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**Lancaster
Fairfield County
Economic Update**

Wednesday August 6
The Lodge
11:30am

Guest Speakers

Matt Cybulski
JobsOhio

Mike Pettit
City of Lancaster

Kate Ervin
Special Improvement
District

RSVP
[Email](#)

\$15.00

HISTORICAL PARKS PROGRESS

Despite rain delays at the start of the construction season, the Fairfield County Historical Parks Commission is enjoying another busy year of building projects and events. Having recently installed a new parking lot at Smeck Historical Farm and replaced the roof of the Johnston covered bridge, construction crews are now moving to the Hanaway covered bridge to replace its roof. The new roofs are made out of steel sheeting coated in an aluminum-zinc alloy and are expected to last at least 75 years. The Historical Parks have also installed new picnic tables and benches throughout the district and will be constructing new shelters at Smeck Historical Farm and Zeller Soccer Park.

This year, the park district opened Rock Mill for regular hours on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00pm-3:00pm from May-October. The Historical Parks also have several programs and events on the horizon including:

Skull Sleuths Workshop at Wahkeena Nature Preserve, August 9 from 10:00am-2:00pm. Participants will get hands-on practice identifying the skulls of Ohio's vertebrates, including a few extinct species from the Ice Age. This program is free, but reservations are required by calling the nature preserve at (800) 279-1883. [MORE](#)

Summer Surprises Nature Walks at Wahkeena Nature Preserve, August 10 and 24 and September 14, 1:00pm. These naturalist-led walks will seek out the rich botanical diversity of the preserve, including ferns, wildflowers and warm-weather loving animals.

Dinner on the Rock Mill Covered Bridge, Rock Mill Park, August 17, 5:30pm. A fundraising dinner presented by the Fairfield County Historical Parks Volunteers. The evening will include a buffet dinner catered by Pacer's Italian Cuisine and will feature music by Marie "Wolf" Smith as well as mill tours and a keynote address by Park Director, David Fey. Tickets are \$30.00 each and may be purchased by calling the Historical Parks' office at (740) 681-7249 x 5. All proceeds benefit the Fairfield County Historical Parks Commission.

Smeck Farm Harvest Fair, Smeck Historical Farm, September 7, 11:00am-5:00pm. This community event will celebrate Fairfield County's rich agricultural, natural and cultural history. Visitors will take in demonstrations by the Antique Tractor Club and a mini barn-raising by the Friends of Ohio Barns, as well as has several historical demonstrations including blacksmithing, spinning, weaving and much more. Public parking and free shuttle service will be at Liberty Union High School, 500 Washington Street, Baltimore, Ohio. [MORE](#)

The park district is also participating in an upcoming regional tour sponsored by Ohio Hill Country Heritage Area, which features Rock Mill Park and will encompass visits to other key historical and cultural destinations in Fairfield, Athens and Perry counties. More details of the tour are available at ohiohillcountry.org.

Johnson Covered Bridge



Johnson Bridge under construction



For more www.historicalparks.org

AMERICAN APPRENTICE GRANTS

Hands-on apprenticeships, where workers earn and learn at the same time, are a proven path to good, secure, middle-class jobs. 87% of apprentices are employed after completing their programs. Apprentices can earn a significant premium for their skills—as much as \$300,000 more than their peers over a lifetime, according to some studies.

Employers benefit as well. Given a potential shortage of 1.6 million middle-skill workers by 2020, according to the McKinsey Global Institute, we need more apprenticeships that allow companies to develop a skilled workforce that can drive improvements to their bottom lines. 98% of employers with apprenticeship programs would recommend apprenticeships to other employers.

The return on investment is impressive—studies from across the globe suggest that for every dollar spend on apprenticeship, employers get an average of \$1.47 back

in increased productivity, reduced waste and greater front-line innovation.

At the beginning of 2014 there were only 375,000 apprentices in programs, well short of our potential.

This fall \$100 million will be available in [American Apprentice Grants](#) to increase apprenticeship in high-growth fields; align apprenticeships with further learning and career advancement opportunities; and take successful apprenticeship models to scale.

The president continues to call on Congress to create a \$2Billion training fund to help state and regions double the number of apprentices over five years.

Result for this initiative are already happening. There are 10,000 more apprenticeships in America since January. Employers and unions have pledged to add more.

Community colleges are stepping up to link apprenticeships with college degrees



LET SBA HELP YOU EXPORT

Did you know that 95% of consumers live outside the United States? And a whopping two thirds of the world's purchasing power is in foreign countries!

Exporting can mean big things for your small business, and SBA has the resources and information to help you succeed!

Financing Programs – SBA has [three core export loan programs](#) specifically designed to help you develop or expand your business' trade and export activities.



SBA Export Loan Programs

Expert Guidance – [U.S. Exporting Assistance Centers](#) (USEACs) are staffed by professionals from the SBA, the Department of Commerce, the Export-Import Bank and other organizations. They'll help you understand the global marketplace and get you organized.

Planning Tools – Perfect for the small business owner exploring exporting, [the Export Business Planner](#) is a free, customizable tool that helps you work through the critical processes of export readiness and planning.

SBA also hosts events and free webinars to share exporting insights and updates, so join our [upcoming August webinar to learn how to get paid for – and how to finance – your export sales.](#)

Your business may be small, but there's a big opportunity in selling your product or

service overseas. And SBA wants to help put you on the path to international success or expand your business' trade and export activities.

**Take Your
Small Business
GLOBAL!**

Free Webinar
August 13
12-1pm

[Click Here
To Register](#)

July 30, 2014 - The Ohio Development Services Agency (DSA) and Kegler Brown will be hosting **Conducting Business in Japan: An Overview of Export Opportunities** in Columbus. This seminar will cover issues important to companies looking to export products and services, and expand business operations in Japan. To learn more and to register, please contact [Ashton Lahman](#) at (614) 255-5515.

SBA FREE FINANCING WEBINARS

The Small Business Administration Columbus District Office will present a FREE webinar for small business owners and entrepreneurs through ATT Connect. This webinar will provide information about financing options for your business; SBA loans, programs and services; how to apply for a loan; and, what to include in your business plan.

The webinar should last about 40 minutes with a Q&A at the end. ATT Connect is a call-in and web site login conferencing system which provides an audio presentation over the phone and a video presentation over the internet.

All that is needed to participate is a computer with internet access and a phone to call a toll-free number. This webinar will be offered in 2014 on the following dates and times:

The Webinar is FREE, but registration is required so that you may receive instructions and the access code needed to participate.

You may register by contacting Robin Wotring at (614)469-6860 x282 or robin.wotring@sba.gov. Please indicate which webinar session you wish to attend.

Dates & Times

August 14 11am
 Sept 9 2pm
 October 9 11am
 November 4 2pm
 December 4 11am

OCTOBER IS OHIO MANUFACTURING MONTH

On October 4, 2013, more than 825 manufacturers in 48 states opened their doors to more than 35,000 guests* in a national effort to showcase what careers in manufacturing are – and are not. There are many myths and misconceptions surrounding these careers and these events help to show students, parents, educators and legislators that manufacturing is alive and well across the United States and that there is great career potential in these jobs. This year, the nationally recognized Manufacturing Day is October 3.

In Ohio, a [state-wide collaborative effort](#) goes into Ohio Manufacturing Month,

which occurs during the entire month of October. [Ohio House Bill 77](#) was passed in April of 2013, designating October as Manufacturing Month.

Tours and open houses, hosted by manufacturers, provide parents, students, educators and legislators with an opportunity to see, first-hand, the career potential that lies within factory walls.

In 2014, PolymerOhio and OH! Manufacturing are stepping up their effort by organizing tours of manufacturing facilities for educators, in addition to student tours.

Helping educators understand what Manufacturing Month is about and what their students will experience is important in the effort to later organize tours for students.

We will be working with career and technical centers as well as manufacturers in our 11-county OH!Manufacturing region to organize these tours, which will occur over the next several months.

Beginning in August, we will begin working with educators and manufacturers to organize various types of events to highlight the significance of manufacturing to Ohio's economy.

GET INVOLVED WITH OHIO MANUFACTURING

[Manufacturing Month Overview for Manufacturers](#)

[Manufacturing Month – Host an Educational Fair](#)

[Manufacturing Month – Provide a Tour or Open House](#)

[Manufacturing Month – Career and Technical Centers](#)

[Manufacturing Month – Public Schools](#)

[Manufacturing Month – Create a Manufacturing Community](#)

*[Manufacturing Day Site](#)

For More Details on
 How You Can Participate
 Or
 Do You Need More Information

Contact
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NATIONAL FARMERS MARKET WEEK

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has declared August 3 through 9, 2014, "National Farmers Market Week". Throughout the week, USDA will celebrate our nation's thousands of farmers markets, farmers who make them possible and the communities that host them.

"National Farmers Market Week is a great opportunity for farmers markets across the country to host special events to showcase all the tremendous services they provide," said Secretary Vilsack.

"Farmers markets play a key role in developing local and regional food systems that support family farms, and help grow rural economies. They bring communities together, connecting cities with the farms that support them and provide Americans across the country with fresh, healthy food."

Thousands of farmers markets across the country offer consumers fresh, affordable, convenient, and healthful products sold directly from the farm. They also offer additional market opportunities for local producers, especially smaller or newer operations.

Farmers markets increasingly offer electronic benefits transfer technology that can be used by recipients of USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - as well as low-income women, infants, and children and seniors participating in the WIC and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs - to get fresh, seasonal ingredients.

Farmers market development is a cornerstone of the USDA's [Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food Initiative](#), which coordinates the Department's policy, resources, and outreach efforts related to local and regional food systems. Secretary Vilsack

has identified strengthening local food systems as one of the four pillars of USDA's commitment to rural economic development, along with production agriculture (including expanding export markets and improving research), promoting conservation and outdoor recreation opportunities, and growing the biobased economy.



“MYRA” NEW SAVINGS OPP

“myRA” (“My Retirement Account”) is a new retirement savings account for individuals looking for a simple, safe, and affordable way to start saving. Savers will be able to open an account for as little as \$25 and contribute \$5 or more every payday. myRA balances will never go down, and there will be no fees. Initially, myRA will be made available through employers and the investment held in the account will be backed by the U.S. Treasury.

For businesses, making myRA available

to employees is straight-forward. Treasury will handle account set-up and maintenance and will provide informational materials for business owners to share with their employees. There is no employer-match or contribution.

Interested employers have to make Treasury-provided program materials available to their employees and set-up ongoing payroll direct deposits into myRA for interested employees. myRA is intended for employees who do not have access to an employer-sponsored plan or who are not

eligible for their employer's plan. myRA is not intended to replace current employer-sponsored retirement plan offerings.

[More Information](#)



TEACH KIDS HOME FINANCE TIPS

Summer is a great time to teach your kids about at-home finances that Mom and Dad face every day. It can be hard to explain electric, gas, and cable bills to kids, and how turning off the TV, or using less water can save the family money over time. Kids.gov has tried to simplify this task for you by making two

[kid friendly comic strips](#), one for younger kids, and another for older kids. The comic strips aim to give kids tips on how they can help out around the house to conserve energy, help their parents, and help save money too.



STILL TIME TO ENROLL LOCALLY



OHIO
UNIVERSITY

Fall semester begins at Ohio University Lancaster

August 25. Even though that is next month, there is still time to enroll and register for classes.

"We are an open enrollment campus," said Enrollment Manager Pat Fox. "What that means is that we have no application deadline and accept any applicants who have completed high school or received their GED."

Ohio University Lancaster is also an affordable option. Tuition for one year is approximately \$5,000.

"At Ohio University Lancaster Campus, we have the resources of one of the nation's premiere public universities," said Fox. "You will have access to a wide range of courses and other opportunities to make your college experience first rate. More importantly, at Ohio University Lancaster Campus, you will study in small classes with an outstanding teaching faculty."

"We are still accepting applications for fall semester," said Lancaster Campus Admis-

sions Representative Nate Thomas.

"While there is no deadline, we do have procedures for applicants to follow in order to get aid applications in for the start of fall semester."

First, students interested in attending Ohio University Lancaster must pick up a paper application or apply online. There is a \$20 application fee. The applicant must also provide a final high school transcript or a copy of their GED certificate.

OUL/OUP COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Ohio University Lancaster | Pickerington Coordinating Council has two new members who both bring a Hocking County regional campus connection to the group. South Central Power Director of Database Systems Tonya Hixenbaugh and Attorney Christopher Veidt, both of Logan, begin their terms on the council this fall.

"My wife, Karen, graduated cum laude from Ohio University Lancaster with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education in 1982," said Veidt. "The opportunity for Karen to obtain her degree from the Ohio University Campus in Lancaster while residing in nearby Logan, raising our three sons, and participating in many community functions in Logan was an invaluable option."

"I was a student at OUL and then transferred to Ohio University in Athens to finish my degree in Business Administration with a focus in Management Information Systems," said Hixenbaugh.

The general and essential function of the Ohio University Lancaster Campus and Pickerington Center Coordinating Council is to ensure, for the University and the regional community that they serve, that opportunities exist for the sharing of infor-

mation and exchange of viewpoints and ideas between members of the community and the appropriate University officials.

"I believe it's important to serve on the council so that the community and the OUL campus have the opportunity to share ideas and viewpoints," said Hixenbaugh. "Each member brings a different perspective from his or her background and may also be able to share past experiences."

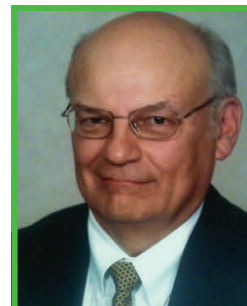
"The campus serves an important role in higher education. The fact that the leadership is willing to listen to stakeholders and take the input and feedback seriously helps with the university's strategies," said Veidt.

Both Hixenbaugh and Veidt believe access to regional higher education is important for Fairfield County, the surrounding area and the region's economic future.

"It gives people in areas close to campus, like Logan, an affordable way to obtain higher education," said Hixenbaugh.

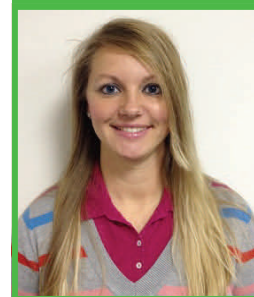
"I believe stakeholders in the community provide perspectives that allow for good decision making and support for the cam-

pus," said Veidt. "Serving on the Coordinating Council is one way to give back to the university and the community."



Christopher Veidt

Tonya Hixenbaugh



JUMP START FOR KINDERGARTEN

The Lancaster City Schools district will be offering a Jump Start program for incoming kindergarten students from 9:30-11:30 a.m., August 4-8, 2014.

“Our kindergarten program sets a solid foundation for long-term success,” said Steve Wigton, LCS Superintendent. “The Jump Start program allows our youngest students the chance to acclimate to their classroom, so that once the school year begins, they will have the best chance of succeeding.”

During the Jump Start program, incoming kindergartners will have the opportunity to get familiar with their neighborhood school by providing students an opportunity to practice daily routines, procedures and important academic skills. To confirm participation in the program, please call Instructional Services at 687-7306.

Students must be registered for kindergarten to attend. Kindergarten registra-

tion for the 2014-2015 school year is available until August 5, 2014.

Lancaster City Schools offers all day, every day kindergarten for children who will be 5 years old on or before August 1, 2014. During summer break you may register your child at the Lancaster City Schools Administrative Offices on 345 East Mulberry Street (Door# 4) between 7:00 AM and 3:30 PM. For questions on summer registration, please contact the Career Tech Office at 740-687-7390.

SHARPEN YOUR RESUME

With the introduction of the social media phenomena it is important to remember the prospective employer has the ability to search you out on LinkedIn and other social media; therefore, remain honest and accurate.

These eight elements should be included on your resume no matter what industry you are looking at.

Address: Use a professional email address on your resume. Think of creating a free email account that is specific for the position you are searching to acquire.

Eliminate the home address: Chose to provide a link to your LinkedIn profile and of course include your new professional email address. With the age of electronic a home address is not necessary.

Eliminate spelling and grammatical errors: Have someone edit your resume before you submit it to anyone. First impressions can never be repeated, do not let your first impression be one that says, ‘getting this job is not important enough to me to double check my resume.’

Headline: Catch the attention of the hiring managers with a bold headline. Make the headline applicable and distinct to the position you are seeking.

Professional Summary: Do away with the objective sentence and put in a brief yet inclusive summary of your accomplishments. Avoid phrases such as strong financial abilities, instead put in your ROI (return on investment). Example of a ROI would be: increased profit bottom line by 5% from the previous year in 10 months (you can go into detail on how you achieved this accomplishment in the interview). The hiring managers want to know if you have the ability and experience to do the position for which you have applied and they want to know it in the first part of your resume. Be careful and do not lose the hiring manager’s attention in a long wordy description of you.

Key Skills: Areas of Expertise. Avoid clichés make sure the skills you include are specific to the position you are wanting. If you are seeking a leadership role you will definitely want to speak of reduced turnover rate connected with your communication skills.

Professional Experience: Keep it brief;

however, this is where you want to bullet point various positions and highlight your ROI, awards received and specific accomplishments.

Education and Community: Including your education validates your right to apply, but community involvement demonstrates to the hiring manager your ability to integrate with not only coworkers but also with those that will possibly become consumers. You want to demonstrate to the hiring manager your contributions go farther than the work place environment.

When you go for a face-to-face interview I highly recommend that you research the organization and dress according to their culture. Always remain respectfully dressed but not every interview requires a man to wear a coat and tie and a woman to wear a dress or shirt and jacket. However, I have yet to experience a professional company that considers tank tops, muscle shirts, open midriffs and mini shorts appropriate office attire.

~Submitted by



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THE BLUNT TRUTH

Many people believe that no one has ever died from marijuana. This makes sense if they mean that no one overdoses on marijuana. This is true. Research shows that it seems impossible for the human body to get a toxic dose of marijuana. However, “poisoning” or overdose is not the way most people die from ANY drug. More often, substance abusers die from a safety incident related to impairment. Many also die from health complications due to their use. Marijuana is no different. And, a recent study released in October, 2012, found that individuals treated for addiction to marijuana had a higher mortality rate than those with diagnoses related to cocaine or alcohol, but lower than those with methamphetamine or opioid-related disorders.

For more information contact Prevention Works for a Drug Free Fairfield County 740-681-5542 or tashton@co.fairfield.oh.us

BLUES & RIBFEST AUGUST 1-2

The air will be filled with barbecue wood smoke and the timeless beat of live American blues in historic downtown Canal Winchester as a weekend of "smokin' blues, sizzlin' hot ribs, and much more" gets underway once again at the 5th annual Blues & Ribfest. Ohio's only Blues and Rib-themed festival will be held Friday, Aug. 1st from 5-11 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 2nd from Noon to 11 p.m. Admission is free!

Last year, over 33,000 people converged into Canal Winchester to attend this rapidly growing mid-summer outdoor festival. For 2014, festival goers can expect a wide variety of quality food and rib vendors, continuous live blues music (a total of 19 acts performing on two stages), fun children's activities, fan-cooled dining tents and the popular beer & wine garden.

Stage headliners include Chicago's own Carlise Guy (daughter of living blues legend Buddy Guy) and Oregon's Cee Cee James who is an original artist in her own right but with a vocal styling that channels Janis Joplin at her "bluesiest" best. On the solo/duo stage, Chicago's Rip Lee Pryor (son of blues harp master Snooky Pryor) and award-winning West Virginia bluesman Chris Sutton will be in performance.

Destination: Canal Winchester is proud to present the Canal Winchester Blues & Ribfest for the fifth consecutive year. According to Bruce Jarvis, Destination: Canal Winchester's Executive Director "People in this part of the country can't seem to get enough BBQ or live blues and we're pleased to once again be able to bring them together into one single event.

The music is sure to be a hit this year as this is the strongest blues line-up we've ever assembled. We're also honored to welcome several rib masters from the national barbecue circuit for the first time. They will be competing fiercely against each other for trophies and bragging rights.

And if the ribs aren't enough, there is a solid roster of over 20 other specialty food vendors, including the famous Schmidt's Sausage truck, to satisfy almost any taste or budget. We did not overlook the younger kids and we've added pony rides to the group of activities in the children's area.

The best part of this deal is that there is no charge for getting in to experience some of the finest live blues and barbecue to be found anywhere at any price." The festival benefits the community by

attracting visitors and by promoting national, regional & local blues performers.

The festival site radiates out from the High and Waterloo Street intersection (closed to vehicle traffic) in historic downtown Canal Winchester. For GPS/digital mapping users, the address 10 North High Street, Canal Winchester, OH 43110 may be used.

Lawn chairs are recommended due to limited seating. Outside food and beverages are not permitted within festival grounds. Skateboards, bicycles, rollerblades, scooters, other "recreational wheels" are also prohibited.

Parking will be available in the areas adjacent to festival grounds with additional handicap parking in designated areas on West Waterloo Street and North High Street.

[MORE](#)



OLD TIMERS AUG 21-23

The 51st annual Carroll Old Timers Festival will be held in downtown Carroll August 21-23. The event features free musical entertainment, vintage base ball games (men and ladies), 5K, car show, kiddie tractor pull, and parade on Saturday morning.

Phil Dirt and the Dozers will close out the festival. Vendors and parade entries are still being accepted, visit www.carrolloldtimers.org for info.



BOOKS ON BUSES

The Wagnalls Memorial is now a drop off location for the Books on Buses initiative! Drop off your gently used or new books inside the library during library hours (appropriate books for K-5th grade level). Books will be accepted now through August 2014. Once collected, the books will be sorted and placed on the Canal Winchester school buses starting this fall! Children will be able to board their school bus and pick out a book to read while riding to and from school. Monetary donations are also accepted and must be sent to:
CW Local Schools

Attn: Brigid Krueger/100 Washington Street/43110

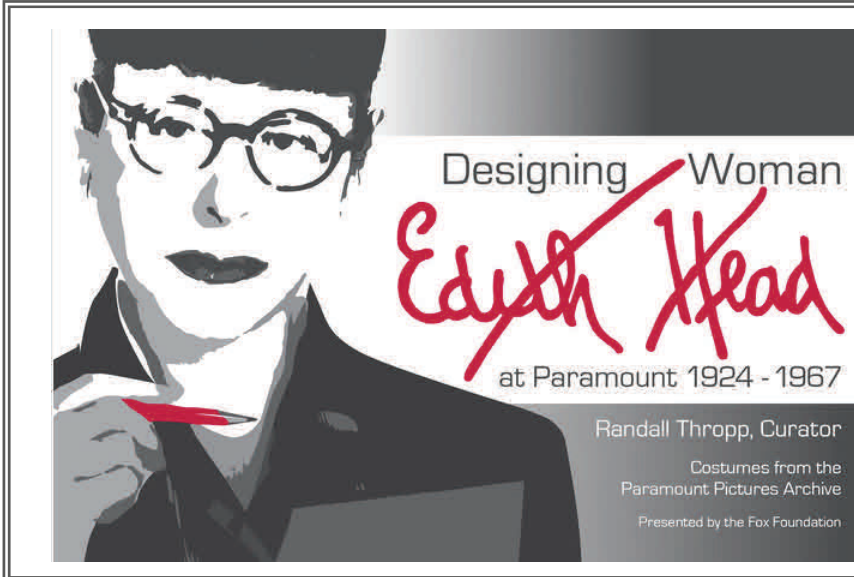
We are in need of a volunteer to coordinate the Books on Buses initiative with the Bloom Carroll Schools. Please contact Leslie at 614-837-4765 x 126 or email leisel@wagnalls.org.

Downtown Lancaster Available Properties

listing now available in [map](#) form.

[Click here](#) to view and click on symbols for full description of each property.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions about bringing your business here or investing in downtown real estate. Downtown property owners, let them know if you have a listing! E-mail [Kate](#) or call (740)653-8251



Decorative Arts Center of Ohio

Designing Women Exhibition
Now thru August 17

245 East Main St
Lancaster, OH 43130

www.decartsOhio.org

See an Edith Head costume collection and enjoy film clips of the movies that made these dresses famous!

FREE

August 27-30

[Millersport Sweet Corn Festival](#)

Millersport Historic Lions Park

Aug. 27-29 5pm-11pm

Aug 30 11am-11pm

[Email](#)

[Schedule of Events](#)



August 1 & 2

[Canal Winchester Blues & Ribs Fest](#)

August 1 5pm-11pm

August 2 12pm-11 pm

Historic Downtown Canal Winchester

(See page 7 of this newsletter)



August 21-23

[Carroll Old Timers Festival](#)

Downtown Carroll

[Email](#)

[More info](#)



Sept. 5 - 6

[Lithopolis Honeyfest](#)

The Wagnall's Memorial Foundation

150 E Columbus St.

Sept. 5 1pm-8pm*** Sept 6 9am-7pm

Phone: 614-837-2031

[Email](#)

[Schedule of Events](#)



RLF LOANS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

HISTORY

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.

The purpose of the Revolving Loan Fund is to assist new or existing small businesses achieve their goals and create jobs in Fairfield County.

Typical loans range from \$10,000 to \$100,000 with a fixed rate that is generally 2 points below prime at the time of application. Terms vary according to collateral and may be up to 20 years.

The EDA Revolving Loan Fund may be used throughout Fairfield County, while the CDBG Revolving Loan Fund cannot be used within the City of Lancaster or City of Canal Winchester.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Loans may be made to private, for-profit businesses located in Fairfield County. Applicants may be in the manufacturing, agribusiness, wholesale, service and/or retail sectors and must have fewer than 200 employees. All taxes must be current and an Equal Opportunity Employment policy must be in place and followed.

Loan applications may need to be prioritized. Criteria may include the enterprise's ownership, (women or minorities), number of jobs created, industry, and/or reinvestment in an existing facility.

Funds received from the Revolving Loan Fund may be used to purchase land or an existing building, machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures, inventory, and a limited amount of working capital. Funds cannot be used to restructure existing debt.

An application must be processed before a project begins.

HOW TO APPLY

Speak with a private lender first. The Revolving Loan Fund can only lend money in conjunction with a lending institution. RLF participation is determined by the lenders willingness to participate in the project.

The application package requires the same information as your bank, including tax returns, a business plan for start-ups, financial reports and projections for existing, expanding businesses, a personal financial statement, and a signed application detailing the project and requested use of funds.

The RLF process from application to loan approval and disbursement of funds can take from 6 weeks to 4 months, depending upon the project and fund requirements.

The application is presented to the Loan Review Committee. This committee discusses the application and reviews the strength of the borrower and viability of the proposed project. Plan ahead, ask your commercial lender if the RLF can be a participant in your project.

LOAN FUND BALANCES

As of July 24, 2014

EDA \$ 492,259.46
CDBG \$ 160,105.65

Scheduled Loan Review Committee (LRC) Meetings

August 19, 2014
September 15, 2014
October 21, 2014

Loan applications should be received in the Fairfield County Economic Development office at least one week prior to a scheduled LRC meeting
If possible.

740.652.7160

ARE YOU READY TO START A BUSINESS ?

Many people dream of having their own business. To see if starting a business is right for you, ask yourself some important questions.

The questions at the right will help you identify your readiness to start a business. [Click Here](#) for a Free Readiness Assessment.

When you are ready, call Fairfield County Economic Development to help make your dream a reality.

- ◇ Am I prepared to spend the time, money & resources needed to get started?
- ◇ What kind of business do I want?
- ◇ What products/services will my business provide?
- ◇ Why am I starting a business?
- ◇ How much money do I need to get my business set up?
- ◇ Who are my customers and who is my competition?
- ◇ Will I need to get a loan?
- ◇ Do I have professional people to help me ** a banker, a lawyer, an accountant?
- ◇ What will be the legal structure of the company?
- ◇ How long can I finance the company until I start making a profit?

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*Make Fairfield County
Your Advantage!*



Farmers' Markets

Baltimore

Fridays 4-7pm
Old Basil Western Firehouse

Bremen

Saturdays 9am-Noon
119 W Main St

Bremen Produce Auction

Tues & Fri Noon
1151 Mt Zwingli Road

Carroll

Every other Sunday
Noon-3pm
Bessie Benton Park

Lancaster

Tuesdays 3-6pm
Kroger's lot on Main St
Saturdays 8am-Noon
JFS Parking Lot

Olde Pickerington

Thursdays 4-7pm
89 North Center St

CHAMBER & BUSINESS EVENTS

RECURRING CHAMBER NETWORKING LUNCHEONS
*RSVP's Needed [Visit Chamber website or call]
Location and time may vary with a Special Event*

Lancaster/Fairfield : First Wednesday at 11:30am at 230 North Columbus Street
Baltimore : Second Tuesday at 6:00pm at Baltimore VFW Post 3761
Canal Winchester : Second Wednesday at 11:30am at 22 Trine Street [Senior Center]
Pickerington: Third Thursday at 11:30 at 150 Hereford Drive [Senior Center]
Bremen: Fourth Tuesday at Noon at 161 Carter Street [Bremen Historical Society]

- August 1:** PACC Women's Leadership Coalition ~8-9am~12933 Stonecreek Dr.
- Aug 6:** Chamber Economic Update~ The Lodge~ 11:30am~RSVP 740.653.8251
- Aug 15:** CWACC WOW Networking Coffee~8:30am-9:30am~Hidden Lakes Winery
- Aug 28:** Athena Banquet~ Lancaster County Club~ 5:30pm~ RSVP 740.653.8251
- Aug 30:** Bremen Chamber Golf Outing~Pumpkin Vine~8:15am~740.569.9150
- Sept 4:** A Taste of Fairfield County Agriculture~1200 Delmont Road SW~4:30pm
- Sept 12:** PACC Golf Challenge~Noon~Pine Hills Golf Course~Register~ [More](#)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Aug 1:** Movie Night at Decorative Art Center~6-8:30pm~*The Incredibles*
- Aug 2:** FREE Community HealthFest~1965 N. Columbus St~9am-Noon~740.687.8007
- Aug 2:** Saturday Cinema at Gazebo~*Walking With Dinosaurs*~Dusk~ [More](#) ~ 653.8251
- Aug 4:** FairHope Ice Cream Social~11am-1pm~Pickering House
- Aug 15-17:** [Antique Tractor Show](#) ~ Alley Park ~ Times Vary
- Aug 16:** Snider Heart & Lung 5K Walk/Run~8am~FMC~[More](#)~740.687-8951
- Aug 16:** Alley Park Pancake Breakfast ~ Nature Education Center ~ 8-11 am
- Aug 16:** OUL Film Festival~Edith Head Costumed Movies~2 & 4pm~FREE
- Aug 30-Sept1:** Canal Winchester Labor Day Festival
- Sept 1:** Pickerington Lions Club Labor Day Parade (10am) and Fish Fry (11am)
- Sept 9:** United Way Community Care Day/Campaign Kick-off~7:45am~Crossroads
- Sept 13:** Save the Date—The Artful Table~[Decorative Arts Center](#)~ More to Come