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## Meals on Wheels adopts new name

Lancaster, Ohio - For over 50 years, Meals on Wheels of Fairfield County has provided services that ensure nutrition, health, connection, and independence for people ages 60 and older living in Fairfield County. While many community members are familiar with the meal delivery services, recent research indicated that others are not as familiar with the 20+ additional services offered to older adults by Meals on Wheels.

To address the issue, the agency spent a year collecting data and evaluating feed-

back to create a simple name that would better reflect the organization's offerings. The process involved working with Krile Communications, conducting client surveys, obtaining community feedback, performing interviews with community leaders, and soliciting input from the board and staff. The information collected confirmed the limitations of the Meals on Wheels name and that the agency should consider expanding its name to indicate all that is offered.

This month, the organization is announcing that The Senior Hub has been selected as the co-branded name to sit alongside the name Meals on Wheels Fairfield County.

"Like a hub of a wheel, The Senior Hub is at the center of the senior support system in Fairfield County," said Executive Director Anna Tobin. "We connect all of the services and supports available to older adults to keep them on a path of independence and well-being, while continuing to provide nourishment and fellowship."

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# THE SENIOR Hub




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The Senior Hub brand will provide a platform to promote the 20+ services and resources to help seniors thrive.

“While our name may be changing, our services, staff, location, phone number, and organizational mission will stay

the same,” said Tobin. “The only difference is that our identity will be enhanced through the co-branded marketing strategy which people will begin seeing on all our marketing materials very soon. We are proud and excited to unveil the new concept!”

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With the blue skies and warming temperatures, we are all ready to get out and get our home exterior, yard and gardens back in shape.

Before you get started on your to do list, make sure you take appropriate safety measures.

First make sure that you wear protective footwear, properly fitted gloves, hearing protection, and safety glasses. It's important to wear sunscreen and some bug spray. Remember to shower off the chemicals and check yourself for ticks.

Work smart by stretching your body first. Switch activities about every 30 minutes. Always lift

carefully with your leg power and employ a cart or wheelbarrow for heavy loads.

Make sure to drink water and take breaks in the shade, even in cloudy weather heat related illness can creep up.

Familiarize yourself with power tools and how they work. Check cords on tools and extension cords. Make sure all the tools are in the off position before plugging or unplugging them.

**Use ladders safely on a firm level surface: never stand on one of the top 3 rungs and wear a utility belt for tools so you can properly climb facing the ladder.**

**Call 811 if you are planning to dig!** Local utilities will check your property before you plant a tree, dig a trench, or set fence posts.

If you want to include your children make sure they possess sound judgment, strength, coordination, and maturity for the tasks you want them to help with.

**The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children should have these characteristics and be at least 12 years old before operating any type of mower.**

Article submitted by Jim Fox  
State Farm, Lancaster, Ohio

## Lancaster Community Chorus presents first concert of 2024



March 17, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. Lancaster Community Chorus will present its first concert of 2024 titled, *“Only All of Us”*, at the Crossroads Ministry Center, 2095 W. Fair Ave., Lancaster OH 43130.

Music that centers on the theme of our interconnectedness as human beings will make for a powerful and enjoyable concert of much variety. The chorus will be joined by two guest ensembles: Lancaster High School Chamber Singers, under the direction of Sandra McCoy, and the Lancaster

Handbell Ensemble, directed by William Wittman. Each guest ensemble will present selections of its own, will combine with Lancaster Community Chorus for a song, and then all three ensembles will join together for two powerful grand finale pieces.

The Lancaster Community Chorus is an auditioned community vocal ensemble. Talented singers that comprise the chorus give generously of their time and energy in preparing each concert. Director: Clarence McCoy, Accompanist: Emily Plassman

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Doors open at 2:30 p.m. For more information, please visit [www.lancastercommunitychorus.com](http://www.lancastercommunitychorus.com), or email [lancasterchorus@gmail.com](mailto:lancasterchorus@gmail.com).

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2. The old rule that you must have a tub has gone by the wayside. With all those Baby Boomer knees and hips out there, it is much easier to walk into a shower than it is to lift those legs up over the edge of a tub, lower yourself down into the water, then raise yourself up out of the tub and step out. Besides, young people aren't taking the time to wait for a tub to fill with water, spend time soaking, rinse off and step out. They want to hop in a shower and hop back out.

3. Senior citizens aren't the only ones to have mobility issues, anyone at any age can have an accident, surgery, or any number

of ailments that would necessitate needing some assistance, even if only temporarily. Adding grab bars to your design now will save you possible headaches later. Today's grab bars are available in several finishes and more attractive styles than in the past. If you absolutely don't want them now, at least, make sure to have your contractor put blocking in for future use.

4. Storage is important. Adding a vanity linen cabinet and/or a water closet over the toilet is a great way to store the spare toilet paper, paper towels and tissues that you've been hoarding. Cabinets now come with more options for using that interior space as optimally as possible.

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## Chamber of Commerce announces 20 participants in 2024 Local Civics Bee competition

LANCASTER, OH – The Lancaster Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the 20 participants that will be competing in the 2024 Local Civics Bee.

For the second year in a row, the Chamber of Commerce partnered with the U.S. Chamber Foundation to facilitate the National Civics Bee on the local level, collecting over 160 entries from Fairfield County students in grades 6, 7 and 8 between Nov. 13 and Jan. 30. Once the submission period ended, 30 local judges representing the Lancaster and Fairfield County business community helped to narrow our pool of entries to the top-20.

The participants for the 2024 Local Civics Bee are:

Elaina Bishop, Lancaster; Emery Browning, Lancaster;

Anderson Bumgardner, Lancaster; Logan Cathey, Lancaster; Sophia Cook, Lancaster; Claire Coy, Lancaster; Daisy D'Amico, Lancaster; Brooke Derringer, Lancaster; Tristen Exline, Lancaster; Liam Griffith, Lancaster; Audrey Hallows, Pickerington; Levi Hollis, Lancaster; Khushvakt Khatov, Lancaster; Kobe Lowe, Lancaster; Amelia Marshall, Lancaster; Rylee Meyer, Fairfield Union; Kara Mitchell, Lancaster; Dylan Silvia, Lancaster; Kyle VanDeWater, Fairfield Union; Victoria Velasquez, Lancaster.

During the live event, students will be quizzed in the first two rounds with the top-five advancing to the final round. A panel of local judges will then ask the five finalists questions related to their original essay

submissions. The top three students from the final round will receive cash prizes up to \$500 and will be eligible to compete in the State Civics Bee later this year. All 20 participants will receive a bag with prizes from the local business community, along with a brand-new Amazon Fire Tablet used during the competition.

The live Civics Bee event takes place Wednesday, March 20 at Ohio University Lancaster. Those interested in attending the event can register online at [lancoc.org/events](http://lancoc.org/events). Due to National Civics Bee regulations, the event will not be livestreamed.

For questions about the National Civics Bee, contact the Lancaster Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce at 740-653-8251.

## Happenings at the Y

March promises to be an amazing month at the YMCA. Our 6th street location will be hosting our first ever adult only 1980's themed prom! There will be side ponytails, neon colors, and the best dance music you can imagine. Register online and come in your finest 1980's styles. The prom will be held March 15th, 6pm-8:30pm and we will host Kid's Night Out at the same time, that way you don't even have to worry about a babysitter!

We will also have some fun Easter activities in March. Jump in the pool and make a splash while you hunt for Easter Eggs

during our Aqua Egg Hunt on the 22nd. Then join us for our annual Sunrise Service on top of Mt. Pleasant on Easter Sunday. More information can be found about these events online at [ymcalancaster.org](http://ymcalancaster.org).



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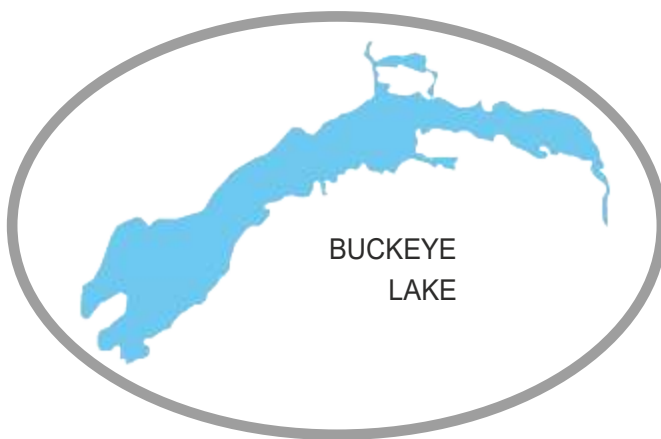
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(Above) Doing rabbit ears: Leos Claire Haney, Madison Spencer, Deanna Rarey, Makayla Huntsman, and Bailey Betz in front is Leo Advisor Tamarra Parker-Stephens. submitted



(Right) The convention offered lots of opportunities for mingling and mixing with other Leos from around the state. submitted

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(Left) At the round table: Leos Sadie Fayerweather, Madison Spencer, Mavrick Gianemann, Makayla Huntsman, Deanna Rarey, Claire Haney and Bailey Betz. submitted

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Tamarra and Lion/Mom Kim Haney were the support team for the Leos at the convention. submitted

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# Best bang for your buck!

by Tyler Cassidy

Do you remember what it was like house hunting for your new home? Pulling up to house after house in search of the perfect layout, square footage, and amenities that would benefit you and your family? If your experience was anything like the one my wife and I had, you probably looked at many houses before finding one that truly felt like home.

I still remember pulling up to look at our home for the first time and thinking, "Hmm... it's nice enough, but that garage door

definitely needs replaced." Even my wife commented that the door had a few dings on the exterior and didn't add much to the home's curb appeal.

Once we were actually inside the garage and saw that it was a non-insulated door, I knew replacing it would be inevitable. It wasn't that the garage door was cheap; it was old, worn, and not doing much to insulate the garage itself. After relaying this information to my wife, she immediately wanted to know the cost of replacing a garage door -- our budget was pretty tight, and there were other pressing updates

and issues that needed to be addressed with this home as well.

This is when my knowledge of garage doors and ROI came into play.

ROI, also known as return on investment, is important to keep in mind when making updates to your home. With the trend of home improvement and house flipping television programs on the rise, many people believe that updating kitchens and bathrooms will get them the most bang for their buck.

Unfortunately, if you look at the data from [www.remodeling.hw.net](http://www.remodeling.hw.net) for the past three years, replacing your garage door actually has one of the highest ROI percentages of any home remodeling projects.

Remodeling.hw.net's 2019 Cost vs. Value report shows that while completing a major kitchen remodel recoups 62.0% of the cost and a midrange bathroom remodel in Columbus will recoup 62.4%, replacing your garage door has an 84.6% cost recoup. This means that while replacing your door can seem expensive, if you invest \$2,000 in a new door, you will end up with approximately \$1,692



back when you sell your home. Those are some pretty good margins, especially if you end up staying there for several years! Now factor in the energy efficiency an insulated door can bring to your home, and you will find yourself saving even more money long-term.

Going over the numbers with my wife helped her realize that while the initial cost of installing

a new garage door can sometimes seem high, the long-term value a new door brings to a home is well worth it. Not only will your door be less likely to have problems, but you can give your home a custom look while adding curb appeal and overall resale value.

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## Thinking of expanding your existing home?

By Brian Chumley

One major factor to consider is the cost of moving versus the cost to stay. With the cost of homes for sale you may not be eager to move. Instead, you may consider expanding your existing home's first floor, finishing the lower level, creating an outdoor space, expanding out with an addition or building up to create a second floor.

Before you begin the design-build process, you need to determine the rooms or type of renovation you need before you determine a budget for your design-build. The room's purpose will allow you to determine whether you need to renovate, build up or build out.

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# OSU Extension Update



## Got Boxwood Questions? Don't miss the Dig Into Gardening!

How many of you are still holding on to scraggly looking boxwoods wondering if they will ever begin to green up again? Or are you trying to make the decision to start over? Looking for a new plant species to try? Check out the Fairfield County Master Gardener "Dig Into Gardening" event slated for Saturday, March 23 at Christ United Methodist Church in Baltimore, Ohio, from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. OSU Extension Educator Carrie Brown will talk about all of the boxwood issues we have been seeing in local landscapes and possible solutions to your issues. In addition, we will learn about 'Conifers in your Garden', an alternative to the beloved boxwood and 'Planting for Pollinators' with Scott Beuerlein of the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens. It is sure to be a day you will enjoy complete with a light breakfast and lunch. Cost is \$40. To register contact OSU Extension in Fairfield County at 740-653-5419 or check out the Fairfield County OSU Extension webpage at: <https://fairfield.osu.edu/news/2024-dig-gardening-educational-day>.

## Fruit Tree Pruning Class

Join OSU Extension in Fairfield County for a hands-on Fruit Tree Pruning workshop with Ralph Hugus at Hugus Fruit Farm on Friday, April 5 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The workshop will involve walking through the orchard and discussing growing and pruning techniques for apple and peach trees. Pruning shears will be provided for demonstration use. Participants will be able to learn pruning techniques and get all their questions related to fruit tree growing and pruning answered. The majority of the workshop will be held outdoors, please dress for the weather. The cost of this workshop is FREE. For details call OSU Extension in Fair-

field County or [go.osu.edu/fcpruning](https://go.osu.edu/fcpruning) by April 3 so we can have plenty of handouts available for the class.

## Growing and Using Herb Series

Growing Herbs: Whether you have a backyard garden or a few containers on your patio, everyone can grow herbs that transform good food into a great meal. Join OSU Extension Educator, Carrie Brown, as we explore selecting and growing fresh herbs at home.

The class is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm at the Fairfield County District Library, 219 North Broad St., 3rd Floor, Lancaster.

Contact email: [brown.2766@osu.edu](mailto:brown.2766@osu.edu) for more details. To register: <https://fcdlibrary.libnet.info/event/10147480>

## Using and Storing Fresh Herbs

Cooking with herbs can be a quick and simple way to add interesting flavors to foods without adding salt, sugar, or fat. Join OSU Extension Educator, Shannon Carter, to learn tips on using, storing and preserving fresh herbs.

The class will be held Monday, April 29 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm at the Fairfield County District Library, 219 North Broad St., 3rd Floor, Lancaster.

For details: Contact email: [carter.413@osu.edu](mailto:carter.413@osu.edu) To register: <https://fcdlibrary.libnet.info/event/10234758>

## Check Out OSU's Buckeye Yard and Garden Line

Looking for some good information about gardening? Check out OSU's Buckeye Yard and

Garden Line at <https://bygl.osu.edu>. Be sure to check out the Seed Starting article published by Carrie Jagger, Extension Educator in Morrow County. Buckeye Yard and Garden onLine provides timely information about Ohio growing conditions, pest, disease, and cultural problems. Articles and supporting photos are created by members of the Extension, Nursery, Landscape, Turf (ENLT) team to benefit those who are managing a commercial nursery, garden center, or landscape business or someone who just wants to keep their yard looking good all summer. Additional fact sheet information on any of these articles may be found through the OSU FactSheet database: [plantfacts.osu.edu](https://plantfacts.osu.edu)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Pressure Cooker Workshop Tuesday, March 19 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Location: Wagnalls Memorial Library, 150 East Columbus St, Lithopolis. 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 an electric pressure cooker, including: parts of the cooker, settings and what they mean, and safety and cleaning. Register at 614-837-4765. Workshop sponsored by The Wagnalls Memorial Library.

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Edwin was a member of the Epiphany Lutheran Church in Pickerington, Ohio, Lancaster-Fairfield County Charity Newsies and Millersport Senior Citizens.

A big part of his life was spent in the service of others through his work with the Millersport Lions Club. During his 43-year tenure as a Lion, Ed served in nearly every club office and beyond, to the state level where he served as Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer and District Governor. He was inducted into the District OH-7 Hall of Fame. He was Trustee Emeritus of the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation and served 6 years on the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank Operating Board. Ed's crowning achievement and position he loved the most was serving as Treasurer of the Millersport Lions Sweet



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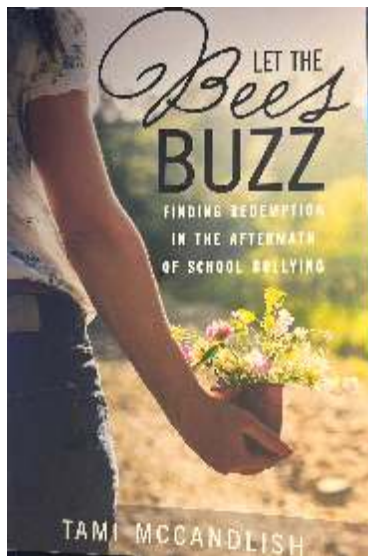
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## Let the bees buzz



by Amy Carpenter, Ph.D.

Think back to your school days. What comes to your mind? Do you have good memories or memories that you would like to forget? For Tami McCandlish, her school memories are what fuels her to improve the lives of others.

In middle school, Tami thought she had found a best friend, something every girl dreams of. Her friend was the most popular girl in school and they became instant sidekicks. But after a while, Tami's friendship became more of a nightmare than a dream come true.

At recess, Tami and her friend use to hide behind the biggest tree on the playground and share secrets. These secrets began to branch out onto the playground

and started twisting further from the truth. One day Tami confronted her friend about one of these twisted truths, and it caused a major dispute. This confrontation created a rivalry between them throughout school and created problems that would impact Tami the rest of her life.

Tami didn't know it at the time, but she had made friends with a MEAN GIRL (a phrase that didn't exist back then). The National Child Safety Council explains that mean girls deliberately hurt others through words and intimidation. It is a competition for popularity and status using manipulation and fear. The victim rarely knows why she is targeted. It could be because of her grades, fashion, or extracurricular interests. Many times, it is due to jealousy. Tami was an athlete, honor-roll student, and club leader, which made her a friend of many and an enemy to the mean girl group.

According to the National Child Safety Council, 3 out of 4 students report that they have been bullied at some time while they were in school. Bullies tend to fight or tease others, or put others down to make themselves feel better. A bully may scare or hurt others, make others feel uncomfortable, and trick others into doing what they want. Sometimes bullies even use their friends to do the bullying for them. Boys tend to use direct bullying, which is usually physical and is seen and felt right away. Girls tend to bully indirectly by excluding others.

The mean girl group targeted Tami's happiness and success since fifth grade. She dealt with the name-calling, gossip, and rumors until her senior year, when 8 years of bullying finally came to a head. Tami couldn't take it anymore and eventually she left school. The price of peace and happiness cost Tami her prom and her high school graduation... things every little girl dreams of.

Tami lost her sense of belonging, identity, and love for others. The lies she internalized from the bullies affected every relationship and how she interacted with others.

One day Tami found herself staring at a shotgun cabinet, when out of nowhere, she heard the words that would change her life forever.

To find out what words changed Tami's life forever, stay tuned to my upcoming story on "Around Towne With Amy" featured on You Tube, Spectrum 1021 and Facebook.

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## Our MS Warriors need a cure



### MS AWARENESS MONTH

by DeAnne Beyer

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a highly unpredictable disease of the central nervous system. Its symptoms can range from cognitive impairment and vision issues to debilitating fatigue, loss of mobility and just about anything in between.

Think of Multiple Sclerosis as 'multiple scars' or lesions present throughout the brain, optic nerve and/or spinal cord. These lesions develop due to the body attacking its own myelin - the protective sheath that surrounds nerve fibers. Nerves are responsible for carrying messages from the brain throughout the body. When the myelin is damaged, the messages can become distorted or unable to pass through at all. For example, a person with MS may desire to move their leg, so their brain tries to send that message through the nervous system. If a lesion is present in that pathway of nerves and that message can't get through, the leg is unable to move.

MS tends to follow three main courses:

- Relapsing remitting is the most common type of MS in which people experience symptoms that flare up followed by periods of recovery

- Secondary progressive MS is a deterioration that occurs after years of flare ups resulting in some degree of permanent disability

- Primary progressive MS is a steady worsening of symptoms with no periods of recovery

Diagnosis of MS is generally based upon symptoms presented, medical history, a neurological examination and MRIs of the brain and spinal cord (to show areas of damage known as lesions). A spinal tap may also be performed to help confirm the diagnosis.

Some of the most common symptoms of MS include:

- Vision problems
- Extreme fatigue
- Bladder/bowel problems
- Gait problems
- Balance problems
- Numbness and weakness in one or more limbs
- Lack of coordination
- Tingling sensations
- Tremor
- Spasms

The fight for a cure for MS continues. Several medications are available for the relapsing remitting form of MS. These treatments may help reduce relapses and aim to slow the progression of the disease. At this time there is only one FDA-approved treatment for possibly slowing progression in the rarer primary progressive form of MS. More research is definitely needed to find a cure and help our MS Warriors live better lives.

To learn more visit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at [www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org)

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## Community Heart Watch Installs AED at Perry County 911 Dispatch Center



(L to R): Ben Carpenter, Sherry Emmert, and Jim Mickey submitted

LANCASTER, OHIO - Thanks to a recent donation from Community Heart Watch, the Perry County 911 Dispatch Center is now equipped with an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) that will be accessible to the public 24 hours a day in the event that a cardiac arrest emergency occurs nearby.

The donation was made possible through a grant from the Robert E. Fellers and Leona L.

Fellers Foundation Trust The AED was presented to 911 Dispatch Director/Coordinator Sherry Emmert by Jim Mickey, Perry County Health Department Emergency Planner, and Ben Carpenter, president of the Perry County Board of Commissioners.

The AED will be located just inside the entrance of the dispatch center, 121 W. Brown Street, New Lexington.

AED accessibility is a goal of Community Heart Watch and the key to improving survival from cardiac arrest, which occurs when the heart suddenly stops beating. Without quick intervention, brain damage begins in four minutes and death occurs around 10 minutes. With an average EMS response of eight minutes or more, a victim's best chance of survival is if people at the scene start chest compressions immediately and use an AED while waiting for EMS to arrive.

Mickey, who is a member of Community Heart Watch for years, said the committee's mission is to provide tools such as AEDs and CPR training to prepare



citizens to take action if they witness a cardiac arrest. "My term for this is 'Immediate Citizen Responders'," he said. "The overall goal is for citizens to assist victims until EMS, fire and law enforcement can arrive with advanced capabilities to help deliver more viable patients to our medical facilities for definitive treatment and recovery. This will increase the chance of someone surviving a medical emergency such as sudden cardiac arrest and resuming their lives with family and friends within our communities."

Carpenter said he is excited for Perry County to become more heart safe. "It is great to see the AED unit in place for emergency use," he said. "This continues our opportunities for Perry County to partner with Community Heart Watch and get additional life-saving resources in our county."

Emmert agreed. "The 911 Dispatch Center is always looking for more ways to serve our citizens in times of need," she said. "The continuing placement of AEDs throughout Perry County can only help us to provide additional resources and prompt care for the victim when there is a medical emergency."

*About Community Heart Watch: Community Heart Watch is a collaboration of Fairfield Medical Center, first responders, educators and civic leaders dedicated to improving cardiac arrest survival in Fairfield, Hocking and Perry counties. It is focused on increasing awareness and early recognition of cardiac arrest, expanding access to AEDs in the community and training the general public to start chest compressions and use an AED while waiting for EMS.*

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## Fairfield County ADAMH Board and OhioGuidestone Celebrate STARLight Center Ribbon Cutting



LANCASTER, Ohio – The Fairfield County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board and OhioGuidestone held an open house of the STARLight Center, lighting the journey to stabilization, treatment and recovery, on February 29, 2024. The STARLight Center fulfills a promise to the community to provide a safe, welcoming place where residents can receive immediate help for mental health and substance use crises. This is the first and only facility of its kind in Fairfield County.

Since its groundbreaking in May 2022, ADAMH has fervently prepared for the center's treatment services, housing up to 20 people seeking immediate support. The STARLight Center, located at 336 E. Locust Street in Lancaster, was formed as a response to the 2019 tax levy. Voters voiced a need for more accessible mental health and substance use care in Fairfield County.

"We're thrilled to see the STARLight Center come to fruition," said Marcy Fields, Executive Director of ADAMH. "It has been a collective effort to fulfill this community promise for a safe and stable center. I'm overwhelmingly appreciative of the support from so many in our community, and I'm eager to start helping those who need these services."

The STARLight Center will officially welcome patients beginning late spring. The providing agency, OhioGuidestone, is supplying 24/7 care to patients who have a three to five day stay for mental health conditions, and up to 30 days for those battling substance use.

"Today marks a new chapter in behavioral health care as STARlight becomes OhioGuidestone's first adult mental health crisis stabilization program in Central Ohio," said President and CEO of OhioGuidestone, Brant Russell. "Each of the beds here represents a life that will change for the better, and the hope that a brighter future is possible."

Amanda Wattenberg, Vice President of Regional Operations at OhioGuidestone echoed these sentiments: "Whether it's outpatient care or residential treatment, OhioGuidestone's commitment to the community of Fairfield County is to provide a safe, compassionate and respectful haven to help adults through the most difficult times of their lives. The STARlight center will be a place of healing and new beginnings."



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One secret to securing a successful loan is to work with a

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The Home Energy Assistance Winter Crisis Program helps income-eligible Ohioans pay their heating bills and can assist with fuel tank placement, fuel tank testing, and furnace repair. The program runs until March 31.

To apply for the program, clients are required to complete a phone appointment with Lancaster Fairfield Community Action Agency. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 740-777-9055 or online at <https://app.capappointments.com/>.

The Winter Crisis Program assists low-income households that have been disconnected (or have a pending disconnection notice for

gas and/or electric), need to establish new service, need to pay to transfer service, have a PIPP default, have 25% (or less) of bulk fuel or wood supply remaining. This program can also help with furnace repair for homeowners that income qualify.

Eligible households can receive up to \$175 if they are a customer of a regulated utility, or \$750 if they are a customer of unregulated utilities such as electric cooperatives and municipalities. The assistance is applied directly to their electric and/or gas bill. Households can also receive assistance with a bulk fuel/wood/coal benefit if have less than 25% remaining. The maxi-

mum benefit for bulk fuels is \$1200 and the maximum benefit for coal and wood is \$650. Ohioans must have a gross income at or below 175% of the federal poverty guidelines to qualify for assistance. For a family of four the annual income must be at or below \$52,500.00.

For more information about the features of the Winter Crisis Program and what is needed to apply, contact Lancaster Fairfield Community Action at 740-653-4146. To be connected to your local Energy Assistance provider visit [www.energyhelp.ohio.gov](http://www.energyhelp.ohio.gov) or call (800) 282-0880.

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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](http://www.energyhelp.ohio.gov).

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### Coming in June: Southeastern Ohio Youth Leadership Forum

Find out more information about this exciting opportunity for high school students with disabilities and how to be a part of it at this virtual informational meeting on Monday, March 18 at 6:00pm. Registration is required. For accommodations requests or more information, contact Scott Campbell at 740-689-1494 ext. 204 or [scottscocil@gmail.com](mailto:scottscocil@gmail.com).

### Lancaster Playhouse to Present "The Curious Savage"

Tickets are now on sale for the next production from The Lancaster Playhouse. The group will be back on stage the first two weekends in April with their production of *The Curious Savage*, a charming and heartwarming comedy by John Patrick. The five performances are directed by Shelly Riggs.

The show will open on Friday, April 5 at 7:30pm, with additional evening performances on April 12 and April 13 at 7:30pm; matinees are scheduled for Saturday, April 6 and Sunday, April 14 at 2:00 pm. The play will be performed on stage in the beautiful event space at Maria's Mexican Restaurant, 129 E. Main St, Lancaster.

*The Curious Savage* follows a wealthy widow, Ethel P. Savage, whose greedy stepchildren have her committed in an attempt to control their inheritance. At "The Cloisters," Mrs. Savage is welcomed by the other residents, a diverse group of delightful, unforgettable characters. The play shatters our notions of "sanity" with warmth, humor, and dignity, and remains as relevant today as when it was written.

Reserved seat tickets are on sale now through the website [www.thelancasterplayhouse.org](http://www.thelancasterplayhouse.org) or by calling 740-407-2784. Cost is \$20, with a discount for groups of 10 or more. Students are \$10. Seating is limited for each performance but tickets can be purchased at the door, if space is available.

*The Curious Savage* is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York.

### Lenten Fish Fry's

The Thurston Methodist Church will be having Lenten Fish Fry's on the following Fridays:

March 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.

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### Meals on Wheels Annual Pie Day Fundraiser Held on March 14 in Conjunction with National Pi Day

Place orders of fresh made pies for pick up at the Meals on Wheels Senior Services Center on Thursday, March 14 between the hours of 9am-4pm. Order of \$100 or more can be delivered in the city of Lancaster. Donation of \$20 for 9" pies or \$10 for mini pies. Selection: apple, cherry, mixed berry, peanut butter, or strawberry/rhubarb. Advanced payment or payment upon pick up is required. Order forms are available on the website [www.mowfc.org](http://www.mowfc.org), on the agency Facebook page, or at the office. Call the agency for more information at 740-681-5050.

### Ohio Genealogical Society Meeting

The Ohio Genealogical Society, Fairfield Chapter meeting will be Thursday, March 21 at the Genealogical Research Library, 503 Lenwood Drive in Lancaster. Refreshments at 6:30 pm, short business meeting at 7 pm, followed by a "Library Lock-in". There will be members available to help you with your 'brick walls' or how to get started on your family research. All are welcome.

### Community Champions Help Raise Awareness for Meals on Wheels Fairfield County and the Needs of Fairfield County Seniors

During the month of March, Meals on Wheels programs across the country will come together to help raise awareness to senior isolation and hunger. During this campaign, Meals on Wheels will hold Community Champions Week March 18-22 and enlist the help of elected officials, business leaders, and community members to prepare food, deliver meals, speak out for seniors, and raise awareness for the power of Meals on Wheels program.

During these challenging times, now, more than ever, it is important to recognize the important and necessary services provided by Meals on Wheels to ensure health, connections, and independence for older adults living in Fairfield County. Community Champions are everyday people who volunteer to help deliver meals and assist the agency in fulfilling its mission of service to the seniors of Fairfield County. During the month of March, we extend the invitation to business leaders, local officials, and community leaders to join in raising awareness to the issues facing older adults and the solutions that make meaningful impact upon their lives. Meals on Wheels Fairfield County is one such solution.

The annual March for Meals commemorates the historic day in March 1972 when President Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 and established a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older. This March, Meals on Wheels programs from

across the country are joining forces to celebrate more than 50 years of success and garner the support needed to ensure these critical programs can continue to address food insecurity and malnutrition, combat social isolation, enable independence, and improve health for years to come.

"We commend all of our 2024 Community Champions for stepping up to ensure that Meals on Wheels is there for all of our senior neighbors in need," said Anna Tobin, Executive Director Meals on Wheels Fairfield County. "The demand for services is already great and will continue to grow as approximately 12,000 Americans are turning 60 every day. We must maintain and expand the programs that have helped so many get through this unprecedented time in our nation's history. We can't do it alone. It takes all of us to keep Meals on Wheels going."

For more information on how you can volunteer, contribute or speak out for the seniors in Fairfield County this March, visit [www.mowfc.org](http://www.mowfc.org) or call us 740-681-5050.

### Used Books Donation Day!

The Fairfield County District Library will be hosting a "Used Books Donation Day" on Thursday, April 25 from 12-6 pm at the Main Library location (219 N. Broad St., Lancaster). Please bring all of your fiction, non-fiction, cookbooks, craft books, and children's books in paperback or hard cover that are in good condition! The Library is NOT accepting: VHS tapes, encyclopedias, text books, legal books, magazines, outdated travel books, and books that are in poor condition (i.e. stains, tears, or mildew). This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Fairfield County District Library.

### 3rd Annual Recital Showcase

Otterbein University Department of Music will present its 3rd Annual Recital Showcase on Sunday, March 17 at Hope United Methodist Church, 83 E. Columbus Street in Canal Winchester. The 3:00 pm event will feature a varied program of classical music including works for voice, cello, piano, and saxophone. The FREE event is open to the public. (614-837-7548)

### Coffee with a Genealogist

The Ohio Genealogical Society - Fairfield Chapter is having a "Coffee with a Genealogist" event on Friday, March 15 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at Panera Bread, 1374 Ety Rd. NW in Lancaster. Members of Fairfield County (OGS) genealogy society will be present to answer your questions about family research and our local research library.

### Plan to Visit Wildermuth Church this Easter Season

Wildermuth Church will have a Good Friday prayer service at 5pm on March 29th. Join us for a short service remembering the sacrifice Jesus Christ made for all of us. A special Easter worship service will take place at 10am on March 31st to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Wildermuth Church is located at 3405 Carroll Eastern Road in Carroll. Our website is [wildermuthchurch.org](http://wildermuthchurch.org). Follow us on Facebook at Wildermuth Church Page.

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In a short amount of time the raised beds were growing green beans and tomatoes (far left), lettuce mix (foreground), green peppers (middle) and zucchini and cucumber (rear). photo by DeAnne Beyer

by DeAnne Beyer

Even though the weather declares spring one day and winter the next, spring truly is on its way and will officially arrive on March 19. If in doubt, there is proof in the stores: a tantalizing selection of flower and vegetable seed packets, flower pots and potting mix all tempt us into dreaming of sunny skies, mild temperatures and lush, green new growth.

Whether you are a flower gardener, herb gardener, or vegetable gardener – or all three – raised garden beds are worth your consideration for the upcoming growing season. They are a great alternative to the traditional method of putting seeds directly into the ground.

The benefits of raised beds are numerous. The elevated beds warm up sooner in the spring and allow for earlier planting. If the native soil in your yard is heavy and holds water, raised beds allow for much better drainage. If weeds are your nemesis, as they are mine, raised beds make it much easier to spot and pull out those monsters before they get out of control. And finally, if you have difficulty stooping over to garden, the beds can be built waist high in order to garden while standing, or at a convenient height for those who garden from a wheelchair.

Wood is my favorite material for raised beds. My husband built several beds for me out of scrap lumber left over from another project. Some people like to use cedar, which is great since it is naturally rot-resistant, but it is a more costly option. I would not use treated lumber, however, because of concerns of chemicals leaching into the soil and being taken up by the plants. Cinder blocks are another option for building raised beds. I have even used a four-foot diameter plastic swimming pool to plant in. If you try this method, be sure to drill numerous holes in the bottom for proper drainage.

The height of the bed can range anywhere from 6" up to 36" for ease of gardening without bending, as mentioned earlier.

The length is totally up to you and is only limited by space and money. The width of the bed is what is most important. A 36" wide bed would generally allow for two rows of plants, a 48" bed for three rows. What determines the proper width for you is the distance that you can comfortably reach in to plant, weed and harvest without stepping on and compacting the soil within the bed.

I have always just placed my wood-framed beds directly on the ground and filled them with potting soil, compost and a bit of native soil. Some gardeners recommend that chicken wire or hardware cloth be placed on the ground before filling in with soil in order to prevent moles and other burrowing animals from entering the beds.

Once the beds are filled with material and raked smooth, they are ready for planting. Be sure to water thoroughly once the seeds are snugly settled into their beds and enjoy the benefits of an elevated gardening experience!

beyerdee@att.net

"It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want — oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!"

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Michael Evrard submitted

Mike, a CPA since 1999 with more than 25 years of accounting experience, has held roles spanning all aspects of accounting leadership and corporate controllership. He began his career with Deloitte in 1996 providing audit and related services to a diverse group of private and public organizations. Since departing Deloitte in 2003, Mike has gained broad experience with the acquisition, disposition and integration of businesses, real estate, and ERP systems through roles with Forest City Enterprises, Snap-on Incorporated, and Coastal Ridge Real Estate.

expertise in financial operations and strategies will be extremely beneficial as we continue to grow our business."

"Mike has extensive experience in real estate accounting and financial processes and systems," said Jennifer Gorsuch Walters, President of Fairfield Homes, Inc. "We are thrilled to have his leadership in this aspect of our business. His

Evrard received his bachelor's degree in accounting from John Carroll University. He has served as an executive board member for Boy Scouts of America and has been a member of the American Institute of CPAs, the Ohio Society of CPAs, and the National Association of REITS.

Evrard and his family recently relocated to central Ohio from northeast Ohio and currently reside in Powell. Evrard enjoys spending more time with extended family in the area and exploring the many avenues of entertainment and dining central Ohio has to offer.

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Career Readiness Program to offer Career Expo to area high school students and local businesses

The Fairfield 33 Alliance's Career Readiness Program will host a Career Expo from 9:30 am to noon on March 21, 2024, at the Fairfield County Workforce Center, 4465 Coonpath Rd. NW, Carroll, OH 43112. The Expo will be open to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>-grade students interested in pursuing a local career.

Students will have a chance to connect with local businesses and explore the career opportunities offered throughout Fairfield County. Businesses representing skilled trades, manufacturing, logistics, sales and service, and healthcare will be in attendance. Students do not need to have formal training or certifications in these fields. Many employers are willing to train employees in the careers represented.

The Career Readiness Program, in partnership with local businesses and school districts, helps students earn an endorsement that proves they are ready to embark on a career. The goal of the program is to help students enter the workforce while helping businesses fill the gap on in-demand jobs locally.

"Many high school students don't realize the career opportunities available to them directly after graduation," said Karie Stone, Fairfield County Career Navigator. "Graduates from our programs are finding jobs with good wages that provide career growth. We prepare these students with the essential skills needed for these careers. The Expo is a great way for these young adults and employers to network with one another. We hope that

students walk away with the best prospects for a future career and employers have amazing candidates for employment."

"As the Career Readiness Program continues to gain recognition around the state, it is becoming more apparent than ever that creating the opportunity for students to interact with local businesses while still completing their education provides them with a vision for their futures," said Rick Szabrak, Fairfield County Economic and Workforce Development Director. "This is an amazing opportunity for students to meet with more than 60 local employers to learn about jobs and companies they aren't familiar with. It's also a great way for employers to find their future employees and future leaders."

Businesses that are interested in the event can contact Bayley Fields at [bayley.fields@fairfieldcountyoio.gov](mailto:bayley.fields@fairfieldcountyoio.gov). Priority will be given to Career Readiness business partners and businesses offering full-time positions with good starting pay and an identified career path. Students can learn more at [Fairfield33.com/Career-Readiness](http://Fairfield33.com/Career-Readiness).

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