

APRIL 2026

**FAMILY YMCA OF LANCASTER
& FAIRFIELD COUNTY**



NEWSLETTER



**Welcome,
Olivia!**



A Warm Welcome

We are thrilled to announce that Olivia Smith is our new Aquatics Director! Olivia is a familiar face around the lanes, having coached our LYST Swim Team for the past few years. Her connection to our water runs deep—you can even spot her name on the record boards at the Wendel Pool! We are so lucky to have her expertise and passion leading our department. Please stop by the pool office to say hello and give her a warm welcome!

**BROUGHT
TO YOU BY:**



**REMEMBER!
EARTH DAY
APRIL 22 2026!**





EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH & A WARM SEND-OFF!

We are saying a bittersweet farewell to our Aquatics Director, Yael Echeverria. Since joining us two years ago, Yael has been a true breath of fresh air, bringing energy and dedication to our pool and programs.

While we are sad to see her go, we are so grateful for the time she spent with us. Please join us in wishing her the very best of luck in all her future endeavors!



Yael Echeverria



Cathy Brown

MEMBER OF THE MONTH Cathy Brown

We are so excited to celebrate Cathy Brown as our Member of the Month!

Cathy is a true delight to have around the Y, and her positive attitude on the pickleball courts is absolutely contagious. Whether she is winning a volley or just sharing a laugh between games, her energy makes the courts a better place for everyone.

We truly appreciate having her as part of our Y family and are so grateful for the spirit she brings to our community every single day.

Congratulations, Cathy!



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the **Y**     **175** YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HEALTHY KIDS DAY  **State Farm**
Jake Breakey State Farm

FREE TO THE PUBLIC! | 5/9/26 10AM - 1PM

YOU'RE INVITED to Healthy Kids Day on May 9th!
Presented by Jake Breakey State Farm!

This fun-filled event will feature interactive activities, fitness challenges, and valuable health information for kids and families. It's a day to inspire healthy living and create lasting memories! Come for fun, SNOW CONES at our concessions benefiting our YMCA Cheer Team, **and MORE!**

When: Healthy Kids Day will be from 10 AM - 1 PM

Where: 465 W. Sixth Ave, Lancaster, OH

Who: All ages are welcome!

Vendor Highlights: We'll have amazing local vendors with information, resources, and activities for the whole family!

AUTISM
AWARENESS MONTH
APRIL

the **Y** YMCA



**YOUR DUES
OPERATE
OUR FACILITY**



GIVE TODAY!



**YOUR GIFT
WILL CHANGE
LIVES.**

Support our Annual Campaign!



SUNRISE SERVICE

Easter Sunrise Service

Join us for the **97th Annual** Sunrise Service at Mt. Pleasant on Sunday, April 5, 2026!

Sunrise – 7:00am
Service – 7:15am

A Lancaster tradition of faith, community, and hope.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN!

BINGO TIME!



Wednesday, April 8

RVC Location

10am – 12pm

Traditional Bingo, Prizes & Snacks!

Registration Required



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ANNUAL GIVING
5K **RUN & WALK '26**



Join us for the Family Y's Annual 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, May 9 at 9 AM at the Lancaster YMCA. Whether you're racing to win or walking to support, this family-friendly event brings our community together for fun and fitness! Proceeds support youth programs and healthy living initiatives.

Register today at ymcalancaster.org!



4TH ANNUAL

GOLF TOURNAMENT

TEE UP FOR A CAUSE

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Join us for the 4th Annual YMCA Golf Outing on May 29, 2026, at The View Golf Club!

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED!

FOURSOME \$500

Put a team together and tee up for a cause with the YMCA!

HOLE SPONSOR \$250

Show your support and sponsor a hole! We'll place a sign for you on the course.

CORPORATE \$750 SPONSOR

Sponsor a hole and a foursome! Put a team together and get a sign on the course.



PLUS! Don't miss the chance to Pay to Play with our Golf Pro out on the course! You could walk away with a free trip of a lifetime to Pebble Beach!



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Find Your
Best Friend
PLACE
No Place Like This Place™



SIGN YOUR CHILD UP FOR SUMMER CAMP 2026

June 1st- August 7th 2026

Family YMCA of Lancaster and Fairfield County



SCHOOL AGE SUMMER CAMP

School Age Camp Includes:

- Routine field trips and special themed weeks.
- Daily activities in a safe and encouraging environment.
- Arts & crafts, STEM, hands-on learning, team building and more!
- Sports & outdoor games!
- Daily swim at the YMCA.

PRESCHOOL SUMMER

Preschool Summer Includes:

- Summer activities for ages 3-5
- Water activities, crafts, and learning in a supportive environment.
- Guest speakers and visitors
- Weekly themes curated by caring, experienced early-childhood teachers.

JUNIOR LEADERS

Junior Counselor Camp Includes:

- Routine field trips and special themed weeks.
- Swim everyday at the YMCA.
- Learn skills in leadership, responsibility, communication, teamwork, problem-solving & decision-making.
- Serve as positive role models and active members of our program.
- Have fun while learning!

**TITLE 20 PROUDLY
ACCEPTED!**

**BEFORE AND AFTER CARE
OPTIONS AVAILABLE**

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MONTHLY MESSAGE



Hello April!

Spring is in full swing and with it comes new energy around the Y! Lets say goodbye to the rain and wind and get some sunshine going.

This month were celebrating growth—both in our gardens, community and ourselves. Look for upcoming family events, volunteer opportunities and ways to get outdoors as the weather turns warmer. Together, we're building a stronger, healthier community.

A wonderful opportunity to go out, see friends and have some fun is Bingo! Bingo is being held on April 8th at the River Valley Campus from 10am-12pm. Registration is now open.

Our gymnastics team are heading into the heart of their season with both State and Regional meets in April. Big shout out to our level 4,6 and 9 athletes and the Platinum, Diamond and Sapphire teams who were named District Champions this month! Congratulations Lancaster!!

Delta Force Cheer are entering their last competition before the finals in Florida, April 11th and 12th. They are having an incredible season so far and are ready to take on the challenge in the Florida sunshine. Let's go Delta!!

Please welcome our new aquatics director, Olivia Smith, to the YMCA. Olivia has several accolades from her aquatic career at the Y as a youth and we look forward to seeing her visions come to life in the aquatic department. LYST is preparing for their upcoming season starting in May. Swim conditioning is May 4th through to May 29th and is a high impact tune up for our aquatic athletes preparing for team.

Thank you for being part of our YMCA family, Let's make April a month of movement, connection and community!

- Lydia Fratta, YMCA RecPlex Coordinator

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THANK YOU:





FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The 97th Annual

SUNRISE SERVICE

Top of Mt. Pleasant,
Lancaster Ohio

Sunrise - 7:00am

Service Begins - 7:15am



Sunday, April 5th, 2026

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BINGO TIME!



**REGISTER
NOW!**



Wednesday, April 8



River Valley Campus



10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



**FAMILY YMCA
OF LANCASTER
& FAIRFIELD COUNTY**

**INFO AND
REGISTRATION
ON BACK!**

5K

ANNUAL GIVING

RUN & WALK '26



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Join us for our annual 5K run/walk supporting our Annual Giving Campaign on May 9th at 9am! Kid's Run to begin at approx. 10:15am.

Race begins and ends at the Robert K. Fox YMCA, located at:

465 W. 6th Ave, Lancaster Ohio 43130



SATURDAY

MAY 9, 2026

9:00AM



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**ROBERT K. FOX YMCA
465 W. 6TH AVE
LANCASTER OHIO**



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May 29, 2026

\$1,000
GRAND PRIZE!

2nd Place: \$375
3rd Place: \$260

May 29, 2026 The View Golf Club

Where: 1151 George Rd NE, Lancaster, OH 43130

When: 9:00 AM (Registration at 8:00 AM)

REGISTER NOW!



Why Golf with the YMCA?

At the Y, every game has a greater purpose.

Your registration fees allow us to offer vital youth programs and wellness initiatives to our community. We invite you to play for the \$1,000 winning prize, knowing that your support makes a lasting positive impact for local families.



PLUS! Don't miss the chance to Pay to Play with our Golf Pro out on the course!
You could walk away with a free trip of a lifetime to Pebble Beach!

FOURSOME

\$500

Put a team together and tee up for a cause with the YMCA!

Includes green fees, cart, lunch and two drink tickets!

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Show your support and sponsor a hole! We'll place a sign for you on the course.

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KIDS YOGA

3 Week Youth Clinic



**REGISTER
TODAY!**



Tuesdays | 4/14-4/28



6:00 PM - 6:30 PM



Robert K. Fox YMCA

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