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## ROCK MILL GROUNDBREAKING



Left to right: Mayor David Smith, Travis Markwood, Electrotek co-owners Duane Astraukas & John Kiaer, Mike Pettit.

forward to the chance to grow the employment base." The company currently leases a 15,000 square foot facility. The new facility will be twice that size and is designed to allow for future expansion.

"We'll be able to better meet customer demand from the new facility," said Astraukas, who added that Rock Mill Corporate Park was selected for the new facility due to growth in the general area and easy access to U.S.

Route 33. Headquartered in Canada, Phoenix Electrotek manufactures wiring harnesses and cable assemblies for a variety of industries.

Lancaster's Economic Development Director, Mike Pettit, said he's pleased to see the company stay in Lancaster. "Those 25 jobs are important in our community," said Pettit. "In 2008, the company employed 9 people so Phoenix Electrotek has enjoyed tremendous growth in a short time."

Phoenix Electrotek broke ground on May 8 for a new manufacturing facility in Lancaster's Rock Mill Corporate Park. The facility represents a new home for the company that has been located on S. Ewing Street since 2008. Construction is expected to take five months.

"This project will allow us to continue to grow in Lancaster," said Duane Astraukas, President at Phoenix Electrotek. "We're happy for the opportunity to keep 25 jobs in the community and look

### Lancaster Festival

July 18-27, 2013

Michael Bolton \*\*July 20

Crystal Bowersox \*\* July 27

More Artists

[www.lanfest.org](http://www.lanfest.org)

740.687.4808

MORPC is seeking comments on these projects from the public's perspective. Please provide additional information to set the priorities, including advantages and/or disadvantages of particular projects. MORPC will review your input and consider your comments during the prioritization.

Please send your comments in writing to the attention of Claire Jennings by letter, fax (614-233-4250), or e-mail ([cjennings@morpc.org](mailto:cjennings@morpc.org)) to arrive by May 30, 2013.

If you have questions please contact Ms. Jennings at 614-233-4150.

## MORPC SEEKS COMMENTS FOR LOCAL PROJECTS BY MAY 30

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is soliciting comments on eight projects seeking funding from the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). Major/New Projects are transportation projects that have a total project cost greater than \$12 million and "which add transportation capacity, and are critical to the mobility, economic development, and quality of life of the citizens of Ohio."

The three projects in District 5 (Fairfield County) are the US33/Carroll Interchange Improvements. The proposed project will include the replacement of an at-grade intersection at US Route 33 and Winchester Rd/High Street with an inter-

change located 2500 feet northwest of the existing intersection. This Tier 1 request is seeking \$30.5M.

I-70 Widening Project includes the widening of Interstate 70 in Fairfield and Licking Counties from the existing four lanes to six lanes. This Tier 2 project requests \$10M.

US-33/Pickerington Road improvements will replace the existing intersection of US 33 and Pickerington Road with an interchange. Service roads to service Allen Road and other at-grade access points will be evaluated to connect existing residential and commercial developments. This Tier 2 project is seeking \$1.5M.

## SUMMIT FOR SMALL BUSINESS JUNE 6

The Ohio Small Business Development Center at Columbus State Community College (SBDC) has announced speakers for its ninth annual *Ohio Growth Summit* entrepreneurship conference being held Thursday, June 6, 2013, at the Columbus State Conference Center, Columbus, Ohio. The conference will feature keynote speakers **Anthony Iannarino**, Marketing Director, B2B Sales Coach and Consultancy and **Amber MacArthur**, Entrepreneur, TV Host and Author, *Ambermac.com*, joined by a lineup of industry leaders sharing new ways to create, innovate and grow successful small businesses.

*Ohio Growth Summit 2013* will focus primarily on providing small business owners with two things: (1) specific, actionable steps that they can use immediately to increase business and revenue; (2) making sure small business owners know that they are important to the success of Ohio's economy.

Michael Bowers, District Director of the SBDC and Founder of the Ohio Growth Summit has passionately grown the conference over the past eight years to truly be a resource for Ohio's small business owners. Bowers states, "*The Ohio Growth Summit is designed to speak directly to the small business owner about how to create the business they want to create. The Ohio Growth Summit is the only event to really support the small business owner with no ulterior motivation beyond helping them win.*"

Over the past eight years, the Ohio Growth Summit entrepreneurship conference has earned a reputation for being timely, recognizing business trends and successful emerging strategies for business growth. Many attendees attribute their initial business success to the Ohio Growth Summit:

*"...through the [Ohio] Growth Summit I*

*was given these tools and they were explained. Further than that I was introduced to these relationships [with the speakers and other small business owners] where it really let me know there is a whole untapped market,"* stated Timothy Wolf Starr, of Small Business Beanstalk ([www.sbb.com](http://www.sbb.com)). "*And that's one of the many things we got out of last year's Summit.*"

This year's conference is sponsored by Telhio Credit Union and supported by AEP Ohio. For additional sponsorship opportunities contact [mowers3@csc.edu](mailto:mowers3@csc.edu) or at [twilson@csc.edu](mailto:twilson@csc.edu).

Full program details, including a link to register and a full list of the breakout sessions, can be found at [www.ohiogrowthsummit.com](http://www.ohiogrowthsummit.com).



## CONGRESSMAN STIVERS JOB FAIR JUNE 7



Congressman Steve Stivers invites all job seekers to an open Job Fair Friday June 7, 2013 from 10am to 4pm. The event will be held at Pickerington North High School,

located at 7800 Refugee Road in Pickerington, Ohio 43147.

To see a complete list of participating organizations and employers go to the [home page](#) of Fairfield County Economic Development. Directions will also be

found there.

For more information call 740.654.2654 or visit [www.stivers.house.gov](http://www.stivers.house.gov)

This is a FREE event.

## USDA OFFERS LOAN & GRANT PROGRAMS

USDA Ohio Rural Development offers several business-related loan and grant programs which could prove valuable to both rural and small-town businesses alike. Through these programs, we are committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in rural America as we look to expand economic opportunities through innovation and the promotion of sustainable agriculture.

**Business & Industry Loan Guarantee Program** - Rural Development can guarantee quality loans made by private lenders to businesses involving manufacturing, wholesale, retail, and services. Projects must involve the crea-

tion or saving of jobs. The purpose does not need to be related to agriculture. Loan purposes can include real estate, machinery & equipment, term working capital, business acquisition and debt refinancing.

Recently, this office provided an 80 percent guarantee for a loan in the amount of \$1.4 million for a sawmill acquisition. The sawmill needed equipment and processing updates the former owners were unwilling to complete. Using the Business & Industry Loan Guarantee program, the lender was able to finance the acquisition of the business by an experienced third-party operator who completed the necessary equipment updates. These updates have led to improved lumber processing, increased

sales and additional business, which in turn is increasing employment for the area's rural residents.

**Rural Energy for America Program** - The Rural Energy for America Program is intended to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy development for small, rural for-profit businesses and agricultural producers. Assistance is provided in the form of grants and loan guarantees. Renewable energy projects can include solar, wind, renewable biomass, geothermal and anaerobic digestion. Energy efficiency improvements can include improvements to lighting, windows & doors, insulation, motors, pumps and other energy improvements as recommended in an energy audit. *[continued on page 3]*

## USDA PROGRAMS [CONTINUED]

Recently, this office provided a grant in the amount of \$19,950 to the owners of an orchard to install a photovoltaic system in an effort to reduce the orchard's cost of electricity. Another project involved a grant for \$3,300 to install energy-efficient lighting and reduce operating costs for a small grocery store in rural Ohio.

Please contact Ohio's Rural Develop-

ment staff if you are aware of any opportunities in which these programs could assist. We are willing to meet with you and your staff to review these programs and provide additional examples of the assistance available. Business Program Specialist Randy Monhemius can be contacted at 614-255-2424 or via email at [randy.monhemius@oh.usda.gov](mailto:randy.monhemius@oh.usda.gov) and Debbie Rausch is available at 614-255-2425 or via email at [deborah.rausch@oh.usda.gov](mailto:deborah.rausch@oh.usda.gov).

USDA Rural Development manages a \$172 billion portfolio of loans and will administer \$20 billion in loans, loan guarantees and grants through our programs in the current fiscal year. We achieve our mission by helping rural individuals, communities and businesses obtain the financial and technical assistance needed to address their diverse and unique needs.

**By Randy Monhemius**



## RESOURCES FOR GOING GLOBAL

Upcoming U.S. Commercial Service initiatives designed to connect you to business opportunities around the world include a webinar on China's e-commerce revolution. You can register for this \$10.00 class being offered May 28 from 8-9pm. [Click Here](#)

Another webinar of interest addresses Mexico's Infrastructure Opportunities 2013-2018. [Learn more](#) about the June 27 webinar at 2pm on your computer. To register [click here](#).

Commercial News USA, the official export promotion magazine of the U.S. Depart-

ment of Commerce, offers exporters an inexpensive way to promote their products and services in 178 countries worldwide.

Commercial News USA has launched a new interactive PDF edition. The new edition is available for free at <http://cnusa.thinkglobal.us>

## CSI CONTINUES TO MAKE SENSE

The Common Sense Initiative (CSI), headed by Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor is working for business in Ohio.

CSI is based on four principles. Regulations should facilitate economic growth, not get in the way. Regulations, and the agencies that create them, should be transparent and responsive. Compliance should be as easy and inexpensive as possible. Regulations should be fair and consistently applied.

CSI is designed to operate on two fronts. One is focused on the administrative rules adopted by state agencies. Since January 1, 2012, all administrative rules that impact businesses must be submitted to the CSI office for review, along with a Business Impact Study (BIA). The BIA requires the agency to explain why the regulation is necessary, which business stakeholders were involved in developing or reviewing the regulation, and the nature or degree of the impact. The agency must show that the regulation justifies the impact to business.

The second front allows CSI to work directly with business to resolve issues that are affecting them. If you are getting nowhere on an issues that deals with state government, CSI will work with you to address your concerns.

For more information about CSI, including examples of success stories and guidance on how to participate in its rule review process please go their website at [www.governor.ohio.gov/CSI](http://www.governor.ohio.gov/CSI)

## PROTECT BUSINESS FROM FRAUD/CYBERCRIME

Small business have higher incidences of fraud, including credit card abuse. The SBA has listed some tips to add a layer of protection for your business.

Separate your personal banking and credit cards from your business accounts. This will also make it easier to track your business expenses and report deductions on your tax return. Secure your IT infrastructure. Invest in a firewall and anti-virus software as well as having a good back system in place. Use a dedicated

computer for banking. Ideally this computer won't be used for online activity such as social media, email and web surfing. Avoid mobile banking if you can.

Have a password policy and make sure you identify complex passwords that you change regularly. Educate your staff and have regular training sessions on basic security threats. Institute policies that guide employees on the proper use and handling on company confidential information, including financial data, personnel

and customer information.

Consider employee background checks. These are vital for employees who handle cash, high-value merchandise or have access to sensitive customer or financial data. Insure your business against loss from crime or fraud. Also find out what your bank is willing to do to help you out if your credit card or business account is compromised.

# FUNDING BROADBAND IN RURAL AREAS

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced new rules to better target Community Connect broadband grants to areas where they are needed the most. This announcement is one part of the Department's efforts to strengthen the rural economy.

"These rules give communities better access to the benefits that broadband service provides," Vilsack said. "The current administration is working to ensure that rural residents share in the opportunities provided by modern Internet service."

USDA Rural Development's Community Connect Grant program serves rural communities where broadband

service is least likely to be available, but where it can make a tremendous difference in the quality of life for citizens.

The changes:

- Simplify the application process by requiring a single project summary and map.
- Allow grant applicants to use a USDA web-based mapping tool to define their proposed service area. The old rules did not accommodate some of the most rural communities, which often are not Census-designated places or were not recognized by a commercial atlas.
- Give grant applicants more flexibility on the types of resources, in-kind services and monetary contributions that

can be used to meet the 15 percent matching fund requirement. Allow USDA to consider giving funding priority to projects in:

- persistent poverty counties;
- communities experiencing declining population
- the most rural areas.

USDA's Rural Utilities Service plans to publish information on Community Connect funding opportunities, including application deadlines and the amount of assistance available, in the Federal Register soon.

Information about the rules is available by [clicking here](#).



## APPLICATIONS DUE JUNE 10

The Round 6 Local Government Innovation Fund Program Loan Application is now available on the website, [http://development.ohio.gov/cs/cs\\_localgovfund.htm](http://development.ohio.gov/cs/cs_localgovfund.htm). The application form can be downloaded under 'Application Materials' on the left-hand side of the site.

Application materials should be

downloaded to the online submission site which can be found on the Local Government Innovation Fund website. Once the application is complete, use the online submission form to upload the application and supporting materials. Supporting materials should be combined into one document for submission. Applicants are required to submit both an application and the online submission form.

All applications are due to the Office of Redevelopment by 5 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 2013.

Please contact Nicole Bent in the Office of Redevelopment at [lgif@development.ohio.gov](mailto:lgif@development.ohio.gov) or 614-995-2292 with any questions.

# IS YOUR U.S. PASSPORT UP-TO-DATE

If you plan to travel outside the United States, be sure to check your passport long before your trip. Routine processing times for passport services are 4-6 weeks (expedited services take approximately 2-3 weeks).

**Renew Your Passport** - Check your passport's expiration date. If your passport expires before you plan to return to the United States, then you'll need to get a new passport before you leave the U.S.

**Apply for a Passport** - If you are eligible for a U.S. passport and plan to travel abroad, get application instruc-

tions.

**Change or Correct Your Passport** - If you need to make changes or corrections (due to a name change, for example) or add visa pages to your passport, see which forms you need to submit.

**Report Your Lost or Stolen Passport** - If your passport has been lost or stolen, report it as soon as you can. Call 1-877-487-2778 (TTY 1-888-874-7793) in the U.S., or contact the nearest [U.S. embassy](#) if you're overseas.

**Get Additional U.S. Passport Services** - Look up passport fees, get the status of

your passport application, find information about photo requirements, and more.





## OPEN ENROLLMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

High school graduation time is here and upcoming graduates are trying to figure out what comes next. Some have already been accepted to college, but are learning that the price tag is more than they can afford. Others are just discovering they want to go to college, but think they have missed the deadline to apply. Ohio University Lancaster has some good news to share with those students.

"We are an open enrollment campus," said Enrollment Manager Pat Fox.

"What that means is that we have no application deadline and accept any applicant who has completed high school or received their GED."

Ohio University Lancaster is also a more affordable option. Since it is a commuter campus, there are no room and board costs. It is also very affordable to take classes. Tuition for one year is around \$5,000.

"It's all about opportunity and access," said Lancaster Campus Admissions Representative Nate Thomas. "We are still accepting applications for Fall Semester. 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."

Students interested in attending O.U. Lancaster must pick up a paper appli-

cation 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.

"Ohio University Lancaster administrators will help guide applicants through the remaining procedures," said Thomas. "We will help them apply for financial aid, schedule placement testing and orientation. We will also arrange a one-on-one meeting with one of our student academic advisors to schedule classes."

Thomas said that many students who attend classes at Ohio University Lancaster like the smaller campus setting, as well as the personal attention they get from administrators during the application process and professors in the classroom.

"We're here to serve," said Thomas. "We are going to help you with all the procedures. It's okay if applicants are nervous and anxious because you are going to get the help you need along the way."

Fall Semester at Ohio University Lancaster begins on August 26.

### New Scholarship Announced

The Sherman Rotary Club of Lancaster has established a scholarship at Ohio University Lancaster to help non-

traditional students complete their degree. The **Sherman Rotary Club of Lancaster Scholarship for Ohio University Lancaster** will be granted to full-time, degree-seeking students in their second year at OUL. The recipient must be considered a non-traditional student.

"Many older adult students come to Ohio University Lancaster to get a degree to improve their situation and change their life," said Lancaster Campus Dean Jim Smith. "This scholarship will help remove some of the financial burden and help them achieve that goal. The Lancaster Campus is grateful to the Sherman Rotary Club for starting this scholarship."

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must also demonstrate financial need based on federal financial aid standards. Preference will be given to a student involved in the Fairfield County community as a volunteer or in a civic organization.

*Ohio University's Lancaster Campus and Pickerington Center are a critical gateway to education and opportunity for students and the community. Fourteen associate's degree and nine bachelor's degree majors are offered, along with four master's degree programs at the Pickerington Center. The Lancaster Campus has experienced tremendous progress since its founding in 1956, and continues to provide a high quality university education within a small-college setting at an affordable price.*

## PACC ATHENA AWARDS



An Ohio University Lancaster | Pickerington graduate was awarded the 2013 Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce Athena Award. Pickerington Public Library Director Suellen Goldsberry was presented with the award at the Day of Athena Leadership Development Conference held at the Ohio University Pickerington Center on Friday, May 17.

The ATHENA Leadership Award® is presented to a woman -- or a man -- who is honored for professional excellence, community service and for actively assisting women in their attainment of professional excellence and leadership skills.

Goldsberry, director of the Pickerington Public Library since February 2006, graduated from Ohio University Lancas-

ter with a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Communication in 2003. She took classes at the Lancaster Campus and Pickerington Center while working on the degree. Goldsberry went on to get a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Ohio University in 2007.

"I'm a big supporter of branch campuses. I wouldn't be where I am without them," said Goldsberry. She added "I think I would like to stress the importance of doing what you love," said Goldsberry. "You need to have a career, not just a job

## NEW FARMERS' MARKET IN PICKERINGTON

A brand new Farmers' Market debuts in Olde Pickerington Village on June 6. The event will be held each Thursday (except July 4th) from 4-7 PM, June through September, at 89 North Center Street. The location is a city of Pickerington parking lot at the corner of North Center Street and Town Square Drive – just one block north of SR 256 in Olde Pickerington Village.

"We're very excited to offer our community access to fresh local produce, home-baked breads and other goodies, as well as hand-made crafts," said Olde Pickerington Village Business Association (OPVBA) president Sandy Melillo. The OPVBA is operator of the Farmers' Market. According to Melillo, the year-long undertaking by OPVBA volunteers – with support from Violet Township and City of Pickerington officials and staff – has resulted in a variety of farmers and bakers ready to offer fresh, local food choices to Pickerington-area residents.

Since the Farmers' Market site comprises nearly two acres of land, ample parking is available for shoppers only a few steps away from the food and craft vendors. Additional questions about Market location, parking, vendors or product offered at the Olde Pickerington Farmers' Market may be directed by email to [opvba@hotmail.com](mailto:opvba@hotmail.com) or by phone to OPVBA volunteer, Maggie Arendt at 614-833-2855.

Individuals or groups interested in applying for Olde Pickerington Farmers' Market participation can find a Vendor Application form along with Market Rules and Regulations at the OPVBA's website: [www.pickeringtonvillage.com](http://www.pickeringtonvillage.com)

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## SUGAR GROVE HOSTS "OUR TOWN" RACE JUNE 29

The Our Town Committee, which represents citizens of Village of Sugar Grove and Berne Township have joined together to host the first annual "Our Town" 5k Race on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in Sugar Grove, Ohio.

The race will take place before the Village's Annual Independence Day Parade with registration opening at 7 am and the race scheduled to begin at 8 am.

"The race is a wonderful way for the community to come together and contribute to our town," said race organizer, Jolyn Pugh. "We hope to welcome friends and family who are visiting for the Independence Day celebration and wish to take part."

The race will benefit the community park, making the area an even lovelier place to live. Funds raised at the event will contribute to the upkeep of ball diamonds, the creation of a new walking path, and improvements in playground areas.

The cost of participation is \$25. All runners will receive a commemorative T-shirt in appreciation and celebration of their involvement. Current sponsors include Habitat for Humanity and Krile Communications. More sponsors are always welcome, and volunteers are needed. Those interested should contact Jolyn Pugh at 614-397-4981.

Ready to run? Register now at: <http://www.premierraces.com/viewevent.asp?eventID=802>

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## FREE WORKOUTS START JUNE 1

A committee of the 2013 Fairfield Leadership Program has recently announced it will be offering free weekly workouts this summer. The project, *FREEfit Saturdays*, strives to provide free weekly workouts to the community to supply further exercise opportunities for those who are interested in new fitness options or who do not currently have a gym membership.

"After hearing a presentation from fitTOGETHER, our committee decided that providing additional, free exercise options to the community was viable and necessary," said Jared Kehl, a FREEfit Saturdays committee member.

"Tackling the challenge of obesity in our community is something we should all be able to partner together on."

Beginning June 1, 2013 and continuing every Saturday morning in June, the workouts will be held at 9 am. at Rising Park in Lancaster. They will be led by local gyms and instructors and will vary weekly, including such workouts as Cross-Fit, zumba, boot camp or yoga.

"We are passionate about helping our community become fit," said Jimmy Barnes of TrueFIT

Athletics, one of the participating gyms. "We're thankful we're able to be a part of such a special event."

The schedule and gym facilitators include:

**June 1: D'Lean Choice Fit**

**June 8: TrueFIT Athletics**

**June 15: Focused Training Centers**

**June 22: S.W.E.T. Fitness**

**June 29: TrueFIT Athletics**

## BREMEN CHAMBER NEWS

The Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce announces the launch of its new website at [www.bremencoc.org](http://www.bremencoc.org). Designed by Crissy Divine, owner of WebChick, the new

site is divided into five main sections: Business Listing, Events, Brick N Mortar Newsletter, Contacts, and Join. The site will serve as a primary information hub for

visitors and the entire community.

[Check out this page](#) on the new site to read about the informative June 25 Chamber networking meeting on Elder Abuse. RSVP for the noon meeting.

# FAIRFIELD HERITAGE UPCOMING EVENTS

**Caring for Antiques Workshop**  
**June 1 10am-Noon**  
**Georgian Museum**  
**\$8.00 for FHA Members**  
**\$10 for Nonmembers**

Caring for your treasured antiques and family heirloom can be a challenge. In the workshop, you will explore the basics of decorative art preservation. Executive Director Andrea Brookover will explain when, and when not, to polish, wax and wash as well as how to properly store everything from furniture to glassware. Brookover will also discuss when to call a professional conservator for a serious repair job. For tickets, contact the FHA office (740-654-9923, or [email the office](#)).

**45th Tour of Homes**  
**June 22-23**  
**Noon to 5pm**  
**\$12.00 Presale**  
**\$15.00 Day of Event**  
**\$6.00 Child**

This year's Tour of Homes will feature an eclectic variety of city and country homes with a unique opportunity to visit Rockside Vineyard and Winery. The city portion of the tour can be done with a lovely short walk near the Courthouse. The country venues are all within a mile of each other and are close to the Lancaster city limits. For tickets, contact the FHA office (740-654-9923, or [email the office](#)).

**First Friday Walk-A-Bout**  
**June 7**  
**5:30-8pm**  
**All Museums are FREE**

FHA is collaborating with the Decorative Arts Center, the Ohio Glass Museum and Art and Clay on Main to present the downtown Walk-A-Bout. This free event provides a unique opportunity to participate in the arts and culture of downtown Lancaster after open hours. Each location will host a children's activity, so bring the whole family. At the Georgian Museum, visitors will enjoy a tour of the Ice House and view an exhibition of architecture projects from the Honors Art class at Thomas Ewing Junior High. The Sherman House will provide 19th century children's games on the lawn.

## ROCK MILL VIDEO PREMIERE



Guests were treated to popcorn and pop before the showing.

Volunteers and honored guests for the Fairfield County Historical Parks were the first to see the premiere of *Rock Mill: Saving an Original*, a twenty-five minute documentary short on the restoration of Rock Mill from 2007 to September 2012. The video premiered at the Wagnalls Memorial in Lithopolis, Ohio, on Friday, May 10, to an audience of over 150 people.

The Historical Parks have been documenting the mill's restoration since construction began in 2007 with the help of Lou Varga, president of Varga Communications. The project is the result of a gift to the Historical Parks from Doug and Susan Ingram,

who recognized the importance of recording Rock Mill's transformation after attending a presentation on the Historical Parks. According to Historical Parks Director, Dave Fey, "This film is a culmination of the efforts and support of those assembled at Wagnalls and so many others, all of whom understand that preserving our heritage is everyone's responsibility. With their help, we are creating an important cultural legacy for future generations."

The video was assembled from over seventeen hours of footage and will become a part of the presentations Mr. Fey gives throughout the county on behalf of the park district. The Historical Parks remains in the process of converting Rock Mill to a working grist mill and plans to continue documenting the restoration process with the intention of releasing a longer film once renovations are complete.

For additional information, contact KELLY MESSERLY  
 Phone: (740) 681-7249 ext. 5  
 Email: [admin@historicalparks.org](mailto:admin@historicalparks.org)

### Fairfield County Historical Parks Commissioners

Lori Marinacci  
 Ron Packard  
 Fred Strawser

Nick and Lori Marinacci visit with  
 Rock Mill video producer Lou  
 Varga at Wagnalls.



# LOCAL FOODS DIRECTORY COMING



The Fairfield County OSU Extension Office and the Fairfield County Local Foods Council are working together on a very exciting new marketing tool for Fairfield County farmers and food producers.

This summer, a *Fairfield County Local Foods Guide* will be developed and distributed to thousands of Fairfield County residents and tourists.

The goal of this new guide, says Mike Hogan, Fairfield County Extension Educator, is to introduce consumers to producers of food products in Fairfield County. "We're fortunate in Fairfield County to have both an abundance of consumers and an abundance of farm families who produce food

products and market them directly to consumers," says Hogan.

The guide will feature all types of food products including fruits, vegetables, meats, cheeses, honey, eggs, fruits, vegetables, baked goods, plants, and flowers. The guide will also list all community farmers markets and produce auctions in Fairfield County.

Farmers and food producers from Fairfield County can list their products in the guide free of charge. An input form to be listed in the guide is available online at <http://go.osu.edu/FoodGuide>. The input form is also available by mail by calling OSU Extension at 740.653.5419. Input forms must be received by OSU Extension no later than June 1, 2013 in order to be listed in the guide.

The *Fairfield County Local Foods Guide* will be available in print and online formats, and will be distributed throughout Fairfield County and surrounding areas through partnerships with the Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Visitors Bureaus, OSU Extension, Ohio Farm Bureau, and others.

The guide will be available to consumers free of charge beginning July 4, 2013. Copies of the guide may be obtained by calling OSU Extension at 740.653.5419.



## ENHANCING LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION



**Schultz Valley Farms**  
424 Zion Road, Lancaster, OH  
Wednesday June 19  
6pm  
Public Is Invited

• Learn more about extending the growing season of locally grown vegetables with the use of:

**Seasonal High Tunnel  
Micro-irrigation  
Raised beds**

- Direct Marketing Farm Products
- Improved Soil Health & Production with  
**Cover Crops**
- Pasture Walk  
Rotational Grazing  
Livestock Watering Options

*Program sponsored by USDA  
Natural Conservation Service and  
Fairfield Soil & Water Conserva-  
tion District.*



## LEGACY DINNER JUNE 6

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 6, 2013, at the farm of Leigh and Toni Miller in Amanda. 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 6:00, 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 \$500 for a reserved table of 8. Sponsorships are available at Platinum (\$1,000+), Gold (\$500+), Silver (\$250+) and Friend (100+).

The Fairfield County 4-H Endowment is an effort to ensure that some level of funding will be available in perpetuity for the county's 4-H program, which is among the best county 4-H programs in the world. 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.



# 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 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 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.



## LOAN FUND BALANCES

As of May 24, 2013

EDA	\$ 517,060.72
CDBG	\$ 87,456.96

## Scheduled LRC Meetings

June 12, 2013

July 10, 2013

August 14, 2013

**Loan applications should be received in the Fairfield County Economic Development office at least two weeks prior to a scheduled LRC meeting.**

**(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 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 finance the company until I start making a profit?

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## Farmer's Markets

### Baltimore

Fridays: June 7-October 11

4 to 7 pm

Basil Park

### Bremen Produce Auction

Tuesdays/Fridays

Noon

1511 Mt. Zwingli Road

### Canal Winchester

Saturdays May 18 thru Oct 19

9am-Noon

Wednesdays in July & August

5 to 7pm

36 South High Street

### Carroll

1st & 3rd Sundays

June 2 thru October 20

Noon to 3pm

Bessie Benson Park

### Lancaster

Tuesdays Apr 30 to Oct 1

3:30pm to 6:30pm

Corner Goslin Rd & E Main

Saturdays April 27 to Oct 26

8am to noon

Corner Wheeling & Memorial

### Olde Pickerington Village

Thursdays starting June 6

4-7pm

# 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

**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]

**May 29:** YPL Meeting~Minute Bar~ 5:30-7:30~[RSVP](#)

**May 30:** VA Benefits Seminar~6:30pm~Carriage Court

**May 31:** Fairfield 33 Alliance Board of Directors~9-10am~FMC Assembly Room 1

**June 6:** PACC *Lunch & Learn*~11:30am~Rooster's Pickerington~[RSVP](#)

**June 6:** SBDC *Ohio Growth Summit*~8-4pm~315 Cleveland Avenue~See pg 2

**June 7:** PACC *Women's Leadership Coalition*~8-9am~1718 Hill Road N~RSVP

**June 22:** *FORE! Baltimore Golf Tournament*~8am~[Register and Pay Online](#)

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**June 1-2:** *Lancaster Old Car Club Spring Festival*~8-4pm~Fairgrounds~740.654.9434

**May 31-June 1:** Reading ~*Cats in Hell Without Claws*~7pm~Lodge~614.402.0678

**June 1:** Lancaster Handmade Market~9am-1pm~Main & Broad~[Details](#)

**June 1:** FREE Saturday Cinema~*Wreck-It Ralph*~Dusk~Lancaster Gazebo

**June 7:** Olde Pickerington Village *PetFest*~6-8:30pm~614.833.3803

**June 7:** Pickerington *Friday Flicks*~Weekly~Sycamore Park ~Dusk~614.833.2211

**June 7:** Friday Night Bandstands Begin~Lancaster Gazebo~7pm~[Schedule](#)

**June 9:** *Pickerington Summer Concert Series* Begins~Sycamore Park~7pm~[Schedule](#)

**June 15:** Earth Angel Super Cruise-In~Fairgrounds~9am-10pm~[Details](#)

**June 16:** Lancaster Community Chorus Concert~3pm~Crossroads~2095 W Fair

**June 21:** Music & Art in the Park~Stradley Place~6-9pm~[More](#)

**June 30:** *Run For Independence 5K*~Rising Park~Registration 7:15-8:15~687.6651

To submit calendar events for this page, please email Linda Kauffman

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