

# Morrow e-News

*The Official News Source of the Village of Morrow*

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## Village of Morrow News

### **Clarksville's Annual Breakfast with Santa – December 20**

Clarksville's Annual Breakfast with Santa will be held on **Saturday, December 20, 2014**, at the Clinton-Warren Joint Fire District Fire Station at 82 Spring Hill Road, Clarksville, Ohio 45113, right across from the Clarksville Post Office. Breakfast with Santa will be from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Bring the little ones and enjoy a good breakfast with the Jolly Ol' St. Nick! Hope to see you there! There is no charge for Breakfast with Santa.

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

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

**Morrow Veterans Memorial Park  
Paver Order Form**

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

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Please fill out this form as you would want the brick to read. Only one character per space is allowed.
2. Please print clearly.
3. Veterans must provide proof of service such as a DD214.
4. Please make VFW Post 8202 payable to Morrow VFW Post 8202.
5. Mail to Morrow 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.

### **Morrow Tree Board Presents "Tree Care in Morrow" – February 21**

The Village of Morrow Tree Board presents "Tree Care in Morrow." Learn why it is so important to take care of your trees and how easy it is to do it. This program will share how to prune and plant trees to make them healthy, as well as diagnose common problems. Speaker Wendi Van Buren is an ODNR Urban Forester and ISA Certified Arborist. This free event will be held at **10:00 am – 12:00 pm on Saturday, February 21, 2015**, at the Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152. For more information, please <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/boards-commissions/tree-board/news-events/>.

## Salem Township News

### **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

### **Smoke Detectors**

The Salem/Morrow Fire department offers smoke detectors to the community it serves. Please contact the station for more details at 513.899.2222.

### **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.



## **KNOX-BOX® Rapid Entry System**

The KNOX-BOX® Rapid Entry System was specifically developed for the fire department. With one master key, you can gain access to commercial and residential property. More than 7,000 departments nationwide use Knox key boxes, vaults, Haz-Mat cabinets, key switches, locking FDC caps, padlocks and the Knox-Scan heat sensor.

Many of these departments use Sentralok(tm), the master key security system, to control the Knox Master Key®. Property owners in your community store entrance keys, access cards and floor plans in high-security Knox-Boxes mounted near their building entrances.

### **Commercial Properties**

Each KNOX-BOX® purchased by the property owner is keyed to a single master key controlled by your department. With the Knox System, there is no cost to the fire department, no waiting for a property owner to unlock the door in the middle of the night, and no forcing the door open to gain entry. The Knox Rapid Entry System reduces response time, property damage and the liability for lost keys. The Salem-Morrow Fire Department is currently using the Knox System on several properties in the area.

### **Residential KNOX-BOX® Program**

The Salem / Morrow Fire Department has started a Residential Knox Box Program to help us help you. What is Knox Box? It's a heavy duty box that we hang on your door that has your home key in it. We have a Master key that we use to open the box in an emergency situation so we can make access to your home and let use help you.

The reason we started the program is to help us make entry to our citizens with out causing damage to their property. We receive calls to residents homes and when we get there we are unable to make access do to the house is locked up tight. We end up breaking into the house to help with their emergency and then they have an extra expense fixing what we had to break. Residents stop by and offer us keys so we do not have to break in. That would be a lot of keys for us to have and maintain. This would cause more of a hindrance then help. This program is for residents that have chronic medical problems, elderly folks that live alone, persons with disabilities that would make it hard for them to let us in, and that live in our protection area. If you are not sure if you qualify, contact Chief LaFollette or Assistant Chief Harrison. This is a free service provided to our residents for as long as they need it.

This program was started by donations to the fire department. We have purchased 6 Knox Boxes and Key Secure Systems. The Key Secure Systems secures the key to the vehicle and tracks who uses it. This gives us an accountability system on the use of the key. Supplies are limited.

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

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

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

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

The car seat (not in the box if new)

The car seat instructions

The vehicle owner's manual

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

### **Help the Salem-Morrow Fire Department Protect Your Dreams**

The quicker the Salem-Morrow Fire Department's firefighters or EMT's can locate you, the quicker we can begin helping you and your family. In an effort to locate your home or business in an emergency, the Salem-Morrow Fire Department is providing a 6" x 18" reflective sign that will clearly display your street address. These signs are invaluable to firefighters, EMT's, and police officers, who may be looking for your home in your time of need. Similar signs have been installed in other communities with startling results. The Salem-Morrow Fire Department is selling these signs at the low cost of \$12.00 each. If you wish to have the SMFD mount your sign for you, they will do so for \$14.00. Each sign has your street address prominently displayed on both sides in highly reflective 3" numbers against a green background similar to those on an interstate sign. The signs are installed in such a way that assures their visibility, even in high grass and snowy weather conditions. If you would like to purchase one of these signs, simply stop by the Salem-Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152, to complete an order form. In approximately 7 days, your sign will be ready for pickup or installation. Generally, the signs can be made, while you wait, in less than 10 minutes. Isn't \$12.00 worth the peace of mind of knowing that help can find you in your time of need?

### **Little Miami Food Pantry News**

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

## **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:



## **Warren County Historical Society News**

### **Christmas at Glendower**

*Benefiting the Warren County Community Services Early Learning Center*

For 75 years area families have looked forward to visiting Glendower historic mansion decked out in splendid holiday decorations for Christmas. The beautiful Greek revival mansion is the perfect setting to showcase holiday decorating ideas and we are thrilled to once again receive volunteer interior design services from professional designer Patti Johnson. Patti Johnson lead a small group of southwest Ohio's professional designers in bedecking the twelve rooms of Glendower to the theme of Twelve Days of Christmas. The designers all volunteer their time and we rely on our sponsors for donations to purchase the decorative materials, refreshments, advertising and musical entertainment - all the things that make Christmas at Glendower such a beloved holiday event. This year \$1.00 of each admission to Glendower will be donated to WCCS Early Learning Centers.

### **Museum Gift Shop**

WCHS Members Receive a 20% Discount **through December 23rd**. WCHS members will receive a 20% discount off their purchases at the Museum Gift Shop. So stop in during your trips to our beloved Lebanon and check out the newly available holiday items. Attention new members!!! While you're here, for the \$35.00 single membership price you will receive a family membership. Call 513-932-1817 for more information.

## **The 67th Annual Lebanon Antique Show – January 17-18**

January 17 & 18, 2015, Saturday 10 - 5 Sunday 11 - 4

New Location: Warren County Fairgrounds, 665 North Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio 45036

50+ Dealers

18th, 19th, & 20th Century American and Continental Furnishings & Decorative Arts, Textiles, Jewelry, Primitives, Folk Art and Fine Art. Admission \$8.00 (WCHS members are free) Good Both Days. Receive \$2.00 off with this Article. Managed by Queen City Shows. For the benefit of the Warren County Historical Society.

### **Morrow Area Church News**

#### **“Meals for Morrow” Riversway Ministry, Feeding the Morrow Community – December 20**

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 20, 2014 and January 3, 2015.** We will be putting up flyers around town and will be going door to door on the Friday night before, so we hope to have a big crowd. We have had a lot of interest in helping with this ministry, so we are hoping that on that day there will be plenty of help. For more information, please contact Melonie at [meloniemetz@embarqmail.com](mailto:meloniemetz@embarqmail.com) or call 513.932.9678.

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

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

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

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

#### **Morrow/Maineville MOMS Club®!**

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

- \* Daytime activities for moms and children
- \* Weekly playgroups
- \* Book Club
- \* Community service projects



\* Moms night out each month

\* Holiday parties

\* Monthly meeting with speakers and/or discussions and crafts for the children and Much More!

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

### **Church News and Event Information Needed!**

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

### **Morrow Area Business News**

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

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

#### **New Year's Eve Cookout at Valley Vineyards! 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 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

### **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>.

### **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, [jkprezteam@yahoo.com](mailto:jkprezteam@yahoo.com) or [www.JenniferKavensky.com](http://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](http://plainfolkcafe.com/CALENDAR_OF_EVENTS.html).

### **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](mailto:cwarego@aol.com) for all your hauling needs.



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

Saturday is the "full" Deerfield market, from 10 till 11, when several vendors come out. Wild Holly Farm will have kale, collard greens, sprouts (mung bean, alfalfa, fenugreek, and mixed), eggs, and homemade soap/lotion gift sets. Glory Farms will have Christmas cookies, shortbreads, crackling cornbread (we dressed hogs this week), jams & butters and banana walnut bread and cranberry walnut bread and pumpkin pecan bread and apple pies as well as pumpkin, yeast breads, and much more, both at Lebanon on Thursday (3 till 5) and at the Deerfield market Saturday morning. Shelton Produce will also be there with syrups, hot sauces, granola, a variety of baked goods and jams, and more. Come see us: order ahead to assure your needs.

A note about Thursday herdshares: Christmas and New Years are on Thursday, so those weeks I will bring the herdshares on Wednesdays, along with any baked goods, etc. ordered.

Order your holiday pies, etc., for delivery in Lebanon on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve.

CSA's will have turnips with the greens, a very few radishes, eggs, either chard or kale, spinach, and more. Just a reminder that I parboil turnip greens, mustard greens, and radish greens

CSA's, I'm assuming most people won't want them Christmas and New Years week. Let me know if you do.

Sylvia / Glory Farms / Wild Holly Farm / Shelton Produce

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

(Be the 10<sup>th</sup> customer at the Lebanon market and win a \$10 Glory Farms gift card for your next trip to the market)

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

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

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

#### **January LMA Chamber Meeting – January 8**

Mark your calendars for the January Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce meeting to be held 11:45 am – 1:00 pm on Thursday, January 8, 2015, at Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152. Give the good people at Peoples First Savings Bank a call at 513-899-2040 to RSVP or email us at [info@littlemiamiareachamber.com](mailto:info@littlemiamiareachamber.com) to let us know you are coming! Have a great week and we'll see you January 8th 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.

## 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.

- January's choice: *The Orchardist* by Amanda Coplin
- February's choice: *A Winter's Tale* by Mark Helprin

### **Download eBooks and Audiobooks for Free to Your Devices**

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## **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.

- **January 10, 2015**
- **January 24, 2015**
- **February 7, 2015**
- **February 21, 2015**
- **March 7, 2015**
- **March 21, 2015**

Prompts are decided by the whole group and sharing ideas is welcomed and encouraged. Coffee is served at each meeting for free. Those interested in joining or wanting to pose questions can contact me at: [mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto:mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us).

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**

### **Select Chorale places 2<sup>nd</sup> in Q102 Competition**

The Little Miami Select Women's Chorale placed second in the Q102 Jenn and Jeff Christmas Choir Competition, earning a \$2,000 prize. [Click here](#) to read a report and to access the link to their recording.

### **Choirs prepare for big week**

At 6:30 p.m. next Thursday (Dec. 18), the Select Choirs stage their annual Madrigal Dinner at Grace Community Presbyterian Church in Maineville. Appearing in medieval garb, choir students serve dinner and then perform. Tickets are going fast; [click here](#) for info and reservation details.

And one more choir note...

The All Choir Christmas Concert attracted a standing-room-only crowd last night to the LMHS auditorium. [Click here](#) to view a photo album from the event. The performance of "The Little Drummer Boy" can be seen [here](#), and a video of "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" is viewable [here](#).

### **Ten LMJH make Honor Band**

Ten Little Miami Junior High School band students have made the Ohio Music Education Association's District 13 Honor Band. They will rehearse next month in preparation for a concert Jan. 18. Read a report [here](#).

### **Little Miami's real-life "School of Rock"**

Greg Robinson tried to turn an ordinary class into a rock band. Never mind that only four students had experience playing music. Meet Little Miami's "School of Rock" and learn about its concert next Wednesday. [Click here](#) for a story and [click here](#) to watch a clip of the band rehearsing.

### **Several special events next week**

There are a number of special events, holiday-themed and otherwise, to note in the week remaining before Winter Break. [Click here](#) for a rundown.

### **"Mystery Skype" featured in WCPO report**

WCPO featured the "Mystery Skype" activity done in Ellen Mason's 7th and 8th grade classes in an article. Mystery Skype connects students in classrooms around the world through a game-like assignment. The goal for the students, who do not know the location of the other class, is to ask questions to pinpoint where they are. (The link is [here](#). To view the full text, you need to sign up for a 1¢ trial period as a WCPO Insider.) Congrats to Mrs. Mason on the well-deserved publicity.

### **Junior High Students of the Month honored**

Thirty Junior High students were recognized today as Students of the Month for October and November, along with four students who were unable to attend the prior ceremony. They are Ruby Adkins, Katie Arnesen, Lance Baer, Georgia Barry, Mathew Birdwell, Letha Blair, Samantha Buschur, Samantha Casteel, Gunnar Chisenhall, Tyler Gray, Callie Harris, Dylan Hubbard, Landon Jessup, Jessica Lechuga, Matthew Lockman, Austin Losurdo, Savannah Lovins, Meredith McCauley, Jamie Nease, Olivia Neidich, Shea O'Brien, Tadeo Palafox, Austin Perry, Gio Ranieri, Sophia Rozzi, Katherine Schuckmann, Lindsey Shannon, Gabe Spaulding, Rocco Tomasetti, Chelsie Voge, Annalice Weithofer, Caylee Williams, Molly Wilson, and Emma Woodward. Congrats to all the honorees! [Click here](#) to see an album of photos.

### **Barnhill Basketball Showcase set for Jan. 3**

Details have been set for the Kevin C. Barnhill Coaches Basketball Showcase on Jan. 3. Presale tickets are available next week. For details, [click 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.

### **Substitute bus drivers needed**

Substitute bus drivers for routes and field trips are needed. Requires a Class B CDL license with "S" and "P" endorsement. Hours vary, with regular routes between 6 a.m.-5 p.m. and field trips 2-11 p.m. We prefer those with knowledge of the district. We may supply training. Call 513-899-2941 or email [gblake@littlemiamischools.com](mailto:gblake@littlemiamischools.com).

### **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://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](#).

### **Here's an update on the high school winter programs:**

**Academic Team:** The team defeated Northwest last week and is now 4-0 in SWOC play, extending its conference winning streak to 28.



**Bowling:** Our boys bowling team beat Amelia last week, led by a 191 average from Jordan Landis and a 189.5 average from Gavin Vires. Kay Rothermund had a 162.5 average in the girls bowling team's loss to Amelia.

**Boys Basketball:** Andrew Burluson scored 21 points to lead the Panthers to a victory over Harrison in the team's only game last week. The team is 1-1.

**Girls Basketball:** The Panthers streaked to a 4-0 start before a last-second loss to Mount Healthy. Laine Studer leads the SWOC in assists and steals, and also ranks in the top five in scoring and blocks.

**Swim/Dive:** The girls swimming team placed seventh and the boys took eighth in their first meet, the 18-team Wilmington Invitational.

**Wrestling:** The team placed ninth in the Deer Park Invitational last weekend, a sharp improvement over its 15<sup>th</sup>-place finish last season.

#### Upcoming Events:

- **Dec. 17:** Bowling, Tri-match (Middletown Christian, Fenwick) at Eastern Lanes
- **Dec. 17:** Wrestling, Super Dual at Norwood
- **Dec. 18:** Bowling, at Ross
- **Dec. 18:** Swimming, at Edgewood Invitational (held at Miami University)
- **Dec. 19:** Boys Basketball, home vs. Mount Healthy 4:30, 6:00, and 7:30
- **Dec. 19:** Wrestling, at Blanchester
- **Dec. 20:** Girls Basketball, at Edgewood
- **Dec. 20:** Wrestling, at Blanchester
- **Dec. 27:** Girls Basketball, home vs. Miamisburg/Talawanda 11:30, 1:00, and 2:30
- **Dec. 27:** Boys Basketball, at Waynesville
- **Dec. 27:** Wrestling, at Norwood Invitational
- **Dec. 29:** Bowling, Holiday Tournament at Eastern Lanes
- **Jan. 2:** Boys Basketball, home vs. Talawanda 4:30, 6:00, and 7:30
- **Jan. 3:** Boys Basketball, home vs. Goshen 4:30, 6:00, and 7:30 (Barnhill Classic)
- **Jan. 3:** Girls Basketball, at Northwest
- **Jan. 3:** Swimming, at Talawanda Invitational

### Little Miami Athletic Boosters News

#### **Sixth Annual Kevin C. Barnhill Coaches Basketball Showcase – January 3**

The Sixth Annual Kevin C. Barnhill Coaches Basketball Showcase is scheduled for **Saturday, January 3, 2014**, at Little Miami High School. Proceeds from the five-game boys basketball event will benefit the Kevin C. Barnhill Memorial Scholarship and Community Outreach Fund. Here's the schedule:

- 2:15 PM: Little Miami vs. South Dayton Knights (feeder for Kettering Alter), seventh grade game
- 3:30: LM vs. South Dayton Knights, eighth grade game
- 5:00: LM vs. Goshen, freshmen game
- 6:30: LM vs. Goshen, JV game
- 8:00: LM vs. Goshen, varsity game

Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for students; anyone under 6 is free. One ticket grants admission to all games. Presale tickets will be on sale at the high school and junior high the week of December 15-18; a portion of the proceeds from presale tickets will go to the Student Government at each respective school.

The Kevin C. Barnhill Foundation awards college scholarships annually to two Little Miami senior student-athletes. It has awarded more than \$40,000 since 2007. The Community Outreach program has helped build the Kevin C. Barnhill Championship Baseball Field in Testerman Park and has co-authored an initiative with the Dragonfly Foundation, which aids pediatric cancer patients.

While enjoying the last few days of winter break, come support Little Miami basketball and help raise funds for a worthy cause.

### **Inaugural Youth Baseball Clinic Set – January 19**

The Athletic Boosters are proud to present their inaugural Youth Baseball Clinic on January 19, 2015. The event will be 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm that day at Little Miami High School, and is open to boys and girls in grades 3-8. The special guest will be Cincinnati Reds catching coordinator Mike Stefanski. Four different clinic options are available: catching, pitching, hitting, or fielding. The registration deadline is January 12, 2015. For more information and to access the registration form, [click here](#).

### **Little Miami Athletic Boosters Creating New Panther Athletic Center**

The Boosters are transforming the old Industrial Arts room into a PAC. Yes, we will have a PAC at LM. Panther Athletic Center will offer state of the art training to all of our Panther Athletes. It is going to be the difference between being competitive and becoming dominant. Join the team and help us raise the funds to support the teams. We really need help spreading the word throughout the community. Contact any of the Booster team to see where you can plug in. Let's build something that we all can be proud of.

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

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

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

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

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

There is opportunity in the corporate world for us to raise money. There are a few organizations who might match funds with us for the advancement of sports. The Cincinnati Bengals, for example, recently announced a matching grant for \$150,000 to Harrison High School for the installation of a new turf field. The Bengals have



done this for numerous schools, but seemingly always for the installation of a turf field, and always in a matching-grant scenario. We have feelers out with them as well as many other corporations in the Cincinnati area. We are trying to reach out to any businesses that can help us advance our athletic facilities.

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

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

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

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

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

Contributions should be sent to:  
LMABC 3001 US 22/3 Morrow, Ohio 45152

Thank you,  
The Green & Gold Team  
Biff Arnold (chairperson)  
Patty Wehrung, Darrick Davidson, Delanna Oeder, Pat Kilgore, Casey Shirey, Stacy Becker, Keith Becker, Joy D'Andrea, Dave Glaser, Steve Burgess, Chrissy Bailey & Lorri Lykins

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

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

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

1. Select Cincinnati, Ohio as your location
2. Scroll down the page and select ENROLL NOW
3. If you already have an account you will sign in with your Email and Password
4. If you do have an account please make sure that all of your information is correct (name etc.) go to step 7

5. If you do not have an account. You must create an account by selecting the "Create An Account"
6. After you have created an account, return to step 1
7. Under Community Rewards select Little Miami Athletic Boosters or Organization No. 81640
8. Once you select Little Miami Athletic Boosters select SAVE CHANGES
9. When you look at your Account Summary you should see a box on the right hand side:  
Community Rewards  
Organization Name: Little Miami Athletic Boosters  
Organization No.:81640  
Enrollment Date: xx/xx/xxxx (your date of enrollment)  
After 7-10 days, you will see "At your request, Kroger is donating to "Little Miami Athletic Boosters" at the bottom of your Kroger receipt.

Thank you for supporting the Little Miami Athletic Boosters.

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

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

### **Warren County Career Center News**

#### **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](#).

### **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](mailto:adopt-a-trail@flmsp.org).



## Warren County Community Services News

### **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.

### **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](http://www.wccsi.org). Suggested meal donation for anyone aged 60 or over (or the spouse or disabled child of someone aged 60 or over) is \$3.00. Meal cost for anyone under age 60 is \$6.00. To make a reservation, simply call the Earl J. Maag Center at 513.889.8886 by 1:00 pm the day before. WCCS is a local non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Donations help fund the "Promote Healthy Living Among Older Adults" campaign. For more information about WCCS and its services, please visit the website at [www.wccsi.org](http://www.wccsi.org).

## Humane Association of Warren County News

### **Become a Volunteer – Join Our Dog Walking Team**

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

## United Way of Warren County News

### **Miami Valley Gaming "Give A Kid A Christmas", December 1-23, 2014 to Benefit United Way of Warren County Partner Agencies**

Help make the holidays brighter for local kids in need. Miami Valley Gaming is working with United Way of Warren County to benefit The Salvation Army and other needy organizations for *Give A Kid A Christmas!* Bring in a new, unwrapped toy and receive \$10 Free Play each week **December 1-23, 2014**. *\*Limit one toy per week with minimum \$10 value.*

Aaron Reid, President & CEO, United Way of Warren County, said, "The families and children benefitting from these toys often have very little for the holidays due to their circumstances. These gifts will bring many smiles to the children of Warren County.

"We're pleased that we can help make the holiday a little brighter for children of need in our area and give back to the community through our business," said Jim Simms, president and General Manager for Miami Valley Gaming and Racing.

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

### **The 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 your 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 [jlangworthy@wcuwl.org](mailto:jlangworthy@wcuwl.org). The Resource Directory is also available on the United Way of Warren County website – [www.warrencountyunitedway.org](http://www.warrencountyunitedway.org).

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

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

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

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

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



## Warren County Chamber Alliance News

### **Incumbent Training for Advanced Manufacturing Now Available**

In response to workforce needs being expressed by the private sector, our office created WIIN; a program that bundles like-minded training needs within Warren County businesses. Once bundled, WIIN interfaces with area educational partners to secure the best curriculum and rate to meet training needs.

WIIN's first training offering involves businesses in the manufacturing space, and classes are currently underway. Enrollment is on-going and once the appropriate number of employees are gathered, training modules can begin.

### Flexible Training

The training program will cover 16 needed skills that have been expressed by the private sector. These skills cover a broad range of electric and mechanical needs from programming to blueprint reading.

To allow maximum flexibility, each skill is taught in a separate module, and can be taken individually or in combination with other training. For specific 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 including the Warren County Small Business Development Alliance, the Warren County Chamber Alliance, and the Warren County Port Authority. With the help of these participating organizations, WIIN hopes to deliver a quality training opportunity at a reduced cost to employers.

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

## Warren County Small Business Development Alliance News

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

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

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

Anyone considering starting up a business or anyone who recently started a business should attend. You have three ways to register for the event:

- Register on line at <https://clients.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov/events.aspx>
- Call Angela Steffen at 513-695-2090,
- Email Angela Steffen at [Angela.Steffen@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:Angela.Steffen@co.warren.oh.us)

## News You Can Use

### **What Entities Will the IRS Target for 2014 and 2015 Audits?**

What to expect this year and next...

The GAO says that since FY 2010, the IRS has lost 10,000 employees and had its budget cut by \$900 million. More cuts are proposed for the 2015 IRS budget. Identity theft issues, foreign asset reporting, and Affordable Care Act (ACA) responsibilities will continue to absorb personnel and resources. This budget reality will hamper IRS audit goals, but there are still many audit targets that you need to be aware of in the next few months.

The rich and their entities. High-income taxpayers will continue to receive audit attention (at about a 9% rate for those reporting income of \$1 million to \$5 million). Since these taxpayers often have complex tax returns with income and losses from many flow-through entities, the audit of the owner will often lead to an expansion of the IRS examination into the various entities.

Partnership returns. Partnerships are the fastest-growing segment of all tax returns filed. The IRS hopes to expand its audits of partnership and LLC returns. Flow-through losses from developers and real estate investors will get special attention. The audit rate of partnerships and LLCs was a dismal .42% for FY 2013. The IRS did special training this year to increase the number of auditors with a specialized knowledge in partnership law.

Employment taxes. Employment taxes are a focus this year, and this includes a continuing look by the IRS at:

1. Employee versus independent contractor
2. Form 1099 compliance
3. S corporation reasonable compensation issues.

Remember that when the ACA's employer mandate takes effect in 2015 and 2016, the employee versus independent contractor determination will become more important. Employer ACA penalties can be up to \$3,000 for each misclassified employee.

Cash businesses. The tax gap remains a hot item, so cash-intensive businesses will receive a little more attention from the IRS. The IRS is using Form 1099-K to help it select some of these businesses for audit.

One more item of news on business audits. Ninety-four percent of small businesses use QuickBooks software for their accounting records, but the IRS does not have the budget to update its QuickBooks software yearly. Thus, it is unable to accept electronic records from many of the small businesses it is auditing. Without access to electronic records, the audit will be less efficient. Is that good or bad news for the taxpayer and/or the tax practitioner?

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

Source: Bradstreet & Co. CPA's Tax Tip of the Week | December 17, 2014 | No. 281



### [USDA Offers Tips to Help Keep Your Holiday Illness-Free](#)

As the end of the year approaches, it's likely there are multiple meals and parties in your future. Carrying food from one location to another and sharing dishes with a crowd means more opportunity for bacteria to grow and cause food poisoning. Whether you're an experienced cook, a first-time party host, or simply adding a dish to the potluck lineup, the holidays can make even the most confident chefs nervous.

Source: USDA.gov

### **Make Sure Your Holiday Celebrations are Safe and Fire Free!**

The holidays may be the "most wonderful time of the year," but it's also when accidental fires are most likely. Your decorations, candles, and electrical usage all put you at risk to cause a fire. Use this [advice from FEMA](#) to decorate and celebrate safely this holiday season. When the holidays come to an end, you still need to take proper precautions- [home heating techniques](#) can also be hazardous all winter long.

Source: USA.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

### **Live Webcast - Bird Extinction: Time Travel in Lava Tubes**

On December 11, at 11 a.m. or 2:00 pm have your students join Dr. Helen James, an ornithologist at the National Museum of Natural History in a [live webcast](#). She will help them consider how a species as abundant as the passenger pigeon could have gone extinct. They will analyze their disappearance and consider what factors make birds vulnerable to extinction. Your students will follow Helen into Hawaiian lava tubes to look for fossil evidence of bird life on the islands and watch her use modern tools and technologies to interpret bird extinctions.

Source: KIDS.gov

## Traveling over the holidays? Make safety and sanity your first priorities.

### By Air

Did you know...

- [The safest place for your little one to sit](#) is not in your lap. It's in his or her own seat, strapped into a car seat or harness approved for use on planes.
- [Kids 12 and under](#) can leave their shoes on when they go through Security.
- You can bring [formula, breast milk and juice](#) for infants or toddlers on the plane, but tell the security officer when you start the screening process.
- Staying awake, drinking fluids, sucking on a bottle or pacifier, and chewing gum can help your child [avoid ear pain](#) during takeoff and landing.

Check your [airport's status and security wait times](#) with this mobile app.

### By Car

Did you know...

- [Toddlers are safest](#) riding in a rear-facing car seat. Your 1- to 3-year-old should face the rear until he or she outgrows the car seat's height or weight limit.
- [Your 8- to 12-year-old](#) should ride in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly, with the lap belt snugly across the upper thighs, and the shoulder belt snugly across the shoulder and chest.
- Thick outerwear can interfere with the proper harness fit of your child in his/her car seat. Instead, keep kids warm with blankets after they are strapped in.

Get your car, and the driver, [ready for winter driving](#).

### By Train

Did you know...

- Shoes are required at all times on Amtrak.
- You can bring a stroller on board.

Get more tips for [traveling by train with kids](#).

Source: KIDS.gov

## Girls: Create National Christmas Tree Light Designs

Here's a cool holiday activity for girls and their families: Design an animated Christmas light pattern that will appear on one of the state or territory trees accompanying the National Christmas Tree, on display near the White House. Just go to [madewithcode.com](#) and choose the shape, size, colors and pattern of your light display. Then pick the state or territory tree you want it to adorn. The site will tell you the date and time your design will appear! The fun continues throughout December. Made with Code is a Google initiative to inspire girls to learn to code. [The National Park Foundation teamed up with Google](#) for this fun, beginner-level programming activity.

Source: KIDS.gov

## What Does a Wildlife Biologist Do?

Do you have students who are interested in a career working with animals? Have them [watch this interview](#) with Chelsea McKinney, a Fish and Wildlife Biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel, Maryland. She discusses the types of animals she has worked with and how she uses data to help protect animal populations and conserve animal habitats.

Source: KIDS.gov



## **Holiday Decorating: Keeping It Safe for Kids and Pets**

Holiday decorations make the holidays festive, but real trees, twinkling lights, or lighted candles can present a fire hazard. FEMA created this [short video](#) with decorating safety tips to remind everyone how to keep the holidays safe. Pets are part of many families and holiday celebrations bring lots of decorations, plants, and food items into the home that could endanger animals. This article for parents, "[Keeping Your Pets Safe During the Holidays](#)" discusses possible holiday dangers to pets. We also have a kid-friendly article, "[Holiday Pet Safety](#)" that you may want to share with your kids. It covers tips and reminders on how they can help keep their animals safe during the holidays.

Source: KIDS.gov

## **Toys to Avoid this Holiday Season**

Shopping for toys? Avoid the top hazards for young kids—[toys with small magnets, small balls or other small parts](#); balloons; scooters and other riding toys. If you get an older kid a scooter, skateboard or inline skates, make sure the kid has a helmet and elbow/knee/wrist pads that fit and that he or she will wear. Though [toys in the U.S. have gotten much safer](#)—with only 30 recalls in 2014 versus 172 in 2008—kids continue to die from choking on small parts and from riding-toy accidents. And nearly 200,000 go to the emergency room each year due to toy-related injuries. Check out these additional [toy safety shopping, maintenance and storage tips](#). And get the older kids involved in keeping the younger ones safe. Here's a poster with [toy safety tips for big brothers and sisters](#).

Source: KIDS.gov

## **EPA Announces New Energy Star Tool for Homeowners to Save Money, Energy This Winter**

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is launching its Energy Star Home Advisor, an online tool designed to help Americans save money and energy by improving the energy efficiency of their homes through recommended, customized and prioritized home-improvement projects.

"As we enter the winter months, homeowners can use our new Energy Star Home Advisor to increase energy efficiency and save money while reducing greenhouse gas emissions that fuel climate change," said EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy. "When homeowners take advantage of this important tool and increase the energy efficiency of their homes, many families will notice savings on energy bills and improvements in the comfort of their homes."

The updated Energy Star Home Advisor guides the homeowner through a "do-it-yourself" energy assessment to create an Energy Star home profile. Based on the newly created profile, the Home Advisor provides customized, prioritized recommendations for improvements. From these recommendations, users can create their own to-do lists of projects such as adding insulation to the attic or replacing an HVAC air filter.

Over time, users can update their home profiles as they make improvements, see the positive environmental impacts of the changes they've made, get additional recommendations, and update their "to-do" lists for future projects. The home profiles can also be printed and used at the time of sale.

The announcement is part of EPA's Energy Efficiency Action Week, during which EPA regional offices across the country will hold events to increase awareness about the energy and cost savings associated with energy efficiency upgrades, especially in the winter months. More on EPA's Energy Star Home Advisor: [www.energystar.gov/homeadvisor](http://www.energystar.gov/homeadvisor).

[Homeowners can also use the following Energy Star tips to save energy and money at home this winter:](#)

Get a Home Energy Audit - Home energy auditors are trained and certified in how to find energy problems using specialized equipment to pinpoint key areas for improvement and provide customized recommended solutions. In select states, [Home Performance with Energy Star](#) offers an energy assessment that focuses on a systematic approach to improving energy efficiency and comfort.

Seal and Insulate - The average home spends \$2,000 on utility bills each year. Heating and cooling costs account for nearly half of that amount. Energy Star estimates that homeowners can save up to 10 percent on heating and cooling costs by sealing air leaks and adding insulation. Learn more through Energy Star's "Rule Your Attic!" campaign, which encourages homeowners to measure their attic insulation levels as a first step toward making their homes more energy efficient and comfortable. More: [www.energystar.gov/ruleyourattic](http://www.energystar.gov/ruleyourattic).

Heat Efficiently - Energy Star recommends that homeowners check their HVAC system air filters every month. A dirty filter will slow air flow and make the system work harder — wasting energy and possibly shortening the life of the system. A good rule to follow is change the filter every three months. Energy Star also recommends that homeowners have HVAC systems serviced annually by a licensed contractor to ensure they're running at optimum efficiency. If the heating system is over 15 years old, consider planning for its replacement with a high efficiency unit. Today's Energy Star certified condensing furnaces operate at over 90 percent efficiency. Depending on where one lives, replacing old heating and cooling equipment with newly certified Energy Star equipment can cut annual energy bills by more than \$115. More: [www.energystar.gov/heating](http://www.energystar.gov/heating).

Use a Programmable Thermostat - Avoid heating the house when not necessary, and save almost \$200 a year. Programming the thermostat to turn the temperature down 8 degrees for 7 hours each night and an additional 7 hours each weekday could result in a seasonal heating savings of approximately 12 percent. More: [www.energystar.gov/pts](http://www.energystar.gov/pts).

Make "Bright" Choices For Lighting - To get the energy efficiency and performance expected, look for the Energy Star label. LED bulbs that earn the label are independently certified to ensure they deliver on brightness and color and shine light where it's needed. More: [www.energystar.gov/led](http://www.energystar.gov/led).

Decorate for the Holidays with Energy Star Light Strings - Energy Star certified light strings use 50 percent less electricity than incandescent light strings and are available in a variety of colors, shapes and lengths. They are more durable, shock-resistant and cooler to the touch. Some models deliver features such as dimming or color shifting. More: [www.energystar.gov/dls](http://www.energystar.gov/dls).

Choose Energy Star Certified Electronics - A home equipped with TVs, set-top boxes, a Blu-Ray player, and a home theatre in a box that have all earned the Energy Star can save more than \$280 over the life of the products. If streaming movies or videos over the Internet, remember that laptops and tablets use less energy compared to streaming over desktop computers or game consoles. More: [www.energystar.gov/holiday](http://www.energystar.gov/holiday).

Tips from EPA's WaterSense Program include:

Many Americans know about the importance of saving energy and water. But few know about the drops-to-watts connection – that it takes energy to pump, treat, heat, and deliver the water we use every day for showering, bathing, cooking and cleaning. In fact, homes with electric water heaters spend one-fourth of their total electric bills just to heat water.

- Save 2,900 Gallons of Water at Home - One of the easiest ways to save energy and water is to install water-efficient, high-performing WaterSense labeled products such as showerheads. By replacing just



one showerhead with a WaterSense labeled model, EPA estimates the average family can save 2,900 gallons of water, or the amount of electricity needed to power an entire home for 13 days.

- Install WaterSense Fixtures and Energy Star Appliances - If every home in the United States were equipped with WaterSense labeled fixtures and Energy Star certified appliances, water and wastewater utilities could save 12 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity per year and save \$775 million in electricity costs per year.
- Shower Better and Save \$5 Billion in Water and Energy - Simple changes made at home add up across the country. If every home in the United States replaced existing showerheads with WaterSense labeled models, the nation could save more than 260 billion gallons of water and more than \$5 billion in water and energy costs annually.

More on EPA's WaterSense Tips: [http://epa.gov/watersense/our\\_water/start\\_saving.html](http://epa.gov/watersense/our_water/start_saving.html).

Learn more about how saving water saves energy: [epa.gov/watersense/pubs/waterenergy.html](http://epa.gov/watersense/pubs/waterenergy.html).

Source: U. S. EPA

## **HELP WANTED**

### **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](mailto: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.

### **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](http://www.station71.com).

### **HELP WANTED: Little Miami Local Schools Seeking Substitute Bus Drivers**

Substitute bus drivers for routes and field trips are needed. Requires a Class B CDL license with "S" and "P" endorsement. Hours vary, with regular routes between 6:00 am – 5:00 pm and field trips 2:00 – 11:00 pm. We prefer those with knowledge of the district. We may supply training. Call 513-899-2941 or email [gblake@littlemiamischools.com](mailto:gblake@littlemiamischools.com).

## **HELP WANTED: Village of Morrow 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 (1 position 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](mailto:administrator@vil.morrow.oh.us).

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Calendar of Events**

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 17: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**

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

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



- December 18: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm ***“It’s Just Wine, Beer & Music”*** at **Valley Vineyards**  
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2485 or visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>
- December 20: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm **Meals for Morrow**  
The Old Train Depot, 240 Main Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.932.9678 or email [meloniemetz@embarqmail.com](mailto:meloniemetz@embarqmail.com)
- December 23: 11:00 am & 2:00 pm **Preschool Story Time at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- December 24: 10:45 am **Toddler Lapsit Program at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- December 24: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**  
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- December 25: **Christmas Day** - Village of Morrow Offices Closed
- December 30: 11:00 am & 2:00 pm **Preschool Story Time at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- December 31: 10:45 am **Toddler Lapsit Program at the Salem Township Public Library**  
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For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- December 31: 5:00 pm – 11:00 pm **New Year’s Eve Cookout at Valley Vineyards**  
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2485 or visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>
- January 1: **New Year’s Day** – Village of Morrow Offices Closed
- January 3: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm **Meals for Morrow**  
The Old Train Depot, 240 Main Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.932.9678 or email [meloniemetz@embarqmail.com](mailto:meloniemetz@embarqmail.com)
- January 3: 2:00 pm – 10:00 pm **Sixth Annual Kevin C. Barnhill Coaches Basketball Showcase**  
Little Miami High School, 3001 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45458  
For more information, please visit <http://www.littlemiamischools.com/districtNewsArticle.aspx?artID=883#sthash.A5WPikUO.dpbs>

- January 6: 11:00 am & 2:00 pm **Preschool Story Time at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- January 6: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **Reading with Raider and Friends at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- January 6: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm **Adult Book Discussion Group at Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- January 7: 10:45 am **Toddler Lapsit Program at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- January 7: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**  
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- January 7: 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm **Free Seminar “Steps to Starting Your Own Business”**  
Warren County Career Center, Century Link Room, 3525 N. State Route 48, Lebanon, OH 45036  
Register on line at <https://clients.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov/events.aspx>, or contact Angela Steffen at 513.695.2090 or [Angela.Steffen@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:Angela.Steffen@co.warren.oh.us).
- January 8: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm **“It’s Just Wine, Beer & Music” at Valley Vineyards**  
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2485 or visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>
- January 10: 10:30 am **Salem Township Public Library Writers’ Circle Group Meetings**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
Join the group by contacting the library or emailing Dylan at [mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto:mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us)
- January 13: 11:00 am & 2:00 pm **Preschool Story Time at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- January 14: 10:45 am **Toddler Lapsit Program at the Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- January 14: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**  
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231



- January 15: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm ***"It's Just Wine, Beer & Music"*** at **Valley Vineyards**  
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2485 or visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>
- January 17-18: **The 67th Annual Lebanon Antique Show**  
Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm & Sunday 11:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Admission \$8.00 good for both days WCHS members admitted free  
Warren County Fairgrounds, 665 North Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio 45036  
For more information, please call the Warren County Historical Society at 513.932.1817
- January 19: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm **Little Miami Athletic Boosters Inaugural Youth Baseball Clinic**  
Little Miami High School, 3001 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45458  
The registration deadline is January 12, 2015.  
For more information and to access the registration form, [click here](#).
- January 21: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**  
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- January 22: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm ***"It's Just Wine, Beer & Music"*** at **Valley Vineyards**  
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2485 or visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>
- January 24: 10:30 am **Salem Township Public Library Writers' Circle Group Meetings**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
Join the group by contacting the library or emailing Dylan at [mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto:mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us)
- January 28: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**  
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- January 29: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm ***"It's Just Wine, Beer & Music"*** at **Valley Vineyards**  
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2485 or visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>
- February 4: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**  
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- February 5: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm ***"It's Just Wine, Beer & Music"*** at **Valley Vineyards**  
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2485 or visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>
- February 7: 10:30 am **Salem Township Public Library Writers' Circle Group Meetings**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
Join the group by contacting the library or emailing Dylan at [mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto: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](mailto:susan.knippenberg@gmail.com)

February 21: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm **Tree Care in Morrow**

Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/boards-commissions/tree-board/news-events/>

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](mailto: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  
Join the group by contacting the library or emailing Dylan at [mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto:mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us)

March 21: 10:30 am **Salem Township Public Library Writers' Circle Group Meetings**

Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
Join the group by contacting the library or emailing Dylan at [mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto:mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us)

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

### **Business & Government Meetings**

#### **Morrow Village Council**

Meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152.  
For more information, please call 513.899.2821 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or visit [www.vil.morrow.oh.us](http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us).

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

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

#### **Morrow Neighborhood Watch**

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



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

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

### **Morrow Tree Board**

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

### **Morrow Citizens Housing Committee**

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

### **Morrow Planning Commission**

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

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

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

### **Hamilton Township Trustees**

Meets regularly on first and third Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 pm at the Hamilton Township Administration Building, 7780 South State Route 48, Maineville, Ohio 45039  
For more information, please call 513.683.8520 or visit <http://hamilton-township.org>

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

Meets regularly on the first Thursday of each month at 11:45 am at Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
Please RSVP to Peoples First Savings Bank at 513.899.2040, by 5:00 pm on Tuesday prior to the meeting  
For more information, please visit <http://www.littlemiamiareachamber.com>

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

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

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

Meets regularly on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Little Miami Intermediate School, 7247 Zoar Road, Maineville, Ohio 45039

For more information, please visit [http://www.littlemiamischools.com/content\\_page.aspx?cid=572](http://www.littlemiamischools.com/content_page.aspx?cid=572)

### **Salem Township Trustees**

Meets regularly on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Salem-Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152

For more information, please call 513.899.2222 or visit [www.salemtownship-warrencounty.com](http://www.salemtownship-warrencounty.com)

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

Meets regularly on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Warren County Career Center, Admin. Bldg. Board Room, 3525 North State Route 48, Lebanon, Ohio 45036

For more information, please visit <http://www.mywccc.org/BoardOfEducation.aspx>

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

Meets regularly on Tuesdays at 9:00 am at the Warren County Administration Building, The Board is also scheduled to meet on the first and third Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m., as needed

For more information, please call 513.695.1250 or visit <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/commissioners/>

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

Meets regularly on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Warren County Park District, 1267 North State Route 741, Lebanon, Ohio 45036

For more information, please call 513.695.1109 or visit <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/parks/index.htm>

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