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\$135,000 in scholarships!

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Olivedale Annual Health Fair Invitation

EVENT: Annual Health Fair
LOCATION: Olivedale Senior Center
ADDRESS: 253 Boving Road, Lancaster, OH
DATE: May 16, 2025
TIME: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

This event is focused on Seniors 55+ but is open to the public, especially those responsible for or caring for a senior.

****Highlights for Attendees:****

- Free lunch and T-shirt for the first 200 senior attendees!
- Free blood pressure, blood oxygen and glucose checks, resources on various health, legal and financial topics from professionals in senior services.
- Over 20 Door Prizes

To participate, senior service organizations can find a registration form at www.olivedale.com. Must be emailed by May 2nd, 2025.



Olivedale Senior Center
This event possible with a grant from The Hub/MOWFC.

Millersport American Legion Auxiliary Unit 637 Crowns 2025 Little Miss Poppy Queen

On Wednesday, April 16, Kohen Smith, a Junior Member of the Auxiliary, was crowned our new Little Miss Poppy Queen for 2025 by our outgoing Poppy Queen Hannah Hampson. Hannah reigned as Poppy Queen for 2 years and is a Junior Member as well.

Kohen is 11 yrs old and the daughter of Kyle and Megan Smith. Kohen was born at Ft. Campbell, TN, where Kyle was a Sergeant in the United States Army. She is the oldest of her 3 sisters. Kohen is an Honor Roll Student at Millersport Elementary School. She was part of the Student Council 2023-2024 and has been a part of the Safety Patrol this year. She enjoys dancing in the Talent Show, is very active in sports including, cheerleading, volleyball, softball and her favorite: basketball.

In her free time, she enjoys swimming, hanging out with friends and going on adventures, especially when they involve white sandy beaches in Florida.

Kohen is thrilled and excited to be representing the Millersport American Legion Auxiliary as the 2025 Little Miss Poppy Queen.

We will have our Annual Poppy Day on Saturday May 3, 2025, in Millersport. In 1920, the Poppy was adopted as our official memorial flower to pay homage to the battlefields of World War I. Poppies are handmade by our veterans and are never sold. Your contributions are devoted entirely to rehabilitation and child welfare efforts for veterans and their families. Please come out and meet our new Little Miss Poppy Queen Kohen at the Circle K. She will be handing out poppies in remembrance of our veterans.

Several members and volunteers will be at the traffic light taking donations as well. All money donated to our Poppy Fund is spent to help veterans and to show our appreciation for all they have done and still do to protect and serve our country.

May is the month we also have our NO-BAKE BAKE SALE. This is the one time you don't have to actually bake and can still contribute to helping our veterans. We also have dishcloths available for purchase from the Auxiliary. You can contact Liz Sanders, Unit 637 President at 614-562-7823 if you'd like to donate to the bake sale or purchase dishcloths.

Submitted by Liz Sanders,
Unit 637 President



(L-R): The new Little Miss Poppy Queen Kohen Smith and the outgoing queen, Hannah Hampson. submitted

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Lancaster Festival announces 2025 premier concert act joining finale concert and tribute band

LANCASTER, Ohio – The Lancaster Festival Board of Directors is excited to announce that the headlining artist for its Premier Concert on July 26 at the Ohio University Lancaster

Wendel Concert Stage will be central Ohio's own Gary LeVox, co-founder and lead singer of Rascal Flatts.

Gary LeVox, along with bandmates Jay DeMarcus and Joe Don Rooney, founded Rascal Flatts in 2000 and they went on to enjoy one of the most successful careers in modern country music. Infusing the genre's traditional sound with massive pop hooks, rock showmanship and faithful positivity, they scored 18 No. 1 singles and sold over 25 million albums. They have sold more than 11 million concert tickets and earned 40+ awards-show trophies, making them one of the most-awarded country groups of the last decade.

In 2025, Rascal Flatts has a new single called "I Dare You" with the Jonas Brothers, as well as a Rascal Flatts Headlining Tour. Up next: solo music from Gary LeVox and his own tour that will include all the Rascal Flatts hit songs and his legendary voice.

The board previously announced that its August 2nd Finale Concert will feature two headliners for the first time in Festival history: Grammy-winning artist Colbie Caillat and folk-rock band Dawes. Additionally, the popular Wednesday-night tribute band, performing on July 30, is hair band rock tribute Hairball.

The Lancaster Festival Orchestra will open each Saturday night concert under Music Director John Devlin, who will be conducting his first Lancaster Festival season with the orchestra. Dazzling fireworks will close out each Saturday evening performance.

Tickets went on sale May 1 for events taking place during the 10-day celebration of music, art and community. 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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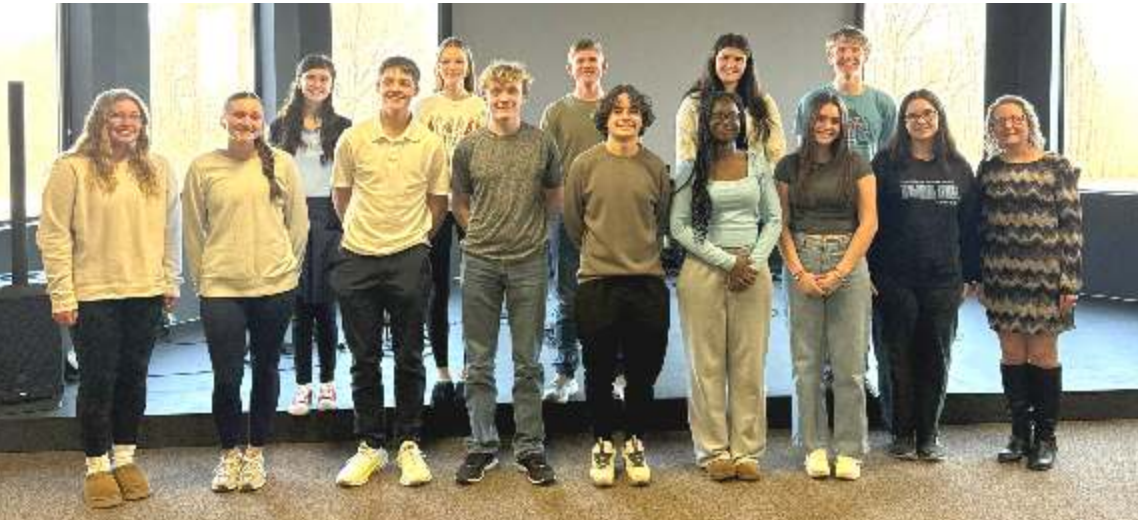
Purchase your tickets in advance for \$10 from a Chorus member or weekdays at North End Press. Tickets at the door cost \$12 on show day, subject to availability. For online purchases, visit lancastermenschorus.org.

The Lancaster Men's Chorus welcomes singers of all levels to share in the camaraderie, music, and mission of giving back. Visit lancastermenschorus.org or contact Wes Osborn at 614-664-9377 to learn about joining!

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Youth Advisory Committee continues to create an impact and inspire future leaders



The Youth Advisory Committee during a March 11 meeting. submitted

LANCASTER, Ohio - The Fairfield County Foundation's Board of Trustees and the Youth Advisory Committee of 2024-2025 awarded grants totaling \$20,000 to 13 organizations to benefit youth in Fairfield County. Grant recipients include: AHA! A Hands-on Adventure, A Children's Museum for the installation of a partition wall; Baltimore Downtown Restoration for microphone equipment for the Victoria Players Children's Theater; Connexion West to support Connexion Club youth summer program; Decorative Arts Center of Ohio to support teaching re-

sources for "Ohio in 250 Objects" exhibit; Destination Downtown Lancaster for support of a summer teen night event; Fairfield County 4-H Advisory Committee for ChickQuest supplies; Geneva Hills Group, Inc. for outdoor pool renovations; Girls on the Run to support teams in Fairfield County; Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio for Project Playhouse; Rise Up Arts Alliance for microphone body pack belts; Simon Kenton Council for support of STEM supplies at Fairfield County camps; Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living to support their summer youth

leadership forum; YMCA of Lancaster & Fairfield County for support of school-age care snacks and camp transportation needs. "These grant recipients are deeply committed to enhancing the lives of youth in Fairfield County and we're confident that their projects will create a lasting, positive impact on the community," said Amy Eyman, CEO of the Fairfield County Foundation. "We're proud to provide local students with the opportunity to explore the world of nonprofits and grantmaking while making a real difference in their community."

Olivedale Senior Center elects new board members



Olivedale board members (left to right) front row: Jim Brownfield, Kelly Prinz, Anne Anderson, Sonja Hoffman and John Lunn. Back row: Bret Rice, Robert Kalish, Carl Drury, William Reed, Karen Sanner, Larry Wentz and Nancy Blair. submitted

Three members were elected to the board at the recent annual meeting of Olivedale Senior Citizens of Fairfield County. New to the board are Anne Anderson and Bret Rice. Robert Kalish was re-elected after serving a year long unexpired term.

Anderson is active with the Military Veterans of Olivedale. She served 2 1/2 years as an RN in the Navy Nurse Corps and retired from Licking Memorial Hospital's Shepherd Hill. Rice served in the Air Force, retired from South Central Power

Company and enjoys weekly Bingo games at the senior center. Kalish, who served several years as the Mayor of Baltimore, enjoys the opportunity to play cards at Olivedale. Their terms begin immediately. The board, comprised of President Jim Brownfield, Vice President Nancy Blair, Secretary Kelly Prinz, Treasurer Karen Sanner, Legal Advisor John Lunn, Past President Larry Wentz and members Carl Drury, Sonja Hoffman and William Reed, in addition to the new members, is committed to the organization's mission of providing an atmosphere for friendship and feeling of connection with others for senior citizens of the community, learning through educational and recreational opportunities, promote wellness and social activities the encourage service to the senior center and entire community.

Liberty Union Elementary School designated as "Purple Star School"

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce has selected Liberty Union Elementary School as a Purple Star School for the Class of 2025. Ohio's Purple Star Advisory Board established strict criteria that schools must meet to be considered for a Purple Star designation. Ohio's military-connected youth require supports that consider their unique wellness and academic needs, especially while navigating school transitions. The Purple Star award signifies Liberty Union



Elementary School demonstrated commitment to serving these students and families. The Purple Star designation is valid for three years. Congratulations on earning the Purple Star designation and thank you for your continuous support of Ohio's military families.

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The Fairfield County Foundation Youth Advisory Committee was established in 2018 to empower Fairfield County high school students through leadership and community service. Participants have the opportunity to review projects that support initiatives for youth in their own communities and gain real world experience, with responsibilities for reviewing submissions, completing site visits and presenting recommendations to the Board of Trustees. The committee, which

changes each year, is made up of juniors and seniors from across the county. Nine of the 11 Fairfield County high schools were represented on the committee this year. To learn more about the Youth Advisory Committee, contact Program Officer, Andrea Drumm, at 740 654-8451 or aspires@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org, or visit: <https://www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org/grants/youth-advisory-committee>.

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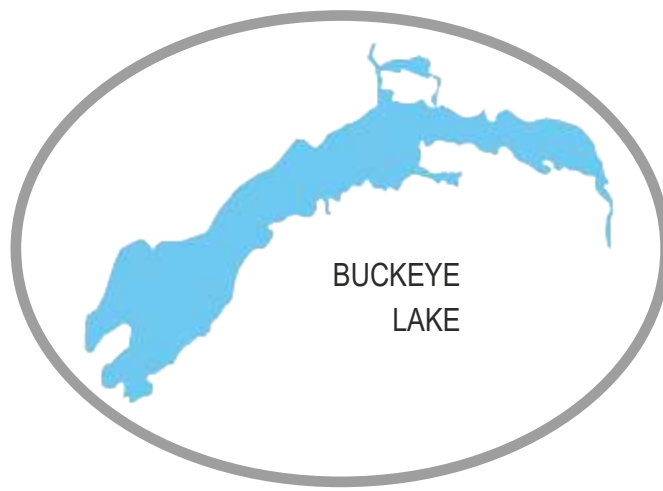
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Dick Gorham - State of Ohio Canal Boat

Submitted by Ron Keller, Lions

The crew of a State Boat was responsible for repairs to an assigned section of the Ohio & Erie Canal. As the name suggests, State Boats were owned by the State of Ohio. Most were numbered and named after presidents. The Dick Gorham, however, was named after a

beloved bartender who lived in Carroll, Ohio. Its crew of five was responsible for the section from the north shore of what is now called Buckeye Lake to Lock 30 in Lockbourne.

They would search for and remove weeds, trees and other debris from the canal, repair varmint holes and leaking canal banks, fix problems at the locks,

and handle all routine maintenance. At times, they were required to help other State Boat crews in neighboring sections who were struggling to repair a large breach.

This photo was taken at Bibler Lock, aka Lock South 8, is behind Baltimore Wastewater Plant at 2005 Basil Western Rd NW in Baltimore. In 2018 it was one of nine locks to be added to the National Register of Historic Places. Now, it is one of the stops on Ohio & Erie Canal Southern Descent Heritage Trail, a 114-mile self-guided driving tour from Buckeye Lake to Portsmouth, featuring historical canal locks available for public viewing.



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Millersport Council Report

Village Council met on Tuesday, March 8, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Building. In attendance were Council Members President Pro Tem Elizabeth Butler, Nicole Crossan, Stephanie Helle, Jodi Naylor, Rick Thompson and Jim McKittrick. Also present were Village Administrator Vincent B. Popo, Zoning Administrator Bill Simpson, Water Superintendent John Wood, Assistant Village Administrator Tim Morris, Chief Mark Consolo, Lt Justin Wiseman and Special Counsel Pete Griggs. A list of residents is attached.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

Roll call was taken and everyone was present.

NEW BUSINESS:

Water: At this time, Righter Brothers believe that they will complete the iron filter by the end of June.

Sewer: The village is slowly removing sump pumps and down spouts from the sanitary system and into the storm sewers that allows for less infiltration.

Police Department: Chief Mark Consolo sent statistics for the month of March. The department issued (15) fifteen traffic warning, (15) fifteen traffic citation, (3) three dispatch run and (2) two mutual aid runs and worked (137) One Hundred Thirty-Seven hours.

Fire Department: Chief Robert Price sent the run totals for the month of March. Station 631 made (42) forty-two runs; Station 632 made (19) nineteen runs; Station 633 made (23) twenty-three runs; and Walnut Township made (24) twenty-four mutual aid runs.

Events for 2025 are 1) Community Bicentennial Dinner Saturday April 12, 2-25; 2) Memorial Day Ceremony Monday May 26, 2025; 3) Bicentennial Festival on Saturday July 5, 2025; 4) Monster Mash V

on Thursday October 23, 2025 and 5) Christmas parade Sunday December 7, 2025. Music in the Parks and the Time Capsule rededication will be set at a later day.

Local Waste offered to extend the contract by 5% for 2025 and 2026. Council directed Mayor Gary Matheny to explore the cost of recycling as part of the contract.

RESOLUTION 1392 is a resolution establishing a planning Commission. This is the 2nd Reading.

RESOLUTION 1394 is a resolution authorizing supporting the Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America 250-OH). This is the 2nd Reading.

ORDINANCE 873 is an ordinance specifying the services the Village of Millersport will provide to the potential annexed property. This is the 1st Reading.

Mayor Gary Matheny opened the discussion of the potential annexation of 500 acres saying that as of this date the village has nothing in writing concerning the sale of the property, the amount of money for the purchase, no monetary offer to the village and no legal specific requests. There was an hour and forty minute conversation and speculation concerning the annexation of the property. Tonight is the first reading of Ordinance 873 that specifies the services that the village will provide to the annexed area. Special counsel Pete Griggs explained the annexation process. Residents questioned air quality, noise level, number of employees, abatements, housing, property values, water quality, building designs. No one in the village administration know what company wants to build on the potential annexed property.

The American Legion building has a new roof and siding. The

next phase is to redo the plumbing and upgrade the restroom facilities. Zoning Administrator Bill Simpson will oversee the upgrade and Matt Clark started doing the plumbing work for the village. The dry wall has been hung and is prepped to be painted. The target date of completion is April 1, 2025.

The Village of Millersport is celebrating its Bicentennial in 2025. The logos are set for ball caps, mugs and T-shirts and we will begin the purchasing process. Two Hundreds tickets have been printed for the Saturday April 12, 2025 commemorative dinner at the Lions Club, Social time is 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and each ticket holder receives a ball cap, t-shirt and mug. The Family Festival is set for Saturday July 5, 2025 and will feature a car show, a Poker Run, 5-K run, three live bands, and a bike rodeo for kids and a Monster Truck. Councilor Thompson created a flyer and photo for shirts. There are five stops and the last stop is at the Lions Club.

A motion to go into executive session was made by Councilor Beth Butler and seconded by Councilor Rick Thompson at 8:00 pm. All voted yes and the motion carried 6-0.

A motion to exit executive session was made by Councilor Beth Butler and seconded by Councilor Rick Thompson at 8:50 pm. All voted yes and the motion carried 6-0.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Rick Thompson and seconded by Councilor Beth Butler. All voted yes and the motion carried 6-0.

**A copy of the recorded Village of Millersport Council Meeting dated Tuesday March 11, 2025 is available upon request*

The Fairfield County Alcohol, Drug Addition and Mental Health Board provides funding for programs through these nonprofit agencies:

- Fairfield County 211 -Information and Referral
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Fairfield County
- Fairfield Center of Hope
- Fairfield County Family & Children First Council
- Integrated Services for Behavioral Health
- 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
- The Recovery Center

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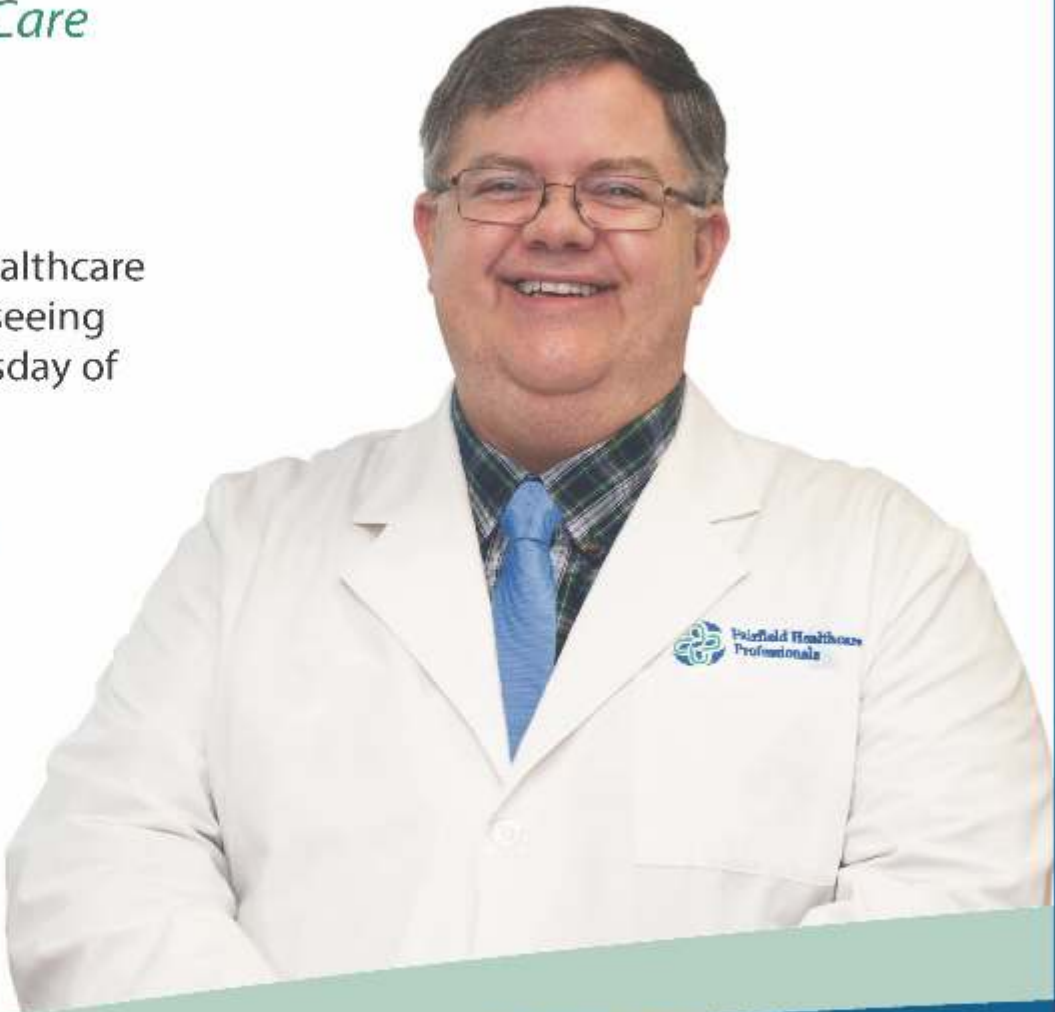
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Baltimore Bicentennial Lecture series continues

The Baltimore Bicentennial Lecture series continues Sunday, May 4 with renowned Baltimore educator and historian Jim Reed returning to town. History buffs will not want to miss this, as Reed will share the fascinating history behind the reason Baltimore exists today: The Ohio and Erie Canal. This presentation will recount the story of the canal itself, and the people who were involved in the first major infrastructure project to come through Ohio. The event will take place on May 4 at 1:00 at the Victoria Opera House in Baltimore.

On Tuesday, May 13, the Baltimore Branch Library will offer “The History of the Baltimore Branch Library” from 2:00-4:00 pm. Did you know the library began as the Griley Memorial Library? This event includes a tour of the Griley House.

Both events are free to the public.

Lancaster Camp Ground Donates \$807.64 to Fairfield County 2-1-1 Through Community-Driven "Quarter for Quarter" Campaign



LANCASTER, OH — The Lancaster Camp Ground is proud to announce a donation of **\$807.64 to Fairfield County 2-1-1** as part of its **Quarter for Quarter Campaign**, a community-first initiative that donates 25% of quarterly fundraising proceeds to local nonprofits, charities, and service organizations throughout Fairfield County.

Fairfield County 2-1-1 plays a critical role in the region, connecting individuals and families with vital services including food access, housing support, mental health care, and crisis intervention. This donation helps bolster the organization's ability to respond quickly and compassionately to those in need.

"The generosity of the Lancaster Campground through the Quarter for Quarter campaign has made a meaningful impact on our community. Their support and donations help us continue providing essential services to those in need. We are truly grateful for their kindness and commitment to making a difference."

— *Jeannette Curtis, Executive Director, Fairfield County 2-1-1*

Launched in early 2025, the Quarter for Quarter Campaign was created to reflect Lancaster Camp Ground's renewed focus on community investment and collaboration. Each quarter, a new organization is selected based on its local impact, alignment with the Camp Ground's values, and demonstrated need.

"This campaign isn't just about giving—it's about partnering with organizations that are doing transformative work," said *Colin Tripp, Marketing Director of Lancaster Camp Ground*. "We believe in being a neighbor with purpose. Quarter for Quarter allows us to reinvest in our community, lift up essential services, and show that even modest donations can spark real change."

The Quarter for Quarter campaign will continue throughout the year, with new donation recipients announced at the close of each quarter. Lancaster Camp Ground encourages community members, residents, and supporters to get involved by attending events, donating, or simply helping spread the word.

For more information about **Fairfield County 2-1-1**, visit www.fairfieldcounty211.org. To learn more about **Lancaster Camp Ground** and the **Quarter for Quarter Campaign**, visit www.lancastercampground.org

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A Snow Dance, Shampoo Man or Daddy-O-Macaroni

by Rick Schneider

FAIRHOPE Hospice is in the life business. That sounds like an oxymoron, but it is true. When conducting our initial consult with a family, we encourage as many family members to attend as wish to. One of several objectives of this gathering is to inquire about the ill person's personal and family life.

We know about their disease, but we now want to know about them as a person. Of special interest are the family traditions and stories because these help us to develop a unique plan of care for them. We help them to continue to live rather than focus on trying not to die.

Many times during these conversations the memories and the funny family stories come out. During one consult a daughter gave us insight by talking about her dad and his knack of turning the simplest event into a lifelong memory. For instance, it was a family tradition that every year, during the first snowfall of the winter, her dad would do the "Snow Dance".

"If snow was predicted we'd keep watch to see when it would begin," the daughter said. We'd all start getting excited. Then, as the snow began to fall, he'd say that he felt like he was taking on the personality of a snowflake (their mom said that happened years ago). He'd then go out to the backyard and "perform" a ballet dance.

During another consult, the son of a man being signed onto FAIRHOPE told how his father was "Shampoo Man". Say what? Shampoo Man? The son said that when he and his little brother were



small they did not like to have their hair shampooed. They would cry and fuss. That is, until the creation of Shampoo Man.

Their dad would leave the bathroom, then Shampoo Man would enter the room with his trusty cape that conveniently doubled as a towel.

After a little more chatter, this consult came to a quiet pause. A few tears rolled down their cheeks as the family relived that happy memory. Their dad, however, was smiling. Since the consult was held in his room he was able to hear effects of the legacy of memories and traditions that he created.

During another meeting, one of our intake staff told me of a family whose grandpa signed on to our service. One granddaughter talked about the many opportunities that her grandpa found to make wonderful memories. As she talked, it was obvious that her grandpa made a memory out of the mundane and a treasure out of a task. For instance, her grandpa changed the name of a recipe on the side of a box of macaroni and cheese entitled "Rodeo Macaroni" to "Daddy-O-Macaroni".

"Somehow, it tasted better than

the way Mom made it." She said.

All those present laughed.

It is reliving these happy memories that help a family be of one frame of mind as they walk together into the completion of a family member's life. At some point, these memories of life may be all that are left. They are the things that families will fight the hardest to keep.

Granted, the last stage of life is a very profound and very frightening. But remember the key word is "life".

Yes, FAIRHOPE is in the life business. We help those on our service celebrate their life, yet we're not talking about anything fancy. All you need is a gentle snowfall, or a bottle of shampoo, or maybe a box of macaroni and cheese.

This door will open May 3 to kick off Rock Mill Days 2025



Tour the restored gristmill on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. May through October. On the last Sunday of each month, watch experienced millers demonstrate how corn is ground into meal by the same method that was used 200 years ago! You may be able to help use the bolter to sift the meal and bag it.

In 2024, needed repairs to the waterwheel and forebay, combined with the drought, made it necessary to cancel milling demonstrations. This year, we hope to resume so you

can experience a bit of our local agricultural heritage. There is no need to travel great distances when there are so many treasures to see right here in Fairfield County! This site offers not only a glimpse into history but a beautiful setting - covered bridge over a waterfall far below black hand sandstone outcrops in a deep gorge! It is a wonderful place to visit soon and often with friends, family, and guests.

Stebelon Park at Rock Mill is at 1429 Rockmill Place NW in Lancaster, Ohio. Find more information at fairfieldcountyparks.org.

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Local Events, News, Happenings & More!

The deadline for the May 12 Issue is Noon, May 9

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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 3 (9 am to 4 pm) and Sunday, May 4 (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 2 (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.

Buckeye Tick Test Laboratory is Now Open for Business

The Buckeye Tick Testing Laboratory at Ohio State University is up and running and now ready to accept samples!

The tick population, the number of tick species, and the associated tick-borne diseases in people and animals are rapidly increasing across the Buckeye State. Ohio now has six medically important tick species. These include black-legged ticks, American dog ticks, lone star ticks, gulf coast ticks, Asian longhorned ticks, and brown dog ticks and each carry one or more pathogens that could be harmful to humans and/or animals (note: pathogens are germs that can cause illness).

The Ohio State University Buckeye Tick Test Laboratory is addressing this critical situation by offering cost-effective tick-borne pathogen testing for the general public with test results within 72 hours. After receiving the test results, individuals can share the information with their medical providers and/or veterinarians. Buckeye Tick Test has the potential to reduce tick pathogen disease for hundreds of people and animals and the data from the tick testing will provide much needed publicly available tick

pathogen surveillance information.

The Ohio State University Buckeye Tick Test staff is committed to providing quality tick testing for you and your family (including pets and livestock). Find details on collecting and submitting ticks, and pricing for services, at the Buckeye Tick Test Laboratory at <https://buckeyebugbite.osu.edu/> Source: Tim McDermott, OSU Extension – Franklin County

Soil Testing Available at OSU Extension in Fairfield County

We provide everything you will need to submit your sample for soil testing at OSU Extension in Fairfield County. Our office is located in the Fairfield County Agriculture Center located at 831 College Avenue, Lancaster. We are open from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. All we need is for you to bring us the sample(s).

Testing Lawn:

- Collect approximately 10-15 subsamples of soil within the lawn by digging approximately 8 inches deep for each subsample using a soil probe, garden spade, or hand trowel. You can borrow a soil probe from our office.
- Mix these subsamples well in a clean bucket.
- Fill 1 sandwich size baggie. This is your 1 Composite Sample

- Repeat the process for multiple areas (example: if testing front AND back lawns. This will give you 2 Composite Samples)

- Mark each baggie “front lawn” or “back lawn” so the testing is distinguishable between the two
- Bring to the OSU Extension Office in Fairfield County for testing prep
- Each sample is \$6.50 + shipping (shipping fee varies based on the # of samples)
- Allow 3+ weeks for results to arrive.
- Stan Smith will contact you with the results and discuss any recommendations
- A copy of the soil test results will be e-mailed or mailed to you

Testing Gardens / Flower Beds:

- Repeat the process outlined above only collect 5-10 subsamples of the smaller spaces.

Please refer to this fact sheet for more information: <https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/hyg-1132>

Please refer to the link which outlines the fees. <https://ppdc.osu.edu/fees>

If you have additional questions, please do call our office at 740-653-5419.

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

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

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

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

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

Those currently on the program will automatically see the increased exemption amount.

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

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

For more information on the Homestead program, please reach out to the Fairfield County Auditor's office at (740) 652-7020. Homestead application

forms are available at: <https://www.co.fairfield.oh.us/auditor/Ohio-Homestead-Exemption-Program.html>

Ohio Genealogical Society Meeting

The Ohio Genealogical Society, Fairfield Chapter, meeting is Thursday, May 15 at the Genealogical Research Library, 503 Lenwood Drive in Lancaster. Refreshments at 6:30 pm, business meeting at 7 pm, followed by a presentation by Danielle Lehman from Danison Monuments. All are welcome.

Scipio Smith Statue Unveiling

There will be an unveiling on May 29 ("Scipio Smith Day") at 4:30 pm. The event will take place in the Park National Bank parking lot between the Ohio Glass Museum and the County Municipal Court building. There will be speakers, including the sculptor, prior to the unveiling.

2025 Carroll/Bloom Carroll Alumni Banquet and Scholarships

Save the date! The 2025 Carroll-Bloom Carroll Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday, June 14, 2025 in the Bloom Carroll Middle School cafeteria. This year, we will be honoring the classes of 1975, 2000 and 2025.

We are sponsoring two scholarships this year: a \$500 scholarship to a 2025 Bloom Carroll senior and a \$500 scholarship to a Bloom Carroll alumnus currently enrolled in a college or trade school. For an application or more information on the continuing education scholarship, please contact Connie Rowley Parrish at lefty725c@gmail.com or 614-795-4248. Seniors should check with their guidance counselor for an application - deadline to return Senior applications is May 1, 2025. The deadline to return continuing education applications is May 20, 2025. Donations to the scholarship fund may be sent to Carroll and Bloom-Carroll Alumni Association, PO Box 225, Carroll, OH 43112.

Banquet reservation forms will be sent by early May to email addresses we have on file, to former banquet attendees who don't have email and upon request (the contact info for the alumni committee chairman is listed above). We will also be posting scholarship and banquet information on various BCHS alumni Facebook groups and in the Eagle Gazette and Towne Crier. In an effort to reduce postage costs, we encourage all classes to share scholarship and banquet information with their classmates on their Facebook class page if they have one, by email or regular mail. If you prefer to receive your registration form by regular mail, please contact Connie Rowley Parrish.

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