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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Spring is here! I always look forward to spring for the newness and freshness it brings. Speaking of new, it is my honor and pleasure to welcome Eric Pickering to the Lucas community, as the Treasurer for Lucas Local Schools. Mr. Pickering was gracious enough to answer a few questions to help us all get to know him better.

Tell us about your background?

I grew up on a farm outside of Hayesville and have 2 older sisters and 1 older brother, Ashley, Julie, and Bryan. I graduated from Hillsdale High School in 2016 while playing football and basketball. I played football at Ashland University and graduated from AU in the winter of 2021 with my master's degree in accounting.

What experience do you have that led you to Lucas?

After graduating college, I worked at a small tax company preparing tax returns and assisting with the financials for companies that were our clients. I did this until I entertained the idea of becoming a school treasurer. Once I found out the requirements to become a school treasurer, I re-enrolled back to Ashland University and pursued my necessary internship. The majority of my internship was with Mansfield City Schools, but I also visited Ashland, Lexington, and Ontario schools to get as much exposure and experience as possible.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Outside of the office, I spend time with my family, help on the farm, play basketball, and hang out with my friends. My friends and I are sports fanatics, so if I am with my friends and there is a football or basketball game on, we are most likely watching it.

My favorite time of the year is football season because there is football that can be watched 5 of the 7 days of the week whether it is high school, college, or the NFL.

Why Lucas and what do you like about our community?

I think Lucas is a good fit for me. I came to Lucas because it is a small rural community that loves its school district and their athletics. It is a small town, and everyone knows each other and supports the students, which is what I know and like. I have only been here for a brief time, but I can already tell how much the community supports our students. They want to see students succeed in the classroom and on the field. It excites me to see the support from the community, knowing that I am now a part of that support.

Please help me give Mr. Pickering a warm Lucas welcome! We are excited to have him join our team!



Mr. Pickering

Go Cubs!

Brad Herman Superintendent

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Lucas FFA



Congratulations to this year's two state degree recipients, senior Elisabeth Rolison and junior Alaina Stone. Elisabeth has been secretary for the Lucas FFA over the last two years and has been a member for the last three. She grew up on a small farm and gained a lot of valuable experiences in agriculture because of that. In addition,

Elisabeth's main SAE project was a placement at Pinhook Meats where she got to see the process of processing animals into consumer products as well as retail sales working with customers behind the sales counter. Elisabeth plans to attend college next year at Mount Vernon for Business Management and hopes to work for the university as an Event Planner while there. Alaina has been part of the Lucas FFA program for the last three years. She has taken breeding goats and market lambs as her SAE projects. Alaina has also been President of the chapter for the past 2 years and has also been part of the Lucas parliamentary and soils teams. State Degrees are a really big achievement and there hasn't been a Lucas student to get one since 2017. Again, congratulations to both Elisabeth Rollison and Alaina Stone for their accomplishments over the past several years in FFA! They will be walking across the stage on May 5th at 5:30 at the Ohio Expo center in Columbus during the Ohio FFA State Convention.

Maddie Boyer also got a gold rating on her treasurer's book which is the highest rating you can get. Out of the 34 schools competing in our district, only about 7 got a gold rating on their treasurer's books this year. Maddie has been the FFA treasurer for the past two years in the Lucas FFA. She takes goats, lambs, and cattle to the fair. Maddie is a sophomore at Lucas high school and plans to continue serving as an officer in the FFA while doing college classes as a Junior next year. She will walk the stage on May 5th at the state convention to receive her award. Congratulations to Maddie Boyer!

Moving on, this year's Christmas Craft Show was on December 9th and 10th. The Lions Club paid a visit to our school. Taking over for the day they set up their stands against the halls for many to visit. With this heartwarming time 4 Lucas FFA students, Brevin Schaffer, Trent Gallaway, Teagan Stevens, and Emmalee Bradford decided to help and give their time to the community. They aided by helping with setting up the stands, handing out tickets for the multiple prizes to be given away at the end of the night, and helping with taking down the stands and other decorations. With all this, it turned out to be a great time with food, Santa, candy, decorations, and other Christmas fun. Special thanks to the Lions Club and the Lucas FFA students for this amazing experience!

The Lucas FFA went to Snow Trails on February 6th. We went snow tubing down a large icy hill. Students had a lot of fun and had a great time and made some great memories. Lucas went with Wynford FFA, Shelby middle school FFA, and Colonel Crawford FFA chapters. This annual tradition is a great way for Lucas students to make friends and reminisce with old friends from other FFA chapters.

February 21st through the 25th, our FFA chapter celebrated FFA week! The week where we advocate for agriculture; for example, posting pictures on social media, talking about it in class, and talking about advocating over the morning announcements! There were so many fun activities and games! Tuesday February 21st president Alaina Stone organized bingo and word searches for everyone to do. The next day our treasurer Maddie Boyer organized for everybody to eat donuts and have a donut eating competition and color. On Thursday our student advisor Brevin Schaffer and reporter Trent Gallaway organized a nerf gun war. To end off the school week our secretary Elisabeth Rollison made a word search for everyone to do. Finally, to finish FFA week our sentinel Jordan Tedrow organized pizza and bowling for everyone at Lex Lanes. There were 26 students total! Super big thank you to our FFA officers for putting together this amazing week!

The Lucas FFA Strawberry Sale just wrapped up and we sold \$7,500 this year which is \$4,000 more than the previous year. The Lucas FFA would like to thank Aaron Maglott and the Lucas Softball Team for helping to unload strawberries this year...what a great experience! Special thanks to the following students for selling the most strawberries and making this possible: Elisabeth Rollison in first place, Zac Janeczek in second place, and Jordan Tedrow in third place. In addition, we want to thank everyone else for their effort in selling strawberries, and also would like to thank the Lucas community for their help in purchasing strawberries. It was a great year and we are looking forward to setting record sales again next year.

As you can see the Lucas FFA has kept busy over the last few months. *If you would like to keep up to date and events and be able to see pictures of our students at work, please check us out on **Facebook and Instagram**.*

Upcoming Dates include:

- April 14th - Quality Assurance @ Lucas High School at 6PM
- April 20th - Blood Drive – Lucas Community Center from 2-7
- May 3-5 - State Convention
- May 13th - Lucas FFA Banquet

(RSVP with Mr. Dotson at the High School)





On March 14, 2023, Lucas High School senior, Clara Hecker and 12 other students from the region were recognized for their academic success and community service at our annual Franklin B. Walter Honors Area Scholars program at Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center. After the banquet each student read their tributes to their Positive Impact Person. Clara's Positive Impact Person was Ms. Rebecca Dangerfield, who was her former Music teacher at Lucas High School. Clara was joined by her parents Nancy Hecker and Greg Brooker, High School Principal Dr. James Metcalf, & Superintendent Brad Herman.



HIGH SCHOOL



SENIOR STAFF GAME

The Seniors vs. Staff Basketball Game returned to Lucas High School on March 15, 2023! The game was organized by the Lucas Chapter of the Ohio Scholars' Association as a fundraiser. The funds raised during the game will go toward future community service projects. The game was a fun event with 18 staff members and 15 seniors playing! The game came down to the wire, but the staff were able to pull out the victory with a score of 77-75! We hope to bring the game back as an annual tradition, so mark your calendars for next year!

The Lucas FCCLA attended a special day with the Cleveland Cavaliers! Students learned about what goes on behind the scenes during a typical game day, toured the facilities, and got to stay and enjoy the game that evening.



FCCLA students Olyvia Culler, Ady Hauger, Morgan Trumppower, & Caroline Sechrist volunteer at the New Store!

SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST

On Tuesday, March 21, 2023 our monthly Senior Citizen breakfast was held in the High School Gym. Ms. Warner's Principle of Foods class prepared a hearty breakfast for our guests. The program was provided by Mr. Radd's Eighth Grade students who displayed their Science Fair projects for the group.





CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA

Mr. Spittler and his Industrial Technology Classes participated on March 22 in the 2nd Annual Mike Cauley Cardboard Boat Regatta, sponsored by Pioneer Career and Technology Center. We were represented by several outstanding teams with Noah Kinnard, Zac Janeczek and Mason Guegold earning 2nd place honors for Most Creative.

WE HELP TWO



The Lucas FCCLA worked with WE HELP TWO this year and raised enough funds to donate \$102 to help fund clean water in Africa, donate 24 pairs of socks to The New Store, and gained \$102 to add to their account!

3rd QUARTER HONOR/MERIT ROLL

12th Grade

4.0 GPA

Clara Hecker

All A's

Josh Burtscher*
DJ Iceman*
Xena Janeczek*
Alex Milligan

Honor Roll

Isabel Alt*
Miles Brown*
Tailor Camp
Emily Daley
Emily Kleilein
Damon Mauk*
Briana Osborn*
Antonio Restelli
Andrew Smollen*

Merit Roll

Wyatt Allen*
Kennedy Ankney*
Marissa Caugherty
Hunter Church
Bobby Collins
Dustyn Estep
Adam Henk*
Ty Lehnhart*
Carter Matson*
Drew Melton
Natalie Nolen
Matthew Norfleet
Corbin Toms*
Kevin Wilburn*

11th Grade

4.0 GPA

Kyerstin Ammons*
Ash Moherman
Cole Smith

All A's

Zachary Krupa*
Brayden Spittler

Honor Roll

Jerzie Cox*
Kailyn Caugherty
Oakley Davies*
Kortney Eaton*
Emily Frey*
Aiden Green*
Isabell Iceman
Graysen Jackson*
Zachary Kever*
Alaina Stone
Marisa Traxler*

Merit Roll

Cole Fairchild*
Isabelle Hall
Cohen Krupa*
Alyssa Lush*
Alexis McCune*
Phoebe Oswald*
Connor Rice*
Alyssa Shay
Trinity Stickney*

10th Grade

4.0 GPA

Rebekah Case
Daniel Hockensmith
Raya Walter

All A's

Kylie Copeland
Amaya Howard

Honor Roll

Brandy Bond
Madison Boyer
Olivia Brown
Jillian Maglott
Addison Melton

Merit Roll

Keegan Arnold
Landen Granson
Atticus Hall
Erika Reece
Franklyn Sampsel
Chloe Sturts
Zachery Winters

9th Grade

4.0 GPA

Olyvia Culler
Kaitlyn Griffey
Reuel Lewis
Myah Midkiff

All A's

Madilynn Krupa
Margaret Restelli
Morgan Trumpower

Honor Roll

Allyson Arnold
Timothy Daley
Nicholas Diehl
Mason Guegold

Merit Roll

Gabriel Brenner
Jersee' Brightbill
Ruby Conn
Emma Hamm
Zachery Janeczek
Faith McDermott
Hannah Orourke
Hadley Williams

8th Grade

4.0 GPA

Emma Brown
Anthony Fanello
Caroline Secrist

All A's

Kaylen Copeland
Joseph Desterhaft
Xavier Hall
Lily Hamilton

Honor Roll

Leah Case
Braydon Francis
Arbor Lybarger
Arianna Ohm
Isabella Smith

Merit Roll

Addyson Boquette
Ian Culler
Cooper Day
Brady Guegold
Devin McGugin

Pioneer* | College Now & College Credit Plus grades not included.





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2022-2023

3rd QUARTER HONOR/MERIT ROLL

7th Grade

All A's

David Butterman
Eleanore Hecker
Riley Trumpower

Honor Roll

Carter Cox
Phoebe FitzSimmons
Zoe Norris
Autumn Rigney
Shiloh Walter

Merit Roll

Kenneth Amstutz
Brady Anschutz
Gunnar Crist
Grace Green
Luke Keever
Parker King
Claire Mudra



3rd QUARTER

Students of the Quarter:

Claire Mudra & David Butterman



6th Grade

All A's

Avah Carroll
Kenzie Dech
Graham Maglott
Desiree McCune
Chelsea Sweet
Ava Williams

Honor Roll

Danica Gayheart
Benjamin Hockensmith
Amanda Morris
Jacy Niswander
Bentley Rannigan
Stuart Smith
Olivia Strassell
Kale Tedrow
Madalyn Wallace

Merit Roll

Kenley Brenner
Eden Burnett
Dominic Clark
Kaitlyn Cuthbertson
Brooklynn Francis
Aubrey McGregor

3rd QUARTER

Students of the Quarter:

Ava Williams and Nick Stinehour





CAMP NUHOP

The sixth-grade class attended Outdoor School at Camp NuHop where they participated in a variety of outdoor activities including, hiking, ropes course, climbing wall, exploring the rock cycle, completing a compass challenge, and swinging on the giant swing.





BOWLING



The first graders went bowling at Lex Lanes to complete their force and motion unit. They learned that changes of position are a result of pushing or pulling, objects can be moved in various ways, and they will have to use a stronger force to move heavier objects. Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring this event!

FITZSIMMONS



Thank you to Lucas PTO for sponsoring an assembly that brought in Mr. Fitzsimmons, a local author, photographer and Lucas graduate. He shared his experience in creating his nationally recognized Curious Critter books with the elementary student body bringing a great message about writing, photography and most importantly working to achieve goals!





SCIENCE of READING

Mrs. Secrist shared a presentation with the Board of Education at their March meeting explaining the Science of Reading and the benefits it is bringing to our students.

2022-2023 HONOR/MERIT ROLL

3RD QUARTER

5th Grade

All A's

Eelyn Crist
Hunter Foss
Adam Hicks
Aleah Kochert
Elias Mauk
Owen Ramsey
Landen Youngblood

Honor Roll

Baron Anschutz
Landon Cook
Aiden Stone
Kate Trumpower
T.J. Wojciechowski
Aria Askins
Leland Hitchman
Riley Jenkins
Ariah McCormack
Mylah McKenna
Jasmin Ramey
Piper Reining
Ella Strassell

Merit Roll

McKenzie Church
Grayson Flenner
Emily Morris
Spencer Mott
Zoey Greenawalt
Peyton Crose
Halle Williams

4th Grade

All A's

Jacob Banks
Bentley Cox
Griffin Jones
Rayna Moore
Gunner Norris
Griffin Maglott
Kamryn Smith
Weston Swanger
Delaney Williams

Honor Roll

Brady Blackburn
Caleb Carnes
Cheyenne Craft
Owen Culler
Annabelle FitzSimmons
Charlotte Mudra
Mason Santmyer
Alaina Copeland
Benjamin Culler
Russell Deschner
Aubree Flenner
Branson Kimble
Natalie Phelps
Liam Riddle
Jackson Stacy
Alizae Thompson

Merit Roll

Sophia Brown
Nayara Shaulis
Maverik Warner
Mason Baughman
Sara Henk
Robert Sauder



Lets Go Cubs!

ATHLETICS

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lucas girls' basketball team finished out their season with a sectional semi-final victory over Plymouth. The young Lady Cubs would fall in the sectional championship to South Central but had a great season as they finished at 10-14. They went 6-4 in the MBC which was good enough for 3rd place and will only lose 1 Senior as they look to continue to build for the future. The lone graduating senior will certainly be missed, Shelby Grover finished out her illustrious basketball career as one of the best to ever put on a Lucas uniform.



BOYS BASKETBALL

The Lucas boys' basketball team had another great season as they finish the season at 21-5. The Cubs managed to make it to the district championship game again for the 3 time in 4 years but came up short as they would fall to Colonel Crawford. It was a great season as they would go 10-0 in the MBC and win a 5th straight conference title and also pick up their 6th straight sectional title. The Senior class will finish as the winningest class in program history going 85-19 in 4 years.

WRESTLING

The Lucas Wrestling team had a great winter as well as they sent 2 wrestlers to the district meet at Rossford High School. Sophomore Rayden Caudill and Senior Damon Mauk both were able to pick up victories at the district meet but were unable to advance to State. Caudill was able to pick up some great experience for the future and Damon finished out his career with a great senior season. Under 1st year head coach Anthony Brooks the wrestling team had a great season and will look to continue to build for the future.

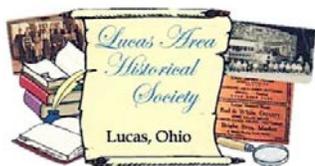


Happy Spring!

LUCAS AREA FOOD PANTRY

We are happy that Meijer is once again including us in their "Simply Give" program. It will run from April 2 until July 1. There will be donation cards at the beginning of the check out lines. You give a \$10 or more donation and it will come back to the pantry. On Saturday June 17, for every \$10 given, Meijer will return \$30 to the pantry. This is a very helpful way to keep the shelves stocked. We will soon have a new freezer door for our walk-in freezer. A special thank you to Firelands Electric for giving us a large grant to make this possible. Thank you for everyone who puts their change in the containers, which are found at Pinhook, the Marathon Station and Open Door. The pantry is funded by donations, which can be sent to [252 West Main Street, Lucas 44843](#). Thank you everyone for your support!

-Janet McGugin, Director



The Lucas Area Historical Society needs your help during our Rich History Weekend on Saturday, May 6th from noon until 4 p.m. at the Lucas Community Center. We are working to compiling a history of Lucas and Monroe Township and would like to use this event to begin a "Living Museum". We wish to record stories about your memories of your "school days," notable ancestors who helped to shape our community or special

events that occurred in Lucas during your life. We are continuing our collection of military service personnel from the area. If you or someone in your family served our country during peace time or war, please submit the veteran's name, branch and time of service, rank, where he/she served and a photo, if possible, in uniform, to the Lucas Area Historical Society, 2483 Moffett Road, Lucas, OH 44843. Include your contact information. Your photos can be copied and returned if desired. The Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. usually at the Lucas Community Center. We welcome all, young and older, who are Louis Bromfield, WWI interested in helping us to conserve our area's history.



Lucas Lions

Something new happened in the world of Lucas Lions. In the middle of March, the Ohio Lions District 13 OH2, of which Lucas is a part, held its convention in Mansfield for the first time in a long time or maybe ever. At this event, Lucas was the host for the Roaring Lions Raffle, and we got to meet many fellow members from the area, and we also made many folks happy with some very impressive winnings.

Then came April 1st. A really big day for us which started with a successful Easter Egg Hunt outside on the elementary school playground. The Easter Bunny left a huge number of eggs to be found by happy kids who came away with a bunch of goodies but also some cold hard cash.

And that same day later in the afternoon at the LCC came the club's first attempt at Co-Ed Bingo. Yummy food centered around the baked potato bar with all the fixings followed by two hours of a raucous bingo game. Many players went away with great prizes collected for their amazement and enjoyment. This was an alternative to the Prairie Peddler fundraiser which Lions has done for years. Keep listening to our announcements. Bingo may be here to stay.

Our next big community event is May 18 back at the LCC beginning at 6:30 PM. We are very grateful to have been chosen as the next town hall location for Joe Trolian's presentation on improving mental health for our community. He is the Director of the Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Board and has brought his message to other locations throughout our county. His approach is directed toward the family unit as well as the community as a whole. Who does not need to hear his message? Come and bring your family or neighbors or both. See you there!

And then plan on our annual Duck Race at the park in August. The celebration will be extra special this summer since we will be celebrating 70 years of Lions in the Lucas community. Plan to celebrate with us.

And in the meantime, have you seen and sat on the new Trex bench made from recycled plastic film? It was donated to the community center, and you need to enjoy it. Keep that plastic coming! Collection containers are here and there around town. Great project that costs nothing but time and thoughtfulness.

Thank you all!





LifeWise Academy Lucas is a Release Time Religious Instruction program that allows students to attend off-site, non-denominational, Bible-based classes with an emphasis on character education. Starting the second semester, LifeWise Academy welcomed over 30 new students. Enrollment jumped from 60+ students to 92 students! With so many new students, we needed a bigger space. LifeWise Academy is now busing the students to Grace Bible Church. Students attending LifeWise Academy have learned about determination, forgiveness, compassion, reliability, and contentment through Bible stories about Jacob and Moses. They have also sang songs, played games, and memorized verses.

LifeWise Academy would not be possible without our teachers and volunteers. Mrs. Renee McFadden (K-1), Mrs. Kim Hershner (2-3), and Mrs. Georgie Hess (4-5) create interesting lessons and activities for the students. Our volunteers are very helpful in many ways too-including riding the bus to bring the students, helping with memorizing the verses, working with small groups with prayer journals and activities. Our Volunteers are Mrs. Nancy Banks, Mrs. Sallie Barley, Mrs. Kathy Culler, Mrs. Terri Dewitt, Mrs. Tiffany Foss, Mrs. Tami Griffey, Mrs., Margaret Martin, Mr. Bill McFarland, Mrs. Marilyn McFarland, Mrs. Dee Nezrick, Mrs. Jeanne Nicol, and Mrs. Brenda Welsh. Thank you for your support and service to LifeWise Academy Lucas!

If you have any questions about LifeWise Academy Lucas, scan the QR code to get to our website or go to lifewise.org/lucasoH.



POSTAL CUSTOMER

SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST

DATES TO REMEMBER:
MAY 16 – CAFETERIA – 9AM

Lucas Community Garage Sale

JULY 13 – JULY 15
9AM – 5PM

WHERE: Lucas Community Center back parking lot

\$10 a space or \$20 for all 3 days. – Please bring your own table

To save a space stop by or call the Lucas Community Center | 567-483-0001



May 4th National Day of Prayer

7:00 am - 5:00 pm Come pray in Hanley hall;

Taco Bar 5:00 - 7:00 pm

FREE (donations accepted);

Program 7:00 - 8:00 pm ALL ARE WELCOME!

Summertime Kids Program

June 6 - July 27 – Every Tuesday & Thursday

Ages 5-12. FREE exercise, games and snacks!

Instructors from the YMCA. Call 567-483-0001 to register.

September 2nd 10th Annual

Car, Bike and Truck Show – 11am – 4pm

Door prizes, 50/50, DJ. – \$10.00

Lucas High School Alumni & Community Event

6-10 pm. – Live Band, Food; Silent Auction all day.

Call Dave 419-571-1264 to register

6th Annual LCC 5K Donut Dash

Sunday, September 3rd at 1:00 pm.

Early registration \$20.00 if signed up by Sept 1st.

Deadline for guaranteed T-shirt is August 27th.

Register online: www.ohioraceday.com

Country Music Jam 2nd & 4th – Tuesday

Every month in Hanley Hall 1 - 3 pm FREE

YMCA Exercise – FREE with Amy Moore from

the YMCA. Strength and Endurance on Tuesday

& Thursday 9:30 - 10:30 am and Core Floor

Exercises on Friday 9:30 - 10:15 am bring a mat

on Friday.

Lions Club 1st and 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm

LAMA 1st Wednesday 8:00 am

(Jan, Mar, May, Sept, Nov)

Community Chapel 4th Thursday 7:00 pm

Cards every Monday 6:30 - 8:30 pm in Gathering Room

Food Pantry May 13, 27; June 10, 24;

July 8, 22; Aug. 12, 26; Sept. 9, 23

Line Dancing every Wednesday 7:00 - 8:30 pm FREE (Donations accepted)

Remember to use AmazonSmile for your online purchases and mark the Lucas Community Center for your charity donation! Thank you!! We appreciate all the ways you support us.

STAY UP
TO DATE

Visit lucascubs.org to get the latest information on Lucas Local Schools.

LOOKING AHEAD

MAY

10 Teacher In-Service – NO SCHOOL

16 Sr. Citizens Breakfast/Cafeteria 9 a.m.

Board of Ed Meeting/MS Library 6 p.m.

29 Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL

JUNE

1 Last Day of School!!

4 Class of 2023 – Commencement 2 p.m.

20 Board of Ed Meeting/MS Library 6 p.m.

JULY

18 Board of Ed Meeting/MS Library 6 p.m.

AUGUST

15 Board of Ed Meeting/MS Library 6 p.m.



Have something you want included in the next Lucas Cub Country Newsletter?

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