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Columbus' most popular breed remains the French Bulldog

New York, N.Y. – For the third year in a row, the French Bulldog took Columbus' top spot in the American Kennel Club's (AKC®) 2023 ranking of the most popular AKC-recognized dog breeds in the U.S.

The French Bulldog was also recognized as the #1 pup in New York City and Washington, D.C.

While the Frenchie stayed at number one, other breeds are climbing up the charts. The Shih Tzu, which took the top prize at the AKC National Championship this past December, is now the eighth most popular breed, while the Rottweiler now sits at the number five spot on the list.

"It's no surprise that these two breeds have grown in popularity. Rottweilers are very affectionate and playful despite their size," said AKC Executive Secretary Gina DiNardo. "Shih Tzus are excellent companion dogs. They are happy to just sit on their owner's lap and relax."

Columbus' top 5 breeds for 2023:

1. French Bulldog
2. Golden Retriever
3. German Shepherd Dog
4. Labrador Retriever
5. Rottweiler



The American Kennel Club also announced its nationwide rankings. The playful and adaptable French Bulldog is America's most popular breed for the second consecutive year.

Since overtaking the loveable Labrador Retriever as the most popular breed, the French Bulldog's popularity has continued to surge. The breed is playful, adaptable and has an even temperament.

2023 Most Popular Dogs in the U.S.

1. French Bulldog
2. Labrador Retriever
3. Golden Retriever
4. German Shepherd Dog
5. Poodle
6. Dachshund
7. Bulldog
8. Beagle
9. Rottweiler
10. German Shorthaired Pointer

Iron Pony Motorsports expands its reach: Acquires Honda/Suzuki/Can-Am of Jackson

Westerville – Iron Pony Motorsports Group, Inc., a leading name in the Powersports industry, is thrilled to announce the successful acquisition of Honda/Suzuki/ Can-Am of Jackson. This strategic move marks a significant milestone in Iron Pony Motorsports' ongoing commitment to providing unparalleled services and offerings to its valued customers. With the addition of the Jackson location, Iron Pony Motorsports extends its reach to encompass four strategic locales throughout Ohio, including Westerville, Lancaster/Carroll, Mansfield, and now Jackson. This expansion underscores our unwavering commitment to enhancing accessibility and convenience for our customers across the state.

The acquisition, spearheaded by Iron Pony Motorsports' owners Chris, Tammy, Derek Jones, and Cory Atwood, signifies a strategic expansion into new markets and a strengthened position in the ever-evolving world of Powersports.

A Historic Connection: Reviving 1980s Relationships

Chris Jones, one of the owners of Iron Pony Motorsports, brings a unique and personal touch to this acquisition. Having forged strong connections during his days in distribution in the 1980s, Chris has a long-standing relationship with the former owners of Honda-Suzuki of Jackson, Mark Simmons, and Brooke Phillips.

"Acquiring Honda Suzuki Can-Am of Jackson feels like coming full circle," says Chris. "I've known Mark and Brooke since my distribution days in the 1980s. Our shared passion for the industry and commitment to customer satisfaction has formed the foundation of a lasting friendship. Bringing their dealership under the Iron Pony Motorsports umbrella is not just a business move; it's a reunion of like-minded individuals dedicated to the world of Powersports." We wish Mark and Brooke nothing but the best in their well-deserved retirement.

Enhanced Offerings and Unmatched Expertise

With this acquisition, Iron Pony Motorsports aims to enhance the overall customer experience by providing a broader range of products and services. Customers can now expect an expanded inventory of Honda, Suzuki, and Can-Am motorcycles and



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powersports, along with the exceptional service and expertise that Iron Pony Motorsports is renowned for.

Tammy, Derek, and Cory, alongside Chris, are enthusiastic about the opportunities this acquisition presents. "We are excited to welcome the customers and staff of Honda-Suzuki/ Can-Am of Jackson into the Iron Pony Motorsports family. All current staff are expected to remain - and we will soon bring the amazing amounts of parts, apparel, and accessories that all Iron Pony / Pony Powersports locations are known for.

Our combined efforts will undoubtedly lead to a stronger, more dynamic force in the Powersports industry," they express.

Iron Pony Motorsports Group is actively looking for more dealership acquisitions- contact us.

About Iron Pony Motorsports Group:

For over four decades, Iron Pony Motorsports Group has proudly stood as a cornerstone of excellence in the Powersports industry. Since our inception, we've been more than just a name; we've been a trusted partner for enthusiasts, riders, and adventurers alike.

Commitment to Excellence: At Iron Pony Motorsports Group, our commitment to excellence is unwavering. We strive to provide nothing but the best to our valued customers, from top-notch products to unparalleled customer service. Our dedication to quality has made us a household name among riders worldwide.

Passion for Powersports: Fueled by an insatiable passion for all things Powersports, Iron Pony Motorsports Group is more than just a business – it's a lifestyle. Our team consists of riders and enthusiasts who live and breathe the thrill of the open road. This shared passion infuses everything we do, from curating the finest

products to fostering a vibrant community of riders.

Industry-Leading Offerings:

With four locations spanning a vast landscape, Iron Pony Motorsports Group proudly represents hundreds of renowned brands. Through our e-commerce divisions, IronPony.com and Motostealz.com, we extend our reach to riders far and wide, offering industry-leading pricing and an extensive selection of products. Whether you're in the market for parts, apparel, accessories, or vehicles, we've got you covered.

Family Owned and Operated:

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About Honda/Suzuki/ Can-Am of Jackson

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Lee Brice, Wilson Phillips to headline 40th annual Lancaster Festival: Tickets on sale May 1



Lee Brice submitted



Wilson Phillips submitted

LANCASTER, Ohio – At its second-annual “Reveal Event,” the Lancaster Festival Board of Directors announced that Lee Brice and *Wilson Phillips* will be this year’s signature acts appearing on the Wendel Concert Stage. Tickets will go on sale May 1 for these and other events taking place during the 40th anniversary of the 10-day celebration of music, art and community.

The July 27 Grand Finale concert will feature Lee Brice with the Lancaster Festival Orchestra.

When Curb Records recording artist, Lee Brice, isn’t selling out arenas, writing and recording songs, or building new brands like American Born whiskey, you’ll find the family man with his wife Sara, two young boys, and daughter. Meanwhile, with over 3.7 billion on-demand streams, and over 4 billion spins on Pandora, Brice continues to enjoy massive success at country radio, digital streaming services, and on the road. He has reached the #1 spot at Country Radio with Platinum-selling “Memory I Don’t Mess With,” which

consecutively follows three prior #1s: ASCAP’s 2021 Country Song of the Year and 3x Platinum track “One of Them Girls,” “I Hope You’re Happy Now” with Carly Pearce, and the 4x Platinum hit “Rumor,” which was nominated in the category Single of the Year at the 55th Annual ACM Awards.

One of the most-played country artists of all time on Pandora, he was the second country artist behind Keith Urban to receive the Pandora Billionaire plaque. Lee is also a GRAMMY nominee, a CMA and ACM award winner, and he’s taken nine radio singles to Number One: “A Woman Like You,” “Hard to Love,” “I Drive Your Truck,” “I Don’t Dance,” “Drinking Class,” “Rumor,” “I Hope You’re Happy Now,” “One of Them Girls,” and “Memory I Don’t Mess With.” Garth Brooks, Jason Aldean, Kenny Chesney and others have recorded his songs, and he’s performed on numerous TV shows, including NBC’s Today, ABC’s The Bachelor, NBC’s The Voice and FOX’s Miss USA 2018. Lee performed as part of the Library of Congress Gershwin

Prize for Popular Song honoring Garth Brooks, aired on PBS March of 2020.

At the 54th Annual CMA Awards, Lee took home the prize for Musical Event of the Year for his song with Carly Pearce, “I Hope You’re Happy Now.” At the 56th ACM Awards, “I Hope You’re Happy Now” won Single of the Year and Music Event of the Year, and Lee and Carly Pearce performed the song live. Lee’s album, *Hey World*, has been certified Platinum and features several multi-Platinum selling hits. Lee kicked off 2024 with an intimate acoustic tour, the Me & My Guitar Tour, and is bringing fans brand new music this Spring with his upcoming single, “Drinking Buddies” with Nate Smith and Hailey Whitters.

The July 20 concert will feature *Wilson Phillips* with the Lancaster Festival Orchestra.

Leading up to the 35th year anniversary of their self-titled album, *Wilson Phillips* has a lot to celebrate. Since the beginning of their union in 1990, *Wilson Phillips* have won the Billboard Music Award for Hot 100 Single of the Year for the now iconic single “Hold On,” were nominated for four Grammy Awards, as well as two American Music Awards. After a 10-year hiatus, *Wilson Phillips* reunited and were back to business releasing albums and making appearances. In 2011, they appeared in the blockbuster hit comedy “Bridesmaids” and starred in a TV Guide Network reality show: *Wilson Phillips: Still Holding On*. Additionally, Chynna Phillips competed on ABC’s “Dancing with the Stars,” and Carnie Wilson hosted Karaoke USA and participated on *Celebrity Wife Swap*.

All of the girls commit their time and energy to various charities. Carnie Wilson competed in the *Chopped Tournament of Stars: Rachel vs. Guy*, in 2014, to represent WLSFA (Weight Loss Surgery Foundation of America) and won \$10k for second place.

Since 2011, *Wilson Phillips* have been on tour performing their #1 hits “Hold On,” “Release Me” and “You’re in Love” amongst other hits and covers. “Dedicated,” their latest recorded album in 2012, was released in honor of their 20th anniversary, and consisted of cover songs originally penned by their parents (*The Mamas and Papas* and *The Beach Boys*). Created without the input of their family members, the album’s renditions of hits such as “California Dreamin’” and “God Only Knows” epitomize the harmonies of *Wilson Phillips* and accentuate the classic songs with a breath of fresh air.

With five studio albums under their belt and their impressive pedigree as the daughters of two legendary groups: *The Mamas and Papas*, and *The Beach Boys*, respectfully, *Wilson Phillips*’s harmony-rich sound still sets them one notch above the rest.

The Lancaster Festival Orchestra will open each evening under Maestro Gary Sheldon, who will celebrate his 37th and final season with the orchestra. Dazzling fireworks will close

out each Saturday evening performance.

The ever-popular Wednesday night tribute band will be *Who’s Bad - The Ultimate Michael Jackson Experience*. <https://www.whosbadmusic.com/whos-bad>

A full schedule of events will be released in the coming months and more information will be released as it becomes available at www.lancasterfestival.org.

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OGM announces new president



Dan Singer, Board President submitted

The Ohio Glass Museum Board is pleased to announce that we have a new president who already has hit the ground running with his support, ideas, and commitment.

You may already know Dan Singer from his decades-long career in local real estate or as one of the founding members of the Ohio Glass Museum. Before our doors even opened for the very first time, Dan Singer was playing an important role at the Ohio Glass Museum alongside the late Len Hajost. He has supported our mission for over 20 years.

Now Dan is bringing his passion for glass, history, and the community of Lancaster to our organization to help us further our mission and vision of promoting, preserving, and educating.

"Dan and I have known each other since elementary school," said outgoing Board President Mike Shook. "Our paths have crossed many times over the years, and once again at the Ohio Glass Museum. I am certain with Dan's leadership, the museum will continue to prosper and enhance the visitor experience."

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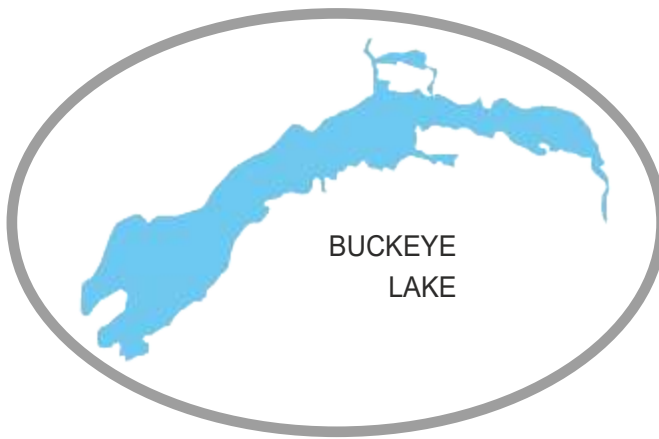
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Buckeye Lake free Bike Safety Rodeo for kids



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Join in the fun at Buckeye Lake's inaugural Bike Safety Rodeo for children ages 5-10 on May 11, 2024 (rain date May 18). The free event provides an exciting environment for participants to hone their safety skills and learn to make good choices when riding.

Children will guide their own bikes through a course especially designed to address specific bike handling and safety issues. Each child will also receive a free fitted helmet, swag bag, wrist snap, as well as food and drink tickets. Participants can also learn about fire safety on board a Buckeye Lake fire truck.

All participants must be accompanied by a parent or

guardian and pre-registration is required; to register visit bikebuckeyelake.org/kids-bike-safety-rodeo/. The event will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish parking lot, 5133 Walnut Rd., Buckeye Lake.

The Bike Safety Rodeo is hosted by the volunteer-run organization Bike Buckeye Lake, in collaboration with Fairfield, Licking and Perry County Health Departments and local Fire and Police Departments.

Bike Buckeye Lake is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 2015 to foster healthy, vibrant and sustainable communities. The group promotes the creation of safe trails that connect towns and points of

interest around Buckeye Lake. The goal is to make walking, running and cycling safe, convenient, and accessible for residents and visitors to the lake.

In addition to the Bike Safety Rodeo, the group organizes the Christmas Bike Giveaway for local children, and the Tour de Buckeye Lake, a cycling event for riders of all skill levels. Proceeds from the Tour go to support trail development costs around Buckeye Lake relating to, for example, land leases and acquisition, engineers and consultants, safety, grant applications, and maintenance.

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Millersport Council Report

Village Council met on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Building. In attendance were Mayor Gary Matheny, Council Members present were Elizabeth Butler, Nicole Crossan, Stephanie Helle, Rick Thompson and Jim McKittrick. Also present were Village Zoning Administrator Bill Simpson, Village Administrator Vincent B. Popo, Water Superintendent John Wood, Water Tech Chase Wood and resident Teresa Ralston. Fiscal Officer Susan Ramsey and President Pro Tem Dustin Bidwell were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

Roll call was taken and President Pro Tem Dustin Bidwell was absent.

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 but there are duos and trios

that will attempt to play during that time. Drake Riley is currently planning the Farmer Market dates as SC Festival representative..

NEW BUSINESS:

Street: Extreme coating is working on an estimate to seal the cracks in the village streets. They will be in the village next week to look at the streets. Hopefully, the streets will be sealed before winter of 2025.

Police Department: Chief Mark Consolo sent statistics for the month of March. The department issued (1) one traffic warning, (0) zero traffic citation, (2) two dispatch runs and (2) two mutual aid runs and worked (75) Seventy-five hours.

Fire Department: Chief Robert Price sent the run totals for the month of March. Station 631 made (41) forty-one runs; Station 632 made (28) twenty-eight runs; Station 633 made (26) twenty-six runs; and Walnut Township made (28) twenty-eight mutual aid runs.

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.

Ordinance 863: is an ordinance updating the RITA policy. 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 \$5,250.00.

Halloween, October 31, 2024, 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, 2024 to Thursday October 24, 2024. The chances of the best weather falls on the 24th. This will be decided at a later date.

Councilor Jim McKittrick voiced concerns about speeding automobiles on Canal and Chautauqua. There was much discussion over possible solutions and the village will have police officers have a presence on both roads.

**A copy of the recorded Village of Millersport Council Meeting dated Tuesday April 9, 2024 is available upon request.*

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Jones Loflin, keynote speaker for Fairfield ADAMH dinner



The Fairfield Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board is Growing a Healthier Community! This is the theme of the upcoming annual dinner and premier of its first fundraiser to be held Tuesday, May 21 at the Wigwam Event Center in Pickerington.

The evening will feature a nationally known author, speaker, and coach – Jones Loflin. Loflin has made it his life’s work to deliver powerful ideas and practical solutions to individuals around the world so they can achieve more of what is most important to them. His books include *Juggling Elephants* and *Always Growing* which provided the inspiration for the ADAMH event this year.

The event pairs well with Mental Health Month held in May each year and will also honor three individuals/businesses with the ADAMH Star award.

The ADAMH Board brings local partners together to address mental health and addiction.

The board plans, funds and manages programs through local non-profit organizations to deliver much-needed services. Most recently, the Board held an open house for a new crisis stabilization center in Lancaster. Services here will address the immediate needs of individuals in crisis due to substance use or mental health issues.

“The Fairfield County ADAMH Board touches so many lives through funding programs and free trainings of which many aren’t aware,” Jackie Howard, ADAMH Public Relations coordinator said. “The ADAMH Board works with schools, first responders, healthcare providers, and the court system to name a few,” she added.



Jones Loflin submitted

Currently the Fairfield ADAMH Board funds programs all or in part to the following Fairfield County Agencies; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeastern Ohio, Fairfield Center of Hope, Fairfield County 2-1-1, Fairfield County Family and Children First Council, Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency, Lancaster Recovery Services, The Lighthouse, Lutheran Social Services Faith Mission of Fairfield County, Meals on Wheels of Fairfield County, Mental Health America of Ohio, Mid-Ohio Psychological Services, Inc., New Horizons Mental Health Services, Ohio Guidestone and the Recovery Center.

Sponsorships to support the event and fundraiser are available and can be viewed through the organization’s website. A silent auction featuring donations from area businesses will be available to view and purchase the night of the event.

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Join the YMCA for three exciting May events!

Get ready for a month filled with fun, fitness, and community spirit as The Family YMCA of Lancaster and Fairfield County invites you to participate in three thrilling events this May.

1. Annual 5K and Kids Fun Run:

Start your morning off on the right foot with our Annual 5K and Kids Fun Run on May 11th, beginning at 9 AM. Lace up your running shoes and join us at the Robert K. Fox Family YMCA, located at 465 West Sixth Avenue. The race will wind through the streets of Lancaster, starting and ending at the YMCA.

The Kids Fun Run, set to kick off at 10:15 AM, promises a burst of energy and excitement for our youngest participants. Best of all, participation in the Kids Fun Run is completely free!

Registration for the 5K is available online at ymcalancaster.org. Fees are \$15 for YMCA members under 18, \$20 for non-members under 18, \$20 for YMCA members 18 and



older, and \$25 for non-members 18 and older.

2. Annual Healthy Kids Day:
Following the 5K and Kids Fun Run, join us for our Annual Healthy Kids Day from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. This free community event promises a morning of fun games and activities for children of all ages. Experience the YMCA firsthand and learn about the importance of staying active and healthy while enjoying quality time with family and friends.

Don't miss this opportunity to engage with your community and discover all that The Family YMCA of Lancaster and Fairfield County has to offer!

3. Golf Tournament at The View Golf Club:

On Friday, May 31st, golf enthusiasts are invited to tee off with us at The View Golf Club for our annual Golf Tournament. The shotgun start will kick off at 9 AM, promising a day filled with

friendly competition and camaraderie on the greens.

Foursomes can register for \$400, which includes a cart and a delicious lunch to keep you fueled throughout the day. Plus, participants can look forward to an array of raffle door prizes and on-course contests, adding to the excitement of the tournament.

Businesses or individuals interested in supporting the event can take advantage of hole sponsorship opportunities for just \$200.

Registration for the Golf Tournament is open now at ymcalancaster.org. Secure your spot and join us for a day of golf and goodwill in support of The Family YMCA of Lancaster and Fairfield County. Mark your calendars and join us for these three fantastic events in May.

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Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit transitions to county department

Lancaster, OH – Fairfield County has announced that the Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit system will become a county department. This transition marks a significant step in expanding public transportation services to meet the evolving needs of the community.

"We are excited to build upon partnerships to enhance mobility options for our residents and visitors," said director of

Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit, Chasilyn Carter.

As part of this transition, and with support from Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit is actively engaged in drafting a Transit Development Plan (TDP), which plays a crucial role in assuring that public transportation services are consistent with the mobility needs of the community.

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Chase life

by Amy Carpenter, Ph.D.

September 10, 2022, was the worst day of Sarah Haley's life. It was the day she found out that her only son (Chase) had died by suicide. Sarah shares, "It was the most tragic day in my life!" Sarah's grief didn't end there. It turned into "a year of extreme heartbreak."

Sarah longed for another mother she could reach out to that understood her pain and could comfort her in a way that no one else could, but there weren't any support groups like that out there.

What finally helped Sarah dig out of her depression, was the support of her red and blue family, her friends, and her community. It comforted Sarah to know that the community also felt the pain of losing Chase.

During this difficult time Sarah leaned heavily on her friends. One special friend in particular was Carrie Woody. Carrie was instrumental in helping Sarah through the loss of losing Chase. Among other things, Carrie set up a fund through United Way and Park National Bank for donations to be made to The Chase Haley Memorial Scholarship Fund.

This meant so much to Sarah, but she felt a calling to do more than just a scholarship. Chase

majoring in Psychology and loved to help others. After Chase's passing, many of his friends came to their home and told her and her husband how shocked they were that this happened. They explained that Chase was the one who saved their lives when they were overwhelmed and didn't want to live any longer. Sarah was blown away with the number of young adults contemplating suicide.

According to the Ohio Department of Health (May 2023) after a two-year decline, the number of Ohio suicide deaths increased. Deaths increased in 2021 by 8% over the previous year to 1,766; however, the number of deaths remained below the 10-year high of 1,836 deaths in 2018. The data means that five Ohioans die by suicide every day, and one youth dies by suicide every 34 hours.

The problem with suicide is there aren't always warning signs. Sarah has played moments with Chase over and over in her mind. Sarah adds, "None of the 'signs' they are currently teaching us to look for were present. I truly believe those 'signs' are grossly outdated and need to be researched heavily." Other parents that are on the same journey have agreed with Sarah. There were no signs.

According to the Alaska Regional Hospital (a hospital dedicated to providing safe, high-quality medicine and compassionate care) the circumstances that result in suicide are usually complex. Circumstances may involve one or more life challenges, such as chronic pain, substance abuse, serious health issues, financial strain, legal problems, trauma or relationship issues. Cesar Figueroa, MD (a psychiatrist affiliated with Coliseum Medical Centers) shares, "Sometimes outgoing people suddenly become quiet, less talkative. Someone who usually laughs a lot, may stop showing emotion or start crying more often. Someone who is usually calm, may suddenly become very easily agitated or start doing risky things."

Once Sarah started feeling better and getting through her depression, the main focus on her mind was "CHANGE." She was not going to sit with her grief and do nothing. Sarah shares, "I knew that Chase wanted to help everyone that he could. I took that as my motivation. I will do everything in my power to prevent someone from silently hurting like Chase did. Being alone in your mind is a scary place to be. I also never want another family to hurt from this type of loss. There are no words to describe this pain. It will never go away. It will never lessen. It changes shapes and comes in waves. You learn to move with it, but you will never be the same again."



Chase and his mom, Sarah Haley submitted

During Sarah's time of grieving and healing, it was abundantly clear to her as to what she is meant to do in order to honor her amazing son, and that is to continue the work Chase started. Sarah shares, "We have been extremely lucky to have an entire community supporting us." This realization confirms to her that the community sees the need for this devastating story to be told, and to gather together to work on suicide prevention. Sarah adds, "I want, with all of my heart, to eliminate anyone from hurting the

way Chase hurt. I want to prevent another family from suffering this type of loss that we will carry for the rest of their lives."

To find out more about "The Chase Haley Project" and their upcoming events, you can go to their website or follow them on Facebook or Instagram.

You can also find out more about "The Chase Haley Project" on my upcoming show on "Around Towne With Amy" which airs on Spectrum 1021, YouTube and Facebook.

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Grill Smart; Hands-on Learning Great Grilling

The next summer get-together is just around the corner. Family, friends, or old classmates will be in town. It's the perfect time for inviting them over to grill out for dinner... or is it?

Few things can satisfy or impress family and friends like the aroma, tenderness, juiciness, and deep rich flavor of a steak or chop grilled to perfection. However, there may not be anything that strikes as much apprehension and fear into the hearts of a dinner host as that of failing to correctly select, prepare and grill the perfect steak. If you've ever struggled with the angst of whether you can pull off that perfect meal and eating experience of dinner originating from your grill, then the Grill Smart class is designed for you.

Grill Smart is a program adapted by OSU Extension Beef Field Specialist Garth Ruff from the Barbecue Science class that is taught annually on campus at The Ohio State University. The program takes participants all the way from meat selection to properly serving a perfectly grilled masterpiece.

More specifically, during the 3-and-a-half-hour Grill Smart course, participants learn to match the appropriate cooking methodology with a particular muscle or cut, gain an un-

derstanding of how or why different muscles are typically merchandised as steaks or roasts, and which cuts to select for various types of entertainment functions. Furthermore, those in attendance will become more familiar with terminology associated with the meat industry, and learn about potential food safety issues when preparing meat and other food products.

Participants will gain experience with various cuts of beef, turkey, and pork chops. Seasoning and the use of spices and oils will be explored along with cooking temperatures and determining doneness. Lighting the grill and properly cleaning it, all in the name of food safety and eating experience, will also be covered. In order to acquire a general understanding of sensory evaluation, participants will get to sample the end product of each learning objective, a highlight of the program for many.

When it comes to meat, a satisfactory eating experience is directly related not only to the selection at the meat case, but also the tenderness, juiciness, and flavor of the cooked product. Regardless, if you're entertaining and feeding family, friends, or long lost classmates, your success on the grill will always set the tone for the entire event. Don't let your anxiety over whether you're doing it right ruin your evening.

Make plans now to participate in one of two Grill Smart sessions scheduled for June 27, 2024. Hosted at the Fairfield County Ag Center, 831 College Avenue, you may choose the 10:30 a.m. session or the second one that begins at 4:00 p.m. Participation at each session is limited to 16 participants that will work in groups of four. Cost is \$30 per person and covers the cost of the meat, season-

ings and grilling equipment. Call 740-653-5419 or visit <https://go.osu.edu/fclocal> to register.

Callery Pear Eradication? Now is a Great Time to Tag for Removal

The impact of the sheer numbers of flowering pear can go unnoticed. But not this time of year. As one of the first flowering trees of the season, now is a great time to tag them for later removal. The key is to know what trees should be removed before they set fruit. So, you have time. But NOW is the time to tag trees as they come into flower. They are so easy to identify.

Interestingly, think about all of the housing developments that might have used pears extensively in home landscapes or as a street tree and how birds loved to help those disperse those seeds.

They looked beautiful but didn't behave as a sterile tree as advertised. But they are the tree that keeps on giving, or invading.

Did you know it is illegal to buy or sell Ornamental Flowering Pear Trees in Ohio as of January 7th, 2023? The suggestion is to get out and tag the flowering trees now. Then, sometime before fruit is set, go out and remove the trees. A great fact sheet on invasive plant removal is at <https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/f-65>

Although the fact sheet is written to control Tree of Heaven, some of the same techniques can be employed.

In addition, Ohio Department of Natural Resources has a document regarding Callery Pear: <https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/plants-trees/invasive-plants/callery-pear>

Also, a general fact sheet on Controlling Undesirable Trees, Shrubs, and Vines in Your Woodland can be found here: <https://woodlandstewards.osu.edu/sites/woodlands/files/d6/files/pubfiles/0045.pdf>

The take home message is if you want to reduce Callery Pear in your landscape or woodlot, now's the time to tag! Source: Buckeye Yard and Garden Line Thomas DeHaas, author

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Liberty Union FFA hosts 72nd FFA Banquet



The 2024-2025 officer team with the retiring officers from last year. submitted

On March 21, 2024, the Liberty Union FFA Chapter held its 72nd annual banquet. The purpose of the night was to honor the past, current, and honorary members of the FFA, and to give members their respective awards for degrees, CDEs, and SAEs.

The evening began with a meal which led to the start of the program. The first major order of business was inducting the 2024 Honorary Member of the Liberty Union FFA Chapter, Janet McClaskey. After that, a long list of awards and recognition were given. These awards included Top

Fruit Sale Sellers, Career Development Event Recognition, Scholarship Awards, Leadership Awards, Committee Chair Recognition, Chapter Proficiency Awards, District Proficiency Awards, 2024-2025 Star Member Awards, and many more. Members were also recognized for Greenhand, Chapter, State, and American FFA Degrees.

Next, the 2024 officer team seniors delivered their retiring addresses, which reflected on their years spent involved in FFA and Agriculture Education. The night ended with the handing over of the chapter to the 2024-2025 Officer Team. The 2024-2025 President is Jack Kaper, the Vice President is Bailey Shy, the Secretary is Caroline Endsley, the Treasurer is Sam Bader, the Reporter is Reagan Thomas, the Sentinel is Carter Bergados, the Student Advisor is Logan George, and the Chaplain is Emilyn Kanet. These officers will be accompanied by their assistants: Paisley Alt, Micah Strawser, Luke Strawser, Lacy Hayes, Justin Sisson, Pierce Weis, and Mariah McIntosh. This officer team is excited and already getting back to planning for the coming year.

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FMC becomes first in state to use Medtronic's new ablation technology



Dr. Hattoum (left) performs electrophysiology procedure at Fairfield Medical Center. submitted

LANCASTER, OHIO – Fairfield Medical Center recently introduced pulsed field ablation (PFA) therapy for the treatment of atrial fibrillation (afib). Without early intervention, this dangerous arrhythmia – which affects more than 59 million people worldwide – can worsen over time. As the condition progresses and becomes more persistent, it can negatively impact heart function, overall health and quality of life. While ablation techniques have been used to treat afib for several decades, the Medtronic PulseSelect™ PFA System offers breakthrough technology to deliver excellent results with a lower risk of complications.

For context, traditional ablation therapies rely on thermal effects to form scar tissue within the heart, interrupting irregular electrical pathways and returning the heart to its normal rhythm. Rather than using extremely hot or cold temperatures to achieve this goal, PFA deploys pulsed electric fields to efficiently target, isolate and eliminate triggers of the arrhythmia. By using non-thermal energy, this novel

approach safely and efficiently treats both paroxysmal and persistent atrial fibrillation while reducing the risk of damage to surrounding tissue and structures.

“When it comes to patient care and serving our region, Fairfield Medical Center continuously strives to adopt the latest technological innovations,” said cardiologist Alexander Hattoum, MD, who performed the first PFA procedures at FMC. “This addition is truly a game changer for the safety and speed of atrial fibrillation ablations. It will allow us to nearly double our procedural volumes, particularly for those with paroxysmal afib, and return patients to health quicker than ever before.”

Atrial fibrillation can cause symptoms like heart palpitations, fatigue and shortness of breath. Additionally, those living with the condition are five times more likely to suffer a stroke than the general population. If you or someone you know has afib, speak with your healthcare provider about treatment options, or contact Fairfield Healthcare Professionals Cardiology at 740-689-4480.

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Friends of the Fairfield County District Library – Used Book Sale
The Friends of the Fairfield County District Library will be hosting a used book sale on Saturday, May 4 (10 am to 4 pm) and Sunday, May 5 (1 pm – 4 pm) on the 3rd floor of the Main Library. There will be gently used books for children, teens, and adults available for purchase, as well as DVDs, music CDs, and audiobooks. Cash or check payment only.
There will be a Friends Members preview night on Friday, May 3 (6 pm – 8pm). Not a member yet? Join the night of the preview sale or earlier by picking up

an application at any FCDL location or printing a copy from www.fcdlibrary.org.

The Southeastern Ohio Youth Leadership Forum: An Opportunity for Students to Become Future Leaders

The Southeastern Ohio Youth Leadership Forum is an opportunity for high school students with disabilities to develop skills to become the future leaders in their community and to self-determine their own lives. During the week-long event, students from southeastern Ohio will learn about topics such as disability culture, self-advocacy, voting, assistive technology, and achieving independence. Students develop a Personal Leadership Plan which they then put into action in their own communities. This plan includes identifying strengths and career goals, living independently, vocational goals including education and training, community involvement, and the use of technology.
This year's forum takes place the week of June 10 at Ohio University-Lancaster. For more information, contact Scott Campbell at 740-689-1494 ext. 204 or scottcsocil@gmail.com.

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.

Carroll Lion Car Show

May 11th at Downtown Carroll, rain or shine from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Registration is \$15. Top 25 awards "Best of Show." Plenty of good food will be available. All proceeds go to local Lions projects. For more information call John 740-503-2918.

Bloom-Carroll Lions Call for Golf Teams!

The Bloom-Carroll Lions Club will hold their 4th annual golf outing at Pine Hills Golf Course on Saturday, July 13th! This event is a four-person scramble with contests, raffle, and cash prizes. Deadline for team registration is July 6th.

Not a golfer, but interested in becoming a sponsor? There are various sponsorship levels that include advertising opportunities, such as Team, Hole, Membership and/or Banner sponsorship, or item donations for the golfer goody bags. Membership deadline for sponsorship is July 1st.

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Golf Outing and Membership Info: Lion Cathy - (740) 407-6632, E-mail: BloomCarrollLions@gmail.com

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