

LANCASTER, OHIO



Lancaster Ohio, Festival

The Lancaster Festival is a week to express yourself and to celebrate the city's culture and traditions. It started in 1984 when the Lancaster Symphony performed at the Ohio University Campus for a special night for the people of Lancaster to just have fun and listen to the music. Usually there's a famous band or singer there, last year we had the Beach Boys. There's also an "Art Walk" that exhibits the works of Lancaster and Ohio artists. Children are invited to draw paintings out of chalk on the sidewalks. Also, you can draw paintings out of paint, sometimes there's also a famous artist that paints for you. It's a very fun night and week.



Fire Works After Show



Beach Boys



Getting Ready



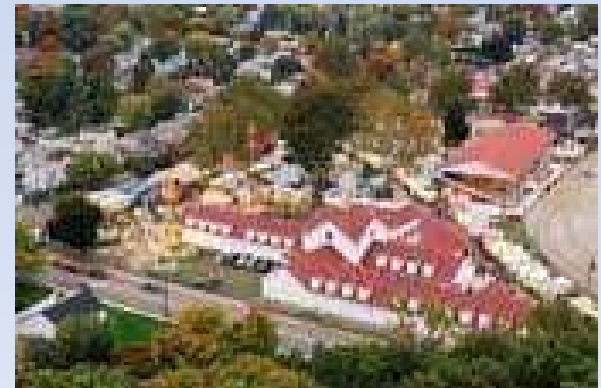
Painting with Chalk

Mt. Pleasant and the Fairfield County Fair



The Mt. Pleasant, or originally called Standing Stone, has been used as a vantage point, or as a lookout, from long ago to today. It was used by the Adena, Hopewell, and Fort Ancient Indians. They were native here long ago. They were forced to move to a different land after the Treaty of Paris in the American Revolution by the British.

The Fairfield County Fair is located at the base of Mt. Pleasant. The dates of the fair are October 7-13, 2012. This is a time when farmers can show off their work such as, animal husbandry and crops, like pumpkins. There are also amusements such as games and rides.



LOCATION:LANCASTER, OHIO

Decorative Arts Center

<http://www.decartsohio.org/>

The Decorative Arts Center is an art museum in downtown Lancaster. A decorative art is a piece of art that is a collectable and can maintain or increase value. This is a big tourist attraction. It used to be a home in 1835-1954. Then the Greek style mansion was restored into the Decorative Arts Center. There are many different types of art including paintings, wood carving, and sculpting that are in the center. You can donate art to them. Admission is free, unless you have groups of 10 or more. It is also used for weddings or other gatherings. People love to come to this awesome art center in downtown Lancaster.



Lancaster Parks



Alley Park

Alley Park is a beautiful park that contains fun, educational activities that teach people about our wonderful wildlife. Around Christmastime, Santa comes to visit. Each and every person that comes to visit receives Mrs. Claus' hot chocolate and sugar cookies!

Rising Park has a pond, a playground, and tennis courts. The tennis courts are free and are for amusement. The pond is nicely maintained and has a fountain in the middle. You can feed ducks and geese, but can't swim or ice skate. The playground is fun for little and big children. There are swings, slides and other playground equipment for kids.



Rising Park Lake

Martens Park is a softball park where they have a league and a couple of tournaments. The league is held by the L.G.S.A. (Lancaster Girls Softball Association). This organization also owns the park. This park has 4 fields.



Fountain Square is located in downtown Lancaster. It has a beautiful fountain and four other sculptures. It is also a very popular place.

ARCHITECTURE IN LANCASTER, OHIO

There are many buildings in Lancaster, OH. Here are four interesting ones with cool Architecture.



First is the Lancaster downtown Library. It is a place where people of all ages can let their imagination soar with our great books. They also have a reading program, they read to kids, and they have fun activities planned for kids. You can win prizes and have loads of fun.

Bobby Layman is a car business that sells and repairs your cars. They are remodeling their building. I have seen the map of the plan for the new building and it is pretty amazing.



River Valley Highlands is a neighborhood and it is a peaceful place. There are not bad people and the houses are beautiful. You don't need to worry about vandalism because it is a safe place.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN IS A LARGE CHURCH, AND IT HAS A CHOIR. IT ALSO HAS A YOUTH MINISTRY, AND EVERY WEDNESDAY THERE IS A DINNER. THERE IS A BOOKSTORE/ LIBRARY IN IT.



School Day

We arrive at 8:30-9:00.

9:00 School starts.

12:25 we eat lunch.

12:45-1:15 Recess

3:30. Dismissal

This is an average school day
for the elementary schools
Medill Sanderson, Tarhe,
East, South, West, Cedar
Heights, and Tallmadge.

Medill's school
menu

Appointments are Free - A donation price must be...

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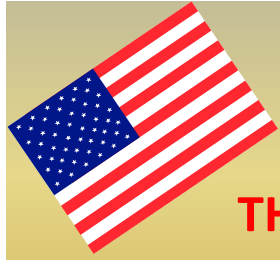
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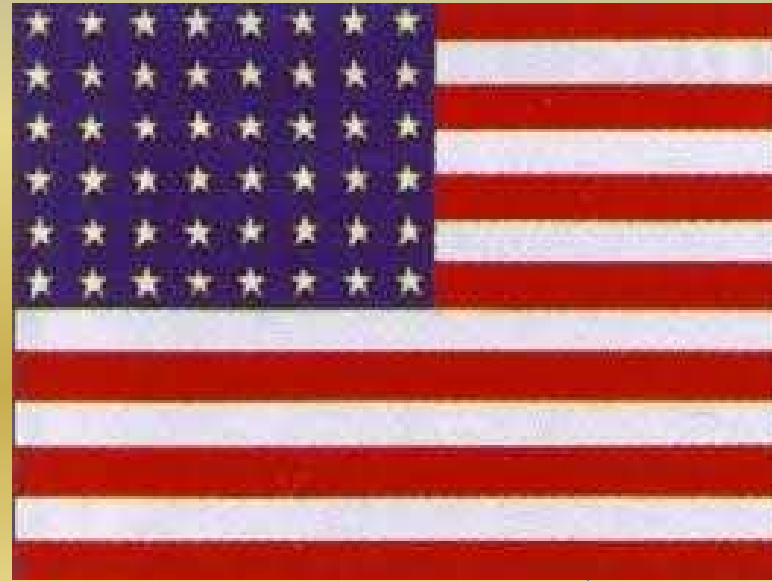


THE AMERICAN FLAG

Our first American flag only had 13 stars to represent the first 13 colonies. The official American flag now has 50 stars to represent the official 50 states of America.

The colors of the American flag are red, white, and blue. Red represents hardiness and valour, and Blue represents Vigilance, Perseverance, and Justice, and White represents Purity and Innocence.

The American flag has been changed 26 times, from the first American Flag to the current American Flag.



The current
American Flag



The first
American Flag



Designer of the 50 Star American Flag

Bob Heft,

Lancaster, Ohio

• "I never set out to design the flag of the nation.
I just wanted to keep from getting a bad grade in history." -Bob Heft, designer of the 50-star American Flag

The story of the fifty-star flag is an intriguing tidbit of American history. It begins with the impending statehood of Alaska and Hawaii. Between 1898-1912 Alaska and Hawaii both became United States territories.

Flag makers began designing forty-nine star flags anticipating the addition of a new state. Meanwhile, seventeen-year-old Bob Heft decided to create a fifty-star flag for his high school history project. Wise beyond his years, Heft already had an ongoing interest in flags and politics. He concluded that Pres. Eisenhower, who was a Republican, would want to add Hawaii shortly after the addition of Alaska, since Hawaii was predominantly Republican and Alaska Democratic.

Heft used his mother's sewing machine and a hot iron to add a new blue canton and 100 hand-cut stars (50 for each side) to the field of an old forty-eight star flag. With a yardstick he was able to place the stars in a proportional pattern. After 12 grueling hours, his flag was sewn and pressed. Heft handed the project in to his history teacher, Stanly Pratt. Pratt first asked Heft where he got his crystal ball, referring to Heft's presumption that Alaska and Hawaii would both be added to the Union. He then commented that if the design was accepted by Congress, he'd change the grade from a B minus to an A. Heft was up for the challenge. He first sent his flag to Ohio's governor, and then gave it to Congressman Walter Henry Moeller. Heft asked Moeller to store the flag until there was a need for a fifty-star flag.

In January of 1959, Alaska was admitted into the Union. July 4 of that year, the forty-nine-star flag became official, but it was short lived. By the end of August, Eisenhower signed a proclamation adding Hawaii to the Union, as Heft had predicted. Congressman Moeller brought Heft's flag to the design committee, where Eisenhower himself selected the flag to become the national emblem. On July, 4 1960, Heft and Eisenhower stood together in Washington to watch the first fifty-star flag be raised.

Since then Heft's flag has been all over the world, flying over American embassies, state capitol buildings and the White House. Turning down a \$500,000 [offer](#) from a museum, Heft decided to keep his flag, no longer putting it on display.

In 2003 The Ohio Historical Society placed a Historical Marker in front of Heft's high school. The marker says:

"The design for the fifty star flag was born here at Lancaster High School in 1958 when student Robert Heft designed it for a history class project... Heft constructed a fifty star flag from an old 48-star flag using blue cloth to replace the field and white adhesive for the stars... President Dwight D. Eisenhower made the design the official American flag in 1960. It is the only flag in American history to have flown over the White House for more than five administrations."

On July 4, 2007, the fifty-star flag will become America's longest serving flag.

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