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Director's Comments

Economic development and growth have been the buzz words in Fairfield County in 2008. The State of Ohio today approved incentives to bring a new manufacturing firm to Lancaster with more than 100 new jobs! Plans were unveiled last week for a new industry and commerce park along US 33 in Violet Township. Mayor Dave Smith from Lancaster and Mayor Bob Kalish from Baltimore provided their annual updates for local residents, while the Fairfield County State of the County Address is scheduled for tomorrow.



In addition to our monthly e-newsletter, make sure to visit our [website](#) often for breaking news.

If you have questions about the services provided by our office, please contact our office by calling 740.654.1509. -- Bill Arnett, [Fairfield County Economic Development](#) Director

~ Manufacturer and New Jobs Heading to Lancaster ~



US Corrugated, Inc., announced today plans to construct a 300,000 square foot manufacturing facility in Lancaster. The State approved an Ohio Job Creation Tax Credit in support of the project. When fully operational, the new facility will employ more than 100 workers. The \$25.5 million facility will be constructed adjacent to the Anchor Hocking Distribution Center on West Fair Avenue and Camp Ground Road.

[Read the news release from the Ohio Department of Development](#)

~ New Industrial and Office Park Announced for 33 Corridor ~



Plans are underway for a 90-acre Fairfield County industrial and office park providing a campus setting for growing businesses in the U.S. Route 33 corridor of Violet Township.

Read the entire news release

~ Pickerington Looks to Purchase Pool ~

The City of Pickerington next month is expected to close on the purchase of "The Swim Club", which will become a municipal swimming pool. The city plans to finance purchase of the facility using park and recreation impact fees and pool membership fees.

Read the complete story in the Pickerington Edition of *This Week*

~ Mayor Provides Annual State of the City Address ~

Lancaster Mayor Dave Smith provided his annual "State of the City Address" to a crowd of about 150 people on February 13.

Read the complete story in the *Lancaster Eagle-Gazette*

~ Baltimore and Local Officials Provide State of the Village Address ~



Baltimore Mayor Robert Kalish, members of his administration, and officials from Liberty Union School District and Basil Joint Fire District provided their annual update to the community on February 19.

Read the complete story in the *Lancaster Eagle-Gazette*

~ County Establishes Committee for Historical Parks ~



As a result of the County Commissioners Annual Budget Retreat, a committee has been established to focus on Fairfield County Historical Parks. The so-called "Hot Zone Committee" consists of county elected officials and employees and is open to interested Fairfield County residents. The committee's purpose is to find ways to support the Historical Parks Commission. The Park district, created in 1981, has a clear mission statement, "...to procure unique natural resources, historical settings and open space for education, preservation, conservation management, and passive leisure activities for the people of Fairfield County."

If you are interested in learning more about Fairfield County Historical Parks or the Hot Zone Committee, please contact Dave Fey, Director, by calling 740.681.7249 or e-mailing director@historicalparks.org.

~ Upcoming Business Events ~

February 26: The Fairfield County Commissioners will report on the *State of the County* at the Liberty Center, 955 Liberty Drive. The program begins at 12:00 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 and will include lunch. Call 740.653.8251 to make your reservation.

February 28: *Returning to College As An Adult?* Join the Women's Resource Network group for lunch and get answers to those college questions. To register for the \$15.00 luncheon event to be held at Ohio University-Lancaster, Art Gallery, call Jennie at 740.653.8251 ext 22 or email her at jennifer@lancoc.org.

March 3: There will be a Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting at *Wagner Insurance Agency* from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at 10 South High Street, Suite B in Canal Winchester. Ribbon cutting at 1:30 pm. Reception across the street at Harvest Moon.

March 5: Join the Lancaster Wal-Mart staff for a 7:30 am *Ribbon Cutting Celebration* at the new store at 1041 Ety Road.

March 6: Canal Winchester *Business After Hours* will meet at Real Living HER, 6760 Thrush Drive from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Contact the Chamber Office to register 740.687.1556.

March 7: *Job Fair* at the Crossroads, 2095 West Fair Avenue in Lancaster from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Hosted by myWorkNet.com, please call 740.689.2494 for more information.

March 7: CELEBRATE WOMEN 2008 will spotlight *Women in Politics* at Ohio University-Lancaster. The 3rd annual annual conference will be held from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. For additional information and registration, see [News & Events](#) or call 614.367.9371.

March 8: *Teen Opportunity Expo* will offer choices for what to do after high school. The event will be held at the Crossroads Gymnasium from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. For more information call Missy Fields at 740.681.9593 or the WorkNet office at 740.689.2494

March 12: The Lancaster CoC *Business after Hours* will meet at the Lancaster Country Club, 3100 Country Club Rd SW. Check the [website](#) for details. To RSVP call 740.687.8007.

March 13: Lancaster Chamber of Commerce IT seminar will discuss Database/Contact Management Software. Doors open at 11:30 am at Ohio University-Lancaster and program starts at noon. Call 740.653.8251 for a reservation for the \$15.00 event that includes lunch.

March 14: CELEBRATE WOMEN 2008 spotlights *The Politics of Being a Women* and will be offered at Ohio University, Pickerington Center from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. For contact information, refer to the March 7 CELEBRATE WOMEN event.

March 14: Canal Winchester Chamber of Commerce will be "*Sailing to Success*" at its Annual Business Dinner Expo at Pope John XXIII Church, 5170 Winchester Southern Road. The Expo begins at 5:00 pm and dinner is at 7:00 pm. Call 614.837.1556 for reservations.

March 18: Baltimore Area CoC will hold its monthly Business Luncheon Meeting at **NEED MORE**

March 18: *The Lithopolis Area Marketing Association* (LAMA) will be meeting at Buggy Seat Antiques (corner of Lithopolis-Winchester Road and Waterloo Road) at 7:00 pm. Call Sandy Casey at 614.837.2031 for more information.

March 18: Bremen Area CoC meets at the Historical Society at noon . Guest speaker Bill Arnett of Fairfield County Economic Development will share information on assistance programs and entrepreneurial advice. For advance reservations prior to March 14, call 740.569.9150 or email bremen_chamberofcommerce@msn.com.

March 20: The Pickerington CoC monthly meeting will feature the *State of Pickerington and Violet Township*. Elected officials from the city, township, school district, and the county will offer comments. Meeting will be at the Pickerington Senior Center, 150 Hereford Drive. Call 614.837.1958 to register.

~ Community Events ~



February 29 - March 1: Millersport Community Theatre presents *Country, Rhythm & Blues* at 7:30 pm in the Millersport Community Theater. Call 740.862.3054 for information and tickets.

March 1: *A Celtic Gathering* will be presented at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds, AAA Building, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. For information and tickets on a celebration of Irish & Scottish Heritage, call Cindy McLaughlin-Smith at 740.654.4149.

Now thru April 30: *Cranberry Glass Exhibit* at the [Ohio Glass Museum](#) located at 126 West Main Street in Lancaster. Museum is open from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Tuesday - Sunday). Contact

Margie Burket 740.687.0101 for additional information and ticket prices.

Now thru May 4: Celebrate the heritage of *Ohio Art Pottery* in a representative selection of ceramics from the Zanesville Art Center at the Decorative Arts Center. Located at 145 East Main Street in Lancaster, the exhibit is open from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Tuesday thru Sunday. For more information call 740.681.1423 or [visit the website](#)

Now thru March 28: Come to the Fairfield County District Library to view "A Whimsical Look At Life Through Art" presented by Cheryl Fey and [Blue Shoe Arts](#). All art work will be for sale.

March 1: *Lancaster Sings & Swings*, an evening of music to benefit The Lancaster Chorale, will be held at 8:00 pm at the Lancaster Eagles, 1936 East Main Street. Tickets available at the door or by calling 740.687.5855.

March 7 - 9 : 30th Annual Tri-County Home Builders *Home & Garden Show* at the AAA Building at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds. **Friday** hours are 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm; **Saturday** hours are 10 am to 7:00 pm; and on **Sunday** 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Discover home improvement and landscaping ideas. Free admission and parking.

March 8: *Maple Tapping Festival at Alley Park* from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. Alley Park is located on Business Route 33 south of Lancaster. Free admission for Maple Tapping Festival activities & a charge for the pancake breakfast. Call the Lancaster Parks office at 740.687.6651 for more information or visit the [website](#).

March 8: Come to the Wagnalls *Cabaret*. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the Library at 8:00 pm will be followed by a musical performance featuring Kelly Crum Delaveris in the Gallery at 9:00 pm. Dessert and coffee will be served in the Library after the performance. Call the Foundation Offices at 614.837.4765 ext 104 for details and tickets.

March 13 - 15: *Spring Thyme Lithopolis Shoppe Hop* from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Call Charlotte Leight at 614.837.1929 ext 104 for more details.

March 16: The Lithopolis Area Fine Arts Association presents *Brasso Profundo* at 3:00 pm in the Wagnalls Memorial Auditorium, 150 East Columbus Street, Lithopolis. For ticket information call 614.837.4765 or visit the [website](#).

March 23: *Easter Sunrise Service* atop Mt. Pleasant. Call the Robert K Fox Family Y for details at 740.654.0616.

March 30: Lancaster Community Concerts presents *Quatrocelli* at 3:00 pm at the Wagner Theater at Ohio University-Lancaster, 1570 Granville Pike. Call 740.654.1003 or visit the [website](#) for ticket information.

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