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In this program, Columbus Symphony Orchestra Assistant Conductor, Elias Miller will lead the Columbus Symphony Orchestra

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## Cover story continued

lead the Columbus Symphony Orchestra through a unique and beautiful evening of Christmas classics featuring vocalists Savannah Gonsoulin, Soprano and Arthur Marks, Tenor.

Some selections in the Christmas program are:

Coleridge-Taylor - Christmas Overture - Features: God Rest You Merry Gentlemen and Hark the Herald

Arr. Strommen -There's Christmas in the Air Features: I'll Be Home for Christmas, Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas, Santa Claus is

Coming to Town and Frosty the Snowman

Arr. Daryl Mckenzie -The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Tchaikovsky - The Nutcracker Suite, Op 71a

Arr. Willcocks - Christmas Carol Singalong - Features: O Come All Ye Faithful, Unto us is Born a Son and The First Nowell

Anderson - Sleigh Ride

Handel - Messiah (PROUT):

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Church, 2610 West Fair Avenue, Lancaster, Ohio. Doors open at 6:30 pm and tickets are available on-line, by calling the CBUSArts Ticket Office at 614-469-0939, or Faith Memorial Church at 740-654-1711. Admission is \$30 for adults, \$10 for children, and children under 2 get in free. For more information about this concert visit [www.columbussympphony.com](http://www.columbussympphony.com) or contact the Church office at 740-654-1711 or online at [www.faithm.ch](http://www.faithm.ch).

## Don't Skip the Spuds:

Idaho Potatoes Can Be Part of a Healthy Diabetes Meal

(NewsUSA) - Diabetes remains a growing health crisis in the United States, but many people living with diabetes are confused as to which foods should be part of their meal plan, according to the American Diabetes Association (ADA). For example, many people believe that those with diabetes or prediabetes should avoid potatoes, but in fact potatoes are highly nutritious and can be part of any healthy diet.

"We want those living with diabetes and prediabetes to feel confident eating potatoes with their breakfast, lunch or dinner as long as serving size and preparation recommendations are followed," according to Jamey Higham, president and CEO of the Idaho Potato Commission. "This partnership aims to enhance people's understanding of nutrition, especially carbohydrates, help build healthy eating habits and debunk some myths about potatoes and diabetes."

The ADA's Better Choices for Life program uses the ADA's evidence-based guidelines and perspective to help consumers make informed choices about food purchases. Participating products display the Better Choices for Life mark on their packaging. In the coming months, this mark will appear on select 5-lb and 10-lb bags of fresh Idaho® potatoes.

The Diabetes Plate is one way the ADA educates people with diabetes about healthy eating.

This simple plan shows how to put together a meal that consists of vegetables, protein, and carbohydrates, which can include potatoes.

### The Diabetes Plate:

Step 1: Fill half your nine-inch plate with non-starchy vegetables.



Non-starchy vegetables are low in carbohydrates, so they have less impact on blood glucose.

Step 2: Fill one-quarter of your plate with lean protein, such as fish, chicken, lean beef, soy products, and cheese.

Step 3: Fill the last quarter of your plate with carbohydrate foods, such as starchy vegetables, beans and legumes, grains, fruit, and low-fat dairy products.

Step 4: Drink water or another zero-calorie beverage.

Step 5: Choose healthy fats in small amounts.

Potatoes are a starchy vegetable and can be a selection for the carbohydrate section of the Diabetes

Plate. They are considered a superfood by many nutritionists because they contain potassium, vitamin C, and fiber. In addition, one 5.3-ounce potato has 110 calories, contains no sodium, and is naturally gluten-free and free of saturated fats.

Of course, preparation matters. Tips for healthy potato preparation include baking or boiling instead of frying, keeping the skins on for extra fiber, and using healthy oils when needed, such as avocado oil or extra virgin olive oil.

For more information on how those living with diabetes can enjoy Idaho potatoes, visit [www.idahopotato.com](http://www.idahopotato.com).

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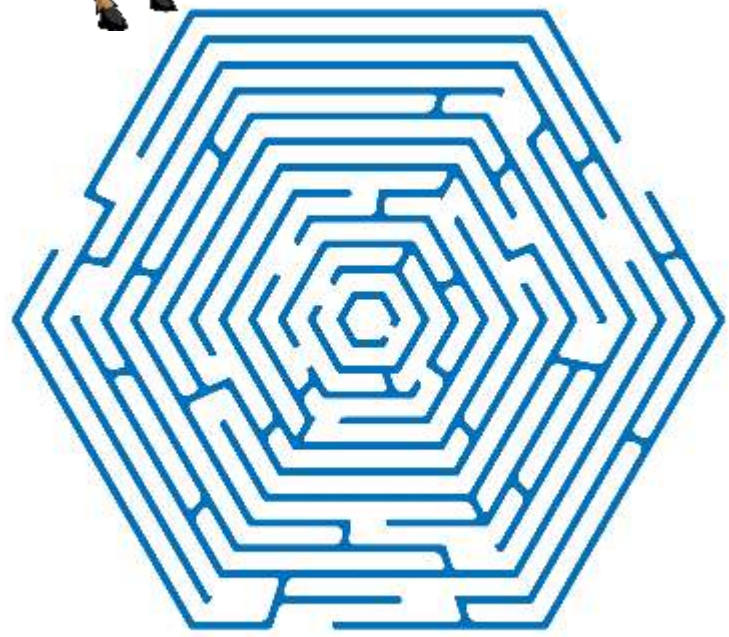
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# Serve and protect

by Amy Carpenter, Ph.D.

On September 25th the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office implemented their new 911 system.

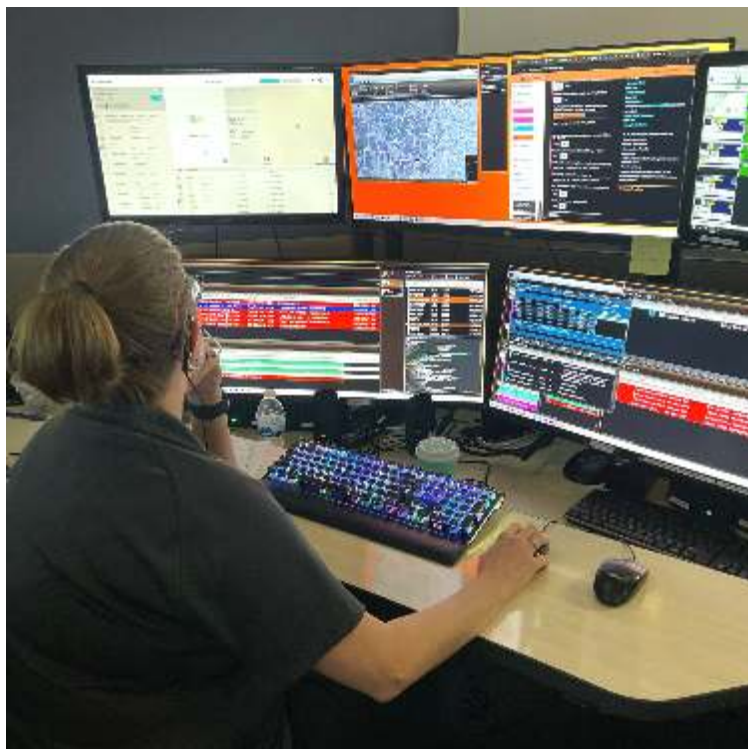
When a 911 supervisor from the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office attended a vendor show, he saw that another sheriff's office in Guernsey County was implementing a new 911 system. He was so impressed by the Guernsey County system, that the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office traveled an hour and a half away to participate in the demo program. During the visit, the Fairfield County dispatchers got to witness a medic run where a child had fallen. The Guernsey County Sheriff's office was able to access the mom's cell phone to check on the status of the child, and luckily the child was okay.

The new 911 system can help people who are out hiking and get injured. When the hiker calls 911, the dispatcher can send them a temporary link to help the dispatcher find nearby landmarks to send help to the injured hiker. This new system is also good for people passing through our county. If they are involved in a car accident and don't know where they are at, they can click on a link sent by the dispatcher and the new technology will send the dispatch center the person's coordinates.

If someone is experiencing a domestic violence situation, the victim can give the dispatcher temporary access to their phone. The dispatcher can assess the situation and send help to the victim. The dispatcher can send still shots and video to the deputy who is responding to the call, so they are aware of the situation they are responding to. If there is a fire, the dispatcher can send a link to the fire department and the fire department can size up the scene to know if they need to take additional equipment.

The new 911 system also provides a transcription and translation service, which translates 11 to 13 languages. When an operator gets a call, the computer transcribes the call. This allows the operator to gain important information quickly, such as a caller trying to name off a license plate. This is a piece of information that if not taken quickly, can be lost in a matter of seconds. Now there is a written record so nothing is lost.

Even though English is the primary language spoken in Fairfield County, the county of 159,000 people is made up of 5



Christina Miller, Dispatcher at the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, implementing the new 911 system. submitted

ethnic groups. According to Data USA (2022), the five largest ethnic groups in Fairfield County are White (Non-Hispanic) (83.1%), Black or African American (Non-Hispanic) (8.38%), Two+ (Non-Hispanic) (3.48%), Asian (Non-Hispanic) (2.19%), and Other (Hispanic) (0.932%).

Elizabeth Maple (Communications Supervisor at the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office), shares that by 2025 the goal is for all emergency call centers in Ohio to be connected, so that information can be sent back and forth across the state of Ohio. Then the goal will be to connect all emergency call centers across the country. Elizabeth explains, "If we don't keep up with technology, we will fall behind. We are lucky because our administration and commissioners see the value in staying current with technology, to offer the best service to our citizens."

Implementing a new 911 system doesn't happen overnight. The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office has been working behind the scenes on this new technology for over a year. They have been busy upgrading technology, getting high speed internet, upgrading servers, and doing site visits and team meetings with Carbyne.

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Implementing new technology is scary and never easy, but the Carbyne team helped the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office with any hurdles they faced. They did on-line trainings, on-site trainings and lots of trouble shooting, when things didn't go as smoothly as they planned. Another important part of implementing something new, is to provide employees everything they need to do their job effectively. Maple adds, "You can't be in this industry and not expect change. 911 dispatchers are really resilient and they adapt readily in order to provide life-saving services." All of the dispatchers' hard work has paid off, and other agencies are wanting to come and see how to implement their own new and improved 911 system.

Sheriff Alex Lape, of the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, is always striving to do what is best for his employees and the residents of Fairfield County. He shares, "In the ongoing effort to better serve Fairfield County residents, these current technological improvements keep pace with and surpass the requirements for next generation 911 services."

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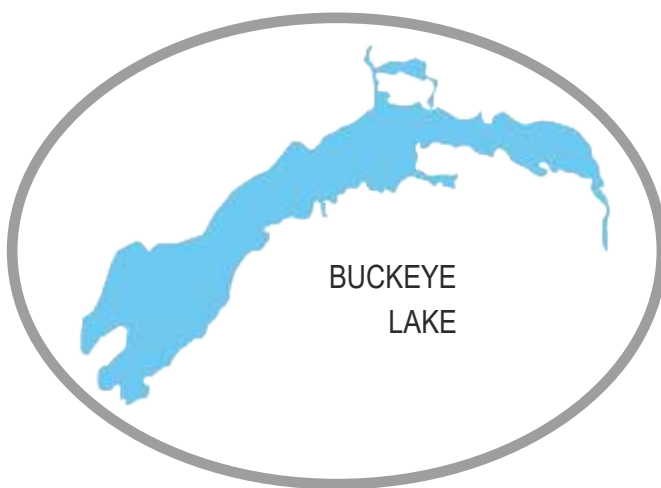
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Courtney West submitted

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## Dennis installed as Worthy Grand Patron

Millersport Chapter of Eastern Star is proud to announce Ray Dennis of Logan, Ohio, was elected and installed as the Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Ohio at its 135th annual session held at the Sharonville Convention Center Cincinnati on Sept. 27-29. More than 1,000 members were present for the "Strike a Chord 2024" Opening Session on Friday afternoon with introductions of distinguished guests, voting, reports, business sessions, and receptions.

Dennis was installed into the high office on Sunday, Sept. 29 at 1:00 p.m. along with the other Grand Officers for the 2025-26 Grand Chapter year, "Grow Where God Plants You" including Marla Barber of Carey, Ohio, Worthy Grand Matron. Other area officers installed were Cathy Smith of Baltimore, Deputy Grand Matron, District 27 and Kay Hannah, Lancaster, Charities Director for District 27. A celebration dinner was held at

the end of the session.

Dennis also holds the title of Co-chair Property in the General Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, Washington D.C.

Before retirement, Dennis was with the Hocking County Health Department as Administrator. While there he was active in the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners and was elected to the Board of Directors. Dennis was given a Lifetime membership when he retired in 2007 for his outstanding work in that field. Prior employment was with the now PNC bank in Lancaster and Logan as Vice President in commercial and consumer lending.

Dennis was appointed Grand Sentinel in 2023 and served 2024 as Associate Grand Patron.

Dennis is married to Soni Morris of Thornville, Soni has held several appointments in the Grand Chapter of Eastern Star and has two children: Shelli with Kevin, Thornport; and Corry with Carol, who have a son, Carson, at Ohio University, and a daughter,

Carley, in Westerville North High School.

Dennis is a Master Mason of Mingo Masonic Lodge, #131 in Logan, and a member of Millersport #301 Eastern Star Chapter since 1992, a member of Aladdin Shrine Grove city, Hocking Hills Shrine Club and holds a 32 deg. In the Scottish Right, AASR, Columbus Valley. He has held several offices in Eastern Star and elected Worthy Patron 9 times. He is a Past President of Logan Rotary Club, and has been active in other civic organizations. His hobbies include golf and woodworking, He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Logan, He also served on various committees as well as community organizations and singing activities in the community. He is excited to face this journey with Ohio Eastern Star and is looking forward to renewing previous friendships and gaining new ones as he travels throughout Ohio.

## Anderson finishes her year of service as a National FFA Officer



Morgan Anderson submitted

applications, interviews and interactions with new people to earn this title. Morgan was one of six National FFA Officers from the over 1 million FFA members in the country.

During her year of service, Anderson traveled all over the United States and even to different parts of the world promoting the agricultural industry, FFA and the importance of serving others and our community. She attended numerous State Conventions and FFA Camps across the country, as well as visited countless FFA chapters to instill leadership qualities in FFA members through workshops.

Just recently, at the 97th National FFA Convention and Expo, Anderson was responsible for leading the many sessions at the Convention. Along with conducting these sessions, Anderson delivered her retiring address in front of thousands of people in person, and millions on national television, where she spoke on what it means to be a good person and that a good person does not have to be perfect. She taught FFA members, alumni, supporters, guests, advisors, and many others that “A good person is a gift to the whole world.”

The new National FFA Officer team was elected at the 97th National Convention, so Anderson’s year of service is now coming to a close. Her journey through FFA has been an inspiration for so many people. Anyone can become involved and advocate for the agricultural industry in the same way Anderson did. All it takes is passion and a good person.

INDIANAPOLIS - “A good person is a gift to the whole world,” said Morgan Anderson, an Amanda-Clearcreek graduate and the 2023-2024 National Eastern Region Vice President. After being an active member of the Amanda-Clearcreek FFA Chapter for many years, Anderson decided she was ready to take the next step in her FFA journey and promote her belief of what it means to be a good person.

At the 96th National FFA Convention and Expo, Anderson was elected to serve as the National Eastern Region Vice President for the upcoming year. She went through a lengthy process of



Seated: (from left) Lori Eisel, Laura Coholich, Michelle Duncan and Ryan Holstine. Middle Row: Baylie Blevins, Tracy Freeman, Erica Gantner, Alysha Blagg and Christina Marsteller. Back Row: John Warner. Cindy Lyttle and Danielle Johnson-Curry. Not pictured: Todd McCullough and Joe Bizjak.

Celebrating the 14 members of the Fairfield County, Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board who volunteer their time and knowledge to ensure mental health and substance use services are provided to all Fairfield County residents.

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**Choosing the Thanksgiving Turkey... How Much to Buy?**  
Buy about one pound per person, or a pound and a half per person if you have hearty eaters or want plenty for leftovers. If you are serving more than one type of meat, you should probably buy the lesser amount. For large gatherings where there will be a combination of adults and children, figure one pound per person to allow for the large and smaller appetites. If the

turkey is pre-stuffed allow 1 1/2 pounds per person. Buy 1/2 pound per person for bone-in turkey breast.  
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There are basically two types of raw frozen turkeys on the market - pre-basted or un-basted. A pre-basted bird is injected with water, broth, vegetable oil and/or spices to enhance flavor and moistness during cooking. An un-basted turkey has no additional ingredients. Read the label.  
Look for the USDA Grade A symbol on the label. Grade A turkeys are of the highest quality.  
Source: University of Illinois Extension

**Join us Nov. 20 to Discuss the Fairfield County Jr. Beef Show and the New Carcass Evaluation Program**  
If you're a Fairfield County Junior Fair Beef exhibitor, beef exhibitor family member, or simply interested in the completion of local beef cattle projects, your Jr. Show Superintendents are inviting you to come to the Fairfield County Ag Center on Wednesday, November 20 to talk about the 2024 beef show and beyond. Beginning at 6 p.m. those interested in beef carcass evaluation are invited to join in as OSU Extension Beef Field Specialist Garth Ruff discusses grading and scoring of the Beef Performance and Carcass Quality contest. You need not be a Junior beef exhibitor to attend. If you want to learn more about beef carcass quality and yield evaluation you are welcome.  
Following at 7:30, the Jr. Show Superintendents will lead discussion reviewing the 2024

fair, and possible improvements for 2025 and beyond. This is intended to be an opportunity to share your thoughts on how best to host the 2025 Jr. beef show and the learning experiences that can accompany it.  
If you are a junior beef exhibitor, the parent of a junior beef exhibitor, interested in becoming a Fairfield County junior beef exhibitor, or simply wanting to learn more about youth beef projects and how they might relate to real world beef production, make plans to attend this open meeting in the Fairfield County Ag Center beginning at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20.  
**More Junior Fair Exhibitor/Family Meetings**  
Junior Fair Director Doug Shell is announcing the opportunity for more input from junior fair families for the following species:  
• Wednesday, November 20th - BPCQ Review/ Carcass Evaluation at 6:00 pm  
• Wednesday, November 20th - Beef Department at 7:30 p.m.  
• Thursday, November 21st - Swine Department at 6:00 p.m.  
• Monday, November 25th - Dairy Cattle Department at 6:00 p.m.

All meetings will be held at the Fairfield County Ag Center located at 831 College Avenue, Lancaster, and all Junior Fair families participating are welcome and encouraged to attend. Director Shell will give participants the opportunity to share what worked and what could be improved upon for all the species exhibited at the Fairfield County Fair. For additional information, comments or concerns contact Doug Shell at 740-404-1505.





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I tried to stay behind-the-scenes with the company, designing our social media posts and helping with the day-to-day operations, but immediately knew this was one area where I could provide more insight. Having been a teacher in Fairfield County for the last ten years, I knew first-hand that winter is a very difficult time for some families. I often saw children who didn't have winter coats or gloves due to circumstances beyond their control, and I carried those children in my heart. Knowing that we had local families who could use our help, I suggested Tyler contact Job and Family Services to see what they needed from us.

Job and Family Services was more than willing to work with us and explained that they are in need of new blankets, children's winter coats, hats, gloves, and pajamas for children of all ages. Armed with the information we needed, Dr. Door setup drop-off boxes at various locations in the Lancaster community and our drive has continued to grow each year.


This year, we would like to have our best collection of items yet. Due to the ongoing economic recession, more families than ever are estimated to be homeless or living in poverty. If you feel so inclined to help us give back to local children through a monetary or clothing donation, you can contact us at [drdoorcompany@gmail.com](mailto:drdoorcompany@gmail.com). You can also drop off your donations of new blankets, winter coats, hats, gloves, or pajamas at any of the following locations:



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## Lancaster FFA's trip to National Convention



Pictured from left to right: Aries Coutts, Braylon Farher, Maddox Lamascola, Kendra Justice, Casper Allen, Addyson Brown, Spencer Swartz, Lauren Wilson, and Claire Loudon at the Lucas Oil Stadium for Opening Session. submitted

On October 23, 2024, the Lancaster FFA Chapter left for the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. The first stop was at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. Upon arrival, the members had a chance to tour the base. They learned about different types of planes, how aircraft are made, and the history behind the US Air Force. After they left the base they ate lunch before heading to the Convention Center to hear the opening session for the day. Toward the end of the night, the members of the chapter were able to get tickets for the private FFA

concert. Nate Smith was the opener and Megan Moroney was the headliner for the night.

On day two of the National Convention, FFA members got a chance to explore the Expo Mall and FFA shopping center. They walked around and met FFA chapters from around the country while working on the scavenger hunt they were assigned for the trip. The second half of their day was spent listening to one of the sessions at the Convention Center. That night they went to the Buckeye Bash. This was a get-together to have food, dance, and participate in the activities

planned for the night for Ohio FFA members only. Kelsay Farms hosts this event during the week of the National Convention.

On the last day of the National Convention, Lancaster FFA members woke up bright and early to watch their final session at the convention. They were able to listen to Temple Grandin speak about how she feels about visual and spatial learners, along with how she felt about young kids with Autism and ADHD being placed in special education programs at such a young age. Later in the day, members took a tour of Fair Oaks Farms where they learned about dairy cows, the process of milking them, and their swine production operation. They ended their trip by having some team bonding at the Thirteenth-Hour Haunted House.

Lauren Wilson, one of the chapter members, was asked about her experience on her trip to the convention. She responded, "My favorite part was just getting to see how many people were there and where they were all from. My favorite activity was walking around the convention center and getting to see all the businesses and colleges. My favorite lesson was the one from Temple Grandin and learning how she grew up. I think that all FFA members should go and experience it if they can. They can learn so much from it and get to see how other chapters run their groups and meet new people."

## Fairfield County Foundation receives special donation to double matching funds for 35-Hour Give

LANCASTER, Ohio –The Fairfield County Foundation will be holding the 35-Hour Give, their annual fundraising event inspired by #GivingTuesday, on Dec. 3 at 8 a.m. through Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. This year, following the 35-Hour Give, the Foundation will award \$70,000 in matching gifts – the standard \$35,000 match along with a bonus \$35,000 donated by the Lloyd F. and Diann L. Helber Fund to

honor the Foundation's 35th Anniversary.

"We are grateful to Lloyd and Diann Helber for the \$35,000 donation that will provide us the opportunity to offer \$70,000 in matching funds in honor of our 35th Anniversary this year," said Amy Eyman, CEO of the Fairfield County Foundation. "The Helbers have been ardent supporters of the Foundation over the years. They are committed to

giving back to the community that has given so much to them, and we are pleased to have the opportunity to help them align their giving goals with unique community needs."

If you have any questions about the 35-Hour Give, please contact Amy Eyman at 740-654-8451 or [aeyman@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org](mailto:aeyman@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org).

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## Holiday classic with a twist

A theatrical and spirited rendition of Charles Dickens' holiday tale is coming to Ohio University Lancaster's Wagner Theatre. This December, The Lancaster Playhouse, Ohio University Lancaster Theatre and Garret Players are teaming up to produce *A Christmas Carol - A Ghost Story of Christmas*. The Michael Wilson adaptation is sure to thrill audiences of all ages.

"At its heart, this is a story of

transformation," said P J Aubrey from The Lancaster Playhouse who directs this production. Audiences will meet the usual characters – Scrooge, Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim and the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future – as well as new ones who undergo changes throughout the play. "The transformation of characters plays out in several ways," said Aubrey. "Of course, central to the story, and in keeping with Dickens' original

theme, is the transformation of Scrooge from a dour, cruel man to one with a giving heart."

Special effects designed by Victor Jones, assistant professor of Instruction and Director of Theatre at Ohio University Lancaster, are sure to thrill audiences. "The effects, as well as the set itself, were designed to provide a ghostly feel, enhance the experience and help bring the story to life," said Jones. The set and set pieces were

constructed by theatre students at the university.

This marks the third year the three local theatre groups have collaborated on a holiday production. This year's show involves 31 actors, from children to senior citizens, from around the central Ohio area. "As community theatre programs, we are thrilled to have the opportunity again this year to create a new sense of community on the Wagner Stage," said Marilyn

Steiner with Garret Players.

There will be two evening performances of *A Christmas Carol - A Ghost Story* at 7:00 p.m. on December 5 and 6 plus two matinees at 2:00 p.m. on December 7 and 8. Tickets are available at [www.ohio.edu/lancaster/theatre](http://www.ohio.edu/lancaster/theatre) or by calling the box office at 740-407-2784.

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## 2024 Fairfield County Trail of Scarecrows



Best Scarecrow at a Business: Wednesday Adams by The Ultimate Look I, II, and III submitted

## Red Cross now offering new opportunity to help save lives in Lancaster and Fairfield County

Lancaster, Ohio — People wanting to make a lifesaving difference in the Lancaster area now have the chance to donate blood and platelets at the NEW American Red Cross Blood Donation Center at 2405 N. Columbus St., Suite 120, Lancaster, Ohio 43130. The donation center is in the Riverview Medical Offices Building. Look for the entrance marked "D", also labeled "Medical Offices". Upon entering, turn left to find the

Lancaster Red Cross Blood Donation Center at Suite 120. The donation center began collecting blood and platelet donations November 5 and will operate on the schedule listed below:

Tuesdays 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
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Come to give blood or platelets at the new Lancaster Red Cross Blood Donation

Center between now and December 3 and we'll say thanks with an exclusive Red Cross waxed canvas tote, while supplies last.

Thank you to the R. Alvin Stevenson Fund and Park National Bank for their financial support in helping to make this facility possible. Others interested in making a financial donation and/or naming a space in the facility can contact Jeff Redfield at [Jeff.Redfield@redcross.org](mailto:Jeff.Redfield@redcross.org)

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If your church group, family or business would like to decorate a cabin, please contact us! [sciotoyouthcamp@gmail.com](mailto:sciotoyouthcamp@gmail.com)

**Annual Live Nativity**  
New Zion Methodist Church would like to announce our annual live nativity on Saturday, December 24 from 5:00-8:00 at the church, 10991 Snyder Church Road, Baltimore. We will have costumed characters, music, and live animals as well. Inside the church, there will be crafts for the children, a dollar Christmas store and a light supper. Canned items for the Baltimore Food Pantry will be collected, also. Come see for yourselves the nativity and realize that this was put together 24 years ago for one purpose: To help our community remember: JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!

**Annual Turkey Supper (Over 50 years)**  
Pleasantville Methodist Church, located at 112 Lincoln Avenue in Pleasantville, Ohio 43148, will have their Annual Turkey Supper on Saturday, November 16 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Cost: \$12, carry-out only. Menu: turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberries, cole slaw, rolls, dessert (choice of apple, cherry, or pumpkin pie). For questions please call: 740-468-3257.

**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.

**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).

**Visit the History Room at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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