

Morrow e-News

The Official News Source of the Village of Morrow

December 3, 2014

Village of Morrow News

Thank You for making the 2nd Annual Christmas on Main so Successful!

Thank you to everyone for making the 2nd Annual Christmas on Main event such a tremendous success! From the many wonderful vendors to Santa Claus and his elves, the crowd of visitors had a great deal to see and do. Our hats go off to the many volunteers who gave of their time and energy to make this year's event so successful. A sincere thank you to the following individuals and organizations that helped:

- Village of Morrow Parks & Recreation Board
- Boy Scout Troop 838
- Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce
- Morrow of Tomorrow, Inc.
- Salem/Morrow Fire Department
- Rick Murray
- Steve Kempf of Anthony Richards Landscaping/Tag Williams nursery for firewood donation
- Casey Shirey of Platnum Photography

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.

Village Seeking Applicants for 2015 Boards & Commissions

The Village of Morrow is seeking applicants to serve in a variety of volunteer public service positions in 2015. These positions are voluntary and serve without compensation. The various boards and commissions serve in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and Council. The Village of Morrow utilizes the following boards and commissions:

- Citizens Housing Committee (no vacancies)
- Community Reinvestment Housing Council (7 positions available)
- Neighborhood Watch (several positions)
- Parks & Recreation Board (several positions available)
- Planning Commission (no vacancies)
- Records Commission (1 position available)
- Tax Incentive Review Council (7 positions available)
- Tree Board (2 positions available)
- Zoning Board of Appeals (1 position available)

For more information, please visit <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/boards-commissions/> or contact the Village Administrator at 513.899.2821 extension 21 or administrator@vil.morrow.oh.us.

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.

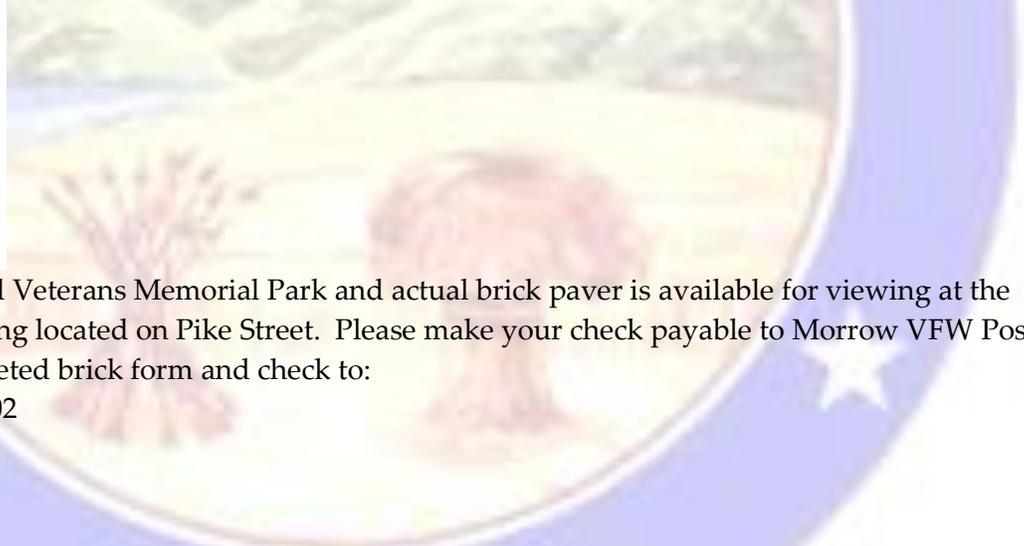
**Morrow Veterans Memorial Park
Paver Order Form**

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

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please fill out this form as you would mail the brick to mail. 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 all US dollar payments to Morrow VFW Post #8202.
5. Make all Monies VFW Post #8202, 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.

Winter Heating Assistance Available through the E-HEAP Winter Crisis Program

Warren County Community Services offers low-income households help in avoiding disconnection through financial assistance. Warren County Community Services provides assistance for people facing disconnection of primary or secondary heating sources, where service has been disconnected or in cases where less than a 10 day supply of bulk fuel is on hand. The E-HEAP Winter Crisis Program, a federally funded program, began accepting applications this month and will continue through March 31, 2015. Households with incomes at or below 175 percent of the 2014 federal poverty guidelines may apply. For more information, please call 866.747.1042.

Fall 2014 Warren County Newsletter Out Now!

[Click here to read!](#)

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Preparing for Winter

New Rachel A. Hutzel Observatory

Updates on East Street Closure

...and more!

Salem Township News

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.

HELP WANTED: 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.

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?

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

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.

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. 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.

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!"

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.

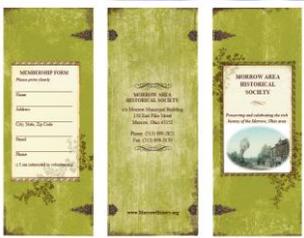
Please Donate Your Aluminum Can Pull Tabs to Help Support the Morrow Area Historical Society

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.

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.

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 for more information on the exhibit and a full calendar of events.

Warren County Historical Society News

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.

Gingerbread House Display & Competition Announced – Now through 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. 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.

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.

“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 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

Birthday Party for Jesus at Grace Community Presbyterian Church – December 6

Come unwrap the gift of outrageous love and celebrate Jesus' birthday. The Birthday Party for Jesus will be held 10:00 am - 12:30 pm on Saturday, December 6, 2014, at Grace Community Presbyterian Church, 6246 Turning Leaf Way, Maineville, Ohio 45039. Make gifts to give away, songs, games, photos. Journey to Bethlehem with Joseph and Mary. Pizza and birthday cake provided. In lieu of a fee, please donate a small gift for a child in need (i.e. hat/glove, small toy, puzzle). Please visit www.gc-pc.org to register and to access the event flyer.

"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 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. 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.

Morrow Area Business News

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.

HELP WANTED: Marks Xpress Trucking & Hauling LLC Seeking Experienced Drivers

Marks Xpress Trucking & Hauling LLC out of Waynesville, Ohio is looking for experienced drivers to join our team hauling LTL/general freight. A CDL is not necessary but a current DOT physical and drug screening is a must. Interested candidates must be at least 25 years of age and have a minimum of 2 years verifiable commercial driving experience along with a clean driving record. Experience with tarping, strapping and chaining cargo is preferred. To be considered, send resumes to ltlfreightapps@gmail.com or call 518.238.3537 and ask for Marisa.

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.

"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>. Upcoming artists include:

- **Thursday, December 4:** Sam Shaw
- **Thursday, December 11:** TBD
- **Thursday, December 18:** Them Bones

Big Tree Plantation – a Christmas Tradition for over 25 years! – Now through 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 – Now through 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>.

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

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 29th 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 and www.shop.iheartzing.com. Be sure to watch for our official grand opening event in 2015."

Healthy Solution Yoga & Cardio Drumming Drop-In Classes

Exciting News! Drop-in classes have begun 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 Mondays 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, jkpmezteam@yahoo.com or www.JenniferKavensky.com.

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.

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.

Thank you,

The Viox Excavating Team

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Marks Xpress Trucking & Hauling, LLC

Marks Xpress Trucking & Hauling, LLC is a Woman Owned Small Business provider of Transportation and Logistics Solutions. We are a family owned and operated company that makes a commitment to treat customers like family. Our company is staffed by a group of dedicated transportation and logistics specialists that strive to solve our customers' needs. Our drivers and dispatchers operate by our company motto of "Safety. On time. Every Time." We look forward to serving your future needs! Flatbed hotshots 33' and 35' trailers, 10,000 lbs. capacity. For more information, please contact Marks Xpress Trucking & Hauling, LLC, 9173 Wilson Road, Waynesville, Ohio 45068, at 937.974.6327 or cwarego@aol.com for all your hauling needs.

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

We have several 6-8 lb pastured turkeys available, \$2.75 pound. These are Wild Holly turkeys, and I'm not sure how many he has, but several. We have a balance of 2 of the young chickens available. These are \$2.75 a pound. 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. So I have two with skin and one skinless available. 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. CSA's this week will include tomatoes, eggs, mustard greens (very nice and tender), lettuce. Possibly small bell peppers, turnips, radishes, turnip greens, chickweed. Remember in winter as in summer, you can substitute with baked goods or even chickens, or jams. Also, we are baking pies, cookies, shortbreads, and cobblers for Christmas, baking them the day before Christmas and delivering in the Lebanon location in the afternoon, probably 3. As above, turkeys, or any other orders. 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. A note on herdshares, we have had one cow calf, and she is not a heavy milker. Actually if someone wanted to pick up at the farm on Monday or Tuesday, those days are open. I'm trying to space out about one gallon available a day, and trying to be fair to the oldest herdshares, but I also have to have the milk available. Our Holstein should calve soon. As usual, order ahead to insure your needs. We are always at the Lebanon location on Thursdays, from 3 till 5. And always deliver every Saturday to the Deerfield location from 10 till 11.

Have a blessed week!

Glory Farms/ Wild Holly Farm/ Shelton Produce

gloryent@tds.net / call or text 937.725.8773 / 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 if you would like to make a raffle donation! Events to have on your calendar:

- Craig Capital Corporation Holiday Open House - **December 11th**
- Little Miami Area Chamber Christmas Dinner – **December 11th** at Valley Vineyards

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

Salem Township Public Library's Fall Edition Newsletter



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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 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.

Little Miami Local School District News

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.

Redo Day

On Friday, November 21, 2014, 156 LMHS students participated in the REDO Day (Respect Everyone Despite Odds) character education program. Thank you to the 31 adult volunteers who helped provide this valuable service. [Here's a link](#) to photos from the event.

Robotics rookies win major award

In their first year doing Lego Robotics, four LMIS students claimed the Robot Design Award at the Springboro regional tournament **Nov. 15**, and fared well enough to qualify for the upcoming district championships. Read a report [here](#).

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.

Pantherfest set for Feb. 7

The Athletics Boosters have announced details for Pantherfest, their annual winter festival. [See this story](#) on its website.

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.

Certified substitute teachers needed

Certified substitute teachers are needed in Warren County and Butler County. Interested? [Click here](#) for info.

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](https://www.youtube.com/littlemiamischools).

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. 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

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

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.

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.

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.

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!

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 are 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. 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.

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@flmsp.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.

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*
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- *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.

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.

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. The Resource Directory is also available on the United Way of Warren County website – 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 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.

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](#) 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 7th, 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>
- Call Angela Steffen at 513-695-2090,
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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. **Please indicate which webinar session you wish to attend.**

Top 10 Mistakes for Businesses to Avoid When Dealing With a Disaster

Business Continuity Strategies Offered at Free Webinar

Let's say you created an amazing disaster recovery plan for your small business, and you were able to reopen shortly after a ferocious storm. Meanwhile, your employees' homes were damaged during the storm, and several roads are closed. So you're open for business minus the team that keeps your operations running. Failure to inform and prepare your employees for disasters is one of many common mistakes entrepreneurs make when doing business continuity planning. Not being adequately insured is another oversight that can lead to the failure of your business. Get free tips on ways to avoid these and other costly errors at a free webinar hosted by Agility Recovery and the U.S. Small Business Administration on Tuesday, Dec. 9. True stories about business owners' pre-disaster missteps, plans not followed and lessons learned will also be discussed. SBA has partnered with Agility to offer business continuity strategies through its "PrepareMyBusiness" website. Visit www.preparemybusiness.org to access previous webinars and for additional preparedness tips. The SBA provides disaster recovery assistance in the form of low-interest loans to homeowners, renters, private nonprofits and businesses of all sizes. To learn more, visit www.sba.gov/disaster.

WHAT: "The Top 10 Most Common Mistakes During a Crisis"

WHEN: **Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2014** -- 2 to 3 p.m. EST

HOW: Register at <http://owl.li/ETcbx>

News You Can Use

What New IRA Rules Mean for Your Retirement Account

Here is a recent article from *U.S. News & World Report*...

Sometimes, a loophole is too tempting.

A few folks thought they could use their individual retirement accounts for short-term loans to themselves. The Internal Revenue Service was not amused. Starting in 2015, new rules apply for withdrawing money from an IRA with the aim of rolling it into another IRA investment, taking possession of the funds yourself in the process.

The short version of the new rule is that you can only roll over an account this way once every 365 days, investment advisors say. But the longer version is: Don't even try to skirt this rule.

"The rollover rules have been tightened – a lot," says Ed Slott, a certified public accountant and chief executive officer of Ed Slott & Co., which runs professional training courses on IRAs. "Everybody with an IRA needs to know about this because at some point, everybody with an IRA wants to change investments."

"Any time you're tempted to move money, talk with a financial professional, because tax rules are different for IRAs and 401(k)s," says Doug Orton, vice president of MFS, a Boston-based asset management firm. "Don't get fooled into thinking that a rollover is a no-fault transaction. Sometimes people make horrific mistakes by assuming there's no penalty. "

Start thinking now about how this will affect the management of your retirement accounts, recommends David W. Smith, an advisor with Strategic Wealth Management in Bend, Oregon. If you were considering taking distributions from any IRA account this year, know the IRS has stated that existing rules apply through Dec. 31. After that, the new rules – which are still being fine-tuned – will apply.

The important distinction is that there are still no limits on rolling over IRAs and Roth IRAs from one institution to another. That's called a "trustee to trustee transfer," and you can do that as often as you want, Slott and other IRA experts say.

You can also shift money among different types of retirement accounts – say, from a 401(k) to a Roth IRA – without complications. Of course, before making any moves, have a one-on-one discussion with a financial advisor to make sure you are well within the guidelines. You should also talk through the potential tax implications of shifting funds among accounts.

However, the new rules do apply to rollovers in which “you say, ‘I want to move the money, but give me the check,’” Slott says. “You can only do that once every 365 days.”

It's important to note the rule specifies "every 365 days," not once a calendar year, he says. That means you can't take cluster withdrawals, or closely timed withdrawals and deposits, giving yourself access to those retirement funds for two penalty-free 60-day periods in a row.

Although it has been relatively rare for IRA account holders to play roulette with their financial futures, the option was too much for a few people to resist. Most often, advisors say, those who used the 60-day rollover period inappropriately did so to fund business cash flow, college tuition bills and other big-ticket cash shortages.

It was never a commonplace gamble, but the ploy was sufficiently flagrant to elicit a strongly worded IRS slap down and stringent rules advisors expect will apply to all without exception or mercy. Translation: Take your money for a stroll and return it a day late, and you will face huge losses for the privilege.

Slott says the smartest way to sidestep rollover woes is simply to not take the money yourself. Always direct the money from one institution to another in a "trustee to trustee" transfer.

If you take a risk for, say, trying to use rolling IRA funds for a do-it-yourself bridge loan as you buy one house before selling the other, you could pay a very high price. If the money is not redeposited in another IRA within 60 days and you are younger than 59½, you will pay a 10 percent penalty, Slott says. And the funds will likely be subject to income taxes.

You might get away with it. But you might not. As Slott says, “Why invite disaster?”

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.

Source: Bradstreet & Co. CPA's Tax Tip of the Week | December 3, 2014 | No. 279

What Is the Number One Way to Reduce the Number of Colds Kids Catch?

Every day kids come in contact with hidden germs, pretty much everywhere they go. Germs hangout in bathrooms, kitchens, the cafeteria, the gym, and the locker room. And those are just the obvious places. They also hide on pencils, remote controls or game controllers, phones, pet cages, computer keyboards, stair railings, and doorknobs. With all of these germs everywhere, how do we help kids fight colds and other illnesses? Believe it or not, washing hands is the *single most important thing we can encourage kids to do* to keep from getting sick or spreading germs to others. December 1-7: National Handwashing Awareness Week. Here are some resources teachers and parents can use to educate kids about the importance of washing their hands:

- [Buzz on Scuzz](#)
- [Scrub Club](#)
- [Why Do I Need to Wash My Hands?](#) (also [in Spanish](#))
- Activity: [Be a Germ Detective](#) (PDF)
- Lesson Plan: [Hand Washing Experiment](#)
- Lesson Plan: [Hand Washing Teaching Module](#) (PDF)
- Poster: [Don't Hand Those Germs to Me](#) (PDF)
- Video: [Wash Your Hands](#)
- For PDF versions, get the [Adobe reader](#)

Source: KIDS.gov

Treating Babies and Young Kids with Colds

When you're dealing with a young child with a cold, your medication options are limited. Antibiotics won't work. Over-the-counter cold and cough medicines can be dangerous. [Acetaminophen](#) is okay for reducing fever, aches and pains but you must take care to [give the proper dose](#). The good news is, kids, like adults, will generally get better on their own, after a week or two. Until they do, these oft-recommended treatments will help make them comfortable:

- Drinking fluids, especially warm ones
- Soothing a sore throat with ice chips or sore throat spray
- Using a vaporizer or humidifier in the kid's bedroom for a sore throat or cough
- Breathing in steam from a bowl of hot water or shower for a cough or sinus pain
- Using saline or salt-water spray or drops in a baby's stuffy nose; then cleaning it with a bulb syringe

Read more about how to treat kids with colds with these resources:

- [Have a Baby or Young Child With a Cold? Most Don't Need Medicines](#)
- [Get Smart: Know When Antibiotics Work](#)

Could it be the Flu?

It can be hard to tell the difference between a [cold and the flu](#):

- With a cold, you're more likely to have a runny or stuffy nose.
- Colds are usually milder than the flu and don't result in serious health problems.
- With the flu, fever, body aches, extreme tiredness and dry cough are more common and intense.
- Watch for these [signs that your child may have something worse than a cold](#).

The [flu is dangerous for children](#). Protect them with the flu vaccine. The [nasal spray vaccine](#) is now recommended over the flu shot for healthy kids ages 2 to 8, when it's available.

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

Sign up for Health Insurance Under the ACA - then what? – Now through February 15, 2015

The healthcare open enrollment period starts soon (November 15th) at [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

Calendar of Events

Now through *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

Now through *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

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

Now through *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>

Now through *The Christmas Ranch*

- December 31: The Christmas Ranch, 3205 South Waynesville Road, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please visit <http://thechristmasranch.com>

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 - 12:30 pm **Birthday Party for Jesus at Grace Community Presbyterian Church**
Grace Community Presbyterian Church, 6246 Turning Leaf Way, Maineville, Ohio 45039
Please visit www.gc-pc.org to register and to access the event flyer.
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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.
- 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
- 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
- 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@salem-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
- 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@salem-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
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- March 21: 10:30 am **Salem Township Public Library Writers' Circle Group Meetings**
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
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If your business, church or organization is planning an event, please be sure to let us know and we'll gladly include it in our Calendar of Events. Please email or fax the details of your event to Rod Smith, Village Administrator, at rod.smith@vil.morrow.oh.us or 513.899.3170.

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.

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

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

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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