

Morrow e-News

The Official News Source of the Village of Morrow

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Village of Morrow News

New Business Coming to Main Street – February 1

The Village of Morrow will soon have a new business on Main Street. Country Corner will open for business at 101 Main Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152 on **Saturday, February 1, 2014**. Country Corner will feature a variety of products, such as: primitive antiques, country crafts, homemade jams & jellies, candles, crafts, and old fashioned candies. Please be sure to stop in to welcome Country Corner to Morrow!

Village of Morrow Public Works Committee to Meet – February 3

The Village of Morrow Public Works Committee is scheduled to meet at 6:30 pm **Monday, February 3, 2014**, at the Morrow Municipal Building. The Public Works Committee is comprised of York Bryant, Chairman; Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh, Vice-Chairwoman; and Bill Thompson, Secretary. During 2014, the Public Works Committee will be focusing their efforts on rebuilding and updating the water treatment plant, storm water management issues in the Thompson Addition neighborhood, and various other issues. The Public Works Committee meets regularly on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Morrow Municipal Building. This meeting is open to the public and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Morrow Neighborhood Watch to Meet – February 6

Morrow Neighborhood Watch is scheduled to meet at 7:30 pm on **Thursday, February 6, 2014**, at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152. Morrow Neighborhood Watch is an organization comprised of Morrow area business and homeowners, as well as other members of the community who are focused on partnering with local law enforcement to keep our community safe. Morrow Neighborhood Watch meets regularly on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Morrow Municipal Building. These meetings are open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend. For more information, please email NeighborhoodWatch@vil.morrow.oh.us.

1st Annual Warren County Friends of NRA Banquet – March 14

The Warren County Friends of the NRA Annual Banquet will be held at 6:00 pm on **Friday, March 14, 2014**, at the Manor House Banquet & Conference Center, 7440 Mason-Montgomery Road, Mason, Ohio 45040. Join other champions of the Second Amendment for dinner, raffles, auctions and fun with a chance to win exclusive NRA guns, gear, décor and collectibles! [To download a flyer for more information, please click here.](#) [Sponsorship opportunities are available.](#) For more information, please visit <https://www.friendsofnra.org/EventDetails.aspx?eid=13532&sid=36>.

Little Miami Half Marathon & 10K – August 17

The Little Miami Half Marathon and 10K is a flat and fast scenic race run along the banks of the Little Miami River. Are you training for a fall marathon or half marathon? This race is a perfect tune-up! Plus, the entire course is run on a shaded bike path, which is a big bonus during Ohio's humid summer months! The race starts and finishes in Morrow, just a few miles east of King's Island, and travels through South Lebanon and Kings Mills. A killer tech shirt, finishers medals for all half marathoners, chip timing and great post race food at the finish are guaranteed to make this race a kickin' good time! The sponsors of this year's event are: Ohio Running Events, Buckeye Running Company, Ipico Sports, and Miranda's Old Time Ice Cream Shop. The beneficiary of this year's event is the Friends of the Little State Park. Be sure to "Like" them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/OhioRunning>. For more information or to register for the Little Miami Half Marathon & 10K, please visit <http://ohiorunning.com/LittleMiamiHalf/>.

Help the Salem-Morrow Fire Department Protect Your Dreams

The quicker the Salem-Morrow Fire Department's firefighters or EMT's can locate you, the quicker we can begin helping you and your family. In an effort to locate your home or business in an emergency, the Salem-Morrow Fire Department is providing a 6" x 18" reflective sign that will clearly display your street address. These signs are invaluable to firefighters, EMT's, and police officers, who may be looking for your home in your time of need. Similar signs have been installed in other communities with startling results.

The Salem-Morrow Fire Department is selling these signs at the low cost of \$12.00 each. If you wish to have the SMFD mount your sign for you, they will do so for \$14.00. Each sign has your street address prominently displayed on both sides in highly reflective 3" numbers against a green background similar to those on an interstate sign. The signs are installed in such a way that assures their visibility, even in high grass and snowy weather conditions.

If you would like to purchase one of these signs, simply print and complete the form below and either return it in person to the Salem-Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152, or mail the completed form and check, made payable to the Salem-Morrow Fire Department, to Salem-Morrow Fire Department, Post Office Box 161, Morrow, Ohio 45152. In approximately 7 days, your sign will be ready for pickup or installation. Generally, the signs can be made, while you wait, in less than 10 minutes. Isn't \$12.00 worth the peace of mind of knowing that help can find you in your time of need?

Join the Village of Morrow in Helping the Little Miami Food Pantry

During 2013, the Village of Morrow collected approximately 200 pounds of food for the Little Miami Food Pantry and as we begin 2014, we would like to encourage you, your family, church or business to do the same. The need is great, but resources are scarce and your help is desperately needed. Please help us stamp out hunger in our community by donating non-perishable food items to the Little Miami Food Pantry. Donations may be dropped off Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152. Little Miami Food Services, Inc., also known as the Morrow Food Pantry, is located at 4766 Whitacre Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152. The Little Miami Food Pantry is open Monday and Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Your donation is greatly needed and deeply appreciated. For more information, please contact the food pantry at 513.899.4802 or visit their website at www.littlemiamipantry.org. For emergency service, please call 513.899.2161.

Rumpke Now Accepts More Material in Recycling Program

Morrow residents can now recycle carton containers like juice, milk, soy milk, soup, broth, egg substitute and wine cartons, curbside. Rumpke recently announced that cartons are now accepted in its residential and commercial recycling programs.

"As Ohio's recycling leader, Rumpke continues to invest heavily in our recycling programs to ensure residents can recycle the most amount of material possible," said Jeff Rumpke, vice president. "As Rumpke continues to enhance our recycling program, manufacturers are complementing our efforts with new ways to recycle more materials."

To ensure your cartons are recycled, please follow these easy steps:

1. Empty the container. Containers still containing liquid will not be recycled
2. Remove caps or straws
3. Toss the carton in the recycling container with other acceptable items

In addition to cartons, residents can recycle:

- Plastic bottles and jugs (please flatten and reattach the lid)
- Glass bottles and jars (any color)
- Aluminum and steel cans
- Empty aerosol cans (with lids and tips removed)
- Paperboard (cereal boxes, 12-pack containers, etc.)
- Cardboard (broken down to 3'-by-3' sections)
- A variety of paper products, including:
 - Office paper
 - Newspaper
 - Magazines
 - Junk mail and envelopes (with or without windows)
 - Telephone books
 - Paper grocery bags

To learn more about Rumpke's recycling process and about items you can recycle, please visit www.Rumpke.com.

Highlawn Avenue Reconstruction Project & Welch Road Rehabilitation Project, Phase I

Two roadway and infrastructure improvements projects in the Village of Morrow, which began in August are presently on hold due to the Winter weather. The Highlawn Avenue Reconstruction Project is funded by the Village of Morrow's 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award. The Welch Road Rehabilitation Project, Phase I is funded, in part, through our 2013 CDBG award. Warren County Grants Administration is administering both projects on our behalf, due to the CDBG funds. The Warren County Commissioners awarded the contract to Brunk Excavating, Inc. from Monroe, Ohio, who was the low bidder on both projects, at their August 13, 2013. These projects are both being managed by Warren County Grants Administration. These projects will soon be wrapping up for the winter and will begin again in the spring with some final touch ups and repaving. Thank you for your patience!

Village of Morrow Collecting Aluminum Can Pull Tabs to Help Support the Ronald McDonald House

Morrow Vice-Mayor Judy Warman-Neal has suggested that the Village of Morrow collect aluminum can pull tabs to help support the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Ronald McDonald House Charities provides a temporary home-away-from-home for families of critically ill, hospitalized children. Please drop off your aluminum can pull tabs at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152.

Morrow Parks & Recreation Board is Christmas Decoration Donations

The Village of Morrow Parks & Recreation Board is seeking donations of gently used Christmas decorations for the 2014 Christmas on Main celebration. If you have any Christmas decorations that you are interested in donating, please feel free to drop them off between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152.

Morrow Area Historical Society News

Morrow Area Historical Society Seeking New Members

The mission of the Morrow Area Historical Society is simple, to promote the appreciation of the rich local history of the Village of Morrow and the surrounding area. More specifically, "To aid in the discovery, collection and preservation of every variety of material illustrative of the history of the Village of Morrow and the surrounding area; such as letters, diaries, journals, memoranda, pioneer reminiscences, newspapers, account books, school and church registers, commemorative addresses, genealogies, biographies, photographs, pictures and paintings, aboriginal relics, material objects illustrating life of pioneers, maps, histories, records, etc. and to own both real and personal property to be used in the furtherance of these objects." The Morrow Area Historical Society has filed the necessary organizational paperwork with the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies and is actively working on getting their website up and running, as well as publishing the first issue of their newsletter, *Pathways*, and finding a home to house the MAHS museum. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the history of our area. If you would like more information on the Morrow Area Historical Society, please contact Rod Smith at 513.899.2821 or view the MAHS Membership brochure here:



New Exhibit at the Quaker Heritage Center: *Journey Stories* – through February 7, 2014

Our transportation history is more than boats, buses, cars, wagons, and trucks. *Journey Stories* examines the intersection between modes of travel and Americans' desire to feel free to move. The story is diverse and focused on immigration, migration, innovation, and freedom. It is complicated, but it tells us much about who we are – people who see our societal mobility as a means for asserting our individual freedom. Using engaging images, audio, and artifacts, *Journey Stories* tells the individual stories that illustrate the critical roles travel and movement have played in building our diverse American society. *Journey Stories* will be **on display through February 7, 2014** at the Quaker Heritage Center at Wilmington College, 1870 Quaker Way, Wilmington, Ohio 45177. Gallery Hours:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 9 am to 4 pm
- Tuesday, Thursday – 9 am to 9 pm
- Saturday – 12 noon to 5 pm

We would like to extend a special THANK YOU to our programming partner, the [Wilmington Public Library](#). *Journey Stories* has been made possible in Wilmington by the [Ohio Humanities Council](#). *Journey Stories* is part of [Museum on Main Street](#), a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and State Humanities councils nationwide. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress.

The Meriam R. Hare Quaker Heritage Center of Wilmington College is an educational center designed to help learners of all ages discover the rich heritage and living traditions of the Religious Society of Friends through a variety of exhibits, tours, presentations, lectures, activities, and programs. For more information about special events, hours, and upcoming exhibits, please [Visit on the web](#) or ["like" us on Facebook](#) for a full schedule of special events and programs.

Warren County Historical Society News

Downton Abbey in America – Extended through January, 2014

A special exhibit featuring the fashions of the Downton Abbey Era upstairs and downstairs and everywhere in between at the Warren County History Center, 105 South Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio 45036. For more information, please call 513.932.1817.

The Underground Railroad in the Warren County Museum

A new exhibit the Warren County History Center tells the story of Warren County's involvement in the Underground Railroad with artifacts and stories. From Waynesville to Harveysburg, Springboro to Lebanon and down to Fosters, Warren County citizens defied the laws of the United States and spirited run-away slaves to freedom in Canada. Visit a recreation of the Butterworth family cabin, Quakers whose home was a major stop on the Underground Railroad. Thrill to the diorama of a slave family running just out of sight of a slave catcher on horseback: learn about John McLean and his role in the Dred Scott decision and much more. Be sure to bring your "smartphone" to scan the "QR codes" to experience a further in depth experience with lectures by John Zimkus, Warren County Historical Society Historian.

Cincinnati and Soup: Facts, Food and Fun – February 12, 2014

An agri-history of Cincinnati that looks at the recipes and nostalgia from the recent past of one of the great cities of America's mid-west. Think you know all about Cincinnati food? Fasten your seat belts and secure your double butter cake as we loop around Crosley Square and WLW exploring the culinary past of the Queen City. This is an adventure into Cincinnati of 1960s you will not want to miss! The speaker is Cheri Brinkman, author of Cincinnati and Soup: Recipes from the Queen City and Great Soup, and Cincinnati and Soup: A Second Helping: More Recipes from the Queen City as well as several other local cookbooks. A \$20 paid reservation is required. This event will take place **February 12, 2014**.

Valentine's Murder Mystery Dinner – February 15, 2014

When: **Saturday, February 15, 2014**, 6:30 p.m.

Where: The Lebanon Conference & Banquet Center, 121 S. Broadway, Lebanon, OH 45036

Details: Be a guest at the lavish dinner party of an author who's book has just been purchased by a movie mogul. There will be high spirits, fun, and laughter...that is, until a broken-hearted discovery is made that will change the course of the evening.

This is a joint fundraiser of the Lebanon Theatre Company and the Warren County Historical Society.

Tickets: \$50 per person, \$90 per couple, advanced reservations required. Catered dinner included.

For more information, please contact the Warren County Historical Society at 513.932.1817 or email at wchs@wchsmuseum.org.

2014 Lebanon Quilt & Fabric Arts Show – March 7-9, 2014

When: March 7, 8, 9, 2014

Where: The Warren County History Center and Lebanon Conference & Banquet Center, 105 & 121 South Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio 45036

Details: Managed by American Treasures Productions. Vendors from around the country will offer quilts, quilting & craft supplies, patterns, fabrics, vintage textiles, & more! Special Exhibit Jennifer Chiaverini's Elm Creek Quilts!

Admission: \$5 (Admission proceeds benefit the Warren County Historical Society's mission to preserve and present the history of Warren County, Ohio)

For more information, please contact the Warren County Historical Society at 513.932.1817 or email at wchs@wchsmuseum.org. American Treasures Productions american treasures pro@gmail.com.

March Lunch & Learn – A Musical Center? Ohio Shakers at the Heart of it All – March 19, 2014

Topic: The spread of Shakerism to the "West" brought about dramatic changes in how the Shakers produced music. In Ohio, Shaker leaders and new converts alike stood at the forefront of music production for the whole Shaker world. This presentation looks at two Shaker musical giants - Issachar Bates and Richard McNemar, who in 1832 launched a major musical project from the Shaker village of Watervliet, Ohio, on the outskirts of Dayton.

Speaker: Carol Medlicott is Associate Professor in the Department of History and Geography at Northern Kentucky University. She is author of Issachar Bates: A Shaker's Journey and Partake a Little Morsel: Popular Shaker Hymns of the 19th Century, co-author of Richard McNemar, Music, and the Western Shaker Communities, and has written numerous articles and book chapters on Shaker history.

Cost: \$20, paid reservation required

April Lunch & Learn - Dayton, Ohio's Forgotten Industry: The Story of the City's Role as the 'Toy Center of the United States' – April 16, 2014

Topic: Many people are aware of that Dayton, Ohio is the birthplace of aviation, the cash register, the automobile self-starter and the pop top can. There was also a time, however, when Dayton was the home to a major toy industry. Many inventions that are little noted but are historically significant are a result of Dayton's dominance in the manufacturing of toys 100 years ago. This talk will increase the awareness of the important role toys played in the vivid manufacturing and entrepreneurial history of Dayton, Ohio and the Miami Valley.

Speaker: William C. Gallagher is co-author of the book The History of Dayton, Ohio Toy Makers and four other books on toys. He has been involved with antique toys as a business man, researcher and collector for over 30 years. William is a member of the Antique Toy Collectors of America.

Cost: \$20, paid reservation required.

Telling Our Story – Exploring the History of Warren County – April 29 – May 30, 2014

An interactive history experience exploring the ways Warren County's people built a community from an untamed wilderness. Free School Tour Programs at the Warren County Historical Society, **April 29 – May 30, 2014.**

Who Should Attend? Any Warren County school group.

What programs are available?: Schools may choose from four different programs that feature hands on learning experiences for both students and teachers.

When are the school tours offered?: Two sessions are available each day. Choose mornings from 10:00 am to noon or afternoons from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Limit 75 students per session.

Where are the tours held?: Tours are presented inside the Warren County History Center at 105 S. Broadway in downtown Lebanon, Ohio.

Why should our school visit the Warren County History Center?: Warren County was one of the most influential counties in the formation of Ohio and the country as a whole. Many of our most prominent pioneers were known not only for their good works at home but also their contributions on the national scene. Their stories, which will entertain educate and inspire people of all ages, are contained in the Warren County History Center.

How do you sign up to bring a class to the Warren County History Center?: Call 513-932-1817 or email wchs@wchsmuseum.org. Reservations are required and tours will be booked on a first come, first served basis.

Tell me more: The Warren County Historical Society offers four hands on, interactive school tour programs which address the revised State of Ohio Academic Content Standards for 4th through 8th grade students. The programs are:

1. A Social Studies Backpack – Ohio Academic Content Statements 1, 2 & 5
2. Exploring Pioneers Technology – Ohio Academic Content Statements 3, 8 & 23
3. Warren County and the Underground Railroad – Ohio Academic Content Statements 5, 7 & 14
4. Gruesome But Truesome – Ohio Academic Content Statements 2, 10, & 13.

Schools may choose from one of these four programs. Admission is free for teachers, students and bus drivers. Parent admission fee is \$5.00 per person. A limited amount of grants are available to help defray the cost of bus transportation to our site.

Preparatory Materials are included for each program and teachers will be expected to prepare their students ahead of time to gain the maximum benefit from the museum experience. Adult chaperones should be familiar with the preparatory materials and expect to assist in the student's learning experience. For more information visit our web site at www.wchsmuseum.org or:

John Zimkus, Director of Education, at jzimkus@wchsmuseum.org or Lynley Dunham, Archivist, at ldunham@wchsmuseum.org.

May Lunch & Learn – It Cures Like Magic: The Fads and Frauds of the Golden Age of Patent Medicine Quackery – May 21, 2014

Topic: 19th century America witnessed a boom in the "patent medicine" industry. Patent medicines were NOT medicines that had been "patented" but rather "secret formulas" and unproven remedies that were sold directly to the public as medical cures. Some patent medicines did very little harm; others actually delivered their promised results, albeit often with very dangerous ingredients; and still others were what amounts to poisons. Dennis will display and discuss the supposed curative properties of some his personal collection of patent medicine potions, and bottles, many of which were actually from Warren County.

Speaker: Dennis E. Dalton is the author of the book Waynesville and Wayne Township, as well as a history researcher, lecturer and storyteller. He is a native of Waynesville, Ohio where his maternal roots go back to the family of Daniel Boone.

Cost: \$20, paid reservation required.

Warren County History Center Gift Shop

The Warren County History Center gift shop is located in the Warren County Historical Museum and contains a wide variety of items including books, candles, decorative items, American Girl among others. During your visit to Lebanon you are encouraged to stop in and shop.

Become a Member of the "Founding Fathers Book Club"

Enjoy reading about history and sharing your thoughts? How about joining a history book club? The book club is called the "Founding Fathers Book Club" and we read non-fiction books pertaining to the Revolutionary War. And we are always learning something new. Our next book to be discussed is American Creation by Joseph Ellis and we will meet on March 15th in the Mote gallery at the Warren County History Center at 105 South Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio. Please e-mail Cathy at cas@cinci.rr.com to save a seat! This book club has no affiliation with any other group using the name "Founding Fathers."

Morrow Area Church News

Divorce Care Recovery Seminar & Support Group at Fellowship of Praise now through April 13

Divorced? Separated? You don't have to go through it alone. Find help, discover hope, and experience healing. Each session is "self-contained" and features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery. This is a recovery seminar and support small group is led by Eric and Jenny Messer and will meet for 12 weeks on Sundays at 6:00 pm through Sunday, April 13, 2014, at the Fellowship of Praise Church, 8625 U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Clarksville, Ohio 45113. For more information, please visit <http://fopchurch.net/>.

Grace Community Presbyterian Church Indoor Garage Sale – February 8

Searching for that treasure? Bring your treasures to sell! Table rentals are \$15/table, simply reserve your table by calling 513.583.0351 or emailing gcpcc@fuse.net. Looking for some great finds? Stop by Grace Community Presbyterian Church, 6246 Turning Leaf Way, Maineville, Ohio 45039, on **Saturday, February 8, 2014**, from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm for some great shopping. Coffee and food items will be available for purchase while you shop. For more information or to rent a table, please call 513.583.0351 or email us at gcpcc@fuse.net.

Morrow United Methodist Church News

Morrow United Methodist Church began a series called Care-Givers' Ministry. It is sponsored by the Council on Aging. These programs will be held on the second Wednesday of the month and began December 11, 2013, with a talk on "Aging Gracefully." This series is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend. The next program will be held on **Wednesday, February 12, 2014**, from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. Morrow United Methodist Church is located at 510 Welch Road, Morrow, Ohio 45152, and the programs will be held from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. The series will focus on older people and care-givers. Through this program we hope to discern the needs within the community and try to meet them. Here is a listing of upcoming speakers for the Care Givers' Ministry program at Morrow UMC:

- **Wednesday, February 12** (1-3 pm) Legal and Financial Planning for Long Term Care, presented by Patricia Meek, Esq.
- **Wednesday, March 12** (1-3 pm) How to care for Someone at Home, presented by Kari Morgan/Home Instead Senior Care
- **Wednesday, April 9** (1-3 pm) How to Maintain Balance as a Caregiver, presented by Margaret Iannaci, CAN
- **Wednesday, May 14** (1-3 pm) Caregiving 101, presented by Margaret Iannaci, CAN

For more information, please contact the Morrow United Methodist Church at 513.899.3096 or visit their website at <http://www.morrowumc.com>.

Morrow/Maineville MOMS Club®!

Seeking all stay-at-home moms, either full or part time. We want YOU to join us and become a member of The Morrow/Maineville MOMS Club®! MOMS stands for Moms Offering Moms Support®. We are an international non-profit organization supporting stay-at-home moms. Become a member of MOMS Club® and discover a wonderful local group of supportive moms who, like you, know the ever changing needs and challenges of being a stay-at-home mom!

Here are just a few things our local chapter offers:

- * Daytime activities for moms and children
- * Weekly playgroups
- * Book Club
- * Community service projects
- * Moms night out each month
- * Monthly meeting with speakers and/or discussions and crafts for the children
- * Holiday parties and Much More!

For more information about membership and/or the Morrow/Maineville E MOMS Club® chapter, please email: Morrow>MainevilleMomsClub@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you! The Morrow/Maineville MOMS Club®! meets at Grace Community Presbyterian, 6246 Turning Leaf Way, Maineville, Ohio 45039, but is not affiliated with the church.

A Mother's Plea for Prayers for Our Military

We recently received a telephone call from the mother of a 2008 graduate of Little Miami High School. Her son is in the military. His unit is ready to strike if called upon and the mother is very concerned for the safety of her son and all of our troops. She has asked that we share her plea with our readers in the hopes that everyone will make the time to offer their prayers for not only her son, but all of those serving our great country in the military. Thank you!

Church News and Event Information Needed!

Is your Church having a special event that you would like to share with the community? If so, please email your news and events to administrator@vil.morrow.oh.us.

Morrow VFW Post 8202 News

Rent the Morrow VFW Post 8202 Hall for Your Upcoming Event

Do you have an upcoming wedding, anniversary, birthday, retirement party, or other special event? The Morrow VFW Post 8202 hall offers the perfect setting for your special event. If you'd like more information on renting the Morrow VFW Post 8202 hall for your special event, please call Gary at 513.899.2612.

Morrow Masonic Lodge No. 265 News

Rent the Morrow Masonic Lodge for Your Upcoming Event

Do you have an upcoming wedding, anniversary, birthday, retirement party, or other special event? The Morrow Masonic Lodge offers the perfect setting for your special event. If you'd like more information on renting the Morrow Masonic Lodge for your special event, please call Paul at 513.850.5788

Morrow Area Business News

Valentine's Day Celebration at Pine Ridge Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation – February 13

Join us for our Valentine's Day Celebration! We will be crowning our King and Queen, as well as enjoying snacks and refreshments for all! This event is free and open to the public. Plan to join us from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm on **Thursday, February 13, 2014**, at Pine Ridge Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation, 463 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152. Please RSVP by February 10, 2014. For more information and to RSVP, please call 513.899.2801.

30 Day Fit Challenge

Do you want to increase muscle and/or LOSE FAT? Would you like a chance to win \$\$ by getting healthier? Nutrition with Exercise, 30 days to the NEW YOU! \$20 Entry fee-100% is split between 2 winners.

- get personal coaching
- a free metabolism test
- nutrition plan
- group support
- accountability
- education to change habits

Bring 2 friends and get in FREE! Call Jennifer, space is limited 513-387-9745.

"It's Just Wine, Beer & Music" Every Thursday at Valley Vineyards

Come and enjoy great music featuring local artists, with all of your friends at Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152 **every Thursday** evening from 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Available are selected half-priced glasses of wine, seasonal hors d'oeuvres and light fare. No reservations necessary so come in and enjoy complimentary live music every Thursday with "It's Just Wine and Music." This fun filled, relaxing evening will begin at 6:00 pm and go until 10:00 pm. For more information, please contact Valley Vineyards at 513.899.2485 or visit their website at <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>.

Bluegrass Festival giant Larry Keel to perform at the Plain Folk Café – February 5

The Plain Folk Cafe - Music and Coffee House is proud and excited to announce that on Wednesday, February 5th we will be welcoming bluegrass festival giant Larry Keel www.larrykeel.com and his newest band The Acoustic Power Trio! Opening act will be our own hometown boys Bibs & Barefeet! Bibs & Barefeet will start at 7:00 pm and Larry Keel will play at 8:30 pm. Tickets will be \$10 in advance or \$12 on the day of the show. Tickets are on sale now. For more information, please visit www.plainfolkcafe.com.

Valentine's Day Cookout at Valley Vineyards

Bring your loved one or friends to the winery for our legendary Valentine's Day Cookout! A couple, or a couple of friends ...everyone is welcome. Grill-it-yourself steak or salmon on our indoor or outdoor grills.

After your wine or beer tasting, you'll enjoy:

- 4 drinks or a bottle of wine per couple
- New York Strip Steak or Atlantic Salmon Fillet
- Two types of salad
- Green beans almandine
- Rice Pilaf
- Seasonal vegetable
- Baked potato
- Fresh breads, and
- Our special homemade dessert buffet

Friday, February 14, 2014 • 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Reservations Required

For ages 21 and over: \$65.00 (+ tax) per couple • \$32.50 (+ tax) per person

For under 21 years of age: \$18.95 (+ tax) with steak or salmon

Twilight Canoe & Dinner for Two

Valley Vineyards and Morgan's Outdoor Adventures are teaming up once again this year to offer you a fantastic summer evening! This evening will include a 3-mile guided float on the scenic Little Miami River in a canoe or kayak, followed by our award winning Steak or Salmon Cookout and live music! All while enjoying your favorite Valley Vineyards wine and beer. Space is limited so call 513.899.2485 for more info and to make your reservation. Bus leaves Valley Vineyards promptly at 6:00 pm.

2014 Dates: TBD

Cost: \$80/couple, \$45 single kayak (+ tax)

Note - In case of rain, cookout and music is still on at Valley Vineyards and for canoeing, a voucher will be presented for one year from Morgan's.

Valley Vineyards' Wine & Beer Festival

A Taste of Warren County

Friday, June 6, 2014 • 5-11 pm

Saturday, June 7, 2014 • 11 am to 11 pm

- Friday evening, enjoy live music!
- Taste the delicious food of local producers from all over Warren County
- Join us for live music all day Saturday!
- Royalty from the Ohio Renaissance Festival will be offering toasts on this special day.
- Enjoy this celebration with wine and beer tasting. Available by the bottle or glass, all day.
- Ride/watch the hot air balloon from Bella Balloons, offering tethered rides ... and a beautiful night glow at dusk!
- Support a great cause and participate in our walk/run through the vineyards benefitting "Shop with a Cop" program of Hamilton Township, Ohio.

Join the Schuchter Family at Valley Vineyards! They have opened up the Vineyards to the public and are making the walk/run an annual charity event. Run or walk and enjoy the 100 rolling acres of grapevines from where their award-winning estate wines are grown and produced.

Friday, June 6, 2014

- 5:00 pm 2014 Wine & Beer Festival Opens
- 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm Live Music TBD
- 6:00 pm Cellar Tour
- 11:00 pm Close of Festival

Saturday, June 7, 2014

- 9:00 am Register for the walk/run through the vineyards
- 10:00 am Walk/Run Begins led by Ken Schuchter Sr.
- 11:00 am 2014 Wine & Beer Festival Opens
- 11:00 am to 2:30 pm Live Music TBD
- 1:00 pm Cellar Tours all day, begin on the hour
- 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm Libation Education Tent *Wine*

- 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm Libation Education Tent *Beer*
- 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm Live Music TBD
- 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm Libation Education Tent *Wine*
- 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm Bella Balloons begins tethered hot air balloon rides
- 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm Live Music TBD
- 11:00 pm Close of Festival. See you next year!

Walk/Run Through the Vineyards...with your family! – June 7, 2014

This is very exciting! Join us for this annual event when our vineyards will be open to the public for charity. Grandpa will be leading the trek through the vineyards; guiding us along...he'll be motorized of course! Stroll through the rolling hills and grassy meadows, or run along the marked path and sweat for a good cause! At-the-door registration begins at 9:00 am and the walk/run starts promptly at 10:00 am. The funds collected from registration go to support the Hamilton Township Police Department's "Shop with a Cop" Program and all their good work. There will be several areas where staff will be set up with bottled water, and available to answer questions you may have about the vineyards.

Participation Fee

Single Pre Registered \$10.00 Family Pre Registered \$20.00

Single At the Door \$15.00 Family At the Door \$25.00

To pre-register, please call 513.899.2485 or email kali@valleyvineyards.com

Thank you for all of your support, hope to see you there!

Kings Island Hiring 4,000 for 2014 Season

King's Island amusement park has begun accepting applications online for the 2014 season. To apply, please visit www.visitkingsisland.com. Applicants must be 15 years of age or older. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. According to Kings Island officials, much of the hiring to fill the 4,000 positions will be done in January through March of 2014. For more information, please contact 513.754.5748.

Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce News

February Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting – February 6

Please mark your calendars for the November Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce membership meeting to be held from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm on **Thursday, February 6, 2014**, at Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152.

Please mark your calendars and get your RSVP in! Please RSVP to Peoples First Savings Bank at 513-899-2040. Lunch is \$8.00/person. Join us on Thursday for an opportunity to meet other business owners in the area and to get the word out about what you do!

Warren County Chamber Alliance News

Warren County Chamber Alliance's 2014 Economic Outlook Breakfast – March 18

You are invited to the Warren County Chamber Alliance's 2014 Economic Outlook Breakfast. Our special guest will be renowned economist Brian Beaulieu and co-author of "Make Your Move." Come here Brian's insights on the economy and how to make decisions for your business in 2014 and beyond. This event will be held from 7:30 am – 9:30 am on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at Miami Valley Gaming (Grandstands), 6000

State Route 63, Lebanon, Ohio 45036. To reserve your seat, please contact the Warren County Port Authority at 513.695.2090

The Warren County Chamber Alliance is a regional association of Chambers of Commerce dedicated to regional issue advocacy in Warren County. The Alliance is organized to build consensus amongst its Chambers of Commerce to advocate for public policies that will improve the region's business climate.

Salem Township Public Library News

January 2014 STPL Newsletter

Happy New Year! Below is a link to the Salem Township Public Library's January Newsletter. Inside, you'll find a photographic collage of some of our favorite memories from 2013. You can also visit our Facebook page to view more pictures, keep up on current library events, and stay up to date on upcoming programs. We appreciate all your support and we look forward to serving you this New Year!



2014 January Library Newsletter.pdf

Reading with Raider and Friends

Reading with Raider and Friends is one of the most beloved programs... and for a good reason! Kids can drop in to read to the sweet certified therapy dogs the **first Tuesday of each month from 6:30-7:30 pm**. The dogs are calm and welcoming, which creates a great atmosphere for children to practice their reading. Reading with Raider is tail-wagging fun for all!

Adult Book Discussion Group

Join a lively discussion group of book lovers and get in on the fun! Adults are welcome to sign up to attend monthly book discussions, which take place the first Tuesday evening of each month from 7:00-8:00 pm. The group discusses a different book each month, which can be picked up at the library. Interested participants can stop in to pick up the next book.

Writers' Circle Group Meetings

Calling all adults and high school students who are interested in writing; the library's Writers' Circle is a group that meets twice monthly on Saturdays from 10:30 am-12:30 pm at the library to share their creative writing pieces. Prompts are decided by the group and sharing ideas is welcomed and encouraged. Free coffee is served at each meeting. Join the group by contacting the library or emailing Dylan at: mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us.

Download eBooks and Audiobooks for Free to Your Devices

Did you receive a tablet, eReader, computer, or smartphone during the holidays? You can use your device to download and enjoy thousands of free eBooks, Audiobooks, Music and Videos, all for free from the library. Your library card enables you to borrow digital materials without the responsibility of returning physical items or being charged overdue fees—borrowing, reading, and returning eBooks can be done anywhere, anytime—you don't even need to leave home! Enjoy bestsellers, popular series, classics, children's and teens' titles, audiobooks, and more. Get started by visiting www.ohioebooks.org or visit the library in order to sign up for a library card.

Stitch-in-Time Group Meetings

Relax at the library with friends, meet new people, and enjoy some “me time” with your knitting, crocheting, sewing, quilting, and cross-stitching projects. The library’s Stitch-in-Time Group will meet the following Thursday afternoons from 3:00-4:00 pm in February: **February 6 and February 20**. Bring projects you’re currently working on and past projects to share with the group. Whether you’re a beginner or an expert, the Stitch-in-Time meetings give you a chance to bond over shared interests and pick up tips and tricks to make your work even better. Please contact the library for more information.

How-To: Knitting & Crocheting Classes

Perfect for beginners and anyone who enjoys knitting and crocheting, the library will be holding several how-to classes with instructor and library employee Lani Trinh. Lani’s years of experience working with both knitting and crocheting will have you casting off and creating pieces in no time. Please bring at least one skein of yarn of your choice, knitting needles, and size G, H, or I crochet hooks. The class schedule is as follows:

- Crocheting Class on **Monday, February 10** from 6:30-7:30 pm;
- Crocheting Class on **Wednesday, February 12** from 3:00-4:00 pm;
- Crocheting Class on **Wednesday, February 26** from 3:00-4:00 pm.

Read Any Good Books, Rover?

Let’s face it – our beloved pets like to stick their noses everywhere, even in the bestseller you brought home from the library! The next time you catch your precious pet sneaking a peek at a book, snap a picture; then bring it to the library **before January 31**. We’ll display these priceless pics during February, which is National *Love Your Library* Month. Whether he likes picture books, eBooks, or the latest magazine, catch your pet in the act! You can even add props – glasses, a cup of coffee, or a pen for taking notes. Be as creative as you want! You may also email your pictures to Annette at the library: bierleyan@salem-township.lib.oh.us.

Teen Movie Night—with Snacks!

Join teen librarians Stacy and Dylan on the following Tuesday for an evening of relaxation with a good movie and free food! We’ll gather in the library’s Meeting Room from 5:30-7:30 pm for some food, fun and a movie on our big projection screen. Bring a friend or two with you on **Tuesday, February 11, 2014**. We’ll also give you information on our newest books and movies and upcoming parties and events, plus important information about how you can win prizes at your library! Contact the library for more information or send an email to Stacy at: booksst@salem-township.lib.oh.us.

There’s more news to know! Like us on [Facebook](#) to keep up with upcoming events, new materials, pictures, and more.

Contact the library to sign up for all events. Receive more information by calling or visiting the library.

Little Miami Local School District News

Icicles and snowflakes and wind chill, oh my!

Now that Little Miami has used more than its five-day allotment of calamity days, what is the district’s plan for the rest of the year? Take a look at Superintendent Greg Power’s [most recent blog post](#) for the answer.

Salem Twp. Elementary: Home of a champion!

Did you know a national champion walks the hallways of Salem Twp. Elementary? Eight-year old Aidan Hinds is a go-kart racing phenom who won two championships in the 2013 season. Now, he needs your help to win a major sponsorship for 2014. Read more about Aidan [here](#).

Kindergarten registration around the corner

Snow is on the ground, but it is not too early to begin planning for those first days of school for your kindergarten student. Kindergarten registration packets will be available beginning Monday, Jan. 27 at the office of the Central Registrar. [Get more info](#) on upcoming registration dates and the new kindergarten entrance age.

Athlete of the Week: Amy Bullimore

She's leading the Southwest Ohio Conference in four out of six categories, including points scored per game, but her real passion is chicken alfredo! Learn more about Lady Panthers basketball player Amy Bullimore in this week's [Athlete of the Week feature](#).

9 named to OMEA honor band

Congratulations to nine Little Miami junior high and high school students who were recently honored by being named to the Ohio Music Education Association's District XIII Honor Band. Check out the honorees [here](#).

Nominate your favorite LM teacher

There's still time to nominate your favorite Little Miami teacher for the Area Progress Council's 2014 Project Excellence Award. [Click here](#) to learn more and to download a nomination form.

Mark your calendar for Pantherfest Feb. 8

Make plans to join the Little Miami Athletic Boosters for [Pantherfest](#), a day-long celebration of food, fun, music and more. The event will be held Saturday, Feb. 8 at LMHS beginning at noon.

Important dates:

Jan. 27: Kindergarten registration packets available

Jan. 27: LMIS spelling bee

Feb. 8: Pantherfest

Feb. 12: Little Miami Youth Basketball presents the Harlem Wizards

Warren County Career Center News

Build a 3D Printer at WCCC

Warren County Career Center Adult Technical Center is offering a short-term class for hobbyists on building a 3D printer **beginning Saturday, Feb. 15**, from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost per student is \$500, which includes a kit that will build a small, Printrbot Simple. Classes will run on Saturdays at the South Campus in Kings Mills through March 15. There is a limit of seven students. There is no need for any prior knowledge of 3D printing or computer design in order to enjoy the class, and there are free templates online that can be used to build items with the printer. To register, or for more information, call 513-932-8145.

High School Applications Now Being Accepted Online

Enrollment for high school incoming juniors for the 2014-15 school year is going on now. WCCC is offering an online registration option that is simple to use and makes it easy to track the application process. Click [HERE](#) to apply!

WCCC Welcomes Board Members for 2014

Three new board members and one returning member were sworn in at the Warren County Career Center organizational board meeting Jan. 14, joining with three returning board members. Two of the new members have served on the WCCC board in previous years. Donna Davis Norris, Lebanon, served on the WCCC board from 2003 through 2006, and Charles Anderson, Springboro, served from 1996 through 1997. Both were appointed to three-year terms, due to changes in state law. Returning to the board for the second year of a two-year term are Bobbie Grice, Little Miami; Dave Barton, Waynesville; and Esther Larson, Lebanon. Re-appointed for a three-year term is Lori Raleigh, Franklin. Appointed to a three-year term as the Kings representative is William Russell.

WCCC EMT Programs Earn Re-Accreditation

Warren County Career Center received final approval and a Certificate of Accreditation from the State of Ohio Board of Emergency Medical Services to continue to deliver EMS training classes through June 30, 2016. This three-year reaccreditation means that WCCC is able to offer First Responder, EMT Basic and EMT Advanced classes, which are all available to adult students. High school students in the WCCC Fire Science program study EMT Basic under the Adult Technical Center charter.

The program has specific articulation agreements with Cincinnati State Community and Technical College and Sinclair Community College. Also, through College Prep 2, students earning certification can use their certificate at any college in Ohio toward a degree in EMT Paramedic.

The accreditation process begins with filling out an application packet, which asks for information on student passage rates, curriculum, and instructors. A full-day site visit follows that includes meetings with administrators, the medical director, students, and instructors. Evaluators also visit clinical sites and examine all records kept by the school.

"Our first-time pass rate in the EMT Basic program is currently 96 percent and the national average pass rate is 72 percent," WCCC Public Safety Services Coordinator Kim Fladung said. "We are very proud of our increase in first time pass rate over previous years and over the national average. That increase is a credit to the dedication of the instructors, the work of the students and the use of our new curriculum, which is a blended learning model of online and classroom instruction."

Earlier in 2013, WCCC earned a three-year reaccreditation for its Fire Training programs.

WCCC Electricity Instructor Nominated as Life Changer

Warren County Career Center Electricity Instructor Rick Centers received notice recently that he was nominated as a Life Changer, a national award through National Life Group.

When his students found out about the nomination, they all agreed he was very deserving of the award. "I have got my future clear," Ryan Roberts, Franklin senior, said. "He has helped us get our lives started. I didn't know what I was going to do before I came to his class."

"He is preparing us for the world," Caleb Howard, Little Miami senior, said.

"I have a job now, because of Mr. Centers," Austin Marshall, Franklin, said.

"Mr. Centers is definitely a life changer," Chris Cridlebaugh, Lebanon senior, said. "I wasn't going to go to college, but now, thanks to him, I have opportunities to go. When the bell rings and he goes home, he doesn't stop caring about his students. It is very obvious that he loves what he does."

Over the nearly 20 years he has been an instructor at WCCC, Mr. Centers has had many successful graduates. Many of them entered their junior year of high school not sure of what their career direction would be, and by the time they graduated, they were employed and going on for further training in the electrical field.

The nomination on the National Life Group website says, "Mr. Rick Centers makes a difference for his students every day. He has not only high expectations for them but also cares deeply about them as individual students. He wants them to be successful both in and out of classroom. As a career technical instructor, he teaches the students the skills and knowledge they need to be college and career ready. He is instrumental in assisting his students understand how math and science can be applied to real world problems. Mr. Centers volunteers personal time for Habitat for Humanity and is involved with one of the career technical student organizations, Skills USA. His impact reaches into the community at large. He has taken on several leadership roles in the district: serving as the Association President for two years and participating as a member of the district's enrollment and retention committee. Mr. Centers is a caring teacher and his students have great respect for him. He has made a difference in their lives both at home and at school. The school is a better place as a result of Mr. Centers' commitment to his students. He helps light the path to adulthood for the young people in his program."

LifeChanger of the Year is a national program sponsored by National Life Group that recognizes and rewards outstanding K-12 educators and school district employees from around the country who make a positive difference in the lives of students.

To show support for Mr. Centers' nomination, go to <http://lifechangeroftheyearnominees.com/tag/oh/>, scroll down to his profile and you can leave a message of congratulations.

You Can Contribute to Student Success Just By Grocery Shopping!

The WCCC Education Foundation is working to grow its funds to assist more students in their educational development. Donations from individuals and businesses are increasing as awareness builds. Recent donations from the John R. Jurgensen Company and G/C Contracting Corporation are targeted to benefit Heavy Equipment and Carpentry students. For more information on the foundation, read more [HERE](#), or please contact the superintendent's office at 513-932-5677 ext. 5201. You can help contribute to the foundation as a part of the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Simply go to their website at Kroger.com and sign in or register for an account. Use your Kroger Plus card account and choose community rewards, and then Warren County Career Center Foundation. Our district number is 81363.

Adult Technical Center Preparing for Accreditation Visit, GED Changes, New Courses

Adult Technical Center Winter classes are starting and a new catalog will be out soon. Our ABLE offices have been busy, as Ohio has made changes to the GED test. All tests are now web-based as part of the WCCC Testing and Assessment Center. See information [HERE](#) about preparation, and how to register to take the test. Also, we are preparing for a Council on Occupational Education accreditation site visit in early March. This

new accreditation is will allow our adult technical programming to continue to offer financial aid assistance to eligible students who enroll in a full-time career tech program.

Superintendent To Meet With Industry for Input on Programming

As part of planning for the future, the superintendent will be conducting meetings with different industry sectors throughout 2014. The purpose of this outreach is to hear from a cross-section of local and regional employers in specific areas regarding their needs and what WCCC can do through our CTE programs to help them with hiring and retention of employees. We will also talk about the skill sets they need in their employees to determine what types of program improvements/changes we need to consider. If you are a business person and interested in giving input, please contact the superintendent's office at 513-932-5677 ext. 5201.

Warren County Career Center's Auctioneer Program

Register now for January course:

Auctioneer Program

Course Number: 14CESI0001B

80 Hours-Main Campus

Course runs from **February 11, 2014 through April 24, 2014**

Classes meet 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm, Tuesday & Thursday

Charity Auction: April 22, 2014

Registration: \$950.00 (No discounts available)

Customized Assessment & Training Services

Find the right employee the first time! Over 1,500 assessments for pre-employment testing, promotional testing, pre-training testing and skills assessments are available for:

- maintenance and mechanical workers,
- customer service for front office personnel,
- personality assessments
- Microsoft Office and basic office skills assessments
- And many more, including supervisory skills, that are specifically related to your hiring needs

Save training time and costs by selecting the right people for the job the first time. Customized training, developed to meet your organization's specific needs, can be designed and implemented at your location or ours. We'll meet with you, analyze your specific needs, conduct assessments as needed, create specific training objectives and an implementation timeline. All on an affordable budget. For details and to arrange a consultative meeting contact: Donna Cox, Business & Industry Coordinator: 513.932.8145, x4012, donna.cox@mywccc.org.

Online Courses: www.ed2go.com/warren

Hundreds of courses for professional development are available through the Warren County Career Center Online Learning Center. Course categories include:

- Accounting & Finance
- Business
- Computer Applications
- Design & Composition
- Health Care & Medical
- Language and Arts
- Law & Legal

- Technology
- Writing & Publishing

Popular Online Courses

- Accounting Fundamentals
- All levels of Microsoft 2010:
 - Word
 - Access
 - Excel,
 - PowerPoint
 - Outlook
 - Project
- Quickbooks 2013
- Multiple Adobe courses, e.g.
 - Dreamweaver
 - Acrobat
 - Photoshop
- Supply Chain Management
- Distribution & Logistics Management

Newer online courses include:

- Introduction to Google Analytics
- How to Get Started in Game Development
- Introduction to Illustrator CS6
- Introduction to Windows 8
- Introduction to Lightroom 4
- Quickbooks 2013 for Contractors
- Performing Payroll in Quickbooks 2013

Lots more courses are available – see the online catalog at www.ed2go.com/warren

Online courses:

- Are available 24/7 from any location
- Start dates are available monthly
- Are offered in a convenient six-week format – two new lessons per week
- Are interactive and up-to-date
- Experienced instructors lead each course
- Are affordable – most courses cost \$109
- Provide an award of completion with a passing test score
- Click www.ed2go.com/warren to see the complete catalog of courses.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2010

Become proficient in using Microsoft Excel 2010 and discover dozens of shortcuts and tricks for setting up fully formatted quickly and efficiently. Click

http://www.ed2go.com/warren/online_course/ixt/detail/Introduction_to_Microsoft_Excel_2010.html to learn more.

Project Management Courses at WCCC South Campus

Study Project Management with the author of a textbook on the subject, David Blue, at the Warren County Career Center Adult Education South Campus in Kings Mills. Blue has over 25 years of experience in healthcare, business and information technology projects, holding a Master of Business Administration with a specialization in Project Management. He also has experience with Enterprise Resource Planning.

Two in-depth courses that follow are "ITIL 2011 Foundations", a six-week course that focuses on Information Technology Service Management, and CompTIA Project+, a 40-hour course that covers the entire project life cycle. ITIL Foundations began January 6, 2014 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, and ends February 12, 2014. CompTIA Project **begins February 24, 2014** and runs through April 30, 2013 same days and times.

For more information or to register, call Coordinator Kyle Jones at 513-932-8145 ext. 4013.

Warren County Community Services News

Winter Energy Assistance Available through March 31, 2014

Winter is coming and the days are getting colder. Citizens who are a low-income household facing disconnection of the primary or secondary heat source, have already had service disconnected, or have less than a 10 day supply of bulk fuel, contact Warren County Community Services' (WCCS) HEAP office immediately for assistance. The E-HEAP Winter Crisis Program, a federally funded program administered by WCCS, began accepting applications November 1, and will continue **through March 31, 2014**. Households with incomes at or below 175 percent of the 2013 Federal Poverty Guidelines may apply. To apply for this or other available HEAP assistance, contact WCCS' HEAP toll-free at 866.747.1042 for an appointment or to hear times for walk-in assistance.

WCCS Dining Centers Promote Healthy Living

Are you tired of always eating alone? Is cooking becoming too much work? Are you looking for somewhere else to eat? Would you like to meet new friends and enjoy stimulating conversation? Are you finding it hard to make ends meet? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, then you may not be living as healthy as you can. Recent studies have shown that seniors who are live alone are at high risk for malnourishment and for dehydration. "Five days a week, fresh, nutritious meals are cooked in the 741 Center kitchen. Lunch is a special time of day and we try to make it even more so. Sometimes the WCCS lunch is that person's only full meal of the day." You can find a delicious meal at all of our five Senior Dining Centers located throughout the county," says Mary Catherine Faller, MS, RD, LD, Manager of WCCS' Nutrition Services.

WCCS Dining Centers are located at:

- The 741 Center – 570 N. State Route 741, Lebanon (513) 695-2256
- Station Hill Retirement – 114 Dave Street, Lebanon (513) 939-5189
- Union Village Retirement – 327 N. Section St., South Lebanon (513) 267-8293
- **Earl Maag Retirement – 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow (513) 889-8886**
- Sherman Glenn Retirement – 301 Sherman Drive, Franklin (937) 545-6788

Lunch with two menu options is served at 12 noon every Monday-Friday. Find the daily menus online at www.wccsi.org. Suggested meal donation for anyone aged 60 or over (or the spouse or disabled child of someone aged 60 or over) is \$3.00. Meal cost for anyone under age 60 is \$6.00. To make a reservation, simply call the Dining Center that you would like to lunch by 1:00 p.m. the day before. WCCS is a local non-profit

501(c)(3) organization. Donations help fund the “Promote Healthy Living Among Older Adults” campaign. For more information about WCCS and its services, please visit the website at www.wccsi.org.

Humane Association of Warren County News

Become a Volunteer – Join Our Dog Walking Team

Volunteer a few hours a week to walk our dogs. To qualify, those interested, must be a minimum of 19 years of age and must attend one orientation session held from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at our shelter. We do not accept volunteers requiring high school community service credit or to fulfill court appointed hours. For more information, please contact the Humane Association of Warren County Animal Shelter & Adoption Center, 230 Cook Road, Lebanon, Ohio 45036, 513.695.2537 or www.homelesspets.org.

Warren County Convention & Visitors Bureau News

Get Your Free 2014 Warren County Visitors Guide

Plan your getaway to Ohio’s Largest Playground with your free 2014 Warren County Visitors Guide. Find information on lodging, dining, shopping, outdoor adventure and world-class attractions. Request your free Visitors Guide today by clicking the following link! [\[Get Your Free 2014 Visitors Guide Today\]](#) Also, [Enter for your chance to win tickets to Lazer Kraze in Mason!](#)

United Way of Warren County News

United Way of Warren County Internship Program a Success

United Way of Warren County was pleased to have a total of 9 college students, representing six area universities and colleges for their Internship Program during December and January. The interns worked a combined total of 170 hours throughout their holiday break on various projects related to advancing education, income stability, and health in Warren County. Specific tasks were tailored to the intern’s major. Marie Millard, Nia Caldwell and Taylor Jeromos worked as a team to design display boards to be used throughout the year promoting the organization. Kate Carlson updated information needed for the Community Resource Directory that will be printed later this year. Russell Neeley and Dana Millard compiled impact and program descriptions from partner agencies into the agency impact directory, which is used to tell the United Way story throughout the year. Emily Baldwin and Jordan Wolf served as general office assistants for all departments in the organization. Chelsea Ahting worked on independent research on preschool providers in Warren County to assist in developing the United Way education goal for Warren County.

Jerri Langworthy, Community Impact Director, shared “This was a wonderful opportunity for college age students interested in gaining experience with a local nonprofit organization and sharing their time and talents to help people in need in Warren County.”

United Way of Warren County is a local, independent nonprofit serving all of Warren County. The organization’s mission is to improve lives by connecting people, organizations and resources to meet the needs of the community. United Way of Warren County currently supports 53 different non-profit programs advancing education, income and health. For more information, visit www.warrencountyunitedway.org.

United Way of Warren County Needs Volunteers

United Way of Warren County is currently seeking volunteers to assist the organization in 2014. A wide variety of opportunities are available. Just a few hours of volunteer time goes a long way toward helping people in need in Warren County. All volunteers will receive training, all of the resources needed to succeed, and have on-going support from United Way of Warren County staff. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Jerri Langworthy at jlangworthy@wcuwl.org

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United Way of Warren County to Hold Annual Meeting March 21, 2014

United Way of Warren County will be holding its Annual Meeting on **Friday, March 21, 2014**, at the Cincinnati Marriott Northeast, Mason, Ohio. The luncheon will be from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and the cost is \$20 per person. All supporters are encouraged to attend to celebrate United Way of Warren County's work in 2013 and help to honor community leadership and volunteer award recipients.

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Friends of the Little Miami State Park News

Friends of the Little Miami State Park General Meeting – February 23, 2014

Please join us for the next FLMSP General Meeting at 4:00 pm on **Sunday, February 23, 2014**, at Loveland City Hall, 120 West Loveland Avenue, Loveland, Ohio 45140. Our Board has been working the past few months on a new strategic plan for FLMSP, and will present it at this important open meeting.

Little Miami Scenic Trail Hotline

Call 513.212.6958 to report downed trees or other non-emergency safety issues. Add this number to your phone contacts!

Ohio-to-Erie Trail Maps are Here!

Thanks to The Ohio to Erie Trail Fund and its supporters, a set of maps covering all 300 miles of the Trail is now available. Each of the four maps is 8 by 25 inches, folded into six panels, featuring a map, mileage, and a written description of the trail section. You can order the user-friendly map set from the Ohio to Erie Trail Fund for only \$2.75 to cover postage and handling [here](#).

Help Wanted: Volunteer & Donor Recognition

Our all-volunteer organization succeeds or fails based on our ability to recruit, motivate, and recognize our many donors and volunteers. If you think recognizing people is both important and fun, we can use your skills. Respond to this newsletter or to trailmail@flmsp.org to express your interest or to learn more.

"Riding the Trail with Abraham Lincoln" by Gary Standafer

What are you thinking about when you bike the Little Miami trail? What daydreams are coming into your mind as you pedal the gentle curves and ever-so-slight inclines of the trail? As you look ahead, is it not easy to see a bend in the trail as a curve of railroad tracks bearing off ever so slightly to the right or to the left as the railroad follows the contour of the river? Now imagine a train with an engine and three coaches and let your imagination take you back in time to February 13, 1861. The train consists of a steam locomotive with coal hopper and three coaches carrying some very important passengers, one of whom will become the greatest president our nation may ever know. You are now sharing a ride with a man who will soon grow into near sainthood.

Your daydream has encompassed a small segment of President-Elect Lincoln's 1,904-mile journey from Springfield, Illinois to his inauguration in Washington D.C. The journey began on February 11, 1861 when Abraham Lincoln departed his home in Springfield. He arrived in Cincinnati on the Wabash Line railroad on his 52nd birthday, February 12. At 8:30 the following morning, Lincoln, his wife Mary and their son Todd arrived at the Little Miami Railroad depot located near what we now know as Sawyer Point, near the end of Eggleston Avenue.

The train departed at 9:00 a.m. and traveled the entire distance of the Little Miami State Park before arriving in Xenia. The passengers in the three coaches consisted of journalists, local dignitaries, and the Lincoln family. According to the New York Times, while the train stopped in Morrow, Mary Todd Lincoln was presented with a bouquet of flowers from the wife of the president of the Little Miami Railroad. Perhaps she was one of the dignitaries who rode this segment of Lincoln's journey. The train traveled at 30 miles per hour and with short stops at Milford, Miamiville, Loveland, Morrow, and Corwin would have arrived shortly after noon that same day. Coincidentally Corwin, Ohio is a small town on the river named after Thomas Corwin, a distinguished Warren County citizen and politician who would become a pall bearer at President Lincoln's funeral in Washington D.C.

It is not likely that Lincoln made a speech at any of these stops, as none is recorded. It is likely, however, that he appeared on the rear platform of the train and he may have repeated a few simple words such as those he made at Xenia: "No speech to make, and no time to make one." Or he may have said something similar to part of his Cincinnati speech, "I deem it my duty that I should wait until the last moment, for a development of the present national difficulties, before I express myself decidedly what course I shall pursue." Or perhaps the few words he spoke a few days later in Painesville, Ohio, that ended in the phrase "I can only bid you good morning and farewell."

As I ride my bicycle along the trail, I can't help but look at the old telegraph poles, some still erect and some tumbling over, without thinking that these artifacts are the few remaining witnesses to the historic event I am sharing with this great president.

Source: Friends of the Little Miami State Park "TrailMail" January/February, 2014

Warren County Small Business Development Center News

Free Seminar: Are You Certifiable? A Primer for Women Entrepreneurs – February 20, 2014

Looking for a way to promote your company to major corporations that are actively seeking to conduct business with a woman/women owned business? WBENC (Women's Business Enterprise National Council) provides and manages the development enforcement and implementation of its world-class of certification, which is nationally accepted by thousands of major corporations and a select group of government entities.

Join Sheila Mixon, Ohio River Valley Women's Business council to learn more about WBENC, certification criteria, the six steps to certification, costs, timing, etc. for this FREE seminar on **Thursday, February 20, 2014**, 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm at the Warren County Career Center, 3525 North State Route 48, Commons Room, Lebanon, Ohio 45036. For more information or to register, please visit <http://clients.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov/events.aspx>, email Angela.Steffen@co.warren.oh.us, or call Angela Steffen at 513.695.2090.

U. S. Small Business Administration News

What to Know About Small-Business Licenses and Permits

So, you're starting a business – congratulations! You already know that there's a lot to take care of, from [choosing your business structure](#) to [registering your business](#). You'll probably also need a business license or permit – virtually every business does in order to operate legally. It depends on the kind of business you run, where it's located and what state and federal rules apply. Here's what you should know to make sure you'll be running your business within the law.

Why Does My Businesses Need a License or Permit?

[Licenses and permits](#) serve two major purposes: They allow the government to track your business's revenue for tax purposes, and they also protect the public.

For example, if your business is involved in [activities supervised and regulated by a federal agency](#) – such as selling alcohol, firearms, radio broadcasting, commercial fishing, etc. – then you'll likely need to obtain a federal license or permit.

Other special state licenses, known as professional licenses, are required for dentists, hairdressers, veterinarians, realtors, physicians and more. These licenses indicate the level of expertise of an employee or business owner and that they've met a certain requirements when it comes to training or education.

State licenses are also required of businesses, such as restaurants and those that serve alcohol, to demonstrate that they meet certain state standards or codes. Particular regulations may vary by state.

Defined by local and/or state laws, permits generally regulate the safety, structure and appearance of a community and its establishments. There are a number of different kinds of permits to be aware of, including:

- Seller's Permits – if you're purchasing wholesale merchandise for resale
- Building Permits – if you're remodeling or building commercial space
- Health Permits – if you're preparing food
- Home Occupation Permits – if you're running a home-based business

What About Tax Permits?

The IRS doesn't license your business, but it does require that certain businesses register to [receive a federal tax identification number](#). You'll also need to register with state and local government agencies for applicable tax permits such as a sales tax license, income tax withholding and unemployment insurance tax.

Managing and Maintaining Your License or Permit

[Once you have](#) your license or permit, you'll need to manage and maintain it. Keep these tips in mind to help make sure you don't lose sight of your obligations:

- Keep track of renewal dates.
- Keep a copy of all licensing applications and forms in your business records.

- Display your licenses or permits correctly. Most states and localities require businesses to prominently display their business licenses so customers can see them.
- If you expand your business – whether it's physical building expansion or launching a new product or service – you may need additional business licenses.

Additional Resources

- [Obtaining a Business License or Permit](#)
- [10 Steps to Starting a Business](#)
- [Basic Zoning Laws](#)
- [Zoning Laws for Home-Based Businesses](#)

Source: SBA.gov

4 Marketing Resolutions to Make This Year

If there's one area of operations most small businesses can stand to improve, it's marketing. As a small business expert, I get more questions about marketing than any other aspect of business—and it's been that way for the last 30 years. Since the New Year is all about improving oneself, how about making some marketing resolutions for your business? Here are four to consider.

1. I resolve to make a marketing plan. Many small business owners market haphazardly, throwing time and money at one marketing method and then, when it doesn't pay off immediately, switching gears to the "next big thing." This scattershot approach does nothing but waste your resources and leave you frustrated and frazzled, convinced that marketing doesn't pay off. Instead, resolve to sit down and set goals for your marketing this year. What exactly do you want to accomplish—more leads, more sales closed, more inquiries? Once you've got goals on paper, figure out the marketing methods that are most likely to get those desired results. Finally, figure out how you'll track results from each marketing method so you can see what's really working.
2. I resolve to market consistently. It's easy to fall into the trap of marketing only when you've got the "spare" time for it (which often means "never"). Or maybe you market wildly right before your busy season, then do nothing for months on end. As a result, your sales pipeline slows down. Keep your pipeline full by marketing consistently all year long. That doesn't mean you need the *same* level of marketing year-round—for instance, a toy retailer would obviously market more before and during the holiday shopping season than in, say, July—but it does mean you need *some* level of marketing all year. Create a marketing calendar that sets out what you'll do each month and breaks it down further into weekly and even daily marketing efforts. Then put someone in charge of making sure it's all carried out.
3. I resolve to keep learning new things. Is your marketing stuck in the past? Advertising only in the print Yellow Pages might work if your clientele is solely seniors...and even seniors are increasingly going online to find businesses instead of letting their fingers do the walking. If you want your business to grow, you've got to keep up with the (marketing) times. Resolve to regularly read industry blogs and publications, attend networking events and conferences, and take webinars and seminars to learn more about new marketing trends and how they're affecting your industry. Pledge to learn something new every month, and at least try some of it. Marketing is moving fast, and if you don't keep up you're going to get left behind.
4. I resolve to do market research. Many small business owners see market research as something they do once—when starting their companies—and then never do again. But what happens when your market changes? The 20-somethings you might have targeted with your extreme sports company in 1998 are now in their 40s. Even if they're still buying extreme sports products, the way you market to them needs to be different now from what it was then. Keep tabs on the demographics of your target market

so you can adjust your marketing approach to changes in their incomes, lifestyles, media consumption habits and buying behaviors. Use both secondary research from other sources and primary research—that is, simply asking your customers what they want and need.

These four simple resolutions will make a big difference in your results.

Source: SBA.gov

Webinar: Financing Your Business & SBA Programs and Services

The Small Business Administration Columbus District Office will present a FREE webinar for small business owners and entrepreneurs through ATT Connect. This webinar will provide information about financing options for your business; SBA loans, programs and services; how to apply for a loan; and, what to include in your business plan. The webinar should last about 40 minutes with a Q&A at the end. ATT Connect is a call-in and web site login conferencing system which provides an audio presentation over the phone and a video presentation over the internet. All that is needed to participate is a computer with internet access and a phone to call a toll-free number. This webinar will be offered in 2014 on the following dates and times:

- Thursday February 13, 2014 11:00 am
- Tuesday March 11, 2014 2:00 pm
- Thursday April 10, 2014 11:00 am
- Tuesday May 6, 2014 2:00 pm
- Thursday June 5, 2014 11:00 am
- Tuesday July 15, 2014 2:00 pm
- Thursday August 14, 2014 11:00 am
- Tuesday September 9, 2014 2:00 pm
- Thursday October 9, 2014 11:00 am
- Tuesday November 4, 2014 2:00 pm
- Thursday December 4, 2014 11:00 am

The Webinar is FREE, but registration is required so that you may receive instructions and the access code needed to participate. You may register by contacting Robin Wotring at (614)469-6860 x282 or robin.wotring@sba.gov. Please indicate which webinar session you wish to attend.

Source: SBA.gov

Ohio Business Matchmaker April 23rd & 24th, 2014 at The Hope Hotel in Fairborn, OH

Where Government and Business Come Together

When: **Wednesday, April 23, 2014** 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. Pre-Conference Training and Registration

Thursday, April 24, 2014 7:30 a.m – 4:30 p.m. Registration Business Matchmaker and Training

Where: Hope Hotel and Richard C. Holbrooke Conference Center 10823 Chidlaw Road, Building #823, Area A, Gate 12A Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio 45433

What: The Ohio Business Matchmaker is a unique event designed to bring together potential qualified suppliers with buyers from federal, state, local and prime contractors to fulfill their contracting needs and requirements. Buyers and suppliers will have the opportunity to meet for 10 minutes in one-on-one sessions to discuss billions of dollars' worth of upcoming opportunities. This event also provides training sessions aimed at guiding small, minority, veteran, woman and HUBZone businesses on requirements and expectations on how to do business with government agencies and prime contractors.

Registration information and additional details will soon be available.

SBA Announces New Measures to Help Get Small Business Loans into the Hands of Veterans

The U.S Small Business Administration (SBA) today announced new measures to help get small business loans into the hands of veterans by setting the borrower upfront fee to zero for all veteran loans authorized under the SBA Express program up to \$350,000. This initiative will start on January 1 and continue through the end of the fiscal year.

"Our nation's veterans are highly-skilled and highly-trained leaders in their communities," said Acting SBA Administrator Jeanne Hulit. "This initiative will set fees to zero for SBA Express loans to veterans up to \$350,000, and is part of SBA's broader efforts to make sure that veterans have the tools they need to start and grow a business. As we honor our veterans and thank them for their service and sacrifice, let's continue to identify ways to support them when they come home."

Of all SBA loans that go to veterans, 73 percent are \$350,000 and below. The SBA Express Loan Program, which supports loans under \$350,000, is SBA's most popular loan delivery method, with nearly 60 percent of all 7(a) loans over the past decade being authorized through the program. Since the program's inception, it has also been one of the most popular delivery methods for getting capital into the hands of veteran borrowers. Building on SBA's recent announcement that for the current fiscal year, fees on loans for \$150,000 and under are set to zero, this policy announcement means that veteran borrowers will no longer have to pay an upfront fee for any loan up to \$350,000 under the SBA Express program. This new initiative will go into effect January 1 and extend for the duration of the fiscal year. This will make the loans cheaper for the borrower, another way SBA is looking to serve small business owners as they look for ways to access capital.

Today's announcement comes during SBA's National Veterans Small Business Week, an initiative on the part of the U.S. Small Business Administration to reach out to veteran entrepreneurs and business owners. During Veterans Small Business Week, SBA staff all across the country have been working with partner organizations on educational efforts, mentoring, and trainings to make sure veterans have the tools they need to start or grow their business.

SBA provides veterans access to business counseling and training, capital and business development opportunities through government contracts. In FY 2013, SBA supported \$1.86 billion in loans for 3,094 veteran-owned small businesses. And since 2009, the dollar amount of SBA lending support to veteran-owned firms has nearly doubled.

For more information about these and other SBA programs, visit the SBA website at www.sba.gov, or contact your local SBA field office. You can find contact information for your local SBA office at <http://www.sba.gov/localresources/index.html>.

Source: SBA.gov

News You Can Use

Health Insurance Open Enrollment Ends March 31

If you are seeking health coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace, be sure to [apply before the end of the open season on March 31, 2014](#). If you haven't enrolled by March 31, you won't be able to apply until the next open season, unless you qualify for a [special enrollment period](#) or experience a [qualifying life event](#). Open season for 2015 will likely begin on November 15, 2014. You can enroll in [Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program \(CHIP\)](#) at any time. There is no limited enrollment period for these programs.

Source: USA.gov

Top 10 Scams Targeting Seniors

Financial scams targeting seniors have become so prevalent that they're now considered "the crime of the 21st century." Why? Because seniors are thought to have a significant amount of money sitting in their accounts. Financial scams also often go unreported or can be difficult to prosecute, so they're considered a "low-risk" crime. However, they're devastating to many older adults and can leave them in a very vulnerable position with little time to recoup their losses. It's not just wealthy seniors who are targeted. Low-income older adults are also at risk of financial abuse. And it's not always strangers who perpetrate these crimes. Over 90% of all reported elder abuse is committed by an older person's own family members, most often their adult children, followed by grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and others. Review our list below, so you can identify a potential scam.

1. Health Care/Medicare/Health Insurance Fraud

Every U.S. citizen or permanent resident over age 65 qualifies for Medicare, so there is rarely any need for a scam artist to research what private health insurance company older people have in order to scam them out of some money. In these types of scams, perpetrators may pose as a Medicare representative to get older people to give them their personal information, or they will provide bogus services for elderly people at makeshift mobile clinics, then use the personal information they provide to bill Medicare and pocket the money.

2. Counterfeit Prescription Drugs

Most commonly, counterfeit drug scams operate on the Internet, where seniors increasingly go to find better prices on specialized medications. This scam is growing in popularity—since 2000, the FDA has investigated an average of 20 such cases per year, up from five a year in the 1990s. The danger is that besides paying money for something that will not help a person's medical condition, victims may purchase unsafe substances that can inflict even more harm. This scam can be as hard on the body as it is on the wallet.

3. Funeral & Cemetery Scams

The FBI warns about two types of funeral and cemetery fraud perpetrated on seniors. In one approach, scammers read obituaries and call or attend the funeral service of a complete stranger to take advantage of the grieving widow or widower. Claiming the deceased had an outstanding debt with them, scammers will try to extort money from relatives to settle the fake debts. Another tactic of disreputable funeral homes is to capitalize on family members' unfamiliarity with the considerable cost of funeral services to add unnecessary charges to the bill. In one common scam of this type, funeral directors will insist that a casket, usually one of the most expensive parts of funeral services, is necessary even when performing a direct cremation, which can be accomplished with a cardboard casket rather than an expensive display or burial casket.

4. Fraudulent Anti-Aging Products

In a society bombarded with images of the young and beautiful, it's not surprising that some older people feel the need to conceal their age in order to participate more fully in social circles and the workplace. After all, 60 is the new 40, right? It is in this spirit that many older Americans seek out new treatments and medications to maintain a youthful appearance, putting them at risk of scammers. Whether it's fake Botox like the one in Arizona that netted its distributors (who were convicted and jailed in 2006) \$1.5 million in barely a year, or completely bogus homeopathic remedies that do absolutely nothing, there is money in the anti-aging business. Botox scams are particularly unsettling, as renegade labs creating versions of the real thing may still be working with the root ingredient, botulism neurotoxin, which is one of the most toxic substances known to science. A bad batch can have health consequences far beyond wrinkles or drooping neck muscles.

5. Telemarketing

Perhaps the most common scheme is when scammers use fake telemarketing calls to prey on older people, who as a group make twice as many purchases over the phone than the national average. While the image of the lonely senior citizen with nobody to talk to may have something to do with this, it is far more likely that older people are more familiar with shopping over the phone, and therefore might not be fully aware of the risk. With no face-to-face interaction, and no paper trail, these scams are incredibly hard to trace. Also, once a successful deal has been made, the buyer's name is then shared with similar schemers looking for easy targets, sometimes defrauding the same person repeatedly. Examples of telemarketing fraud include:

"The Pigeon Drop"

The con artist tells the individual that he/she has found a large sum of money and is willing to split it if the person will make a "good faith" payment by withdrawing funds from his/her bank account. Often, a second con artist is involved, posing as a lawyer, banker, or some other trustworthy stranger.

"The Fake Accident Ploy"

The con artist gets the victim to wire or send money on the pretext that the person's child or another relative is in the hospital and needs the money.

"Charity Scams"

Money is solicited for fake charities. This often occurs after natural disasters.

6. Internet Fraud

While using the Internet is a great skill at any age, the slower speed of adoption among some older people makes them easier targets for automated Internet scams that are ubiquitous on the web and email programs. Pop-up browser windows simulating virus-scanning software will fool victims into either downloading a fake anti-virus program (at a substantial cost) or an actual virus that will open up whatever information is on the user's computer to scammers. Their unfamiliarity with the less visible aspects of browsing the web (firewalls and built-in virus protection, for example) make seniors especially susceptible to such traps. One example includes:

"Email/Phishing Scams"

A senior receives email messages that appear to be from a legitimate company or institution, asking them to "update" or "verify" their personal information. A senior receives emails that appear to be from the IRS about a tax refund.

7. Investment Schemes

Because many seniors find themselves planning for retirement and managing their savings once they finish working, a number of investment schemes have been targeted at seniors looking to safeguard their cash for their later years. From pyramid schemes like Bernie Madoff's (which counted a number of senior citizens among its victims) to fables of a Nigerian prince looking for a partner to claim inheritance money to complex financial products that many economists don't even understand, investment schemes have long been a successful way to take advantage of older people.

8. Homeowner/Reverse Mortgage Scams

Scammers like to take advantage of the fact that many people above a certain age own their homes, a valuable asset that increases the potential dollar value of a certain scam. A particularly elaborate property tax scam in San Diego saw fraudsters sending personalized letters to different properties apparently on behalf of the

County Assessor's Office. The letter, made to look official but displaying only public information, would identify the property's assessed value and offer the homeowner, for a fee of course, to arrange for a reassessment of the property's value and therefore the tax burden associated with it. Closely related, the reverse mortgage scam has mushroomed in recent years. With legitimate reverse mortgages increasing in frequency more than 1,300% between 1999 and 2008, scammers are taking advantage of this new popularity. As opposed to official refinancing schemes, however, unsecured reverse mortgages can lead property owners to lose their homes when the perpetrators offer money or a free house somewhere else in exchange for the title to the property.

9. Sweepstakes & Lottery Scams

This simple scam is one that many are familiar with, and it capitalizes on the notion that "there's no such thing as a free lunch." Here, scammers inform their mark that they have won a lottery or sweepstakes of some kind and need to make some sort of payment to unlock the supposed prize. Often, seniors will be sent a check that they can deposit in their bank account, knowing that while it shows up in their account immediately, it will take a few days before the (fake) check is rejected. During that time, the criminals will quickly collect money for supposed fees or taxes on the prize, which they pocket while the victim has the "prize money" removed from his or her account as soon as the check bounces.

10. The Grandparent Scam

The Grandparent Scam is so simple and so devious because it uses one of older adults' most reliable assets, their hearts. Scammers will place a call to an older person and when the mark picks up, they will say something along the lines of: "Hi Grandma, do you know who this is?" When the unsuspecting grandparent guesses the name of the grandchild the scammer most sounds like, the scammer has established a fake identity without having done a lick of background research. Once "in," the fake grandchild will usually ask for money to solve some unexpected financial problem (overdue rent, payment for car repairs, etc.), to be paid via Western Union or MoneyGram, which don't always require identification to collect. At the same time, the scam artist will beg the grandparent "please don't tell my parents, they would kill me." While the sums from such a scam are likely to be in the hundreds, the very fact that no research is needed makes this a scam that can be perpetrated over and over at very little cost to the scammer.

See more at: <http://www.ncoa.org/enhance-economic-security/economic-security-Initiative/savvy-saving-seniors/top-10-scams-targeting.html#sthash.WVj9AZsv.dpuf>

Source: National Council on Aging

Winter Blues or Something More? USA.gov's Tips for Seasonal Affective Disorder

The holidays have come and gone. Most of the country has already been in a deep freeze, and there are still long, harsh months of winter yet to come. It's no wonder many people come down with a case of the "winter blues." This bummed out reaction occurs when the days are shorter and you spend much more time inside. To combat these feelings, you might try [light therapy](#), and [increasing physical activity](#). If it lasts more than a fleeting day or two, it could be [seasonal affective disorder](#) (SAD) -- a serious form of [depression](#) occurring in the winter months when there is less exposure to natural sunlight. Some symptoms of SAD include:

- Feelings of worthlessness or helplessness
- Loss of interest or pleasure in activities you used to enjoy
- Fatigue or decreased energy

If you suspect your mental state is more than just a bad day, consider these ways to get help:

- The Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration ([SAMHSA](#)) has a 24-hour helpline (1-800-662-HELP) for mental health services if you or someone you know needs immediate attention.
- [Find a doctor](#). SAD is not something you should deal with without consulting a professional. After evaluation, they may be able to prescribe a [medication](#) to help you.

You can learn more about depression and other health issues at [USA.gov](#). Don't suffer through the entire season—enjoy what winter has to offer. It can be more than just hibernation.

Source: USA.gov

Avoid Tax-Related Identity Theft

Imagine filing your taxes only to learn that someone stole your identity, filed your tax return, and received a refund in your name. Unfortunately, this scenario may be a reality for many consumers this tax season.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, 43 percent of identity theft complaints nationwide are tax-related. To fight back against fraud, the Federal Trade Commission has designated the week of Jan. 13–17 as National Tax Identity Theft Awareness Week.

Reports to the Attorney General's Office suggest that Ohioans continue to be affected by tax-related identity theft. A Trumbull County consumer attempted to file taxes online, only to find that someone had obtained his Social Security number and received a tax refund from the IRS in his name. A Lorain County consumer reported a similar situation and stated the IRS could not process her \$3,500 refund since the refund was already issued.

You can protect yourself from tax-related identity theft in a number of ways. If you plan to use a tax preparation service, research the reputation of the business by contacting the Ohio Attorney General and the Better Business Bureau. In some cases, fraudsters pose as legitimate tax preparers in order to obtain your personal information — and possibly your refund. They may use your personal information to route your refund into their personal bank account. Beware of “tax preparers” who suggest issuing your refund on a prepaid credit card. Once your refund is loaded on the card, the “preparer” could use the card number to steal your refund.

You can also reduce your risk of tax-related identity theft by filing your taxes early. Each day you wait to file your taxes, is one day more that someone has to perpetrate identity theft. Employers are required to provide you with your W-2 by Jan. 31, 2014. Be sure to keep track of your mail around the time that W-2 forms are distributed to ensure that your W-2 (or any other tax-related document) has not been taken out of your mailbox. You may want to have your W-2 provided to you electronically if your employer allows that option.

In addition to protecting your identity, avoid offers for fast-cash refunds or instant refunds. An “instant refund” may be a costly loan based on your expected tax return. It also could be a refund anticipation check—a temporary account in which your refund will be deposited and from which preparation fees and other costs will be deducted. Although refund anticipation loans or checks may allow you to receive your refund money a few days early, they may not be worth the high cost.

The Ohio Attorney General's Office has also taken complaints about scammers claiming a consumer owes taxes. They may pose as an IRS representative, an “officer,” or other official-sounding professional in an attempt to receive payment from unsuspecting consumers.

Consumers who have received unwanted text messages or believe they are a victim of identity theft should contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office at www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov or by calling 800-282-0515.
Source: <http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Media/Newsletters/Consumer-Advocate-%281%29/January-2014/Avoid-Tax-Related-Identity-Theft>

Tips for Preventing Home Fires

Home fires occur more often in winter than in any other season. Here are some steps you can take to prevent home fires:

- Review [safety tips for portable heaters, woodstoves, fireplaces, generators, and candles](#).
- Develop a [home escape plan](#) and practice it periodically.
- Ensure that you have [working smoke alarms](#) in every bedroom and outside every sleeping area. Test them monthly.

Visit the [U.S. Fire Administration](#) for more safety information.

Source: USA.gov

Job-Related Education, Training, and Other Resources

As a way to help expand your professional opportunities, check out [job-related education and training information on CareerOneStop](#). You'll find resources on certifications, apprenticeships, financial aid, and more. Visit [USA.gov's Finding a Job](#) to search for jobs, get resume and interview tips, and avoid job scams.

Source: USA.gov

2014 IRS Due Dates

The IRS recently updated Publication 509 (<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p509.pdf>) which lists all the filing due dates for 2014. This publication contains three calendars: a General Tax Calendar, Employer's Tax Calendar, and an Excise Tax Calendar. You may want to take a look at this publication and update your calendar with all the due dates that pertain to you. Don't be late in 2014!

Source: Bradstreet & Company, Inc. CPA's 937.436.3133 or 937.372.3504

Get Ready For The Tax Filing Season

This week we will look at some of the more common forms that you should be watching for in the coming weeks and months:

W-2: Employers should mail these **by 1/31/14**. If you have moved during the year, make sure former employers are aware of your new address.

W-2G: Casinos, Lottery Commissions and other gambling entities should mail these **by 1/31/14** if you have gambling winnings above a certain threshold.

NOTE: Some casinos will issue you a W-2G at the time you win a jackpot. Make sure you have saved those throughout the year.

1099-INT: Banks, Credit Unions, Brokerage firms, etc. will issue these **by 1/31/14** to show the amount of interest income you earned on your savings/investments.

1099-DIV: Brokerage firms, mutual funds, etc. have **until 2/14/14** to issue these forms to show the dividend income you earned for the year.

1099-B: Brokerage firms, mutual funds, etc. have **until 2/14/14** to show the proceeds from the sale of stocks

and mutual funds. Most brokerage firms have gotten better at showing the cost basis on the sale of these investments. If the statements do not show the basis, then you have some homework to do before filing your tax return.

NOTE: Most of the larger brokerage firms issue "Consolidated Statements" that have the 1099-INT, 1099-DIV and 1099-B earnings reported on the same report.

K-1s: If you are a partner in a business or a limited partner in some investments, your income and expenses will be reported to you on a K-1. The tax returns for these entities are not due **until 4/15/14** (if they have a calendar-year accounting). Sometimes, you may not receive a K-1 until shortly after the entities' tax return is filed in April.

If you are a beneficiary of an estate or trust, your share of the income and expenses for the year will also be reported on a K-1. The timing of when you may receive your K-1 is the same as outlined above.

NOTE: Many times partnerships, estates and trusts will put their tax returns on extension. If they do, the due date of the return is not **until 9/15/14**. We often see clients receiving K-1s in the third week of September.

If you receive, or expect to receive, a K-1 it may be best if you place your personal return on extension. It is a lot easier to extend your return than it is to amend your return after receiving a K-1 late in the year. So start watching your mailbox and put all of these statements you receive in that new file you created!

Source: Bradstreet & Company, Inc. CPA's 937.436.3133 or 937.372.3504

Resources for Victims of Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is a type of abuse in which someone close to you is hurting you. If you have a partner or spouse who abuses you emotionally, physically, and/or sexually, get help. If you are in immediate danger, call 911. For information about local shelters and other resources, call the [National Domestic Violence Hotline](#) at 1-800-799-7233 or 1-800-787-3224 (TTY). Find [more information about getting out of an abusive relationship](#), including safety planning and getting a court order of protection (restraining order). In the new Health Insurance Marketplace, domestic violence screening and counseling is covered as a [preventive service for women](#). You can [apply for a Marketplace insurance plan](#) by mail, online, by phone, or in person.

Source: USA.gov

Tips for Saving Energy During the Winter

In the winter, when many people turn on their heaters and put up holiday lights, gas and electric bills can be much higher than usual. According to the Department of Energy, a family spends more than \$1,900 a year on electricity bills and other utilities. A big part of those costs come from wasted energy during those cold months. However, you can save on winter energy costs if you make some changes in certain areas of your home. [Get tips to save energy and money this winter.](#)

Source: USA.gov

Test Your Home for Radon

Where Can I Get a Radon Test Kit?

If you are interested in finding a qualified radon service professional to test your home, you wish to purchase a radon test kit, or have questions about a radon measurement device: Contact your State Radon Contact to determine what are, or whether there are, requirements associated with providing radon measurement and/or radon mitigations/reductions in your State. Some States maintain lists of contractors available in their state or

they have proficiency programs or requirements of their own. Some states offer free or discounted test kits to the public. The National Radon Program Services at Kansas State University offers discounted test kits available to purchase online. You may complete the test kit order form electronically and print it out to mail or fax in. You may download a Radon test kit coupon and mail it in. Go to <http://sosradon.org/test-kits>. Some home improvement stores/centers sell radon test kits. Follow the directions on the packaging for the proper placement of the device and where to send the device after the test to get your reading.

Who is Qualified to Test or Fix My Home?

Contact your State Radon Contact to determine what are, or whether there are, requirements associated with providing radon measurement and or radon mitigations/reductions in your State. Some States maintain lists of contractors available in their state or they have proficiency programs or requirements of their own. Some states offer free or discounted test kits to the public.

Contact one or both of the two privately-run national radon programs (listed below alphabetically) who are offering proficiency listing/accreditation/certification in radon testing and mitigation. (Reference herein to any specific commercial products, process, or service by trade name, trademark, manufacturer, or otherwise, does not necessarily constitute or imply its endorsement, recommendation, or favoring by the United States Government.)

National Radon Proficiency Program (NRPP)

Toll Free: (800) 269-4174 or (828) 890-4117

Fax: (828) 890-4161

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Website: www.nrsb.org

Email: info@NRSB.org

Source: <http://www.epa.gov/radon/radontest.html>

Financial Aid for College: Many State Applications Are Due Soon

The federal government offers more than \$150 billion in grants, loans, and work-study funds to students each year. To see if you qualify for aid, you must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, commonly called the FAFSA. Many states and colleges use your FAFSA data to determine your eligibility for state and school aid, and some private financial aid providers may use your FAFSA information to determine whether you qualify for their aid. Check the application deadlines for your state. Many state deadlines occur in early 2014. Also check the deadlines for your college. Get more information about financial aid for college or career school.

Source: KIDS.gov

Elementary Through High School: What Can You Do to Get Your Student Ready for College?

Whether you're a student or parent, years away from college or just about to start, the following checklists will help you and your kids get ready for college.

- [Elementary School Checklist](#): Student and parent checklists that start the student on the road to enjoying learning and point the parent to resources for college savings accounts.

- [Middle School Checklist](#): Student and parent checklists that get the student thinking about high school and possible careers and encourage the parent to keep an eye on the student's progress.
- High School Checklist: Student and parent checklists that help the student focus on succeeding academically and learning about financial aid and provide the parent with tips for supporting the student and participating in the financial aid application process.
 - [9th Grade Checklist](#)
 - [10th Grade Checklist](#)
 - [11th Grade Checklist](#)
 - [12th Grade Checklist](#)

Source: KIDS.gov

Kids.gov's New Career Video Explains How Doctors See Inside the Brain

Have your students watch Kids.gov's newest video, "[Brain Imaging](#)." Dr. Peter Basser and Dr. Joelle Sarlls explain how doctors use a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) to see inside the brain to diagnose illnesses and injuries. They explain how an MRI works and they point out areas of the brain from a scanned image.

Source: KIDS.gov

Resources to Counter Bullying

Kids see bullying every day. Teach them [how to be more than a bystander](#). The website, [Safe Supportive Learning](#) provides training and technical assistance, products and tools, and the latest research findings for school administrators, teachers and other school staff. It covers a variety of topics including bullying and other school safety issues.

Source: KIDS.gov

Start the Conversation Early About the Dangers of Underage Drinking

Most young people ages 12 to 20 do not drink. However, in 2012, about 9.3 million young people in this age group, or one out of four, had used alcohol. It is important to talk with young people early and often about the dangers of underage drinking. Helping them to understand that they do not need to drink to fit in and have fun is key. It is also important to teach them ways to say no and how to cope with peer pressure. Teachers and parents can use the resources on Too Smart to Start to begin the conversation.

Source: KIDS.gov

When Is It Not Safe for Kids to Play Outside? Check Out This Wind Chill Chart

With another cold front moving through parts of the country, it is important to keep in mind how quickly cold temperatures can become even more dangerous with wind. This helpful [Childcare Weather Watch Chart](#) (PDF version, [get Adobe reader](#)) provides wind chill guidance on when it is too dangerous for your kids to play outside. There is also a handy heat index chart you can use in the summer. For more information on wind chill, check out this [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page.

Source: KIDS.gov

Keep Your Kids Safe from Frostbite

How many of you have been out on a cold day and seen kids that were not properly dressed for cold weather? How many of you have kids who insist they don't feel the cold and they argue about wearing warm clothes or a winter coat? Across the U.S. we are having record breaking low temperatures. It is important that your kids understand the dangers of frostbite and how quickly exposed skin can be affected in severe cold weather. Check out these resources on kids and cold weather and what to do in the case of frostbite:

- [Do Kids Feel the Cold Like We Do?](#)

- [Frostbite](#)
- [How to Be Safe in the Ice and Snow](#) (an article for kids)

Source: KIDS.gov

What's Happening in February? A Groundhog, Counting Birds, Learning About Lincoln, and More

There is a lot going on in February. We've updated our [February Calendar](#) content with new resources for African American History Month, American Heart Month, and National Children's Dental Health Month. Don't forget to check in with Punxsutawney Phil to see what that little groundhog has to say about the rest of winter. We have some great resources you can use in the classroom to teach about two of our most famous presidents, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington, as we celebrate their birthdays. Finally, don't forget about Valentine's Day and have your students/kids participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count.

Source: KIDS.gov

Calendar of Events

November 1: **Winter Energy Assistance Available through Warren County Community Services**

- March 31 For more information, please call WCCS HEAP at 866.747.1042

January 8 – **Journey Stories at the Meriam R. Hare Quaker Heritage Center of Wilmington College**

February 7: Meriam R. Hare Quaker Heritage Center, 1870 Quaker Way, Wilmington, Ohio 45177

For more information about special events, hours, and upcoming exhibits, please

[Visit on the web](#) or ["like" us on Facebook](#) for a full schedule of special events and programs.

January 29: **1:00 pm Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**

Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152

For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231

January 30: **6:00 pm – 10:00 pm "It's Just Wine, Beer & Music" at Valley Vineyards**

Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152

For more information, please contact Valley Vineyards at 513.899.2485 or visit

<http://www.valleyvineyards.com/>

January 31: **7:30 pm 2nd Time Around (FREE) at Plain Folk Café**

Plain Folk Cafe - Music and Coffee House, 10177 State Route 132, Pleasant Plain, Ohio 45162

For more information, please visit www.plainfolkcafe.com or call 513.877.2526

February 1: **10:30 am – 12:00 pm Writers' Circle Group at Salem Township Public Library**

Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152

For more information, please call the Salem Township Public Library at 513.899.2588 or email Dylan at mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us

February 1: **7:30 pm Hickory Robot (FREE) at Plain Folk Café**

Plain Folk Cafe - Music and Coffee House, 10177 State Route 132, Pleasant Plain, Ohio 45162

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- February 2: 6:00 pm **Divorce Care Recovery Seminar & Support Group at Fellowship of Praise**
Fellowship of Praise Church, 8625 U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Clarksville, Ohio 45113
For more information, please visit <http://fopchurch.net/>
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- February 3: 6:30 pm **Village of Morrow Public Works Committee Meeting**
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Hamilton Township Administration Building, 7780 South State Route 48, Maineville, Ohio 45039
For more information, please call 513.683.8520 or visit <http://hamilton-township.org>
- February 6: 11:45 am – 1:00 pm **Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce February Membership Meeting**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
Please RSVP to Peoples First Savings Bank at 513.899.2040, by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 4
- February 6: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm **Stitch-in-Time Group Meeting**
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Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please email NeighborhoodWatch@vil.morrow.oh.us

- February 8: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm **Grace Community Presbyterian Church Indoor Garage Sale**
Grace Community Presbyterian Church, 6246 Turning Leaf Way, Maineville, Ohio 45039
For more information or to rent a table, please call 513.583.0351 or email us at gcpcc@fuse.net
- February 8: 11:00 am **Pantherfest – Sponsored by the Little Miami Athletic Boosters**
Little Miami High School, 3001 U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information or to enter a band, chili or pie in the event, contact Booster secretary Susan Knippenberg at (513) 728-1402 or at susan.knippenberg@gmail.com
- February 9: 6:00 pm **Divorce Care Recovery Seminar & Support Group at Fellowship of Praise**
Fellowship of Praise Church, 8625 U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Clarksville, Ohio 45113
For more information, please visit <http://fopchurch.net/>
- February 10: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **How-To: Crocheting Class w/ Lani Trinh at Salem Township Public Library**
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Salem Township Public Library at 513.899.2588
- February 11: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm **Teen Movie Night – with Snacks!**
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Salem Township Public Library at 513.899.2588 or send an email to Stacy at booksst@salem-township.lib.oh.us
- February 11: 6:00 pm **Morrow Village Council Meeting**
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- February 11: 7:00 pm **Salem Township Trustees Meeting**
Salem-Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please visit the Salem Township website at: www.salemtownship-warrencounty.com
- February 12: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm **Morrow United Methodist Church Care-Givers' Ministry Series**
Legal and Financial Planning for Long Term Care, presented by Patricia Meek, Esq.
Morrow United Methodist Church, 510 Welch Road, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call Morrow UMC at 513.899.3096 or visit their website at <http://www.morrowumc.com>
- February 12: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- February 12: **February WCHS Lunch & Learn – Cincinnati and Soup: Facts, Food and Fun**
Warren County History Center, 105 South Broadway Street, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
For more information, please call 513.932.1817 or email wchs@wchsmuseum.org

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- February 13: 5:00 pm **Morrow Mayor's Court**
Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call 513.899.2821 or visit www.vil.morrow.oh.us
- February 13: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm **Valentine's Day Celebration at Pine Ridge Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation**
Pine Ridge Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation, 463 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
Please RSVP by February 10, 2014
For more information and to RSVP, please call 513.899.
- February 13: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm **"It's Just Wine, Beer & Music" at Valley Vineyards**
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<http://www.valleyvineyards.com/>
- February 13: 6:45 pm **Learn More About PSEO**
Little Miami High School, 3001 U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Room 403, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please visit
<http://www.littlemiamischools.com/districtNewsArticle.aspx?artID=706#sthash.PDjjz2GN.dpbs>
- February 14: **Happy Valentine's Day!**
- February 14: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Valley Vineyards Valentine's Day Cookout!**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please contact Valley Vineyards at 513.899.2485 or visit
<http://www.valleyvineyards.com/>
- February 15: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm **Writers' Circle Group at Salem Township Public Library**
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Salem Township Public Library at 513.899.2588 or email Dylan at mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us
- February 15: 6:30 pm **Valentine's Murder Mystery Dinner**
The Lebanon Conference & Banquet Center, 121 South Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
For more information, please contact the Warren County Historical Society at 513.932.1817 or email at wchs@wchsmuseum.org.
- February 16: 6:00 pm **Divorce Care Recovery Seminar & Support Group at Fellowship of Praise**
Fellowship of Praise Church, 8625 U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Clarksville, Ohio 45113
For more information, please visit <http://fopchurch.net/>
- February 17: **Presidents' Day – Village of Morrow Offices Closed**

- February 18: 7:00 pm **Little Miami Local Schools Board of Education Meeting**
Little Miami High School-Auditorium, 3001 U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
To confirm a board meeting or to obtain a list of regularly scheduled meetings, please contact the Board of Education office at 513.899.2264
- February 19: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
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- February 19: 6:00 pm **Hamilton Township Trustees Meeting**
Hamilton Township Administration Building, 7780 South State Route 48, Maineville, Ohio 45039
For more information, please call 513.683.8520 or visit <http://hamilton-township.org>
- February 20: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm **Stitch-in-Time Group Meeting**
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Salem Township Public Library at 513.899.2588
- February 20: 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm **Free Seminar: Are You Certifiable? A Primer for Women Entrepreneurs**
Warren County Career Center, 3525 North State Route 48, Commons Room, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
For more information or to register, please visit <http://clients.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov/events.aspx>, email Angela.Steffen@co.warren.oh.us, or call Angela Steffen at 513.695.2090.
- February 20: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm **“It’s Just Wine, Beer & Music” at Valley Vineyards**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
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- February 22: 4:00 pm **Lebanon Symphony Orchestra Annual Cookie Concert**
Lebanon Junior High School Gym, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
For more information, please visit www.musicinlebanon.org or call 513.228.2226
- February 23: 4:00 pm **Friends of the Little Miami State Park General Meeting**
Loveland City Hall, 120 West Loveland Avenue, Loveland, Ohio 45140
- February 23: 6:00 pm **Divorce Care Recovery Seminar & Support Group at Fellowship of Praise**
Fellowship of Praise Church, 8625 U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Clarksville, Ohio 45113
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- February 25: 7:00 pm **Salem Township Trustees Meeting**
Salem-Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
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- March 7-9: **2014 Lebanon Quilt & Fabric Arts Show**
The Warren County History Center and Lebanon Conference & Banquet Center, 105 & 121 South Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
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How to care for Someone at Home, presented by Kari Morgan/Home Instead Senior Care
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- March 14: 6:00 pm **Warren County Friends of the NRA**
Manor House Banquet & Conference Center, 7440 Mason-Montgomery Road, Mason, Ohio 45040
For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/1424007667825670/?source=1>
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- March 18: 7:30 am – 9:30 am **Warren County Chamber Alliance 2014 Economic Outlook Breakfast**
Miami Valley Gaming (Grandstands), 6000 State Route 63, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
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<http://www.valleyvineyards.com/>
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Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please email NeighborhoodWatch@vil.morrow.oh.us
- April 6: 6:00 pm **Divorce Care Recovery Seminar & Support Group at Fellowship of Praise**
Fellowship of Praise Church, 8625 U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Clarksville, Ohio 45113
For more information, please visit <http://fopchurch.net/>
- April 8: 6:00 pm **Morrow Village Council Meeting**
Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call 513.899.2821 or visit www.vil.morrow.oh.us
- April 8: 7:00 pm **Salem Township Trustees Meeting**
Salem-Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please visit the Salem Township website at:
www.salemtownship-warrencounty.com
- April 9: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm **Morrow United Methodist Church Care-Givers' Ministry Series**
How to Maintain Balance as a Caregiver, presented by Margaret Iannaci, CAN
Morrow United Methodist Church, 510 Welch Road, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call Morrow UMC at 513.899.3096 or visit their website at
<http://www.morrowumc.com>
- April 9: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- April 10: 5:00 pm **Morrow Mayor’s Court**
Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call 513.899.2821 or visit www.vil.morrow.oh.us
- April 10: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm ***“It’s Just Wine, Beer & Music” at Valley Vineyards***
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please contact Valley Vineyards at 513.899.2485 or visit
<http://www.valleyvineyards.com/>
- April 12: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm **Writers’ Circle Group at Salem Township Public Library**
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Salem Township Public Library at 513.899.2588 or email Dylan at mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us

- April 13: 6:00 pm **Divorce Care Recovery Seminar & Support Group at Fellowship of Praise**
Fellowship of Praise Church, 8625 U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Clarksville, Ohio 45113
For more information, please visit <http://fopchurch.net/>
- April 15: 7:00 pm **Little Miami Local Schools Board of Education Meeting**
Little Miami High School-Auditorium, 3001 U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
To confirm a board meeting or to obtain a list of regularly scheduled meetings, please contact the Board of Education office at 513.899.2264
- April 16: **April Lunch & Learn - Dayton, Ohio's Forgotten Industry: The Story of the City's Role as the 'Toy Center of the United States'**
Warren County History Center, 105 South Broadway Street, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
For more information, please call 513.932.1817 or email wchs@wchsmuseum.org
- April 16: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- April 16: 6:00 pm **Hamilton Township Trustees Meeting**
Hamilton Township Administration Building, 7780 South State Route 48, Maineville, Ohio 45039
For more information, please call 513.683.8520 or visit <http://hamilton-township.org>
- April 17: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm **"It's Just Wine, Beer & Music" at Valley Vineyards**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please contact Valley Vineyards at 513.899.2485 or visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/>
- April 20: **Happy Easter!**
- April 23: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- April 23-24: **Ohio Business Matchmaker: Where Government and Business Come Together**
Hope Hotel & Richard C. Holbrooke Conference Center, 10823 Chidlaw Road, Building #823, Area A, Gate 12A, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio 45433
More details will be provided as they become available
- April 24: 5:00 pm **Morrow Mayor's Court**
Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call 513.899.2821 or visit www.vil.morrow.oh.us
- April 24: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm **"It's Just Wine, Beer & Music" at Valley Vineyards**
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- April 26: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm **Writers' Circle Group at Salem Township Public Library**
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Salem Township Public Library at 513.899.2588 or email Dylan at mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us
- April 29: 7:00 pm **Salem Township Trustees Meeting**
Salem-Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please visit the Salem Township website at:
www.salemtownship-warrencounty.com
- April 30: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- May 1: 11:45 am – 1:00 pm **Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce May Membership Meeting**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
Please RSVP to Peoples First Savings Bank at 513.899.2040, by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, April 29
- May 1: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm **"It's Just Wine, Beer & Music" at Valley Vineyards**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please contact Valley Vineyards at 513.899.2485 or visit
<http://www.valleyvineyards.com/>
- May 1: 7:30 pm **Morrow Neighborhood Watch Meeting**
Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please email NeighborhoodWatch@vil.morrow.oh.us
- May 3: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm **Warren County Career Center Community Day**
Free, family fun including Touch a Truck, children's activities, manicures, and more!
Warren County Career Center, 3525 North State Route 48, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
For more information, please visit www.mywccc.org
- May 6: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **Reading with Raider and Friends**
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Salem Township Public Library at 513.899.2588
- May 6: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Adult Book Discussion Group**
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Salem Township Public Library at 513.899.2588
- May 7: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- May 7: 6:00 pm **Hamilton Township Trustees Meeting**
Hamilton Township Administration Building, 7780 South State Route 48, Maineville, Ohio 45039
For more information, please call 513.683.8520 or visit <http://hamilton-township.org>

- May 7: 6:30 pm **Village of Morrow Public Works Committee Meeting**
Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Village of Morrow at 513.899.2821
- May 8: 5:00 pm **Morrow Mayor's Court**
Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call 513.899.2821 or visit www.vil.morrow.oh.us
- May 8: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm **"It's Just Wine, Beer & Music" at Valley Vineyards**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please contact Valley Vineyards at 513.899.2485 or visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/>
- May 10: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm **Writers' Circle Group at Salem Township Public Library**
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Salem Township Public Library at 513.899.2588 or email Dylan at mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us
- May 11: **Happy Mother's Day!**
- May 13: 6:00 pm **Morrow Village Council Meeting**
Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call 513.899.2821 or visit www.vil.morrow.oh.us
- May 13: 7:00 pm **Salem Township Trustees Meeting**
Salem-Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please visit the Salem Township website at: www.salemtownship-warrencounty.com
- May 14: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm **Morrow United Methodist Church Care-Givers' Ministry Series**
Caregiving 101, presented by Margaret Iannaci, CAN
Morrow United Methodist Church, 510 Welch Road, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call Morrow UMC at 513.899.3096 or visit their website at <http://www.morrowumc.com>
- May 14: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- May 15: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm **"It's Just Wine, Beer & Music" at Valley Vineyards**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please contact Valley Vineyards at 513.899.2485 or visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/>

- May 20: 7:00 pm **Little Miami Local Schools Board of Education Meeting**
Little Miami High School-Auditorium, 3001 U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
To confirm a board meeting or to obtain a list of regularly scheduled meetings, please contact the Board of Education office at 513.899.2264
- May 21: **May Lunch & Learn – It Cures Like Magic: The Fads and Frauds of the Golden Age of Patent Medicine Quackery**
Warren County History Center, 105 South Broadway Street, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
For more information, please call 513.932.1817 or email wchs@wchsmuseum.org
- May 21: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- May 21: 6:00 pm **Hamilton Township Trustees Meeting**
Hamilton Township Administration Building, 7780 South State Route 48, Maineville, Ohio 45039
For more information, please call 513.683.8520 or visit <http://hamilton-township.org>
- May 22: 5:00 pm **Morrow Mayor's Court**
Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call 513.899.2821 or visit www.vil.morrow.oh.us
- May 22: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm **"It's Just Wine, Beer & Music" at Valley Vineyards**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
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- May 24: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm **Writers' Circle Group at Salem Township Public Library**
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Salem Township Public Library at 513.899.2588 or email Dylan at mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us
- May 26: **Memorial Day – Village of Morrow Offices Closed**
- May 27: 7:00 pm **Salem Township Trustees Meeting**
Salem-Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please visit the Salem Township website at: www.salemtownship-warrencounty.com
- May 28: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- May 29: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm **"It's Just Wine, Beer & Music" at Valley Vineyards**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
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- May 30: **Last Day of School for Little Miami Local Schools**
- June 3: **6:30 pm – 7:30 pm Reading with Raider and Friends**
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Salem Township Public Library at 513.899.2588
- June 3: **7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Adult Book Discussion Group**
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Salem Township Public Library at 513.899.2588
- June 4: **1:00 pm Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- June 4: **6:00 pm Hamilton Township Trustees Meeting**
Hamilton Township Administration Building, 7780 South State Route 48, Maineville, Ohio 45039
For more information, please call 513.683.8520 or visit <http://hamilton-township.org>
- June 4: **6:30 pm Village of Morrow Public Works Committee Meeting**
Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Village of Morrow at 513.899.2821
- June 5: **11:45 am – 1:00 pm Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce June Membership Meeting**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
Please RSVP to Peoples First Savings Bank at 513.899.2040, by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, June 3
- June 5: **6:00 pm – 10:00 pm “It’s Just Wine, Beer & Music” at Valley Vineyards**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please contact Valley Vineyards at 513.899.2485 or visit
<http://www.valleyvineyards.com/>
- June 5: **7:30 pm Morrow Neighborhood Watch Meeting**
Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please email NeighborhoodWatch@vil.morrow.oh.us
- June 6-7: **Valley Vineyards’ Wine & Beer Festival: A Taste of Warren County**
Friday, June 6, 2014 • 5-11 pm
Saturday, June 7, 2014 • 11 am to 11 pm
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please contact Valley Vineyards at 513.899.2485 or visit
<http://www.valleyvineyards.com/>
- June 7: **Walk/Run through the Vineyards...with your family!**
9:00 am – At-the-door Registration • 10:00 am Walk/Run Begins
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
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<http://www.valleyvineyards.com/>

- June 10: 6:00 pm **Morrow Village Council Meeting**
Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call 513.899.2821 or visit www.vil.morrow.oh.us
- June 10: 7:00 pm **Salem Township Trustees Meeting**
Salem-Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please visit the Salem Township website at:
www.salemtownship-warrencounty.com
- June 11: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm **Morrow United Methodist Church Care-Givers' Ministry Series**
Morrow United Methodist Church, 510 Welch Road, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call Morrow UMC at 513.899.3096 or visit their website at
<http://www.morrowumc.com>
- June 11: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
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- June 12: 5:00 pm **Morrow Mayor's Court**
Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
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- June 12: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm **"It's Just Wine, Beer & Music" at Valley Vineyards**
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<http://www.valleyvineyards.com/>
- June 15: **Happy Father's Day!**
- June 18: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- June 18: 6:00 pm **Hamilton Township Trustees Meeting**
Hamilton Township Administration Building, 7780 South State Route 48, Maineville, Ohio 45039
For more information, please call 513.683.8520 or visit <http://hamilton-township.org>
- June 19: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm **"It's Just Wine, Beer & Music" at Valley Vineyards**
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- June 24: 7:00 pm **Salem Township Trustees Meeting**
Salem-Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please visit the Salem Township website at:
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- June 24: 7:00 pm **Little Miami Local Schools Board of Education Meeting**
Little Miami High School-Auditorium, 3001 U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
To confirm a board meeting or to obtain a list of regularly scheduled meetings, please contact the Board of Education office at 513.899.2264
- June 25: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- June 26: 5:00 pm **Morrow Mayor's Court**
Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call 513.899.2821 or visit www.vil.morrow.oh.us
- June 26: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm **"It's Just Wine, Beer & Music" at Valley Vineyards**
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- July 2: 6:30 pm **Village of Morrow Public Works Committee Meeting**
Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Village of Morrow at 513.899.2821
- July 3: 7:30 pm **Morrow Neighborhood Watch Meeting**
Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please email NeighborhoodWatch@vil.morrow.oh.us
- July 4: **Independence Day – Village of Morrow Offices Closed**
- August 17: 7:30 am **Little Miami Half Marathon & 10K**
Phegley Park, 300 Main Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information on or to register for the Little Miami Half Marathon & 10K, please visit <http://ohiorunning.com/LittleMiamiHalf/>

If your business, church or organization is planning an event, please be sure to let us know and we'll gladly include it in our Calendar of Events. Please email or fax the details of your event to Rod Smith, Village Administrator, at rod.smith@vil.morrow.oh.us or 513.899.3170.

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