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### Building on the Past, Present and Future of the City of Fairfield and Fairfield Township, Ohio

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### Meetings

Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month March thru November at 7:00 p.m. at the Elisha Morgan Mansion, 6181 Ross Road, Fairfield, OH 45014.

#### Future Meetings and Topics

**March 13** - Kert Radel, 1450 WMOH

**April 10** – David Buckner, Western States Machine Company

**May 8** – Tom Sander, Copperheads, Blacksnakes, Pole Raisers and Politics during the Civil War in Butler County

### Our feature story:

## FHS Spring Meeting Topics Is a "Don't Miss!"

Longtime FHS Vice President Jim Irwin has decided to step down from the board and has been replaced by Dan Pennington. Jim was recognized by FHS President Debbie Pennington at the January board meeting for his energy and longtime involvement in local history. Don Bond was named as Irwin's replacement. Re-elected to their current positions were Debbie Pennington (President), Julie Roberts (Secretary) and Lois Kingsley (Treasurer).

FHS President announced the spring meeting topics to launch the FHS into 2014 that includes two speakers that have not had the opportunity to present to the FHS previously.

**Kert Radel** currently serves as the president and CEO of the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce and will serve his first stint as a presenter at the March meeting featuring a look back at **1450 WMOH radio**. Kert worked in the broadcasting field for 32 years, including 18 years at WMOH where he served as General Manager/Sales Manager and as the voice of high school sports. Kert also served as a sales consultant with Time Warner in Cincinnati and as Station Manager/ Sales Manager of WKSX in Springfield, Ohio.

**David Buckner**, CEO and President of Fairfield's newest industrial company will be talking about one of the county's oldest companies, the **Western States Machine Company** at the April meeting. Western States recently moved from Hamilton to open a larger and technology full facility near Seward Road. Western States was founded in 1917 by Eugene Roberts in Salt Lake City for the purpose of the design, manufacture and application of centrifuging equipment for the world's sugar industry. The company moved to Hamilton in 1924. Today, Western States serves about 40 countries and manufactures equipment for the sugar, chemical and pharmaceutical industries.

The May meeting will feature local historian **Tom Sander**. Tom will discuss **Copperheads, Blacksnakes, Pole Raisers and Politics during the Civil War in Butler County**. Don't worry, there were no animals injured during the development of this special presentation on the Civil War activities going on in the county.

## FHS 2014 Membership Information

Members and non-members are encouraged to come out and enjoy these presentations. Annual memberships are always available at any meeting. For current members, the March meeting is the annual renewal period so please bring your membership form and \$20 in cash or check to the meeting. The membership form is located on the back page of Cornerstones.