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Lancaster students win big during 2024 Local Civics Bee



Daisy D'Amico - 2024 Local Civics Bee Winner submitted



(LANCASTER, OH) – The Lancaster Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the winners of the second-annual Local Civics Bee competition.

Daisy D'Amico, an 8th-grade student from General Sherman Junior High in Lancaster, took home the top prize of \$500 on

Wednesday, March 20 at Ohio University Lancaster.

The second and third-place winners – Elaina Bishop, an 8th-grader from Thomas Ewing Junior High, and Emery Browning, a 7th-grade student from General Sherman also received cash prizes of \$250 and \$125, respectively. D'Amico, Bishop, and Browning will all have a chance to compete in the State Civics Bee in Columbus later this summer.

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

narrow the pool of entries to the top-20.

The local event featured two rounds of multiple-choice quiz questions to narrow the field of competitors to the top-five. During the final round, the remaining five students presented their original essay submissions and answered questions from a panel of five local judges.

“The Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate our 20 finalists and the top three students that have qualified for the state competition,” said Travis

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Anyone interested in volunteering should visit <https://www.redcross.org/local/ohio/central-and-southern-ohio/about-us/news-and-events/events/sound-the-alarm.html> to find information on the events we have scheduled throughout the region.



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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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Markwood, President of the Lancaster Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce. "We are thrilled to be able to provide this opportunity and experience to Fairfield County students and look forward to supporting them as they move on to the state."

Two other students from General Sherman finished in the top-five of the live event: Liam Griffith, a 6th-grader, finished fourth, while Kobe Lowe, an 8th-

grader, finished fifth. Overall, 17 students from Lancaster City Schools competed in the live event, with two from Fairfield Union and one from Pickerington.

A date for the State Civics Bee competition in Columbus has yet to be announced. In the 2023 State Civics Bee, all three participating

Fairfield County students finished in the top-six, with Lancaster student Keelyn Blind finishing third overall in the competition. For 2024, the top students in the State Civics Bee will advance to the National Civics Bee competition in Washington, D.C. on Nov. 12.

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FMC reunites cardiac arrest survivors with caregivers

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Patients and family members pose for a photo with local EMS crews and FMC staff members following The Beat Goes On event. submitted

LANCASTER, OHIO – Cardiac arrest occurs when the heart stops beating without warning, a medical emergency that impacts approximately 356,000 Americans each year. While the condition is fatal in 90% of out-of-hospital occurrences, bystander intervention and access to an automated external defibrillator (AED) can drastically improve survival. On Thursday, March 21, Fairfield Medical Center recognized eight patients - ranging in age from 10 to 72 years - who beat the odds, and honored the individuals who served as vital links in their chains of survival.

The chain of survival includes recognizing cardiac arrest, calling 911, beginning chest compressions and using an AED if one is available. Although each story is different, every patient received help in the critical minutes following collapse. In some cases, a family member performed CPR until medics

arrived, coached by 911 dispatchers as they provided calm and clear direction. In others, chaperons or friends jumped into action, utilizing AEDs located within a local school and bowling alley to restart the heart. No matter the details, quick and decisive assistance paved the way for positive outcomes.

"We never know when we might be called upon to step up and save a life - or when we might need saved ourselves," said cardiologist Jason Weingart, MD. "Everyone should know how to perform CPR and use an AED. The knowledge and courage to intervene can mean the difference between life and death."

During the reunion, aptly named The Beat Goes On, cardiac arrest survivors and their families had the opportunity to express their gratitude and speak with the first responders and FMC team members who cared for them in their time of need. The sense of

connection is healing for patients, but for healthcare professionals, the event is invaluable.

"This is the second time we've hosted this event, and it was just as impactful as the first," said Deserae Belcher, STEMI Coordinator at Fairfield Medical Center and event organizer. "When a patient comes through our doors, we do everything in our power to save them. Unfortunately, we don't always get the chance to learn the outcome - especially in emergency situations. To be able to introduce ourselves and shake hands these survivors means the world to us, and it truly reinforces our sense of purpose as caregivers."

Fairfield Medical Center and Community Heart Watch are committed to improving cardiac arrest survival in the region. To learn more about CPR training and AED accessibility, visit fmchealth.org/ community-heart-watch.

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Keller collects donations for community

Dr. Glen E. Keller of Keller Family Chiropractic, LLC is celebrating the 16th year of their annual Patient Appreciation Day. All proceeds were divided between the Pleasantville Food Pantry and the Breakfast for You at Pleasantville Elementary School.

Dr. Keller and staff want to thank the following individuals who also donated products to be included in the Raffle Baskets: Mike Burgum, Gilbert Arnold, and Brianna McClung. This increased the total raffles to 27 baskets plus the Portable Massager and Thumper Massager!

"It is from the overwhelming support of our patients and community that enable us to raise this money for such a great and worthy cause".

Dr. Keller presented a check to Phil George, representative of the Pleasantville Methodist Food Pantry, for \$4750. Dr. Keller and staff went to Hometown Hotdogs to celebrate and present the check.

Dr. Keller and staff are truly grateful for the support of this annual event!



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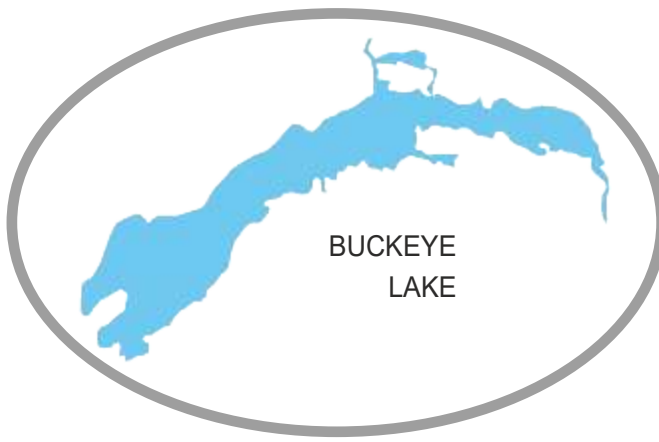
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Walnut Township Local School District Board of Education Special Meeting Report

Monday, February 26, 2024, Laker Learning Center 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order with all members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted. 24-66 Approval of Agenda Motion by Mrs. Levacy and seconded by Mrs. Popo to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll Call: Mrs. Levacy-yes, Mrs. Popo-yes, Mr. Everitt-yes, Mr. Severance-yes, Ms. King-yes. Motion carried. 24-67

Executive Session Motion by Mrs. Levacy and seconded by Mr. Severance to go into Executive Session for the following reasons:

a) To discuss matters required to be kept confidential by state statute

b) To consider the complaint against a public employee Action to follow. (Time: 6:02 p.m.)

Roll Call: Mrs. Levacy-yes, Mr. Severance-yes, Mr. Everitt

-yes, Mrs. Popo-yes, Ms. King-yes. Motion carried.

Reconvened to Open Session. (Time: 7:33 p.m.)

24-68 Approve Modification of Student Expulsion

Motion by Mr. Everitt and seconded by Mrs. Levacy to approve the Resolution to Modify a Student Expulsion, as presented. Roll Call: Mr. Everitt-yes, Mrs. Levacy-yes, Mrs. Popo-yes, Mr. Severance-yes, Ms. King-yes. Motion carried.

24-69 Approve Affirmation of Student Expulsion Motion by Mrs. Levacy and seconded by Mr. Everitt to approve the Resolution to Affirm a Student Expulsion, as presented. Roll Call: Mrs. Levacy-yes, Mr. Everitt-yes, Mr. Severance-yes, Mrs. Popo-yes, Ms. King-yes. Motion carried.

24-70 Accept Resignation

Motion by Mr. Severance and seconded by Mrs. Levacy to accept resignation. (Mrs. Megan

Terry's last day as principal will be effective at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 contract year as of the close of business on July 31, 2024.) Roll Call: Mr. Severance-yes, Mrs. Levacy-yes, Mrs. Popo-yes, Mr. Everitt-yes, Ms. King-yes. Motion carried.

24-71 Approve Change in Contract Days for High School Principal Motion by Mr. Severance and seconded by Mrs. Popo to approve the change in contract days for high school principal position for the 2024-2025 school year from 260 days to 225. Roll Call: Mr. Severance-yes, Mrs. Popo-yes, Mr. Everitt-yes, Mrs. Levacy-yes, Ms. King-yes. Motion carried.

24-72 Adjournment Motion by Mrs. Levacy and seconded by Mr. Severance to adjourn the meeting. (Time: 7:39 p.m.) Roll Call: Mrs. Levacy-yes, Mr. Severance-yes, Mrs. Popo-yes, Mr. Everitt-yes, Ms. King-yes. Motion carried.

OSU Extension Update



(ODA) and Ohio State University Extension offices are kicking off the third year of the Ohio Victory Gardens program. Thousands of seed sample kits will be available for free to the public to get people planting.

Seeds packets are now available for pick up at OSU Extension in Fairfield County. Just stop by the Fairfield County Agriculture Center located at 831 College Avenue in Lancaster to pick up your seed packet. Each packet contains a sample packet of lettuce, carrots, cucumber and sunflower seeds. OSU Extension in Fairfield County is open M-F from 7:30am until 4 pm daily. Be sure to pick up a free OSU Garden calendar when picking up your seeds and maybe even consider purchasing a soil thermometer to know your soil temperature!

Victory Gardens originated during World War I, as an answer to a severe food shortage at the time. The idea was wildly successful, growing an army of amateur gardeners and serving to boost morale and patriotism. Ohio Department of Agriculture and OSU Extension revived the effort and are, once again, encouraging people to plant seeds, realize the fruits of their labor, and share their harvest with others if inspired.

Where Hope Blooms

One of the earliest and most-welcomed signs of spring are the flowers who have persevered through the winter. As colder temperatures subside and give way to spring, crocuses respond by pushing new shoots up through

the earth and opening their cheery blossoms. This can remind us that there is always potential for change and growth, even during difficult times.

In order to bring about positive change in our culture, or ourselves, we begin with hope. Fostering hope has been shown in various research studies to help decrease symptoms of depression and improve mental health, self-esteem and the ability to function with a chronic illness. In a study of older adults, hope was linked to better physical and mental health and health behavior outcomes.

To better understand what hope is, we can look at the science behind it. Goals are the thing we are striving for and become the cornerstone of hope. Pathway is the ability to identify routes toward goals and to find new pathways (problem solve) around obstacles, if necessary. Agency (willpower) is the ability to sustain motivation to move along these pathways. No matter the difficulties we may face, hope is accessible to each and every one of us. Unlike optimism, which is simply the expectation of a better future, hope is action-oriented and a skill that can be learned.

To foster hope in your life, you may need to re-frame your thinking and form new habits. Hope experts recommend these tips:

- Break goals into smaller chunks so they are more manageable.
- Stay connected. Hope is a social gift. It is not something that

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happens in isolation within us. It happens in relationships with each other. We should be more intentional in our social connections. Our connectedness with others or with something greater than ourselves is one of single best predictors of hope.

- Celebrate small successes. It is important to acknowledge and celebrate what you have accomplished to boost your willpower to reach the next small goal.

At the heart of change is our ability to understand the way things are right now in our lives... and that we can begin to imagine the way things could be. This is where hope is born. So, when you see early spring flowers, let them remind you to hold on to hope and believe that things will get better, and the courage to take some action to bring about change.

Source: Shannon Carter, Extension Educator, Family & Consumer Sciences, Ohio State University Extension, Fairfield County, carter.413@osu.edu

**More Junior Fair Updates...
Time to Enter the MQP Contests**

Entries for the 2024 Fairfield County Jr. Fair Goat, Swine, and Lamb MQP programs are now being accepted. All MQP entries will be accepted on-line and are due on or before April 15.

Goats for the MQP contest must be owned by May 18, 2024, and will be weighed-in on that date at the Fairgrounds. After 99 days on feed the Goat MQP contest will conclude at the Fairgrounds on Sunday, August 25, 2024.

Lambs for the MQP contest must be owned by June 29, 2024, and will be weighed at the Fairgrounds on that date. After 64 days on feed the MQP lambs will be brought back to the Fairgrounds for the conclusion of the contest on September 1, 2024.

Barrows or – new for this year – gilts for MQP must be owned by June 29, 2024, and will be weighed this year at the

Fairgrounds on that date. After 71 days on feed the barrows will return to the Fairgrounds for the contest conclusion on September 8, 2024.

Applications for any of these contests must be received on-line by April 15, 2024. Find more details about MQP and links to each of the application portals here: <https://go.osu.edu/mqp>

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Growing and Using Herbs
Tuesday, April 16
12:00pm to 1:00pm**

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

To register: <https://fcdlibrary.libnet.info/event/10147480>

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: <https://fcdlibrary.libnet.info/event/10234758>

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.



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Baltimore Council Report

March 11, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Mayor Rick Ellas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Council members present were Waid Cosgray, Rick Foreman, Debbie Schaffner, Darla Reedy, Brandy McCreery and Gar Phillips.

Also in Attendance: Mayor Rick Ellas, FO Brian Bibler, Police Chief Bret Rogers and Solicitor Jeff Feyko.

Village Administration Reports Mayor

No report; however, had a question from Mr. Landis if the Village had an Ordinance against having a marijuana store?

The Solicitor said that Council has had several moratoriums but those have expired. To his knowledge no one has reached out to the Village asking to apply and doesn't recall Council voting out-right.

PARKS & POOL

The quotes from T-Mobile and from Advanced Business Communications for wireless service to support cameras at the pool are being reviewed. The Farmhouse Café has been selected to provide concessions at the pool. The agreement is being reviewed and signed to close the deal. Lifeguard training is being coordinated by the FO.

STREETS & MAINTENANCE

The Holder Road drainage project is ready to move forward as all easement agreements have been signed. More quotes are needed for the Washington St. paving project, there has only been one received so far. The Gordon St. project will be going out for bid.

WATER

The Water Treatment Plant had their Asset Management Survey from the EPA on February 28th. There was one noted need for improvement on the water well.

The Water Operator have submitted the paperwork to start work on wells #4 and #5. National Water Services will be doing the work on those wells.

There are potential grants to fund improvements in areas of the Village. The CDS grant application for a Market Street Waterline Replacement will be submitted by

the deadline. This is an 80/20 grant, if approved.

Solicitor

The Solicitor said there was one new piece of legislation on tonight's agenda to amend Section 1042 of the Cemetery Fees. It better defines the rates that will be charged to Village employees and their immediate family.

Ordinance 2024-03 – Urban Hunting is up for 3rd reading and a tabled Ordinance is still on the agenda for the Village's Annual Appropriations.

Committee Reports

Finance

Chairperson Reedy said they met this evening prior to Council and approved to bring the 2024 Budget to Council to vote.

Public Safety Reports

Police Department

The Police Chief provided Council a report of the department.

Our AED's have had expired pads and dead batteries for over a year. The Chief applied for replacements through the Emergency Management Agency and received new pads and batteries. The AED's are now back in the cruisers.

The department has been working traffic at specific locations where we have been getting complaints; however, we have not been seeing the speeding issues the way they have been reported to us.

Our Coffee with a Cop event went well on Saturday. This event, we called "Koffee with a K9" and used the event to introduce Dallas to the community. It went well and several residents stopped by The Farmhouse Café to see Dallas. We also had a request from Kidz Zone to bring Dallas to the daycare for a meet and greet. The kids really enjoyed petting Dallas.

He is still working on getting a cruiser donated to the department. Several departments are working through the process of evaluating what they have and what they can release to us.

The department has needed computers for the cruisers. I was able to get three computers donated to us so each cruiser will have a computer along with a spare.

The Chief attended the County Chiefs meeting with the EMA and

this week, he will be in OPOTA training.

Dallas had his first narcotics detection and arrest during a traffic stop.

The Mayor said he had received calls regarding how the Village could afford a K9.

The Chief said the K9 came with the officer we recently hired.

Bi-Centennial Commission
Schaffner asked the FO whether the Village could accept and hold funds on the Commission's behalf?

The FO said the Village could; however, would need Council to pass a Resolution authorizing a fund, which then would need to be approved by the Auditor of State. He believes the fund established would be an Agency Fund.

2. Schaffner passed out the minutes from the Commission from their meeting held on March 10th. The Commission discussed logos. Does Council want to possibly change the Village's logo or have the Commission design their own. She provided a few options that were already made.

Council advised Schaffner to have a logo made for the Village and one for the Bicentennial.

The Commission also was wondering if the Basil firehouse property can become a bicentennial park, and if the Village was willing to contribute funds towards the projects to celebrate the bicentennial?

The Solicitor said the property would need to be rezoned.

Council suggested the Commission needs to make a list of what they need with cost to be able to figure out what the Village may donate.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 21st at 3:00 p.m. at the Baltimore Museum.

New Business

The Solicitor informed Council the last moratorium for marijuana cultivation was made back in 2018 for a period of twelve months. Since then medical marijuana law has gone into effect. Department of Commerce has a division to control this and that he would check into this further.

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Sharing examples of healing from his own life and professional practice of Christian Science, Salt will explain why Christian Science is both Christian and scientific, meaning that people can prove its effectiveness for themselves, as fully described in the book *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, written by the founder of the Christian Science movement, Mary Baker Eddy.

Salt will also touch on the life of Mary Baker Eddy, who came to understand, confirm, and teach what she felt was original Christian healing. Eddy herself said she was especially inspired by Jesus’ demand, “He that believes on me, the works that I do will he do also; and greater works than these will he do, because I go unto my Father” (found in the Gospel of John 14:12 in the Bible).

For over 150 years, people around the world have worked to follow Christ Jesus in this practice of Christianity and continue to do so today, experiencing healings of physical ills and personal difficulties.

Steven Salt has been a Christian Science practitioner for many years, helping people on a daily basis through this scientific approach to prayer. He travels from his home base in St. Louis, Missouri, to speak to audiences around the world as a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship.

Lancaster, Ohio: Steven Salt, practitioner of Christian Science healing and international speaker, will present his talk, “**Finding joy, health, hope for all,**” on April 14 at 2:00 pm at 201 S. Broad St. in Lancaster.

The talk will focus on universal healing precepts found in the Holy Bible, especially in Christ Jesus’ life and teachings, showing how they are available for anyone to understand and experience through the lens of Christian Science. The talk is free, open to the community, and sponsored by First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Lancaster.

“Joy can seem fleeting -- or even nonexistent,” says Salt. “But it’s actually fundamental to our nature. It’s unshakable because it

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Zac to the rescue

By Amy Carpenter, Ph.D.



Dear Hank,

I recently heard about a service that can help you find lost pets. Can you tell me more about this service in case I would ever lose my dog?

Signed,
A Worried Dog Mom

Dear Worried Dog Mom,

I would love to! The service you are referring to is owned by my good friend, Zac Sells.

Zac has always been an avid outdoorsman and interested in how technology impacts the outdoors. Zac and his wife Ally have airbnbs and rental properties and have often paid for someone to do their aerial photos. Zac decided that instead of paying someone else to take his photos, he would take his commercial drone exam (Part 107) and do his pictures himself.

After receiving his commercial drone license from the Federal Aviation Administration, Zac noticed that the drone technology was becoming much more advanced and the drone could be used for much more than just taking photos. Zac realized that he could take his license and turn it into a business taking pictures for people, like he used to pay people to do.

Zac quickly learned that his business could be much more than just taking pictures. He realized that he could also pursue his passion of helping people. Since Zac grew up in Rush Creek in Bremen/Rushville, it was only fitting that he name his new business "Rush Creek Drone."

The "Super Power" of a drone is that it gives a bird's eye view to help you search for what you are looking for, something not humanly possible until recently. The drone uses high tech thermal imaging to scan the landscape for heat. The drone is able to create a live, black and white temperature map in which the topographical features look dark, but the body heat of an animal shows up as a bright white orb. The drone also uses GPS coordinates to find the animal that Zac is looking for.

In the fall, Zac focuses on deer recovery and assists hunters in finding animals that have been fatally wounded and are unable to be found. Growing up as an outdoorsman, the



Zac's drone, Matrice M 30T Thermal Recovery Drone submitted



Jonathan and his first buck recovered by Zac Sells submitted

most important part of the hunt is the respect for the animals you pursue. Sometimes deer can run half a mile in a matter of 2 to 3 minutes and cross multiple property lines, and a hunter doesn't have permission to cross into property to locate their prey. Zac shares, "If you are going to take a life, you owe it to the animal to use every part of it. The ultimate heart break is to fatally wound an animal, and not recover it." Drones allow the use of modern technology to eliminate that waste through a timely recovery. Zac's client (Brad Levin) explains why he found Zac's services helpful, "I had a good shot and I didn't want to waste a lot of time walking all over, when Zac could fly over and tell me if the buck was dead or still alive."

Another way Zac has been able to use his business to help others is by working closely with the Upper Rushcreek Revitalization Project. The Upper Rushcreek Revitalization Project is a non-profit charitable organization that seeks to restore overall quality to the Rushcreek

watershed. The Upper Rushcreek Revitalization Project was founded by local residents Mark and Jackie Sells in an attempt to coordinate resources toward their goal of helping bring life back to the portions of Rush Creek that are suffering the most. Zac is able to help his dad use his drone to document acid mine runoff pollution

in the water shed of Perry/Fairfield Counties.

Another service Zac offers to his community is locating and recovering pets. According to the American Humane Society (2022), approximately 10 million pets go missing every year. Petco Love adds that one in three pets will become lost in their lifetime (2021). Zac is pretty successful with finding pets because they don't tend to go too far. On the other hand, uncut male dogs are a tough one. According to Zach, "They tend to run to the next county looking for a girlfriend!" (LOL)

When Zac looks back to getting his drone license, he is amazed at all of the opportunities his license has given him and the great things it has allowed him to do. Since the drone industry doubles every 2-3 years, the

capabilities are impossible to perceive ahead of time. Zac explains, "I had no idea any of this would be something I could realistically accomplish 4-5 years ago."

Zac's business is so much more to him than making money. Zac shares, "When you help a young kid recover his first big buck, or a family find their dog, the memories you make are far more valuable than the money. This work gives me the privilege to be part of so many special moments with relative strangers that I would otherwise never get to see."

To find out more about Zac's business, visit his Facebook page "Rush Creek Drone" and check out my upcoming show on "Around Towne With Amy" on Spectrum 1021, You Tube and Facebook.

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Basil Garden Club Meeting: Hummingbirds on April 15

Master Gardener Edna Wilson will give the program on Hummingbirds at the April 15 meeting of the Basil Garden Club. The meeting will be held at the Johnson Park Shelter House, 220 Summers Choice Drive in Baltimore. Refreshments will be

served at 6:45, the meeting starts at 7:00 with Edna's program and a business meeting afterward.

The Basil Garden Club was organized in 1913 and is the oldest garden club in Ohio. It joined the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs in 1939. The club meets on the third Monday of the month. Visitors are welcome to attend the meetings and programs. For additional information about the garden club, please visit us on facebook at Basil Garden Club@BasilGardenClub or contact the club president, Melissa Bader at 740-808-2379.

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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Interested in serving your community? Contact a local Lion and consider becoming a member!

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

Clean Up Day in Carroll

The Carroll Business Association is sponsoring the 2nd annual Clean Up Day in Carroll on Saturday, April 20. Volunteers should meet at Carroll Cup Coffee House at 10am and then will be given areas to work. We hope to be done by 12 noon. Trash pick up along the streets; cleaning of picnic tables and benches; and playground equipment cleaning are some of the duties to be covered.

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.

Growing and Using Herbs Tuesday, April 16, 2024 12:00pm to 1:00pm

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

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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 opened on Friday, April 5, with additional evening performances on April 12 and April 13 at 7:30pm; a matinee is scheduled for 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.

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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.

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