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**November 1, 2024**



Rachel Boerema submitted

## Boerema Named Marketing Director of ClearSky Rehabilitation Hospital of Lancaster



ClearSky Rehabilitation Hospital of Lancaster recently appointed Rachel Boerema as the new Director of Marketing and Business Development. The new 36-bed medical rehabilitation hospital specializes in providing

comprehensive rehabilitative care and will treat patients with disabling injuries or illnesses caused by strokes, brain injuries, hip fractures, spinal injuries, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, and other medically complex conditions. In her role, Boerema will oversee the admissions department and lead

initiatives to educate patients, families, and referral sources about the hospital's range of services.

An occupational therapist, Boerema brings more than 17 years of healthcare experience to ClearSky Lancaster. Most recently, she served as a clinical liaison at a not-for-profit hospital

in California, where she collaborated with various stakeholders to enhance patient safety and streamline care processes. Her experience also includes consulting roles that focused on client-centered communications and operational improvements, underscoring her commitment to high-quality patient care. Additionally, Boerema has contributed as a speaker coordinator on the Santa

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Barbara Neuroscience Institute's Saving the Brain Committee, advocating for patient-clinician collaboration, particularly in spinal cord injury care.

"I'm thrilled to join ClearSky Lancaster in serving our community through specialized, inpatient physical rehabilitation - a new service in the Lancaster medical community," Boerema says. "I look forward to helping patients and families understand the various levels of care available to them to help them choose the best option for their recovery."

Boerema holds a master's degree in healthcare

administration from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, where she focused on health policy and organizational management. She also earned a master of science in occupational therapy from Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Mich., where she served as president of the Student Occupational Therapy Association. Additionally, Boerema holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Baker College in Flint, Mich.

Boerema is actively involved in several professional organizations, including serving

on the board of directors for the Aphasia Center of California. She is a certified clinical liaison through the Uniform Data System for Medical Rehabilitation (UDSMR) and is passionate about helping patients and caregivers navigate medical care with confidence.

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# Fall fire safety



Lancaster Fire Department demonstrating what to do in a house fire. submitted



A demonstration on how to extinguish a fire photo by Amy Carpenter

by Amy Carpenter, Ph.D.

Now that it is November and the cold weather is setting in, the Lancaster Fire Department would like to remind the community of some important fire safety issues.

If you have leaves you have raked or brush from our recent storms, put the leaves and brush in lawncare bags. Set them out with your trash, instead of trying to burn them yourselves. Burning leaves and brush can cause air pollution and can be harmful to people with respiratory issues. Burning leaves and brush can also start wildfires, especially in dry conditions like we have recently seen in Fairfield County.

For those who like to use fire pits this time of year, make sure you call the fire department when you start a fire and when it is extinguished. You don't need to get permission to use a fire pit, it just gives the fire department a heads up, in case the fire would get out of control and you would need their services. Use dry seasoned firewood in your fire pit, instead of brush and trash. Also, make sure you have a bucket of water or a hose nearby, in case the fire would get out of control. Fire left unattended can spread rapidly.

As the weather gets colder,

many people like to use auxiliary devices to heat their home. This can be a great way to stay warm, but it can also be dangerous. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission shares that home heating and cooling equipment is a top cause of fire deaths and they suggest the following:

1. Have a three-foot area around the heater, so pets and children aren't able to get burned or to knock the heater over.
2. Have heaters cleaned and inspected annually by a professional
3. Install carbon monoxide detectors in your home. The batteries should be changed each year the same time you change the batteries in your fire alarm.

When you change the batteries in your carbon monoxide detector and fire alarm, you should also sit your family down and review what they should do in case of a fire. Children should be reminded to get low and crawl out of the house. The U.S. Fire Administration suggests that parents make a fire escape plan. In your plan, talk about who will help each child get out safely. It is important to find two ways out of every room in your house, in case the first exit is not available to use. Choose a

meeting place outside the home. Help your children practice going outside to the meeting place, and teach them that they should never do back into a house that is on fire.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and other fire safety experts, families with a practiced fire escape plan in place are significantly more likely to survive a house fire compared to those without one. Studies show that having a plan and practicing it regularly can drastically reduce the risk of death in a home fire, with some estimates suggesting a potential life-saving rate of up to 50% or more when compared to families without a plan.

Slade Schultz, Assistant Fire Chief of the Lancaster Fire Department, shares, "It only takes a momentary lapse in judgement that can create a life altering event." That's why having a plan in place can save a life!

For more information on fire regulations or fire safety, go to the Lancaster Fire Department website at [www.ci.lancaster.oh.us](http://www.ci.lancaster.oh.us).

For more information on how to get a free fire alarm installed in your house, contact the Red Cross at 1-844-207-4509.



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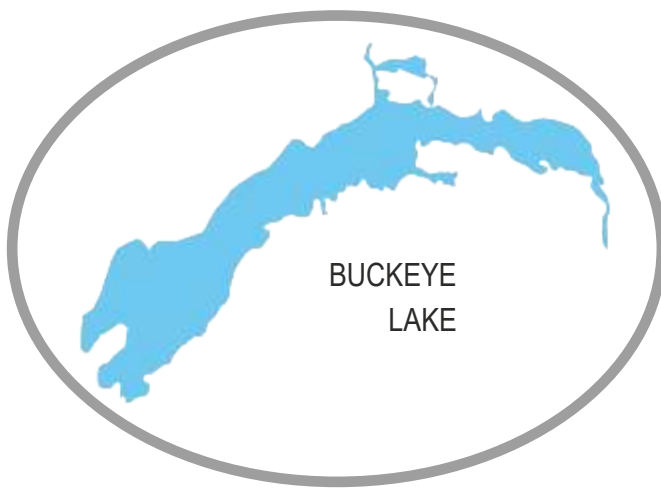
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## Millersport Council Report

Village Council met on Tuesday October 8, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Building. In attendance were Council Members

President Pro Tem Dustin Bidwell, Elizabeth Butler, Nicole Crossan, Stephanie Helle, Rick Thompson and Jim McKittrick. Also present were Fiscal Officer Susan Ramsey, Zoning Administrator Bill Simpson, Assistant Village Administrator Tim Morris and residents Sherry Pymmer, Misty Hoover Connor, Barb Mar-

tin, Frank Martin, Betty Bennett, George Bennett and Branston Schilling. Village Administrator Vincent B. Popo was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said. Roll call was taken and everyone was present.

A motion to accept the Tuesday September 10, 2024 council minutes was made by Councilor Rick Thompson and seconded by Councilor Stephanie Helle. All voted yes and the motion carried 6-0.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Councilor Elizabeth Butler and seconded by Councilor Dustin Bidwell. All voted yes and the motion carried 6-0.

The Village of Millersport has a General Fund renewal levy that is important to funding the general fund expenses.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Police Department:** Chief Mark Consolo sent statistics for the month of September. The department issued (11) eleven traffic warning, (1) one traffic citation, (4) four dispatch runs and (0) zero mutual aid runs and worked (142) One Hundred Forty-two hours. Councilor Rick Thompson and Councilor Beth Butler requested that Chief Mark Consolo attend more council meetings and that the police reports be more detailed and include officer activity outside of Millersport proper. The Safety Committee needs to set a date to discuss new officer candidates.

**Fire Department:** Chief Robert Price sent the run totals for the month of September. Station 631 made (42) forty-two runs; Station 632 made (28) twenty-eight runs; Station 633 made (23) twenty-three runs; and Walnut Township made (31) thirty-one mutual aid runs.

Sherry Pymmer and Misty Hoover Connor presented council with more information concerning Industrial Solar Power projects leases in Walnut Township. Questions dealing with the effects upon the soil quality, infiltration of potential aquifers and feed for animal and human consumption

have not been answered in any detail as well as disposal sites of damaged and obsolete panels. A sample letter was given to all council members, police chief and the mayor.

The village is exploring the creation of a museum in the American Legion building. Vince will contact J-me Braig at the Buckeye Lake Museum to see how they fund their operation. The public seems to be receptive to the idea.

The ordinance for short term rentals and the Air B&B is being presented for final discussion before we send it back to the solicitor for the ordinance's final document. A checklist supplemental will be added to the final document.

Tim and Gary presented council with information of the Community Economic Development Agreement. After much discussion council requested that Commissioner Jeff Fix and Rick Ricketts present their thoughts. Both of them will be invited to the November meeting.

**RESOLUTION 1388** is a resolution recommending wage increases for 2025. This is the 1st Reading.

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 will be doing the plumbing work for the village.

The Village of Millersport will

be celebrating its Bicentennial in 2025. Plans are now being set to form committees to plan the celebration. Residents that are interested in being part of this event should contact Vince Popo (614-562-7320). Plans are for a Bi-centennial Festival Day was set by council on Saturday July 5, 2025 with food trucks, bounce houses, games including a dunk tank. Jim Johnson is to coordinate a car show for the day. Contacts from the Sweet Corn Lions Club include Steve Shover (Vice Chair for Facilities), Diana Keller (President of the Millersport Lions Club), Tamarra Parker-Stephens (Sweet Corn Festival Heritage Chair), Dan Booze (Sweet Corn Festival Assistant Marketing Chair), and Lindsay Drumm (Sweet Corn Festival Major Prize Chair).

The village received a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to design and engineer the canal seawall and refurbish the canal bank and sidewalk. An open house hosted by EMHT (Engineers, Surveyors, Planners and Scientists) at the American Legion was held on Tuesday September 17, 2024 from 5:30 to 7:00. There was a good turnout and many questions were answered.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Elizabeth Butler and seconded by Councilor Dustin Bidwell. All voted yes and the motion carried 6-0.

\*A copy of the recorded Village of Millersport Council Meeting dated Tuesday October 8, 2024 is available upon request.

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All of the veterans formed around the foot of Len's bed. Chris stared at his grandpa, took a deep breath and barked, "A-ten-shun!" The men snapped to attention. "Present Arms!" They brought up their right hand and held their salute. submitted

By Rick Schneider

Sharon met the four volunteers at the door of her father's hospital room one April afternoon. Her father, Len, was in one of the Palliative Care rooms of the hospital. The volunteers had been requested to honor her father, a veteran, for his military service with a brief military pinning ceremony.

While in the hall outside of her father's room, Sharon told one of the volunteers that the room was packed and that there wasn't any more space for even one person to stand in his room. She said if they'd wait for a minute she'd ask a few people to stand in the hall and watch the ceremony from there.

Soon, with a little bit of confusion and a lot of, "Pardon me", "Excuse me.", "I'm sorry." and one "Oops", the four volunteers threaded their way through the crowd of family members to get near Len's bedside and begin the ceremony. Even though Len was in a deep sleep the facilitator introduced himself and explained what he and his cohorts were going to do.

Before beginning, the facilitator asked if any of the family members would want to perform the actual fastening of the

pins to Len's garment. This is a significant gesture because when someone enlists, the family is left behind and most likely experiences separation anxiety. And the same is most likely experienced by the one who enlisted. By fastening the pins to the garment the family experiences the joy of honoring their loved one just as the loved is experiencing the joy of being honored.

Len's grandson, Chris, serving in the Air Force at Grand Forks Air Force Base, had flown in to be able to witness the ceremony honoring his grandpa. Sharon said Chris idolized his grandpa and always said when he grew up he was going to enlist in the Air Force.

The family insisted that his grandson, Chris, should be given the honor.

The ceremony began and soon it was time for Chris to fasten the pins. He crouched down at his grandpa's bedside so that he was eye to eye with his hero and carefully fastened the American Flag pin to his garment above the heart. Then the Branch of Service pin was fastened below the flag. After he finished, he hesitated then put his head down on his grandpa's chest and softly said, "I love you, Grandpa." He stood up and took a half step back. Visibly holding back tears he stood at attention. There was a stillness, a deep sense

of oneness prevailed in the room for those few moments.

The ceremony continued as one of the volunteers read the certificate and presented it to Len's wife. The volunteers then individually crouched down to be at eye level to Len and thanked him for his sacrifice to our country.

Five family members in Len's family were veterans. The facilitator asked if the veterans present would want to join our volunteers in saluting their dad/grandpa/brother to conclude the ceremony. All agreed. They unanimously voted Chris to command the salute since he was active duty.

All of the veterans formed around the foot of Len's bed. Chris stared at his grandpa, took a deep breath and barked, "A-ten-shun!" The men snapped to attention. "Present Arms!"

They brought up their right hand and held their salute. Five seconds later Chris commanded, "Order Arms" and their hands came down to end the salute. Chris returned to his grandpa and again crouched down and laid his head on his grandpa's chest saying, "I love you, Grandpa.....I love you." There were sniffles, and tears were wiped. The salute concluded the ceremony.

There is no calendar and no clock at the end of life. So for FAIRHOPE Hospice every holiday is celebrated when appropriate. Celebrating a holiday brings a sense of normalcy to a family in crisis. The volunteers were part of FAIRHOPE's "We

Honor Veterans" program and in this case they singularly celebrated Veterans Day in a hospital room on a nice April afternoon with one veteran and his family. It was good.

FAIRHOPE is grateful to all veterans for their sacrifice and we will celebrate with the service and their life regardless of the hour, the day, or month.

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## Fair flower show results

The Fairfield County Federated Garden Clubs held their fall flower show "Preserve, Protect, and Plan for Our Future" Monday, October 7 in the Art Hall at the Fairfield County Fair. Basil Garden Club was the host for the Bremen Garden Club, Carroll Community Garden Club and Mystical Gardeners Junior Club-Bremen. These clubs are members of the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs. Jan Stein, OAGC Accredited Flower Show Judge, of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, judged the show. The show included educational exhibits by Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative and Fairfield Community Action Agency. Hoffman's Flowers of Baltimore displayed a commercial exhibit.

Mary Warga of Bremen Garden Club won the **Best of Show** award for her luminary stretch design and the **Judge's Award of Distinction** for her eclectic design. The **Horticulture Best of Show** was a dahlia grown by Parklynn Bigham of Lancaster. Gigi Carpenter won **Junior Best of Show** for her terrarium. Visitors to the show voted for their favorite design and selected **The Deserts**, a design using succulents and rocks by Sharon Anderson of Basil Garden Club for the **People's Choice Award**.

**ARTISTIC CLASSES:** **The Oceans**, First Place: Joyce Turner, Bremen GC; Second Place: Emily Sims, Basil

Garden Club; Third Place: Wendy Stebelton, Carroll CGC; Fourth Place: Karyl Woods, Carroll CGC. **The Rivers**, First Place: Bill Molissee, Bremen GC; Second Place: Susie Carpenter, Basil GC; Third Place: Tammie Koetz, Carroll CGC; Fourth Place: Jenessa Fidler, Bremen GC. **The Air**, First Place: Debbie Molissee, Bremen GC; Second Place: Wendy Stebelton, Carroll CGC; Third Place: Pam Stebelton, Carroll CGC; Fourth Place: Elaine Henderly, Basil GC. **The Deserts**, **Peoples Choice** and First Place: Sharon Anderson, Basil GC; Second Place: Lois Kilcoyne, Bremen GC; Third Place: Mary Wampler, Carroll CGC; Fourth Place: Marsha Smith, Basil GC. **Endangered Species**, First Place: Debbie Molissee, Bremen GC; Second Place: Mary Wampler, Carroll CGC; Third Place: Elizabeth Edwards, Carroll GC; Fourth Place: Scott Anderson, Basil GC. **Insects/Bugs**, First Place: Pam Stebelton, Carroll CGC; **Judge's Award of Distinction** and Second Place: Mary Warga, Bremen GC; Third Place: Susan Lloyd, Basil GC; Fourth Place: Marsha Smith, Basil GC. **Our World**, First Place: Mary Warga, Bremen GC; Second Place: Theresa Morris, Carroll CGC; Third Place: Louise Smith, Basil GC; Fourth Place: Jackie Cooperrider, Basil GC. **The Sun & The Moon**, **Best of Show** & First Place: Mary

Warga, Bremen GC; Second Place: Lisa Mossholder, Bremen GC; Third Place: Tammie Koetz, Carroll CGC; Fourth Place: Megan Rice, Basil GC. **The Earth**, First Place: Debbie Molissee, Carroll CGC; Second Place: Trudy Keck, Basil GC; Third Place: Wendy Stebelton, Carroll CGC; Fourth Place: Sue Schmitz, Bremen GC. **Our Food** First Place: Lois Kilcoyne, Bremen GC; Second Place: Jodi Knight, Bremen GC;

Third Place: Melissa Bader, Basil GC; Fourth Place: Theresa Morris, Carroll CGC.

**Our Trees**, First Place: Jodie Knight, Bremen GC; Second Place: Louise Smith, Basil GC; Third Place: Barbara Mann, Basil GC; Fourth Place: Elizabeth Edwards, Carroll CGC.

**JUNIOR ARTISTIC CLASSES:** **Our Flora**, First Place: Blaire Christy, age 7; Callie Bader, age 7; Reghan Bader, age 9; Ian Bader, age 12; Second Place: Mary Bader, age 6; Sawyer Kling, age 7; Brantley G, age 9; Addison Sahyonne, age 9; Cooper Snoke, age 9; Third Place: Weston Hershey, age 8; Quinn Snoke, age 6; Gabe Snoke, age 8; James Mowry age 7; Clark Black, age 7; Wesley Roy Miller, age 7; Reid Hertz, age 7; Chloe Back, age 9; Ezri Mowry, age 10; Miles Tyler Hurst, age 10. **Preserving Forever**.

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## Award-winning exhibit



FCHA Executive Director Wendy Gregory and Marketing Director Michael Johnson were honored to accept the award after months of hard work and research. submitted



Lancaster, Ohio - The Fairfield County Heritage Association (FCHA) recently accepted an award from the Ohio Local History Alliance (OLHA) for their new "Fairfield County History Exhibit" located in the lower level of the Georgian Museum. The award was for "an outstanding contribution to the field of local history in Ohio in the category of Exhibits or Displays." OHLA works to advance the field of local history in Ohio and represents over 300 organizations from small historical societies to large history museums. They hold an annual conference where they present awards to a handful of museums for their contributions to local history. FCHA Executive Director Wendy Gregory and Marketing Director Michael Johnson were honored to accept the award after months of hard work and research. The time and effort have paid off and now Lancaster has an exhibit that is a statewide-award winner!

The "Fairfield County History Exhibit" features Fairfield County history from the Ice Age to present day and is full of local artifacts and information. There is something for everyone to enjoy

at the exhibit. You can see a mammoth tooth, native artifacts, weapons, pioneer implements, authentic documents, interactive displays and more. You'll learn about the Ice Age, the Wyandot Natives, Chief Tarhe, Zane's Trace, the first white settlers, the founding of Lancaster, the changing shape of the county, black migration, industry, canals, railroads, the Boy's Industrial School, women's fashion and so much more! Walking through the exhibit is like walking through a local history book.

The exhibit is included with a paid tour of the Georgian Museum! The museum is open Wednesday-Sunday and tours begin at 1:00pm, 2:00pm and 3:00pm. It is located at 105 E. Wheeling St. in Lancaster. For more information, or to purchase tickets in advance, please visit [FairfieldHeritage.com](http://FairfieldHeritage.com).

Members of FCHA can visit the exhibit for free! You can become a member by visiting the website or by calling the FCHA Office at 740-654-9923. Memberships are inexpensive, include great benefits and help us to preserve our local history.

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Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency	Ohio Guidestone
Lutheran Social Services Faith Mission of Fairfield County	
Mental Health America of Ohio	New Horizons Mental Health Services
Mid-Ohio Psychological Services	The Recovery Center

Please visit [fairfieldadamh.org](http://fairfieldadamh.org) for more information on the ADAMH Board or visit [friendsoffairfieldcountyadamh.org](http://friendsoffairfieldcountyadamh.org) for more information on how you can help raise hope in Fairfield County!

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Fair flower show results *continued from page 8*

**Best of Show and First Place:** Gigi Carpenter, age 8; Lacy Carpenter, age 7; Miles Rice, age 6; Cooper Snoke, age 9; Ezri Mowry, age 10; **Second Place:** Quinn Snoke, age 6; Callie Bader, age 7; Reghan Bader, age 9; Blaire Christy, age 7; Weston Hersley, age 8; Gabe Snoke, age 8; James Mowry, age 7; Addison Sahyonne, age 9; **Third Place:** Mary Bader, age 6; Reid Hurtz, age 7; Wesley Roy Miller, age 7; Sawyer Kling, age 7; Chloe Black, age 9; Brantley G, age 9; Miles Tyler Hurst, age 10; Adalynn Calder, age 9.

**HORTICULTURE CLASSES: Best of Show** was a dahlia "Show and Tell" exhibited by the Greens of Lancaster. They also had 8 first, 3 second and 1 third. The balance of the show was exhibited by Basil Garden Club members. Susie Carpenter: 19 first, 12 second, 6 third and 3 fourth place. Scott Anderson: 5 first, 3 second, 1 third and 2 fourth; Susan Lloyd: 5 first, 6 second, 2 third and 2 fourth. Louise Smith 2 first; 2 second; 2 third and 1 fourth. Melissa Bader: 2 first; 2 third and 1 fourth. Barbara Mann 1 third and 1 fourth. Dianne Voto: 1 first and 1 third. Jackie Cooperrider: 1 first.

Knights donate to Forest Rose School



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On Thursday October 10th, two Knights of Columbus members from council 1016 met at Forest Rose School at 739 College Ave, in Lancaster. The purpose of this meeting was to present a check. They raised this money from the sale of the Bonanza Tickets and from the Give Me Five Funds.

Past Grand Knight Vince Johnson and Treasurer Dave Kilbarger met with Forest Rose

School Principal Lindsey Hanes. Treasurer David Kilbarger presented her with the check for \$2,642.88. Lindsey was happy to accept this money but she said they have so many things they need it will be hard to decide what to use it for.

The Knights are always donating money to organizations that help the disabled and the needy.

Fairfield County Commissioners announce new brand for transit system

LANCASTER, OH — During the State of the County, the Fairfield County Commissioners announced they were engaging the community and inviting residents to participate in the "Brand the Bus" initiative to find a new name for the transit system. They wanted a name that would highlight the benefits that Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit provides its passengers, whether it's getting them to their jobs, medical appointments, or other essentials in life that necessitates transportation.

After a process that included more than 70 submissions, a name was selected that ties together all of the aspects of the local transit system: The Link.

"The Link is a name that perfectly reflects what our transit system does," said Fairfield County Commissioner Steve

Davis. "We link people to their jobs, we link them to local stores, we link them to their medical appointments, and we link them to the entire community."

Governance of the transit department shifted from the City of Lancaster to Fairfield County in July of this year. The rationale for the transfer was to better serve the entire county while keeping a focus on serving employers to help remove the transportation barrier for individuals entering the workforce.

All finalists will receive a complimentary ad (birthday, graduation, etc.) on one bus for one month. For additional information, see the latest episode Commissioner Connect video with Commissioner Steve Davis: [https://youtu.be/O\\_NmI0Vykc?s=i=TkBN-15pjW52ZoRn](https://youtu.be/O_NmI0Vykc?s=i=TkBN-15pjW52ZoRn)



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**Ohio Genealogical Society Meeting**

The Ohio Genealogical Society, Fairfield Chapter meeting is Thursday, November 21 at the Genealogical Research Library, 503 Lenwood Drive in Lancaster. Refreshments at 6:30 pm, short business meeting at 7 pm, followed by the program by Amanda Reno on forensic DNA. All are welcome.

**Eight Easy Exercises for Financial Fitness**

Thursday, November 7, 2024 - 11:00am to 12:00pm  
Location: Fairfield County District Library, 219 North Broad St., 3rd Floor, Lancaster

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Register at: <https://fcdlibrary.libnet.info/event/11584750>

**Thurston Methodist Election Day Meal**

Thurston Methodist Church will hold their annual election day lunch/dinner and bazaar on Tuesday, Nov. 5, from 11 am to 7 pm. Ala carte menu includes a variety of soups, sandwiches, salads, pies, cakes, and beverages. Thurston Methodist Church is located at 2015 Main Street, Thurston, corner of SR 256 and Old Millersport Road. Handicap accessible and carryout is available. Monies will be used for church mission projects. Come enjoy food and fellowship at Thurston Methodist on November 5! Questions? Call Connie Miller 740-467-2831 or church phone 740-862-6943.

**Thurston Methodist Church Upcoming Events**

December 7 - Pancake Breakfast and Toy Drive. Breakfast 8 am to 11 am, continued Toy Drive 11am to 1pm. Special Santa guest for the kids, and a craft for the kids.

Cost is a donation or a toy per meal for the toy drive. All toys are donated to the Nick Ellas Toy Drive.

December 15 - Thurston Methodist Church Children's Christmas Program at 9am.

December 24 - Thurston Methodist Church Candle Light Christmas Eve Service at 8pm.

Thurston Methodist Church is located at 2015 Main Street in Thurston.

**Students Invited to Special Holiday Performance**

A one day only, special field trip opportunity is available to local students. On December 4, Ohio University Lancaster Theatre, The Lancaster Playhouse

and Garret Players will present A Christmas Carol – A Ghost Story of Christmas in a special matinee performance for students.

Director P J Aubrey said the Michael Wilson adaptation of the classic Charles Dickens tale is sure to delight young people.

While the play will be performed for the general public on December 5, 6, 7 and 8, Aubrey said this student matinee is being offered at a reduced cost. Tickets for the 10:00 a.m. matinee are \$5 each with 1 chaperone admitted free for every 20 student tickets purchased.

The production will be staged at Ohio University Lancaster, 1570 Granville Pike. Seating is limited to the first 450 reservations. Payment will be accepted, in cash or by check, at the door the day of the performance. To purchase tickets, teachers should contact Victor Jones at [jonesv2@ohio.edu](mailto:jonesv2@ohio.edu).

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**Bremen – "The Next To New" Christmas Sale** – Thursday Nov. 7th, 9:00AM – 7:00PM, Friday Nov. 8th, 9:00AM – 5:00PM, Saturday Nov. 9th, 9:00AM – 12:00 Noon. Bremen Community Methodist Church 205 Walnut Street. Gently used clothing and coats for children and adults. Toys, Books, Household Items for sale at very low prices. Proceeds support Mission Outreach Projects within our community. Great Christmas Gifts for family and friends.

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