

DAC Newsletter

1st Quarter : January - March 2024

DAC Meeting
March 21, 2024
6:00 pm
OHP Career Center

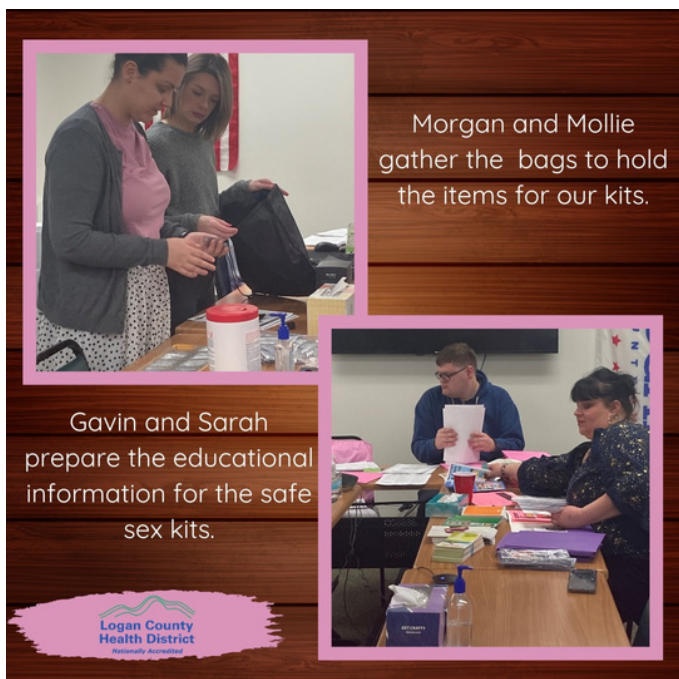
Safe Sex Kits

Our community health team spent the morning putting together safe sex kits. Each kit contains educational materials regarding safe sex, sexually transmitted diseases, and pregnancy.

Also in the kit are condoms, gloves, hygiene wipes, and pregnancy and UTI kits. Kits are free and available at the Logan County Health District or through mail order at <https://www.loganhealth.gov/sexual-health-services>

This program is made possible by the Innovative Approaches to Sexually Transmitted Infection Prevention grant through the Ohio Department of Health.

If you have any questions please get in touch with our Health Educator Morgan at 937-651-3033



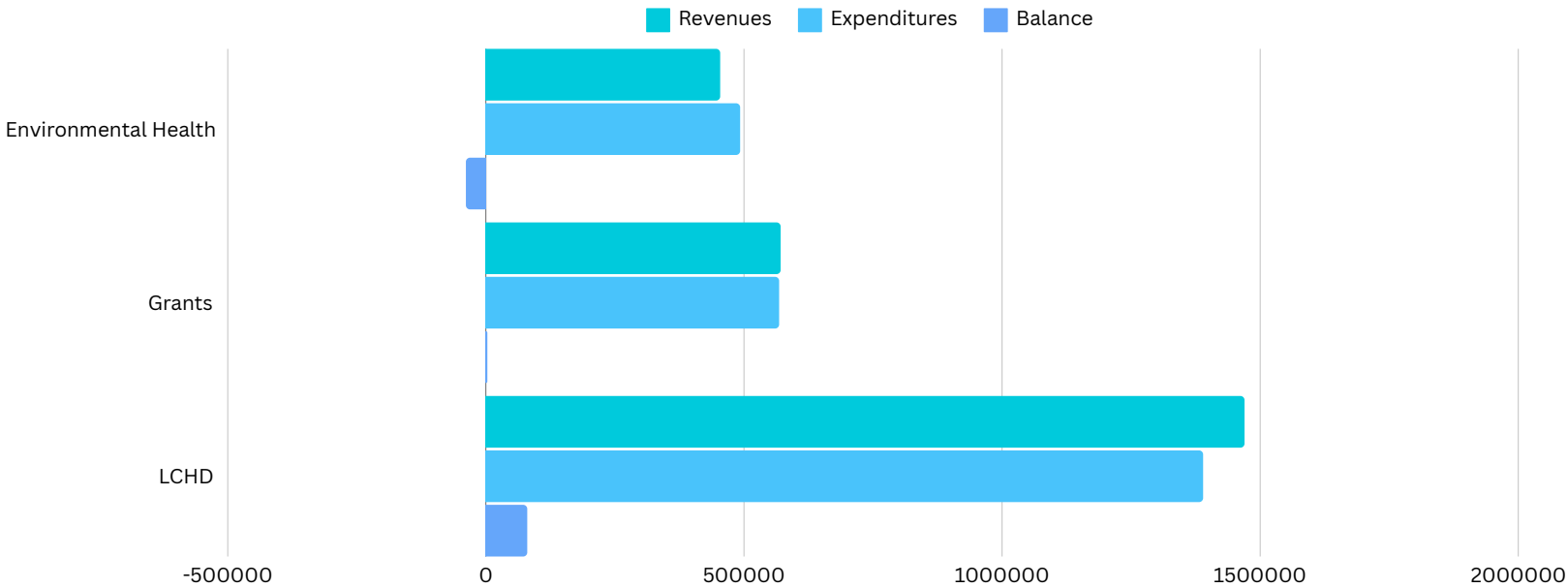
Congratulations Matt Stonerock



Logan County District Board of Health members honored Environmental Health Director Matt Stonerock and his “remarkable 30 years of service in public health” during their recent board meeting. Stonerock, formerly the LCHD’s safety and sanitation coordinator, recently was promoted to his current position following the retirement of Tim Smith in April. The 30-year honoree began his career with the health district as an intern, demonstrating a passion for environmental health that quickly set him apart, Health Commissioner Travis Irvan said. “Over the three decades that have followed, he has become an indispensable member of our team, leaving an indelible mark on the landscape of public health in our community.” As environmental health director, Stonerock has been at the forefront of initiatives aimed at ensuring the health and safety of local residents, Irvan noted. “His expertise in identifying and mitigating environmental risks has been instrumental in safeguarding our community from a variety of threats, ranging from air and water quality concerns to food safety issues. “One of Mr. Stonerock’s many strengths lie in his ability to forge strong partnerships with local stakeholders, businesses, and community members. These collaborations have not only enhanced the effectiveness of our environmental health programs but have also contributed to the overall well-being to our community.” Beyond his technical expertise, Stonerock is also known for his commitment to mentoring the next generation of environmental health professionals. “Many who started under his guidance have gone on to make significant contributions to public health, a testament to his leadership and commitment to knowledge sharing,” the health commissioner said. In addition to his professional achievements, officials noted that Stonerock is admired for his exceptional work ethic, humility and approachability. Colleagues often describe him as a source of inspiration, someone who leads by example and is always ready to lend a helping hand.

2023 Finances

In 2023, LCHD's total revenue was \$2,494,542.75, and \$2,450,136.69 were expended, for a total balance of \$44,406.06.



2023 Infectious Disease Report

The total number of reported infectious diseases for 2023 was 1294. This is down by 3537 cases in 2022. COVID, Chronic Hepatitis C, and Influenza cases were down while we saw an increase in Campylobacter, Gonococcal Infection, and Strep pneumonia.

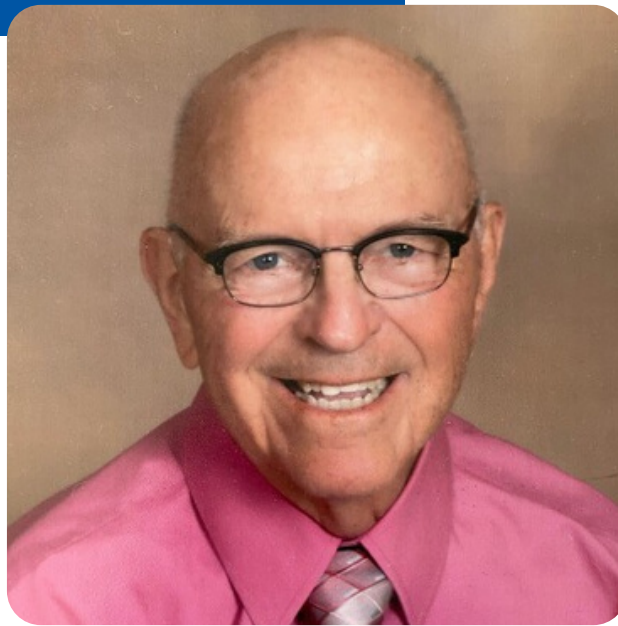
2023 Infectious Diseases

Campylobacter	27 cases
Chlamydia Infection	90 cases
Covid	1083 cases
Gonococcal Infection	19 cases
Hepatitis B	5 cases
Hepatitis C	22 cases
Influenza-associated hospitalization	10 cases
Meningitis-aseptic/viral	4 cases
Salmonellosis	5 cases
Strep pneumonia-invasive	8 cases
Syphilis	10 case



One case of each of the following: Cryptosporidiosis, E. Coli, HIV, Shigellosis, and Yersiniosis.

Two cases of each of the following: Legionnaire's Disease, Lyme Disease, and Strep-Group A-Invasive.



Dr. William A. Verbsky

1934-2023

Today we are taking a few moments to pay homage to our past; to tip our cap to those who paved the roads for today. It is with heavy hearts that we come together to celebrate the life of a truly remarkable individual, Dr. William Verbsky. A distinguished graduate of The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1959, Dr. Verbsky's journey had it all service, commitment, and unwavering dedication.

In 1970, he and his wife built Southgate Veterinary Medicine, a practice that would become synonymous with expertise and heartfelt care. For three decades, Dr. Verbsky served as the Logan County Health Commissioner, pioneering a path as the first veterinarian in Ohio to take on this crucial role. His leadership spanned a transformative era of 30 years, creating the blueprint for how future leaders should champion a safe and healthy community. As Health Commissioner, Dr. Verbsky's impact was profound. He navigated the complexities of public health with grace, overseeing vital health levies and orchestrating the relocation of the Logan County Health District three times. The district now stands as a testament to his vision at 310 South Main Street in Bellefontaine.

Beyond his administrative duties, Bill maintained a close bond with the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine. Even while serving as the county health commissioner, he graciously took on the role of an adjunct professor, imparting his knowledge to fourth-year vet students on matters of public health. His commitment extended to the selection committee, where he played a vital role in shaping the next generation of veterinary professionals. The OSU College of Veterinary Medicine and its Alumni Association recognized Dr. Verbsky's outstanding contributions with multiple Distinguished Alumnae awards, a testament to his enduring impact on the field.

Dr. Verbsky departed from this world on Wednesday evening, December 6th, 2023, leaving behind a legacy that will forever echo in the hearts of those he touched. In lieu of flowers, we invite you to honor his memory through memorial contributions to Bellefontaine First United Methodist Church, a place that held special significance to Dr. Verbsky.

Let us join hands in celebrating the wonderful life and invaluable contributions of Dr. William Verbsky. May his legacy continue to inspire us all.