

# FAIRFIELD ADVANTAGE

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March 5  
4:30 to 7:00pm  
**Teen Expo**  
OU Lancaster

March 6  
10:00am–1:00pm  
**Adult Job Fair**  
OU Lancaster



**Home & Garden Show**  
March 13 –15  
County Fairgrounds  
Fri. 3pm-7pm  
Sat. 10am-7pm  
Sun. 10am-5pm

## DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE AND US CORRUGATED FEATURED IN *THE LEADER*

The Fairfield 33 Development Alliance and the US Corrugated project in Lancaster are featured as part of a story in the January/February issue of *The Leader*, the official publication of CoreNet Global. CoreNet Global is the world's leading professional association for corporate real estate and workplace executives serving leading multinational companies from the Fortune and Global 1000. CoreNet Global's membership tops 7,000 worldwide.

Dennis Mingyar, Director, Economic Development, Buckeye Power, Inc. commented on a variety of projects in the story, including US Corrugated. "*The Leader* is a magazine directed to and read by the individuals who make the decisions as to where businesses grow, locate and expand," he said. Buckeye Power is one of more than 30 private-sector Alliance investors.

In addition to coverage in *The Leader*, the Alliance is working to reach CoreNet members through a banner ad on the CoreNet Global website, [www.corenetglobal.org](http://www.corenetglobal.org) and

by exhibiting in April at the CoreNet Global Summit in Dallas. Joy Davis, Economic Development Specialist, Violet Township, and Lance Schultz, Director of Planning and Zoning, City of Pickerington, will be representing the Alliance at the Summit.

The Fairfield 33 Development Alliance is a public-private partnership designed to encourage investment and job growth in the Fairfield 33 Corridor. The Corridor stretches along US 33 in Fairfield County beginning in Canal Winchester and Pickerington and includes Violet, Bloom and Greenfield Townships and the City of Lancaster. The organization is lead by a 24-member board of directors. Platinum members in 2009 include Fairfield National Bank, Westerman Companies, the City of Lancaster and Fairfield County.

To learn more about becoming an Alliance investor, contact Travis Markwood at the Lancaster-Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce by calling 740.653.8251 or visit the Alliance website at [www.fairfield33.com](http://www.fairfield33.com).

## WV COMPANY CHOOSES LANCASTER

L&P Vending, a company based in Barboursville, WV has purchased 1.74 acres in the Lancaster Industrial Park on Wallace Court Lancaster. The company is under contract to build a 10,000 square foot facility to service and expand Ohio operations.

L&P Vending is owned by Larry and Pam Parsons. Operations began out of their home in 1997 in Salt Rock, WV and have grown to their new office in Barboursville. The company currently has 24 employees, three operating in the Lancaster area. The Lancas-

ter operation will service Cincinnati, Chillicothe, Columbus, Athens, Springfield, Zanesville, Dayton, and Lancaster areas. Expected growth is targeted to add 10 to 12 employees by 2012 to L&P Vending.

L&P provides and services pool tables, dartboards, digital juke boxes, arcade games, redemption games, and table top trivia games to more than 450 locations in Ohio, West Virginia, and Kentucky. Sales and additional information can be found online at [www.lpvend.com](http://www.lpvend.com)

## PICKERINGTON CHAMBER AWARD WINNERS

The Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce 2008 Annual Leadership awards were presented February 7 during the 2008 Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner at Hickory Lakes.

The Violet Township Bicentennial Committee was honored with the Fairfield Federal Bank Community Service Annual Award.

The Dorosti Dental New Business of the Year was presented to NetPro Technology Solutions for their hard work

and dedication in 2008. George Myers, owner of NetPro Technology Solutions spent countless hours working with chamber staff on the chamber's new website.

Mark Matthews & Associates was presented with the Fairfield National Bank Business of the Year. Mark Matthews is an outstanding PACC board member and in 2008 was chair of the Ambassador committee. Mark is also a board member for Pickerington Violet Festival.

The US Bank Safety award was presented to Battalion Chief Kenn Taylor. Kenn Taylor started his fire fighting career 28 years ago, and he has performed exemplary as Chief for 23 years. He skillfully orchestrated the expansion of the Violet Township Fire Department to its current state; a combination department of 80 full time, part time and volunteer professionals who respond to more than 4,500 emergency runs annually.

## RLF FINANCES FIRST PROJECT IN 2009

The Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund last month closed its first financing project for 2009. The \$105,000 project by Stone Haven Landscape Design East, LLC will lead to the creation of five, new full-time and 15 part-time positions.

The company, owned by Alan Bruny and Shianne Swinehart, is located at 1289 Granville Pike in Lancaster.

Fairfield National Bank is providing the primary financing for the project. The Revolving Loan Fund is contributing \$30,000 for working capital.

"Unexpectedly, the loan process was stress-free and was

completed in a very timely manner," said Swinehart. "With times as tough as they are with all of the negative fluctua-

tions in our economy, we hesitated seeking financial assistance from any institution until meeting with Scott Reed (Fairfield National Bank) and learning the benefits of the RLF," Swinehart added.

The Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) was created in 1992 using grants from two separate agencies – the United States Economic Development Administration (EDA)



and the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD), Office of Housing and Community Partnerships, through its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Matching funds were contributed by the City of Lancaster and Fairfield County.

More information about the Revolving Loan Fund and an application packet is available at [www.businesscounty.com](http://www.businesscounty.com).

## ECONOMIC FORECAST RESULTS

Fairfield County businesses are generally not expecting any major changes for their firms when the second quarter of 2009 begins; however, many of them expect the economy in general to get worse. Fairfield County Economic Development conducted an online survey in

January in an effort to gauge local sentiment about economic conditions.

Of the 98 respondents, a total of 58 completed the survey and more than 70% of them employed fewer than 25 workers.

More information detailing the survey responses is available at [www.businesscounty.com](http://www.businesscounty.com).

The next Economic Forecast Survey will be available on the website in April with results released the first week in May.

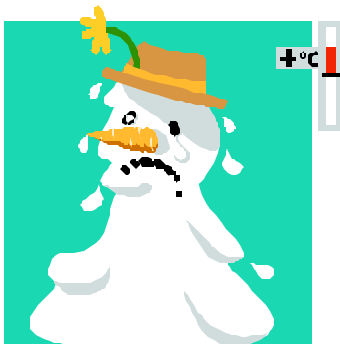
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## CHAMBER & BUSINESS EVENTS

- February 24:** Bremen Luncheon with Jeff Bazell~Noon~RSVP 740.569.9150
- March 3:** State of the County~11:30am~Liberty Center~Call 740.653.8251
- March 4:** Chamber Café Series~11:30am~230 N Columbus~Call 740.653.8251
- March 5:** LASHRM Meeting~7:30am~Shaw's~RSVP [richvarneyosu@yahoo.com](mailto:richvarneyosu@yahoo.com)
- March 13:** CWACC Annual Dinner ~*Share the Magic*~5pm~Call 614.837.1556
- March 17:** Baltimore CoC Luncheon~Noon~RSVP to 740.438.0837
- March 19:** PACC Monthly Membership Luncheon~Call 614.837.1958

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

- February 28:** Pancake Breakfast~Pickerington Senior Center~8am-11am
- Feb 28:** Lighthouse Spring Luncheon Style Show~Noon~6892558 or 687.4890
- March 1:** PACC Bridal Show~Noon~Hickory Lakes~614.837.1958
- March 5:** Women's Entrepreneur Networking Mixer~Columbus~614.675.3755
- March 6-7:** Millersport Minstrel Show~7:30pm~For Tickets call 740.467.2669
- March 7:** Maple Tapping Festival~Alley Park~8am-noon~Call 740.687.6651.
- March 7:** Bee Hive Bash at AHA~6:30pm ~Call for reservations~740.653.1010
- March 7:**Lancaster Chorale~8pm~Eagles Event Center~Tickets 740.687.5855
- March 8:** LCC presents Bronn & Katherine Journey~3pm~OUL~740.654.1003
- March 21-22:***Flight of the Butterflies Art Show*~4465 Coonpath~1-4pm~740.756.7874
- March 28:** Llama Showmanship Clinic~Fairgrounds~9am~740.743.1092
- March 28:**FORKS Annual Radio-Control Model Show~8:30-1pm~Fairgrounds