips; How to save money and time; Sample recipes to try

Class is slated for February 13 from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Wagnall's Memorial Library. Register at 614-837-4765. Workshop sponsored by The Wagnalls Memorial Library

SAVE THE DATE- 4-H DAY Slated for March 2, 2024 at the Fairgrounds

New 4-H families who need assistance with choosing projects and/or clubs are invited to attend 4-H Day on Saturday, March 2nd from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the AAA Building at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds.

MARCH 23, 2024 - Fairfield County Master Gardeners "Dig Into Gardening" at Christ United Methodist Church in Baltimore... details forthcoming.

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LUFFA Greenhand Degree recipients



Pictured are the newly inducted Greenhands, and other chapter members, at the ceremony on December 14. submitted

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access to the Official FFA Manual and the Official Student Handbook, and submit a written application for the Greenhand FFA Degree

Freshman who met the criteria this year are:

Paisley Alt, Brooklyn Angelo, Raelyn Bader, Alexander Baird, Kaiden Barnett, Montana Benedetto, Carter Bergados, Ryan Bowersock, Jackson Bowers, Lilyann Cherry, Alivia Conley, Jazmine Deirfield, Miley Deirfield, Bryce Dupler, Rebecca Dymek, Halle Eastep, Caroline Endsley, Wynter Fleury, Logan

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Joey Norris, Payton Roberts, Phallyn Roush, Kane Sanders, Zane Sanders, Bailey Shy, Mason Smith, Natalie Smith, Tallie Spangler, Kadyn Trent, Gauge Steiger, Lilly Turley, Pierce Weis.

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Local Events, News, Happenings & More!

The deadline for the Feb. 12 Issue is Noon, Feb. 2

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words, or a display ad (call toll-free 1-888-354-1352 for pricing).

Meet Pioneering Newspaperwoman at Carroll Historical Society Program

The Carroll Area Historical Society invites you to a special program on Monday, Feb. 5 at 6:30pm, when Mary Lawrence, CAHS member and retired marketing director for the Fairfield County Heritage Association, will give a first-person program on Cora Rigby.

Rigby (1865-1930) was born in Lancaster and worked for newspapers in Boston, New York, London, and Washington, DC, at a time when female journalists were only beginning to enter the field. Rigby also founded the National Women's Press Club in 1919.

The public is invited to hear the fascinating story of this remarkable woman at 75 Center Street in Carroll (Lions Club building). There is no cost to attend. Program will start promptly at 6:30pm.

Follow us on Facebook for information on upcoming meetings.

Lenten Fish Fry's

The Thurston Methodist Church will be having Lenten Fish Fry's on the following Fridays: February 16 and 23; March 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 4:30-7:00 PM. Suggested donation is \$13. Menu: fried cod, baked beans or green beans, Au Gratin potatoes or French fries, coleslaw or applesauce, roll, ice cream. Carry out only. Call 740 862-6943 to place order or drive up.

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Contact email: carter.413@osu.edu

Contact name: Shannon Carter
Contact phone: 740-653-5419

Registration: Call Linda at 740-681-5050, ext. 119

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Private Pesticide and Fertilizer Recertification

Your first opportunity for Pesticide Recertification is Tuesday, February 6, 2024, beginning at 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. The cost for this class is \$25. Please note: Fertilization Recertification class will be held immediately following Pesticide Recertification. Cost for Fertilizer Recertification is \$10. The Fertilizer Recertification session is 1 hour.

Your Second Opportunity for Private Fertilizer Recertification is Thursday, February 29, 2024, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Cost for this class is \$10. Immediately following this class will be the opportunity for Private Pesticide Recertification beginning at 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Cost of the Pesticide Recertification class is \$25.

Please bring your ODA Fertilizer or Pesticide card with you to the training. All classes will be held at the Fairfield County Agriculture Center, 831 College Ave., Lancaster, OH

For more information or to register online go to: <http://go.osu.edu/PestFert>
Questions? Call OSU Extension at 740.653.5419.

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Ohio Genealogical Society Meeting

The Ohio Genealogical Society, Fairfield Chapter, meeting will be Thursday, February 15, at the Genealogical Research Library, 503 Lenwood Drive in Lancaster. Refreshments at 6:30 pm, short business meeting at 7 pm, followed by the program from Family Search Library webinar, "Proven ways to find your immigrant ancestors". All are welcome. Visit our website (www.fairfieldgenealogy.org) for a video tour of our Genealogy Research Library made possible by a gift in the name of the Alma S. Busby Fund of the Fairfield County Foundation.

NEW 4-H Club Advisors Needed in Fairfield County

The Fairfield County 4-H Program continues to see the interest in community club participation grow and we need volunteers to make that happen. If you have been thinking of getting more involved with 4-H, now is the time to apply to be a club volunteer. Current clubs need help which means you don't have to start a new club! Have questions? Contact our office at 740-653-5419! Application deadline is February 1, 2024.

Visit the History Room at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

The museum is open the first Sunday of each month for tours from 10:00-11:30 a.m. immediately after church services, or by appointment. You can expect to see the Andrew Bauman scale model of the church, portraits, photographs, and treasured historical objects. St. Peter's Lutheran Church is located at 105 E. Mulberry St., in Lancaster, Ohio. Church office (740) 653-1950.

Fundraising Mardi Gras Party

The Joy Sunday School Class at Christ United Methodist Church is sponsoring a fundraising Mardi Gras Party on Saturday, February 10, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the family life center at 700 South Main Street, Baltimore.

Dinner will be: New Orleans style chicken and sausage jambalaya, vegetarian red beans and rice, salad, French bread, king cake, iced tea, lemonade and coffee.

There will be games and activities for all ages, including: a costume contest (contest categories are boy, girl, adult male, adult female, group up to 5 persons); Mardi Gras music; face painting; parade (2nd line); coloring and word search activities; photo op; everyone will receive a mask and Mardi Gras beads.

The cost is \$20 per adult and \$10 each for children age 3 to 10. There is no charge for children under 2. Presale tickets are preferred and are available in the church office Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a limited number of tickets available at the door the day of the event at \$25 adult and \$15 child. Call 740-862-4343 to buy tickets and for more information.

Wildermuth Memorial Church Announces a New Sermon Series

Wildermuth Memorial Church Pastor Brandon Lewis recently started a new sermon series "Lessons from the Mount". Come, learn about heaven coming to earth and the importance of common people.

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The Basil Joint Fire District's Annual Financial Report is complete and available at the office of the Fiscal Office.

Station 610 410 Washington St Baltimore. For the remainder of the year all public notices will be posted to the website www.basilfire.com

The 2023 Annual Finance Report for the Village of Bremen was filed with the Auditor of State of Ohio. This report is available for public viewing by contacting the Village office for an appointment at 740-569-4788.

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School board begins new year with board member changes



Bryan Everitt submitted



Jay Nauman submitted

LANCASTER, OH: Lancaster City Schools (LCS) congratulated Jay Nauman on his retirement from the LCS school board at the December 19, 2023, meeting and welcomed Bryan Everitt as the district's newest member. Nauman's board term officially expired on December 31, 2023.

Born and raised in Lancaster, Ohio, Nauman has been with Nauman Outdoor since 1995 and purchased the business from his father in 2001, making him the fourth generation to own and operate the company. A graduate of Wittenberg University, he is a self-described jack of all trades and enjoys working with billboard layout and design to get the most effective message delivery possible for Nauman clients. In addition to the LCS school board, he has served on numerous community boards, past and present, including the United Way Review Board, Habitat for Humanity, Lancaster-Fairfield County Charity Newsies, Fairfield Medical Center Community Advisory Board, and the Ohio Outdoor Advertising Association Board. He is also a past Lancaster Rotary president.

"During his tenure as a board member, Jay remained dedicated to implementing the three elements of the district's Portrait of a Graduate model," said outgoing Board President Dianne Garlinger. "He did so with a unique wit, business acumen, and valued wisdom. His presence will be vastly missed by the board, but always appreciated."

Stepping into Nauman's board position is local attorney and licensed title insurance agent, Bryan Everitt.

A Lancaster native, Everitt is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. He was commissioned as an Officer in the United States Navy. During his 24-year career in the Navy, he served around the globe as a nuclear-trained Submarine Warfare Officer and held numerous leadership positions including Operations Officer for Navy Recruiting District Ohio, Professor of Naval Science at Purdue University, and Commanding Officer/Officer-in-Charge positions with various Navy Reserve Units. During the final period of his naval service, Everitt was transferred back to

central Ohio, which allowed him to pursue his law degree by attending Capital University Law School's evening program while also working full-time. Everitt joined local firm Dagger Law in 2014 and retired from the United States Navy in 2019 and was made partner in 2023.

Outside of his legal practice, Everitt serves Lancaster, Fairfield County and beyond through his active involvement in numerous community organizations, including Lancaster Alive, Founder & Vice-President; Historic Lancaster Commission, Chairperson; Lancaster-Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce; Legislative Action Committee, Chairperson; Equality Ohio, Legal Clinic Committee Co-Chairperson; Equality Ohio, Finance & Administration Committee, Member; Fairfield County District Library, Board of Trustees Member & Board Secretary; Lancaster Tree

Commission, Member; Lancaster Public Education Foundation, Board Member & Co-Chair; and Ohio State Bar Foundation, Awards Committee.

"Bryan's dedication to his country, his community, his clients, and our school system is more than evident," said Superintendent Nathan Hale. "He has shown his commitment to education for the past several years by serving on the Lancaster

Public Education Foundation, which raises funds to assist educators with projects and resources not available through our traditional budget. That kind of commitment is tremendous. While we don't know how he finds the time to accomplish all that he does, we are honored to have him working toward achieving the objectives of Lancaster City Schools."

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