

Morrow e-News

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Village of Morrow News

Salem/Morrow Fire Department Annual Fish Fry – March 27

The Salem-Morrow Fire Department will be hosting their annual fish fry **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.

Peoples First Saving Bank Accepting Donations for Tabitha's Closet – through March 31

Peoples First Savings Bank, located at 502 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152, will be accepting clothing donation for the Tabitha's Closet, through the month of March. Tabitha's Closet provides clothes to those in need. For more information, please email TabithasCloset@theparkchurch.com.

Little Miami Food Service 2014 Report

Greetings from the Little Miami Food Pantry! Spring is coming - and the sooner the better. Also, time once more to thank the community for all their help. It speaks well that this community supports those in need. 2014 was a very busy year for the Pantry. We served 13,299 people! So far, we're managing to provide for part of that need. There are challenges ahead: the rising cost of food, fewer sources of funding from the federal government, etc. However, we are confident that we will provide food for the hungry. Thank you!

Boy Scout Troop 838 Annual Mulch Sale – Now through April 10

Troop 838 is a 25-year old organization serving young men from the Little Miami School District. This mulch sale helps local Scouts earn funds to participate in scouting events and/or purchase scouting supplies, in addition to attending a week long Summer Camp at Camp Friedlander. Scouts use their earnings to pay for trips year round. The mulch undertaking is organized and managed by the Scouts under adult supervision. Please consider favoring the local young men of Troop 838 with an order this year. Give us a chance – it's a GREAT DEAL – for both you and the Scouts! It's a win-win! To download the order form, please click



Boy Scout Troop 838
Mulch Sale Flyer 2015

Warren County Prosecutor: "Help keep man convicted of 1989 beating, rape in prison."

Glendon Robinson's parole hearing could be next month

By Karin Johnson, WLWT

Morrow, Ohio, has changed quite a bit over the last 25 years. Many newcomers to the area may not know the name Glendon Robinson.

But the story is a brutal one.

On a summer evening in 1989, a 15-year-old was hanging out with friends. Two of them went into the woods to smoke, leaving the teen alone with Robinson.

[Watch this story](#)

"While they were gone, Mr. Robinson brutally beat and raped the 15-year-old girl and literally left her for dead," Warren County Prosecutor David Fornshell said. "He literally beat this woman to the point where he thought she was dead. He admitted to the other individuals that were there that he had raped her and he believed she was dead."

The girl was still alive, but unconscious. When she regained consciousness, Robinson was gone.

The teen managed to crawl to a nearby house for help. She could barely talk. The only thing she could say was her attacker's name.

Now, 25 years later, Robinson's parole hearing could be as soon as next month.

Fornshell doesn't want to see Robinson return to Warren County and doesn't want Robinson released after 25 years when his maximum sentence was 40 years.

"People, generally speaking, when they get out of prison, they go back to what they're used to," Fornshell said. Although it's not a case that many people have on their radar, Fornshell wants to bring it to the community's attention.

"I think the problem that you have in some of these cases is that they have served a lengthy sentence to the point where maybe the people who were around at the time do forget exactly how brutal of a case it was," Fornshell said. "It should upset people that there's a possibility that he would ever get out early for what he did."

Robinson continued to commit crimes while in prison.

In 2006, he was convicted of another felonious assault, as well as having a deadly weapon while under detention.

Fornshell is asking people write to the parole board.

More information: http://www.co.warren.oh.us/prosecutor/public/Prosecutor_Parole/details.aspx?OffenderNum=A217927.

Source: <http://www.wlwt.com/news/warren-co-prosecutor-help-keep-man-convicted-of-1989-beating-rape-in-prison/3176448>

Introduction to your Family History – April 14

Your Genealogy is much more than just names and dates of dead ancestors. Learn how to pass on your to future generations your:

- Family Values
- Personal Character
- Life Lessons You Have Learned
- Honor Code of Conduct
- Virtues
- Spiritual Legacy

Make plans to attend this free Genealogy seminar on **Tuesday, April 14, 2015**, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152. This informative free seminar will be led by Patrick W. Dugan, Past President & Life Member of the Warren County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. Information includes census, military, free internet and cemetery records. Each person will receive a free Five Generation Chart and leave with information to form a plan to start or add to their family's history. This free seminar is sponsored by:

- Morrow Masonic Lodge No. 265, located at the corner of Houston & Highlawn in Morrow
- Morrow Chapter No. 143, Royal Arch Masons, located at the corner of Houston & Highlawn, Morrow
- Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
- Warren County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, Warren County Administration Building

For more information, please call 513.899.2588.

The Arts Alliance presents “Green” Exhibit, featuring the paintings of Maureen McDermott

The Arts Alliance presents “Green” Exhibit, featuring the paintings of Maureen McDermott celebrating Connemara, Ireland. This exhibit will be on display **April 17 – June 30, 2015**, at Sinclair Community College-Courseview Campus, 5386 Courseview Drive, Mason, Ohio 45040. There will be an Opening Night reception from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm on **Friday, April 17, 2015**, at this same location featuring refreshments, entertainment and Irish fare. For more information, please visit <http://www.the-arts-alliance.org/>.

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](#)

[Spotlight on the Arts Celebration!](#) Benefitting the Sharonville Fine Arts Center – May 1

We are going to party like it's 1925 at this roaring 20's themed fundraising event at the Sharonville Convention Center, complete with a murder mystery, hundreds of silent auction items, interactive games, live entertainment, short films and great food! Celebrate the arts with this murder mystery, speak easy themed event designed to make you roar about the great things happening at this historic building in beautiful historic downtown at The Sharonville Fine Arts Center during the upcoming year. \$75 per person, \$550 per table. Sponsorship opportunities are available. This event will be held at the [Sharonville Convention Center](#), 11355 Chester Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45246 on Friday, May 1, 2015, from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm. For more information, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Sharonville-Fine-Arts-Center/272536572229>.

Morrow's 2015 Annual Yard Sale – May 2

Morrow's 2015 Annual Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm throughout the Village of Morrow. This event is sponsored by the Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, please visit <http://littlemiamiareachamber.com/>.

Morrow Tree Board Presents "Tree Care in Morrow" – May 9

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, May 9, 2015**, at the Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152. For more information, please call 513.899.2821.

2015 Clarksville Heritage Day's Festival – June 26 & 27

"Community Pride" is the theme for the 2015 Clarksville Heritage Day's Festival on June 26 & 27, in Clarksville, OH. The Festival Committee is diligently working on a great line up of events with free entertainment. Entertainment, featuring, Sterling Bluegrass Band, Stagger Lee Band, Chris & the Cruisers, Reeking Havoc will be on the stages. A 5K Run, arts, craft and antique show, Horse feather farm tours, car show, parade, food, Civil War reenactment, Historical Jail tour, baby contest, COW DROP, kids activities, Kids Fishing Tournament, Hay Bale Throwing contest, raffles, food and much more will add to the festivities! Watch our page for updates!

Warren County Engineer's Office has posted its 2014 Annual Report online!

2014 has been an exciting year of service to Warren County. Many thanks to the dedication and hard work of the Engineering, Highway, and Tax Map department staff who accomplish great things with efficiency and expertise. Thank you to our Board of County Commissioners, County Prosecutor's Office and other County offices, all of our Township Trustees and Fiscal Officers, municipalities, and ODOT for a great year!

[Click Here to View](#)

Warren County Soil & Water Conservation 2014 Annual Report

The Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District has published its 2014 Annual Report. Please click here to view:



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Report_2014.pdf

Procedures for Large Trash Pickup

Please be advised that all furniture, mattresses, large household items that are set out for garbage collection must be wrapped for the safety of the trash contractor. These items cannot be picked up until all fabric, leather or material items are completely covered with plastic or other protective covering, for precaution against hazardous debris. For example, to fully cover these items you may cut and tape plastic garbage bags around the item, or completely wrap the item in cling wrap or plastic covering and duct tape all seams and openings. You must make arrangements for these items to be disposed of once these safety procedures and practice in place. Failure to have these items properly secured and ready for removal by, the following trash collection day may result in violation and a citation to Morrow Mayor's Court. Items may not remain out for collection until properly secured. If you have any questions contact the Village of Morrow at 513.899.2821 ext. 20.

Lori Nicely, LPN, Pine Ridge Skilled Nursing & Rehab Named 2015 OHCA "Caregiver of the Year"

Lori Nicely, LPN, Social Service Designee, at Pine Ridge Skilled Nursing & Rehab in Morrow was recently selected as the 2015 "Caregiver of the Year" by Ohio Health Care Association. Lori was selected from several dozen health care professionals from across Ohio. Lori will be honored during the Ohio Health Care Association's Awards Luncheon at the OHCA/OCID/OCAL 2015 Convention and Expo in Columbus on April 28, 2015. Congratulations Lori and thank you for the care you provide on a daily basis!

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. Please use only the characters and spaces shown on this form.
4. Please use (0) for zero and (00) for two zeros.
5. Mail to: Morrow VFW Post #212, 2400 Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152

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

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

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

Salem Township News

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:

- 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.

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.

Salem/Morrow Fire 3.9 Mill/5 Year Levy to be on May 5 Special Election Ballot – Please Vote “Yes”

Why do we need a Fire Levy now?

Decrease in Volunteers

- Prior to 1996 = 30 Volunteers
- 2014 = 6 Volunteers
- Volunteers use to live in the area.
- Volunteers used to Work their duty night and come in for back up runs.
- Now 80% of our volunteers live out of our area.
- They only work their duty night and they do not come in for back up runs.
- Increase in family and personal obligations (sports, second jobs, etc.)
- Increase in training requirements

Increase in Education Requirements

BASIC EMT – Initial Certification hours 160 and continuing ed. 40 hours every 3 yrs

ADVANCED EMT – Initial certification Hours 200 and continuing ed 60 hours every 3 yrs

PARAMEDIC – Initial certification Hours 1000 and continuing ed 86 hours every 3 yrs

We provide a paramedic service to our residents

Aging of Department Equipment

- Mandated Equipment Replacement
- Due to Federal mandate we have equipment that has to be replaced every 10 – 15 years.
- 2 Squads, 1 Tanker, Fire hose, Fire equipment and EMS equipment that need to be replaced.
- Heart Monitors and defibrillator are due for replacement October 2016 (Cost 35,000 each). We will need three, one for each squad.
- SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) are due for replacement 2020 (Estimated cost \$3,700.00 each). We will replace 27.
- Turnout Gear (Estimated cost \$2,600.00 per set). We purchase 2-3 sets a year but some years we can't. This gear has to be replaced every 10 years.
- Decrease in State and Federal Grants

Grants 2002

- AFG Grant had a budget around 900 million Dollars.
- We have received \$232,952.00 over the past 9 years from AFG.
- State Ohio EMS Grant was giving us \$13,000.00 – \$15,000.00.
- State Fire Marshal Grant used to pay for the whole training class.

Grants 2014

- AFG Grant \$306 million Dollars.
- State Ohio EMS Grant is now giving us around \$2,000.00 – \$4,500.00.
- State Fire Marshal Grant now pays for ½ to ¾ the training class

Increase in Operational Expenses

- Increase Fuel Costs
- Increase in Fire and EMS Calls
- 2002 Run Volume = 450
- 2013 Run Volume = 942

Increase in training costs

- 2002 Fire & EMS training
 - 36 / level I / Level II \$300.00 / \$355.00 / \$400.00
 - EMT-Basic / AEMT / Medic \$580.00 / \$600.00 – 700.00 / \$4,000.00 – 5,000.00
- 2013 Fire & EMS training
 - 36 / level I / Level II \$465.00 / \$940.00 / \$1,040.00

- o EMT-Basic / AEMT / Medic \$1,077.00 / \$1,422.00 / \$10,750.00

Decrease in Funding

- State has cut funding back to local governments.
- State & Federal Grants have decreased 60% over the last 12 years.
- Due to Affordable Care Act health insurance companies are reimbursing less.

How we Save Money

- We receive private, local, state, and federal grants.
- We do all continuing education in house.
- We send our employees to train the trainer classes. That way they can come back and teach each other.
- We do in house continuing education which keeps some of the training cost down.
- We are an ASHI site and teach ACLS/PALS.
- We teach our own CPR classes.
- We do EMS billing to receive money set aside by the insurance companies and Medicare.
- We have an in house vehicle maintenance program.
- We do a lot of our own work.
- Instead of paying outside companies to do the work we will pitch in and complete it ourselves
- We manager our costs carefully.

We need volunteers!!! This is our volunteer and part-time schedule. Without the volunteers coming back in, we could not get the second or third squad out. Plus, it is not safe to fight fires with only 3 people. We do pull mutual aid but it takes time for them to get here. If we had more volunteers we could continue providing you with the same level of service as we have been giving you.

Day	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Day Shift 6 am to 6 pm	1 Career & 3 Part-Time	1 Career & 2 Part-Time	1 Career & 2 Part-Time	1 Career & 2 Part-Time	1 Career & 2 Part-Time	1 Career & 2 Part-Time	1 Career & 3 Part-Time
Night Shift 6 pm to 6 am	1 Career & 2 Part-Time	1 Career & Volunteers	1 Career & 2 Part-Time	1 Career & Volunteers	1 Career & Volunteers	1 Career & 3 Part-Time	1 Career & 3 Part-Time

Source: <http://station71.com/>

Ballot Language

“2 Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)

Salem Township Fire District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the Salem Township Fire District, including unincorporated Salem Township and the Village of Morrow, for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighters or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of the firefighter employer’s contributions required under section 742.34 of the Ohio Revised Code, or to purchase ambulance equipment, or to provide ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, at a rate not exceeding 3.9 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.39 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2015, first due in calendar year 2016.”

Source: <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/bdelec/Salem.pdf>

Salem/Morrow Fire Department Cadet Program

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

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

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

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

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

Anyone interested in becoming a cadet contact:

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

Join the TEAM! Make a change for the better!

Program Advisors

Lieutenant Richard Oeder, FF/EMT

Mike Belanger, FF/EMT

Smoke Detectors

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

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.

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

Did you know these Child Passenger Safety Facts (from 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. 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.

Harlan Township News

Harlan Township Fire & Rescue's Annual Brother Ed's Fish & Shrimp Dinner – April 3

Harlan Township Fire & Rescue will host their Annual Brother Ed's Fish & Shrimp Dinner on **Friday, April 3, 2015**, at the Harlan Township Fire & Rescue headquarters on Morrow-Rosburg Road at State Route 132, midway between Butlerville and Pleasant Plain. The dinner is held in memory of Lieutenant Ed Vinup, who passed away in 2008, after being chairman of the dinner for 17 years. Fish, shrimp and combo dinners, fish sandwiches, hot dogs and pizza will be available, along with macaroni & cheese, French fries, cole slaw, hush puppies, desserts, iced tea, coffee and soft drinks. Meals will be served from 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm, and are available for dine-in or carry out. The Butlerville Lodge No. 135 Free & Accepted Mason's will be providing Child ID Program. For further information, please contact Captain Dusty Vinup at 513.877.2727.

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.

South Lebanon Historical Society News

South Lebanon Historical Society Monthly Meeting – April 21

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

Warren County Historical Society News

Bring the Kids and Explore Art and Antiques in April at the Warren County History Center

Studies have proven that children who are exposed to arts and culture perform dramatically better in school and in life in general.

“Involvement in the arts is associated with gains in math, reading, cognitive ability, critical thinking, and verbal skill. Arts learning can also improve motivation, concentration, confidence, and teamwork”, states Fran Smith from the George Lucas Educational Foundation.

The Warren County Historical Society celebrates the value of arts and culture education all through the month of April with three programs and one offer.

- Free children's admission to the Warren County History Center all Saturdays in April from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. One child admission free with purchase of any adult or senior admission. This is a museum where children are encouraged to touch and explore.
- Antique Study Forum, Saturday, **April 11** at the Warren County History Center. Explore four different antique and collectible topics including collecting fountain pens, English transfer ware china, ancient Chinese jade and collectibles and Disney memorabilia. \$20 per lecture or all four lectures and lunch for \$75.
- Art Treasures of Warren County, **Wednesday, April 15**, 11:30am to 1:00pm. Professor Michael Coyan explores the depth and diversity of the Warren County Historical Society's art collection. \$20 for members, \$22 non-members, includes lunch. Children \$12.
- Old Post Office Antique & Flea Market, **April 24 and 25**, from 10:00am to 4:00pm at the Lebanon Conference & Banquet Center, 121 S. Broadway next door to the Warren County History Center. Free to the public.

For more information see www.wchsmuseum.org or call 513-932-1817.

Lebanon Antiques & Collectibles Study Forum – April 11

When: **Saturday, April 11, 2015.**

Where: Warren County History Center, 105 S. Broadway, Lebanon, OH 45036.

Details: This lecture series is for novices or experienced collectors. Attend a variety of lectures to learn about antiques! Enjoy a special catered lunch! Topics Include:

Ancient Chinese Artifacts

Vintage Fountain Pens

Antique Transferware/China

Disney Collectibles

The Current Antiques Market - "What's Hot and What's Not"

Cost: *Advance registration required.* \$20 per lecture, \$25 for lunch with guest speaker; or \$75 for full day of lectures with lunch included. Payment by credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover) may be made over the phone at 513-932-1817.

For more information, wchs@wchsmuseum.org or 513-932-1817.

Lunch & Learn

When: One Wednesday each month (except in July) 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Doors open at 10:00 a.m., lunch served promptly at 11:30 a.m., program ends at 1:00 p.m., museum closes 4:00 p.m.

Where: Warren County History Center, 105 S. Broadway, Lebanon, OH 45036

Details: Enjoy a gourmet catered served lunch, the company of new and long-time friends, and a special lesson in history.

Cost: WCHS Members: \$20 per lecture, Non-Members \$22, paid registration required in advance--by the Saturday prior to the event--by calling 513-932-1817.

- **April 15, 2015**

- Topic: TREASURES DISCOVERED! Art from the Warren County Historical Society's Collection
- Details: It is rare for a museum like the Warren County History Center to possess an art collection of such depth and diversity. This lecture will showcase artists of various historical styles and paintings ranging from landscapes to portraits from the WCHS collection. New discoveries about the works, the artists, and the journey of these works in our collection will be revealed.
- Speaker: Michael L. Coyan, a professor of Art and Architectural History, has authored numerous publications of Fine and Performing Arts. He currently is working to assess, conserve, and curate the paintings and sculptures in the WCHS Collection.

- **May 13, 2015**

- Topic: NEIL ARMSTRONG: The "Reluctant Hero" Who Was Our Warren County Neighbor
- Details: This talk will not explore the Neil Armstrong who was an astronaut and the first man to walk upon the surface of the moon, but rather the Neil Armstrong who was a citizen of Warren County, and of Turtlecreek Township, and who was an active member of Lebanon, Ohio community for 23 years. Neil lived in our area longer than any other place on this Earth. We will examine how one the most famous people on that Earth attempted to live a normal life as our neighbor.
- Speaker: John J. Zimkus, the Historian and Education Director of the Warren County Historical Society, is the author of Historical Footnotes of Lebanon, Ohio and a co-lead writer of Lebanon, Ohio: Celebrating 200 Years published by the WCHS.

- **June 17, 2015**

- Topic: Luman Watson: the Man and His Tall Clocks
- Details: Luman Watson (1790-1834) spent his boyhood in the center of Connecticut's clock making country. In 1809 at the age of 19, he moved to Cincinnati, Ohio and began manufacturing and marketing new wooden works clocks. Watson's factory became known as one of the most prolific clock making companies of that time. It is estimated that his company built over 30,000 tall case clocks between the year 1815 and 1835
- Speaker: Tom Spittler, author of American Clocks and co-author of American Clockmakers and Watchmakers, and Earl Harlamert are both high ranking members of the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors.

Girls' Night Out – May 9 • August 8 • November 7

When: 4 pm - 9 pm on these dates in 2015: **May 9 • August 8 • November 7**

Where: Rocking Horse Gift Shop at the Warren County History Center, 105 S. Broadway, Lebanon (Two doors South of the Golden Lamb) and throughout Historic Downton Lebanon. Details: Don't miss this opportunity to get out and have fun on this girls-only adventure in downtown Lebanon! Shopping, eating, and socializing...what could be better on a Saturday night?!! Get your punch card at a participating merchant and enjoy great deals and prizes at participating shops, including the Rocking Horse Gift Shop at the Warren County History Center! Enjoy refreshments and see what's new! We are always updating our inventory! No museum admission required to shop, ever! Contact us at 513-932-1817 or wchs@wchsmuseum.org.

Pioneer Cemetery Tour – May 15

When: **Friday, May 15, 2015, 8:00pm to 9:30pm**

Where: Pioneer Cemetery, Corner of West Street and Mulberry Street, Lebanon, Ohio

Details: Join us for a historical tour of the Pioneer Cemetery in Lebanon, Ohio. Visit the graves of notable pioneers and meet the “spirit” of the departed through historic character reenactments. Led by John Zimkus, WCHS Historian.

Cost: \$20 for adults, \$10 for students under 18. Ticket sales are limited to 35 people.

For more information, 513-932-1817 or wchs@wchsmuseum.org.

Time Travelers History Explorer Program 2015

Looking for educational and fun activities for the kids this summer? Don't miss this popular FREE program!

When: **Thursdays beginning in June 2015** (date TBD), 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Where: Warren County History Center, 105 S. Broadway (next to the library), Lebanon, OH 45036

Details: Young historians! Join us each Thursday this summer for a chance to journey back in time, tour the museum, discover artifacts within the museum's collection and participate in a hands-on activity or game! Enjoy a different topic each week. This program is best suited for children ages 6-12, but siblings are welcome. Parents, please plan to accompany your children.

Check back for topics and specific dates!

Cost: FREE!

For more information call 513-932-1817 or wchs@wchsmuseum.org.

History Camp 2015 – July 13-16

WHEN: **July 13-16, 2015**. Mornings, times TBD.

WHERE: Warren County History Center, 105 S. Broadway, Lebanon, OH 45036

DETAILS: WCHS Historian & Education Director John Zimkus is developing a comprehensive and fun program for students entering the 4th through 8th grades. Camp consists of on-site activities at the Warren County History Center and field trips! Mark your calendar and check back for details!

COST: \$40 for the entire four-day camp. Class size is limited.

TO REGISTER: Contact the Warren County Historical Society at 513-932-1817 or wchs@wchsmuseum.org.

Turtlecreek Summer Music Festival – July 18

When: **Saturday, July 18, 2015, Date TBD 11 am to 11 pm**

Where: TBD in Lebanon, OH 45036

Details: Mark your calendar and check back for details! The 2nd Annual Turtlecreek Summer Music Festival will be even bigger and better! More music, more food, more craft vendors, more fun!

For more information, contact us at 513-932-1817 or wchs@wchsmuseum.org.

Lantern Light Cemetery Tour at Lebanon Cemetery

When: **September 2015**. Check back for specific dates.

Where: Lebanon Cemetery, West Silver Street, Lebanon, Ohio

Details: A Historical tour of the Lebanon Cemetery in Lebanon, Ohio. Visit the graves of notable and historic Lebanon citizens & meet the "spirit" of the departed through historic character reenactments. Led by John Zimkus, WCHS Historian.

Civil War Encampment – September 26-27

The Ohio Valley Civil War Association Returns to Glendower! This free event takes place on the lawn at Glendower Historic Mansion.

When: **September 26, 2015 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

September 27, 2015 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Details: Canons blast, soldiers drill and fire their rifles, while camp fires simmer a soldier's supper.

Visit the U.S. Sanitary Commission hospital tent, the information officer in the signal corps tent & much more.

Cost: Admission is FREE

Glendower Mansion will be open for guided tours:

Saturday September 26th from 10-5

Sunday September 27th from 11-4

Admission for tours is \$7 adults, \$6 seniors over 65, \$4 Students 5-18

For more information, contact the Warren County Historical Society at 513-932-1817.

Christmas at Glendower 2015

When: **Every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in December**

Where: Glendower Historic Mansion, 105 Cincinnati Avenue, Lebanon, OH 45036

Details: Bring the whole family to enjoy a guided tour of this beautiful Greek-Revival mansion, which will be professionally decorated for the holidays. Check back for details!

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 17th and early 18th 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 or call 513-932-4421.

"Historic Indians of Ohio"

Saturday, April 4th, 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 – March 28

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: **March 28, 2015**. We will be putting up flyers around town and will be going door to door on the Friday night before, so we hope to have a big crowd. We have had a lot of interest in helping with this ministry, so we are hoping that on that day there will be plenty of help. For more information, please contact Melonie at meloniemetz@embarqmail.com or call 513.932.9678.

Church News and Event Information Needed!

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

Morrow Area Business News

I Heart Zing Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting – March 28

We are excited to be the newest addition to the Morrow business community. Please come join us to celebrate the official opening and ribbon cutting of our new studio and design gallery. Tour our private design studio and browse over 1,000 handmade jewelry and accessory items! Learn about the many exciting things that will be coming up at I Heart Zing. Our Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting will be held at **2:00 pm Saturday, March 28, 2015**, at I Heart Zing, 101 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152. For more information, please visit www.iheartzing.com.

“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>. Future musical guest include:

Thursday, March 26: A Tale of Two Pessimists

Thursday, April 2: Joel Hogle

Thursday, April 9: Best for Last

A Tale of Two Farmers #1 - An evening of local Wine & Cheese – April 8

We’ve joined forces with Ohio Farm Direct to bring you an exceptional evening of Ohio’s Finest Wines & Cheeses. Six of our award-winning wines paired alongside six delicious cheeses from Meadow Maid Creamery of Fredricktown, Ohio. Let us guide you through why local wine pairs best with local cheese and why we think you’ll agree! There’ll be an opportunity to purchase Meadow Maid cheese, and of course our wines, to take to your next party. This event will be held on **Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at 6:30 pm** at Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152. Join us for the first installment of A Tale of Two Farmers and take a stroll through the best that Ohio Farmers have to offer. **Reservations Required**, limited to 24 people. \$15.00 per person (+ tax). Please call us at 513.899.2485.

Welcome to Morrow's newest business, Bryson's Auto Repair and Performance

We are excited to announce a new Auto Repair shop in Morrow! Bryson's Auto Repair and Performance is located at 400 West Pike Street (location of former Family Motors/AA Auto) 513.899.7204. We are a full service auto and light truck repair facility. We also service, repair, and perform modifications to all antique, classic, muscle and performance cars. We offer ASE certified advanced level techs, 12 month/12K mile Nationwide Warranty and Road Hazard FREE with most repairs. Also, special discounts for ALL military, police, fire, and first responders. Over twenty years of experience on Toyota/Lexus. Factory trained! Over twenty-five years of experience working on antique/classic autos (Engine swaps, camshaft swaps, disc brake conversions, fuel Injection conversions, carburetor and distributor tuning, etc.). Fast, friendly service with competitive pricing! While signs and some other details are a week, or so, away from completion, we are now open and taking customers Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. We are now offering 10% off to our first 50 customers!

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

Eggs for breakfast yesterday, eggs for a bedtime snack, yes, we have LOTS of eggs, but I couldn't do them again this morning (However, an oatmeal cranberry walnut cookie makes an excellent breakfast cookie).

We will be at the Lebanon farm market location as always, Glory Farms and Ohio Organic Cheese, along with Wild Holly Farm products, Thursday from 3 till about 5:30 – we will stay a little later as the weather warms and more and more of you are visiting with us.

And at the Deerfield Market (4188 Irwin Simpson Rd, Mason) location from 10 till 11 Saturday, as always, with your orders, csa's, herd shares, eggs, sprouts, yeast and sweet breads, short bread, cookies, jams and butters and jellies, and more. Come see us! THIS Saturday is actually the full winter market so that there will be some other vendors there.

Also, I'm canning up the last of the beef bone broth, if anyone wants it in CSA's. This goes on the shelf in your pantry till you open it, and must be boiled at least 15 minutes, 15 minutes AFTER it comes to a boil. This is unfiltered, it has beef pieces in it and also the fat, which is actually suet, and can be used in cooking, left in your broth for a rich pot of noodles, or given to your local grateful bird neighbors. Or if you are like me, and have the lean home grown beef hamburger, you might want to mix the suet into your meat loaf in order to make a more tender product than the pure lean (as ours is) does.

And a reminder that Kathy Shelton did a lot of preparation with her personal care products, this was a ministry to raise money for some kids who couldn't afford to go on a mission trip, but right before the show started, she was told to break down and not allowed to sell at the Quilt Show. She has a great inventory, and the mission is still there, and I will have a display of her products at both markets this week.

Sylvia / Glory Farms / Wild Holly Farm / Shelton Produce
937.725. 8773 call or text / gloryent@tds.net / www.wildhollyfarm.com

Healthy Solution Yoga & Cardio Drumming Drop-In Classes

Exciting News! Drop-in classes have begun for Yoga and Cardio Drumming. Yoga classes will be held on Mondays from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Cardio Drumming classes will be held on Mondays at 7:45 pm and Thursdays at 6:30 pm and 7:45 pm. Get a jump on your New Year's resolution to lead a healthier lifestyle. For more information, please contact Jennifer Kavensky, Wellness Coach with Herbalife International, 513.387.9745, jkpmezteam@yahoo.com or www.JenniferKavensky.com.

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

Viox Excavating 6-Month Reminder

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

Diverting Your Septic System Instructions

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

Additional Reminders

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

Viox Excavating

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

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

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

Thanks,

The Viox Excavating Team

www.VioxExcavating.com

513-932-8900

Viox Excavating, 653 West Pike Street, Morrow, OH 45152

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.

Valley Vineyards Wine & Beer Festival: A Taste of Warren County

Friday, June 5, 2015 • 5-11 pm

Saturday, June 6, 2015 • 11 am to 11 pm

- Join us and celebrate our 45th Anniversary
- Friday evening, enjoy live, local music!
- Taste the delicious food of local producers from all over Warren County
- Tour our cellars, and learn how our wines and beers are made
- Join us for live, local music all day Saturday!
- Royalty from the Ohio Renaissance Festival will be offering toasts on this special day.
- Enjoy this celebration with wine and beer tasting, available by the bottle or glass, all day.
- Ride/watch the hot air balloon from Bella Balloons, offering tethered rides... and a beautiful night glow at dusk!

Friday, June 5

5:00 pm 2015 Wine & Beer Festival Opens

7:00 pm to 11:00 pm Band TBD

6:00 pm Cellar Tour

11:00 pm Close of Festival

Saturday, June 6

11:00 am 2015 Wine & Beer Festival Opens

11:00 am to 2:30 pm Band TBD

1:00 pm Cellar Tours all day, begin on the hour

2:30 pm to 3:30 pm Libation Education Tent *Wine*

3:30 pm to 4:30 pm Libation Education Tent *Beer*

3:00 pm to 6:00 pm Band TBD

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm Libation Education Tent *Wine*

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm Bella Balloons begins tethered hot air balloon rides

7:00 pm to 11:00 pm Band TBD

11:00 pm Close of Festival. See you next year!

\$5 parking fee • No Overnight Parking

Enjoy all kinds of foods from local establishments and producers, such as:

Daveeds NEXT

Graeters Ice Cream

Hillbilly BBQ

The Works

The Patriot Steakhouse

Mountain BBQ

Jessie's Place

Sweet Maize Kettle Corn

CJC Foods

J & J Foods

Kona Ice

Rismiller Concessions

Valley Vineyards Light Up Valley - A Christmas Feast

December 2, 2015

This event re-creates an old fashioned Christmas in the best Austrian holiday tradition. Santa and the choir will make their appearances, adding to the festivities. Enjoy a full buffet of pork with fruit, roast beef au jus and all the trimmings, including a bottle of wine. Per couple \$85 (+ tax). This event fills up quickly, so reservations are required. Please call us at 513.899.2485.

Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce News

LMA Chamber Meeting – April 2

Please RSVP to Peoples First Savings Bank at 513.899.2040 or info@littlemiamiareachamber.com with the number attending. Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce meeting, **Thursday, April 2, 2015, 11:45 am – 1:00 pm** at Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152.

Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce Website

With the switch to the new hosting company I-MKTG completed we want to make sure member information is up to date. Over the next week or so please take a look at your company's listing. Please let us know if there changes we need to make to contact information, names listed or your company bio. Here's the link to the site: <http://littlemiamiareachamber.com/>.

2015, the year ahead

We have found one of the best ways to promote who you are is to be involved in community events. Even though we know you may already have a lot on your calendar we sure could use your help with chamber events in the Little Miami area this year. We are grateful for all of those that made last year's programs a huge success and look to build on that this year. Here are some of the upcoming events we are looking for member involvement on:

- Spring Dinner Committee
- Morrow's Annual Yard Sale
- Touch-A-Truck
- Cardboard Boat Regatta
- Chamber Golf Outing

If you would like to know more about being involved please send us a note with the event you are interested in and a number to contact you at to info@littlemiamiareachamber.com. Thanks, and as always – support YOUR local chamber members! Shop local!

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

Teen Tie-Dye Party – March 28

March 28th, 11:00 am-1:30 pm Grades 5+ /Ages 10+ /Limit 25

Help us kick-off spring at this DIY tie-dye party! Bring in a blank, white t-shirt and go color crazy all afternoon! Contact the library to register, spaces will fill up fast!

Computer 101: A 4 Week Computer Basics Course w/ Melody Haenes – March 30, April 6, 13 & 20

Melody Haenes will teach Computers 101, a 4-week computer course that covers just the basics. Classes are scheduled on Mondays, March 30, April 6, 13, & 20 from 6-8:00 pm. Limit 10, \$20.00 Fee / Non-refundable.

You will learn:

- How to organize files
- How to navigate the Internet
- How to set up an email account
- How to print
- The very basics of Facebook, Twitter, and more!

Contact the library quickly to get registered while there is still availability.

Reading with Raider and Friends – April 7

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

Adult Book Discussion Group – April 7

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.

April 7: A Thousand Acres by Jane Smiley

May 5: *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng

June 2: *Heading Out to Wonderful* by Robert Goolrick

Writers' Circle Group Meetings – April 11 & 25

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.

April 11 & 25 · May 9 & 16 · June-To Be Decided

Introduction to Your Family History – April 14

Patrick W. Dugan will host Introduction to Your Family History on **Tuesday, April 14th from 7-8:00 pm**. Your genealogy is much more than just names and dates of dead ancestors. Learn how to pass on to your future generations your family values, personal character, life lessons you have learned, honor code of conduct, virtues, and spiritual legacy. Sign up today for this free, informative presentation.

Teen Movie Night—with Snacks! – April 14

Join Dylan on **Tuesday, April 14th** for an evening of relaxation with a good movie and free food! You'll gather in the library's Meeting Room from **5:30-8:00 pm** for some food, fun and a movie on our big projection screen. Bring a friend or two with you! You'll also receive information on our newest books and movies and upcoming parties and events, plus important information about how you can win prizes at your library! Contact the library for more information or send an email to Dylan at: mccrackendy@saalem-township.lib.oh.us.

A Minute to Win It! – April 25

April 25th, 11:00 am-1:30 pm Grades 5+ /Ages 10+ /Limit 25

Teens, you need to bring your a-game for this!!! You've seen the show, now you can play yourself! Complete the sixty second challenges for a chance to win great prizes! It's free but you need to contact the library to sign up.

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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

Little Miami High School Football 2015 Annual Mulch Sale Fundraiser – through March 27

- Evans Dark Supreme Mulch (2 cubic feet / bag) \$4.00 each
- Free Delivery with a 10 bag minimum order, within Little Miami School District
- Delivery on Saturday, April 11 OR Sunday, April 12, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- Pickup at Little Miami High School on Saturday, April 11, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- DEADLINE FOR ORDERS: MARCH 27, 2015

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

Cheerleading informational meetings set for April 15-16

On **April 15 and 16**, Little Miami High School and Junior High Cheerleading will hold informational meetings about upcoming cheer clinics and tryouts. Each meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. in room 403 at the high school. You may choose which night you would like to attend; each meeting will have the same content.

Information will be shared about cheer clinics held May 4-8 and tryouts held May 9. Important paperwork that is mandatory to be filled out prior to cheer tryout clinics will be given out at the informational meetings. The meeting is intended for parents, though students are welcome to attend.

If you have questions, please contact Coach Andrea Flora at jflora@cinci.rr.com.

Little Miami teams claim state titles at BPA and DECA events, send three teams to nationals

Little Miami High School produced state champion teams in both the DECA and Business Professionals of America (BPA) contests last weekend, and a total of three teams advanced to national competitions. Details about the state champions are in [this report](#), and a story about the third team – which qualified directly to nationals – is [here](#).

Great achievements, performances at Board meeting

Tuesday night was a great night to celebrate Little Miami! The Board meeting included fine student performances and recognition of several outstanding student achievements. Enjoy this [recap of photos](#), then view videos of Maineville first graders singing [“Do-Re-Mi”](#) and [“Tue Tue,”](#) and a video of [LMIS students playing a recorder song](#).

Three Destination Imagination teams qualify for state

Three Little Miami “Destination Imagination” teams have qualified for the 2015 state tournament, and all four LM teams that competed at the regional tournament earned special awards. Please read [our report](#).

Dr. Insecta assembly thrills Maineville students

The Dr. Insecta assembly today at Maineville meant big bugs and big squeals. See our [photo album](#) from the event.

Open House dates set

We have set the dates for Open Houses at each school building, previewing the 2015-16 school year. Please read [this report](#) and mark your calendars.

Government contacts posted online

As a public service, we are providing a list of government contacts, ranging from the school district and local communities to Congressional officials. You may [click here](#) or access the link anytime on the home page of our website.

Little Miami registers with school safety tip line

Little Miami has registered for a new statewide anonymous school safety tip line. In addition to our existing resources for reporting bullying, you can report any dangerous or threatening situation by texting or calling the new line: 844-SaferOH. Please read details in [this report](#).

Order graduation signs by March 25

Show your pride in your 2015 Little Miami graduate by purchasing a sign for your yard and for display at your graduation party! Orders are being taken **now through March 25**. This is a fund-raiser for the After Prom Committee. To access the order form with more details, including an image of the sign, click [here](#).

New state graduation requirements explained

Ohio has introduced new high school graduation requirements that take effect with the Class of 2018, which is currently in ninth grade. For details, please read [our report](#).

Junior High PTO needs volunteers

Help wanted for Junior High PTO! All current board members will move up to the high school in the fall, so we need all positions filled. The primary ways the PTO raises funds to help the school is Snack Shack (snacks for students who are involved in after-school activities, such as sports), concessions for volleyball and basketball, and two dances per year. Interested in learning more or volunteering? Contact Robyn Kerman at LMJHPTO@gmail.com.

Panther Run 5K/10K and Kids Fun Run on April 11

The Little Miami Athletic Boosters Club is proud to present the inaugural Panther Run event on **April 11**. It will include a 5K and 10K run/walk, as well as a 1K Kids Fun Run. For details and registration info, click [here](#).

Tickets now on sale for "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. Tickets are \$8 presale, \$10 at the door and can be purchased at the LMHS and LMIS offices. The "princess tea" Royal Tea Party is Saturday at 12:45 p.m. before the Saturday matinee. Tickets for this event are \$6 and will be sold through April 15. Each tea party ticket includes one free adult admission per child; tickets are limited for this event. Characters will not be present at the tea party, but will be available for photos after the show. Additional tickets are required for the show.

Prom and After Prom information posted

We have posted information and handouts related to Prom and After Prom on our website. Click [here](#) to access the report.

Summer enrichment opportunities

High school parents: We have a number of summer enrichment opportunities posted in the Guidance section of our high school website. Please click [here](#) to view a list, which is routinely updated.

Preschool registration dates set

Preschool registration dates have been set for the 2015-16 school year. We will begin accepting Preschool registration forms on April 7 at 9 a.m. and continue through April 30. Registration forms will be available on the Student Forms page of our website beginning April 3. For more information, click [here](#).

Follow Little Miami news on social media

Are you following the school district on Facebook and Twitter? The district Facebook page is accessible [here](#), and the district's Twitter handle is [@LM_Schools](#). Follow Little Miami Sports on our [sports-specific Facebook account](#) or on Twitter [@Panther Tales](#). You can also follow Superintendent Greg Power on Twitter; his handle is [@LM_GPSuper](#). Our YouTube channel is youtube.com/littlemiamischools.

Little Miami Athletic Boosters Club News

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

The Little Miami Athletic Boosters proudly presents The Inaugural Panther 5K/10K Run/Walk; 1K Kids Fun Run to be held on **Saturday, April 11, 2015**, at 8:30 am, registration begins at 7:30 am, at Little Miami High School, 3001 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152. Prizes will be distributed to top three in each division. Pre-Race Registration is \$25 with T-Shirt (Registration received by March 30 to guarantee T-shirt), Kid Fun Run (age 12 and under) is \$10, and Race Day Registration is \$30 without T-Shirt. Make checks payable to: LMABC. Please mail form & payment to:

LMABC
c/o Panther Run
3001 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3
Morrow, Ohio 45152

If you would like to make an additional gift to support the Little Miami Athletic Boosters Weight Room initiative, please include the amount with your registration fee. Thank you for your consideration!

Register online: <http://vols.pt/cZryU6>.

Race proceeds will support the Little Miami Athletic Boosters Club & Athletes. Managed by the LMABC, a 501(c)(3) organization. For more information, email pantherrun@lmpanthersports.com.

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

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

Go to www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com

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. 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 Baseball News

Little Miami Youth Baseball and Knothole Looking for Umpires for the 2015 Season

Of all the things that Little Miami Youth Baseball and Knothole provide, one of the best is the opportunity for the youth (12 and older) and families to be involved with baseball at a whole new level ... umpiring! Umpiring isn't an easy job, after all, everyone in the stands has their own view of the play, everyone sees something just a little differently and of course, EVERYONE knows the rules better than the officials. With that said, however, umpiring is one of the best ways to learn the game better and it really is a lot of fun ... and you will ACTUALLY learn the rules of the game. For our youth, it is often their first job and as such, it should be taken with that level of responsibility. For adults, it's often a chance to stay involved with a sport that you love and to participate in a whole new way.

It really is a job and as such, we pay those who provide those services. Umpires make anywhere from \$20 - \$50 per game depending on the ages that they umpire and duties they are performing. Additionally, as with most jobs, it requires dedication and effort.

So what's required? Well it really isn't that difficult to get involved. First step is to go online to <http://www.LMYBaseball.com> and click on "Register Now" near the upper right hand corner of the screen. From there select the umpiring program that is right for you (Adult or Youth) and register. There is a \$10 fee that helps offset the costs for training materials and an umpire shirt. Training will start on the 28th of February and run for approximately 6 weeks. We are still nailing down the location, but we will email all who are registered to make sure that you know where it will be.

Darryl Cordrey is coordinating our Umpire Program this year and can be reached by email at darryl.cordrey@LMYBaseball.com.

Also, even if you were an umpire last year, please register for this season. We will be scheduling umpires using our online system, so having your data in our system will be a great help.

Let us know if you have any questions, but the one that I will take a minute to answer right now is the one that we get the most, "Can Women and Girls Umpire too?" Absolutely, everyone is welcome as long as you will be 12 years of age by May 1, 2015.

Warren County Warthogs Baseball News

Warren County Warthogs SpritWear Available Now

Order your Warthogs spiritwear online or at our store in Eastgate Mall. You can also book a batting cage as low as \$20 an hour next door at Blackout Sportscenter. For more information, please visit <http://warthogs.blackouttees.com/stores/?pid>.

Warren County Career Center News

Seniors Celebrate Honor Society Induction

Sixty WCCC seniors were inducted recently into the National Technical Honor Society. To qualify, seniors must have a 3.5 Grade Point Average for three semesters during the two years at WCCC or its satellites. In addition, a student must not have a semester grade that is lower than a "C" at any time. The student must also meet 95 percent attendance for the two years with no more than a total of 15 days absent, and must have no credit deficiencies toward obtaining a high school diploma, nor any out-of-school suspensions. See complete list of names [HERE](#). See more photos [HERE](#).

Adult Workforce Education a Great Option for Graduating Seniors

Graduating high school seniors can be certified through WCCC Adult Workforce Education in about a year in a career field that is in demand in the job market, and go on for further education. Financial aid is available for full-time programs and students will be equipped to afford to pay off their student loans after completion. Counselors and administrators from our associate schools heard more about the many career paths open for their students recently, and toured WCCC. Learn about options in Adult Workforce Education [HERE](#).

WCCC Earns 5-Year AdvancED Accreditation

WCCC high school programs underwent a rigorous examination by a team from AdvancED recently, and the team recommended a 5-year accreditation. Pictured at right is the high school staff listening to the initial report from the team. AdvancED describes itself as: "Combining the knowledge and expertise of a research institute, the skills of a management consulting firm and the passion of a grassroots movement for educational change, AdvancED serves as a trusted partner to 32,000 schools and school systems—employing more than four million educators and enrolling more than 20 million students across the US and 70 other nations."

Time Is Running Out!

Sophomores interested in two-year programs and juniors interested in senior-only programs need to apply now for the 2015-16 school year. It is easy to do! Just go online [HERE](#), create an account and start the application process.

Join Us to Learn More About IT Careers on April 8

Business and Information Technology Adult Education programs have been based at the WCCC South Campus in Kings Mills for several years. To increase awareness of the excellent services offered there, it has been rebranded and launched as the BIT Academy. Along with a new name and logo, new programming in the area of IT will be announced, including courses on computer security. The Academy will hold an Open House on **April 8 from 4-7 pm**. For updates, follow us on the WCCC [Facebook](#) page, and the new BIT Academy [Facebook](#) page!

Spotlight on Success: Auto Tech Grad Works for City of Lebanon

Kenny Carson, a 2014 graduate of Lebanon High School and the Warren County Career Center Automotive Technology program, loves his job and credits his success to his program and instructor, Todd Gullett. "My job is awesome, and coming to the career center was the best decision I have made," he said. "I can't say enough good things about my instructor, Mr. Gullett. He helped me get my job, right after graduation, and everything I do here at work is what I did in Auto Tech." Kenny works at the city of Lebanon Maintenance Garage. He keeps the city's fire trucks, police cruisers, ambulances, salt trucks and snow plows running and in good shape. Kenny is one of the many WCCC alumni who work and live in our community, serving in a vital role in the economic development of our region.

Warren County Convention & Visitors Bureau News

Kings Island season is just around the corner!

Warren County's world-renowned amusement park opens its gates to a new season of high-flying fun Saturday, April 18! Don't miss the return of record-breaking roller coasters like The Beast and Banshee, the debut of 2 new rides at the award-winning Planet Snoopy kids' area, nationally touring musical acts, and so much more! Plan your K.I. escape today – and be sure to read below for a shot at FREE tickets!

[\[Plan your fun! \]](#)

You could win a FREE Kings Island getaway!

Think you have what it takes to conquer the coasters at Kings Island? Enter below for your chance to win park tickets for 4, plus a complimentary 1-night stay at the comfortable and convenient Hampton Inn & Suites Kings Island. **[\[Enter here! \]](#)**

Friends of the Little Miami State Park News

Little Miami Trail Closure Alert – March 23 – April 30

A section of our trail near Peters Cartridge Factory (Grandin Rd.) will be closed weekdays beginning March 23. Please read below for more information. Beginning March 23, a section of the Little Miami Trail next to the Peters Cartridge Factory (mile marker 35.0 to 35.5) will be closed weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for environmental remediation work. The trail will be open evenings and weekends. No detour will be provided around the site, but signs will be posted several days before planned closures. The trail parking lot at Grandin Rd. will remain open until further notice, and the trail may be accessed heading northeast from the lot.

Trail closings are necessary for cleanup of contaminated soil at the former ammunition manufacturing facility near Kings Mills, an EPA Superfund site. DuPont Corporation, which purchased the Peters Cartridge property from Remington Arms, is legally responsible for the pollution and cleanup, and is working with Parsons engineering to remove contaminated soil, replace it with clean soil, and replant vegetation. Plans for restoring the natural habitat of the area were made closely with the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources and the Wildlife Habitat Council.

Weekday closures will occur through at least the end of April, and remediation work will continue into the fall. As a service to trail users, the Friends of the Little Miami State Park (FLMSP) will post closure updates on our website, www.littlemiamistatepark.org and on our [Facebook page](#). More information about the environmental aspects of the cleanup is available [here](#) on the EPA website.

FLMSP is providing closure information to various organizations and local media, but please forward this email using the link below to others who use the trail.

Follow a Friend to Lake Erie

Brent Devitt, an FLMSP member, is preparing to ride his trike 333 miles on the Ohio-to-Erie Trail to support native tree reforestation in response to the loss of millions of ash trees to the Emerald Ash Borer in Ohio. Here's his story:

"I plan to raise at least \$3 per mile, a total of \$1,000 or roughly \$150 per day, to support the planting of at least 50 trees (7 x six foot 3 gallon trees per day) in City, County, Metro Park and National Park locations along the trail. Right now I am more than half way to the goal with over \$500 raised, and have arrangements pending to plant trees with 5 parks along the way so far.

"The [TRECYLE](#) adventure begins in Cincinnati on the banks of the Ohio River on Sunday, April 19, 2015 and ends on the shore of Lake Erie on Saturday, April 25. The week encompasses the environmental holidays of Earth Day on Tuesday, April 22 and Arbor Day on Friday, April 24. My daughter Christine helped me create the logo that roughly outlines the path.

"I will be travelling about 10 miles per hour, around 50 miles per day. At that rate there should be time each day to participate in tree plantings and speak with any groups who would like to hear about the adventure. Weather permitting I will camp in parks or lodge in [warmshowers.org](#) host homes, hostels, bed and breakfasts or hotels along the way."

Brent hopes to inspire fellow Ohioans to take their own adventures right out their front door on the Ohio to Erie Trail. If you'd just like to join Brent in spirit, follow his progress on [his blog](#). You'll also learn there what has inspired Brent's adventure.

To sponsor Brent's trip, with 100% of all contributions going to plant trees, you can do that [here](#). All contributions beyond his goal will plant even more trees!

On the Edge

Why is there a plow on the trail, and where was it when there was snow? No, Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) isn't crazy; they're working to give you more trail. Over time, vegetation encroaches on the edges of the trail and can significantly affect trail width. ODNR is scraping away this vegetation from the edges to reclaim the full width of our trail. They started in the north and have worked all the way to Loveland so far. When scraping is complete, they will run a bush hog down the berms to break up the resulting clods before they begin seasonal mowing. So be patient with tire marks and mud spots for a little while, so we can all enjoy a roomier trail.

January Repair: Thanks, Eads Fence Co.!

A little snow and cold weather didn't stop Rich Easterly and Eads Fence Co. from building a new section of fence at mile marker 27, near Morrow. Thanks, guys!

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.

SORTA Endorses Oasis Rail-Trail

A 4-mile section of unused rail track near the Ohio River may soon connect cyclists and pedestrians to downtown and beyond, now that it has been endorsed by its owner, the Southeast Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA). Part of the Oasis Line purchased in 1994 for future light rail development, the proposed trail would form one of the final key links in the Ohio-to-Erie Trail system connecting Cincinnati and Cleveland, now 90% complete.

SORTA's endorsement was highly influenced by the advocacy of trail-friendly organizations and public support.

The other incomplete Ohio-to-Erie Trail section in Cincinnati is an extension of our Little Miami Scenic Trail from Lunken Airport to Newtown. Great Parks of Hamilton County has secured \$2.6 million for most of the extension and plans to begin work on it this year.

Hidden Treasure on the Little Miami

by Sarah Blair, Ohio State Parks

For so many of us, one of our greatest pleasures is traveling down the bike path or floating down the waters of Little Miami State Park. As we soak up the sunshine, we observe the wildlife that surrounds us. We watch the ospreys, the bald eagles, the herons, the kingfishers and countless others above us. We watch the turtles sunbathing on the banks, and the fish darting along under the surface. What you might not know is that there is a hidden treasure quietly residing among the trees along the banks. Nestled into the shade this summer, there will be bats tucked up under the loose bark of living, dying, and even dead trees.

The riparian habitat that the Little Miami offers is ideal for several species of bats, including the very special Indiana bat. The Indiana bat is the only endangered bat in Ohio, and this spring, they will hopefully be making their way back to this wooded streamside paradise...

[Read More](#) and find out what's special about March 31!

International Battle on Our Trail?

by Rick Forrester

The 52 miles of our park have been used for years for hiking, biking, walking, birding, etc., but did you know there is an electronic battle going on right under our noses? We know about GeoCaching where small Tupperware containers of trinkets have been hidden in the woods alongside the trail, and people use maps, compasses, and GPS coordinates to find the treasures. But, now the trail is involved in an international computer game of Capture the Flag with thousands of players!

Have you seen people running or biking up the trail, stopping, typing something in their phone, and then scurrying on? They are involved in a complex computer game called "Ingress," a sophisticated game that entails defending, capturing, and maintaining "portals" which allow "exotic matter" or "XM" into our universe. As in Capture the Flag games, there are two teams. The green team (called the "Enlightened Team") believes the XM is good for the Earth, while the Blue team (the "Resistance") believes the XM is bad for the Earth. Portals can be any public landmarks-historical markers, sculptures, or other points of interest in parks, museums, and cities all around the world. Our Little Miami State Park contains many of these features which have been designated as portals...

[More story and photos](#)

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.

Support a Trail Extension!

Sign an online petition to show your support for completing the extension of our trail for 4.75 miles along the Ohio River from Lunken Airport to downtown Cincinnati. Find out more [here](#).

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.

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**.

Human Services News

Winter Heating Assistance Available through the E-HEAP Winter Crisis Program - through March 31

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.

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 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.

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. The Resource Directory is also available on the United Way of Warren County website at www.warrencountyunitedway.org.

Enjoy a Healthy Lunch at the Earl J. Maag Center

Are you tired of always eating alone? Is cooking becoming too much work? Are you looking for somewhere else to eat? Would you like to meet new friends and enjoy stimulating conversation? Are you finding it hard to make ends meet? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, then you may not be living as healthy as you can. Recent studies have shown that seniors who live alone are at high risk for malnourishment and for dehydration. "Five days a week, fresh, nutritious meals are cooked in the WCCS 741 Center kitchen. Lunch is a special time of day and we try to make it even more so. Sometimes the WCCS lunch is that person's only full meal of the day. You can find a healthy, delicious meal at the Earl J. Maag Center, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152," says Mary Catherine Faller, MS, RD, LD, Manager of WCCS' Nutrition Services. Lunch with two menu options is served at 12:00 pm (noon) every Monday-Friday. Find the daily menus online at www.wccsi.org. 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.

Business News

Women's Business Center of Ohio Training Calendar

- **Get the Tools to Get What You Want in Life and In Your Business – March 26**
 - Thursday, March 26th, 4:00PM-6:00PM
 - In partnership with Dames Bond LLC, you are invited to attend the Thrive Series. Learn to spot and overcome the 5 prominent pieces of thought clutter for entrepreneurs. This class is open to

all, \$25 for WBC/ Dames Bond members (Please contact the WBC office for Promo Code), \$35 for non-WBC/Dames Bond members. To register for the Thrive Series, click [here](#)

- **Understanding Small Business Loans – April 3**
 - Friday, April 3rd, 12:00PM-1:00PM
 - Join the WBC and ECDI Legal Extern Shweta Chaubey for a session on understanding small business loan agreements. You will walk away with knowledge on understanding liabilities, representation and warranties, covenants and default provisions. This class is open and free to all WBC/ECDI clients and non-WBC/ECDI clients.
- **Understanding Credit Reports and Scores – April 9**
 - Thursday, April 9th, 1:00PM-2:00PM
 - Join the WBC's own Ellen Harvey for an informative class designed to create a basic understanding of credit scores and how we can help you improve your individual score. This class is open to all, free for WBC/ECDI clients and \$10 for non WBC/ECDI clients.
- **Dreambuilder Series (3 of 7 classes) – April 10, 17, 24**
 - Friday, April 10th, 17th, & 24th, 2:30PM-4:30PM
 - DreamBuilder is a unique, multi-leveled business skills training program created to help you build your dream of starting or growing your own business. These 7 courses teach the basics of starting and growing a business, including topics such as: Developing Your Business Idea, Who is Your Competitor, Marketing Strategy, Pricing and so much more. Upon completion you will have an editable business plan. Through our online tool you will become a part of the WBC DreamBuilder community.
 - **Class 1:** In this course, you will review important factors for deciding whether or not to follow your dream of starting or growing your business and exploring your business idea in greater detail.
 - **Class 2:** In this course, you will learn how to use the DreamBuilder business plan tool effectively and identify the type of business you will start or grow.
 - **Class 3:** In this course, you will identify your target market, learn about the importance of positioning and branding and learn how to set prices. ****This class series is open to all WBC/ECDI/ Food Fort clients for \$299. Spanish only.****
- **When "Getting over it" Doesn't Work: Using a Strengths Based Approach to Overcome Obstacles in Life – April 23**
 - Thursday, April 23rd, 4:00PM-6:00PM
 - In partnership with Dames Bond LLC, you are invited to attend the Thrive Series. You will learn to use a Strengths Based Approach to overcome obstacles in life. 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](#)
- **Quickbooks 101 – April 30**
 - Thursday, April 30th, 5:30PM-7:30PM
 - Join the WBC's own Ellen Harvey for a session on Quickbooks. This class is designed to provide you with a basic understanding of the Quickbooks software. The presenter will discuss various topics such as: set-up/ getting started with quickbooks, working with lists, working with bank accounts, entering sales information, and receiving payments and making deposits. Entering

and paying bills will also be discussed. This class is open to all, \$50 for WBC/ECDI clients and \$65 for non WBC/ECDI clients.

Please register in advance for these classes [here](#) or call The Women's Business Center at 614.732.0981 for more details.

Warren County Chamber Alliance Presents “Breakfast with Brian” – April 8

The Warren County Chamber Alliance proudly presents “Breakfast with Brian” at 8:00 am Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at Miami Valley Gaming. Mr. Brian Beaulieu has been an economist with ITR Economics since 1982 and its CEO since 1987. He is also Chief Economist for Vistage International and TEC, global organizations comprised of over 13,000 CEO's. At ITR, Brian has been engaged in applied research regarding business cycle trend analysis and the utilization of that research at a practical business level. For the past 25 years, he has been giving workshops and seminars across the US and Canada to thousands of business owners and executives. Prior to joining the ITR Economics, Brian was an economist for the US Department of Labor where he worked on the health care component of the Consumer Price Index. Brian is co-author of the book, *Make Your Move*. Individual Tickets are \$40. Table Sponsors (8 Seats and Reserved Signage) are \$320. Links for registration and more information about the Chamber Alliance can also be found on the Warren County Port Authority website at www.warrencountyport.org.

“The 5 C's of Credit every Business Owner Needs to Know” & “How Bankers Think” – April 9

The Warren County Small Business Development Center is sponsoring a FREE SEMINAR “The 5 C's of Credit Every Business Owner Needs to Know” on April 9, 2015, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. The seminar will be held at the City of Monroe, James Monroe Community Room, 233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio 45050. Topics to be discussed: What are the 5 C's of Credit? In depth discussion on this topic. Also, how bankers are thinking in this environment. Will have a panel discussion with local bankers and representative from the Cincinnati office of the SBA. Anyone considering starting up a business or currently in 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
- Call Angela Steffen at 513-695-2090
- Email Angela.Steffen@co.warren.oh.us

“Steps to Starting Your Own Business” – April 22

The Warren County Small Business Development Center is sponsoring a FREE SEMINAR “Steps to Starting Your New Business” on **April 22, 2015, from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**. The seminar will be held at the Deerfield Township Administration Building, 4900 Parkway Drive, Trustees Meeting Room, Mason, Ohio 45040. Topics to be discussed: Business Plans, The Business Name, Professional Service Providers, Taxes, Licenses, Permits, Legal Issues, Record Keeping, Business Loans and Alternative Financing and much more... Anyone considering starting up a business or anyone who recently started a business should attend. You have three ways to register for the event:

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

2015 Ohio Business Matchmaker – April 28-29

What: Where Government and Business Come Together - Business Teaming Networking Event

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

When: **Tuesday, April 28, 2015,** 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Pre-Conference Training & Exhibits 5 pm – 7 pm

Wednesday, April 29, 2015, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Business Matchmaker, Training, and Exhibits

Where: Ervin J. Nutter Center – Wright State University, 3640 Colonel Glenn Highway, Fairborn, OH 45324

Registration Costs:

Attendee/Suppliers: \$95.00 early bird (early bird thru 2/28 - \$125 until 4/20 - \$175 at the door)

Exhibitors: \$300

Buyers: No Charge

For registration information, please visit us at www.OhioBusinessMatchmaker.com or call 937.775.3503. For general questions, please call 614.466.2711.

Warren County Small Business Development Center Business Expo – May 28

Hosted by the Warren County Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These development resources in Ohio are collaborating to increase economic growth in Warren County and the surrounding area by providing entrepreneurs the opportunity to start, sustain and grow their business. This program is designed to enhance business networking, develop new skills and find solutions to be successful in today's economy. This Business Expo will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2015, from 7:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Warren County Career Center, 3525 North State Route 48, Lebanon, Ohio 45036. Lunch Buffet available for \$25.00 per person. Registration and payment required by May 22, 2015. Please mail payment to Warren County SBDC or use credit card at <https://eventbrite.com/event/15983962462/>. All SBA programs are extended to the public on a non-discriminatory basis. Reasonable arrangements for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least 2 weeks in advance. For more information, please call the Warren County SBDC at 513.932.8145 ext. 5317.

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

A Closer Look at MFS vs. MFJ

More about how you file...

A few weeks ago we took a look at Married Filing Jointly (MFJ) vs. Married Filing Separate (MFS). This week we are going to take a closer look on how to properly file these returns. The basic rule of MFS is that both spouses must claim the standard deduction or take itemized deductions on their respective separate returns. In other words, one MFS taxpayer cannot claim the standard deduction and then allow the other spouse to take itemized deductions.

Let's look at some examples:

Example 1: The standard deduction for 2014 for a MFJ return is \$12,400. If Jack and Jill elect to take the standard deduction, then each will show a \$6,200 ($12,400/2 = 6,200$) deduction on their respective MFS returns.

Example 2: Jack and Jill have mortgage interest deductions, state and local tax deductions, real estate tax deductions and charitable contributions that equal \$20,000. Since this amount obviously exceeds the \$12,400 standard deduction, they will take the itemized deduction on their 2014 tax return. Itemized deductions are then shown on Schedule A of the tax return. If they decide to file MFS, then their respective Schedule A forms cannot exceed \$20,000.

Example 3: We sometimes see taxpayers try to show a \$20,000 itemized deduction on Jack's return and a \$12,400 standard deduction on Jill's return when they file MFS. **YOU CAN'T DO THAT!**

These are the kinds of mistakes we clean up over the summer months for those that try to self-prepare their tax returns.

Don't be "one of those guys"!

For more information, please contact us at either of our offices in Centerville at 937.436.3133 and in Xenia at 937.372.3504, or visit our website at www.bradstreetcpas.com.

Source: Bradstreet & Co. CPA's Tax Tip of the Week | March 25, 2014 | No. 295

Taxpayer ID Theft: Use IRS.gov to Verify Your Identity

The IRS stops and flags suspicious or duplicate federal tax returns that falsely represent your identity, such as your name or social security number. If the IRS suspects tax ID theft, the agency will send a [5071C letter](#) to your home address. If you receive this letter, verify your identity at idverify.irs.gov or call the toll-free number listed in the letter. If you are a victim of state tax ID theft, contact your state's taxation department or comptroller's office about the next steps you need to take.

Source: USA.gov

Kraft Recall of Macaroni and Cheese Boxed Dinners

What you need to know:

- Kraft Foods Group is recalling approximately 242,000 boxed dinners which may contain small pieces of metal.
- The recall is limited to the 7.25-oz. size of the Kraft Macaroni & Cheese Boxed Dinner Original Flavor with the “Best When Used By” dates of September 18, 2015 through October 11, 2015, with the code “C2” directly below the date on each individual box.

For more details on this recall, read this release from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). For other food recalls visit www.foodsafety.gov/recalls.

Source: USA.gov

Poison Proof Your Home

Protect Yourself and Your Family

Accidental poisoning by common household items kill more people than car accidents each year. Products we use every day such as medicines, household cleaning solutions, children's art supplies, makeup and other personal items can be toxic if used incorrectly. Learn about the dangers and [who's most at risk](#), how to [poison-proof your home](#), and [what you can do if you experience an emergency](#). Contact the Poison Help Line at 800.222.1222 and use this [emergency checklist](#) as a guide for what information to give the poison expert on the phone. Keep the Poison Help Line number handy or save it on your cell phone.

Source: USA.gov

Computer Malware and E-mail Hack Attacks: What to Do Fast

Quick Videos List Important Steps

You may know the experience: Your e-mail account starts behaving oddly, or your computer is slowing down and acting up. You may have been hacked, or gotten a virus. Would you know how to address an e-mail hack, secure your device, *and* protect your identity?

Watch [these two short videos](#) which go over the critical first steps you can take to minimize the damage and get back in control.

Want more information? Visit OnGuardOnline.gov for information on:

- [Hacked E-mail](#)
- [Malware](#)
- [Tips for Using Public Wi-Fi Networks](#)
- [Tech Support Scams](#)
- and lots more.

Or download this [free publication on protecting your computer and personal information](#).

Source: USA.gov

Get Ready for Spring! Embrace the Season with These Ideas

Friday, March 20, was the [vernal equinox](#), the first day of spring. For families, it's a great time to get outdoors. For teachers, it's a science and math opportunity. Here are some suggestions for both:

Families:

- [Grow a Garden with Your Kids](#) (for parents)
- [Learn to Grow Your Own Food](#) (for kids)
- [Build a Kite Like Ben Franklin's](#)
- [DIY: Kites from Recycled Materials](#) (PDF, 269 KB, [download Adobe Reader](#))
- Learn about the [annual kite festival](#) in Washington, DC. It's on Saturday, March 28 this year.
- [Watch for Meteors](#)

Teachers:

- [What's a Solstice?](#)
- [Why Does Earth Have Seasons?](#)
- Grades K-4: [Kites-Principles of Flight](#) (PDF, 6.88 MB, [download Adobe Reader](#))
- Middle and High School: [Kites](#)

Source: KIDS.gov

Go Deep Sea Diving with Your Students!

There's no need to pack your bags and take a trip. On Thursday, March 26, 2015, at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm you can take a virtual journey with your students by viewing the live webcast, Ocean Biodiversity - Discovering Marine Invertebrates, featuring zoologist, Karen Osborn. Osborn will use a remotely operated vehicle and take students into the ocean depths to look for organisms. She will discuss the significance of these life forms and how these systems sustain life on Earth. Complement this science lesson by accessing [teacher materials: websites, videos, and activities](#) right from the Q?rius website. If you're on Twitter, you can follow [@NMNH](#) and get updates on the webcast as well as access other featured content from the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.

Source: KIDS.gov

What You Need to Know About Kids and Concussions

There has been an increased focus in the media about the dangers of concussions, particularly, the long-term consequences of multiple concussions. You may have questions such as:

- What are the symptoms of a concussion?
- When should I seek medical help?
- How are concussions treated?
- When it is okay for a child to return to normal activities?

[This article may help you get answers to some of these questions.](#) A child who has suffered a concussion, may also struggle with school work. A brain injury can affect memory and the ability to focus. Knowing [what to expect](#) can help your child cope with his or her recovery. Join the CDC's conversation on prevention and response to head injuries: if you're on [Twitter](#) use [#CDCHeadsUp](#) or like the [CDC's Head's Up Facebook page](#) to receive regular updates and ask questions.

Source: KIDS.gov

Video Contest: Get Kids Excited About Healthy Eating

You know it's important to teach kids [healthy eating habits](#). But getting those habits to stick can take constant reinforcement. Get tips and ideas with [games, music, activities](#) and a [video contest for kids](#)! Kids 2-18 are eligible to enter the contest with the help of an adult. Entering is easy:

- 1. [Make a video](#) of 60 seconds or less and include: an image from MyPlate, a healthy eating tip, and a favorite way to be active.
- 2. [Register for the contest](#) and [learn more about the prizes](#).
- 3. [Submit and upload your video](#).

Deadline for video submissions is April 30, 2015. For other ways to get kids involved, check out these tips and tools for parents and lesson plan ideas for teachers:

- [10 Tips Nutrition Education Series](#)
- [Take Action with Let's Move!](#)
- [MyPlate Classroom Materials for Preschool – 8th Grade](#)
- [SuperTracker High School Lesson Plans](#)

Source: KIDS.gov

Get Ready for April!

We are currently unable to update our April Calendar, so some of the dates are wrong on our website. We didn't want you to miss out on all of the great happenings in April, so here are the updated April events:

Alcohol Awareness Month

- [The Cool Spot](#)
- [Laws in Your State](#) - National Minimum Drinking Age Act
- [Too Smart to Start](#)
- Activities: [Reach Out Now](#) (PDF version, [get Adobe reader](#))
- Booklet: [I Wasn't Having Fun Anymore](#) (PDF version, [get Adobe reader](#))
- Lesson Plan: [Reach Out Now](#) (PDF version, [get Adobe reader](#))
- Lesson Plans: [Stop Underage Drinking](#)

National Financial Capability Month

- [MyMoney.gov for Teachers](#)
- [Budgeting Worksheets](#)
- [Calculators](#)
- [Helping Your Family Save Money](#)
- [Ideas for Teachers](#) - theMint.org
- [Parents and Kids and Money](#) - theMint.org
- [School-Based Bank Savings Programs](#) (PDF version, [get Adobe reader](#))
- [U.S. Mint for Teachers](#)
- Activities: [U.S. Currency - Education Materials](#)
- Guide: [Money Smart - A Financial Education Program](#)
- Lesson Plan: [Money Math: Lessons for Life](#)

Gardening Time!

- [Gardening Guide](#) - LetsMove.gov
- [Gardening Page](#) - U.S. National Arboretum ()
- [Green Roofs](#)
- [Plant a Butterfly Garden](#)
- [Which Plants Are Best for Your Area? Plant Hardiness Zone](#)
- [School Garden Resources](#)
- [School Garden Safety](#)
- Article: [Grow a Garden With Your Kids](#) (for parents)
- Article: [Learn to Grow Your Own Food](#) (for kids)

- Video: [Children's Garden](#)
- Video: [Gardener](#)

April 1: April Fool's Day

- [April Fool's Day in the Classroom: Resources for Teachers](#)
- [America's Story](#)
- [Funny April Fool's Pranks for Kids](#)
- [Today in History](#)

April 12-18: National Volunteer Week

- [JoiningForces](#)
- [Public Service and Volunteerism](#)
- [Serve.gov](#)
- [Volunteer.gov](#)
- [Volunteer Programs](#) - National Agricultural Library
- Booklet: [Catch the Spirit: A Student's Guide to Community Service](#)
- Toolkits: [Getting Started](#)

April 7: World Health Day

- [Keep Food Safe](#)
- [Food Poisoning](#)
- [Fight Bac](#)
- [Materials Food Safety](#)
- Video: [Tips for Fresh Produce Safety](#)

April 15: Federal Taxes Due

- [Understanding Taxes](#) - IRS
- Lesson Plan: [Explaining Taxes to Students](#) - Grades 3 - 5

April 18-26: National Park Week

- [National Park Service for Teachers](#)
- [National Park Service for Kids](#)
- [Free Entrance Days](#)
- [Teaching With Historic Places](#)
- Activity: [WebRangers](#)

April 22: Earth Day

- [Energy Kids for Teachers](#)
- [Get Your Energy-Saving Questions Answered](#) - Department of Energy
- [Homework Resources](#) - Environmental Protection Agency
- [Protect the Environment at School](#)
- [Science Fair Experiments](#) - Energy Kids
- [Science Fair Projects](#) - Environmental Protection Agency
- Activity: [Energy Calculators](#)
- Activities: [Games, Quizzes and Other Cool Stuff](#) - Environmental Protection Agency

- Lesson Plans: [Environmental and Science Ideas](#)

April 24: National Arbor Day

- [First Arbor Day](#) - Today in History
- [Plant a Tree](#)
- [State Trees and Flowers](#)

Source: KIDS.gov

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED: Village of Morrow Seeking Public Works Maintenance Worker

The Village of Morrow is accepting applications for the full-time position of Maintenance Worker in our Public Works Department. Must be able to work primarily outdoors, reading water meters, cutting grass, plowing snow, repairing streets, catch basins, and other duties as assigned. Competitive hourly wage and benefits. Requirements: must be a high school graduate or equivalent; must possess a valid driver's license and have a clean driving record; must pass a thorough background check, drug test and medical screening.

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 to Office of the Village Administrator, Village of Morrow, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152, Attention: Maintenance Worker Search. This position will remain open until filled, with an anticipated date for the first review of applications to begin April 1, 2015.

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

For more information, please contact the Village Administrator at 513.899.2821 extension 21 or administrator@vil.morrow.oh.us.

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.

HELP WANTED: Pine Ridge Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation in Need of STNA's - \$200 Sign-On Bonus!

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

HELP WANTED: 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.

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

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Village of Morrow Seeking to Fill Vacancies on Zoning Board of Appeals

The Village of Morrow is seeking to fill two (2) vacancies, two (2) alternate members on the Zoning Board of Appeals. According to § 23.06(A) of the Village of Morrow Zoning Ordinance:

“The Village Council shall appoint three (3) members to constitute the Zoning Board of Appeals pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 713.11. Said members shall be electors of the Village and shall not be members of the Village Council or Planning Commission. Members are appointed by the Mayor for terms of six years each. Each member shall serve until a qualified successor is appointed. Members of the Board may be removed from office by the Mayor, upon affirmation by the Council, for cause upon written charges and after public hearing. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Mayor and confirmation by the Council for the unexpired term of the member affected. All such members shall serve without compensation.

The Village Council may appoint two alternate members to the Board for terms to be determined by the Village Council. An alternate member shall take the place of an absent member or an abstaining member at any meeting of the Board. An alternate member shall meet the same appointment criteria as a regular member. The alternate member shall have the authority to exercise all voting privileges given to the regular members.”

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 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.

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.

Calendar of Events

Now through **Peoples First Saving Bank Accepting Donations for Tabitha's Closet**

March 31: Peoples First Savings Bank, 502 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please email TabithasCloset@theparkchurch.com

Now through **Boy Scout Troop 838 Annual Mulch Sale**

April 10: For more information and to order, please email troop838mulch@hotmail.com

March 26: 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 contact Valley Vineyards at 513.899.2485 or visit their website at <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>

March 27: 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Salem-Morrow Fire Department Annual Fish Fry**
Salem-Morrow Fire Station, 5270 U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call 513.899.2222

March 28: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm **Teen Tie-Dye Party**
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call 513.899.2588 or visit www.salem-township.lib.oh.us

March 28: 2:00 pm **I Heart Zing Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting**
I Heart Zing, 101 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please visit www.iheartzing.com

April 1: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231

April 2: 11:45 am – 1:00 pm **Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
Please RSVP by calling Peoples First Savings Bank at 513.899.2040
For more information, please visit <http://LittleMiamiAreaChamber.com>

- April 2: 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 contact Valley Vineyards at 513.899.2485 or visit their website at <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>
- April 3: 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm **Harlan Twp. Fire & Rescue’s Annual Brother Ed’s Fish & Shrimp Dinner**
Harlan Township Fire & Rescue headquarters, Morrow-Rossburg Road at State Route 132, midway between Butlerville and Pleasant Plain
For further information, please contact Captain Dusty Vinup at 513.877.2727
- 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 or call 513-932-4421
- April 4: **Hidden Valley Fruit Farm’s Third Annual Easter Egg Hunt**
Hidden Valley Fruit Farm & Country Store, 5474 North State Route 48, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
For more information, please call 513.932.1869 or visit <http://www.hiddenvalleyfruitfarm.com>
- April 5: **Happy Easter!**
- 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 8: **Warren County Chamber Alliance Presents “Breakfast with Brian”**
Miami Valley Gaming, 6000 State Route 63, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
Links for registration and more information about the Chamber Alliance can also be found on the Warren County Port Authority website at www.warrencountyport.org.
- April 8: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- April 8: 6:30 pm **A Tale of Two Farmers #1 - An evening of local Wine & Cheese**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For reservations or for more information, please call 513.899.2485
- April 9: **“The 5 C’s of Credit every Business Owner Needs to Know” & “How Bankers Think”**
City of Monroe, James Monroe Community Room, 233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio 45050
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 - Email Angela.Steffen@co.warren.oh.us

- April 9: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm ***“It’s Just Wine, Beer & Music”*** at Valley Vineyards
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- 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
- April 11: **Lebanon Antiques & Collectibles Study Forum**
Warren County History Center, 105 South Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
For more information, please call 513.932.1817
- April 14: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Genealogy: Introduction to Your Family History**
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call 513.899.2588 or visit www.salem-township.lib.oh.us
- April 15: **Tax Day** – Income Tax Deadline
- April 15: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm **Warren County Historical Society Lunch & Learn: Treasures Discovered!**
Warren County History Center, 105 South Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
For more information, please call 513.932.1817
- April 15: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- April 16: 6:00 pm – 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 contact Valley Vineyards at 513.899.2485 or visit their website at <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>
- 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 17 – June 30: **The Arts Alliance presents “Green” exhibit, featuring the paintings of Maureen McDermott**
Sinclair Community College-Courseview Campus, 5386 Courseview Drive, Mason, Ohio 45040
For more information, please visit <http://www.the-arts-alliance.org/>
- April 18: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm **Habitat for History**
Caesar’s Creek Pioneer Village, 3999 Pioneer Village Road, Waynesville, Ohio 45068
For more information, please call 513.897.1120 or visit <http://caesarscreekpioneervillage.com>

- 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
- 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](#)
- April 21: 6:30 pm **South Lebanon Historical Society Monthly Meeting**
Old South Lebanon Elementary School Building, South Lebanon, Ohio 45065
For more information, please visit www.SouthLebanonHistoricalSociety.com
- April 22: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- April 22: 2:00 pm **Free Warren County SBDC Seminar: "Steps to Starting Your Own Business"**
Deerfield Township Administration Building, 4900 Parkway Drive, Mason, Ohio 45040
You have three ways to register for the event:
- Register on line at: <http://clients.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov/events.aspx> or www.warrencountysbdc.org
 - Call Angela Steffen at 513-695-2090
 - Email Angela.Steffen@co.warren.oh.us
- April 23: 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 contact Valley Vineyards at 513.899.2485 or visit their website at <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>
- April 29: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- April 30: 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 contact Valley Vineyards at 513.899.2485 or visit their website at <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>
- May 1: 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm **Spotlight on the Arts Celebration! Benefitting the Sharonville Fine Arts Center**
[Sharonville Convention Center](#), 11355 Chester Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45246
For more information, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Sharonville-Fine-Arts-Center/272536572229>
- 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 bltftpettet@roadrunner.com or bethanyrebman@yahoo.com

- May 2: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm **Morrow's 2015 Annual Yard Sale**
Throughout the Village of Morrow and surrounding area
For more information, please visit <http://littlemiamiareachamber.com/>
- May 5: **Election Day** – Special Election
- 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 6: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- May 7: 11:45 am – 1:00 pm **Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
Please RSVP by calling Peoples First Savings Bank at 513.899.2040
For more information, please visit <http://LittleMiamiAreaChamber.com>
- May 9: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm **Morrow Tree Board Presents *Tree Care in Morrow***
Salem Township Public Library, 535 West Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call 513.899.2821
- May 9: 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm **Girls Night Out**
Rocking Horse Gift Shop at the Warren County History Center, 105 S. Broadway, Lebanon, OH
For more information, please call 513.932.1817
- May 10: **Happy Mother's Day!**
- May 13: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm **Warren County Historical Society Lunch & Learn:
Neil Armstrong: "The Reluctant Hero" Who Was Our Warren County Neighbor**
Warren County History Center, 105 South Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
For more information, please call 513.932.1817
- May 13: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- May 15: 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm **Pioneer Cemetery Tour**
Pioneer cemetery, corner of West Street & Mulberry Street, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
For more information, please call 513.932.1817 or email wchs@wchsmuseum.org
- 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

- May 16-17: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm **Spring Gathering**
Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village, 3999 Pioneer Village Road, Waynesville, Ohio 45068
For more information, please call 513.897.1120 or visit <http://caesarscreekpioneervillage.com>
- May 19: 6:30 pm **South Lebanon Historical Society Monthly Meeting**
Old South Lebanon Elementary School Building, South Lebanon, Ohio 45065
For more information, please visit www.SouthLebanonHistoricalSociety.com
- May 20: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- May 25: **Memorial Day – Village of Morrow Offices Closed**
- May 27: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- May 28: 7:00 am – 4:00 pm **Warren County Small Business Development Alliance Business Expo**
Warren County Career Center, 3525 North State Route 48, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
For more information, please call the Warren County SBDC at 513.932.8145 ext. 5317
- June 3: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- June 4: 11:45 am – 1:00 pm **Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
Please RSVP by calling Peoples First Savings Bank at 513.899.2040
For more information, please visit <http://LittleMiamiAreaChamber.com>
- June 5-6: **Valley Vineyards Wine & Beer Festival: A Taste of Warren County**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please contact Valley Vineyards at 513.899.2485 or visit their website at <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>
- June 6-7: **Hidden Valley Fruit Farm's Strawberry Spectacular**
Hidden Valley Fruit Farm & Country Store, 5474 North State Route 48, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
For more information, please call 513.932.1869 or visit <http://www.hiddenvalleyfruitfarm.com>
- June 10: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- 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 or call 513-932-4421

- June 14: **Flag Day**
- June 16: 6:30 pm **South Lebanon Historical Society Monthly Meeting**
Old South Lebanon Elementary School Building, South Lebanon, Ohio 45065
For more information, please visit www.SouthLebanonHistoricalSociety.com
- June 17: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm **Warren County Historical Society Lunch & Learn:
Luman Watson: The Man and His Tall Clocks**
Warren County History Center, 105 South Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
For more information, please call 513.932.1817
- June 17: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- June 21: **Happy Father's Day!**
- June 24: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231
- June 26-27: **2015 Clarksville Heritage Day's Festival**
Downtown Clarksville, Ohio
For more information, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/clarksvilleheritagedaysfestival>
- June 27: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm **The Village Unplugged**
Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village, 3999 Pioneer Village Road, Waynesville, Ohio 45068
For more information, please call 513.897.1120 or visit <http://caesarscreekpioneervillage.com>
- July 2: 11:45 am – 1:00 pm **Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
Please RSVP by calling Peoples First Savings Bank at 513.899.2040
For more information, please visit <http://LittleMiamiAreaChamber.com>
- July 3: Village of Morrow Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day
- July 4: **Independence Day**
- July 4-5: **Hidden Valley Fruit Farm's Berry Blast**
Hidden Valley Fruit Farm & Country Store, 5474 North State Route 48, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
For more information, please call 513.932.1869 or visit <http://www.hiddenvalleyfruitfarm.com>
- July 13-16: **Warren County Historical Society History Camp 2015**
Warren County History Center, 105 South Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
For more information, please call 513.932.1817

- July 21: 6:30 pm **South Lebanon Historical Society Monthly Meeting**
Old South Lebanon Elementary School Building, South Lebanon, Ohio 45065
For more information, please visit www.SouthLebanonHistoricalSociety.com
- August 6: 11:45 am – 1:00 pm **Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
Please RSVP by calling Peoples First Savings Bank at 513.899.2040
For more information, please visit <http://LittleMiamiAreaChamber.com>
- 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 8-9: **Hidden Valley Fruit Farm's Peach Daze**
Hidden Valley Fruit Farm & Country Store, 5474 North State Route 48, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
For more information, please call 513.932.1869 or visit <http://www.hiddenvalleyfruitfarm.com>
- August 8: 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm **Girls Night Out**
Rocking Horse Gift Shop at the Warren County History Center, 105 S. Broadway, Lebanon, OH
For more information, please call 513.932.1817
- August 18: 6:30 pm **South Lebanon Historical Society Monthly Meeting**
Old South Lebanon Elementary School Building, South Lebanon, Ohio 45065
For more information, please visit www.SouthLebanonHistoricalSociety.com
- 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
- August 29-30: **Hidden Valley Fruit Farm's The Grape Escape**
Hidden Valley Fruit Farm & Country Store, 5474 North State Route 48, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
For more information, please call 513.932.1869 or visit <http://www.hiddenvalleyfruitfarm.com>
- September 3: 11:45 am – 1:00 pm **Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
Please RSVP by calling Peoples First Savings Bank at 513.899.2040
For more information, please visit <http://LittleMiamiAreaChamber.com>
- September 7: **Labor Day** – Village of Morrow Offices Closed
- September 15: 6:30 pm **South Lebanon Historical Society Monthly Meeting**
Old South Lebanon Elementary School Building, South Lebanon, Ohio 45065
For more information, please visit www.SouthLebanonHistoricalSociety.com
- September 19-20: **Hidden Valley Fruit Farm's Apple Daze**
Hidden Valley Fruit Farm & Country Store, 5474 North State Route 48, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
For more information, please call 513.932.1869 or visit <http://www.hiddenvalleyfruitfarm.com>

- September 19-20: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm **Civil War Union Training Camp**
Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village, 3999 Pioneer Village Road, Waynesville, Ohio 45068
For more information, please call 513.897.1120 or visit <http://caesarscreekpioneervillage.com>
- September 26-27: **Civil War Encampment & Glendower Historic Mansion Guided Tours**
Glendower Historic Mansion, 105 Cincinnati Avenue, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
For more information, please call the Warren County Historical Society at 513.932.1817
- 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 or call 513-932-4421
- October 1: 11:45 am – 1:00 pm **Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
Please RSVP by calling Peoples First Savings Bank at 513.899.2040
For more information, please visit <http://LittleMiamiAreaChamber.com>
- October 3-4: **Hidden Valley Fruit Farm's Ohio Cider Fest**
Hidden Valley Fruit Farm & Country Store, 5474 North State Route 48, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
For more information, please call 513.932.1869 or visit <http://www.hiddenvalleyfruitfarm.com>
- October 9-11: **Wheat Ridge Old Thyme Herb Fair & Harvest Celebration**
Grindstone Farm, 817 Tater Ridge Road, West Union, Ohio 45693
For more information, please call Kim at 937.544.8252 or visit www.wheatridgeherbfestivals.com
- October 12: **Columbus Day**
- October 13: 6:30 pm **South Lebanon Historical Society Monthly Meeting**
Old South Lebanon Elementary School Building, South Lebanon, Ohio 45065
For more information, please visit www.SouthLebanonHistoricalSociety.com
- October 17-18: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm **Harvest Festival & Gathering**
Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village, 3999 Pioneer Village Road, Waynesville, Ohio 45068
For more information, please call 513.897.1120 or visit <http://caesarscreekpioneervillage.com>
- October 24: 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm **Pioneer Trick or Treat**
Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village, 3999 Pioneer Village Road, Waynesville, Ohio 45068
For more information, please call 513.897.1120 or visit <http://caesarscreekpioneervillage.com>
- October 31: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Happy Halloween!**
Trick or Treat throughout the Village of Morrow & Salem Township
- October 31 - **Hidden Valley Fruit Farm's Halloween Fun/Pumpkin Days**
- November 1: Hidden Valley Fruit Farm & Country Store, 5474 North State Route 48, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
For more information, please call 513.932.1869 or visit <http://www.hiddenvalleyfruitfarm.com>
- November 3: **Election Day** – General Election

- November 5: 11:45 am – 1:00 pm **Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
Please RSVP by calling Peoples First Savings Bank at 513.899.2040
For more information, please visit <http://LittleMiamiAreaChamber.com>
- 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
- November 7: 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm **Girls Night Out**
Rocking Horse Gift Shop at the Warren County History Center, 105 S. Broadway, Lebanon, OH
For more information, please call 513.932.1817
- November 11: **Veterans Day** – Village of Morrow Offices Closed
- November 17: 6:30 pm **South Lebanon Historical Society Monthly Meeting**
Old South Lebanon Elementary School Building, South Lebanon, Ohio 45065
For more information, please visit www.SouthLebanonHistoricalSociety.com
- November 26 & 27: **Thanksgiving Holiday** – Village of Morrow Offices Closed
- December 2: **Valley Vineyards Light Up Valley - A Christmas Feast**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call Valley Vineyards at 513.899.2485 or visit their website at <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html>
- December 3: 11:45 am – 1:00 pm **Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
Please RSVP by calling Peoples First Savings Bank at 513.899.2040
For more information, please visit <http://LittleMiamiAreaChamber.com>
- December 5: 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Candlelight Walk**
Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village, 3999 Pioneer Village Road, Waynesville, Ohio 45068
For more information, please call 513.897.1120 or visit <http://caesarscreekpioneervillage.com>
- December: Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays **Christmas at Glendower 2015**
Glendower Historic Mansion, 105 Cincinnati Avenue, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
For more information, please call the Warren County Historical Society at 513.932.1817
- December 25: **Merry Christmas!** – Village of Morrow Offices Closed

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

Business & Government Meetings

Morrow Village Council

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

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

Morrow Mayor's Court

Meets regularly on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152

For more information, please call 513.899.2821 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or visit <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/departments/mayor-s-court/>

Morrow Neighborhood Watch

Meets regularly on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152

For more information, please call 513.899.2821 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or visit <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/boards-commissions/neighborhood-watch/>

Morrow Parks & Recreation Board

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

For more information, please call 513.899.2821 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or visit <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/boards-commissions/parks-recreation-board/>

Morrow Tree Board

Meets regularly on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 am at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152

For more information, please call 513.899.2821 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or visit <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/boards-commissions/tree-board/>

Morrow Citizens Housing Committee

Meets regularly on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm, as necessary, at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152

For more information, please call 513.899.2821 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or visit <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/boards-commissions/citizens-housing-committee/>

Morrow Planning Commission

Meets regularly on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm, as necessary, at the Morrow Municipal Building, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152

For more information, please call 513.899.2821 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or visit <http://www.vil.morrow.oh.us/boards-commissions/planning-commission/>

Morrow Zoning Board of Appeals

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

Hamilton Township Trustees

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

Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce

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

Little Miami Local Schools Board of Education

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

Little Miami Local Schools Business Advisory Council

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

Salem Township Trustees

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

Warren County Career Center Board of Education

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

Warren County Board of Commissioners

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

Warren County Park District Board of Commissioners

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

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