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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The holidays are fast approaching! This time of year allows us to celebrate and give thanks. I want to say thank you to our great community for your support of our schools, students, and staff. Our newsletters are designed to celebrate our students and their many talents. We also like to provide information about our schools and what's happening in the community. Our school district, thanks to the vision of our board of education and community, has been exploring the possibility of building new school facilities. That work has led us to a potential bond issue to build a new K-12 school. With this exciting possibility brings many questions. I hope the information that follows in this article will answer some of those questions. I also encourage everyone to utilize the web link at the end of this article to gather even more information. This weblink is designed to help the community stay up to date with current school information and ask questions.

In 2005, Lucas Local Schools qualified for co-funding from the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) to replace the high school building. OFCC's master plan solution was a new K-12 building. After careful consideration, the school district decided not to pursue the project and did not put it on the ballot for voters. Instead, the district chose to maintain its existing buildings.

Fast forward to 2018 when the Lucas Board of Education wanted to create a capital improvements program. Garmann Miller, a multi-service design firm, was hired to examine the district's educational programs and physical facilities in detail. A committee was formed with community volunteers and school representatives to lead the discussions. It was an open process with regular board updates. A variety of options, including participating in the state-funded program mentioned above or choosing not to participate, were considered. After a thorough evaluation, participating in the state-funded program was the option recommended by the committee. This option puts over \$8 million dollars of state funding towards the construction of a new K-12 facility.

As our community considers a bond issue to build new school facilities, it is important to remember new schools are a valuable investment in our students and our community. Sometimes however, investing in the future can be overshadowed by focusing on the tax cost. As of today (considering the bond issue would be funded through property tax), we estimate the tax cost to be no more than \$28.82 per month on a \$100,000 home. However, what may get overlooked is the amount that is being paid by both the State of Ohio and the business taxpayers, mainly public utilities, in our community. Currently, the State will provide a grant (through the State program) to the Lucas

schools of over \$8,000,000. If not for this grant, residents would need to cover an extra \$8.54 per month.

Additionally, not many in the community are aware nearly 45% of the taxes are paid by public utility taxpayers in Lucas schools. If not for these public utilities and other business taxpayers, the monthly cost to individual homeowners would be nearly \$43.70 per month.

When taken together, the State grant, public utilities, and business taxpayers will pay the equivalent of \$23.52 per month towards the cost to build new school facilities.

A bond issue functions a great deal like a home loan. As many of you know, current interest rates are the lowest they have been in several decades. Considering the taxes needed to repay the bonds are partly made up of principal and partly interest, it is beneficial to both lower the principal by utilizing grants from the State, and by borrowing money when rates are at their lowest.

According to the district's financial consultant, rates are around 2.50% for 37-year bonds today. Several years ago, those same rates were at 4.50%. If we assume the district borrows \$26,891,133 for 37 years, the interest saved by borrowing today before rates go up again is nearly \$10,000,000 over 37 years.

While interest rates are unpredictable, it does appear that we will likely continue to see lower rates for the foreseeable future. Clearly interest rates are not the main reason to build new schools, but borrowing money in a time when rates are at their lowest will save the community money while investing in a much-needed asset for our children and community.

For more information related to this exciting possibility and other Lucas Local Schools information, I encourage everyone to check out the following web link: info.lucascubs.org. This web link also allows community members to ask questions and provide engaging feedback for our schools. A survey will be on this link and active from November 22 through December 10 to gather feedback on a potential new school. We encourage everyone to complete this brief survey, and we look forward to reading the responses!

We have a lot to be thankful for, and exciting opportunities for the future of our great students and this great community are on the horizon. I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season!

Brad Herman Superintendent

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WELCOME New Employees!



JORDAN TAYLOR
MS, Math/Science



PATRICIA LEWIS
HS, Math/English



NOLAN NEYER
School Resource Officer



SHELBY STOLTZ
HS, Language Arts



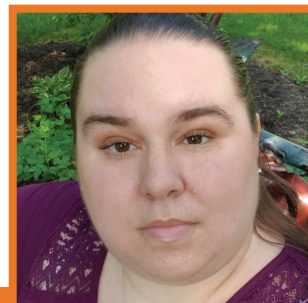
SAMANTHA MOOMAW
ES, Grade 4



MEGAN SPANGLER
District, Extended Learning



DELOS ERNSBERGER
HS, Custodian



ABIGAIL LOWE
District, Computer Science



ANN PFISTER
District, SPED/Curriculum
Consultant



Transportation News

As we approach inclement weather season of the year, I would like to give you information about some factors that go into school closing/delay decisions.

Generally, most the current weather and forecast is the most important factor in decision-making. There is communication with our local Township, while County and State routes are also checked. We communicate with other surrounding school districts, as well.

Although conditions may be fine on one end of the district, they may not be in another part of the district. In addition, not all levels (State, County, Township, and Village) of roadways may be cleared.

We try to communicate the need for closure or delay in a timely manner to the public, but please remember weather and road conditions can change rapidly.

We appreciate your support!
Mark Sauder, Transportation Supervisor

Calamity Days

In the event our schools need to be closed because of inclement weather, power outages, etc. For school closing news, tune into any of the following:

Radio Stations

WNCO 101.3 FM
WVNO 106.1 FM

TV Stations

WKYC TV 3
WEWS TV 5
WBNS TV 10
WMFD TV 68
WOIO TV 19

Online

lucascubs.org
richlandsource.com
wmanfm.com

12th Grade

4.0 GPA
 Jorja Chamberlain
 McKenzie Gerhart
 Caroline McBride
 Allison Putman
 ALL A'S
 Ryan Culler
 HONOR ROLL
 Kylie Collins
 Grace Krupa
 Nathanael Roseberry
 Anjel Snyder
 MERIT ROLL
 Zane Finley
 Derek Lowe
 Tori Sauder
 Caleb Tackett
 John Vetter
 Pioneer, College Now and College Credit Plus grades are not included.

11th Grade

4.0 GPA
 Emily Daley
 Clara Hecker
 Emily Kleilein
 Nathan Pfeiffer
 Nicholas Pfeiffer
 Jadon Walter
 HONOR ROLL
 Hunter Church
 Dustyn Estep
 Antonio Restelli
 MERIT ROLL
 Kason Antrican
 Tailor Camp
 Marissa Caugherty
 Drew Melton
 Alex Milligan
 Matthew Norfleet

10th Grade

4.0 GPA
 Karmyn Blackledge
 Colby Crawford
 Aiden Culler
 Samantha Darling
 Kendall Guegold
 Michael Howard
 Zachary Krupa
 Alexis McCune
 Gabriel Porter
 Brayden Spitler
 Logan Toms
 ALL A'S
 Brody Odson
 Alyssa Shay
 Cole Smith
 Trinity Stickney
 Kalem Warner
 HONOR ROLL
 Kailyn Caugherty
 Oakley Davies
 Zachary Diehl
 Amrei Froehner
 Aiden Green
 Isaac Hatfield
 Isabell Iceman
 Graysen Jackson
 Zachary Keever
 Alyssa Lush
 Abigail Smith
 Marisa Traxler
 MERIT ROLL
 Kyerstin Ammons
 Russell Conn
 Jerzie Cox
 Keaton Day
 Jeffery Hutchison
 Cohen Krupa

9th Grade

4.0 GPA
 Keegan Arnold
 Madison Boyer
 Rebekah Case
 Daniel Hockensmith
 Amaya Howard
 Jillian Maglott
 Raya Walter
 ALL A'S
 Kylie Copeland
 Olivia Norris
 Honor Roll
 Zoey Baker
 Gavin Bichsel
 Christian Evans
 Landen Granson
 Atticus Hall
 Addison Melton
 Erika Reece
 Jaden Shaulis
 Zachery Winters
 MERIT ROLL
 Buck Arnold
 Brandy Bond
 Olivia Brown
 Jacob Gribben
 Robert Grover
 Trynitee Mount
 William Whitesel

8th Grade

4.0 GPA
 Mason Guegold
 ALL A'S
 Nicholas Diehl
 HONOR ROLL
 Ruby Conn
 Olyvia Culler
 Jack DiBartolomeo
 Zander Gassaway
 Zachery Janeczek
 Margaret Restelli
 Jordan Tedrow
 Morgan Trumpower
 MERIT ROLL
 Jersee' Brightbill
 Tanner Green
 Noah Grey
 Brandin Jollay
 Noah Kinnard
 Madilynn Krupa
 Trenton Osborn
 Hadley Williams

Homecoming

This year's Homecoming King and Queen are William Zirzow and McKenzie Gerhart. They were announced at the football game on Sept. 24 and were crowned by our past King and Queen, Carson Hauger and Kayla Hignite from 2019. Then on Sept. 25, students boogied the night away at the Homecoming Dance, held at the Lucas Community Center.



Join the Lucas Ski Club at Snow Trails

This is non school-sponsored organization exists for anyone to join. You save over purchasing individually. **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. Your purchase is valid during holiday period Dec. 19, 2021– Jan. 3, 2022. The Spring Bonus (good for a lift ticket everyday) starts Feb. 25, 2022. Contact Ms. Koppert at the High School for more details and to sign up: **Phone: 419-892-2338 x-21337** Email: koppert.christel@lucascubs.org To purchase online, visit: www.snowtrails.com and use Group Code M10 and Promo Code CLUB2122

FFA 2021-2022

The 2021-2022 school year is off to a great start. Even though we are not done with masks we have been able to get outside, learn about agriculture, participate in contests, and all in all have a more normal year. As you will see, there have already been a lot of activities our members have participated in.

The 2021-2022 officer team:

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Alaina Stone | President |
| Jorja Chamberlain | Vice President |
| Elisabeth Rollison | Secretary |
| Brevin Shaffer | Advisor |
| Trenton Gallaway | Reporter |
| Maddie Boyer | Treasurer |
| Logan Bright | Sentinel |
| Conner Riffle | Parliamentarian |

Richland County Fair

This year at the Richland County Fair we had a record number of FFA students show at the fair between lambs and poultry. The lamb exhibitors were Alaina Stone and Madison Spohn and poultry exhibitors were Kevin Wilburn, Dustyn Estep, and Rylie Lane. There was a lot of leadership and hard work put into the fair to have a successful year. Throughout the fair week FFA members planned lunches and had a lot of fun talking and coming up with ideas for next year's fair.

Bellville Street Fair

The Bellville Street Fair was back to normal and as crowded as ever. If you made it there we hope you found time to visit the vegetable tables and got to see the work that our members put in. This year the table was designed with a rustic theme and we had over 20 different students involved in the set-up and tear-down of the table. We would like to thank all of the students who brought in fruit and vegetables, special thanks to Grayson Putman, Maddie Boyer, Logan Bright, Keara Ammons and Jordan Tedrow for bringing in the most items. And, even more importantly, the community members who also provided items for the Lucas FFA vegetable table! In addition, Alaina Stone and Madison Boyer got 1st in their animal showmanship classes.



County Soils at Malabar Farm

We traveled to Malabar Farm on September 16th 2021, where the County Soils contest was held. The Lucas FFA Ag Soils team competed against other schools including Clearfork, Plymouth, Crestview, Shelby, and Pioneer Career Center. Lucas placed 3rd out of 6 teams with Antonio Restelli placing first on the team and 5th in the contest individually. We then traveled to Crawford County on September 28th for the district soil contest. Team members consisted of Grayson Putman, Antonio Restelli, Maddie Boyer, Logan Bright, Chloe Sturts, and Alaina Stone. Our team placed 12th out of the 32 teams in the district with Grayson Putman being first on our team. We ended the day with bakers pizza for a fun experience overall.



FFA Member Meeting

On Wednesday, September 29th, officers held the first FFA member meeting. It was held outside of the high school shop with pizza and drinks provided. At this meeting, the officers got to meet and interact with the next generations of the Lucas FFA chapter. The turnout was pretty good, and everyone enjoyed being together during a nice fall evening. During the meeting the year's agenda was discussed, and we played a few Ice Breaker games to get to know each other. We broke into groups and had officers assigned to each group, with those groups also serving as our mentorship groups for the year. Now each student can feel free to get a hold of their assigned officer whenever they have questions, concerns, or suggestions on how the rest of the year should go. Our next member meeting should be some time in November.



Heritage Days

The annual Heritage Days at Malabar Farm is always a blast to go with your family and friends. It is held on the weekend of September 25-26. The Lucas FFA team and officers organize to work and manage a french fry stand at Malabar Farm Heritage Days for community service. Each student that participated on Heritage Days worked at least two hours. The money raised from the fry stand is given to the Lucas Lions Club and this year we earned a total of around \$4,000 in the two days total.



Blood Drive

We had a blood drive hosted by the American Red Cross Association at the Lucas Community Center on November 11th, 2021. We had a good turnout and donations. We are planning on having two more blood drives during the 2021-2022 school year. These dates are February 2nd and April 28th. You can get involved and donate by getting into contact with Mr. Dotson, the Lucas High School FFA Advisor, or the American Red Cross. Students can also get involved; if you're at least 16 years of age, just get a waiver and have your parent/guardian sign and figure out if you have any restrictions. We hope to see many returning and new donors show up and thank you to those of you who have already donated.

Annual FFA Fruit Sale

The Lucas FFA is holding its annual fruit sale. Along with the array of apples and citrus, we are also selling an assortment of nuts, DB Yummers BBQ sauce and Brokensword Apiaries Honey. Our apples, BBQ sauce and Honey are all Ohio Proud products produced and sold in the state. Our citrus and nuts are from the Florida Farm Bureau. Our sale started the 7th of October and ends November 17th so hurry and ask an FFA student or call into the school about ordering some of our products. Fruit pick up and/or delivery is during the week of December 1st, let your student know which you would prefer. We hope to see many orders piling in and helping our chapter this year.



7th Grade

HONOR ROLL

Anthony Fanello
Caroline Secrist

MERIT ROLL

Leah Case
Kaylen Copeland
Joseph Desterhaft
Zoie Grey
Brady Guegold
Xavier Hall
Lily Hamilton
Kylan Matson

6th Grade

ALL A'S

David Butterman
Carter Cox
Eleanore Hecker
Zoe Norris
Riley Trumpower

HONOR ROLL

Brady Anschutz
Gunnar Crist
Emma Foote
Luke Keever
Parker King
Claire Mudra
Daisy Nolen
Arya Ohm
Kayden Rose-Kline

MERIT ROLL

Brooklyn Boquette
Kaeden Carroll
Jaxon Crist
Mikayla Felix
Grace Green
Makayla Gwilliam
Kemilee Niswander
Jocelyn Ramey
Autumn Rigney
Dallas Smith
Charlize Stinehour
Brooklyn Williams

5th Grade

ALL A'S

Avah Carroll
Dominic Clark
Kenzie Dech
Danica Gayheart
Graham Maglott
Jacy Niswander
Olivia Strassell
Chelsea Sweet
Kale Tedrow
Ava Williams

HONOR ROLL

Eden Burnett
Katie Cuthbertson
Jett Evans
Zell Finley
Ben Hockensmith
Brenna Keller
Molly McGugin
Gracelynn Metcalf
Amanda Morris
Keagan Riddle
Stuart Smith

MERIT ROLL

Kenley Brenner
Aven Cooley
Owen Gueguld
Liam Hicks
Joel Kilgore
Desiree McCune
Aubrey McGregor
Alayah Mullins
Bentley Rannigan
Nick Stinehour
Aaliyah Timmer
Madalyn Wallace

4th Grade

ALL A'S

Baron Anschutz
Aria Askins
Landon Cook
Eelyn Crist
Hunter Foss
Leland Hitchman
Elias Mauk
Mylah McKenna
Jasmin Ramey
Owen Ramsey
Piper Reining
Kate Trumpower
Landen Youngblood

HONOR ROLL

Tayshawn Chapman
Ann-Marie Easterday
Emilia Eberts
Jagger Evans
Grayson Flenner
Tinley Kochert
Aleah Kochert
Mia Mills
Emily Morris
Zane Phillips
Ella Strassell
T.J. Wojciechowski

MERIT ROLL

Addison Cornell
Riley Jenkins
Spencer Mott
Avianna Santiago
Halle Williams
Alisa Wilson



Flexible Seating for Elementary Students

Mrs. Cook's class is enjoying their flexible seating. Thank you to LSSF for sponsoring this project!

Community Helpers

Kindergartners enjoy learning some of Lucas's Community Helpers.



Lucas Area Food Pantry (LAFP)

We have just finished our "Simply Give" program with Meijer. Thank you to all who donated. The final results have not yet been reported to us. It is a 13 week program during which some of the time Meijer matches and double matches donations. The pantry is then given gift cards which we use to purchase food from Meijer. It is a great program and we are grateful for being included. Our main source of purchases for the pantry come from The Greater Cleveland Food Bank. We are still doing a "drive through" distribution of groceries. We have volunteer shoppers and then the food is loaded into the cars. When Covid conditions improve, we will go back to having

MAKE YOUR DONATION

Donations can be made to the Lucas Area Food Pantry and sent to Gina Gerich, 1014 Chew Road, Mansfield, Ohio 44903 or to Lucas Area Food Pantry, 252 West Main Street, Lucas, Ohio 44843.

individuals shop for themselves. Due to Covid our numbers were down to around 60 families per pantry distribution. It is starting to increase again. There is only one distribution in November and one in December. November is usually the largest distribution of the year. If you have any questions about the pantry, you can email Janet McGugin at gmcgugin@aol.com.

Thank you to the great volunteers who help the program run smoothly!



Lucas Lions

Since the new officers have been installed with President Bill Grubaugh's leadership, a busy year has begun. In August the Community Picnic/Duck Race emerged as a "back to life" activity with a good turn-out and many happy duck watchers.

Heritage Days at Malabar Farm and the food booth at the

Prairie Peddler returned us to the fund raising activities so our service projects can be better and better. Covid was difficult for a lot of reasons.

Halloween was a good time for Trick or Treaters and all the on lookers who appreciate seeing kids having a good time. The parade came through town ending at the Community Center with costume judging and donuts and cider for the young and for the not-so-young. Great time for the small community to come together for fun.

A speaker came to one of our meetings from Akron Children's Hospital to explain the challenges of childhood cancer and its latest advances. Her presentation made us even more appreciative of the success of our own Avalon, who three years ago won her battle with neuroblastoma and is now a cancer-free happy six-year-old kindergartner.

Be aware Lions next upcoming project will be a craft show at the high school gym on Saturday, December 4. Plan to enjoy the day with Mr. and Mrs. Claus, all kinds of crafts for gifting and decorating, snacks while you shop and homemade cookies to take home. Support Local!



SAVE THE DATE NOVEMBER 30TH

The Lucas Community Center will participate in the International Day of Giving on Tuesday, Nov. 30th 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. The Richland County Foundation through Richland Gives sponsors the day to build capacity, grow philanthropy and make the community stronger. Our goal this year is to raise \$30,000 to support the growing programs offered at the community center and to maintain and improve our facility.

Donations through Richland Gives will start counting on Nov. 15th but we encourage everyone to give during the exciting Giving Tuesday event on Nov. 30th when advantageous prizes can be earned. On Nov. 30th donations processed through www.richlandgives.mightycause.com will support the competition and our hopes for a 3rd year first place finish in the small non profit category - a mighty win for our small community with the BIG heart! If you prefer to donate by cash or check your donation can be given to any LCC Board member from Nov. 15 - 30: Amity Arnold, Bill McFarland, Carrie Fanello, Brad Herman, Myrle Bechtel, Margaret Martin. Your donation

will be placed in the LCC account to be applied during the event. You can find the LCC by following the links on the LCC website: www.lucascommunitycenter.com, Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

Please show your support for our wonderful Lucas Community Center on November 30th! 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 2nd Wednesday 9:00 am

Community Chapel 2nd Thursday 7:00 pm Cards every Monday 7 - 9 pm Gathering Room Food Pantry Sat. 9-11 am Nov. 20, Dec. 18, Jan. 8 and 22, Feb. 12 and 19.

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.

**Playground is completed and open to the public - bring your kids and have fun!*



MRCPL Programs

We are excited to be offering in person programs again at MRCPL! December 3rd and 10th from 6:00-7:00pm, is Christmas at the Cabin. Registration is required. Call branch to sign up. Limited to 50 per event. Come bring the family for a holly jolly good time at Pugh Cabin! We will be spreading "Christmas cheer for all to hear" with a cozy fire, stories, songs, and a craft! We might even have a visit from someone special! Refreshments will be provided. Join us December 14th from 2:00-8:00pm for "Ginger-Bag" Houses. Registration is required. Call to sign up. Enjoy a fun twist on a cherished holiday

tradition. Drop in anytime with your family and create a "ginger-bag" house! Teens we have several after school craft programs. November 9th Star Spangled Bracelet, November 18th Pumpkin Spice, and December 7th Duct tape stocking. If you are looking for your next favorite book, or just want to talk with someone about what you are reading join us the first Thursday of every month for Bits of Books from 6:00-7:00pm. Winter Reading Program will run the month of January. Kristin Wilson, Lucas Branch Manager 419-892-2576.

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LOOKING AHEAD

NOVEMBER

- 24 - 29 No School -Thanksgiving Break
- 25 *Happy Thanksgiving!*
- 30 School Resumes

DECEMBER

- 23 - 31 No School - Christmas Break
- 25 *Merry Christmas!*

JANUARY

- 1 *Happy New Year!*
- 3 School Resumes
- 5 In-Service - 2 Hour Delay
- 17 No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

FEBRUARY

- 15 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 17 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 18 No School - Teacher Comp Day
- 21 No School - President's Day

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



Contact Cub Country Newsletter

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