

FAIRFIELD ADVANTAGE

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Lancaster Festival

25th Season

July 23–August 1

www.lanfest.org

Ticketed &
Free events

Abraham Lincoln

Self-Made Man

Traveling Exhibit

FCDL

Sept 27–October 22



FAIRFIELD COUNTY GIS HAS NEW AND UPDATED AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

The Fairfield County GIS Department is pleased to announce that its aerial photographs have been updated because of a partnership with the Ohio Statewide Imagery Program (OSIP). This program allowed counties throughout Ohio to take advantage of this existing contract with the State to acquire the new data.

The new photographs were captured using an airplane with a wide format digital camera and airborne GPS equipment to supplement the ground control network.

Aerial photography has many uses and applications. At its simplest level, people can relate to an image of their property more so than they can lines on paper. They can see the features, such as streams, ponds, and building which can help put things into context at a site.

County applications may include the County Auditor's Real Estate Division, which uses digital photography to assist during the reappraisal process. Emergency-911 can use this as a tool when coping with emergencies. Cities, villages and townships use this data for various infrastructure projects.

The updated digital photography will also assist in large scale projects. The coming 2010 Census will utilize the GIS system to visually identify and verify new and existing residential sites in order to make sure everyone is counted. Accurate counts can help local governments garner funding that is based on population.

Departments and agencies who assisted in this project with time and dollars include the Aerial Photography Committee, Fairfield County Auditor, Fairfield County Engineer, City of Lancaster, Fairfield County Sheriff, Fairfield County Sanitary Engineer, Violet Township Trustees, Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency, Fairfield County Economic Development, Fairfield County Soil and Water Conservation District, Fairfield County Regional Planning and the City of Pickerington.



OLD NAVY COMES TO RIVER VALLEY MALL

Old Navy opened the doors to its first newly designed prototype store in Ohio at the River Valley Mall in Lancaster on July 25. A ribbon cutting ceremony was followed by prizes and live entertainment for those in attendance.

"Old Navy is one of the most requested retailers from our shoppers and we are thrilled to have them in our market. Old Navy will enhance the overall shopping experience at River Valley Mall," said Brenda Miller, Marketing Director for the Mall.

The store occupies over 15,000 SF and is lo-

cated at the A-Main entrance and is across from The Community Bank soft play area. Old Navy offers affordable, fashionable clothing and accessories at great prices for adults, kids and babies.



RLF CLIENT GARNERS SECOND STAR

Child's Play Learning Center in Pickerington, Ohio used Revolving Loan Fund dollars in conjunction with other private dollars to expand their facilities in 2006 and to increase their enrollment size.

This Center has joined Ohio's Step Up to Quality, a voluntary rating system for Ohio Department of Job and Family Services licensed child care programs. This program recognizes early care and education programs that exceed quality benchmarks over and above Ohio's licensing stan-

dards. It awards and supports programs to earn and maintain star ratings.

There are three levels of awards, with each successive star demanding more requirements.

Child's Play earned its first Step Up to Quality Star in April of 2008 and recently earned a second star.

Child's Play is a privately owned center in a home-like environment setting where

children from ages six (6) weeks to twelve years can learn through active participation with hands-on experience of exploration, discovery and learning.



DILEY RIDGE "CLOSE TO HOME"

Nationwide Children's Hospital officials plan to bring a pediatric urgent care facility to the new Diley Ridge Medical Park. Opening in early 2010, this "Close to Home" center will be devoted solely to urgent care for children.

"One of the things about urgent care is when you need it, you need to know where it is and you need to know quickly," said Jack Clark, senior vice-president of Nationwide Children's Hospital. "Everyone in Fairfield County is aware of this medical park so this center will be at a site that is visible and well known."

The 6,700 SF center will be located on the first floor of the

medical office building adjacent to the emergency care center.

Diley Ridge Medical Park is a collaboration between Fairfield Medical Center and Mount Carmel Health System. The thirty-five million dollar emergency care center and com-

plex is expected to serve an estimated 10,000 patients in the first year.

"This new location is indicative of our commitment to continue serving our neighborhood communities," said Nationwide Children's Hospital CEO Steve Allen, M.D.



SURVEYS...SURVEYS...SURVEYS

The **Third Quarter Economic Forecast Survey** is available until August 2 for business owners in Fairfield County and the Village of Canal Winchester. The eight question, anonymous survey needs your participation to gain valid results. Go to the FCED website at

www.businesscounty.com and scroll to Breaking News segment to find a story and the link for the survey. The department plans to link these results to first and second quarter replies. Any questions can be directed to the office at 740.654.1509

Look for the **Wage and Benefit Survey** coming this fall. It will be the third annual survey. All businesses will be invited to participate in this as well.

Business feedback is vital to assess the economic climate of the county.



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Lancaster
Wednesdays 10-2
Saturdays 8-noon
Canal Winchester
Saturdays 9-1pm
Baltimore
Fridays 5-7pm
Bremen
Saturdays 9-noon
Pickerington
Thursdays 3-7pm
Saturdays 9am-4pm

CHAMBER & BUSINESS EVENTS

- July 28:** Bremen CoC Monthly Luncheon~Noon~ Call 569.9150
- July 31:** MirrorScapes Ribbon Cutting~4pm~1805 Pleasantville Road
- August 5:** Chamber Café Luncheon~11:30am~230 N.Columbus~RSVP 653.8251
- August 7-8:** BACC 2009 Business Expo ~Johnson Park~noon to 11pm
- August 8:** BACC Golf Outing~Pumpkin Vine Golf Course~8:15am~740.569.7886
- August 11:** Economic Update~Liberty Center~11:30am~RSVP 653.8251
- August 12:** CWACC Chamber Networking Luncheon~11:30am~RSVP 837.1556
- August 20:** PACC Luncheon~11:30am~150 Hereford Dr~Call 614.837.1958
- August 21:** Cellular Connection Ribbon Cutting~Noon~1369 Ety Road
- August 25:** Bremen CoC Luncheon~160 Carter St.~Noon~RSVP 569.9150

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- August 1:** Jazz & Blues Ribfest~Olde Pickerington Village~11am to 11pm
- August 5-8:** Baltimore Festival Canal Lock Days~www.baltimorefestival.com
- August 7-9:** Gus Macker 3 on 3 BBall~Downtown Lancaster~www.macker.com
- August 9:** Lancaster Community Band Free Concert~4pm~Rising Park
- August 9:** Buckeye Lake Tour of Homes~Noon-3pm~www.buckeyelakecivic.org
- August 8:** Red Cross Ride for the Red Motorcycle Ride~11am~Call 687.5585
- August 15:** Art on Fair~10am-7pm~County Fairgrounds~740.653.1188
- August 15:** Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day~9-noon~Fairgrounds
- August 22:** Pancake Breakfast~8-10am~Alley Park
- August 23:** Pet Expo 2009 & Car Show~12-4pm~Fairgrounds~ 740.687.1591
- August 22-23:** Antique Tractor Show~Alley Park~10-5pm
- August 27-29:** Carroll Old Timers Festival~5-11pm~Sat. 10am-10pm