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Lancaster City Schools Preschool Program is the first preschool in the nation to receive The Heart Safe Schools Accreditation. submitted

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Working with Fairfield Medical Center and local fire departments, students from Lancaster City Schools celebrated their achievement at Greenfield Fire Department on March 8. They received a proclamation from Troy Balderston's office and were

applauded by everyone from Lancaster City Mayor Don McDaniel to Superintendent Nathan Hale. They also were given the opportunity to practice CPR skills and climb through fire trucks and smokehouses.

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MHAOhio's Get Connected Program Helps Fairfield County Residents Find the Care They Need

When someone is dealing with a mental health issue and they don't know what to do or who to call, MHAOhio's Fairfield County Get Connected program can help. Get Connected helps individuals navigate the local mental health system, which includes connecting people to care, assisting with insurance, and following up to make sure the connection to their providers and resources was made. Get Connected has been guiding Fairfield County residents to mental health care since 2018.

The service is free, confidential, and can be accessed by anyone, thanks to funding from the Fairfield County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board. Help is available by calling or texting 740-202-9772 or by emailing connectfairfield@mhaohio.org.

Cassidy Zaker is the Get Connected Program Manager for Fairfield County, and is the voice you hear when you call the line.

"I want everyone to know that mental health care is available, accessible, and I can help link them there," she said. "I know that just getting started is oftentimes the hardest part."

Cassidy started her position as Get Connected Program Manager in February, but she is a familiar face in Lancaster. Born and raised in Fairfield County, she is passionate about helping her community in any way she can.

"I truly love this community," she said. "Growing up here has instilled a certain belief system and morals that's unique to Fairfield County. I'm proud to be part of it."

Cassidy Zaker

Cassidy graduated from Lancaster High School, and attended Ohio University where she earned her bachelor's degree in psychology. She worked in mental health prevention before joining MHAOhio, and plans to pursue her master's degree in social work from Ohio University this fall. She enjoys hiking, yoga, and serving as Lancaster High School's assistant varsity softball coach.

"I applied for this position because it was a way to have a positive impact on Fairfield County and reach more people," she said.

As callers are connected to services, they can also be referred to MHAOhio's Fairfield County Support Groups, which offer understanding and a listening ear to those living with a mental health condition.

There are support groups for people with depression, stress, and anxiety, as well as a Voices Worth Hearing group, which is specifically for people who experience psychosis symptoms.

If you or someone you love needs support, you are not alone. Contact the Fairfield County Get Connected program by calling or texting (740) 202-9772, or sending an email to connectfairfield@mhaohio.org.

Happenings at the Y



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Join us **April 9th** to raise money to send our kids to camp!

Interested members and their families are invited to bring a donation of \$20 to the event. The event will be held at the Robert K. Fox Family YMCA, 465 W. 6th Ave. Lancaster, OH 43102. The event will be held from 7am-6pm on April 9, 2024.



funds to support our summer camp.

We will have amazing staff and community members working up a sweat trying to earn your dollars! Choose who you'd like to support and place your pennies, dimes, and dollars into the bucket of your choice. Every cent will go back into the YMCA to ensure that children from all over our county have an equal opportunity to enjoy camp this summer. Camp is more than crafts and songs; it's fostering a sense of belonging and creating confident happy children for a lifetime. Help us create something amazing!

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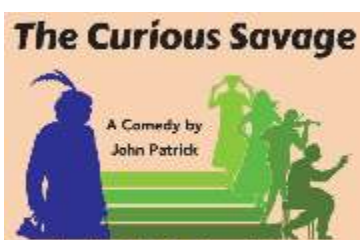
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The Lancaster Playhouse to present comedy in April



The Lancaster Playhouse will be back on stage in downtown Lancaster the first two weekends in April with their production of *The Curious Savage*, a charming and heartwarming comedy by John Patrick. The five performances, which include both a Saturday and Sunday matinee, are directed by Shelly Riggs.

The Curious Savage follows a wealthy widow, Ethel P. Savage, whose greedy stepchildren - a senator, judge, and socialite - have her committed in an attempt to control her 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.

Cast members include Mary Ann Boone, Mary Murphy, Maegan Mosher, Kyle Smith, PJ Aubrey, Jane O'Brien, Peyman Majidi, Christian Dusing-Haislett, Brianna Johnson, Samantha Inman, and Dan Griscom.

According to Riggs, she is thrilled to finally be directing this show: "I am so excited to work on *The Curious Savage*. I've read it with high school students multiple times, and they always loved it," she said. "Every single character is a delight, with their own quirks and challenges, which makes this show a lot of fun for actors and directors alike. And the audience will love these characters as well!"



Some cast members during a recent rehearsal (top to bottom) Kyle Smith, Mary Ann Boone, PJ Aubrey, Mary Murphy, and Maegan Mosher. submitted

Riggs is a lifelong educator, who is also a director, actor, designer, and choreographer. She recently retired from public education where she was a 34-year veteran at Logan High School. Last year you may have seen her as Milady, the Countess de Winter in The Lancaster Playhouse production of *Ken Ludwig's The Three Musketeers*.

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 2:00pm. The play will be per-

formed on stage in the beautiful event space at Maria's Mexican Restaurant, 129 E. Main St., Lancaster.

Reserved seat tickets are on sale now through the website 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.

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Lancaster's District Health Coordinator Sarah McGraw Timmes watches as Ollie Changet practices CPR. submitted



Tarhe preschool teacher Tisha Seum, and her boys, Andrew and Kenneth Seum. submitted

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The Heart Safe accreditation became a goal for the school district this year in the hope that educating students at a younger age will help them to not only recognize a medical emergency but also have the confidence to take action during a medical emergency. They said they have seen the ripple effects of students being well-informed already.

Community Heart Watch's Heart Safe accreditation is designed to prepare staff, students and community members to respond appropriately to cardiac arrest wherever it strikes - including in the workplace, classroom and public settings. This designation is granted to organizations that adopt a specific set of criteria.

Fairfield County Educational Service Center Coordinates County-Wide School Threat Assessment and Response Program



Local leaders across Fairfield County join County Commissioners during the signing ceremony for the School Threat Assessment and Response Protocol Community Partner Statement of Support. *submitted*

The Fairfield County Educational Service Center (ESC) has helped to lead the creation of a county-wide protocol aimed at preventing school violence and cultivating a safer educational environment for students. The School Threat Assessment and Response program was established in response to the growing need for a unified model for school safety. The protocol was enacted on January 23, 2024 during a signing ceremony as part of Fairfield County Juvenile Court Judge Terre Vandervoort's update to the County Commissioners.

The protocol is designed to address student safety in a proactive manner, prioritizing prevention over reaction. Representatives from local law enforcement, prosecutors' offices, ADAMH, and Fairfield County Juvenile Court signed the Statement of Support affirming the following: "Participating partners support the countywide effort to collaborate in the community response to school threats, emphasizing school safety, public awareness, ongoing training, and partner input as the countywide protocol evolves to meet partner and community needs."

By assessing threats and determining their severity, the program allows for early intervention, en-

sureing that issues are addressed before they escalate. Under this new protocol, low-level threats will be managed by the schools, offering a tailored response that aligns with each district's unique needs.

"Fairfield County Juvenile Court is honored to have worked in collaboration with Fairfield County schools, law enforcement, prosecutors and ADAMH Board in developing this countywide protocol," said Judge Vandervoort. "Early assessment is critical as school safety is and has always been a community priority, and I am proud to have Fairfield County lead the way in Ohio."

The School Threat Assessment and Response program convenes the efforts of law enforcement, behavioral and mental health agencies, the Fairfield County Prosecutor's office, and local schools. This innovative protocol marks a departure from the challenges posed by separate operating procedures, offering a coordinated and proactive response to potential school safety threats.

A key feature of the Fairfield County School Threat Assessment and Response program is its county-wide implementation, meeting the state of Ohio's mandate for schools to have a response plan in place in a more

efficient way. Recognizing the diversity among schools in Fairfield County, the program has been constructed to accommodate the distinct models employed by each district, ensuring a comprehensive and adaptable approach.

Will Kirby, Assistant Superintendent of Fairfield County ESC, emphasized the program's commitment to community investment, stating, "This program is an investment in the safety of the students and educators in our community. By proactively addressing threats and supporting students through a comprehensive intervention phase, we are fostering a safe and nurturing environment for our students to thrive. We worked with our safety officials, school districts, courts, behavioral health experts and educators to ensure the protocol addresses all of the factors that need to be addressed when challenges arise."

The Fairfield County Educational Service Center provides student-centered educational leadership and supportive services to meet the individual and collective needs of the staff, students and boards of education of the eight local school districts located in Fairfield County. More information can be found at faircoesc.org

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Ohio Statehouse Welcomes Developmental Disabilities Awareness and Advocacy Day



Columbus, OH - Kicking off National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, the 2024 Awareness and Advocacy Day took place on March 12, 2024, at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus. Presented in both in-person and virtual format, this event welcomed hundreds of advocates and stakeholders from throughout Ohio, calling attention to issues affecting the lives of citizens with disabilities.

Featuring speakers such as Governor Mike DeWine and Director of Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Kim Hauck, the day included an exchange of information between advocates and legislators, a panel of guests, live entertainment, and the opportunity to share best practices for self-advocating.

This year, the pinnacle of the program was a discussion with Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Member Derek Upp. Upp is just one of eight people who have received support from a county board who is also currently serving as a member of a county board. A graduate of The Ohio State University with a Bachelor

of Science in Education, he has been involved locally with organizations such as Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living, No Limits Basketball, and Ohio State Rec Sports Camp Recky. He is employed by Linsay Honda and was appointed to the Fairfield County Board of DD by the Commissioners in 2019.

Following the program, self-advocates from across the state participated in meetings with legislators to discuss issues of importance to them.

Information about how to watch the live stream of this event can be found at www.facebook.com/OhioDDA

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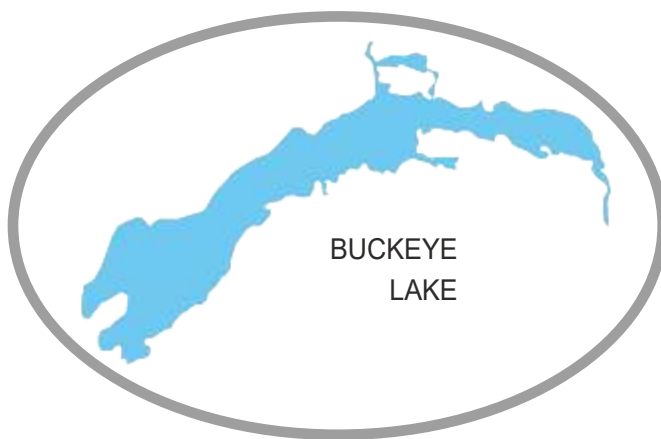
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Millersport Council Report

Village Council met on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Building. In attendance were Mayor Gary Matheny, Council Members present were President Pro Tem Dustin Bidwell, Elizabeth Butler, Nicole Crossan, Stephanie Helle and Jim McKittrick. Also

present were Village Zoning Administrator Bill Simpson, Village Administrator Vincent B. Popo, Water Superintendent John Wood, Water Tech Chase Wood, Street Supervisor Dan Phelps and residents Teresa Ralston, Tracy Conforti, Tony Roberts, Jon Hanna, Mandy Roberts and Jim Shaw. Fiscal Officer Susan Ramsey and Councilor Rick Thompson were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

Roll call was taken and Councilor Rick Thompson was absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

Water: Meter replacements are approximately 99% complete and the iron filter project is delayed by half a year and hopefully it will be completed by the end of 2024.

Police Department: Chief Mark Consolo sent statistics for the month of February. The department issued (1) one traffic warning, (0) zero traffic citation, (2) two dispatch runs and (2) two mutual aid runs and worked (95) Ninety-five hours.

Fire Department: Chief Robert Price sent the run totals for the month of January. Station 631 made (34) thirty four runs; Station 632 made (19) nineteen runs; Station 633 made (34) thirty-four runs; and

Walnut Township made (22) twenty-two mutual aid runs.

Chief Robert Price sent the run totals for the month of February. Station 631 made (49) forty-nine runs; Station 632 made (19) nineteen runs; Station 633 made (34) thirty-four runs; and Walnut Township made (12) twelve mutual aid runs.

Councilor Butler reported on the Activities Committee and the dates for 2024 have not been set. Councilor Butler has the contact information for musicians and will make follow up phone calls to set the date. The bands contacted prefer not to play during the Farmer Markets.

Solicitor Kevin Bush has the information and is drawing up an ordinance concerning the fees and guidelines for Air B&B and short-term rentals based on Lancaster and the Village of Buckeye Lake.

Bonnie Stutske will take over the Miller Park and Holiday Events that require decorations and flowers will be under her supervision. Tom Nebbergall will still be the Code Enforcement officer and maintain the ball field.

Resolution 1382 is a resolution hiring Bonnie Stutske as co-park and rec director. This is the 1st Reading. A motion to waive the three readings was made by Councilor Dustin Bidwell and seconded by Councilor

Beth Butler. The motion passed 5-0. A motion to pass was made by Councilor Dustin Bidwell and seconded by Councilor Jim McKittrick. The motion passed 5-0

Ordinance 857: is an ordinance setting the Right Of Way fees for 2024. Councilor Bidwell made a motion to pass the ordinance and Councilor Beth Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 859 is an ordinance amending the zoning manual. This is the 2nd Reading.

Ordinance 862: is an ordinance accepting the annexation of the Apostolic Complex. This is the 1st Reading.

Little Laker Baseball consists of four teams and will have the first option to practice and play on the village field. Teams that have little or no Walnut Township Local School students will not have precedent over Little Laker Baseball.

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).

Council discussed the purchase and the upgrade of the crosswalks in the village. Tim Morris is exploring possible new crosswalk signage and if we qualify for any available safety grants. Councilor Helle spoke with Granville Administration and in 2017 Granville purchased their system for \$5,000.00.

Halloween, October 31, falls on a Thursday this year. Vince Popo presented council with the option of moving Monster Mash and Trick or Treat from Thursday October 31 to Thursday, October 24. The chances of the best weather falls on the 24th. This will be decided at a later date.

Council agreed that the General Fund Operating levy renewal needs to be placed on the ballot in November. Fiscal Officer Susan Ramsey will prepare the necessary papers.

Dan Phelps ordered the playground tube at a cost of \$800.00 to repair the hole.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Jim McKittrick and seconded by Councilor Beth Butler. All voted yes and the motion carried 5-0.

*A copy of the recorded Village of Millersport Council Meeting dated Tuesday March 12, 2024 is available upon request.

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What is something (or what are some things) you need to let go of this Easter? Over the past several weeks, known as Lent, our church has been focused on this question. Lent gives us an opportunity to reevaluate the way we are living and to recalibrate our thoughts, actions, and attitudes toward the way Christ calls us to live. The 40 days (excluding Sundays) between Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are a time to remember Jesus in the wilderness, fasting for 40 days, and then being immediately tempted by the Devil (Luke 4). Just like Jesus fasted during those 40 days, Christ-followers can use the time during Lent to fast, pray, serve, and give.

Considering that idea and those areas, a good question is, what are some things you could give up? What are some things in our lives that we need to let go of? What are some things that are leading us to live an average life, or worse, a less than average life? What are some things that we need to let go of that are leading us away from Jesus and the good life He has planned for us? As we reflect on these questions, we likely conclude that there are some things that we should give up or let go of this Easter (me included!).

Can we let go of some of our bad habits? Are there habits that we have that we don't even think about? For example, one of the things I am working on is to be less critical. It's probably something different for you. Maybe it is worrying, unforgiveness,



guilt, or shame. The great thing about Lent and Easter is that they are reminders of what God did for us to remove these things from our lives. You can be set free from whatever is holding you back from living the life Jesus wants you to live.

So, what will you let go of this Lent and Easter? As we move toward the death and resurrection of Jesus, let's remember that Jesus came here not to condemn us, but to save us. He didn't come, live a sinless life, and then allow Himself to be crucified on a cross to condemn us for our sins. He came, lived, died, and rose again on that first Easter to save us from our sins and their eternal consequences (John 3:17). My friends, that is Good News today!

From our family to yours, may God bless you as you celebrate Easter and a risen Savior! "Because He lives...I can face tomorrow!" Amen!

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Her voice

by Amy Carpenter, Ph.D.

In 2009 Nicole Schultz worked at Vinton County Bank in Logan as a teller. While working there, she met a co-worker named Natalie Nutter. Schultz recalls, "Natalie's smile was infectious. She was always positive and never critical of others. Natalie had a huge heart and cared about her customers."

Natalie and Nicole each went to other locations. Natalie went to the Bremen location and Nicole went to the McArthur Operations Center. They continued to work together frequently, but at a distance.

On December 2, 2019, Nicole was at work when a fellow coworker received a call that her friend, Natalie Nutter, had been

murdered by her husband. Nicole was in shock.

In 2020 Schultz began advocating for Natalie and she began working on a bill for her in 2021. House Bill 111 was drafted in honor of Natalie's life and in remembrance of her tragic death. Nicole explains, "The devastating loss to our community prompted me to begin having conversations with local legislators on what could be done to reduce domestic violence homicides and together, we drafted this legislation."

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (2016), domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one

intimate partner against another. It includes physical violence, sexual violence, threats, and emotional abuse. The frequency and severity of domestic violence can vary dramatically. The coalition shares that 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner.

Schultz was happy when she approached State Representatives Jeff LaRe and Kevin D. Miller and they agreed to help her develop a law to be the voice of her friend Natalie. In working with Representative LaRe and Representative Miller, Nicole learned very quickly that they are not politicians. "They are two incredible men with the kindest of hearts who want nothing more than to help make positive changes in the lives of people around them. Even when faced with difficult decisions, they choose integrity every time."

Schultz has big hopes for House Bill 111. Nicole shares, "My hope is that its passing will give courts the ability to crack down on repeat offenders and



(L-R): Nicole Schultz and State Representatives Jeff LaRe and Kevin Miller submitted

provide Ohioans with increased protection by removing violent criminals from our communities for longer periods of time."

Stay tuned to my upcoming show on "Around Towne With Amy" (Spectrum 1021, YouTube and Facebook) to find out more about House Bill 111 and how one

woman is fighting to keep her friend's voice alive.

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New Purebred Market Hog Division Set for 2024 Fairfield County Fair

Junior Fair Market Hog exhibitors may show purebred market animals, both barrows and gilts, in the market show and will have a minimum of one division. Barrows and gilts declared for the purebred division will need to show a valid pedigree in the exhibitor's name and meet the respective breed characteristics to show as a purebred, otherwise the animal will show in the respective crossbred division. This new division will encourage exhibitors who are interested in raising and showing purebreds to have a special division at the Fairfield County Fair. Please be aware eligible market weight limits for the market hog show are 225 to 295 lbs. For more details, contact Junior Fair Director, Doug Shell at 740-404-1505.

Now is a Fine Time to Scout for Poison Hemlock

Winter of 2024 has been somewhat of a no-show for Ohio. Mild to almost hot temperatures have been moving things along for spring reactivation of growth and development.

Poison hemlock is a non-native, invasive species that is spreading across Ohio at an alarming rate. It has a biennial life cycle wherein it spends the winter between its first and second year of its life cycle as a low growing rosette. It is in this rosette stage that the plant can be easily controlled before it bolts to produce the flowering stalk and eventual seeds in its second season.

The newly greened rosettes are fairly easy to spot scattered across the landscape mixed in with the tans and browns of last year's dead

herbaceous plant material. Poison hemlock thrives in disturbed habitats and will be easily found along right of ways, ditch banks, fence lines, field edges, and soil pills.

Now is the time to search for established poison hemlock individual plants as well as stands of plants. Once they are found, it is a great time to control them. If there is but a few plants, they can be easily dug out of the ground to dispose of them. Large numbers and stands of poison hemlock plants are more efficiently managed with herbicides.

It is best to control poison hemlock with an herbicide now before it gets a chance to begin growing more rapidly as the temperatures continue to increase and remain higher for longer periods. Another benefit to treating soon rather than waiting is that few other plants and especially desirable plants are currently not actively growing around the poison hemlocks. There will be less danger of harming the desirable plants.

A non-selective herbicide such as glyphosate (e.g., Roundup) is very effective against the poison hemlock rosette, although one may have to wait until temperatures once again return to 50 degrees Fahrenheit and above for better results.

If the poison hemlock is mixed in with grasses, it would be better to use a more selective herbicide that does not kill grasses such as 2,4-D, clopyralid (e.g., Transline), metsulfuron (e.g., Escort XP), or a combination product.

Unfortunately, it is not a one and done management project. More than likely at any site where poison hemlock has become established, there is already a build up of a seed bank. Seeds from one growing season remain viable for 4-6 years. Thus, one would have to keep checking for new poison hemlock plants for several years to be sure that the removal was complete.

If at all possible, reseed areas where poison hemlock was removed with a desirable plant

that is competitive for the space. Otherwise, the open space where the poison hemlock was removed is an invitation for poison hemlock to reestablish.

For additional information on poison hemlock as well as wild parsnip, these articles by Joe Boggs at the following links: <https://bygl.osu.edu/index.php/node/1935> <https://bygl.osu.edu/index.php/node/2111>

Source: Curtis Young, OSU Extension, VanWright County C

Junior Fair Beef Weigh-In a Success!

If participation in the Saturday, March 9 beef weigh-in is any indication, interest in the Junior beef project remains strong in Fairfield County. Fifty six (56) 4-H and FFA youth weighed in a total of 89 market beef steers and heifers in anticipation of the 2024 Jr. Market Beef and Beef Performance and Carcass Quality shows, happening before and during the Fairfield County Fair. Also, this year, 5 youth weighed in 7 dairy beef animals in preparation for finishing them for the new Finished Dairy Beef project.

In summary, sixty youth weighed in a total of 96 beef feeder calves as their 2024 projects. Of those, 69 head were beef steers, 20 were market beef heifers and 7 were dairy beef. Of the 89 beef steers and heifers, 51 were bred, born and raised (BBR) here in Fairfield County.

The average weight of the 89 beef calves was 766 pounds. The 69 beef steers averaged 793 pounds and 20 heifers weighed an average of 647 pounds.

Seven dairy beef steers weighed in at an average weight of 838 pounds.

Participation in market beef projects has grown steadily since 2014 when only 35 youth participated by weighing and tagging calves at the March weigh-in. Special thanks to Fairfield Cattle Company for allowing the use of their facilities for the annual weigh-in.

SOURCE: Stan Smith, OSU Extension - Fairfield County

Fairfield County Foundation welcomes new board members



Martin Barker submitted



Cheri Russo submitted



Jennifer Sitterley submitted

LANCASTER, Ohio --The Fairfield County Foundation has recently welcomed three new members to its Board of Trustees: Martin Barker, Cheri Russo and Jennifer Sitterley.

"The Foundation is pleased to welcome these dedicated community members to our Board of Trustees," said Amy Eyman, Chief Executive Officer of the Fairfield County Foundation. "Each of them brings their own unique and diverse experience and expertise with a shared passion for our community. We look forward to their contributions as members of the Foundation Board."

Martin Barker earned his Bachelor of Arts in art education from Asbury University. He founded Martin Barker Design in 2001 and has dedicated his career to graphic design. Martin received the 2019 Small Business of the Year Award from the Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce and was named the 2019 Rotarian of the Year by the Rotary Club of Lancaster, where he is a long-time member. Martin currently serves on the Lancaster Festival Board and the United Way 5k Organizing Board. He has previously served on the New Horizons Mental Health Services Board, Frontier Players Board, Fairfield Medical Center Community Advisory

Board, the Fairfield Affordable Housing Board and the Rotary Club of Lancaster Board. Martin is married to Juliana and has two grown children, Meg and Erin.

Cheri Russo is a proud Ohio University alumna, where she earned bachelor's and master's degrees in journalism. She started her career as a journalist, serving as a reporter, producer and digital content manager. She then transitioned to more of a communications and marketing role at Ohio University Lancaster and later, The Ohio State University. She found her way back to WOUB Public Media at Ohio University in 2019, where she currently serves as the community engagement and membership manager. A Lancaster resident for 20 years, Cheri is married to Tom Russo and has two sons, Ryan (18) and Alex (14).

A lifelong Fairfield County resident, Jennifer Sitterley graduated from Fairfield Union High School and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration – finance from The Ohio State University in 2002. She received her Master of Business Administration in 2006 and completed her Juris Doctorate at the University of Akron C. Blake McDowell School of Law in 2009.

In 2018, Jennifer became one of only 38 Certified Elder Law Attorneys in Ohio and one of only 26 Specialists in Elder Law by the Ohio State Bar Association. Jennifer was named 2022, 2023 and 2024 Best Lawyer in America in Trusts, Estates and Elder Law. Jennifer served as an at-large Lancaster City Council member, is past president of the Fairfield County United Way, and former secretary of the Fairfield County Republican Executive Committee. She also serves as a trustee for Meals on Wheels of Fairfield County, is a member of the Small Business Committee of the Ohio Chamber, a member of the Lancaster Rotary and past president of the AHA Children's Museum in Lancaster. Jennifer is married to Brad Hutchinson, and they reside in Lancaster with two daughters.

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Which came first, Easter or the egg?



By Carolyn Tilley

Easter eggs are specially decorated eggs given to celebrate the Easter holiday or springtime, we all know. The oldest tradition is to use dyed or painted chicken eggs, but modern customs substitute chocolate eggs or plastic eggs filled with candy. However, the egg in many cultures has been around for years before Christianity.

The egg is a perfect package. In history it has represented mystery, magic, medicine, food and omens. From India to Polynesia, from Greece to Finland, from China to South American come myths of the universe created out of an egg. It is the ancient symbol of life then, to its foundation concept of modern biology now. The egg was honored during many rite-of-spring festivals. The Romans had a Latin proverb, "Omne vivum ex ovo." Translated, "All life comes from an egg." The Gauls, Chinese, and Egyptians all cherished it as a symbol of the universe.

It was the birth of the earth again as winter ended. Some buried an egg under building foundations to ward

off evil. Roman women carried an egg on their person to foretell the sex of the unborn baby, and French brides stepped on eggs before crossing the threshold of the new home. The ancient Persians painted eggs for their New Year celebration which falls on the spring equinox, going back at least 2,500 years. Eggs appeared on their New Year displays and sculptures on the walls of the ancient capital of Persepolis show people carrying eggs to the king. At the Jewish Passover Seder, a hard-boiled egg dipped in salt water symbolizes both new life and the Passover sacrifice offered at the temple in Jerusalem.

With the coming celebration of the Christ's Resurrection, the egg was widely used a symbol of the start of new life. It was not just nature's rebirth, but the rebirth of man. So the egg was seen as symbolic of the grave and life renewed or resurrected by breaking out of it. It was Christ's tomb. Each country, as Christianity spread into it, developed some customs or legends peculiar to them. It is interesting to note that the Western name Easter derives from the

Germanic work Eostre, and it is only in Germanic languages that a derivation of it marks the holiday. Other European countries use a name coming from the Hebrew pasch, meaning Passover, such as French Paques. Some use a term meaning Resurrection, such as Serbian Uskrs. But in each area, the eggs are dyed, painted, adorned, and embellished as a symbol of the resurrection.

The Easter egg traditions may also have celebrated the end of the privations of Lent in the West, though just speculation. Eggs were originally forbidden during Lent as well as on other traditional fast days in Western Christianity, this tradition still continuing in the Eastern Churches. Since chickens did not stop laying during the time, a larger than usual store might be available at the end of the fast if they not been allowed to hatch. The surplus, if any, had to be eaten quickly to prevent spoiling. Historically, it was traditional to use up all of the household's eggs before Lent began, which established the tradition of Pancake Day celebrated on Shrove Tuesday. This day, the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday which begins Lent, is also known as Marti Gras, a French phrase which translates as "Fat Tuesday" to mark the last consumption of eggs and dairy before Lent begins.

Likewise, in Eastern Christianity, both meat and dairy are prohibited, and eggs are seen as "dairy", a foodstuff that could be taken from an animal without shedding its blood. In the Orthodox Church, Great Lent begins on Clean Monday rather than Wednesday, so the household's dairy products would be used up in the week preceding called Cheesefare Week. Then, with the coming of Pascha, (Easter), the eating of eggs resumes. For them it truly the declaration of the

Resurrection of Jesus. Traditionally, Orthodox Easter eggs are dyed red to represent the blood of Christ shed on the cross, and the hard shell is the sealed Tomb of Christ-the crackling of which symbolized His resurrection from the dead. Easter eggs are blessed by the priest at the end of the Paschal Virgil and distributed to the faithful. Households may bring a basket to church, filled with not only with Easter Eggs with other Paschal foods to be blessed. In some traditions it may also be extended to the deceased. After the Paschal time, a memorial service may conclude with bringing eggs to the cemetery and reciting the greeting, "Christ has risen".

Many legends have grown especially in the East. The Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross gave eggs to the soldiers and asked them to be less cruel. Her tears spotted the eggs with brilliant colors. Another reports that Mary Magdalene was bringing cooked eggs to share with others women at the tomb of Jesus, and the eggs miraculously turned many colors or some say blood red. Another says in an effort to spread the Gospel, she went to the Roman Emperor and greeted him with, "Christ has risen", to which he replied when he pointed to an egg on the table, "Christ has no more risen than that egg is red." It is said the egg immediately turned blood red. She then began preaching Christianity to him.

As in typical in medieval days, many customs grew up. One was forced to hard boil the eggs so as not to waste the eggs, so a Spanish dish was made with hard boiled eggs. In the North of England a traditional game is played where hard boiled eggs are distributed and each player hits the other player's egg with their own. This is known as "egg tapping", "egg dumping", or

"egg jarring." The winner is the holder of the last intact egg. There is even a world championship. It is held in many other countries and even in Louisiana where it is called Pocking Eggs, and the Cajuns hold that the winner eats the eggs of the losers in each round. Rolling painted eggs down hills started in England, and certainly our egg rolls and egg hunts started there.

In Medieval Europe eggs were put on Maypoles to represent the regenerative forces of nature. It was said that an egg laid on Good Friday, kept for 100 years, would have the yolk turn to diamonds. Those laid on Easter promoted fertility of trees and crops. If there were two yolks you would be rich soon. They all represented sunlight and spring and might be hung on shrubs and trees, or even given to servants as gifts. In England, Edward I in 1290 expended 18 pence for 450 eggs to be gold-leafed and colored for Easter gifts.

Each area developed special ways of decorating hard-boiled or blown eggs. Perhaps the most famous egg-shaped gifts ever created were those jeweled ones by Peter Carl Faberge. He was commissioned by Czar Alexander of Russia in 1883 to create a gift for his wife. Its outside "shell" was platinum and enamel which opened to a golden chicken, and then a jeweled replica of the Imperial crown. The Czarina was so pleased she asked for another each year. Many had hidden surprises. The custom was continued by Nicholas II and until there were 57 beautiful specimens now preserved from those imperial days. It is amazing what we can learn on Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia, about our customs.

Happy egg decorating.



The First Baptist Church of Carroll, 51 Park St., Carroll, would like to personally invite the community to the Christ centered Easter Egg Hunt we are having on Saturday, March 30th, 2024 at 1:00 PM.

The eggs will be filled with candy or prize tickets. Be sure to bring your phone or camera, as we will have a photo op area set up.

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Amanda Leadership Night



The students that attended Amanda Leadership Night. submitted

The theme at Amanda Leadership Night was on the road to leadership. It was led by State Officers Jaden Smith, Luke Jennings, Delaney Moore, and Kaydence Morris. They planned many of activities for the members to do. So they would not only get closer to each other, but so they could have fun while doing it. The students also got to have a great dinner consisting of sandwiches, fruit, chips, drinks, and an array of desserts.

One of the activities that the State Officers had the members do was everyone was put into "little cars" basically just small groups, and we

had to plan a road trip on a piece of paper. On said piece of paper, we wrote what our destination was, who the driver would be, three songs that would be played, and three different snacks that would be brought along. Then in their "little cars" one person was selected to go up and get a paper plate and they had to go on a little road trip. Each car had to touch all four walls of the cafeteria and then make it to Delaney in the middle and the first car there would win.

Another one of the activities that they had the members do, was in their "little cars" There was one designated

person who was the leader. Multiple tables were put into a huge circle and everybody but the leaders had to take one shoe off. The leader had to find everyone's shoe in their "little car" and had to put it on them. Whichever "car" was the first one with all the shoes on won.

Amanda Leadership Night was a night filled with games, music, friendship strengthening/making, and great food. Every member left with a smile on their face, many unforgettable memories, and new leadership skills to bring back and use in their chapter.

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Also, the Bloom Carroll Lions Club will be having their annual plant sale that day. Anyone who would like to purchase and donate flowers for planting in the village next month can do so that day or preorder from the BC Lions. Donations will go in public areas

around town and will be appreciated.

Clean up day will be cancelled if raining.

The Ohio Genealogical Society Meeting

The Ohio Genealogical Society, Fairfield Chapter, meeting will be Thursday, April 18 at the Genealogical Research Library, 503 Lenwood Drive, in Lancaster. Refreshments at 6:30 pm, business meeting at 7:00 pm, followed by the program "Timelines in Research" by Alice Stevens. All are welcome. Visit our website for a video tour of our Research Library made possible by a gift in the name of the Alma S. Busby Fund of the Fairfield County Foundation.

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 Saturday, April 13 at 11:00am. Registration is required. For accommodations requests or more information, contact Scott Campbell at 740-689-1494 ext. 204 or scottcsocil@gmail.com.

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Growing and Using Herbs

Tuesday, April 16
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Location: Fairfield County District Library, 219 North Broad St., 3rd Floor, Lancaster, OH.

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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. Learn from Carrie Brown, OSU Extension Educator in Fairfield County.

Using and Storing Fresh Herbs

Monday, April 29
 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Location: Fairfield County District Library, 219 North Broad St., 3rd Floor, Lancaster, OH

To register:
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Join Shannon Carter, of OSU Extension - Fairfield County to learn more about 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.

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 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.

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.

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. Follow us on Facebook at Wildermuth Church Page.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

SALE TIME- 10:00 AM

We are currently accepting consignments of tractors, planting, tillage, baling, excavation & construction equipment along with other farm & livestock related items. **NO SMALL ITEMS** or junk items accepted! Auctioneers reserve the right to reject any item or equipment not meeting our expectations. Call for commission rates & time for delivery. Check out websites for we will update as consignments as committed.

CONSIGNMENTS AS OF MARCH 12th: NH 455 Skid steer, Ford7600 tractor, Ford 9N w/loader, nice Polaris Explorer400 four wheel-er, Yamaha G16 gas golf cart, '08 Suzuki TR450 4 wheel-er, MF1560 Rd baler, 3 Smidley auto waterers, 3 Marting feeders, JD1219 mower/conditioner, chisel plow, harrowgator, crumbler, disc, JD 24T baler, NH847 Rd baler, Univ hay rake, JD bale spear, JD FB grain drill, 18' HD trailer w/4 axles, tandem axle manure spreader, 18.4x34 clamp on duals, Meyer snow blade w/6 way, Salt Dog salt spreader w/40 bags of salt, several roll off trash containers, several 275 gal totes, HD tall jack stands, 24' tandem over deck frame, JD1540 5bt plow, NH680 manure spreader, 2 chisel plows, 7 SS salt box spreaders for pickup, 3 Western 6' snow plows, 8' Gilead Hill snow plow, Hutchinson 8x52 grain auger w/7.5 motor, ArtsWay 450 grinder/mixer & items coming in daily.

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