



# CUB COUNTRY NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to a new school year! As we are getting things started, please help me welcome our new staff members and congratulate our veteran staff members on their service milestones. I also encourage the community to stop by the stadium to see our new track in the final stages of installation. Read about these and other exciting things happening in our schools and community throughout this newsletter.

Another item of significance to discuss is the upcoming bond issue on the ballot this November 8, 2022. The purpose of this bond issue is for the construction of a new K-12 school building. The total estimated cost of the project is approximately \$38,282,336. This project would be a partnership with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC). The OFCC would provide \$8,157,336 to the overall project. The bond issue would raise the remaining \$30,125,000 over a 37-year period at 12 mills. This will be a property tax initiative and is estimated at a cost of about \$35 a month per \$100,000 of property value. Contingencies, demolition, site preparation, and other related costs have been factored into this overall project cost.

This potential project has been under consideration for a long time. In 2005, Lucas Local Schools qualified for co-funding from the OFCC to replace the high school building. OFCC's master plan solution was a new K-12 school building. After careful consideration, the school district decided not to pursue the project and did not put an issue on the ballot for voters. Instead, the district chose to maintain its existing buildings.

Moving forward to 2018, the Lucas Board of Education wanted to create a capital improvements program. Garmann Miller, a multi-service design firm, was hired to assess the district's educational facilities. As a result of their findings, an advisory committee was formed to develop a recommended approach to long-term facilities needs. The committee, made up of

primarily community volunteers, spent multiple years considering a variety of options related to facilities enhancement. The option that the board decided to pursue is partnering with OFCC to build a new K-12 school building on vacant district property.

In order to partner, the Board of Education passed resolutions to place the bond issue on the ballot this fall.

Additional information to note, our community has public utility companies sharing a large burden of the tax base. Public utility companies are responsible for over 47% of the tax collected in our community. Also, the Board of Education, in planning for this potential project for several years learned that the OFCC requires the district to collect additional funds to maintain the facility once constructed in the amount equal to .5 mills. As part of that planning, the Board of Education has saved enough money to cover the .5 mill equivalency permanent improvement maintenance requirement for this potential project. Traditionally, school districts include an extra .5 mills with the bond issue for these types of projects. In our case, the district will fund this requirement directly and has not added it to the bond issue. There is more information about this project and other district news available on our district web page under the "News" tab or directly through this link at [info.lucascubs.org](http://info.lucascubs.org). Our News page has a link for community members to "ask a question" as well.

We hope our readers enjoy this edition of the Cub Country Newsletter. We have many wonderful things happening in our schools and community. With the holidays just around the corner, I wish everyone a happy holiday season!



**Go Cubs!**

**Brad Herman** *Superintendent*

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# HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

## The 2022 school year is off to a good start.

It is always busy for FFA members during the end of summer and beginning of Spring, and this year has been no different. We would like to make sure the community knows how much we have appreciated their support this year and every year. If you would like to stay in touch with what our program is doing, we have created a website ([myffa.us](https://myffa.us)) and a Facebook and Instagram page that you are welcome to follow. The website has an updated calendar and links to our social media pages to make them easier to find.

We had many successes this year at the Richland County Fair with our members. For the Goat show on Tuesday Morning, Olyvia Culler had Reserve Champion overall Meat goat, Morgan Trumpower had 6th place Champion Meat goat, and Hadley Williams got 7th overall Meat goat. Tuesday night

Hadley Williams had 6th overall Champion Market steer. Hadley Williams also got 6th and 7th Champion in the Beef Feeder Calf show. Alaina Stone got Grand and Reserve with her Breeding goats raised on her farm. She then got 1st in her class with her market lamb. Jordan Tedrow got Supreme Champ Gelding and Champion showmanship. Madison Boyer got 4th overall Champion Market Hog. Jalana Lawhun got 4th place champion Market Rabbit. Congratulations to everyone on their successes and hard work this year.

Belleville Fair is always a great opportunity for students to get a bit more experience showing animals. This year Alaina Stone and Jordan Tedrow showed animals as Lucas FFA members. Alaina showed her lamb and Jordan showed her goat. Both members did a great job.

## THIS YEARS 2022-2023 OFFICER TEAM IS:

President - **Alanina Stone**  
 Vice President - **Logan Bright**  
 Secretary - **Elizabeth Rollison**  
 Treasurer - **Maddie Boyer**

Reporter - **Trent Galloway**  
 Student Advisor - **Brevin Shaffer**  
 Sentinel - **Grayson Putman**  
 Historian - **Jordan Tedrow**





The vegetable table for the Bellville street fair was a success again this year. We had the officers set it together here at the school while the other FFA students helped with the design. We then moved the vegetables and decorations to Belleville where our members set it up in front of the Town Hall. The Lucas FFA ended up placing second overall and we had some really unique items for display (thanks for the blue and green chicken eggs!).

County Soils was our first FFA contest for the year. It was a great day to be outside and both high school students and middle school students were able to compete and learn about the structure of the contest. We had 14 high school students compete and 8 middle school students.

We participated in a District Forestry contest and on that cool summer day we placed fourth overall with the team being led by Grayson Putman who took 7th overall individually. We took 16 highschoolers. That's the most students Lucas has ever had compete at the district forestry contest. The students were tested over tree identification, chainsaw safety and

knowledge, and timber cruising. Congratulations to the team and to everyone who participated and represented Lucas FFA!

The Lucas FFA also went to Farm Science Review in London, Ohio. We didn't get to do this last year because of the rain; but this year was perfect weather and we all had a fun time. It was a great bonding experience to learn more about our peers. There was a lot of educational things to do and farm equipment to look at. All of which was very cool to experience.

The FFA students helped work the fry stand at Heritage Days. They managed to set a daily record sale on Saturday. We want to thank the community for coming out and supporting the Lucas FFA's community service project and for helping raise so much money for the Lucas Lions Club. We also helped with the Lucas FFA Alumni's Mums Sale and sold 99 mums! The Lucas FFA fruit sale starts on October 9th and all orders need to be in by November 15th. If you would like to order find a local FFA member or call Mr.Dotsoon (419-561-1447).





## HOMECOMING COURT



**BOYS:** (Left to Right) Ty Lehnhart, Jadon Walter, Andrew Smollen, Bryce Santmyer, Zachary Krupa, Buck Arnold and Charlie Reed.  
**GIRLS:** (Left to Right) Elisabeth Rollison, Shelby Grover, Natalie Nolen, Sophia DiBartolomeo, Erika Reece and Margaret Restelli.

## We dig it, Shelby!

Senior Volleyball player Shelby Grover hit another milestone this past week as she recorded her **1000th dig**. The Lady Cubs Volleyball team has a couple more weeks left in the regular season before they gear up for Tournament time. **Congrats and way to go Shelby!!**



The newly renovated track is in its final phases! The rubber surface is complete and line painting has begun. The project will be ready for our student athletes for the spring season.

## TRACK RENOVATION



# THINK SNOW — SAVE A LOT OF DOUGH!

## Join the Lucas Ski Club\* @ Snow Trails!

**Anyone can join!** \*This is not a school-sponsored organization.

Contact Ms. Koppert at the High School for more details and to sign up.

**419-892-2338 x-21337**  
**koppert.christel@lucascubs.org**

## SAVE LOTS OF \$\$\$ OVER INDIVIDUAL PRICES

**While supplies last!**

To purchase yourself visit:

[www.snowtrails.com](http://www.snowtrails.com) > Seasonal Clubs > Buy Now

Must use **Club ID: H07CS** and **Promo Code: SCHL2223**

**ONCE-A-WEEK** | Ski once a week on the day of your choice, beginning opening day until the end of the season. The week starts on Sunday and ends on Saturday. **No restrictions.**

<b>REGULAR PRICE \$325</b>	<b>Age 6-18 SAVE 25%</b>	<b>Age 19+ SAVE 20%</b>
Ski pass (lift ticket only)	\$243.75	\$260
<b>Add-on options:</b>		
Ski/board equipment rental	+\$67.50	+\$72
Ski/board group lessons	+\$22.50	N/A

**EVERYDAY** | Ski all day every day, opening day until the end of the season.

<b>REGULAR PRICE \$425</b>	<b>ALL AGES SAVE 20%</b>
Ski pass (lift ticket only)	\$340
<b>Add-on options:</b>	
Ski/board equipment rental	+\$152

\*Any program may also purchase the pass refund option for \$25, helmet rental \$25

**This ski club is organized by Christel Koppert to get you the great group rates.**

Please **make checks payable to Christel Koppert**, or you can purchase yourself online @ [www.snowtrails.com](http://www.snowtrails.com)  
 Lucas Ski Club ID: H07CS | Promo Code: SCHL2223



## SUPREME FIELD TRIP

This year's 2022- 2023 government class took a field trip to the Ashbrook Center at Ashland University to hear a speech given by the Ohio Supreme Court justice Sharon L. Kennedy. In 2012 Justice Sharon Kennedy was elected, she now is currently running in 2022 to become chief justice of the Ohio Supreme Court. It was held in the John C Myers Convocation Center. Twelve government students attended and had a luncheon before the speech was given. All of the students were then able to take a picture and shake hands with Justice Kennedy. In 1983 the lecture center was inaugurated by President Ronald Reagan to help carry out educational purposes for the people, and to help others understand the history and freedoms of the United States.

In her speech Justice Kennedy spoke on the topic of the Rule Of Law, which was presented in honor of Constitution Day. In her speech, she talked about how the three branches of government – judicial, legislative and executive – should each have their own power and should not overuse it. Kennedy also talked about separation of powers and how it is essential to the life of the republic. She explained that the greatest founding document is the Constitution and how each branch has a role to play. The judicial branch must be committed to a set of the principles whenever the rule of law is tested. She also talked about the importance of the meaning of words in the Constitution, and the responsibility of the Court to interpret the meanings. After Justice Kennedy's speech she answered questions from the audience. Her best advice that was given to us is to never limit yourself, no matter where you come from, or your background, as years ago she would have never seen herself being where she is today. She told us to "dream big and never look back" – Alaina Stone, Junior Government student.





## WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE?

The 6th grade Family and Consumer Science class are currently learning about careers. Each student is preparing a timeline, goals, and creating a plan for getting the career of their dreams when they grow up.



# WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES!



## SCHOOL STAFF



**Ken Amstutz**

*Intervention and Special Education*



**Melissa Britenbucher**

*7th Grade | Reading, Language Arts,  
and Social Studies*



**Angel Conley**

*5th Grade | Math and Science*



**Michele Fisher**

*EMIS Coordinator*



**Rachel Gardner**

*Learning Lab and Intervention Team*



**Audrey Smith**

*District Music and Band*



**Melvin Stickney**

*Custodian*

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

On August 22, 2022, Lucas Local Schools recognized the following people for their Years of Service Milestones.



*Pictured (left to right): Kari Case (25 years), Bruce McCammon (40 years), and Nancy Hecker (30 years).*

**We thank you all for your  
years of dedication to the  
Lucas Local School District.**

### 1 YEAR

Steven Brown  
Lesa Deter  
Delos Ernsberger  
Joshua Fittro  
Patricia Lewis  
Abigail Lowe  
Samantha Moomaw  
Megan Spangler  
Shelby Stoltz  
Jordan Taylor

### 5 YEAR

Jessica Cook  
Michelle Guegold  
Bradley Herman  
Kevin Lehnhart  
Kenneth Starbuck  
Paige Young  
Michelle Zellner

### 10 YEAR

Kaitlyn Fraley  
Rebecca Kahl  
April Kleilein

### 15 YEAR

Dane Farina  
Joseph Janeczek  
Brian Sauder  
Brenda Stevens  
Maleesa Warner

### 20 YEAR

Kathy Henry  
Carissa Mahoney

### 25 YEAR

Kari Case

### 30 YEAR

Nancy Hecker

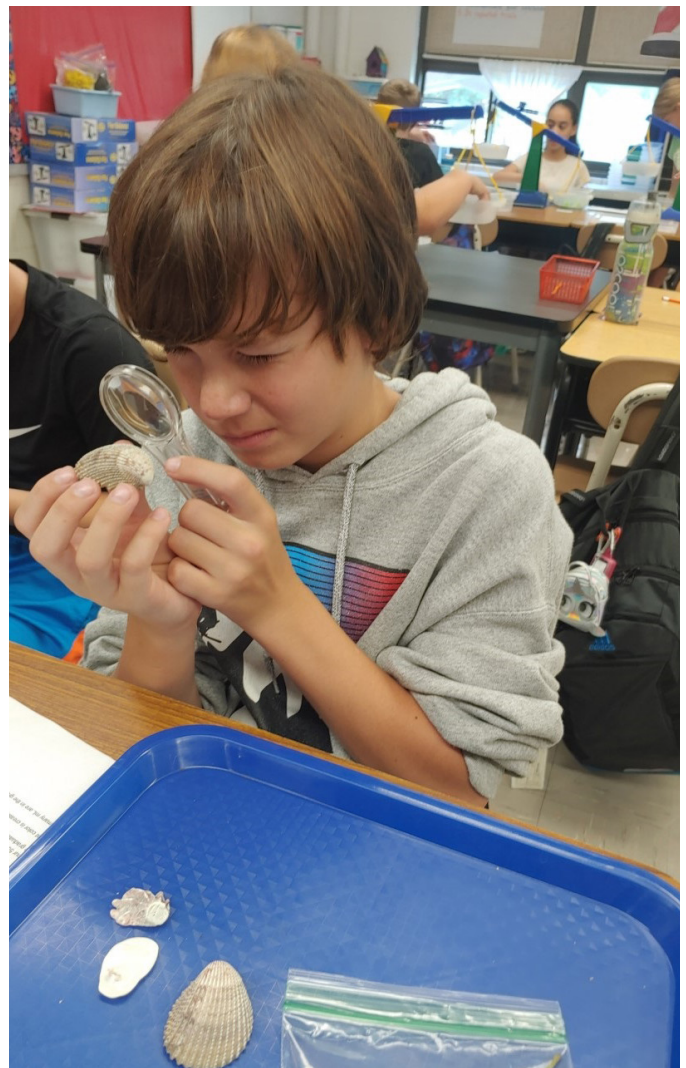
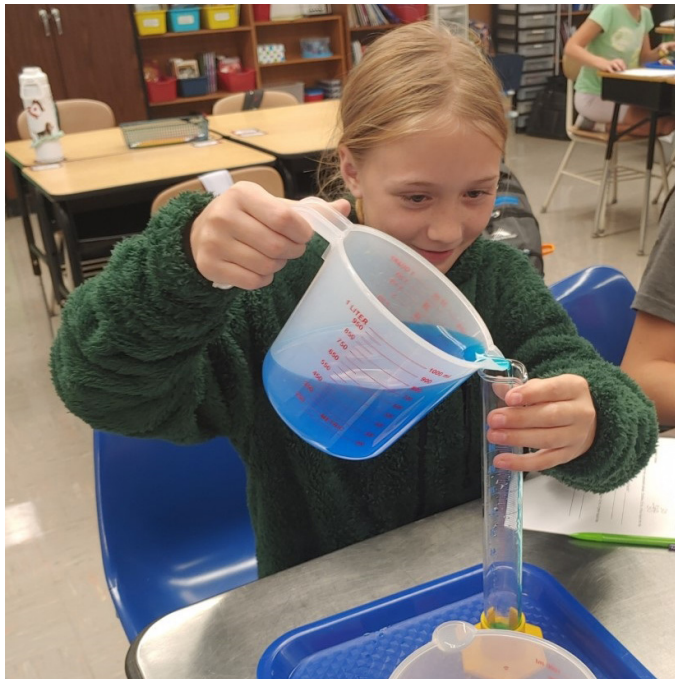
### 40 YEAR

Bruce McCammon



## SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY

During Mrs. Conley's Science class, the fifth graders explored some of the scientific tools they will be using throughout the year. They found the weight of objects in grams using the pan balances and combined milliliters of liquids with the use of graduated cylinders. The students also measured objects in inches and centimeters using measuring tapes and took a closer look at objects using magnifying glasses. What a great start to being super scientists!





# SAFETY WEEK

Lucas Kindergarten students learned about Safety around our school and at home. We reviewed ALL of our safety drills and got to meet the firefighters of the Lucas Monroe Twp Fire Department. Mr. Sauder from the bus garage talked about bus safety and our resource officer let us explore his cruiser and reviewed stranger danger. We ended our week with a visit from the school nurse who helped us understand the difference between good medicines and unsafe ones. We talked about what to do if we have an emergency and that our safety people are there to help us every day!



SERVING THE LUCAS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

# FREE *Christmas Meal*

**CHRISTMAS DAY | 11AM – 2PM**

If you are in need of food and fellowship on  
Christmas, please join us at the  
**Lucas Community Center.**

*We will be serving a traditional holiday dinner.*

**PLEASE CONTACT VICKIE AT 419-512-9969  
TO PLACE AN ORDER FOR DELIVERY.**

*Anyone qualifies for this meal.*





## LUCAS LIONS

Heritage Days at Malabar Farm, our major fund raisers, are behind us and now we move toward what we do best – provide service to our community.

You will first see our presence at the Halloween activities. There is a separate article in this publication covering that event. Look at it carefully as there are a number of changes from previous celebrations. Hopefully the changes will be more fun for more participants.

Be on the town square at 6:00 pm on the 5th of December for the Lighting of the Christmas tree. The village always finds a ginormous beautiful tree and decorates it to perfection. Plan to listen to a short service, enjoy holiday cookies and this year there is a big surprise. A mailbox specifically for "Letters for Santa" will be unveiled. After its debut it will be housed in the foyer at the post office waiting for letters from all the kids who chose to write the Man. Kids may drop their letters in the box

including a return address, no stamp required. There will be a printed reply. Guaranteed.

### AND MORE CHRISTMAS:

Craft show is in the high school gym on Saturday, December 10 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. In addition to a large number of vendors offering ideas and choices for the Holiday, there are snacks for purchase.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for interviews and photos.

And in case you want your wish list in writing, Mrs. Claus has agreed to see that your letter gets to the "Letters for Santa" mail box.

Lions is the only service organization in our community and we are most happy to "serve."



## LUCAS AREA FOOD PANTRY

The pantry is still doing a drive through for distribution of groceries. The number of families has increased over the last couple of months.

This past summer Meijer included us in their "Simply give" program, donations are given at the store and additional donations come from Meijer. They in turn give us gift cards, so that we can purchase from the store. It is helpful as we can get food items that are not available from The Cleveland food bank.

A surprise donation came from the Charles Mill Marina. They held an event and collected food for the pantry. It was a "pontoon boat full". We are very grateful for their donation.

We are thankful for the volunteers that help for each distribution. They help keep everything running smoothly.

Anyone wanting to make a donation can send it to the treasurer, Gina Gerich 1014 Chew Road, Mansfield, 44903. The pantry is completely supported by donations and grants.

*Janet MCGugin, Director*



## 2022 GRADUATES RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIPS

The following 2022 Seniors were inadvertently omitted from the Scholarship List in the Summer Newsletter:

### RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE LUCAS LIONS CLUB:

*Grant Barrett, Alexis Ohm, Patrick Bichsel*



## LUCAS LION'S CRAFT SHOW

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 10, 2022**

9am – 3pm | Lucas High School Gym

Be sure to bring your list for Santa on December 10th.

Pictures will be available this year from 10am – 2pm.

Shop for all your holiday gifts, support your local vendors!

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OH 44843

## LUCAS HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22**

TRICK OR TREAT | 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

PARADE | 3:30 PM

(Rain Date: Sunday, October 23 – Same times)

### HALLOWEEN PARADE AND COSTUME JUDGING

The parade will start at St. Paul Lutheran Church and go to the lower parking lot at the Lucas Community Center with float and costume judging after the parade. Parents are welcome to accompany their children in the parade.

**CASH PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR  
BEST COSTUMES AND OUTSTANDING FLOATS!**

Refreshments provided by the Lions Club



## GOOD JOB!

Congratulations to **Gavin Keever**  
for making the *Presidents List* at  
*Kent State University!*

Congratulations to **Jessica Grover**  
for making the *Dean's List* at *Kent State University* during the Spring  
2022 semester!

Congratulations to **Jebadiah Grover**  
for making the *Dean's List*  
at *Ashland University* during the  
Spring 2022 Semester!



### New School Levy Information Community Meetings

6:30 pm at LCC on Monday, September 26  
and Monday, October 17

### School Building Tours

Meet at the HS Main Entrance at 6:30 pm  
Monday, October 3, 10, 24, and 31

### Christmas Day Dinner FREE

Served from 11 am – 2 pm. Everyone  
is welcome! Please call Vickie  
Kirschenmann to volunteer and donate.

**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.

### Country Music Jam FREE

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 1–3 pm

**Lions Club** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 pm

**LAMA** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 8:00 am

**Community Chapel** 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7:00 pm

**Cards** every Monday 7 - 9 pm

### Food Pantry Sat. 9-11 am

Oct. 8 & 22, Nov. 19; Dec. 17, 2022  
Jan. 14 & 28, 2023

Thank you to all the volunteers at the 9th  
Annual Car Show, Silent Auction, LHS  
Alumni and Community Event with The  
Bow Band. It was a huge success!

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.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### November

- 1 & 3 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 4 Teacher Comp Day, No School
- 23-28 Thanksgiving Break, No School

### STAY UP TO DATE

Visit [lucascubs.org](http://lucascubs.org) to get the latest  
information on Lucas Local Schools.

### December

- 7 In-Service - 2 Hour Delay
- 22-31 Winter Break, No School (School resumes 1/3/2023)



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

**Contact Cub Country Newsletter**

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