New Taste Sensation Coming to Baltimore This Summer

Cajun cooking is coming to Baltimore this summer with the arrival of J. Gumbo’s Cajun Joint; a small Louisville-based chain. Now you can get that taste of New Orleans right here in Fairfield County!

J. Gumbo’s will be located at 108 North Main Street in Baltimore. It will be worth the trip to savor tasty, but affordably priced Louisiana cooking, which the restaurant’s founder, Billy Fox Jr., adapted from his Louisiana grandmother’s Cajun and Creole recipes. These recipes live on in the J. Gumbo’s menu as “Big Bowled Entrees.” These hefty helpings will be priced at $6.00-$7.00. While J. Gumbo’s lacks a light menu or a kids’ menu, all entrees come in a half-portion for just $4. There will also be some kid-favorites available such as cheese quesadillas and nachos. All Big Bowl and half-portion entrees come on a bed of white rice with a slice of toasted French bread.

Menu items are categorized by level of heat so you always get the right amount of bite. There’s something on the menu for everyone—from sweet & mild to hot & spicy. Check out the menu with all the tasty options at www.jgumbos.com. J. Gumbo’s Baltimore will also offer wine, mixed drinks and an impressive selection of craft beers.

Local owners are Fred and Heather Baughman. The Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund is proud to participate in this project. Look for a summer opening.

Hours of operation will tentatively be Sunday-Wednesday 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Thursday 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., Friday & Saturday 11:00 a.m. – midnight.

Employers Today... Leaders Tomorrow

Employees became students again for the Fairfield Leadership Program. These students, sponsored by their employers, are completing the 2011-12 Leadership class and heading toward graduation. Part of their coursework included designing and implementing a community project that promotes buying and selling within the local economy.

Sponsored by the Lancaster Fairfield Chamber of Commerce, the goal of the nine month class is to inspire future leaders to think outside the box and utilize their leadership skills and resources within the community to make Fairfield County a better place to live and an outstanding place for business.

Final class projects were presented to community leaders, stake holders and companies during a program held at The Lodge April 27.

Some projects will become operational this summer while others are in various stages of completion, adoption and implementation.

Projects included “Local Business, Local Families, Local Fun”, a “Fairfield Food Hub”, Local Manufacturing Industry/Awareness-Marketing Campaign, a Downtown Parking Project and a “Downtown Lancaster Discount Card.”

Who knows when you might encounter the results of one of these projects? The leaders of tomorrow are working for you today. For more details, please call 740.653.8251.
**OGS for Small Business May 24**

The 8th annual Ohio Growth Summit will provide you with the newest and most exciting ways to start and grow your business. Since the first Summit, hundreds of small business owners and others have used this event as the launching pad for their business. Whether you are looking to make your idea a reality or take your business to a new level of success, you’ll find it here!

Join Columbus State Community College and The Center for Workforce Development at 315 Cleveland Avenue in Columbus Thursday, May 24 from 7:30am to 4:00pm. [Register early](#) and save on registration fees.

The Summit is designed to stimulate actions that will lead to increased growth of your business by providing unparalleled networking, connections and content targeted directly at increasing your business’ bottom line. This conference brings a unique mix of national and local authors and keynote speakers who share their secrets to success combined with business growth breakout tracks designed to allow you to customize your experience to maximize the value to your business.

According to Mike Bowers, Director of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) for the past 10 years, “I’m all about small business, and it was always my dream to launch a business conference that would really make a difference for those that are working everyday to make things happen in their business.”

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In addition to keynote speakers Gini Dietrich and Paul Evans, the Ohio Growth Summit will be presenting four concurrent, themed workshops to allow you to focus in on what will make you the most successful. Each of these workshops will focus on specific outcomes for your business. They will feature top speakers, presenters and practitioners in the field to help you succeed.

These workshops will include Social Media Strategy and Placement; Strengthening Your Organization and Growing Your Business; Business Financing and Financing Matchmaking; and Advanced On-Line Social Media and Strategies.

**Leadership Workshop for Women**

The Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce’s annual conference focused on fostering executive leadership among area women is scheduled for May 18.

The “A Day of Athena Leadership Development Women’s Executive Workshop” will be held at Ohio University’s Pickerington Center, 12933 Stonecreek Drive.

The keynote address will be delivered by Jodi Wilson, president and chief operating officer of Diley Ridge Medical Center. Wilson is the winner of chamber’s 2011 Athena Award, given to honor her work as a business leader who has sought to inspire women to seek their professional potential and create gender balance in the workplace.

Wilson will discuss “barriers and bridges” in the professional world.

State Rep. Ann Gonzalez (R-Westerville) will speak about pathways to goals, and Sue Doody, president and owner of Lindey’s Restaurant, will address “leaving your comfort zone.”

Cheryl Krueger, founder and former president and chief executive officer of Cheryl and Co., now CEO of Krueger & Co. Consulting, will discuss the challenges and rewards of change and risk-taking in business.

“Our keynote speaker, Jody Wilson, chose the topic, (and) her bullet points from the topic, ‘Barriers & Bridges,’ will be elaborated on by three additional keynote speakers from their experience and lives,” Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce President Helen Mayle said.

Breakout sessions following the presentations will be led by Dr. Leigh Atkinson from Ohio University Pickerington Center; Dr. Candice Thomas Maddox from Ohio University Pickerington Center and the chamber’s 2012 Athena Award recipient; Lynn Miller, human resources director at the city of Pickerington; Mandi Custer from Ohio University Lancaster; Laura Stewart from Mount Carmel Medical Center; Wilson and Mayle.

“These breakout sessions will be interactive, with the attendees discussing, recording and reporting back to entire group their topic,” Mayle said. “Our speakers are experienced professionals with stories that will inspire and help direct our attendees to their professional goal.”

The cost to attend the workshop is $65 per person, and Mayle said there are “limited scholarships” available for those interested in attending.

In addition to the presentations and breakout sessions, lunch will be provided by Mount Carmel Hospital and there will be a variety of informational materials available, Mayle said.

The registration deadline is 5 p.m. May 16.

Registrations can be completed online, at [www.pickeringtonchamber.com](http://www.pickeringtonchamber.com), or by calling the chamber at (614) 837-1958.
SR 256 IMPROVEMENTS TO REDUCE CONGESTION & IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW

Nearly $7 million in planned improvements to State Route 256 being targeted for 2015 now will include repaving the entire roadway.

Thanks to a $5-million safety grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation, the city of Pickerington now has an affordable strategy for improving traffic flow and safety on SR 256, its busiest and most accident-prone thoroughfare.

The allocation of those funds isn’t expected to permit the work to begin before spring 2015. In the meantime, Pickerington officials have learned the city will receive an additional $1 million ODOT grant to repave portions of SR 256 not covered by the original safety grant.

The additional money “is for the rest of SR 256 that is not included in the state Route 256 ODOT safety grant,” city engineer Greg Bachman said of the additional funding. “It needs it. The roadway has significant asphalt cracks. Left unrepaird, the cracks will get larger leading to potholes and base failure.”

Portions of SR 256 see an average of 40,000 vehicles daily, according to Bachman. He also said an average of 166 crashes occur annually on the roadway between Interstate 70 and Diley Road. Improving safety and traffic flow on SR 256 has been a priority of city officials for a number of years.

However, until the ODOT safety grant was awarded last November, Pickerington — a city with an annual budget of approximately $8.2 million — had no way to fund the work.

As it stands, it’s expected to cost approximately $5.5 million to extend Route 256’s third southbound land from Hunter’s Run to Refugee Road, add a third northbound land at the I-70 entrance ramp and resurface Route 256, as well as convert traffic signals to color-coordinated mast arm signals with backplates, install larger street name signs and street lighting and add center landscape medians where possible.

The ODOT grant reduces the city’s share of that project to approximately $500K. Repaving the remainder of SR 256 is expected to cost about $1.3M. Because ODOT agreed to provide $1M for the repaving, the city’s obligation for the total $6.8M Project, including renovations and repaving, is estimated to be about $800K.

“The SR 256 Safety project will reduce traffic congestion by providing more travel lanes,” said Bachman, “and reduce crashes related to congestion.”

If construction begins in spring 2015, the work for both portions of the project should be completed by the fall of 2015.

FIVE DAYS OF FREEDOM

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) supports Air Quality Awareness Week, April 30 through May 4. Air Quality Awareness Week is designed to raise public awareness about respiratory health, green technologies and fuels, healthy lifestyles, and transportation options. Poor air quality concerns everyone; however some individuals are particularly sensitive to air pollutants, including children and adults who are active outdoors, and those with respiratory diseases, such as asthma.

MORPC is kicking off Air Quality Awareness week with the beginning of an innovative new campaign, Five Days of Freedom. Five Days of Freedom asks central Ohioans to commit to spending five days of any week between now and the end of October using any form of transportation other than driving alone. Participants are able to reduce air pollution, declare their freedom from congestion and high gas prices, and learn more about alternative transportation in their communities.

Those interested in pledging Five Days of Freedom can sign up online at www.morpc.org/5. Participants will be entered into a drawing for a free Giant Cypress bicycle courtesy of Cyclist Connection in Canal Winchester as well as other prizes throughout the campaign. For more information about Five Days of Freedom or alternative transportation options in central Ohio, contact Evelyn Ebert, MORPC Air Quality Program Coordinator at eebert@morpc.org.

MORPC is part of a network of agencies across the country that issue daily air quality forecasts and notify the public when ozone and particle pollution levels are considered to be unhealthy for sensitive groups of people. According to Ohio EPA, there are 49 ozone monitors operating statewide that contribute data to Ohio EPA’s ambient air monitoring network. Seven of those are in the central Ohio area.

Central Ohioans can sign-up online to receive Air Quality Alert notifications delivered straight to their inbox by visiting http://airquality.morpc.org and clicking on the EnviroFlash logo. They can also call MORPC’s toll-free air quality hotline at 1-888-666-1009 to listen to the latest forecast to help plan their days accordingly to reduce exposure to air pollution.
Chuck Stuckey and his wife, Marilyn, chose to make a gift of $400,000 to establish the Charles R. and Marilyn Y. Stuckey OU-L Scholarship for Engineering, Computer Science and Natural Sciences students on the Ohio University Lancaster campus.

Stuckey and his wife are originally from Lancaster. Chuck attended Ohio University’s Lancaster Campus while working full-time for the Anchor Hocking Glass Corporation. He later commuted to Athens while working part-time jobs to finish his degree.

“The main reason we established the scholarship is having spent two and a half years attending the branch, while working full-time, we knew how critical the branch was to me in attending college when you don’t have the funds to attend full-time,” said Chuck Stuckey. “It was one of the biggest things that enabled me to earn a college degree and helped to launch my career... having the branch opportunity.”

Stuckey earned his bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering in 1966, was chairman, president and CEO of RSA Security Inc., until 2003 and was director on the board until 2006 when RSA was acquired by EMC Corp. RSA is a leading supplier of technology and products for user authentication and for securing transactions on the internet.

“I feel it is important to give back by enabling students, who have the desire and ability, but not the resources, to continue their education after graduating high school by having the opportunity to attend the Lancaster branch,” said Stuckey.

Students from Lancaster High School or William Fisher Catholic High School are given preference to be awarded the scholarships available to any student in the county. The selected students must also have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.4 and plan to study engineering, computer science or natural sciences.

This year’s recipients are Zachary Jardine and Kameron Starr, both of Lancaster.

Both of Starr’s parents graduated from Ohio University and Kameron is happy to follow in their footsteps.

“It was a major honor. I was kind of in shock at first,” said Starr. “I was wondering how we were going to pay for it.”

Jardine also will graduate from Lancaster High School this year and has been completing high school requirements, such as calculus, as part of the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options program at Ohio University Lancaster. Jardine is thrilled to be able to stay in his hometown while working on his degree in mechanical engineering.

“It was a great relief knowing that I’m going to have help paying for my college,” said Jardine. “It’s closer to home. That way, with my job and everything, I don’t have to travel back and forth all the time.”

Stuckey said his scholarship is not just for those students who excel in the classroom. He wants those who are hardworking and dedicated to also have the opportunity to benefit from the scholarship.

“My hope would be that it’s not just the top performing students that get the scholarships, but also the students who have potential,” said Stuckey. “A lot of the people who are successful, and I put myself in this category, were not the top-performing students in high school.”

Both Jardine and Starr plan to start on the Lancaster campus in the fall.

4-H alumni and volunteers will host the third annual 4-H Legacy Dinner to raise funds for the Fairfield County 4-H Endowment. The event will be the evening of Thursday, June 7, 2011, at the home of Dr. Steve and Patty DeBruin in Millersport. The event is open to anyone who shares an interest in supporting the future leaders of our community through 4-H.

4-H alumni, volunteers, sponsors and active 4-Hers will enjoy a candlelit evening on the farm, with dinner made from Ohio agricultural products. The event will feature a live and silent auction.

A wine and cheese reception will kick-off the evening at 5:30, featuring the Ohio Grape Industries Committee serving Ohio wines and grape juices. Dinner and the program will begin at 6:45. Tickets are $40 per person or $300 for a reserved table of 8. Sponsorships are available at Platinum ($1,000), Gold ($500) and Silver ($250) levels.

The Fairfield County 4-H Endowment provides funding for education, incentives, training and personal development programs for 4-H members and volunteers throughout the county. All gifts to the Fairfield County 4-H Endowment are permanently invested, and the interest from the endowment is used for new and ongoing educational efforts of the Fairfield County 4-H program.

For tickets, sponsorship opportunities or to donate an item to the auction to help the Fairfield County 4-H Endowment fund, contact Kristin Reese at 614-582-3208. More information about the Fairfield County 4-H click here.
The former Wilson Graphic Arts property located at 284 Cedar Hill Road near Pierce Avenue is available. The original part of the building was constructed in 1959 and has offices and production rooms. The warehouse addition of the building was built in 1991.

There are three overhead doors and one dock leveler plus 3-phase electric. The zoning is heavy industrial and permits manufacturing, warehousing, automotive and service industries. For more details and showings contact Jeff Sauer at Anderson & Co. Realtors, LLC at 740-503-2126.

**Listed Sale Price**
- $295,000

**Warehouse**
- 1920 SF

**Office & Production**
- 5736 SF

**Farmer’s Auction Begins May 4**

Imagine biting into a piece of fresh fruit that was picked just hours before from a local farm. That’s the idea behind the Bremen Farmers Auction, which will open at noon on Friday May 4. The auction site is located at 1511 Mount Zwingli Road.

“This will be like any other auction,” sales manager David Bailey said. "It is for anyone who wants good, fresh, wholesome produce."

The auction will be open every Friday in May. Starting in June, it will be open at noon on Tuesdays and Fridays through October. Mr. Bailey can be contacted at 740.746.9674.

In addition to fruits and vegetables picked from Fairfield and surrounding counties, hay sales will take place on the first Friday of the month. Hanging plants and flower bedding plants also will be available.

Virtually anything will be for sale, from an individual head of lettuce to a bushel or more of produce. “Restaurants and grocery stores throughout Central Ohio can come and buy produce for their business and someone needing produce for the evening meal will be able to find something,” Bailey said.

“The Farm Auction is a great resource for local retailers to connect to local foods and obtain those items in sizable quantities to meet the needs of their customers,” says Shane Farnsworth, Fairfield County Economic Development Director. “The local food movement continues to grow in our area and this operation will only strengthen those efforts.”

Residents eating local produce will know the difference between that bought in a grocery store, he said. “Some of the store produce is not ready to be picked and ripens in a box on the way to the store," Bailey said. "But farm-fresh fruit just melts in your mouth."

For example, store-bought strawberries might be red, but they have touches of green or white and might have a tough texture. He said that is not the case with farm-fresh strawberries, however. “There’s a very distinct difference,” Bailey said. Many, but not all, of the farmers at the auction will be from the local Amish community.

**PACC LEADS Project Benefits PCMA**

The Pickerington Chamber of Commerce offers the LEADS Class each year to provide members with an opportunity to build leadership, networking and public speaking skills. In addition to class time a final project is designed to benefit the community. Past projects have included developing by-laws for the Violet Festival and the Play-A-Palooza.

The 2012 Leads Class is developing a program to provide sustainable funding for the PCMA Food Pantry of Pickerington. The Pickerington Food Pantry recently moved to a much larger and more accessible space at 70 Cross Street, Pickerington. Although the food pantry currently has a grant from United Way to assist with the rent, there is a need for additional ongoing funding to cover the operating expenses for the facility.

The Leads class is working to create a program that allows businesses and individuals to sign up on the pantry’s website for an ongoing monthly donation. Through this program, the community’s food pantry will be assured of the funding needed to sustain its services.

The class hopes to have this donation program operational by the end of May 2012. The food pantry already has the ability to accept donations via PayPal on their website. For more information or to make a donation, go the PCMA Food Pantry of Pickerington website at www.pcmafoodpantry.com
Congressman Steve Austria (R – Beavercreek) hosted the Seventh Congressional District Art Competition, recognizing this year’s top winners. The U.S. Congressional Art Competition is a nationwide competition that each Congressional office holds in the spring. It began in 1982 to provide members of Congress the opportunity to showcase the artistic talents of their young constituents. Since the beginning of the competition over 650,000 high school students have been involved nationwide.

“I would like to thank all of our local students who participated in this year’s art competition. It is great to be able to recognize their unique and artistic work throughout our area,” Congressman Steve Austria stated. “I would also like to thank the art teachers and parents for all of their commitment, as it is very gratifying to see such amazing and outstanding talent.”

The Seventh Congressional District Art Competition gives high school students from across the eight-counties in the district the opportunity to exhibit their artwork. Each county then submitted its top four finalists to compete in the district finals in a field narrowed down to 32 students district-wide. The 32 pieces of art were judged by nine judges to determine the final four winners. The top four finalists were announced Friday, April 20th at the Ohio Glass Museum in Lancaster.

**2012 District Show Winners are:**

**1st Place District:** Samantha Slone from Tecumseh High School in Clark County.

**2nd Place District:** Makyah Snider from Sheridan High School in Perry County.

**3rd Place District:** Kyle Morgan, Miami Trace High School in Fayette County.

**4th Place District:** Haley Horsley, Greeneview High School in Greene County.

Each of the top four finalists received scholarships from both the OJ Green Memorial scholarship fund and Ohio Christian University, as well as the opportunity to have their artwork displayed in Congressman Austria’s Washington DC office. This year’s first place winner, Samantha Slone, will have her artwork, which is a self-portrait, titled “forbidden” showcased in the U.S. Capitol building for one year along with the other winning pieces of art from students across the nation.

In the past three years the local art show has grown to nearly 1000 students participating in the competition. Area businesses and volunteers work together to sponsor the event each spring.
CINEMA SATURDAY

Please join Destination Downtown Lancaster at the Gazebo in Downtown Lancaster for the first-ever Saturday Cinema! We will be showing Puss In Boots on the big screen, Saturday, May 19th. Bring your blankets, chairs and snacks.

This is a FREE community event.

Snack and drink concessions will be available. The movie will begin at dark, around 9pm.

The rain date for this event is Saturday, May 26th.

Thank you to the Saturday Cinema sponsors:
Andrew M. Connor, Orthodontist
Fairfield National Bank
Innerphase Video Productions (IVP)
Lancaster Eagle-Gazette
Ohio Christian University

“Ham & Eggs” Coming May 9-12

The Lancaster Men’s Chorus will present their Annual Ham and Eggs program to celebrate their 41st Anniversary on May 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th at 8:00pm in the Jeffrey Wagner Theatre. The Theatre is located at the Ohio University-Lancaster Campus on State Route 37 in Lancaster, Ohio.

For 41 years the Lancaster Men’s Chorus has been entertaining crowds with its hilarious antics and talented singers. The first half of the show will be based on an original script written by members of the Chorus and directed by Mark Loy.

Chorus members are featured in concert during the second half of the show. This year’s selections include songs such as “Goodnight, Sweetheart, Goodnight”, “All I need is the Girl” from the musical GYPSY, “Come Fly With Me”, and “Why We Sing” just to name a few.

As a non-profit organization, proceeds are used to provide financial support in the form of scholarships for students who are planning to continue their education in the field of music and who are residents of Fairfield County.

Tickets are only $7.00 on Wednesday and $8.00 for the balance of the shows. They may be purchased from any chorus member or by calling the State Farm Insurance office of Maureen Cefalu at 740-654-0332.

The chorus is directed by Mark Severance and is accompanied by Parry Norris. For more information please call Rick Geyer at 740-503-2956.

Tree Give-a-Way May 5

Canal Winchester city residents will have the opportunity to pick up a free tree at the city’s 13th annual free tree giveaway May 5th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. There will be 80 trees given away on a first-come first-serve basis. The event will be held rain or shine.

“We are offering a variety of trees this year including; Maple, Oak, Tulip, Bald Cypress, Fringetree, Hackberry, Kousa Dogwood, Magnolia, Dawn Redwood, American Holly, and Red Cedar. Trees are 18” to 28” in height and in containers” said Dick Miller, Canal Winchester Urban Forester.

The annual giveaway and associated programs are part of an initiative by the city’s Street Tree Advisory Board and the Department of Public Works Division of Stormwater to increase canopy coverage throughout the community. The city’s tree canopy is its first defense against storm water due to its ability to catch rain and prevent it from overflowing drains. Trees also have other well-known benefits such as preventing erosion, promoting clean air, and providing shade for residents.

Members of the Street Tree Advisory Board will be on hand to help with the loading and to answer questions about your selection.

Since its start in 2000, the giveaway has thrived thanks to enthusiastic supporters. The city aspires to increase its current canopy coverage, currently around 21 percent, to 25 percent in the future.

The giveaway is open to City of Canal Winchester residents only who must present proof of residency such as a city water bill or driver’s license to receive a tree.
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, agri-business, 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.

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 possibly 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 your banker first. The Revolving Loan Fund can only lend money in conjunction with a lending institution. RLF participation is determined by the bank’s willingness to lend money for a 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, which meets the second Wednesday of every month. 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 and call the office for a deeper understanding of the program and the process.

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.

After reviewing the questions at the right, click here to assess your business readiness. (FREE)

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

◊ Am I prepared to spend the time, money and resources needed to get my business 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 have to finance the company until I start making a profit?
CHAMBER & BUSINESS EVENTS

April 30: Small Business Forum with Congressman Austria~4:30pm~The Lodge

May 1: Company Wrench Awards Ceremony~10am-noon~4805 Scooby Lane

May 1: *Pickering House Community Open House*~282 Sells Road~4-7pm~New Features

May 2: Lancaster Café Luncheon~230 N. Columbus St~11:30~RSVP 653.8251

May 3: Ribbon Cutting~ABC Basic Medical Training Center~2217 W Fair~4:30pm

May 9: CWACC Monthly Networking Luncheon~22 Trine St~11:30am~RSVP

May 9: BACC Business Scholarship Luncheon~Noon~Johnson Park~RSVP

May 10: FMC Ribbon Cutting & Open House Vascular Lab~4:30p~1st Floor North

May 12: Downtown Lancaster Clean Up Day~8am

May 17: PACC Luncheon~150 Hereford Dr.~11:30am~RSVP

May 22: Bremen Chamber Luncheon~Historical Society~Noon~RSVP

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 4-13: *Pickerington Comm. Theater* You Can’t Take it With You~614.378.5767

May 4: Olde Pickerington Village Chocolate Hop~6-8:30pm~614.360.0899

May 4: *Geneva Hills Charity Golf Outing*~Lancaster Country Club~Details~746.8439

May 5: Lancaster Handmade Market~9am-1pm~Broad & Main

May 5: *Lancaster Pet Expo*~Fairgrounds~10am~Games & Food~FREE~681.1012

May 5: Village of Carroll *Historical Home Tour*~Bessie Benson Park~11:45~Details

May 5-6: BBBS *Bowl for Kid’s Sake*~Rule(3) 650 Windmiller Drive~Register

May 6: Lancaster Chorale *A Portrait of America*~3pm~Faith Memorial~Tickets

May 9: Understanding Dementia~6-7:30pm~FMC~Click for details and RSVP

May 11-12: Lancaster HS *Percussion Ensemble Concert*~1312 Granville Pike~8pm

May 12: Canal Winchester *Art Stroll*~4-8pm~Local Artists, Music, Wine Tasting

May 12: 4-H Open Horse Show~Fairgrounds~9am

May 24-26: OUL Theatre Presents *The Mousetrap*~Tickets~740.654.6711 x255

May 26: Antique & Folk Art Show~County Fairgrounds~9am-3pm

May 28: Bloom Township Firefighter’s Annual Fish Fry~Lithopolis~11am-6pm