

CUB COUNTRY Newsletter



PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Lucas Local School District is in the process of adding a preschool program for children ages 3-5 for the 2024-2025 school year. We are very excited about this opportunity and the benefits it will bring to our youngest learners, their families, and our school district!

There are many benefits to opening and offering preschool in our district including:

- Preschool establishes social & emotional development.
- Boosts pre-literacy skills
 - *Ultimately helping increase our K-2 Literacy Scores*
- Builds a foundation for Mathematics
- Nurtures creativity and curiosity
- Promotes Language Skills
- Develops Motor Skills
- Provides a Foundational Opportunity for Growth
 - *Sharing, Independence, Following Directions, etc.*
- Provides Structure & Prepares Children for Kindergarten
 - Introducing our "Cub Pride"(PBIS), Routines & Spaces

We look forward to serving these students in the 2024-2025 school year. Getting to know these students, while they get to know our staff, building locations, and routines will prove to be beneficial to all. While we are still in the planning phase we expect our preschool program to be 4 days a week. Classes will be "half day", with a morning session to start. If our numbers allow, we will determine if an afternoon session is feasible. To register a student, please scan the QR code. It can also be found on our district website under Elementary School or our Lucas Local Schools Facebook page.

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The Lucas FCCLA attended the Blue Jackets game!



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



The FCCLA conducted a school wide assembly and a safety fair to teach their classmates the importance of safe driving. Students invited several area community agencies to set up a booth for students to travel to and learn about the importance of safe driving as well as signing a pledge to always be safe in the car.

LUSH WINS POETRY COMPETITION

Congratulations to Alyssa Lush, a Lucas senior in the performing arts program, for winning a \$250 prize with her poem for the "Expressions of the Heart" Art and Poetry Juried Contest at OSU. The theme for the contest was "take a stand against teen dating violence." Alyssa's poem was featured in a gallery at Bromfield Library at The Ohio State University at Mansfield.





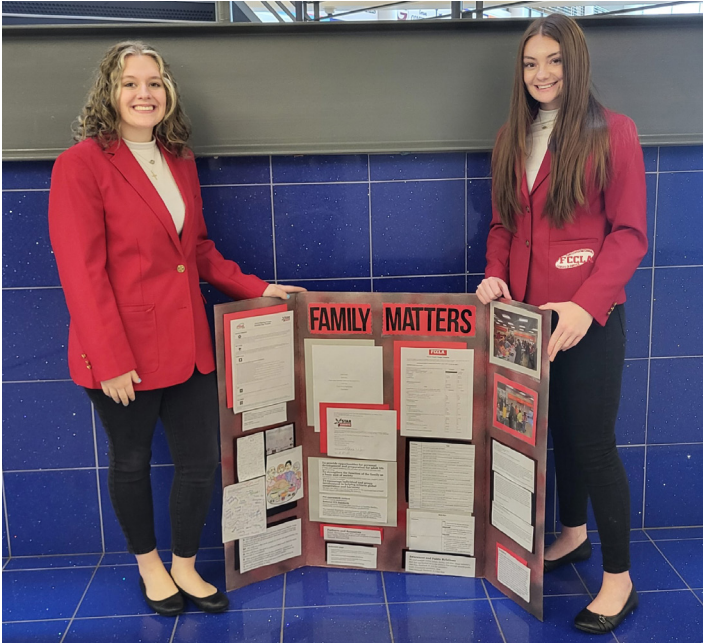
Engineering Foundations Students compete in 2024 Mike Cauley Cardboard Boat Regatta

The Lucas High School Engineering Foundations classes participated in the 2024 Mike Cauley Cardboard Boat Regatta on Wednesday March 13, 2023. Using cardboard, duct tape, and a little engineering know how to build boats capable of completing 3 laps in the pool at Colonel Crawford High School. Students from Lucas High School competed against students from Crestline, Colonel Crawford, Bucyrus, Galion and Buckeye Central High Schools. Student's engineering wonders competed for awards in four categories that included Best Engineered, Most Creative, Fastest Lap and Most Buoyant.



Noon Optimist Club

On Wednesday, March 27, 2024 the Mansfield Noon Optimist Club honored area students with a recognition awards banquet. Lucas High School Seniors Lilly Moherman, daughter of Michelle Miller and Kendell Guegold, daughter of Josh and Mindy Guegold received plaques in honor of their outstanding high school careers.



Alyssa Shay & Isabell Iceman earned a silver medal at the regional FCCLA competition!



Two of our sophomores attended the Richland County Young Leader's Institute this year. The institute is organized by the Mansfield Area Education Foundation. The program's focus is on community exploration with an enhanced career pathways curriculum and student leadership challenge activities.

(a) Maggie Restelli sharing her presentation with students from all of the Richland County schools.

(b) Lucas High school representatives Maggie Restelli & Jalana Lawhun





LUCAS FFA

The Lucas FFA will be attending the 2024 FFA State Convention May 1st through May 3rd. There will be 6 students along with 2 chaperones that will be attending the overnight trip. During the three days the Lucas FFA Chapter will be participating in various fun yet educational activities. First, students will be attending Kokosing, Hebron Fish Hatchery, and The Wilds on their way to the Ohio FFA Convention. On the second day students will tour the Ohio Statehouse and Museum, then to the Ohio Expo and State Fair Center where the FFA State Convention is held. Later that night students choose to go to Buckeye Raceway or Top Golf and have some fun. On the last day other Lucas FFA students that did not attend the overnight trip will get the opportunity to come down and meet up with the rest of the chapter. Students will be getting a tour of the Ohio Department of Agriculture and be able to explore the Expo Center. The Lucas FFA will finish their convention by watching Madison Boyer walk across the stage and get her State Degree in the Fifth Session beginning at 2:00. After that the chapter will be heading back to the school.



This year at the State Convention Maddie Boyer will be receiving her State FFA Degree. This is a huge accomplishment and takes a lot of work. She is currently a junior and attends North Central State College in their Sci-Med program. Maddie has been Treasurer of the FFA for 3 years. She shows goats and cattle at the Richland County Fair. Maddie has done a variety of SAE projects including market goats, market hogs, and dairy placement. After high school Maddie plans to attend college to further her education into becoming a veterinarian.

Lucas went to the District Ag Mechanic Skills competition at Wynford HS on March 13th. The team consisted of Brady Guegold, Alegacy Grose, Joe Culler, Grace Baker, and Ayden Kendall. These students did skills like: carburetors, micrometer reading, oils, and welding. The team placed 6th in the district. Congratulations to the team for their success and hard work.

The Lucas FFA got into the FFA spirit this year by celebrating the annual FFA Week. This year, students learned about agriculture through facts over the announcements that advocated what our program is all about. Throughout the week, students engaged in activities such as coloring, bingo, scavenger hunts, and bowling at Lex Lanes. Students were rewarded with exciting treats like candies, doughnuts, and pizza for their participation. We are all looking forward to celebrating again next year.

This year, we were presented with a challenge that the Lucas FFA Chapter has never experienced before. We had approximately 52





total flats of strawberries that had already gone bad by the time they arrived at the school. The Florida Farm Bureau did the best they could to work with us to fix this problem.

The Lucas FFA had a Blood Drive on February 20th at the Community Center. There were 19 units of blood donated. We would like to thank everyone who was able to donate and for those who have in the past since. The dates for the next blood drive is August 14th and November 6th from 2-7pm.

The Lucas FFA would like to invite our supporters to the annual Lucas FFA banquet. The banquet will be held May 11, 2024, in the Lucas Elementary Cafeteria at 6:00 in the evening. A full meal will be provided, consisting of pork, potatoes, cole slaw, buttered green beans, and a dinner roll, followed by the presentation of awards to the Lucas FFA members and guests. We hope you will join us in recognizing the achievements of our students this year; as well as allowing us to honor you, our supporters, for everything you do for us. This program would not be possible without the Lucas community.





2023-2024

HONOR/MERIT ROLL – HIGH SCHOOL



3RD QUARTER

12th Grade

4.0

Kailyn Caugherty
Aiden Green*
Lilly Moherman
Abigail Smith
Brayden Spittler

All A's

Isabell Iceman
Cohen Krupa*
Zachary Krupa*
Cole Smith
Alaina Stone

Honor Roll

Alyssa Lush*
Phoebe Oswald*
Katie Reznik*

Merit Roll

Colby Crawford*
Oakley Davies*
Kortney Eaton*
Trevor Estep*
Cole Fairchild*
Grayson Jackson
Zachary Keever*
Kyerstin Langston*
Alyssa Shay
Andrew Westfield

11th Grade

4.0

Daniel Hockensmith

All A's

Kylie Copeland*
Kaydence Payne*
Raya Walter

Honor Roll

Olivia Brown*
Olivia Norris*
William Whitesel*
Zachery Winters*

Merit Roll

Buck Arnold*
Zoey Baker*
Gavin Bichsel*
Christian Evans*
Robert Grover*
Erika Reece
Jaden Shaulis
Chloe Sturts

10th Grade

4.0

Olyvia Culler
Reuel Lewis

All A's

Allyson Arnold
Kaitlyn Griffey
Myah Midkiff
Morgan Trumpower

Honor Roll

Nicholas Diehl
Mason Guegold
Madilynn Krupa
Hannah Orourke
Margaret Restelli

Merit Roll

Emma Hamm
Jordan Tedrow
Hadley Williams

9th Grade

4.0 GPA

Emma Brown
Lily Hamilton
Caroline Secrist

All A's

Kaylen Copeland
Serenity Exline
Anthony Fanello

Honor Roll

Leah Case
Cooper Day
Joseph Desterhaft
Brady Guegold
Xavier Hall

Merit Roll

Arbor Lybarger
Arianna Ohm
Alissa Smith
Merit Roll
Grace Baker
Kylan Matson
Isabella Smith
Lillian Tackett
Amyah Youngblood

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





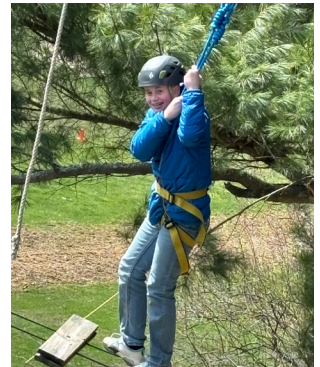
The Seniors vs. Staff Basketball Game returned to Lucas High School on March 20, 2024! The game was organized by the Lucas Chapter of the Ohio Scholars' Association as a fundraiser. The funds raised during the game will go toward future community service projects. The game was a fun event with 15 staff members and 17 seniors playing! The staff were able to pull out the victory with a score of 100-72, but all the participants had a lot of fun! We hope the community continues to support this fun annual tradition, so mark your calendars for next year!



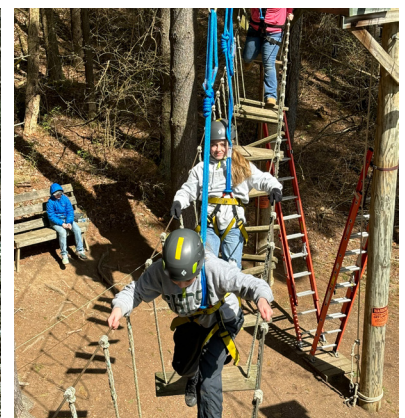


MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

OUTDOOR CAMP 2024



Lucas Middle School sixth graders attended outdoor camp from March 19-22, 2024. During their camp experience they participated in the ropes course, the panther pole, the rock-climbing wall, the giant swing, activities related to survival skills, creating hot air balloons, geology, and a day hike.





2023-2024

HONOR/MERIT ROLL – MIDDLE SCHOOL



3RD QUARTER

8th Grade

4.0

David Butterman
Eleanore Hecker
Riley Trumpower
Shiloh Walter

All A's

Kenneth Amstutz
Carter Cox
Gunnar Crist

Honor Roll

Brady Anschutz
Jocelyne Doss
Mikayla Felix
Luke Keever
Parker King
Autumn Rigney

Merit Roll

Jaxon Crist
Kennedy Fulk
Zoe Norris

7th Grade

All A's

Kenzie Dech
Graham Maglott
Olivia Strassell
Chelsea Sweet

Honor Roll

Avah Carroll
Danica Gayheart
Desiree McCune
Amanda Morris
Ava Williams

Merit Roll

Benjamin Hockensmith
Jacy Niswander C
Charles Stinehour
Kale Tedrow

6th Grade

All A's

Aria Askins
Eelyn Crist
Hunter Foss
Eli Lewis
Kate Trumpower

Honor Roll

Baron Anschutz
Landon Cook
Leland Hitchman
Riley Jenkins
Owen Ramsey
Piper Reining
Halle Williams
Theodore Wojciechowski

Merit Roll

Ann-Marie Easterday
Jace Knepper
Aleah Kochert
Tinley Kochert
Mylah McKenna
Jasmin Ramey
Aiden Stone
Ella Strassell
Landen Youngblood

STUDENT OF THE QUARTER 3RD QUARTER

7th grade

Liam Hensley and Kenzie Dech

6th grade

Eli Lewis and Ann-Marie Easterday





ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS



Kindergarten gathered together to witness and celebrate the marriage of Q and U. Miss Q promised to take Mr. U with her wherever she goes to make words such as queen, quiet, and question. Mr. U promised to follow Miss Q in the words they make together such as quiz, quick, and quilt, even though he can make his own words such as unicorn and underwear. All of the students participated in the ceremony by representing their own letter of the alphabet. Some students were bridesmaids, groomsmen, or flower girls. They finished the ceremony with having cupcakes, donuts, and punch. The class even had a little dancing at the reception. Congratulations Q and U! We can't wait to read books that have beautiful words you created!



Mrs. Secrist reads to students during Lucas Elementary School's kindergarten screening sessions held in March.





Mrs. Otero's class made simple machines to demonstrate force and motion!

OHIO LOTTERY TEACHER OF THE MONTH!



Lucas Local School District is proud to announce that Lucas Elementary's Fifth Grade math and science teacher, Mrs. Angel Conley was the recent recipient of Ohio Lottery's Teacher of the Month through their "Partner in Education" program. Mrs. Conley is a hard-working, dedicated teacher who is always looking for ways to help her students succeed in the classroom.

The "Partners in Education" program seeks the nomination of teachers from across the state looking for outstanding dedication, professionalism and work in the field of education. We are proud to have Mrs. Conley nominated and recognized. For this honor, Mrs. Conley received an assortment of Partners in Education merchandise from the Ohio Lottery along with a gift card that she plans to use toward an upcoming field trip with her students.

Congratulations Mrs. Conley!





2023-2024

HONOR/MERIT ROLL – ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



3RD QUARTER

5th Grade

All As

- Bentley Cox
- Annabelle FitzSimmons
- Branson Kimble
- Griffin Maglott
- Mason Santmyer

Honor Roll

- Jacob Banks
- Cheyenne Craft
- Owen Culler
- Russell Deschner

- Rayna Moore
- Gunner Norris
- Natalie Phleps
- Kamryn Smith
- Delaney Williams

Merit Roll

- Alaina Copeland
- Ben Culler
- Aubree Flenner
- Griffin Jones
- Charlotte Mudra
- Kimberly Partin
- Liam Riddle
- Jackson Stacy
- Weston Swanger
- Alizae Thompson
- Autumn Wallace
- Maverik Warner

4th Grade

All As

- Coopar Crist
- Kannon Dech
- Adriana Fanello
- Tucker Iceman
- Avalynn Keck
- Brantly Kochert
- Asher Lybarger
- Cheznie Reece
- Carter Ringer
- Kailyn Robinson
- Lucy Shade
- Charlie Smith
- Westyn Stewart

Honor Roll

- Lynae Blackburn
- Garrett Carroll
- Scott Jefferson
- Cruz Kachurchak
- Charleigh Payne
- Cali Sweet

Merit Roll

- Bennett Ackerman
- Melanie Adkins
- Jozie Baker
- Kaycie Cole
- Kensley Cole
- Evan Easterday
- Hope Foss
- Gauge Hamilton
- Adrienne Holland
- Mason Lantz
- Alexander Massey
- Bryson Metcalf
- Matthew Wilson





ATHLETIC UPDATES

BOYS BASKETBALL

The Lucas boy's basketball team finished with another successful season as they won their 6th straight MBC conference title and 7th straight sectional title. The Cubs went 19-6 on the season and finished with another 10-0 conference record. The team was led by seniors Logan Toms, Aidan Culler, Gabe Porter, Zack Diehl, Keaton Day, and Graysen Jackson.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lucas girl's basketball team had a season that showed a lot of growth and gained a lot of experience that should benefit them in the next few years. The team was very small in numbers and didn't have any Seniors, they learned a lot and improved a lot from start to finish. The girls will be looking to draw from their experience gained from this season as they look to become a solid team over the next few years. Although they didn't win a lot of games they showed up and battled every game and showed a lot of heart and commitment that will benefit them in the future when they have the numbers to be able to compete.

HS WRESTLING

The HS Wrestling team finished a successful season as it was a year of growth and learning. The program has been small in numbers in recent years and saw some more participation this year which is great. First year head Coach Billy Caudill did a great job, and the program will only lose one Senior to graduation. Colby Crawford had a great senior season and will be missed but the future of the wrestling program is bright.

HS CHEER

The HS Cheer program is going to be graduating some great Senior leaders that will be missed. This year's Cheer squad will lose 4 members due to graduation. We would like to thank these four for their commitment to the program and for all that they have given over the years. The winter cheer seniors are Kyerstin Langston, Kendall Guegold, Isabell Iceman, and Zach Krupa.

7TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

MBC Conference Champs!!

LIBRARY NEWS

SAVE THE DATE

Summer Reading starts June 6 at the Lucas Branch Library. We'll have family programs on Mondays from 1-6pm, performers Tuesdays at 2pm and family storytimes Thursdays at 10:30am. Watch our website for details about these programs along with adult and teen programs.





Lucas Lions

November 4 saw a very successful Mystery Bingo night at the community center. The projects from the money maker allows this service organization an opportunity to do more, serve more.

The club had a fun evening for itself at the Christmas Party. Jan Grubaugh developed an enjoyable evening with a "Make it Take it" Frosty the Snowman for the entertainment and the Cub Country LLC catered a tasty meal for all members and guests to enjoy. This is one of the few times the group does something strictly for itself. At such an event there is no use of money earned at fund raisers. This policy would not be allowed by Lions guidelines and the members would have it no other way.

And the spring scholarship awards have been given to each of the students who successfully completed the first semester of their college career. We are proud of Sydnee Blackledge, Jadon Walter and Emily Daley.

Lucas Area Food Pantry

Thank you for all the support from the community. Every volunteer and every donation is appreciated.

We are again participating with Meijer with their "Simply Give" program. Every \$10 donation will come back to our pantry. The donation cards are found by the registers. Our program starts on March 31 and runs until Saturday June 29. Meijer will double match donations made on June 15.

The Lucas Area Pantry can be found on faceBook.

The number of families that we are serving has increased so all donations are important.

Thank you.

Donations can be sent to The Lucas Area Food Pantry:

252 West Main Lucas, Ohio 44843

or to the treasurer, Gina Gerich

1014 Chew Rd. Mansfield, 44903





LifeWise Academy students ride the big red LifeWise bus to Grace Bible Church each Monday for Bible based religious education with an emphasis on character education. Currently 132 students are enrolled! Our classes wouldn't be possible without our dedicated teachers and volunteers. Our teachers, Mrs. Renee McFadden (1-2, 6-7), Mrs. Kim Hershner (K, 3-4), and Mrs. Georgie Hess (5-6) create interesting lessons and activities for the students. Our volunteers are very helpful in many ways including riding the bus to bring the students, helping with memorizing the verses, and working with small groups. Our Volunteers are Mrs. Nancy Banks, Mrs. Sallie Barley, Mrs. Audrey Cook, Mrs. Kathy Culler, Mrs. Terri Dewitt, Mrs. Tiffany Foss, Mrs. Tami Griffey, Mrs. Margaret Martin, Mr. Bill McFarland, Mrs. Marilyn McFarland, Mr. David Nicol, Mrs. Jeanne Nicol, Mrs. Pat Niswander, Pastor Eric Steward, Mrs. Joy Stone, Mrs. Robin Thompson, and Mrs. Kathy Wilkinson! Thank you for your service to the students of LifeWise Academy.



LifeWise Academy Lucas would like to expand to grades 8-12 in the future. We would like to know if there is an interest. If you are a 6th - 11th grader at Lucas would you please fill out the survey by **scanning the QR code**. Thank you!



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If you'd like to know more about LifeWise, or would like to know how you can be involved, or if you would like me to share with your business or group about LifeWise Academy, please contact me, Connie Cates at **419-565-2057** or email **conniecates@lifewise.org**.

Visit the Lucas LifeWise website at **lifewise.org/lucasoh**





The National Day of Prayer – May 2nd
5:00 - 7:30 pm FREE Taco bar and Program.
Everyone welcome!

The 5K Donut Dash – Saturday, May 18th
starting at LCC at 9:00 am – run 1.5 miles
through scenic Lucas, eat as many donuts as
you dare, then run 1.5 scenic miles back to the
LCC. Your finish time will be reduced by two
minutes for every donut you eat! **What could
go wrong?**

Registration – \$20 at www.ohioraceday.com
Last day to register with a free T-Shirt is May 11.

Lucas Community Garage Sale

June 6th, 7th and 8th – 9am-5pm

Rent a 10x12 spot at LCC for \$10 or all 3 days
for \$20. Must provide your own table.

Call 567-483-0001 and leave a message.

The 11th Annual Car Show and Silent Auction
– **Saturday, August 31st** (9-4) and Lucas
High School Alumni and Community Event
(7-10) with “The Bow Band” . Come join the
fun! The Silent Auction will end at 9:00 pm.
Cars, Trucks, Food, Music and a great time for
visiting with “old” friends.

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.. **ALL EQUIPMENT IS
WASHED AFTER EVERY CLASS!**

Lions Club – 1st and 3rd Thursday at 6pm

LAMA – 1st Wednesday 8am
(Jan, Mar, May, Sept, Nov)

Community Chapel – 4th Thursday 7pm

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

Food Pantry – Saturday 9 -11am
(April 13, 27; May 11, 25; June 8, 22, July 13,
27; August 10, 24.)

*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

MAY

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| 10 | <i>Teacher In-Service – 2 HOUR DELAY</i> | 27 | <i>Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL</i> |
| 21 | <i>May Board of Education Meeting</i> | 30 | <i>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!</i> |
| 24 | <i>Senior Awards Ceremony</i> | | <i>High School Awards Program (GRADES 8-11)</i> |
| 26 | <i>Commencement – Class of 2024</i> | 31 | <i>Teacher Work Day</i> |

JUNE

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| 3-6 | <i>Safety Town</i> | 18 | <i>June Board of Education Meeting</i> |
| 7 | <i>Safety Town Graduation</i> | | |



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

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