

# Morrow e-News

*The Official News Source of the Village of Morrow*

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November 26, 2014

## Village of Morrow News

### **2nd Annual Christmas on Main Sponsored by the Morrow Parks & Recreation Board – November 29**

The 2nd Annual Christmas on Main sponsored by the Village of Morrow Parks and Recreation Board, Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce, Morrow Area Historical Society, and Morrow of Tomorrow will take place on **Saturday, November 29, 2014, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm** on Main Street in historic downtown Morrow, Ohio 45152. This year's events will feature vendor booths and hay rides. Horse-drawn carriage rides, free hot cider, and cookies provided by the Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce, and a special visit by Santa at the train depot from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. If your business, church, or organization would like to participate in this event by having a booth or making a donation, please email [parks@vil.morrow.oh.us](mailto:parks@vil.morrow.oh.us). The Parks & Recreation Board would like to thank Morrow Lumber for their generous donation of materials for the event signs at each end of the Village along Pike Street. Thank you Morrow Lumber!

### **Elves Needed for Christmas on Main – Volunteers Needed**

It's that time of the year again and Santa is looking for any age Elves. If you just love Christmas, are in high school and have to fulfill your community service hour requirements, love seeing the magic of Christmas in children's eyes, or whatever the case, Santa and his gang will be at the Morrow Train Depot **Saturday, November 29, 2014**, from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. There is no limit to how many we can get, the more the merrier. For more information, please contact Rick at 513.509.6423.

### **Donate Your Gently Used Christmas Decorations to Christmas on Main**

The Village of Morrow Parks & Recreation Board is seeking donations of gently used Christmas decorations for the 2014 Christmas on Main celebration, to be held **Saturday, November 29, 2014**. 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. For more information, please call the Village of Morrow at 513.899.2821 or email at [Parks@vil.morrow.oh.us](mailto:Parks@vil.morrow.oh.us). The Village of Morrow Parks & Recreation Board would like to express their gratitude to the following people for their donations. Thank you to:

- **The Schneider Family**
- **Marlene Schwartz-DeBoard**
- **The Smith Family**
- **The Keppler Family**
- **The Kelly Family**
- **Frank & Mary Goodlander**
- **The Kissel Family**
- **The Macko Family**
- **The Smith Family**

## Local Girl Saves 11 Puppies

Sunday, November 23, 2014, was just a typical Sunday until a local girl noticed something terribly wrong. While visiting her Grandmother, Little Miami sixth grader Brandi Wilmot noticed barking coming from outside her Grandmother's home. When she went to investigate, she discovered that someone had abandoned 11 puppies near "the point" (where Todd's Fork meets the Little Miami River). Young Brandi's hero instincts kicked in as she went door to door trying to find the owners. After being unable to find the owners of these puppies, Brandi knew she had to find homes for the puppies. She happened to find the home of a local animal shelter employee who took the two sickest puppies to the shelter where they could heal before being adopted. Nearby, a local church happened to be having an outside activity and Brandi took advantage of the opportunity to find homes for the puppies among the church members and neighbors. Additionally, one of the puppies found a home with Brandi's older sister. Within a couple hours young Brandi had turned a tragedy into a wonderful day by finding homes for the 11 abandoned puppies. Way to go, Brandi!

## 8th Annual Morrow Community Christmas Dinner – December 13, 2014

With the help of our community, we were able to orchestrate a very successful Morrow Community Christmas Dinner in December of 2013. At last year's event, we promoted unity and good will within our community while enjoying the company of more than 400 of our neighbors who were in attendance. Approximately ten percent of the meals were hand delivered by our volunteers to the elderly, sick, and shut-ins who were not able to make the cold winter trip. As always, at the end of the night the remaining food was delivered to the Abuse and Rape Shelter of Warren County and the Mary Haven Youth Center.

Without the help of the community, such as you, this event would not have been possible in 2013. We are calling upon you once more to help in any way you can for the Eighth Annual Morrow Community Christmas Dinner. The dinner will be held **Saturday, December 13, 2014**, from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm at the Morrow VFW Post 8202, 315 Second Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152.

Regardless of whether it is a monetary donation, a gift card, or donation of time in the serving line, it will be greatly appreciated. Remember, your donation may be tax deductible! Please make checks payable to "Morrow Community Christmas Dinner." Checks can be mailed to:

Morrow Community Christmas Dinner  
c/o Merilene Skaggs  
5180 Radford Drive  
Morrow, Ohio 45152

For more information, please call Merilene at 513.899.3480 or Julia at 513.899.2551.

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## Honor our Veterans with an Engraved Paver at the Morrow Veterans Memorial

Engraved 4" x 8" brick pavers with veteran's names may be purchased for \$30.00 each. If you are interested in purchasing a brick or making a donation to help with the construction of the Park, please contact the Village of Morrow at (513) 899-2821 for a paver order form or click on the Paver Order Form link below. The deadline for the first round of engraved pavers is December 31, 2014.

### Morrow Veterans Memorial Park Paver Order Form

Purchased by: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Veteran: \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Veteran: \_\_\_\_\_

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please fill out this form as you would want the brick to read. Only one character per space is allowed
2. Please print clearly
3. Veterans must provide proof of service such as a DD214
4. Please make \$30.00 check payable to: Morrow VFW Post #202
5. Mail to: Morrow VFW Post #202, Post Office Box 115, Morrow, Ohio 45152

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A scale model of the proposed Veterans Memorial Park and actual brick paver is available for viewing at the Village Administration building located on Pike Street. Please make your check payable to Morrow VFW Post 8202. Please mail your completed brick form and check to:

Morrow VFW Post 8202  
Post Office Box 115  
Morrow, Ohio 45152

If you have any questions concerning the Morrow Veterans Memorial, please call Bob Blankenship at 513.678.4410 or the Village of Morrow at 513.899.2821.

## Salem Township News

### Get Your Car Seat Safety Inspection at the Salem-Morrow Fire Department

Did you know these Child Passenger Safety Facts (from safekids.org)?

- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among children ages 3 to 14.
- Correctly used child safety seats are extremely effective and reduce the risk of death as much as 71%.
- Nearly 73% of child restraints are not installed or used correctly.
- Nearly half of kids 14 and under who died in crashes were completely unrestrained.

You can come to the Salem-Morrow Fire Department for car seat checks which are conducted by National Child Passenger Safety Board certified technicians. Appointments can be made by calling Salem Morrow Fire Department at 513-899-2222 or emailing [jzwerling@station71.com](mailto:jzwerling@station71.com). Please allow approximately 30-45 minutes per car seat. When you come in for a car seat check please have the following:

- The car seat (not in the box if new)
- The car seat instructions
- The vehicle owner's manual

All parents/caregivers and any children riding in the car should try to be at the appointment.

### Free Blood Pressure Checks at the Salem-Morrow Fire Department

The Salem/Morrow Fire department staffs a member of the department at the fire station at all times.

Anybody is welcome to stop by for a free blood pressure check or for any health concern. That's what we are here for. If you feel you are having a medical emergency please call 9-1-1 and we will come to you.

## **Wanted: A Few Good Men & Women to Serve on the Salem Township Zoning Commission**

As a member of the Salem Township Zoning Commission, you will help guide the future of Salem Township by advising the Salem Township Trustees on issues, such as:

- Future development projects;
- Zoning Code updates;
- Requests for change in land use.

No experience necessary, only a desire to serve our community. Must reside in the unincorporated area of Salem Township. Please send a letter of interest to:

Zoning Commission · c/o Salem-Morrow Fire Department · Post Office Box 161 · Morrow, Ohio 45152

For more information, please call 513.899.9363 or visit [www.salemtownship-warrencounty.com](http://www.salemtownship-warrencounty.com).

## **Salem-Morrow Fire Department Cadet Program**

The Salem-Morrow Fire Department Cadets is a youth oriented program directed at helping young adults who have an interest in the field of firefighting and Emergency Medical Services, as well as, to assist the Salem-Morrow Fire Department when able.

The program meets on the 1st (first) Monday of the month at the fire station at 1800 hrs. Cadets are required to participate in the department's fire training, held the 2nd (second) Monday of each month at 1830 hrs. Cadets are taught the basic skills of firefighting and first aid. Much of the training is hands-on and is supervised by Fire Department personnel. Meetings also include public service projects and fund raising activities.

Cadets are allowed to respond with the department to any "station response", provided that he/she is not serving any type of suspension – school or program. During the school year, cadets are permitted to make runs from the time that school is dismissed for the day until 9:30pm, only if school assignments are complete or at the discretion of parents/guardians. If cadets are on a response close to the 9:30pm cut-off, every attempt will be made to return them to the station to meet their parents/guardians or to take them home. During school vacations/breaks, cadets are allowed to run around the clock, but only at the discretion of his/her parent/guardian.

Cadets will learn how hard work, discipline, and a structured work environment in the fire service promote safety and teamwork toward successfully completing a common objective. All members shall be trained and certified in Basic First Aid and C.P.R. Cadets will also gain a sense of pride in serving the community. Parents will witness the positive outcome by having their child enroll in this growing program.

The Cadets are always in search of energetic young men and women who are eager to learn more about the fire service. Any student between the ages of 14 and 18 years of age with a grade point average of 1.0 or greater is eligible to apply.

Anyone interested in becoming a cadet contact:

Salem-Morrow Fire Department · 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3 · Morrow, Ohio 45152 · 513.899.2222

Join the TEAM! Make a change for the better!

## **Program Advisors**

Lieutenant Richard Oeder, FF/EMT

Mike Belanger, FF/EMT

## **Salem/Morrow Fire Department Seeking Firefighters**

Part-Time Firefighter/EMT: The Salem / Morrow Fire Department is continuously accepting applications for Firefighter/EMT's Position. Minimum requirements are Ohio EMT-B and Ohio FF I. Job description and application are available at the Salem / Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3 Morrow, Ohio 45152, Monday – Friday 0800 – 1600 hrs.

Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedic: The Salem / Morrow Fire Department is continuously accepting applications for Firefighter/Paramedic Position. Minimum requirements are Ohio EMT-P and Ohio FF I. Job description and application are available at the Salem / Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3 Morrow, Ohio 45152, Monday – Friday 0800 – 1600 hrs.

For more information, please call the Salem/Morrow Fire Department at 513.899.2222 or visit [www.station71.com](http://www.station71.com).

## **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 stop by the Salem-Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152, to complete an order form. 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?

## **Little Miami Food Pantry News**

### **Thank You for your Generous Donations!**

Sometimes hidden within the celebration of this season is the gift of Thanksgiving Day—a day traditionally celebrated with food and family. It really is the season of 'Thanks' and 'Giving'. The Little Miami Food Pantry has much to be thankful for. Within the past month Salem Elementary has collected a generous amount of food that has been given out to those who come for food assistance. Little Miami High School under the direction of Mrs. Cook and the National Honor Society delivered a huge load of food Friday (11/14). It will soon be on the Pantry shelves and ready to hand out.

Recently Frank and Mary attended the Chamber of Commerce lunch and were asked about the needs of the pantry. That talk resulted in Linda Hurst contacting the Kroger store in Goshen and asked about the possibilities of getting whole chickens donated. With the aid of Kroger employees, Warren and Mike, not only did they arrange for the donation of \$100 worth of chickens but also added a gift card. Linda and her husband picked up the chickens and delivered them to the Pantry. This can be no better way to celebrate Thanksgiving and all those associated with the Pantry say "Thank you!"

### **Little Miami Food Pantry Providing Free Turkeys to Each Family of Four**

Thanksgiving is upon us and the Little Miami Food Pantry is planning to give a turkey to each family of 4. We're hoping for donations to help pay for this extra treat. This is a good time to say a big Thank You for all of the donations this community has given to the Pantry.

### **Morrow Area Historical Society News**

#### **Executive Board Schedules Annual Meeting – December 17**

The Morrow Area Historical Society Executive Board has scheduled their Annual Meeting for 10:00 am Wednesday, December 17, 2014, at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152. This meeting is open to all current members of the Morrow Area Historical Society. Items on the agenda include: 2014 Accomplishments; 2015 Goals; Treasurer's Report; Heritage Advisory Council Report; and Election of Officers for 2015. For more information, please call 513.899.2821.

#### **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 fourth 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 call 513.899.2821 or view the MAHS Membership brochure here:



#### **Historical Information Needed – Bridge over Todd's Fork**

We are interested in learning more about the history of the bridge that crosses Todd's Fork along the Little Miami Scenic Trail. Do you know who the bridge manufacturer is? When was it constructed? Do you have any photos of the bridge you would like to share? Any historical information would be greatly appreciated. Please email any information you would like to share to [administrator@vil.morrow.oh.us](mailto:administrator@vil.morrow.oh.us).

#### **Please Donate Your Aluminum Can Pull Tabs to Help Support the Morrow Area Historical Society**

The Morrow Area Historical Society is collecting aluminum can pull tabs to help support our efforts to preserve our local history. Please drop off your aluminum can pull tabs at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152.

## Quaker Heritage Center News

### ***"The War to End All Wars" Exhibit at the Quaker Heritage Center – Now through December 12***

100 years ago, one of the Earth's most deadly conflicts began: World War I. By the end of "The War to End All Wars," over 37 million people were dead, wounded, or listed missing. "It's a story that we tend to forget," said Ruth Brindle, Curator of the Quaker Heritage Center. "World War I is often overshadowed by World War II, particularly here in the United States, where the war's impact wasn't felt as acutely as it was in Europe. That's why we felt this exhibit - *The Pity of War: Words and Images of World War I* - is necessary."

The exhibit **will be on display through December 12, 2014**, and opens with a brief overview of the chronology of the war itself, then delves into the stories of those who lived through those events as soldiers, civilians, and Conscientious Objectors. "Using the words of these individuals, and highlighting those stories with images from the period, really brings the experience home on a personal level," Brindle noted. Of particular interest to the mission of the Quaker Heritage Center is the inclusion of stories of individual Quakers who registered as Conscientious Objectors or volunteered for relief work in war-torn Europe. That particular interest is why Stephen Angell, Geraldine Leatherock Professor of Quaker Studies at Earlham School of Religion, will be the guest lecturer at the exhibit opening. His talk, "A. Neave Brayshaw and the Re-Invigoration of the Quaker Peace Testimony During World War I," will explore the way the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) responded to the War. The exhibit will be on display at the Quaker Heritage Center of Wilmington College from July 28 through December 12, 2014. The Center is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the last Saturday of each month, 12 noon to 5 p.m. Contact Ruth M. Brindle, Curator, or visit [www.wilmington.edu/qhc](http://www.wilmington.edu/qhc) for more information on the exhibit and a full calendar of events.

## Warren County Historical Society News

### **Gingerbread House Display & Competition Announced – November 28 - December 6**

The Warren County Historical Society announces a gingerbread house display and competition as part of its 2014 holiday season. The exhibit and contest is a joint fundraiser of the Warren County Historical Society and Big Brothers and Sisters of Warren & Clinton Counties, Inc. The contest is open to both professional and non-professional chefs, children and adults as well as groups. Entry forms and a complete list of guidelines are available at [www.wchsmuseum.org](http://www.wchsmuseum.org). You must register and complete an entry form by **November 22, 2014** to submit a gingerbread house to the competition. First prize winners in each category will receive a Kroger gift card.

The first 50 gingerbread houses entered in the competition will be on display at the Warren County History Center, 105 S. Broadway, Lebanon on November 28 & 29, Friday and Saturday during the day and Friday evening of Thanksgiving weekend. The display will be free and open to the public for those two days and for Lebanon's annual Christmas tree lighting event.

Twelve of the winning entries will then be showcased at Glendower for the 2014 Christmas at Glendower celebration. Those 12 winners will receive free passes to Christmas at Glendower for themselves and six friends. This year's decorating theme for *Christmas at Glendower* is *Twelve Days of Christmas*. Glendower is open for twelve days in December each Friday, Saturday and Sunday in December from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The winning gingerbread houses in each category will be displayed in the twelve rooms of Glendower. Admission to Christmas at Glendower is \$8 adults, \$7 seniors 65 and over and \$4 students under 18. For more information contact the Warren County Historical Society at 513-932-1817 or visit [www.wchsmuseum.org](http://www.wchsmuseum.org).

The Warren County Historical Society is a private 501 C3 nonprofit organization which owns and operates three historic properties in downtown Lebanon, Ohio. The properties include The Warren County History Center, Glendower Historic Mansion and the Old Post Office.

### **Book Signing to Benefit History Center – November 29**

Popular lecturer and author Cheri Brinkman will be on hand at the Warren County History Center on **Saturday, November 29, 2014**, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm for a book sale and signing of her popular *Cincinnati & Soup: Festivals & Frolics* book, part of the Cincinnati & Soup series.

“I love local history and admire the work of the Warren County Historical Society. I want to support them anyway I can”, explained Ms. Brinkman, “That’s why I am donating 50% of the profits from any copies of *Festivals & Frolics* we sell that day to the History Center”.

*Cincinnati & Soup: Festivals and Frolics* chronicle some of Cincinnati’s most popular events. Also included in this book are recipes for foods served at local festivals from barbecue to goetta and everything in between.

The Warren County History Center will be open free of admission on Saturday, November 29 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Center is located two doors south of the Golden Lamb, across the street from the Golden Turtle Chocolate Factory and catty-cornered from the LM&M Railroad. For more information visit [www.wchsmuseum.org](http://www.wchsmuseum.org) or call 513-932-1817.

### **American Girl Doll Raffle – December 3**

Enter to win a retired Felicity or Kirsten *American Girl* mini doll. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Drawing will be held on **Wednesday, December 3, 2014**. For more information, please call the Warren County Historical Society at 513.932.1817.

### **“Zachariah Johnson” Christmas Story teller to Speak at History Center – December 6 & 10**

Enjoy the delightful tales of Christmas past when “Zachariah Johnson” relates stories of the holiday season of his day, 1898, and those of his youth in pioneer Lebanon, Ohio. The poems, legends and anecdotes of a Victorian Christmas will bring a smile to young and old.

The Warren County History Center’s Historian, John Zimkus portrays “Zachariah Johnson” Saturday December 6 at the Warren County History Center in downtown Lebanon as part of Lebanon’s Christmas Festival and Horse Drawn Carriage Parade and again on Wednesday December 10 as the final edition of the History Center’s 2014 *Lunch & Learn* program.

When asked why 1898 Mr. Zimkus explained, “I wanted Zachariah to have been a small boy at the time that Charles Dickens visited Lebanon so he could tell stories of that time and also remember the stories his father might have told him from an even earlier time”.

Among the many seasonal tales Zachariah will tell is the story of how his father, Joshua Johnson, as a young boy helped lock out his teacher, Master Francis Dunlavy, from what was Warren County’s first school on Christmas Day 1797. Zachariah also will recall how he, at the age of twelve, saw Charles Dickens the author of one of the greatest Christmas stories of all time, *A Christmas Carol*, come to Lebanon, Ohio in 1842. In addition to Christmas stories of old Lebanon, Zachariah will recite Clement Clarke Moore’s classic holiday poem “A Visit From St. Nicholas” (“The Night Before Christmas”) and the not so very well known “The Night After Christmas.”



**December 6** Zachariah will perform for free at 11:30 am, 2:30, 3:30 and 4:30 pm in the "Village Green" room of the Warren County History Center, 105 S. Broadway.

**December 10** Zachariah will perform for Lunch & Learn at the Warren County History Center. Doors open at 10:00, lunch is served at 11:30 and the program begins at noon. The cost is \$20 per person and includes a gourmet served lunch. Paid reservations must be made by December 6, 2014. For more information see [www.wchsmuseum.org](http://www.wchsmuseum.org) or call 513-932-1817.

**Lunch & Learn: "Zachariah Johnson: Lebanon, Ohio's Christmas Story teller of 1898" – December 10**

Details: "Zachariah Johnson" tells delightful tales of Christmas past when he relates stories of the holiday season of his day, 1898, and those of his youth in pioneer Lebanon, Ohio. The poems, legends, and anecdotes of a Victorian Christmas in southwest Ohio will bring a smile to both young and old.

Speaker: John J. Zimkus, the Historian and Education Director of the Warren County Historical Society, has delighted audiences as "Zachariah Johnson," the 1898 Christmas Storyteller, for over 20 years at the annual Lebanon Horse Drawn Carriage Parade & Festival.

**Morrow Area Church News**

**"Meals for Morrow" Riversway Ministry, Feeding the Morrow Community – December 6**

Riversway Ministry recently began serving "Meals for Morrow." Meals are served at the Old Train Depot on Main Street in Morrow, where people may eat at tables provided. Meals are provided at no cost to those in need every other Saturday from 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm. Future meal dates are: **December 6, 2014; December 20, 2014; and January 3, 2015.** We will be putting up flyers around town and will be going door to door on the Friday night before, so we hope to have a big crowd. We have had a lot of interest in helping with this ministry, so we are hoping that on that day there will be plenty of help. For more information, please contact Melonie at [meloniemetz@embarqmail.com](mailto:meloniemetz@embarqmail.com) or call 513.932.9678.

**Caregiver Resource Connection at Morrow United Methodist Church**

Caregiver Resource Connection: Who is a caregiver? You are a caregiver whether you devote as little as 5 minutes a week or as much as 24 hours a day to providing or supervising the care for a loved one who is disabled, frail, or elderly. It can be both physically and emotionally demanding! Meet others who share your experience to discuss topics like maintaining balance as a caregiver, solving caregiving problems, the guilt/stress of caregiving, and learning to care for yourself. There is a group at Morrow United Methodist that normally meets every month on the 2nd Monday from 4:00 - 5:30 pm in the Church Library. This group is free and open to the public and is here for you! We are also in need of facilitators for several new groups forming in the Greater Cincinnati Area. If you, as a current or former caregiver, feel called to this service, have questions about our groups, or about caregiving in general, please call the Caregiver CAREline at (513) 929-4483 for more information.

**Bethel Murdoch Presbyterian Church Celebrates 200th Anniversary in 2014!**

Bethel Murdoch Presbyterian Church is celebrating its 200th Anniversary in the year 2014! In honor of our 200 years of service to the glory of God, we will be lifting up our outreach ministries, re-enacting historical services, exploring our history, making and eating ice cream, and rejoicing over the opportunity to be a faithful and obedient community of believers for the whole year. Every month we will celebrate a significant part of the history of the church. Please follow our calendar of events on our website for the coming year at <http://www.thebmpc.org/>.

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

For more information about membership and/or the Morrow/Maineville E MOMS Club® chapter, please email: [MorrowMainevilleMomsClub@gmail.com](mailto:MorrowMainevilleMomsClub@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.

### **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](mailto:administrator@vil.morrow.oh.us).

### **Morrow Area Business News**

#### **Help Wanted: Pine Ridge Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation in Need of STNA's**

We are hiring! STNA's 12 hour shifts, 6:00 am – 6:00 pm & 6:00 pm – 6:00 am, FT & PRN. Competitive wages with full benefits package after 90 days. Qualified applicants are encouraged to stop by Pine Ridge Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation, 463 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152, or call 513.899.2801.

#### **Village of Morrow Welcomes New Business – *I Heart Zing Studio & Design Gallery***

A few words from the owner: "I am a Morrow resident and have been making handcrafted jewelry and accessory items for friends and family for many years. Over the past 5 years I have been designing and selling my creations online and at local craft fairs. I have outgrown my home studio and my husband and I have made a leap of faith into the Village of Morrow. The I Heart Zing Studio & Design Gallery is located at 101 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152. My design studio is at this location. Also, I will be hosting private jewelry parties and special events. In addition, we will have seasonal public retail hours. For the 2014 Christmas season we will be open on Saturdays from 10-6 beginning November 29<sup>th</sup> through Christmas. In our public retail area you will find a large selection of necklaces, bracelets, earrings, Christmas themed jewelry, hair bows, floral hair clips, stock show "bling" jewelry, Christmas ornaments, hardwood wine stoppers, wine bottle charms, and fleece spirit scarves in a variety of unique colors and styles. Each piece in my shop was designed and crafted by hand. Each style is limited or single quantity so you are sure to find something you've never seen before. I also do custom jewelry orders to match a specific need, dress or event. We will begin scheduling private jewelry parties in 2015. Hostess will be able to earn free product just by having a great time with her girlfriends at the I Heart Zing Design Gallery! For more information on I Heart Zing, LLC you can check out [www.iheartzing.com](http://www.iheartzing.com) and [www.shop.iheartzing.com](http://www.shop.iheartzing.com). Be sure to watch for our official grand opening event in 2015."

### **Big Tree Plantation – a Christmas Tradition for over 25 years! – November 28 – December 23**

Big Tree Plantation Christmas trees are a Christmas tradition for many families in our community, and with our wide selection of evergreen trees and knowledgeable and helpful staff, we want to make our tree farm part of your tradition as well! Come join us on the farm for a cut your own Christmas tree experience that will create wonderful family memories for years to come. We'll provide the saw, wagon ride, and hot chocolate, and you find the perfect tree for your home. Currently on the farm we have approximately 45,000 Christmas trees for harvest, and we continue to plant more each year with more than 60 acres of growing trees. We grow an [extensive variety of Christmas trees](#), including Canaan Fir, Colorado Blue Spruce, Scotch and White Pines, with live trees from 3 feet to 18 feet tall! In addition, our fresh, pre-cut tree lot includes Fraser Fir, Canaan Fir, Scotch Pine, White Pine and Serbian Spruce. Come shop in our beautiful, [Big Tree Plantation Gift Barn](#) for all your holiday needs—tree stands, custom wreaths, greenery and a great selection of decorations. The rustic ambiance of our gift barn twinkles with sparkling memories of Christmas. We have a kids shop just for the little ones with all sorts of Christmas items from smiling frosty snowmen to jolly ole' Saint Nicks. We also have a life size Nativity and a room full of choices for Fontinini collectors. Come explore the medley of holiday decorations in the Big Tree Plantation Gift Barn. [Check out Winter Wonderland and our Night Time Adventure for more fun for all ages.](#) Big Tree Plantation is located at 2544 South Waynesville Road, Morrow, Ohio 45152. For more information, please call 513.836.0975 or visit <http://www.bigtreeplantation.com/index.htm>.

### **Enjoy The Christmas Ranch – November 28 – December 31**

Make plans to bring your loved ones to visit The Christmas Ranch this Christmas season. The Christmas Ranch, 3205 South Waynesville Road, Morrow, Ohio 45152, is open November 28, 2014 – December 31, 2014. For more information, please visit <http://thechristmasranch.com>.

### **Healthy Solution Yoga & Cardio Drumming Drop-In Classes Start December 1**

Exciting News! Drop-in classes begin December 1, 2014, for Yoga and Cardio Drumming. Yoga classes will be held on Mondays from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Cardio Drumming classes will be held on Monday at 7:45 pm and Thursdays at 6:30 pm and 7:45 pm. Get a jump on your New Year's resolution to lead a healthier lifestyle. For more information, please contact Jennifer Kavensky, Wellness Coach with Herbalife International, 513.387.9745, [jkprezteam@yahoo.com](mailto:jkprezteam@yahoo.com) or [www.JenniferKavensky.com](http://www.JenniferKavensky.com).

### **Valley Vineyards 2014 Light Up the Valley – December 3**

This event re-creates an old fashioned Christmas in the best Austrian holiday tradition. Santa and the choir will make their appearances, adding to the festivities. Enjoy a full buffet of pork with fruit, roast beef au jus and all the trimmings, including a bottle of wine. Per couple \$59 (+ tax). This event fills up quickly, so reservations are required. Please call us at 513.899.2485.

### ***"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>.

## **New Year's Eve Cookout! Make your reservations today - December 31**

The time is approaching and we are now accepting reservations for our annual New Year's Eve Cookout! What better way to kick off your New Year's Eve festivities than by celebrating with us here at Valley Vineyards. We look forward to sharing a champagne toast here with you to ring in 2015. This event does typically fill up so please make your reservations early to ensure your spot!

Grill your own 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 vegetables
- Baked potato
- Fresh breads, and
- Our special homemade dessert buffet

Reservations:

Reservations are required. 5:00 – 8:30 pm reservations available. Please call 513.899.2485 to reserve your table. We close at 11 pm.

Pricing:

- For age 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
  - \$8.50 (+ tax) buffet only

## **Plain Folk Café Offering Some of the Area's Finest Food & Entertainment**

Whether you're looking for a place to gather with friends for a great meal or you're looking for great live music, look no further than the Plain Folk Café, 10177 State Route 132, Pleasant Plain, Ohio 45162. For more information, please check out Plain Folk Café's calendar of events at [http://plainfolkcafe.com/CALENDAR\\_OF\\_EVENTS.html](http://plainfolkcafe.com/CALENDAR_OF_EVENTS.html).

## **Viox Excavating 6-Month Reminder**

It's time to divert your septic system. Doing this twice a year helps your septic or mound system lasts a lifetime. For more insights, see our free report [Prevent Septic System Nightmares! 6 Things You Need To Know](#).

### **Diverting Your Septic System Instructions**

1. You'll need a "key" to do this. One was provided as a part of the septic system installation and may be stored inside one of the risers on your tank. If your key has been misplaced, a replacement can be purchased from your local hardware store.
2. Take the lid off the white PVC pipe that sticks up out of the ground. You will see a 1 and 2 at the 11:00 and 1:00 positions. (If they are obscured by mud, pour water in to rinse them.)
3. Use the key to turn the valve to the other number. It may be quite difficult to turn but will not break.
4. Return the lid and forget about it until you receive your next reminder in 6 months.

### Additional Reminders

Six months from now, and every 6 months thereafter, you'll receive an email reminding you to divert your system. If you move or want to stop receiving the reminders, you can always unsubscribe at the bottom of each email.

We're pleased to help you with all your excavating needs. In addition to septic and mound systems, we do:

- Pond Repairs
- Complete Lot Development
- Install Hauled Water Storage Systems
- Other Excavating Services

Please let us know if there is any way we can help.

Thanks,

The Viox Excavating Team

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### **Shelton's Produce and Glory Farms at Deerfield Farmers Market & Lebanon Farm Market**

We have several 8-12 lb pastured turkeys available, \$2.75 pound. I can deliver Wednesday at the Lebanon location. These are Wild Holly turkeys, and I'm not sure how many he has, but several. We have a balance of 5 of the young chickens available. These are \$2.75 a pound, and this week they did average 4 lbs. dressed weight. If someone prefers skinless chicken, one of them I dressed I had to skin because of too hot water when we defeathered them. So let me know if someone wants a skinless chicken. I will have stewing chickens available most of the winter, at \$2 a pound, and the young chickens available again, possibly in February. The bad news is that egg production has PLUMMETED. My source for extra eggs was my daughter in law, and her chickens have quit laying, and mine slowed way down weeks ago. We do apologize to those who were on the order list, but we have to go to oldest standing orders. Also, we are baking pies and cobblers for Thanksgiving, baking them the day before and delivering in the Lebanon location in the afternoon, probably 3. And as above, turkeys, or any other orders. And if you are working I can leave them in a safe location, delivered. You can also pick up at the farm. Pumpkin, apple, peach (from canned peaches), and also blackberry cobblers. Pricing is the small peach cobblers at \$5, \$10 for peach, apple, or pumpkin pies. \$15 for the deep dish apple or peach pies. \$12 for 10" blackberry cobblers. Alright, as usual, order ahead to insure your needs. And we are always at the Lebanon location on Thursdays, from 3 till 5, (but not this Thanksgiving Thursday, and also this year Christmas and New Years are on Thursday, but I will deliver orders on Wednesday afternoon). And always deliver every Saturday to the Deerfield location from 10 till 11. And if you've ordered, and I don't have your name here, my apologies, and please let me know.

Have a blessed week, and a wonderful Thanksgiving. We know for some, actually many, the holidays are difficult. May God especially bless you.

Glory Farms/ Wild Holly Farm/ Shelton Produce

[gloryent@tds.net](mailto:gloryent@tds.net) / call or text 937 725 8773 / [www.wildhollyfarm.com](http://www.wildhollyfarm.com)

## Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce News

### **Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Christmas Dinner – December 11**

The Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce invites you and a guest to our Annual Christmas Dinner. Please join us Thursday, December 11, 2014, from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152. Hors d'oeuvres from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm. Again this year, we will be raffling off gifts generously donated by local area businesses. Please contact your Chamber at [info@littlemiamiareachamber.com](mailto:info@littlemiamiareachamber.com) if you would like to make a raffle donation!

Events to have on your calendar:

- Christmas on Main - **November 29<sup>th</sup>** in Morrow
- Little Miami Area Chamber Christmas Dinner – **December 11<sup>th</sup>** at Valley Vineyards
- Craig Capital Corporation Holiday Open House - **December 11<sup>th</sup>**

### 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.

### Warren County Convention & Visitors Bureau News

#### **Warren County Means Winter Fun!**

From shopping to sledding, feasts to fests, there's no limit to the fun you'll find in Ohio's Largest Playground this holiday season! Experience the magic of the [Lebanon Horse Drawn Carriage Parade and Christmas Festival](#), **Saturday, December 6, 2014**, or join us for the inaugural season of [Beach Mountain](#)—a 400 foot snow tubing hill and winter play land right on the grounds of the Beach Waterpark! Take in [The Christmas Ranch's](#) nationally-renowned display of nearly one million LED lights, synchronized to holiday music, or book a stay at the [Great Wolf Lodge](#)—transformed into [Snowland](#) with life-size gingerbread houses, Santa visits, and more holiday fun! Looking for some old-fashioned charm? The towns of Lebanon, Waynesville and Springboro are all home to decorated, historic Main Streets, a variety of dining options and more than 100 antique, boutique and specialty shops perfect for those holiday shopping sprees! Find homemade treats at the [Jam & Jelly Lady](#), thousands of unique fabrics at [The Fabric Shack](#), or an incredible array of holiday décor at [King's Mills General Store and Christmas Shop](#). Whatever your wish, your holiday escape awaits in Warren County!

[\[ Plan your snow day today! \]](#)

## Salem Township Public Library News

### **Fall Story Time and Lapsit**

Two of the most popular and well-loved programs are back at the library this fall! Register your little book worm for Story Time or Lapsit. Preschool Story Time for 3-6 year-olds focuses on listening to stories, playing games, making friends, and creating crafts. Each thirty-minute Story Time class is held on **Tuesdays at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm**. Lapsit for young children ages 18-36 months and a caregiver focuses on listening to short stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs. Each 15-20 minute Lapsit class is held on **Wednesdays at 10:45 am**. Call or stop in the library to sign up; registration is under way: (513) 899-2588.

### **November is Paddington Bear Month at the Library!**

Come in to see our huge display of Paddington Bears throughout the month.

### December Happenings

#### **Mobile Mammography – December 1**

St. Elizabeth's Digital Mobile Mammography program brings the highest quality mammography services to the Salem Township Public Library on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1-4:30 pm Covered by Medicare, Medicaid and most insurance companies under the following guidelines: Ages 35-40 Baseline Screening, Over 40 an Annual Screening. \*FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO THOSE THAT QUALIFY\* Contact St. Elizabeth to schedule your appointment! Phone: 859-655-7400.

#### **A Very Merry Craft Party, Tuesday, December 2 from 6-8:00 pm**

(Teens 10+ and Adults)

There's no gift more special than one made from the heart. Come create your own holiday greeting cards from scratch to give to your loved ones this holiday season. (All craft supplies provided.) Cocoa and cookies to be served. Contact the library for more information or send an email to Dylan at: [mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto:mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us).

#### **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 6:30-8:00 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.

- December's choice: *The Double Comfort Safari Club* by Alexander McCall Smith
- January's choice: *The Orchadist* by Amanda Coplin
- February's choice: *A Winter's Tale* by Mark Helprin

#### **Reading with Raider and Friends**

Therapy dogs are at the library **the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30-7:30 pm!** This program is great for beginning or reluctant readers to practice their skills. Everyone who loves dogs is welcome... Reading with Raider & Friends is tail-wagging fun! There is no registration, but be sure to arrive early to pick out a book to read as this is a popular program.

## 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, at 10:30 am** at the library to share their creative writing pieces. Here are the dates of the Writing Circle meetings for the first few months of 2015. As always, dates are subject to change.

- December 13, 2014
- January 10, 2015
- January 24, 2015
- February 7, 2015
- February 21, 2015
- March 7, 2015
- March 21, 2015

Prompts are decided by the whole group and sharing ideas is welcomed and encouraged. Coffee is served at each meeting for free. Those interested in joining or wanting to pose questions can contact me at:

[mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto:mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us).

## Gingerbread House Workshop Registration Begins

The library's very popular annual holiday event is being split into two events this year!

1. The Family Gingerbread House Workshop will be held on **Saturday, December 6. Session 1: 10:30-11:30 am, Session 2: 12:30-1:30 pm.**
2. Adult Gingerbread House Workshop for anyone 18 and older will be held on **Wednesday, December 10 at 1:00 pm!**

You must register in person at the library for either workshop to receive your ticket. The sessions fill up fast, so come in as soon as possible to secure your spot! The library will provide all the edible goodies you will need to create a delicious masterpiece to take home and enjoy. Space is limited and this program fills up fast, so sign up soon!

## Little Miami High School Choir Concert – December 9

The Little Miami High School Choir will regale library visitors with songs of the season on **Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 pm**. Enjoy holiday tunes with your hometown Panther choir, light refreshments, and cheery company. The concert is free and open to all.

## Download eBooks and Audiobooks for Free to Your Devices

Did you know the library offers thousands of free eBooks, Audiobooks, Music and Video to all cardholders through the Ohio Digital Library service? Your library card enables you to borrow digital materials for free without the responsibility of returning physical items or being charged overdue fees—borrowing, reading, and returning eBooks can be done anywhere, anytime—you won'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](http://www.ohioebooks.org) or visit the library in order to sign up for a library card.

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.



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### Little Miami Local School District News

#### **Open letter from the Athletic Boosters**

The Athletic Boosters posted an open letter to their website as an update on the planned weight room expansion and fund-raising efforts. Please [click here](#) to access the letter.

#### **Matt Brandenburg wins weekly honor, now up for Cincinnati Football Player of the Year**

Senior football player Matt Brandenburg, just named the Ohio National Guard Player of the Week, is now a nominee for the Ohio National Guard Player of the Year award. Voting will again be conducted on the Bengals' website. Voting ends **Dec. 12**; [click here](#) for info and the link to vote.

#### **Football team receives Team of the Week award**

The high school football team, which was selected as the Gold Star Chili Team of the Week for its season-ending victory over Taft, received its plaque and some Gold Star Chili vouchers in a ceremony Wednesday at the school. [Click here](#) for photos from the event.

#### **LMHS students attend leadership conference**

Ten high school student-athletes attended the Southwest Ohio Conference Leadership Conference yesterday at Harrison High School. [Click here](#) to see a photo and a list of attendees.

#### **2015-16 calendar set**

At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Little Miami Board of Education adopted its academic calendar for the 2015-16 school year. [Click here](#) to access it.

#### **Freshmen undergo "Real World, Real Money" activity**

All freshmen get a taste of adult life in the "Real World, Real Money" activity. Students are "given" a career, children and a spouse. They learn how much their gross pay, deductions and net pay amount to. In groups of about 100, they move through a series of stations to pay their bills, and they balance their checkbook afterward. Great lesson in money management! [Click here](#) for photos.

#### **WCCC hosts Sophomore Open House**

The annual Sophomore Open House at the Warren County Career Center will be held **Thursday, Dec. 11** from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The event is open to all community members, and especially high school sophomores and their parents or guardians, to showcase the advantages of Career-Technical Education. [Click here](#) for a report.

#### **Follow Little Miami news on social media**

Are you following the school district on Facebook and Twitter? The main district Facebook page is accessible [here](#), and the district's Twitter handle is [@LM\\_Schools](#). You can also follow Superintendent Greg Power on Twitter; his handle is [@LM\\_GPSuper](#). Our YouTube channel is [youtube.com/littlemiamischools](http://youtube.com/littlemiamischools).

## **Select choirs perform at Statehouse**

The select choirs performed last week at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus. The Select Women's Chorale sang at a dedication ceremony for an exhibit honoring Ohio Medal of Honor recipients. Then the chorale was presented a state resolution from the House of Representatives, recognizing it for its performance at the World Choir Games. Read a report [here](#) about the day and [click here](#) to see a photo album. Also, view a stirring performance of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" [here](#), and [click here](#) to see members of the Select Mixed Choir performing "Behold, How Good" in the Statehouse's majestic Rotunda.

## **Quality Profile released**

Little Miami has released its second annual Quality Profile. The report is a comprehensive, community-oriented companion to the state's School District Report Card, and it includes additional accountability measures that better define a high-quality education and are not included in the state's report. The Quality Profile can be accessed [here](#).

## **Little Miami Athletic Boosters News**

### **Call to Arms for All Boosters**

Little Miami School District is one of the fastest-growing areas in southwest Ohio. Our community is primarily rural, covering 98 square miles of mostly farmland. The economic upswing in recent years has brought new development into our area, and we now have our largest enrollment ever.

The education our school district provides continues to be rated excellent by the state of Ohio. We are proud of this accomplishment and feel this helps make our community attractive for potential homebuyers.

The LMABC currently supports over 850 athletes in grades 7-12. Our plan is simple: to bring our sporting teams up to the level of our education. It is with this spirit that we come to you seeking aid for our student-athletes.

One of the problems our athletes face is an inadequate training facility. Our current weight room is 900 square feet and can't house more than 15 kids at a time. The school board has given the Boosters the opportunity to transform the former Industrial Arts room (3,600 square feet) into a training facility, but the Boosters must pay 100% of the costs. With several initiatives going forward, this state-of-the-art training facility is by far our largest, with an estimated cost of \$175,000. We are now beginning a fund drive to accomplish this goal.

There is opportunity in the corporate world for us to raise money. There are a few organizations who might match funds with us for the advancement of sports. The Cincinnati Bengals, for example, recently announced a matching grant for \$150,000 to Harrison High School for the installation of a new turf field. The Bengals have done this for numerous schools, but seemingly always for the installation of a turf field, and always in a matching-grant scenario. We have feelers out with them as well as many other corporations in the Cincinnati area. We are trying to reach out to any businesses that can help us advance our athletic facilities.

These opportunities are exciting and yet unsure. The bottom line is that we have to have a plan in place to assure that this training center comes to fruition. That is where we must begin: with you! We need our alumni base, parents of student-athletes, parents of non-student athletes, parents of past student-athletes, local businesses, and companies you work for or with. In other words, we need to pull from every aspect of our lives.

The average citizen, who does not have a student-athlete or care much for sports, may ask how athletics would affect his/her life. A National Center for Education Statistics study shows that children who participate in extracurricular activities will have a higher GPA, have a higher percentage of post-secondary education, have a healthier lifestyle (by percentage of non-smokers and non-binge drinkers), earn a higher average income, and tend to stay in (or return to) the school district they grew up in. This makes our school district more desirable to live in, and thus raises our property values and provides us with a greater customer base for our local businesses. We truly are all in this together.

It would be easy to say that if everyone in the school district would donate \$100 then we would probably exceed our goals. Honestly, the reach is not far from that. If our local businesses could partner with us in exchange for advertising, we would encourage everyone to give those businesses a better consideration.

If the loss of one outstanding young man this year taught us anything, it's that we are truly a community that cares. It is with that sense of closeness that I ask you kindly to support the initiative before us. Let us build something we all can be proud of.

The Green & Gold Committee is the point of contact for this fund drive. You may call 513.476.8610 or email us at [lmgreenandgold@gmail.com](mailto:lmgreenandgold@gmail.com). A member of our team will contact you.

Contributions should be sent to:

LMABC 3001 US 22/3 Morrow, Ohio 45152

Thank you,

The Green & Gold Team

Biff Arnold (chairperson)

Patty Wehrung, Darrick Davidson, Delanna Oeder, Pat Kilgore, Casey Shirey, Stacy Becker, Keith Becker, Joy D'Andrea, Dave Glaser, Steve Burgess, Chrissy Bailey & Lorri Lykins

### **Little Miami Pantherfest – February 7**

Little Miami Pantherfest 2015 sponsored by Little Miami Athletic Boosters will be held Saturday, February 7, 2015, at Little Miami High School, 3001 U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152. Pantherfest kicks off at noon and features Food, Booths, Performers, Craft Booths, Chili Cook-Off, Pie Bake-Off, TNT Nitro, Premier Tumbling, Hills Martial Arts, ShowBiz Dance, Games & More! Special performance by Ballet Tech of Ohio. Enter your prize winning chili in our Chili Cook-Off. Purchase booth space. See community performers. Fun for the entire community! Admission is free! For more information, please contact Susan Knippenberg at 513.728.1402 or [susan.knippenberg@gmail.com](mailto:susan.knippenberg@gmail.com).

### **Use Your Kroger Rewards Points to Support the Little Miami Athletic Boosters**

It is that time again! Kroger requires that you sign up yearly to enroll your Kroger Reward card to support the Little Miami Athletic Boosters.

Go to [www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com](http://www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com)

1. Select Cincinnati, Ohio as your location
2. Scroll down the page and select ENROLL NOW
3. If you already have an account you will sign in with your Email and Password
4. If you do have an account please make sure that all of your information is correct (name etc.) go to step 7
5. If you do not have an account. You must create an account by selecting the "Create An Account"

6. After you have created an account, return to step 1
  7. Under Community Rewards select Little Miami Athletic Boosters or Organization No. 81640
  8. Once you select Little Miami Athletic Boosters select SAVE CHANGES
  9. When you look at your Account Summary you should see a box on the right hand side:  
Community Rewards  
Organization Name: Little Miami Athletic Boosters  
Organization No.:81640  
Enrollment Date: xx/xx/xxxx (your date of enrollment)
- After 7-10 days, you will see "At your request, Kroger is donating to "Little Miami Athletic Boosters" at the bottom of your Kroger receipt.

Thank you for supporting the Little Miami Athletic Boosters.

### Warren County Career Center News

#### **Sophomores, Parents, Open House – Dec. 11**

The annual Sophomore Open House at the Warren County Career Center will be held **Thursday, Dec. 11** from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The event is open to all community members, and especially high school sophomores and their parents or guardians, to showcase the advantages of Career-Technical Education.

Orientations will begin at 4:30 p.m. and will repeat throughout the evening in the WCCC Media Center. WCCC staff will be on hand to answer questions and labs will be open for tours. Informational sessions on college connections through Career-Technical Education will also be held in the WCCC Media Center during the evening and run in conjunction with the orientations.

Online registration for 2015-16 will be open, and counselors will be available to assist with the enrollment process.

Information will also be available about the many Adult Education programs offered at the WCCC Main Campus in Lebanon, the Greentree Health Science Academy in Middletown, and South Campus in Kings Mills. Adult learners have the opportunity to enroll in full time and part time career training that leads to industry certifications and college credit, and also may access free basic skills and GED preparation services.

Learn more about career opportunities and what the Warren County Career Center can offer you. For more information, call 932-5677 ext. 0 or visit [www.mywccc.org](http://www.mywccc.org).

#### **Veterans Enjoyed Breakfast and Program on Nov. 11**

Warren County Career Center honored Veterans recently at the eighth-annual Veteran's Day Breakfast. Approximately 180 Veterans attended. The morning began with Presentation of Colors by the Lebanon High School Air Force JROTC and the WCCC Learning Lab Preschool children leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The children also sang songs to the Veterans. Read more and see photos and video at:

<http://www.mywccc.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6Y3YAPI&dasi=20B#sthash.Ukqd6ynu.dpuf>.

## **New Year, New Career with Adult Technical Center Programs**

Many programs for adult learners begin in January and February and the time to enroll and apply for financial aid is now! See our [New Catalog](#) to explore your career options. Prepare for careers in healthcare, advanced manufacturing, information technology, site construction, electrical power generation, public safety, cosmetology, HVAC, welding, and business. Our student placement rate upon successful program completion is an average of 99%. See our full Effectiveness Report for the Warren County Career Center Technical Planning District [HERE](#). Watch our video at right to learn more!

## **Valued Business Partners Thanked**

Warren County Career Center thanked Valued Business Partners recently for their involvement with the school and students. D&E Machine Company was the October Valued Business Partner. They were nominated for their support of Career Development for educators and students and their participation in tours of their facility and involvement with student career activities. At right, D&E Machine owners Kent and Kim Coomer tour an Advanced Manufacturing lab with Coordinator Dave Guinn and Career Development Coordinator Yvonne Kaszubowski.

## **Digital Media Students Take 1st Place in Video Contest**

Four Little Miami High School seniors taught by WCCC teacher Brian Shoff have won the top prize in the Ohio School Board Association's annual student video contest. Seniors Justin Coyle, Tanner Vernon, Kyle Hoerst and Mitchell Sellars produced the video for the OSBA's "Stand Up for Public Schools" promotional campaign. They won a \$750 grant for the WCCC's Digital Media Arts program. They were recognized recently at the Ohio School Boards Association Capital Conference. Read more [HERE](#).

## **Warren County Community Services News**

### **Enjoy a Healthy Lunch at the Earl J. Maag Center**

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 live alone are at high risk for malnourishment and for dehydration. "Five days a week, fresh, nutritious meals are cooked in the WCCS 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 healthy, delicious meal at the Earl J. Maag Center, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152," says Mary Catherine Faller, MS, RD, LD, Manager of WCCS' Nutrition Services. Lunch with two menu options is served at 12:00 pm (noon) every Monday-Friday. Find the daily menus online at [www.wccsi.org](http://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 Earl J. Maag Center at 513.889.8886 by 1:00 pm 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](http://www.wccsi.org).

## **Friends of the Little Miami State Park News**

### **Little Miami Scenic Trail Hotline**

Call 513-212-6958 to report downed trees or other non-emergency safety issues, or email to [adopt-a-trail@flmisp.org](mailto:adopt-a-trail@flmisp.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](http://www.homelesspets.org).

## United Way of Warren County News

### **United Way of Warren County Electronic Newsletter – November 25, 2014**

In this issue of United Way of Warren County – News & Events:

- *Campaign 2014 Update*
- *United Way of Warren County Is Kicking Off Its Holiday “Elf to the Elderly” Drive*
- *United Way of Warren County Now Part of Kroger Community Rewards Program*
- *Support United Way of Warren County Through the AmazonSmile Program*
- *Check Us Out on Facebook*



Thank you for your interest in United Way of Warren County!

### **United Way of Warren County is Kicking Off Its Holiday “Elf to the Elderly” Drive**

United Way of Warren County is kicking off their 2014 Holiday “Elf to the Elderly” Drive. The organization will be collecting personal comfort items and treats over the next month to distribute to seniors in Warren County currently receiving assistance through the Meals on Wheels program.

The drive will begin November 10, 2014 and will run through December 10, 2014. These items will be packaged and delivered to the 850 Meals on Wheels clients during the holiday season. Aaron Reid, President & CEO, said, “While the items that we are requesting are rather simple in nature, they will go a long way to warm the heart of our seniors during the holiday season.”

Individuals, businesses, and other organization that would like to participate in the drive may contact Jerri Langworthy at 513-932-3987, Ext. 102, or email her at [jangworthy@wcuwl.org](mailto:jangworthy@wcuwl.org).

United Way of Warren County is a local, independent nonprofit serving all of Warren County. The organization currently supports 53 different non-profit programs advancing education, income stability and health. For more information, visit [www.warrencountyunitedway.org](http://www.warrencountyunitedway.org).

### **The 2014 Community Resource Directory Is Available**

United Way of Warren County has copies of the 2014 Community Resource Directory available for distribution. This community resource is made possible through the support of your local United Way of Warren County.

The First Call for Help Community Resource Directory has been a recognized valuable tool for many years. If you organization would like to receive bulk copies of the directory, please call Jerri Langworthy, Community Impact Director at 513-932-3987 Ext. 102 or email [jangworthy@wcuwl.org](mailto:jangworthy@wcuwl.org). The Resource Directory is also available on the United Way of Warren County website – [www.warrencountyunitedway.org](http://www.warrencountyunitedway.org).

## **Big Brothers and Sisters of Warren and Clinton Counties News**

### **Big Brothers Big Sisters Recruiting Volunteer Mentors**

Big Brothers and Sisters of Warren and Clinton Counties is currently recruiting volunteers to serve as mentors for the 2014/2015 school year. The Agency has three programs in Warren County located at Donovan Elementary School in Lebanon, Anthony Wayne Elementary, located in Franklin, and Western Row Elementary School in Mason. Volunteer mentors are matched one-to-one with a Little Brother or Little Sister and meet once a week in the school setting during the school year. Applications are being accepted for both adult and high school volunteers. Volunteers must be able to commit to the program for the school year, provide their own transportation to and from the program location, and complete the screening process. Screening includes application, references, and applicable record checks. Applications can be obtained online at [www.bbbswarren.org](http://www.bbbswarren.org) or by contacting the agency office at 513.932.3966.

### **About Big Brothers Big Sisters**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Warren and Clinton Counties is a non-profit organization that provides children facing adversity with strong, enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. Big Brothers Big Sisters holds itself accountable for: higher aspirations, greater confidence, and better relationships, avoidance of risky behavior, and educational achievement among the children we serve. For more information visit [www.bbbswarren.org](http://www.bbbswarren.org).

## **Warren County Chamber Alliance News**

### **Warren County Incumbent Training is Underway**

The first module of training through WIIN has been launched. The Warren County Career Center is currently providing welding training. Other module areas such as leadership, basic office etiquette, and basic industrial maintenance are also gaining traction.

### **Flexible Training**

While WIIN's training curriculum covers technical skills, it also teaches some skills that are beneficial to a broad spectrum of employees. Modules providing an introduction to Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint are available as well as team building. For details of each module, and to participate, please [e-mail](mailto:Matt.Schnipke@warrencountyohio.gov) Matt Schnipke.

### **Partnering Organizations**

This effort would not be possible without collaboration from multiple sources. With the help of these participating organizations, WIIN hopes to deliver a quality training opportunity at a reduced cost to employers.

Warren County Chamber Alliance · Warren County Port Authority · Ohio Means Jobs  
Sinclair Community College · Warren County Career Center

## Warren County Small Business Development Alliance News

### **Free Seminar “Steps to Starting Your Own Business” – January 7**

The Warren County Small Business Development Center is sponsoring a FREE SEMINAR “Steps to Starting Your Own Business” on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 3:30PM – 5:30PM. The seminar will be held at the Warren County Career Center, Century Link Room, 3525 N. State Route 48, Lebanon, Ohio 45036.

Topics to be discussed: Business Plans, The Business Name, Professional Service Providers, Taxes, Licenses, Permits, Legal Issues, Record Keeping, Business Loans and Alternative Financing and much more...

Anyone considering starting up a business or anyone who recently started a business should attend.

You have three ways to register for the event:

Register on line at <https://clients.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov/events.aspx>

[www.warrencountysbdc.org](http://www.warrencountysbdc.org)

Call Angela Steffen at 513-695-2090,

Email Angela Steffen at [Angela.Steffen@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:Angela.Steffen@co.warren.oh.us)

## U. S. Small Business Administration News

### **Free 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      **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](mailto:robin.wotring@sba.gov). **Please indicate which webinar session you wish to attend.**

## News You Can Use

### **Time for Turkey! Prepare your Thanksgiving Meal Safely**

The countdown is on! Less than a week until Thanksgiving! Since the turkey is most often the star of this holiday meal, it's important that it be both delicious and [prepared safely](#). To help you, the USDA has created [these videos](#) to show you step-by-step how to [safely cook your turkey](#) a variety of ways (deep fat fried, smoked, grilled, roasted, etc.) so you can avoid having foodborne illness ruin this special day with family, friends, and loved ones.

Source: USA.gov



## **Theft Prevention Measures Likely to Slow 2014 Refunds**

Here is a recent article from the Ohio Society of CPAs...

An ID theft problem ahead of the Oct. 15 filing deadline will likely lead to measures that will slow refunds in the spring, Ohio Tax Commissioner Joe Testa told OSCPA this week.

Testa said the Ohio Department of Taxation did not experience a data breach, and is working with law enforcement officials to get to the bottom of the problem.

“We’ve been hit with an issue that has affected other states and the federal governments for some time,” he said. “People somehow acquired Social Security numbers – the identity of other people – and filed bogus tax returns claiming refunds.

“The numbers have dramatically increased this year,” he said, as the state has stopped \$230 million of attempted theft to date. The department granted a 30-day grace period for affected taxpayers and tax practitioners.

Testa joined Income Tax Division Administrator Deborah Smith in discussing the issue on the latest episode of OSCPA Spotlight. Though they said they couldn’t get specific about the measures they’re taking to catch the thieves, they said one result is that taxpayers can expect to wait for refunds longer than the five to seven days the department advertised in the past. The tax department will add more steps in the refund request process, which Testa said will unfortunately cause delays.

“We have to err on the side of protecting the state treasury and protecting legitimate taxpayers who are owed their refunds,” he said.

For more information, please contact us at either of our offices in Centerville at 937.436.3133 and in Xenia at 937.372.3504, or visit our website at [www.bradstreetcpas.com](http://www.bradstreetcpas.com).

Source: Bradstreet & Co. CPA’s Tax Tip of the Week | November 26, 2014 | No. 278

## **Sign up for Health Insurance Under the ACA - then what? – November 15, 2014 – February 15, 2015**

The healthcare open enrollment period starts soon (November 15th) at [Healthcare.gov](http://Healthcare.gov) - and lasts until February 15, 2015. Go to the site to explore health insurance options so you can [sign up for a plan](#). Once you've done that - then what? [This video series](#) from the [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#) (CMS) will help you make the most of your coverage with:

- Policy Tips
- Help finding a Provider
- Information on preparing for your first doctor visit
- Words and terms to know
- Ways to live a long and healthy life

Source: USA.gov

## **Quick Tips for Kids on Reading a Nutrition Facts Label**

Adults aren’t the only ones who should pay attention to nutrition facts labels. When it comes to picking prepackaged snacks, teaching kids how to read the nutrition label, can help them choose healthier snacks. This [video](#) explains a few important tips about reading calories, serving size, and nutrient contents on the label, so kids will have the information they need to make smart nutrition decisions.

Source: KIDS.gov

## Trivia, Activities, Tips for Getting Kids Involved in Thanksgiving

How many places in the U.S. are named “Turkey”, “Plymouth”, or “Cranberry?” What was on the menu at the first Thanksgiving? How did the tradition of “pardoning the White House turkey” get started? Thanksgiving is just 2 weeks away and with the resources listed below, your students will be able to answer these questions. We’ve got some lesson plans/activities for the classroom and some craft activities for home. Parents, don’t forget to check out the resources on ways to get the kids involved when preparing the big feast!

- Help Prepare Your Family's Thanksgiving Dinner (written for kids)
- Get Your Kids Involved with Thanksgiving Cooking
- Some Interesting Thanksgiving Census Facts
- Thanksgiving in North America: From Local Harvests to National Holiday
- What Was on the Menu at the First Thanksgiving?
- History of the Presidential Turkey Pardon
- Teacher's Guide: Thanksgiving - Primary Resources
- Activities/Lesson Plans: Thanksgiving Ideas for the Classroom
- Activities: Thanksgiving Activities for Home

Source: KIDS.gov

## Videos: Reminding Kids About Street Safety Ages 5 - 18

When kids are little, parents teach them how to ride a bike and how to look both ways when crossing a street. Learning to cross a street and to ride a bike are rites of passage that allow a child more independence. Rules for staying safe on the streets aren’t just for little ones. With friends, cell phones, music devices, and a variety of other distractions, all kids, even teenagers, need a reminder about street safety:

Pedestrian Safety

- [Ages 5 - 9](#)
- [Ages 10 - 14](#)
- [Ages 15 - 18](#)

Biking safety

- [Ages 5 - 9](#)
- [Ages 10 - 14](#)
- [Ages 15 - 18](#)

Source: KIDS.gov

## Free App Just for Kids from the National Air and Space Museum

The National Air and Space Museum created this free iPad app, “[Pilot Pals](#)” just for kids ages 4 to 6. The app teaches children about airplanes and rockets through four games inspired by the history of early flight. Pilot Pals, enables children to personalize their experience by naming their hangar and choosing a Pilot Pal to accompany them. No matter where they are, at home or in the classroom, they can learn from the museum and its collection. Pilot Pals is also [available to play](#) on the Pioneers of Flight Gallery website.

Source: KIDS.gov

## Get Ready for December with the Kids.gov Calendar

December is a very busy month. Parents and teachers, use the resources, activities, and tips in [our calendar](#) to help kids celebrate the holidays. Teachers, let our calendar help you out. We’ve pulled together classroom resources, including lesson plans/activities, to commemorate National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Bill of Rights Day, the first flight of the Wright brothers and more.

Source: KIDS.gov

## The "Impact of Giving Back" Contest

From now through January 20, submissions are open for the second White House Student Film Festival. The theme of this year's festival is The Impact of Giving Back, and it's open to U.S. students, grades K-12. Students can tell their stories about paying it forward, about community service, or what making a difference looks like in their eyes and through their lens. It can be a fictional story or a short documentary, so break out the lights, write a script, get the camera ready, and show us your passion for service and giving back. Go the [White House Film Festival](#) website for more details. The official selections will be featured on the White House website, and shared across the world on White House sites and official social media accounts. Winners may have a chance to attend the film festival at the White House!

Source: KIDS.gov

## Calendar of Events

### November 10 **United Way of Warren County Holiday "Elf to the Elderly" Drive**

- December 10: Individuals, businesses, and other organization that would like to participate in the drive may contact Jerri Langworthy at 513-932-3987, Ext. 102, or email her at [jangworthy@wcuwl.org](mailto:jangworthy@wcuwl.org)

### Now through – *"The Pity of War: Words and Images of World War I" Exhibit*

December 12: Quaker Heritage Center, Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio 45177

For more information, please visit <http://www2.wilmington.edu/qhc/index.cfm> or [www.facebook.com/QuakerHeritageCenter](http://www.facebook.com/QuakerHeritageCenter)

### November 26: 10:45 am **Toddler Lapsit Program at the Salem Township Public Library**

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

For more information, please call 513.899.2588

### November 26: 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

### November 27-28: **Thanksgiving Holiday** – Village of Morrow Offices Closed

### November 28 **Gingerbread House Display & Competition**

- December 6: Joint fundraiser for Warren County Historical Society and Big Brothers and Sisters of Warren & Clinton Counties, Inc.

Warren County History Center, 105 South Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio 45036

For more information contact the Warren County Historical Society at 513-932-1817 or visit [www.wchsmuseum.org](http://www.wchsmuseum.org)

### November 28 **Big Tree Plantation – a Christmas Tradition for over 25 years!**

December 23: Big Tree Plantation, 2544 South Waynesville Road, Morrow, Ohio 45152

For more information, please call 513.836.0975 or visit <http://www.bigtreeplantation.com/index.htm>

### November 28 **The Christmas Ranch**

- December 31: The Christmas Ranch, 3205 South Waynesville Road, Morrow, Ohio 45152

For more information, please visit <http://thechristmasranch.com>

- November 29: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm **Book Signing to Benefit History Center**  
Warren County History Center, 105 South Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio 45036  
For more information contact the Warren County Historical Society at 513-932-1817 or visit [www.wchsmuseum.org](http://www.wchsmuseum.org)
- November 29: 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm **2nd Annual Morrow Christmas on Main**  
Historic Main Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please email [parks@vil.morrow.oh.us](mailto:parks@vil.morrow.oh.us)
- December 1: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm **St. Elizabeth's Digital Mobile Mammography**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO THOSE THAT QUALIFY  
Contact St. Elizabeth to schedule your appointment at 859.655.7400
- December 2: 11:00 am & 2:00 pm **Preschool Story Time at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- December 2: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **Reading with Raider and Friends at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- December 2: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **A Very Merry Craft Party (Teens 10+ and Adults) at the Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please email Dylan at: [mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto:mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us)
- December 2: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm **Adult Book Discussion Group at Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- December 3: 10:45 am **Toddler Lapsit Program at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- December 3: **Warren County Historical Society American Girl Doll Raffle**  
Warren County History Center, 105 South Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio 45036  
For more information, please call the Warren County Historical Society at 513.932.1817
- December 3: 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
- December 3: **Light Up the Valley 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/>

- December 4: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm ***“It’s Just Wine, Beer & Music”*** at **Valley Vineyards**  
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2485 or visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>
- December 6: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm **Lebanon Carriage Parade & Christmas Festival**  
Parade Times 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm  
South Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio 45036  
For more information, please visit <http://www.lebanonchamber.org/pages/home/>
- December 6: **Family Gingerbread House Workshop at Salem Township Public Library**  
Session 1: 10:30 am – 11:30 am, Session 2: 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- December 6: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm **Meals for Morrow**  
The Old Train Depot, 240 Main Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.932.9678 or email [meloniemetz@embarqmail.com](mailto:meloniemetz@embarqmail.com)
- December 9: 11:00 am & 2:00 pm **Preschool Story Time at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- December 9: 7:00 pm **Little Miami High School Choir Concert at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- December 10: 10:45 am **Toddler Lapsit Program at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- December 10: **Lunch & Learn: “Zachariah Johnson: Lebanon, Ohio’s Christmas Story teller of 1898”**  
Warren County History Center, 105 South Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio 45036  
For more information, please call the Warren County Historical Society at 513.932.1817
- December 10: 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
- December 11: 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm **WCCC Sophomores & Parents Open House**  
Warren County Career Center,  
For more information, [email us](#) or call 513.932.5677 for high school or 513.932.8145 for adult programs
- December 11: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm ***“It’s Just Wine, Beer & Music”*** at **Valley Vineyards**  
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2485 or visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>

- December 11: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm **Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Christmas Dinner**  
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please visit <http://www.littlemiamiareachamber.com>
- December 13: 10:30 am **Salem Township Public Library Writers' Circle Group Meetings**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
Join the group by contacting the library or emailing Dylan at [mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto:mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us)
- December 13: 11:00 am – 5:00 pm **8th Annual Morrow Community Christmas Dinner**  
Morrow VFW Post 8202, 315 Second Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call Merilene at 513.899.3480 or Julia at 513.899.2551
- December 16: 11:00 am & 2:00 pm **Preschool Story Time at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- December 17: 10:00 am **Morrow Area Historical Society Annual Membership Meeting**  
Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2821
- December 17: 10:45 am **Toddler Lapsit Program at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- December 17: 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
- December 18: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm **"It's Just Wine, Beer & Music" at Valley Vineyards**  
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2485 or visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>
- December 20: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm **Meals for Morrow**  
The Old Train Depot, 240 Main Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.932.9678 or email [meloniemetz@embarqmail.com](mailto:meloniemetz@embarqmail.com)
- December 23: 11:00 am & 2:00 pm **Preschool Story Time at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- December 24: 10:45 am **Toddler Lapsit Program at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- December 24: 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

December 25: **Christmas Day** - Village of Morrow Offices Closed

December 30: 11:00 am & 2:00 pm **Preschool Story Time at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588

December 31: 10:45 am **Toddler Lapsit Program at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588

December 31: 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

December 31: 5:00 pm – 11:00 pm **New Year's Eve Cookout at Valley Vineyards**  
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2485 or visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>

January 1: **New Year's Day** – Village of Morrow Offices Closed

January 3: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm **Meals for Morrow**  
The Old Train Depot, 240 Main Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.932.9678 or email [meloniemetz@embarqmail.com](mailto:meloniemetz@embarqmail.com)

January 6: 11:00 am & 2:00 pm **Preschool Story Time at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588

January 6: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **Reading with Raider and Friends at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588

January 6: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm **Adult Book Discussion Group at Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588

January 7: 10:45 am **Toddler Lapsit Program at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588

January 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

- January 7: 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm **Free Seminar “Steps to Starting Your Own Business”**  
Warren County Career Center, Century Link Room, 3525 N. State Route 48, Lebanon, OH 45036  
Register on line at <https://clients.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov/events.aspx>, or contact Angela Steffen at 513.695.2090 or [Angela.Steffen@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:Angela.Steffen@co.warren.oh.us).
- January 8: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm **“It’s Just Wine, Beer & Music” at Valley Vineyards**  
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2485 or visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>
- January 10: 10:30 am **Salem Township Public Library Writers’ Circle Group Meetings**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
Join the group by contacting the library or emailing Dylan at [mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto:mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us)
- January 13: 11:00 am & 2:00 pm **Preschool Story Time at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- January 14: 10:45 am **Toddler Lapsit Program at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- January 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
- January 15: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm **“It’s Just Wine, Beer & Music” at Valley Vineyards**  
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2485 or visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>
- January 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
- January 22: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm **“It’s Just Wine, Beer & Music” at Valley Vineyards**  
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2485 or visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>
- January 24: 10:30 am **Salem Township Public Library Writers’ Circle Group Meetings**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
Join the group by contacting the library or emailing Dylan at [mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto:mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us)
- January 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



- January 29: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm ***“It’s Just Wine, Beer & Music”*** at **Valley Vineyards**  
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2485 or visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>
- February 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
- February 5: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm ***“It’s Just Wine, Beer & Music”*** at **Valley Vineyards**  
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2485 or visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>
- February 7: 10:30 am **Salem Township Public Library Writers’ Circle Group Meetings**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
Join the group by contacting the library or emailing Dylan at [mccrackendy@saalem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto:mccrackendy@saalem-township.lib.oh.us)
- February 7: **Little Miami Pantherfest 2015**  
Little Miami High School, 3001 U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please contact Susan Knippenberg at 513.728.1402 or [susan.knippenberg@gmail.com](mailto:susan.knippenberg@gmail.com)
- February 21: 10:30 am **Salem Township Public Library Writers’ Circle Group Meetings**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
Join the group by contacting the library or emailing Dylan at [mccrackendy@saalem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto:mccrackendy@saalem-township.lib.oh.us)
- March 7: 10:30 am **Salem Township Public Library Writers’ Circle Group Meetings**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
Join the group by contacting the library or emailing Dylan at [mccrackendy@saalem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto:mccrackendy@saalem-township.lib.oh.us)
- March 21: 10:30 am **Salem Township Public Library Writers’ Circle Group Meetings**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
Join the group by contacting the library or emailing Dylan at [mccrackendy@saalem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto:mccrackendy@saalem-township.lib.oh.us)

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](mailto:rod.smith@vil.morrow.oh.us) or 513.899.3170.

### **Business & Government Meetings**

#### **Morrow Village Council**

Meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152.

For more information, please call 513.899.2821 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or visit [www.vil.morrow.oh.us](http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us).

### **Morrow Mayor's Court**

Meets regularly on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2821 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or visit <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/departments/mayor-s-court/>

### **Morrow Neighborhood Watch**

Meets regularly on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2821 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or visit <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/boards-commissions/neighborhood-watch/>

### **Morrow Parks & Recreation Board**

Meets regularly on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2821 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or visit <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/boards-commissions/parks-recreation-board/>

### **Morrow Tree Board**

Meets regularly on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 am at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2821 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or visit <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/boards-commissions/tree-board/>

### **Morrow Citizens Housing Committee**

Meets regularly on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm, as necessary, at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2821 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or visit <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/boards-commissions/citizens-housing-committee/>

### **Morrow Planning Commission**

Meets regularly on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm, as necessary, at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2821 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or visit <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/boards-commissions/planning-commission/>

### **Morrow Zoning Board of Appeals**

Meets regularly on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm, as necessary, at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2821 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or visit <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/boards-commissions/zoning-board-of-appeals/>

### **Hamilton Township Trustees**

Meets regularly on first and third Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 pm at the 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>

### **Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce**

Meets regularly on the first Thursday of each month at 11:45 am at  
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 prior to the meeting  
For more information, please visit <http://www.littlemiamiareachamber.com>

### **Little Miami Local Schools Board of Education**

Meets regularly on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the  
Little Miami High School Auditorium, 3001 U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information please call 513.899.2264 or visit <http://www.littlemiamischools.com/districtBoardEd.aspx>

### **Little Miami Local Schools Business Advisory Council**

Meets regularly on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm at the  
Little Miami Intermediate School, 7247 Zoar Road, Maineville, Ohio 45039  
For more information, please visit [http://www.littlemiamischools.com/content\\_page.aspx?cid=572](http://www.littlemiamischools.com/content_page.aspx?cid=572)

### **Salem Township Trustees**

Meets regularly on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the  
Salem-Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2222 or visit [www.salemtownship-warrencounty.com](http://www.salemtownship-warrencounty.com)

### **Warren County Career Center Board of Education**

Meets regularly on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm at the  
Warren County Career Center, Admin. Bldg. Board Room, 3525 North State Route 48, Lebanon, Ohio 45036  
For more information, please visit <http://www.mywccc.org/BoardOfEducation.aspx>

### **Warren County Board of Commissioners**

Meets regularly on Tuesdays at 9:00 am at the Warren County Administration Building,  
The Board is also scheduled to meet on the first and third Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m., as needed  
For more information, please call 513.695.1250 or visit <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/commissioners/>

### **Warren County Park District Board of Commissioners**

Meets regularly on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the  
Warren County Park District, 1267 North State Route 741, Lebanon, Ohio 45036  
For more information, please call 513.695.1109 or visit <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/parks/index.htm>

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