

# *Morrow e-News*

*The Official News Source of the Village of Morrow*

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## Village of Morrow News

### **Village of Morrow Seeking New Fiscal Officer**

Incumbent Retiring May 31, 2015

The Village of Morrow is accepting applications for the full-time position of Fiscal Officer. The Fiscal Officer, an FLSA exempt position reporting directly to the Mayor, performs a variety of accounting, financial reporting and cash management functions, as well as procurement, benefits administration, payroll and overall financial management of the Village in accordance with Ohio Revised Code § 733.262. The Fiscal Officer provides a variety of reports to the Mayor, Councils and staff to ensure that the Village and each department operate within their respective budgets. The Fiscal Officer explores financial opportunities to save the Village money and grow the public treasury, while advising the Mayor, Council and staff on ways to improve the Village's overall financial status. The Fiscal Officer works with the Mayor and staff to present an annual Tax Budget and an annual Operating Budget and other duties as assigned. The successful candidate will serve as Deputy Fiscal Officer until the incumbent's retirement on, or before, May 31, 2015, at which time, he or she will assume the role of Fiscal Officer.

Minimum qualifications: Must possess a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited four-year college or university in Business, Finance, Accounting, Public Administration, or a closely related field. A Master's Degree in either Business or Public Administration is preferred, as is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or Certified Government Finance Officer (CGFO). While experience in public finance is not mandatory, an understanding of basic financial and accounting principles along with a firm grasp of computer and basic software operations is required. An equivalent combination of education and experience which provides the skills and abilities necessary to perform the job will be considered. The position requires a valid state of Ohio driver's license. Salary is negotiable and dependent upon qualifications.

Application Process: Applications and a full job description are available at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152 and on the Village of Morrow website at <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/departments/human-resources/employment-opportunities/>. Please return your completed Village of Morrow employment application, cover letter, resume and three (3) professional references to Office of the Mayor, Village of Morrow, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152, Attention: Fiscal Officer Search. Application materials may also be submitted electronically to [mike.erwin@vil.morrow.oh.us](mailto:mike.erwin@vil.morrow.oh.us). This position will remain open until filled.

The Village of Morrow is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer and a Drug-Free Workplace.

## 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/>.

## 2nd Annual Warren County Friends of NRA Banquet – April 18

Join other champions of the Second Amendment for dinner, raffles, auctions and fun with a chance to win exclusive NRA guns, gear, décor and collectibles! [To download a flyer for more information, please click here.](#)

When: 5:30 pm Saturday, April 18, 2015

Where: Warren County Fairgrounds | Building C | 665 North Broadway | Lebanon, Ohio 45036

Cost: \$50.00 per person

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

## 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.



**Morrow Veterans Memorial Park  
Paver Order Form**

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

**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. Payment must be in the form of a check or money order payable to Morrow VFW Post 8202.
4. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. Delivery date is subject to change.

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

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

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

## Winter 2015 Warren County Electronic Newsletter

Warren County has published the Winter 2015 edition of their electronic newsletter, which can be found at <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/commissioners/Newsletters/2015/Winter-Newsletter.pdf>.

## Salem Township News

### Salem-Morrow Fire Department Annual Fish Fry – March 27

The Salem-Morrow Fire Department will be hosting their annual fish fry this Friday, March 27, 2015, from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Salem-Morrow Fire Station, 5270 U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152. Menu items include fish, shrimp, coleslaw, baked beans, macaroni & cheese, and desserts. Dessert donations are gladly accepted. For more information, please call 513.899.2222.

## **CPR Classes Offered Salem/Morrow Fire Department**

Our instructors are certified by the American Heart Association and will teach you how to perform CPR, how to save a choking victim, use an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) and Basic First Aid. The Salem/Morrow Fire Department is offering CPR classes on the following dates and times:

- Wednesday, **February 11, 2015**, at 6:00 pm
- Saturday, **May 16, 2015**, at 9:00 am
- Wednesday, **August 19, 2015**, at 6:00 pm
- Saturday, **November 7, 2015**, at 9:00 am

We are also more than happy to set up private classes for groups of 4 or more people upon request. Dates and times of those classes are subject to instructor availability. CPR classes consist of 3-4 hours of classroom time and the cost is \$35.00 per person. All classes will be held at the Salem/Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152. To enroll in a class please contact the Salem/Morrow Fire Department at 513.899.2222.

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

Did you know these Child Passenger Safety Facts (from [www.safekids.org](http://www.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?

## **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 us help you.

The reason we started the program is to help us make entry to our citizens without 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.

### **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.

### **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.

## **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

## **Morrow Area Historical Society News**

### **Morrow Area Historical Society Seeking New Members**

The mission of the Morrow Area Historical Society is simple, to promote the appreciation of the rich local history of the Village of Morrow and the surrounding area. More specifically, "To aid in the discovery, collection and preservation of every variety of material illustrative of the history of the Village of Morrow and the surrounding area; such as letters, diaries, journals, memoranda, pioneer reminiscences, newspapers, account books, school and church registers, commemorative addresses, genealogies, biographies, photographs, pictures and paintings, aboriginal relics, material objects illustrating life of pioneers, maps, histories, records, etc. and to own both real and personal property to be used in the furtherance of these objects."

The Morrow Area Historical Society has filed the necessary organizational paperwork with the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies and is actively working on getting their website up and running, as well as publishing the fifth 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:



### **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.

### **Heritage Advisory Council Awards Grant to MAHS!**

The Morrow Area Historical Society was recently awarded a \$250 matching grant from the Heritage Advisory Council. The Heritage Advisory Council is a group comprised of historical societies and museums in Warren and Clinton counties who support each other in preserving and sharing our local history. We will use the grant money to purchase digital picture frames that will display a slide show of historical photos of the area and photos of some of the wonderful items in our collection. We are very excited to begin showing our artifacts to the community so please look for them at the Morrow Municipal Building, Salem Township Public Library, Pine Ridge Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation and other supporting businesses around town! Thank you Heritage Advisory Council!

### **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).

### **South Lebanon Historical Society News**

#### **South Lebanon Historical Society Monthly Meetings**

The South Lebanon Historical Society meets regularly on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the old South Lebanon Elementary School building. We occasionally have our meetings at historic homes throughout South Lebanon. All meetings are open to the public. Please join us! Future meeting dates:

- Tuesday, **February 17, 2015**, at 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, **March 17, 2015**, at 6:30 pm

For more information, please visit the South Lebanon Historical Society’s website at <http://www.southlebanonhistoricalsociety.com/>.

## Warren County Historical Society News

### **Strong Sales at Lebanon Antique Show**

#### **Large Crowd Was Happy to Buy**

Warm sunny weather, cheap gas prices and cabin fever all came together the weekend of January 17 & 18, 2015 to produce one of the most successful Lebanon Antique Shows in recent history. Known for attracting dealers with high quality antique furniture, paintings, silver, jewelry, textiles, glass, china and pottery, the Lebanon Antique Show is the longest running show in the Midwest. Furniture dealers took the sales lead with antique and vintage jewelry, oil paintings, prints, and textiles also selling very well.

"This was our 67<sup>th</sup> antique show to benefit the Warren County Historical Society's museum properties" explained Head Curator Mary Klei, "The antiques business has been in a slump the last few years, but you would never have known that this weekend. Our attendance numbers were up 40% over last year and the crowd was definitely in a buying mood."

"All of our concerns about having to move to an older venue at the Warren County Fairgrounds were dispelled within the first hour of the show," said show manager Bruce Metzger of Queen City Shows. "The crowd was unbelievable and the dealers really stepped up their decorating prowess and made a rather stark interior space come to life. The attendees loved the wide aisles, spacious booths, and abundance of free parking."

Lebanon merchants also benefited from the 2000 plus people who attended the show. The city's antique shops and malls did better than normal January business and the restaurants all had better than average sales. The Golden Lamb Inn offered a coupon to show attendees and saw their business increase by 34% over the same weekend last year.

The Golden Lamb's Assistant General Manager Ben Toney commented, "The Golden Lamb Inn had an awesome weekend. We served over 600 meals on Saturday alone. Between the good weather and the Lebanon Antique Show we had a super weekend."

The Lebanon Antique Show is owned by the Warren County Historical Society and managed by Bruce Metzger of Queen City Shows. The proceeds from the event support the operations of the Historical Society's three historic museum properties in downtown Lebanon. For more information call 513-932-1817 or visit [www.wchsmuseum.org](http://www.wchsmuseum.org).

### **Downton Abbey Fashions on Display – Now through January 31, 2015**

The *Downton Abbey* exhibit is on display at the Warren County Museum 105 South Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio 45036 and will continue through January 31, 2015. Come and enjoy the fashions that are evident in the hit television series "*Downton Abbey*."

### **Warren County Historical Society Flea Market – January 30 & 31, 2015**

The Warren County Historical Society Flea Market will be held at the Lebanon Conference & Banquet Center (Old Post Office), 121 South Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio 45036, on Friday and Saturday, January 30 & 31, 2015. Hours on Friday, January 30, 2015, are 10:00 am -4:00 pm. Hours on Saturday, January 31, 2015, are 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Admission is FREE. Come out to browse the antiques, books, decorative accessories, toys, household goods, collectibles, and more. For more information, please call 513.932.1817, email [wchs@wchsmuseum.org](mailto:wchs@wchsmuseum.org), or visit [www.wchsmuseum.org](http://www.wchsmuseum.org).

## Fort Ancient Earthworks & Nature Preserve News

### **Fort Ancient Earthworks and Nature Preserve offers Lecture Series**

Fort Ancient is hosting three, free lectures in the classroom at Fort Ancient over **the first Saturday in February, March and April**. Two presentations will deal with Archaeology in the area and the third presentation will discuss the Historic Native populations of Ohio during the late 17<sup>th</sup> and early 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries. The lectures are free to the public but there will be a regular site admission for guests wanting to go through the museum or grounds. The museum and grounds will be open from 10AM to 5PM on Saturday and 12 Noon to 5 PM on Sunday. General Admission (excluding the free lecture) is \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students. For additional information go to [www.fortancient.org](http://www.fortancient.org) or call 513-932-4421.

#### *“Looking Into The Ground Without Digging”*

**Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30AM-12:00PM**

Dr. Jarrod Burks

Director of Archaeological Geophysics

Ohio Valley Archaeology - Columbus, Ohio

Archaeologists love to dig in the dirt, but there is nothing worse than not finding anything after a hard day of excavation. This is why they are always trying to figure out how to dig in just the right place to locate what they are after. Geophysical survey instruments can do just that—they can look into the ground, without digging, and locate buried archaeological features like cooking pits, foundations, wells, and graves. Geophysics is revolutionizing the way that archaeology is done in Ohio, finding things that we never knew were there. In this presentation Dr. Burks explores how various types of geophysical instruments work and some of the fascinating things that he has found with them on sites in Ohio. From old church foundations and buried wells to ancient earthworks and 3000 year-old earth ovens, geophysical surveys are helping archaeologists rediscover Ohio’s rich history.

Dr. Jarrod Burks is Director of Archaeological Geophysics at Ohio Valley Archaeology, Inc., a small cultural resource management firm based in Columbus, Ohio. He received his doctorate in anthropology from The Ohio State University in 2004, with a dissertation focused on studying Middle Woodland period (*circa* A.D. 250) Hopewell households at the Strait site in central Ohio. During his day job Jarrod conducts geophysical surveys on all manner of archaeology sites, primarily in Ohio and surrounding states, but he has also been to Guadalcanal searching for the remains of World War II MIAs. Rediscovering Ohio’s earthworks and Hopewell domestic sites using geophysics occupies most of Jarrod’s research efforts—though he is a sucker for requests to do geophysics on just about any archaeology site.

#### *“Farmers till the End: Four Centuries of Fort Ancient Life at the Hahn Site near Cincinnati”*

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30AM-12:00PM**

Mr. Robert Genheimer

George Rieveschl Curator of Archaeology

Cincinnati Museum Center - Cincinnati, Ohio

Sometime in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century AD, Fort Ancient peoples constructed a large circular village on a high terrace in the lower reaches of the Little Miami River valley. Field investigations at the Hahn Site reveal that a ring or rings of houses surrounded an open communal plaza. These village dwellers grew maize and beans, hunted deer, elk, turkey, and other animals, gathered wild plants, and exploited a variety of river resources including fish and mussels. Archaeological excavations at the site have been aided by a robust remote sensing program

that has delineated hundreds of probable pit features and burials. The combination of remote sensing and excavations reveal that through time, the site expanded across the 10-12 acre terrace, and was finally abandoned sometime during the 17<sup>th</sup> Century AD. Join us in examining seven years' worth of excavations at the site.

*"Historic Indians of Ohio"*

**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:30AM-12:00PM**

Mr. Randall Buchman

Professor Emeritus of History and Archaeology

Defiance College - Defiance, Ohio

Randall Buchman is Professor Emeritus of History and Archaeology at Defiance College. This presentation examines the relocation of the Historic People into Ohio and the cultural ramifications of Euro-Americans on the People in the process. This program uses slides and overhead projections as illustrations. Mr. Buchman specializes in Ohio Valley American Indian studies, and has worked at prehistoric sites in Ohio and Indiana. He recently taught Native American History at Bacone College and Indian College in Oklahoma.

**Morrow Area Church News**

**"Meals for Morrow" Riversway Ministry, Feeding the Morrow Community – January 31**

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: **January 31, 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 of each month** 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.

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

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

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

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

### **Morrow Area Business News**

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

Unfortunately, our new cow did not survive birthing the little heifer calf that I'm bottle feeding every three hours, round the clock. That means that there will be a further delay in resumption of some of your herd shares. I'm sorry, but this is all part of farm life. Our ten year old cow that was born and bred here is able to supply her calf and several herd shares, but two of our cows (these, too, were purchased a couple of years ago, and without a doubt you get someone's culls, but this is the best in this area we are able to do) did not breed. We have a heifer born and raised here that will calve in a few months, and we are hopeful she will be gentle enough to milk. She is pretty much of a pet, so again, we are hopeful. Some of you have a balance, and I can refund that to you, or you can wait till we wean Sammie's calf. The new calf will have to be on milk replacer. I think everyone understands that the entry herd share fee is a legal purchase into the herd, for better or for worse, and cannot be refunded, but some of you had paid ahead on your monthly fee). We have maple sap boiling on our wood stove, even as we text, the sap eventually being syrups in this week's CSA's. Also we dressed nine stewing chickens this week, and seven are still available at \$2 per pound. Also, we have four young hogs going to the packer March 5, these are \$4 per pound delivered, quarter, half, or whole. We LOVED the turnout at the Deerfield market last Saturday, and remember, Glory Farms is there every Saturday with products from Wild Holly Farm, Shelton Produce, as well as Glory Farms, as well as CSA's and herd shares, and orders. And EVERY Thursday at the Lebanon market we are there with Ohio Organic Cheese from 3 till 5. Rain, shine, snow, whatever. And I SHOULD say, we are there with our hardy, hard-core customers: YOU could be one, also. And the tenth customer each week receives a \$10 coupon for their next market trip, for Glory Farm products only. This is kind of a fun thing for us. We have the stewing chickens available for \$2 a pound, as well as jams, jellies, butters, baked goods, yeast breads as well as banana walnut and pumpkin pecan, syrups, CSA's, herd shares, alfalfa, mung, salad, and fenugreek sprouts, eggs, honey, hot sauces, hickory and maple syrups, and who knows what else! Email or text me with your orders.

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)

#### **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).

### ***"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>.

### **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).

### **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.

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

### **Aerospace & Manufacturing Job Fair – January 29, 2015**

For those seeking qualified talent to fill skilled or entry-level manufacturing jobs.

Who: Workforce Investment Boards of Warren, Butler and Clermont counties and others

When: **Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Where: Sharonville Convention Center

For additional information please go to [www.swohioworkforce.com](http://www.swohioworkforce.com).

### **February LMA Chamber Meeting – February 5, 2015**

We hope the holidays went well for all of you and that the New Year brings you happiness and success! We invite you to attend the **Thursday, February 5, 2015**, Chamber meeting at Valley Vineyards in Morrow from 11:45 am until 1:00 pm. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while now is a great time to attend: meet some of last year's new members, tell us about your business, promotions and sales, and learn more about what the Chamber has planned for 2015! We want the Little Miami community to know what YOU do and how to reach YOU so please TELL US HOW TO HELP YOU! There is a lot we accomplished last year as a Chamber and as a community. Join us as we continue to grow and move forward into the New Year! Please RSVP to Peoples First Savings Bank at 513-899-2040 with the number attending.

Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce February Meeting

**Thursday, February 5, 2015**

11:45 am until 1:00 pm

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

We'll see you February 8th at Valley Vineyards!

## **Dynamic Asset Allocation Presentation – February 26, 2015**

Guest speaker Stanley B Weiland presents “From the Hill to the Street: An Insider’s Perspective”

Who: Craig Capital Corporation Inc.

When: **Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Where: Carrabba’s Italian Grill in Mason

For additional information please contact Christine Walton at [cwalton@wfafinet.com](mailto:cwalton@wfafinet.com) or call 513-234-0700.

## **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**

### **A Winter’s Treat**

Come in out of the cold and find a nice warm winter’s treat at your library! Enjoy all the library has to offer and receive special treats. Prizes awarded for your 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> visit.

- Sign up (18 years of age and older)
- Visit the library often and check out some of your favorite things.
- Receive weekly treats.
- Receive drawing slips with each weekly visit for a chance to win a tablet.

Contact the library for more information!!!

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

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

### **Writers’ Circle Group Meetings**

Calling all adults and high school students who are interested in writing: the library’s Writers’ Circle is a group that meets **twice monthly on Saturdays from 10:30 am-12:00 pm** at the library to share their creative writing pieces. Prompts are decided by the group and sharing ideas is welcomed and encouraged. Free coffee is served at each meeting. Join the group by contacting the library or emailing Dylan at: [mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto:mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us). Future dates:

- **February 7 & 21, 2015**
- **March 7 & 21, 2015**
- **April 11 & 18, 2015**

## How-To: Knitting & Crocheting Classes

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

The class schedule is as follows:

- Crocheting Classes:
  - **Monday, February 9 from 6:30-7:30 pm**
  - **Saturday, February 14 from 12:30-1:30 pm**

## Pre-School Story Time and Toddler Story Time

Two of the most popular and well-loved programs are back at the library this fall! Register your little book worm for Pre-School Story Time or Toddler Story Time, beginning in January. 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 or 2:00 pm**. Toddler Story Time for young children ages 18-36 months and a caregiver focuses on listening to short stories, rhymes, finger plays, and songs. Each 15-20 minute 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.

## 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. Future dates:

- **February 3:** Winter's Tale by Mark Helprin
- **March 3:** Me Before You by Jojo Moyes

You may register for one or multiple sessions. Please contact the library if you have questions and to register for classes.

## Download eBooks and Audiobooks for Free to Your Devices

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

Please contact the library for more information and to sign up for events.

Salem Township Public Library  
535 West Pike Street  
Morrow, OH 45152  
513-899-2588

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

### **Studer stars in every category**

Before the season, Little Miami girls basketball coach Matt Tolliver pulled aside senior Lainee Studer. She was the team's only returning starter, and Tolliver told her she'd have to change her role.

The result?

"She has had a monster year for us in every category," Tolliver said.

As a point guard, Lainee had excelled in the past at getting her teammates involved, but Tolliver needed her to score more than last year, when she averaged 9.6 points per game.

Check out where Lainee ranks this season among the Southwest Ohio Conference leaders:

- Scoring, 2<sup>nd</sup> (15.3 avg.)
- Assists, 1<sup>st</sup> (5.0)
- Steals, 1<sup>st</sup> (6.2)
- Rebounds, 12<sup>th</sup> (5.3)
- 3-point shooting, 5<sup>th</sup> (37.8%)
- Free-throw percentage, 8<sup>th</sup> (68.9%)
- Blocks, 9<sup>th</sup> (0.7)

That's called stuffing the stats sheet. And those numbers don't reflect that Tolliver usually entrusts Lainee to guard the opponent's best player.

This is why a player who didn't receive even Honorable Mention honors on last year's all-conference teams is in the running for the SWOC Player of the Year award.

"I believe she has a great chance of getting the conference Player of the Year, which would be a great thing for her and our program," Tolliver said. "Her hard work is drawing interest from different colleges about continuing her basketball career at the next level."

Lainee has been chosen to be the next Today's Pulse Athlete of the Week. In Lainee's interview with the Pulse, she said her words to live by are, "Go out there and give it all you've got."

Lainee has four times scored at least 20 points, and twice had double-doubles – reaching double figures in two categories. In one game, she nearly totaled a triple-double, finishing with 22 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists.

"I never have to worry about her work ethic," Tolliver said.

Lainee has elevated the team into an almost-there contender; the team's 8-7 record includes four losses by two or fewer points. She and fellow seniors Kelsey Wind, Kelly Rambow, Abby Breeze and Alexis Kemp hope to close their high school careers on a high note.

Source: <http://www.littlemiamischools.com/district-news/entry/studer-stars-in-every-category-26/>

### **OU Singers perform for and listen to LM Choirs**

The OU Singers, Ohio University's premier mixed choral ensemble, visited LMHS on Jan. 23, 2015 to perform for each choir class. Then our ensembles performed for the OU singers and for OU's director, Dr. Daniel Hall. Dr. Hall offered some feedback and praised the LM program. Here are several links: a [photo album](#), [video](#) of one song by the OU Singers, [a clip](#) of the LM Select Women's Chorale performing, and [video](#) of one tune by the LM Select Mixed Choir.

### **Two LMHS artists reach Overture Awards semifinals**

LMHS juniors Emily Blevins and Kevin Rothermund were named Overture Awards semifinalists for portfolios of their artwork. They advanced through regional competition and had their work judged Jan. 16 at the Aronoff Center for the Arts. Read a report [here](#).

### **Kindergarten registration starting**

Kindergarten registration for the 2015-16 school year will be held on **March 10 and April 30**. For details and to learn about the enrollment process, please [click here](#).

### **College Credit Plus meeting on Feb. 4**

On **Feb. 4**, the high school will hold a meeting for parents and students interested in participating next year in College Credit Plus (formerly known as PSEO). The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will take place in the high school auditorium.

### **Save the date: "Beauty and the Beast"**

The spring LMHS musical, "Beauty and the Beast," will be **April 17-18**. There will be 7 p.m. performances each day, plus a 2 p.m. matinee on the 18th that'll be preceded by a princess tea.

### **More flyers posted**

Several new community offerings have been posted to the Flyers page on our website. [Click here](#) to view recent additions, including a YMCA youth overnight and ticket sales for the annual Harlem Wizards game.

### **New Little Miami website launches – at zero cost**

We are pleased to introduce our newly redesigned Little Miami Schools website and to share the news of its cost savings. The redesign and hosting of the site come at zero cost to the district. In fact, we'll profit because of revenue-generating ads on the site. Please read a report [here](#).

### **Two big Boosters events coming up**

The Athletic Boosters have two notable events in the next month. Their annual Pantherfest extravaganza is set for **Feb. 7**; see info [here](#). They will also host a "Panther Pride" Night Out benefit gala on **Feb. 14**; info is located [here](#). Take note that the Boosters will be at the boys basketball game tomorrow night selling tickets to the "Panther Pride" event.

### **BAC survey: Stakeholders all on the same page**

Nearly seven in 10 Little Miami parents gave a positive rating to the district's education, and all three major stakeholders – administrators, teachers and parents – picked the same answer for the district's greatest strength: teachers who care. Those are the key findings of a survey conducted by the district's Business Advisory Council, a committee established by the Board of Education that consists of local community members, Board members and other key stakeholders. Read a report [here](#).

### **FinalForms enables electronic completion of athletic forms**

The Athletic Department has partnered with FinalForms, an online program that will enable you and your student to complete and file most athletic forms electronically. FinalForms is immediately available for all Panther athletes. Please [click here](#) for a report and to access the FinalForms link.

### **Spring Carnival set; planning meetings start Monday**

Mark your calendar: The annual Spring Carnival is scheduled for Friday, May 1 from 6-9 p.m. at Little Miami High School. Read more info [here](#).

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

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

### **Here's an update on Junior High winter sports (January 26, 2015):**

**Boys basketball:** Our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 'A' team is 5-2. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade 'B' team is 3-4. Our 7<sup>th</sup> Grade 'B' team is 4-5.

**Girls basketball:** The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade 'A' team is 6-1, and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade 'A' team is 4-3.

**Swim/Dive:** On Jan. 17, we had the Junior High Swim Championship held at Countryside YMCA. Little Miami came in 16<sup>th</sup> place out of 18 teams, which is not bad considering we have only eight swimmers. During this meet we had several new personal-best times for swimmers.

**Wrestling:** The team is working hard and preparing for its last meet of the season against Mechanicsburg on Saturday.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **Jan. 28:** 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade 'B' Girls Basketball, home vs. Loveland, 4:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 28:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade 'B' Boys Basketball, home vs. Loveland (following girls doubleheader)
- **Jan. 29:** 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade 'A' Girls Basketball, at Pleasant Run, 4:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 29:** 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade 'A' Boys Basketball, home vs. Pleasant Run, 4:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 31:** 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade Wrestling, at Mechanicsburg

### **Little Miami Athletic Boosters Club News**

#### **[Little Miami Athletic Boosters | January Boosters Newsletter](#)**

The monthly Boosters newsletter is here. Click to read an update on Panther teams and Boosters events.

#### **Inaugural "Panther Pride" Night Out Benefit Gala – February 14 (Reservation deadline is February 4)**

The inaugural "Panther Pride" Night Out benefit gala will be a night of fun and celebration of our wonderful Little Miami athletes and supporters of those athletes. This fund-raiser event at Bel-Wood Country Club on Feb. 14, 2015, will offer dinner, dancing, and a fun atmosphere of people full of Panther Pride. We are going to offer a raffle for many great prizes and a gift basket silent auction. Ticket purchase gets you an Italian buffet and two drink tickets. There will be a cash bar available too. Questions can be emailed to [pantheradultsocial@yahoo.com](mailto:pantheradultsocial@yahoo.com). **The order deadline is Saturday, February 4.** The information page is [available here](#), and the order form is [available here](#). Registrations may be mailed to or dropped off at LMHS.

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

Little Miami Pantherfest 2015 sponsored by Little Miami Athletic Boosters Club 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).

### **Little Miami Athletic Boosters February Meeting – February 9**

The next Little Miami Athletic Boosters meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, February 9, 2015, in the Media Center of Little Miami High School, 3001 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152. For more information, please visit <http://www.lmpanthersports.com/pages/currentofficers/>.

### **Inaugural Panther Run, 10K, 5K, 1K & Kids Fun Run – April 11**

The LMABC is proud to present the Inaugural Panther Run, 5K, 10K, 1K kids fun run. This event will take place on Saturday, April 11, 2015. Participants will Start and Finish at LMHS. The route will take participants through beautiful downtown Morrow along the Little Miami Scenic Trail. Registration is \$25 per participant and includes a t-shirt. \$10 for kids fun run, under 12 years of age. Additional \$5 for same day registration. Registration will start at LMHS at 7:30am and race to start at 8:30am. More details to follow.

### **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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contributions should be sent to:

LMABC 3001 US 22/3 Morrow, Ohio 45152

Thank you,

The Green & Gold Team

Biff Arnold (chairperson)

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

### **Little Miami Youth Basketball Association**

#### **Harlem Wizards: Tricks, Hoops & Alley Oops – February 12**

The Little Miami Youth Basketball Association proudly presents the Harlem Wizards at Little Miami High School, 3001 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152, on **Thursday, February 12, 2015**. Gates open at 6:00 pm; game time is 7:00 pm. Tickets are available for purchase during Little Miami Youth Basketball Association games on Saturday mornings at Salem Township Elementary School, 605 Welch Road, Morrow, Ohio 45152, or email [andrea2u@hotmail.com](mailto:andrea2u@hotmail.com). Tickets purchased via email will be available at the "Will Call" window at LMHS game day. Advance tickets are also available online at [www.HarlemWizards.com](http://www.HarlemWizards.com) (a \$.99 processing fee per ticket will be applied). Advance tickets are \$8.00 for Students and \$10.00 for General admission. Tickets at the gate are \$10.00 for Students and \$12.00 for General admission. Tickets are not available through Little Miami Schools.

### **Little Miami Youth Baseball News**

#### **Little Miami Youth Baseball Announces "In Person" Registration – January 29 and February 4**

Little Miami Youth Baseball will be holding "In Person" registration events on the following dates:

**Thursday, January 29th**

**Wednesday, February 4th**

All three events will be held at the Little Miami High School in the Cafeteria area (weather permitting ... if evening activities are canceled then signups will be too). We will be there to register your player in person from 6pm - 8:30pm on each of these dates. Online registrations will continue to be ongoing through the 8th of February. All payments must be made by that time. Additional registration information (including costs and age groups) is available in the registration area of the website... just click "Register Now" in the upper right area of this page and you will be taken to that information. We look forward to having you as part of our baseball family for another terrific and FUN season. For more information, please contact Ken Floss, Little Miami Youth Baseball President, at [ken.floss@LMYBaseball.com](mailto:ken.floss@LMYBaseball.com).

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

#### **WCCC Education Foundation a Great Way to Give**

The Warren County Career Center Education Foundation benefits students through scholarships and enhanced learning opportunities. If you are looking for a worthy cause this holiday season, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the foundation. Learn more [HERE](#).

## **Important Request to our High School Parents/Guardians**

Please take a short survey (5-10 minutes) to assist us in our accreditation process. Read details [HERE](#). Link directly to survey [HERE](#).

## **Warren County Convention & Visitors Bureau News**

### **2015 Warren County Visitors Guide**

Plan your escape to Ohio's Largest Playground today with our all new 2015 Visitors Guide! Packed full of lodging, dining, shopping, and attraction information, it's your go-to tool for Warren County fun!

**[\[ Get your FREE Guide! \]](#)**

### **Find Your Fun!**

From high-flying adventure to low-key cuisine, there's something for everyone in Warren County! Love the outdoors? Soar through the skies at Ozone Zipline Adventures, or zoom down Beach Mountain's 400 foot snow tubing hill. How about a grown-up getaway? Pair shopping, dining or even a thrilling night at Miami Valley Gaming with a comfortable stay at a cozy and convenient bed & breakfast. Check out all of our expertly assembled itineraries, and find the trip that's right for you today!

**[\[ Plan your getaway! \]](#)**

### **Get the inside scoop!**

What's the word on Warren County? Read up on popular attractions and uncover some of Southwest Ohio's best kept secrets on [Stories from the Playground](#), the official blog of Ohio's Largest Playground!

**[\[ Check it out! \]](#)**

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

### **Public Meeting: Peters Soil Cleanup – February 12**

A public meeting will be held **Thursday, Feb. 12 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Warren County Administration Building regarding the lead-contaminated soil cleanup approved by the EPA at the former Peters Cartridge Factory. The contractors are planning to mobilize on Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, and the remedial action work is scheduled for completion between March and September 2015.

### **Friends of the Little Miami State Park February Meeting**

The Friends of the Little Miami State Park will hold their February meeting on **Sunday, February 22, 2015**, at 4:00 pm at the [Loveland City Hall](#), 120 West Loveland Avenue, Loveland, Ohio 45140. For more information, please visit [www.flmsp.org](http://www.flmsp.org).

### **Tell Us We're Cracking Up**

Help us identify bumps on the trail so they can be scarified and crack-filled this spring. Please send [Don Hahn](#) or [Don Mills](#) the mile marker location of any bump that is over 1/4" high.

### **Subscribe to Friends of the Little Miami State Park Electronic Newsletter, *TrailMail***

*TrailMail*, the e-newsletter of Friends of the Little Miami State Park, is published ten times a year. *TrailMail* welcomes submissions of trail-related photos and articles about people, events, history, and the trail's natural environment. Send submissions to: [trailmail@flmsp.org](mailto:trailmail@flmsp.org).

## **Little Miami State Park Usage Soars!**

By Paul Morgan

Total visits to the Little Miami State Park in 2014 were 760,000! This figure is from our first-ever comprehensive count of trail visits. The last estimate, 200,000, done by OKI in 1998, was based on very limited manual count data and a shorter trail length.

The 2014 estimate was calculated using electronic counters operating 24/7 for at least one month on each of the 22 "counting" sections of our 50-mile trail. The monthly counts were extrapolated to annual visits using data from the National Bike & Pedestrian Documentation project and with support from the Rails to Trails Conservancy.

FLMSP will use the new estimate to encourage grantors and other organizations to invest more money into the maintenance of this trail. We'll help them understand what we trail users already know-that our trail is cherished by the individual users and by the communities the trail passes through, and is a valuable asset to our entire region.

Our counting program will continue for the foreseeable future. If you'd like to help, contact us through our website.

## **Trailside Historical Marker Approved**

By Janet Slater

Hamilton Township's first historical marker, explaining the contribution of the Butterworth family to the Little Miami Railroad, the Underground Railroad, and Maineville Academy, will be placed along our trail at Butterworth Station, 2.6 miles north of Loveland. It will mark the location of the stone depot, no longer standing but pictured above.

The boy in the old photo is Thomas Foster, a Butterworth descendent. Although Thomas is deceased, his wife Avery lives in Mason and supplied the photo. The depot is round because it doubled as a water tower for the railroad, using water from nearby springs, as well as a place to await the train.

The engraved sign with a picture and the state-required dedication ceremony require about \$3,000 in funding, and the local group who worked for the historical marker needs your help. The caretaker of Butterworth Farm, located just east of the approved marker, is offering a special tour of the stone house where slaves were hidden in the 1830s and 40s to all who contribute \$100 or more toward the project.

To contribute, please send a check made out to the Warren County Foundation, designated for Butterworth Station, to: Warren County Foundation, 118 Main St., Lebanon, OH 45036.

A public dedication ceremony for the marker is planned for **June 6, 2015**.

## **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).

## **Cooperation Brings Quick Response**

It's an hour before dark on Sunday, the last day of November, when an Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources wildlife officer encounters this tree fallen across the trail. He calls an ODNR parks officer, who in turn calls the Friends hotline. Aaron Rourke fields the call and contacts Dennis and Kathy Lewis, trail adopters for this northern section of the park, and they're on it right away. At noon the next day, the parks officer is back on the trail; he sends the photo below. Thanks to the cooperation between the state employees and FLMSF volunteers, this tree didn't lie around for long, even at the end of a holiday weekend. Said ODNR employee Heidi Evans, "You guys have it down to a science there. . . Thanks for all your group does!"

## **WCWS Blasts Buried Culvert**

By Paul Morgan

Preserving and protecting our trail and its infrastructure demands many kinds of work - such as assuring that rainwater flows safely through the hundreds of culverts that pass under the trail. Many of these date back to the 1840s when the rail beds were built.

A buried culvert - filled with gravel & dirt with both openings buried in sediment was found by trail volunteers north of Loveland as they investigated water running over the trail. Many volunteer hours were spent digging by hand and backhoe to uncover the openings and restore the outlet ditch, but 30 feet of 24-inch pipe remained clogged. The solution?

Warren County Water & Sewer Department (WCWS) to the rescue! As a community service, the WCWS dispatched their skilled employees and huge equipment to jet-blast the debris out of the pipe. A job that would have been impossible using standard rental tools was quickly assessed and accomplished by WCWS employees John Kendrick and Adam Osterday, working in a stiff breeze and temperatures in the mid-20s. All it took was three hours and 3000 gallons of water sprayed under high pressure.

Many thanks to John and Adam, WCWS, and the many volunteers who fixed this drainage issue.

## **Human 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).

### **United Way of Warren County Offering Free Community Resource Directory**

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

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).

### **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Warren and Clinton Counties 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).

## **Business News**

### **January is National Mentoring Month!**

Being a mentor, having a mentor — mentorship is a powerful, positive relationship for everyone, and we're celebrating that this month! [National Mentoring Month](#) is all about driving systemic change to make mentoring an integral component of youth and workforce development efforts.

## How Can Small Businesses Join In?

Finding the time to mentor can be a challenge, but business owners and employees alike can benefit with boosted employee morale, increased satisfaction and a meaningful way to give back to the community. The [National Mentoring Month website](#) can quickly match you with local organizations who champion youth mentorship programs – simply enter your zip code and get connected!

## Looking for a Small Business Mentor?

Interested in working with a mentor? Great idea! Turns out that 70% of small businesses that receive mentoring survive more than five years – DOUBLE the survival rate of non-mentored businesses (according to a 2014 [survey by The UPS Store](#)).

SBA has resources to connect you with a mentor — [visit us online to find yours along with insights to make the most of your experience](#).

## **“Franchising 101” – No Cost, Low Key, Educational Seminar – January 28**

Explore franchise ownership at a no-cost, educational seminar where you’ll learn:

- How to determine if you’re a fit for business ownership
- The many types of franchises
- Advantages & disadvantages of franchises
- Facts & myths re: franchises

When: Wednesday January 28, 2015, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: WSU – Rike Hall – Small Business Development Center

Presenter: Bill Powell, Franchise Business Consultant with FranNet

Register: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/ohio-sbdc-franchising-101-workshop-night-registration-14633141119?ref=ebtnebregn>

For more information, please visit [www.frannet.com/wpowell](http://www.frannet.com/wpowell) or call 937.307.5121.

## **Free Seminar “Are You Certifiable? A Primer for Women Entrepreneurs” – February 17, 2015**

Looking for a way to promote your company to major corporations that are actively seeking to conduct business with a woman/women owned business? WBENC (Women’s Business Enterprise National Council) provides and manages the development enforcement and implementation of its world-class of certification, which is nationally accepted by thousands of major corporations and a select group of government entities. Join Sheila Mixon, Ohio River Valley Women’s Business council to learn more about WBENC, certification criteria, the six steps to certification, costs, timing, etc. This FREE SEMINAR will be held from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, February 17, 2015**, at the Warren County Career Center – Commons Room, 3525 North State Route 48, Lebanon, Ohio 45036. You have three ways to register for the event:

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

## **Warren County SBDC Offering Free Seminar “Steps to Starting Your New Business” – February 26, 2015**

The Warren County Small Business Development Center is sponsoring a FREE SEMINAR “Steps to Starting Your New Business” on **February 26, 2015**, from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. The seminar will be held at the City of Springboro Administration Building, 320 West Central Avenue, Springboro, Ohio 45066. Topics to be discussed include: 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: <http://clients.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov/events.aspx> or [www.warrencountysbdc.org](http://www.warrencountysbdc.org)
- Call Angela Steffen at 513-695-2090
- Email [Angela.Steffen@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:Angela.Steffen@co.warren.oh.us)

## **Women's Business Center of Ohio February Training Calendar**

### **Co-Starters Community Training – February 2 & 3**

*Monday, February 2, 1:00PM-5:00PM & Tuesday, February 3, 9:00AM-3:45PM*

The WBC invites you to attend a free community training on CO.STARTERS, a nationally renowned business development program. The goal of the training is to learn more about the program and figure out the best way for community leaders to be involved in the entrepreneurial success of women.

### **Improving Your Bottom Line By 61% Guaranteed – February 12**

*Thursday, February 12th, 6:00PM-7:00PM*

Join the WBC and Deb August of Action Coach for valuable information on improving your bottom line. Come ready to adopt a proven process that helps a business owner to immediately generate more leads, attract more clients and make more money even in this challenging economy. This class is open to all, free for WBC/ECDI clients and \$10 for non WBC/ECDI clients.

### **Lunch and Learn- Personal Finance – February 20**

*Friday, February 20th, 12:00PM-1:00PM*

Bring your lunch and join the WBC and experts from the International Consulting Firm, Accenture, LLC for a Brown Bag Lunch & Learn on Personal Finance. This Lunch & Learn is ideal for small business owners who need tips on budgeting, setting financial goals, and building their Credit Score. This class is open to all and free to attend.

### **Dames Bond: Selling - Remember who you A.R.E (You are your Attitude, Resilience, Energy & Enthusiasm) – February 26**

*Thursday, February 26th, 4:00PM-6:00PM*

In partnership with Dames Bond LLC, you are invited to attend the second session in the Thrive Series. You will walk away with action steps to help improve your business, produce results and grow sales. This class is open to all, \$25 for WBC/ Dames Bond members, \$35 for non-WBC/Dames Bond members. To register for the Thrive Series, click [here](#)

Please register in advance for these classes [here](#) or call The Women's Business Center at 614-732-0981 for more details.

### **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

### News You Can Use

#### **Municipal Tax Reform for Ohio**

After many years of effort...

Towards the end of 2014, the Ohio House and Senate finally passed House Bill 5. Governor Kasich has not yet signed the bill as of this writing, although he is expected to do so.

This bill will significantly reduce and simplify the filing of city tax returns. There are over 600 municipalities in the state that collect city income taxes. Over the years, each municipality created its own set of rules and regulations making this the most arcane tax system in America. As CPAs, we can now focus on helping business owners in growing their business instead of dealing with the complexity of so many different sets of tax rules.

Note, however, that most of the provisions of the bill will not go into effect until January 1, 2016. Some other provisions of the bill will be implemented on January 1, 2017. We will run another Tax Tip of the Week later this year to help you get ready for your 2016 city tax returns.

We congratulate The Ohio Society of CPAs in leading the effort for this significant change in municipal tax reform.

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 | January 28, 2014 | No. 287

#### **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

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

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

Source: USA.gov

## Plan Now for National Drug Facts Week - Jan. 26-Feb. 1

There are less than two weeks till [National Drug Facts Week](#), January 26-February 1. If you act fast, you can still organize a great school- or community-based event. Deadline for [ordering printed booklets](#) and posters is this Thursday! And your high school must be registered in order for students to participate in the live [Drug Facts Chat Day](#), January 30. (Anyone can watch.) National Drug Facts Week (NDFW) aims to shatter the myths about drugs and drug abuse for teens, using science and support from the [National Institute on Drug Abuse \(NIDA\)](#) and locally-organized events. NIDA provides a wealth of ideas and materials for schools, groups and event organizers, including many that can be used anytime:

- [NDFW teaching guide](#)
- [NIDA teaching guides](#)
- [Activity ideas for NDFW events](#)
- [Online toolkit for promoting NDFW events](#)
- [National Drug IQ Challenge quiz](#)
- [Marijuana: Facts for Teens](#)
- [Free materials to download or order](#)
- [Drug Facts Chat Day](#), a live online chat held between high school students and NIDA scientists

Source: KIDS.gov

## African American History: More Than Civil Rights

When we teach African American history we discuss slavery and the fight for equality. These are essential conversations, but there is so much more than that. African Americans have made significant contributions in all fields of study, including science and technology, the arts, and medicine. This February, we celebrate African American History month. We've provided a list of resources that discuss the fundamentals of African American history and a few that highlight achievements in the arts and sciences:

- [African American Artists](#)
- [African American History For Teachers](#)
- [African American Heritage](#)
- [African American World for Kids](#)
- [Black History Teaching Resources](#)
- [Emancipation Proclamation, 1863](#)
- [Faces of Science](#)
- [Harlem Renaissance Materials](#)
- [National Museum of African American History and Culture Educators Page](#)
- [Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum](#)
- Guide: [African-American Mosaic](#)
- Lesson Plan: [Revolution '67: Protest: Why and How](#)
- Videos: [Civil Rights - National Archives](#)

Source: KIDS.gov

## Look up, it's Jupiter! – January 30

*Moon show this Friday night.*

A 9 pm bedtime, a small pair of binoculars, a clear sky and an unobstructed view are all kids should need to see [Jupiter's](#) two big belts and [four largest moons](#) in the night sky towards the end of this month. And for those who can stay up late on weekends, there is a spectacular show coming. From 10 pm ET this Friday until 2 am Saturday, Jupiter's moons will be visible crossing the face of the planet and eclipsing each other. Get all the details in this [NASA video](#).

Source: KIDS.gov

## **February: Valentines, Birds, Presidents, and More!**

February is just around the corner! Students can learn about the rich history and contributions of African Americans. We also focus them on keeping their hearts healthy during American Heart month. Check out the resources we've collected on Valentine's Day, bird counts, presidents, and more in our [February Calendar](#).

Source: KIDS.gov

## **Does Your Family Have a Winter Weather Plan?**

Is your family prepared for severe winter storms and extreme cold? All kinds of emergency scenarios can happen during a storm. Do your kids know what to do if they are stranded at home with the power out and you can't make it home? Does your car have a cold weather kit with supplies for you and your kids if you get stranded on the road in bad weather? Discuss these types of emergency scenarios with your family and have a plan in place so everyone knows how to stay safe. This [video](#) shows the kinds of things to have in an emergency kit and what to do should severe weather cause an extended power outage or a family member to be stranded on the road. Find out more tips on what to do before, during, and after a storm on [FEMA's winter weather page](#).

Source: KIDS.gov

## **Combat Bullying: This App Can Help**

*Get tips for talking with your kids.*

Do you worry your child may be being bullied? Would they tell you if they were? Bullying can be hard for kids to talk about and hard for parents to detect. The free [KnowBullying app](#) for smartphones can help. It provides conversation starters for talking with your kids, and tips for dealing with bullying effectively. It has a section just for educators too. Watch this [KnowBullying video](#) to learn more. And remember, cyberbullying is a big concern now too. Learn ways you can help prevent it and [keep your kids safe from bullying online](#) and in social media.

Source: KIDS.gov

## **Meet Officer Gabriel: Working to Protect Wildlife**

Officer Gabriel Harper loves his job. He is a Federal Wildlife Officer with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel, Maryland. Watch our newest [Kids.gov video](#) as Officer Gabriel explains his duties and the tools he uses to help protect the Patuxent refuge's natural habitat and the animals that live there.

Source: KIDS.gov

## **Scientists Offer Myth Busting Insight**

Many kids talk about what they know, or what they think they know about drugs. More often than not, parents and teachers are surprised by what their children learn. Much of what teens think they know comes from media bombardment glorifying drug use and dissemination of misinformation. That's why the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) created this [interactive quiz](#) as a good starting point to help shatter these myths. Interested in learning more or getting involved? On January 30 you can tune in to a day long [live stream webcast](#) (link will be live after 8 AM EST) where scientists answer students' most pressing questions about drugs. You can also follow the conversation on Twitter by using the hashtag [#DrugFacts](#), by [following us](#) or [@NIDAnews](#). Visit [NIDA's website on teen drug abuse](#) and find interactive games, videos and more resources.

Source: USA.gov

## HELP WANTED

### **HELP WANTED: Fiscal Officer, Village of Morrow**

The Village of Morrow is accepting applications for the full-time position of Fiscal Officer. The Fiscal Officer, an FLSA exempt position reporting directly to the Mayor, performs a variety of accounting, financial reporting and cash management functions, as well as procurement, benefits administration, payroll and overall financial management of the Village in accordance with Ohio Revised Code § 733.262. The Fiscal Officer provides a variety of reports to the Mayor, Councils and staff to ensure that the Village and each department operate within their respective budgets. The Fiscal Officer explores financial opportunities to save the Village money and grow the public treasury, while advising the Mayor, Council and staff on ways to improve the Village's overall financial status. The Fiscal Officer works with the Mayor and staff to present an annual Tax Budget and an annual Operating Budget and other duties as assigned. The successful candidate will serve as Deputy Fiscal Officer until the incumbent's retirement on, or before, May 31, 2015, at which time, he or she will assume the role of Fiscal Officer.

Minimum qualifications: Must possess a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited four-year college or university in Business, Finance, Accounting, Public Administration, or a closely related field. A Master's Degree in either Business or Public Administration is preferred, as is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or Certified Government Finance Officer (CGFO). While experience in public finance is not mandatory, an understanding of basic financial and accounting principles along with a firm grasp of computer and basic software operations is required. An equivalent combination of education and experience which provides the skills and abilities necessary to perform the job will be considered. The position requires a valid state of Ohio driver's license. Salary is negotiable and dependent upon qualifications.

Application Process: Applications and a full job description are available at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152 and on the Village of Morrow website at <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/departments/human-resources/employment-opportunities/>. Please return your completed Village of Morrow employment application, cover letter, resume and three (3) professional references to Office of the Mayor, Village of Morrow, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152, Attention: Fiscal Officer Search. Application materials may also be submitted electronically to [mike.erwin@vil.morrow.oh.us](mailto:mike.erwin@vil.morrow.oh.us). This position will remain open until filled.

The Village of Morrow is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer and is a Drug-Free Workplace.

### **HELP WANTED: Salem/Morrow Fire Department Seeking Firefighters/EMTs/Paramedics**

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.

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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: 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 [lflfreightapps@gmail.com](mailto:lflfreightapps@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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: A Few Good Men & Women to Serve on 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).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Join Our Dog Walking Team - Humane Association of Warren County Animal Shelter & Adoption Center**

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).

**Calendar of Events**

Through January 31: **Downton Abbey Fashions on Display – Now through January 31, 2015**  
Warren County Museum 105 South Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio 45036  
For more information, please call 513.932.1817

- January 28: 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 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: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm **Aerospace & Manufacturing Job Fair**  
Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45246  
RSVP by January 21, 2015, at [www.swohioworkforce.com](http://www.swohioworkforce.com)
- 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 3: 11:00 am **Pre-School 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
- February 3: 2:00 pm **Pre-School 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
- February 3: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **Reading with Raider and Friends at Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- February 3: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm **Adult Book Discussion Group at Salem Township Public Library**  
February 3: *Winter's Tale* by Mark Helprin  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- February 4: 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
- 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 4: 7:00 pm **College Credits Plus Meeting**  
Little Miami High School, 3001 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please visit <http://www.littlemiamischools.com/district-news/entry/college-credit-plus-meeting-feb-4-23/>

- February 5: 11:45 am – 1:00 pm **Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce February Meeting**  
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
Please RSVP to Peoples First Savings Bank at 513.899.2040 with the number attending
- 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 **Writers’ Circle Group Meeting at Salem Township Public Library**  
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: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm **Fort Ancient Lecture Series “Looking Into the Ground Without Digging”**  
Fort Ancient Earthworks and Nature Preserve, 6123 State Route 350 Oregonia, Ohio 45054  
For more information, please visit [www.fortancient.org](http://www.fortancient.org) or call 513-932-4421
- 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 visit <http://www.lmpanthersports.com/pages/news/entry/79/>
- February 9: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **How-To: Crocheting Class at Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- February 9: 7:00 pm **Little Miami Athletic Boosters February Meeting**  
Little Miami High School Media Center, 3001 E. U. S. Rte. 22 & State Rte. 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please visit <http://www.lmpanthersports.com/pages/currentofficers/>
- February 10: 11:00 am **Pre-School 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
- February 10: 2:00 pm **Pre-School 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
- February 11: 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
- February 11: 6:00 pm **CPR Class at Salem/Morrow Fire Department**  
Salem/Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
To enroll, please contact the Salem/Morrow Fire Department at 513.899.2222
- February 12: 7:00 pm **Little Miami Youth Basketball Association presents the Harlem Wizards at LMHS**  
Little Miami High School, 3001 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For tickets, please email [andrea2u@hotmail.com](mailto:andrea2u@hotmail.com) or visit [www.HarlemWizards.com](http://www.HarlemWizards.com)

February 14: **Valentine's Day**

February 14: 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm **How-To: Crocheting Class at Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588

February 14: 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm **"Panther Pride" Night Out Benefit Gala**  
Bel-Wood Country Club, 5873 Ludlum Road, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please visit <http://www.lmpanthersports.com/pages/news/entry/76/>

February 16: **President's Day** – Village of Morrow Offices Closed

February 17: 11:00 am **Pre-School 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

February 17: 2:00 pm **Pre-School 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

February 17: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm **"Are You Certifiable? A Primer for Women Entrepreneurs" Free Seminar**  
Warren County Career Center, Commons Room, 3525 N. State Route 48, Lebanon, Ohio 45036  
You have three ways to register for the event:

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

February 17: 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm **Teen Movie Night with Snacks 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 or [mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us](mailto:mccrackendy@salem-township.lib.oh.us)

February 18: 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

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 **Writers' Circle Group Meeting at Salem Township Public Library**  
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 22: 4:00 pm **Friends of the Little Miami State Park Meeting**  
[Loveland City Hall](http://www.lovelandcityhall.com), 120 West Loveland Avenue, Loveland, Ohio 45140  
For more information, please visit [www.flmsp.org](http://www.flmsp.org)

- February 24: 11:00 am **Pre-School 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
- February 24: 2:00 pm **Pre-School 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
- February 25: 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
- February 26: 11:45 am – 1:00 pm **Dynamic Asset Allocation Presentation:  
“From the Hill to the Street: An Insider’s Perspective”**  
Carrabba’s Italian Grill, 5152 Merten Drive, Mason, Ohio 45040  
For more information, please contact Christine Walton at [cwalton@wfafinet.com](mailto:cwalton@wfafinet.com) or 513.234.0700
- February 26: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm **“Steps to Starting Your New Business” Free Seminar**  
City of Springboro Administration Building, 320 West Central Avenue, Springboro, Ohio 45066  
You have three ways to register for the event:
- Register on line at: <http://clients.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov/events.aspx> or [www.warrencountysbdc.org](http://www.warrencountysbdc.org)
  - Call Angela Steffen at 513-695-2090
  - Email [Angela.Steffen@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:Angela.Steffen@co.warren.oh.us)
- March 3: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **Reading with Raider and Friends at Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- March 3: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm **Adult Book Discussion Group at Salem Township Public Library**  
March 3: *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- March 7: 10:30 am **Writers’ Circle Group Meeting at Salem Township Public Library**  
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 – 12:00 pm **Fort Ancient Lecture Series**  
*“Farmers till the End: Four Centuries of Fort Ancient Life at the Hahn Site near Cincinnati”*  
Fort Ancient Earthworks and Nature Preserve, 6123 State Route 350 Oregonia, Ohio 45054  
For more information, please visit [www.fortancient.org](http://www.fortancient.org) or call 513-932-4421
- March 21: 10:30 am **Writers’ Circle Group Meeting at Salem Township Public Library**  
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)

- April 4: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm **Fort Ancient Lecture Series “Historic Indians of Ohio”**  
Fort Ancient Earthworks and Nature Preserve, 6123 State Route 350 Oregonia, Ohio 45054  
For more information, please visit [www.fortancient.org](http://www.fortancient.org) or call 513-932-4421
- April 7: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **Reading with Raider and Friends at Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- April 11: 10:30 am **Writers’ Circle Group Meeting at Salem Township Public Library**  
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)
- April 17-18: **LMHS Spring Musical "Beauty and the Beast"**  
April 17: 7:00 pm; April 18: 2:00 pm Matinee preceded by a Princess Tea & 7:00 pm  
Little Miami High School, 3001 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please visit <http://www.littlemiamischools.com/little-miami-high-school/home-1/>
- April 18: 10:30 am **Writers’ Circle Group Meeting at Salem Township Public Library**  
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)
- April 18: 5:30 pm **2nd Annual Warren County Friends of NRA Banquet**  
Warren County Fairgrounds, Building C, 665 North Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio 45036  
[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)
- May 1: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm **Little Miami Schools Annual Spring Carnival**  
Little Miami High School, 3001 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please contact [bltfpettet@roadrunner.com](mailto:bltfpettet@roadrunner.com) or [bethanyrebman@yahoo.com](mailto:bethanyrebman@yahoo.com)
- May 5: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **Reading with Raider and Friends at Salem Township Public Library**  
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
For more information, please call 513.899.2588
- May 16: 9:00 am **CPR Class at Salem/Morrow Fire Department**  
Salem/Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
To enroll, please contact the Salem/Morrow Fire Department at 513.899.2222
- June 13-14: **Fort Ancient Celebration: 25th Anniversary**  
Fort Ancient Earthworks and Nature Preserve, 6123 State Route 350 Oregonia, Ohio 45054  
For more information, please visit [www.fortancient.org](http://www.fortancient.org) or call 513-932-4421
- August 4: **Third Annual Morrow Police Department National Night Out Against Crime**  
Morrow Police Department, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
More information to come.

August 19: 6:00 pm **CPR Class at Salem/Morrow Fire Department**  
Salem/Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
To enroll, please contact the Salem/Morrow Fire Department at 513.899.2222

September 26: **Fort Ancient Bluegrass Festival**  
Fort Ancient Earthworks and Nature Preserve, 6123 State Route 350 Oregonia, Ohio 45054  
For more information, please visit [www.fortancient.org](http://www.fortancient.org) or call 513-932-4421

November 7: 9:00 am **CPR Class at Salem/Morrow Fire Department**  
Salem/Morrow Fire Department, 5270 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152  
To enroll, please contact the Salem/Morrow Fire Department at 513.899.2222

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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