

Morrow e-News

The Official News Source of the Village of Morrow

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The Salem/Morrow Fire Department Needs Your Support – Please Vote “Yes” on May 5

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
 - 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>

HELP WANTED: Village of Morrow Seeking Maintenance Workers I & II

The Village of Morrow is accepting applications for the full-time positions (two positions available) of Maintenance Worker I & II in our Public Works Department.

Maintenance Worker I: Must be able to work primarily outdoors, reading water meters, cutting grass, plowing snow, repairing streets, catch basins, and other duties as assigned.

Maintenance Worker II: Same as Maintenance Worker I, plus requires an Ohio EPA Class I Water Operator's certification. Maintenance Worker II will also serve the Operator of the Village of Morrow Water Plant.

Competitive hourly wage and benefits. Requirements: must be a high school graduate or equivalent; must possess a valid Ohio driver's license and have a clean driving record; must pass a thorough background check, drug test and medical screening.

Application Process: Village of Morrow employment application is 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

This position will remain open until filled, with an anticipated date for the first review of applications to begin immediately. The Village of Morrow is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer and a Drug-Free Workplace.

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>

You're Invited: Think Regional! Growth through Collaboration – April 16

Working together to facilitate collaborative efforts among existing public and private organizations across the 15 counties in Southwest Ohio, and along the I-71 and I-75 corridors. This event will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2015, from 8:00 am – 4:15 pm at the Cincinnati Marriott North - Union Centre Blvd., in West Chester. Keynote Opening Speakers are Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley and Cincinnati Vice Mayor David Mann. Keynote Luncheon Speaker is State of Ohio Auditor David Yost. The Master of Ceremonies is Joe Hinson, CEO and President of the West Chester - Liberty Chamber Alliance. Make your reservation on-line:

[HTTP://WWW.THINKREGIONAL.COM/EVENT-REGISTRATION/](http://www.thinkregional.com/event-registration/) or call/email 513.571.4152 or SHELLABRAMS73@GMAIL.COM.

Little Miami Food Pantry – April News

Hurray! It's April and hopefully the scourge of winter is behind us. We are thankful for spring and the continued support of our community for the Little Miami Food Service. We offer any who shop at the Meijer's store on 22 & 3 the opportunity to donate to the Pantry through Meijer's 'Simply Give' program. Anyone who donates \$10 at the Meijer's store will see that money matched by Meijer and donated to the Pantry. An additional promotion will be held on **April 17th and 18th** when money donated will be double-matched! Also, if there are any who wish to donate otherwise to the Pantry but have had difficulty doing us, please feel free to contact Frank at 505-2697 or Mary at 543-6666 for assistance with this. The Pantry is open on Monday and Friday mornings from 9-12 and incoming phone messages are only picked up then. We look forward to your contact.

We have also received information from the Ohio Association of Food Banks who are in the process of seeking an increase in the state budget supporting the Ohio Food Program and Agricultural Clearance Program. Both of these programs provide products and fresh produce to the food pantries around the entire state. The Ohio Association of Food Banks is seeking endorsements for this request. If you wish to sign one of the endorsement statements contact Mary or Frank by June 1st. As always we thank you for the support and assistance you give to your neighbors.

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](#)

Support Pine Ridge Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation's *Race for the Brain* Team in the Flying Pig Marathon

A group of employees from Pine Ridge Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation in Morrow will be participating in this year's Flying Pig Marathon. Their "Race for the Brain" team is accepting donations for the Alzheimer's Association. You can support this worthy cause by visiting

http://act.alz.org/site/TR/ActiveEvents/OH-GreaterCincinnati?px=10579261&pg=personal&fr_id=6780. Pine Ridge Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation cares for so many people who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's, as well as the families of the afflicted. It is their goal to raise funds to support the Alzheimer's Association through donations raised in support of their "Race for the Brain" team. For more information, please contact Jillian at 513.899.2801 or jcooper@continuinghc.com. Thank you for your support!

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!

Plant a Tree to Celebrate Arbor Day and Camp for Free

Popular event expands to include nine Ohio State Parks

Ohioans wanting to celebrate Arbor Day early this year and support their state parks are encouraged to donate and help plant a tree at one of nine Ohio State Parks on Saturday, April 18. In return for their efforts, participants will receive one free night of camping for each tree they donate and help plant. This is the second year for this tree planting event which celebrates Arbor Day, and growing on the success of last year's event, nine parks will be participating, up from only four in 2014.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) is encouraging park visitors to donate mature native tree saplings and help park staff and volunteers plant them in an effort to replace trees that were affected by the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation. Some ash trees within the state parks system were removed to ensure the safety of park visitors. The plantings will take place in northwest, northeast and southwest Ohio on **Saturday, April 18, 2015, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.**

The tree plantings will be held at nine state parks: Caesar Creek, Cowan Lake, Hueston Woods and Stonelick in southwest Ohio; Maumee Bay, Mary Jane Thurston and East Harbor in northwest Ohio; and Findley and Mohican in northeast Ohio. State park visitors will receive one free night of camping during the 2015 season at the state park of their choice for each donated mature sapling that is at least 5 feet in height. The promotion is limited to two free nights of camping per family. To receive camping vouchers, state park visitors must help staff and volunteers plant the tree. Ohio State Parks requests that people donate native tree species, such as red maple, red oak, burr oak, yellow poplar and beech.

Other volunteers and staff, as well as all necessary equipment and supplies, will be provided at each local state park. In addition to tree plantings, the Arbor Day celebrations will include naturalist-led activities for visitors of all ages. More information is available at parks.ohiodnr.gov/arborday. People interested in planting a tree before Arbor Day are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to plant saplings that will be enjoyed by state park visitors for generations to come and will help improve the environment.

All questions regarding local Arbor Day tree plantings should be directed to the local park offices:

- Caesar Creek State Park - 513-897-3055
- Cowan Lake State Park - 937-382-1096
- East Harbor State Park - 419-734-4424
- Findley State Park - 440-647-5749
- Hueston Woods State Park - 513-523-6347
- Maumee Bay State Park - 419-836-7758
- Mary Jane Thurston State Park - 419-832-7662
- Mohican State Park - 419-994-5125
- Stonelick State Park - 513-734-4323

ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at ohiodnr.gov.

Warren County Solid Waste District Announces New Warren County Paint Recycling Center

Warren County residents may drop off latex paint at our new Paint Recycling Center, located at 406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, OH 45036. Please drive up to the shed marked "Paint Recycling" at the rear of the parking lot. We are accepting **latex paint only**. Center is open daily during daylight hours. For more information, please contact Warren County Solid Waste District at 513.695.1210.

Check out T-Mobile All-Start FanFest! at the Duke Energy Convention Center – July 10-14

- Over 40 attractions and 400,000 square feet of baseball fun!
- Hit a home run, steal a base, throw a strike and get free autographs each day!
- Current & former players who have appeared:
 - Barry Larkin
 - Dave Winfield
 - Andrew McCutchen
 - Miguel Cabrera
 - Giancarlo Stanton
- Attend pitching and hitting clinics hosted by T-Mobile All-Star FanFest Coaching staff and MLB Legends

For more information, grab our Fan Fest flyer: [FanFest.pdf](#).

Morrow Veterans Memorial Brick Pavers Ready to Set

On Thursday, March 25th, the first 87 engraved 4" x 8" brick pavers were delivered to Morrow's Administration Building for placement prior to Memorial Day. Orders for the second set of engraved brick pavers are currently being accepted. The minimum order for brick pavers is ten. As soon as ten paver orders are received, another order will be processed and hopefully ready to set before Memorial Day.

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 Office at (513) 899-2821 for a brick form. Please make your check payable to Morrow VFW Post 8202. Please mail your completed brick form to:

Morrow VFW Post 8202
P.O. Box 115
Morrow OH 45152



**Morrow Veterans Memorial Park
Paver Order Form**

Purchased by: _____ Address: _____
Phone Number: _____ City, State & Zip: _____
Email: _____ Website: _____ Home Number: _____

EXPIRES 12/31/2014

1. This form is valid for purchase of pavers only. It is not valid for other items.
2. Pavers are available in quantities of 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, 500, 550, 600, 650, 700, 750, 800, 850, 900, 950, 1000.
3. Pavers are available in colors of Red, White, and Blue. Pavers are available in sizes of 4" x 8" and 8" x 16".

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14

If you have any questions concerning the Morrow Veterans Memorial Park, please call Bob Blankenship at (513) 678-4410.

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.

Third Annual Morrow Police Department National Night Out Against Crime – August 4

On Tuesday, August 4, 2015, from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, the Morrow Police Department will hold their Third Annual National Night Out Against Crime event. Over 75 people attended last year's event and enjoyed free hot dogs, soda and water, inspected police vehicles, learned about the Morrow Neighborhood Watch Program, received free literature on a variety of topics and spoke with officers from the Morrow Police Department, Ohio Highway Patrol, Warren County Sheriff's Department and Ohio Department of Natural Resources Village, as well as local elected officials, candidates for office and Village staff. Please plan to join us for an even bigger event this year. More information to come soon.

The National Association of Town Watch began the National Night Out program in 1984 as an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie, and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. National Night Out now involves over 37.8 million people and 16,124 communities from all fifty states, U.S. Territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide. NATW's Executive Director, Matt Peskin said, "It's a wonderful opportunity for communities nationwide to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie. While the one night is certainly not an answer to crime, drugs and violence, National Night Out represents the kind of spirit, energy and determination to help make neighborhoods a safer place year round. The night celebrates safety and crime prevention successes and works to expand and strengthen programs for the next 364 days."

Little Miami Half Marathon & 10K – August 16

The Little Miami Half Marathon and 10K near Cincinnati is a flat and fast scenic race run along the banks of the Little Miami River on **Sunday, August 16, 2015**. Are you training for a fall marathon or half marathon? This Cincinnati Half Marathon is a perfect tune-up! Plus, the entire course is run on a shaded bike path, which is a big bonus during Ohio's humid summer months! For more information and to register, please visit <http://ohiorunning.com/LittleMiamiHalf/>.

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 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

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?

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.

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 than 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.

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.

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

Noted Artists Works on Display in April

Southern Ohio has a long history of producing artists, many of which are nationally and even internationally famous. The Warren County History Center located in downtown Lebanon is home to many southwest Ohio artists' works including T.C. Lindsey, Eli Harvey, Marcus Mote, Vernon Jones, Martha Welch, Betsy Shaw and John Frankenstein.

We celebrate fine art in Warren County this month with a lunch and learn lecture event. Mr. Coyan is well known as an art history professor and decorative arts historian. Along with local artists Gene & Rosemary Chute, Mr. Coyan has volunteered his time and expertise to mounting an exhibit of some of the best of Warren County's artists from the 19th and 20th centuries. The works are on display at the Warren County History Center during the month of April. In addition, Mr. Coyan is the featured speaker for the April edition of the History Center's on going lunch and learn program.

- 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.

The Warren County History Center is located at 105 S. Broadway in Lebanon, OH. For more information see www.wchsmuseum.org or call 513-932-1817.

Volunteers Save Famous Artworks

Art treasures donated as much as 75 years ago to Glendower historic mansion and the Warren County Historical Society were returned to their original home in June of 2009 after fifty years in storage at the Ohio Historical Society. The art works which include oil paintings, sketches and sculpture were in desperate need of conservation.

Warren County Historical Society's staff was able to store the art works in climate controlled storage but did not have the funds or the expertise to conserve the works. The staff reached out to the Warren County Historical Society's membership for support and was thrilled when three noted art professional volunteered to help.

For the past year, Sinclair Community College fine arts professor Michael Coyan and artist and art conservators and husband and wife Gene and Rosemary Chute have volunteered their time to clean and preserve sculptures and painting from the collection. As their work progresses the team has been able to showcase a different set of newly cleaned and conserved paintings and sculptures each month. The results of their labors have been on display at the Warren County History Center since the beginning of this year.

“The Warren County History Center’s art collection includes not only locally known Ohio artists but works from such nationally prominent Ohio artists as Eli Harvey, T.C. Lindsay and Marcus Mote”, commented Coyan, “Sculptures include works by Eli Harvey, Vernon Jones and John P. Frankenstein. It’s a remarkable collection for a county historical society. The people of Warren County are very lucky to have these wonderful works of art so near at hand.”

Mr. Coyan and the Chutes estimate that it will be at least two more years before all the art works are cleaned and conserved. In the meantime they will continue to hang newly conserved works each month. A collection of both paintings and sculpture by internationally famous Warren County artist Eli Harvey is planned for May.

“The Warren County History Center has always depended on talented and dedicated volunteers to implement its mission of presenting and preserving the history of Warren County”, said Mary Klei, Head Curator of the Warren County History Center, “Without the volunteer work of Mr. Coyan and the Chutes we would not have been able to save these paintings. We are very grateful for their service to our organization.”

The Warren County History Center and Glendower historic mansion are owned and operated by the Warren County Historical Society a private non-profit organization located in downtown Lebanon, Ohio. For more information call 513-932-1817 or visit www.wchsmuseum.org.

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.
- 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.

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. Cohan, 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 of 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 Downtown 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!

Morrow Area Church News

“Meals for Morrow” Riversway Ministry, Feeding the Morrow Community – April 25

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: **April 25, 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

Village Hair Salon Mother's Day Special

Get \$25.00 gift certificate for \$20.00; shampoo sets \$17.00; perms with cut and set \$58.00; and haircuts \$14.00. Please call VILLAGE HAIR SALON at 513.899.3054 to schedule your appointment.

Shop Buckley Bros. Feed & Pet Supply of Morrow for All Your Gardening, Feed and Pet Supply Needs

Buckley Bros. Feed & Pet Supply of Morrow is open Monday – Friday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Their friendly and helpful staff is available to answer your questions anytime. Please feel free to call them at 513.899.0304.

"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, April 16: Tayler Bishop & Co.

Thursday, April 30: A Tale of Two Pessimists

Thursday, May 7: Kale Burns

Thursday, May 14: Jeremy Francis & Steve Kilburn

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

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

Big Tree Plantation Seasonal Specials

Field run Norway Spruce trees, while supplies last. Tag your trees directly in our field for Spring digging. Save 15% off regular price. Seasonal specials are available while supplies last. Requests are reserved in the order of receipt. Seasonal specials are not inferior quality and full [Warranty](#) rules apply. Please call for details 513.835.1935.

Healthy Solution Yoga & Cardio Drumming Drop-In Classes

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

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

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

Marks Xpress Trucking & Hauling, LLC

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

Bonnybrook Farms Announces 2015 Calendar of Events

Bonnybrook Farms, located at 3779 State Route 132, Clarksville, Ohio 45113, has just announced their 2015 Calendar of Events.

- **Summer Fun on the Farm Festival**
 - **Saturday, June 20, 2015 – Rain or Shine**
 - Kick-Off your summer with a "Yeehaw!"
 - Fun for the entire family!
 - 5K Trail Run/Walk throughout 370 acres of beautiful farmland
 - Sensational lineup of live country music
 - Mouth-watering BBQ, farm fresh sides, desserts, ice cream & s'mores
 - FUN ON THE FARM activities & contests for all ages
 - Festival Happenings
 - BBQ
 - Home Cooking
 - Ice Cream
 - Ice Cold Beer
 - Horseshoe Hill Tunnel & 80' Underground Slide
 - Farmyard Play Area
 - Petting Barn
 - Catch & Release Fishing

- Ice Cream Eating Contest
- Fishing Derby
- Clodhopper Golf
- Farmers Race
- *Giant Slingshots
- *Archery
- *Pony Rides
 - *Fee for Activity
- Country Music on the Farm
 - Come listen to some of the best country music bands in the tri-state area!
 - [Noah Smith](#)
 - Nominated for the the Cincinnati Entertainment Awards for *Best New Artist*, *Best Country Artist* and *Best Singer/Songwriter*, we are excited to bring some fun country music to the farm!
 - [Noah Smith video](#)
 - [90 Proof Twang](#)
 - Awarded the 2015 Best Country Music Band in the Ohio/Kentucky/Indiana tri-state area in 2015 by City Beat Magazine, you won't want to miss their infectious energy and southern country/rock show.
 - [90 Proof Twang video](#)
- Admission:
 - General: \$10
 - Children (5 – 12): \$5
 - 4 & under: Free
 - 5K Registrants: Free
- Bring a blanket, but no food or drink can be carried in. Sorry, no pets.
- A portion on the proceeds will benefit [River of Hope Ranch](#) a local non-profit offering equine-assisted mental health counseling to children, teens and adults.
- Questions? 937-289-2500
- Need a map or directions to the farm? [Farm Directions](#)
- **Summer Fun on the Farm 5K Trail Run/Walk**
 - **10:00 am Saturday, June 20, 2015**
 - To register, please visit <https://runsignup.com/race/oh/clarksville/summerfunonthe farm5K>
 - Registration includes all day admission to festival.
 - For more information, please call 937.289.2500 or ContactUs@BonnybrookFarms.com
- **Chuck Wagon Dinner Rides**
 - **5:00 pm – 9:00 pm Saturdays: June, July, August & September**
 - Bonnybrook Farms' Chuck Wagon Dinner Ride offers a FUN evening of GREAT food and camaraderie for families, friends and *groups of all sizes.
 - Price includes dinner and all activities!
 - Adults \$40
 - Children ages 5 – 12 \$28
 - Children 4 and younger – no charge
 - Group Pricing (15+ Paid Admissions)
 - Adults \$38
 - Children ages 5 – 12 \$26

- Children 4 and younger – no charge
 - Reservations are necessary.
 - Credit Card required to hold reservation.
 - *Other weekends and weekdays available for large groups. Call for pricing.
 - For information or reservations call 937.289.2500 or ContactUs@BonnybrookFarms.com
 - [Read Reviews & News](#)
 - Chuck Wagon Dinner Ride evening schedule
 - 5:00 pm – Fun for All
 - Work up a hearty appetite before dinner with some ‘Fun on the Farm’ activities, or just relax on the back porch and watch the fun. There’s something for all ages and activity levels.
 - Giant Slingshots & Clodhopper Golf Course
 - Friendly Farm animals to pet in the stable
 - Farm Yard Play Area, Fish Feeding, Farm Trails
 - Horseshoe Hill Tunnel and 80’ underground slide
 - Catch and Release Fishing (Bring your own fishing pole and bait)
 - 6:30 pm The Dinner Bell Rings!
 - Head over to the Gathering Barn for a mouth-watering BBQ dinner made fresh on the farm.
 - Bonnybrook’s hickory smoked pulled pork and chicken
 - Nathans’ hot dogs
 - Farm-fresh sides and salads from locally grown produce
 - Ice cold lemonade and iced tea
 - BYOB if you wish
 - *“And seriously, that was THE BEST POTATO SALAD I’ve ever eaten in my life!”*
- Kathy Frazier Goodpastor
 - 7:30 pm Wagon Ride
 - Head down an abandoned wagon road to the old chuck wagon and gather around the campfire where kids of all ages can:
 - Roast s’ mores
 - Devour fresh-baked homemade cobblers and cookies
 - Sip tin cup coffee and soft drinks
- **Fall Farm Days**
 - Fall is a favorite season...Bonnybrook Farms is your family’s fun destination. The pumpkin farm is a festival of color and activities. Pick the perfect pumpkin from the Pumpkin Patch; take an Adventure Wagon Ride with professional theater actors; find your way through the Corn Maze; pet and brush the friendly Farm Animals and Ride a Pony; play a round of Clodhopper Golf or try your skills at Giant Slingshots and Archery. It’s all family fun!
 - Adventure Wagon Ride
 - Farm Kitchen Café...
 - Bonnybrooks’ own Hickory Smoked Pulled Pork, Chicken & Biscuits, Sloppy Joes, Nathan’s hotdogs & fresh from the oven Pizza
 - Made from scratch sides and salads
 - Hot Apple Dumplings, Hand-Dipped Caramel Apples, Pumpkin Pie Milkshakes and more!
 - Free Admission & Parking
 - Friendly farm animals and play stall

- Farmyard Play Area with play houses, swings, sandbox and train locomotive
 - Horseshoe Hill with tunnel and 80' underground slide
- Value Priced Activities
- Best Value
 - Wristband \$30* (\$38.50 value) (Unlimited access to Adventure Wagon Ride, CrAzEd CoRn MAzE, Clodhopper Golf, Giant Slingshot, Clodhopper Golf, Fishing & Archery)
 - Activity/Ride Tickets: 1 – \$3.50, 5 – \$17.50, 10 – \$35, 15 – \$50 (\$52.50 value), 20 – \$65 (\$70 value)
 - Adventure Wagon Ride (40 minute ride) 3 tickets*
 - CrAzEd CoRn MAzE 2 tickets*
 - Giant Slingshots 2 tickets
 - Clodhopper Golf 1 ticket
 - Archery 2 tickets
 - Fishing Pond 1 ticket
 - Hand-led Pony Ride 2 tickets (must be 34" or taller)
 - Pumpkin Chuckin' 2 tickets – Sat. 31st
 - * children 4 & younger free w/ paid adult
 - "Pick Your Own" Pumpkin Patch
 - Group pricing for 15 or more (does not include age 4 & younger)
 - All tickets must be purchased at the same time.
- **12:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Saturdays & Sundays, October 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25 & 31**
- We Welcome You with a Smile
 - There is no admission charge or parking fee at Bonnybrook Farms. You pay only for the activities you choose. If all you want to do is buy a pumpkin, that's fine too!
 - We can accept credit cards for Wristbands and Activity Tickets
 - Cash only accepted at the "Pick Your Own" Pumpkin Patch and Farm Kitchen Cafe.
 - An ATM is available in the Gathering Barn for your convenience.
 - Bonnybrook Farms is open on weekends only.
 - No food or drink may be carried in. Sorry, no pets.
 - 937-289-2500 or ContactUs@BonnybrookFarms.com for details
- **The Great Pumpkin 5K Pumpkin Trail Run/Walk**
 - 5K Pumpkin Trail Run/Walk
 - **10:00 am Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015**
 - The Great Pumpkin Run is back for its fourth season! Tackle the trails and conquer the corn maze with us on **October 31, 2015**. Wind through open fields, wooded paths and of course, the corn maze! After the race is over, kick back with a glass of cider and enjoy activities on the farm! Each registration includes an awesome t-shirt, a glass of cider, chip timing, a finisher's medal and a pumpkin to take home with you!
 - Think you're tough? Register for our Tough Pumpkin option and carry a pumpkin with you throughout the run! Want to take on a whole different challenge? Whatever you chose to do, it will be a run you'll never forget.
 - Celebrate the run with a post-race festival on the farm while enjoying crisp apple cider!
 - Get all the details and register: www.TheGreatPumpkinRun.com.
- **Lantern Light Wagon Ride & Corn Maze**
 - Take a Lantern Light Wagon Ride...Ride down an abandoned country road; travel along Todd's Fork Creek...go back with us 150 years and catch a glimpse of travelers from the past! Soldiers,

town folk, spies and politicians portrayed by professional theater actors commemorate the 150 year anniversary of the Civil War in Ohio.

- Bring your Flashlight to find your way through the shadowy rows of the CrAzEd CoRn MAZE but beware of what you might see...or what might see you...along the way.
- Enjoy a “made from scratch” dinner at the Farm Kitchen Cafe, hot chocolate, cider, Kettle corn & other seasonal foods. Then gather ‘round the campfire for s’mores!
- Shop the Country Store for the perfect Jack O’Lantern, Kettle corn, locally made jams, jelly, fudge and seasonal decor.
- The Lantern Light Wagon Ride is a family friendly, history based ghost tour.
- **7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, Saturdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31**
- Admission:
 - Lantern Light Wagon Ride (40 Min. ride)
 - \$14 per person – 5 & younger FREE
 - Groups 15+ people \$13
 - Lantern Light Corn Maze
 - \$8 per person – 5 & younger free
 - Groups 15 + people \$7
 - Combination Ticket
 - \$21 per person – 5 & younger free
 - Groups 15 + people \$20
 - We can accept credit cards for Tickets
 - Cash only accepted at the Farm Kitchen Cafe
 - An ATM is available in the Gathering Barn for your convenience
 - No food or drink may be carried in. Sorry, no pets.

Bonnybrook Farms also offers:

- **School Field Trips**

- Spring & Fall Field Trips
 - Our Spring Field Trips bring real life experiences to your science lessons!
 - Multi-sensory interaction and encounters with living things
 - Hands-on lesson covering how plants germinate, grow, are pollinated and harvested.
 - Friendly staff and enthusiastic tour guides who can adapt tours to appropriate age or grade levels.
 - A ride on a covered wagon to Bonnybrook’s bright, clean, airy, stable with child-friendly farm animals.
 - Well organized age appropriate programs
 - Clean, expansive facilities, picnic and playground areas
 - Learning Objectives
 - Ask questions and make observations and comparisons about sunflowers and farm animals.
 - Understand the basic needs of living plants (sunflowers – Spring & pumpkins - Fall) and (farm) animals.
 - Identify ways farm animals and sunflowers react to changing environments.
 - Understand the seasonal life cycle of a sunflower (Spring) or pumpkin (Fall).
 - Understand the daily cycle of an animal’s life.
 - Understand safe activity around animals.
 - Each student takes home.

- A sunflower (Spring) or pumpkin (Fall) they have planted.
- A Take Home Paper with care instructions.
- New knowledge about spring planting, life on a farm and farm animals.
- Lots of good memories!
- **Teacher & Parent Reviews**
- Making your Reservations
 - Dates: Bonnybrook's School Field Trips are offered weekdays through out May.
 - Times: Field trips start at 9:15 am, 10:30 am and 11:45 am
 - Admission: Tours are reasonably priced at \$7.00 per student and parents. There is no cost for teachers. There is a minimum cost of \$125.00.
 - Picnic: Bring a lunch to eat inside our spacious Gathering Barn and let the children romp in our Farmyard Play Area.
- Reservations: Call us at (937) 289-2500 or e-mail Diane@BonnybrookFarms.com
- **School Outings**
 - Gather your school group or club for one of our events or let us help you "create your own" for a fun day or evening on this beautiful 370 acre farm.
 - 937-289-2500 or ContactUs@BonnybrookFarms.com for details.
- **Social Gatherings, Reunions, Dances, Wagon Rides, Bonfires, Birthday Parties, Corporate Outings...**
 - June, July, August or September event
 - Make reservations for a Chuck Wagon Dinner Ride in the country with "fun on the farm" activities, great farm fresh food, wagon ride and s'mores around a campfire. Celebration cake and BYOB welcome.
 - [Contact us](#) with what you have in mind and we will tailor a fun and one of a kind event for your group.
 - 937-289-2500 or ContactUs@BonnybrookFarms.com for details.

For more information, please Contact Bonnie or Diane at www.BonnybrookFarms.com/contactus or call 937.289.2500. Stay up to date on all of the fun at Bonnybrook Farms via social media at:

- Facebook.com/BonnybrookFarms
- Pinterest.com/BonnybrookFarms
- YouTube.com/BonnybrookFarms
- Twitter.com/BonnybrookFarms

Need Space for an Upcoming Graduation Party, Wedding Reception, Family Reunion or a Corporate Event?

Do you have an upcoming wedding, anniversary, birthday, retirement party, or other special event? Two locations within the Village of Morrow you may wish to consider are the Morrow VFW Post 8202 Hall or the Morrow Masonic Lodge No. 265. Both places offer the perfect setting for your special event. For more information, please contact:

Morrow VFW Post 8202	Morrow Masonic Lodge No. 265
Gary at 513.899.2612	Paul at 513.850.5788

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

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.

Cellar Dweller Craft Beers 4 Year Anniversary Party! – February 21, 2016

Come help us celebrate 4 years of Craft Beers at Valley Vineyards! Live music, wine and beer tastings, pints and glasses available all day. Special keg tappings throughout the day, cellar tours and lots of wine and beer! Food buffet available throughout the day. Music Schedule:TBD. No Reservations Required! Look forward to seeing you! Check out our beer list by clicking [here!](#)

Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce News

LMA Chamber Meeting – May 7

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, May 7, 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!

Salem Township Public Library News

Download eBooks and Audiobooks for Free to Your Devices

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

Salem Township Public Library April 2015 Newsletter

The April 2015 edition of the Salem Township Public Library Newsletter is now available by clicking the link below:



Computer 101: A 4 Week Computer Basics Course w/ Melody Haenes – April 20

Melody Haenes will teach Computers 101, a 4-week computer course that covers just the basics. Classes are scheduled on Mondays, April 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.

Writers' Circle Group Meetings – April 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 25 · May 9 & 16 · June-To Be Decided

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.

Reading with Raider and Friends – May 5

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 – May 5 & June 2

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.

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

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

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

Clift up for State Lacrosse Honors

Junior lacrosse player Joshua Clift has been nominated for the Ohio Player of the Week award. Fan voting between now and noon Monday (April 20) will determine the winner. [Click here](#) to vote for Joshua on the jjhuddle.com website. You can vote as often as you'd like. Josh scored six goals last week in a loss to Fairfield and four goals in a win over Johnstown.

Savannah Coffey named statewide Good Citizen Award winner

LMHS senior Savannah Coffey has been named the statewide winner of the Daughters of the American Revolution's Good Citizen Award. She now advances to consideration for national honors. Please read our report [here](#).

Jack German teams up for swimming national championship

Senior swimmer Jack German has added a national championship to his impressive list of achievements. Swimming for Countryside YMCA, Jack took part in the winning 400-yard freestyle relay at the YMCA Short Course Nationals last Friday in Greensboro, N.C. [Click here](#) for a writeup and to see video of his team's winning race.

Support a national contest entry on YouTube

Little Miami seniors Mitchell Sellars and Tanner Vernon have had their video named one of 60 finalists in a national contest, and you can help them claim the "Fan Favorite" prize. To learn about their entry and how you can vote for it on YouTube, please read [this report](#).

LMHS readies for "Beauty and the Beast" next weekend

The spring LMHS musical, "Beauty and the Beast," will be this weekend (**April 17-18**). There will be 7 p.m. performances each day, plus a 2 p.m. matinee on the 18th. For information about the show, tickets, and the "princess tea" Royal Tea Party, please read [this report](#).

Testing schedules posted

We have posted the schedules for end-of-year assessments that begin next week. [Click here](#) to view them.

Ads available on school website

Want to help Little Miami Schools while helping your business? There are ads available on our district website, and all ads purchased provide revenue for the school district. If you'd like to inquire about advertising, contact C.J. Knapp at Legend Web Works at 513-492-9008 or email schools@legendwebworks.com.

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.

Preschool registration underway

Preschool registration for the 2015-16 school year has begun. We are accepting Preschool registration forms **through April 30**. Registration forms are available on the [Student Forms page](#) of our website. For more information, [click here](#).

Final kindergarten registration date is April 30

The second and final kindergarten registration date for the 2015-16 school year is **April 30**. For details and to learn about the enrollment process, please [click here](#).

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.

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.

Cheerleading informational meetings next week

Interested in cheering for the junior high or high school next school year? Read [here](#) about informational meetings **April 15-16** in advance of cheer clinics and tryouts.

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.

Baseball: The team is off to a 5-2 start (1-1 SWOC). Team leaders in batting average: Brandon Fritz .533, Austin Hinds .481, Eric Gutermuth .435. Hank McKay leads the team in RBI with nine. Pitching ERA leaders: Austin Dozier 1.27, Eric Gutermuth 1.75, and Hank McKay 1.17.

Softball: The Panthers are 2-3 overall, 1-0 in the SWOC. Sarah Schwartzberger (.455) and Shelby Russell (.417) are leading the team in batting. Shelby has done a remarkable job in the leadoff position, and Sarah has made some outstanding catches in center field. Alecia Kemp is a vacuum at second base.

Track and Field: With four meets concluded so far, the team is rounding into form. Two high performers so far are Dawson Paul in the 1,600 meters and Daniel Moore in the high jump; both stand second in the SWOC rankings for their events.

Upcoming varsity events:

- April 15: Baseball, home vs. Edgewood
- April 15: Softball, home vs. Edgewood
- April 15: Track, at Clinton-Massie Relays

- April 16: Baseball, at Reading
- April 16: Softball, home vs. Williamsburg
- April 17: Baseball, at Edgewood
- April 17: Softball, at Edgewood
- April 17: Track, at Waynesville Invitational
- April 18: Baseball, home vs. Amelia (DH)

Little Miami Athletic Boosters Club News

Inaugural Panther Run Update

With 94 total participants, the inaugural Panther Run last Saturday was a great success! The 5K and 10K races had ideal weather for running, and there were smiles galore at the 1K Kids Fun Run. Top finishers in the 5K: 1.) Nick Wilkin 22:32, 2.) Colton Daugherty 23:19, 3.) Paul Harkins 23:21. Top 10K finishers: 1.) Lisa Walker 54:21, 2.) Susan Knippenberg 56:34, 3.) Mike Farrell 1:02:30.

Call to Arms for All Boosters

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

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

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

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

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

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

The average citizen, who does not have a student-athlete or care much for sports, may ask how athletics would

affect his/her life. A National Center for Education Statistics study shows that children who participate in extracurricular activities will have a higher GPA, have a higher percentage of post-secondary education, have a healthier lifestyle (by percentage of non-smokers and non-binge drinkers), earn a higher average income, and tend to stay in (or return to) the school district they grew up in. This makes our school district more desirable to live in, and thus raises our property values and provides us with a greater customer base for our local businesses. We truly are all in this together.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Go to www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com

1. Select Cincinnati, Ohio as your location
2. Scroll down the page and select ENROLL NOW
3. If you already have an account you will sign in with your Email and Password
4. If you do have an account please make sure that all of your information is correct (name etc.) go to step 7
5. If you do not have an account. You must create an account by selecting the "Create An Account"
6. After you have created an account, return to step 1
7. Under Community Rewards select Little Miami Athletic Boosters or Organization No. 81640
8. Once you select Little Miami Athletic Boosters select SAVE CHANGES
9. When you look at your Account Summary you should see a box on the right hand side:
Community Rewards
Organization Name: Little Miami Athletic Boosters
Organization No.:81640
Enrollment Date: xx/xx/xxxx (your date of enrollment)

After 7-10 days, you will see "At your request, Kroger is donating to "Little Miami Athletic Boosters" at the bottom of your Kroger receipt.

Thank you for supporting the Little Miami Athletic Boosters.

Little Miami 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 Career Center News

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.

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!

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

[Splash into summer!](#)

Summer is on its way, and in Warren County, Ohio, that means water park season! Swim, splash, slide and dive through more than 50 wet and wild attractions at Kings Island's Soak City. Conquer The Cliff and relax under the shade of real palm trees at The Beach. Or weatherproof your fun with an unforgettable trip to Great Wolf Lodge's giant indoor water park.

Whatever your pick, summer fun awaits in Ohio's Largest Playground!

[\[Dive in! \]](#)

[No time to plan? No problem!](#)

Book one of our expertly assembled getaway packages at OhiosLargestPlayground.com, and get ready to pack your bags! Pair a thrill-filled day at Kings Island with a stay at the Great Wolf Lodge, or fly high with Ozone Zipline Adventures and lay low at a comfy and convenient area hotel. You pick your fun—we'll take it from there!

[\[Find your perfect package! \]](#)

Friends of the Little Miami State Park News

Trailside Historical Marker Approved

By Janet Slater

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

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

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

To contribute, please send a check made out to the Warren County Foundation, designated for Butterworth Station, to: Warren County Foundation, 118 Main St., Lebanon, OH 45036. A public dedication ceremony for the marker is planned for **June 6, 2015**.

Little Miami Trail Closure Alert – through 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.

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.

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.

Human Services News

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.

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.

Business News

Women's Business Center of Ohio Training Calendar

- **Dreambuilder Series (3 of 7 classes) – April 17, 24**
 - Friday, April 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.

"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](mailto:Matt.Schnipke@warrencountyohio.gov) 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.

US Trade by State

Ever wondered what Wyoming's chief agricultural exports are? Or how many billions of goods Oregon exports, in total? Did you know that transportation equipment is Connecticut's biggest manufacturing export? [Check out this interactive map](#) published by the U.S. Trade Representative's Office to get a read on trade stats across the nation.

Source: Business USA

Are Your Personal Finances in Order?

Starting a business can put a burden on your personal finances. It takes time before your new venture turns a profit and provides financial support for you and your family. Before starting a business, it is important to get your finances in order. Read more about [how business and personal finances are related](#), and why strains on your personal budget can cause a financial risk to your business.

Source: Business USA

How Do You Apply for an SBA Loan?

While the standards for SBA-qualifying loans are more flexible than those for other types of loans, lenders still require extensive documentation to evaluate your loan request. [Follow these guidelines](#) to make the best application you can.

Source: Business USA

How to Choose the Right Business Name

Choosing the right name for your business is really important. Not only should you pick a name that reflects your brand identity, but you also need to ensure your name is properly registered and protected for the long term. And be sure to give some thought to whether it's web-ready. Is the domain name even available? [Here are some tips to help you](#) pick, register, and protect your business name.

Source: Business USA

\$5000 Award Each Month to Veteran-Owned Businesses

StreetShares just announced the launch of the [Commander's Call Veteran Business Award](#). This is a **monthly award of \$5,000 to a great veteran or military spouse-owned business**. No strings attached. Winners will be selected each month by a panel led by StreetShares advisor and former U.S. Army Chief of Staff, [General George Casey](#). This is our way of encouraging veterans entrepreneurship in America. As you know, [StreetShares](#) recently secured over \$200 million in funding to back loans for veteran-owned small businesses. We've also formed the nation's largest coalition of veteran-focused business organizations. Our partners serve a collective membership of more than 3 million U.S. military veterans. **Please help us spread the word** about the Commander's Call award program in at least one of the following ways:

- 1. Send an announcement like this to your members and lists:** "Our friends at StreetShares are awarding \$5,000 each month to a great veteran-owned small business. Learn more and apply to win at [StreetShares.com](#)."
- 2. Have your social media managers tweet, post, and share the following:** "[@StreetShares](#) will award \$5,000 every month to a great veteran-owned business. Apply to win at [StreetShares.com #VetBizIsBack](#)"

\$5,000 every month for a great veteran-owned business! Help us find them.

News You Can Use

Thank You!

The Week After Tax Season

Aaaah...The week after tax season (and the first full weekend home in two and half months) is the best week in a tax accountant's life!

We met a lot of new clients this year because of referrals from existing clients, and readers of our Tax Tip of the Week. Thank you! A referral is the best compliment we can ever receive.

Even though tax season is over—we will continue our Tax Tip of the Week mailing for the rest of the year. We will keep you updated on the constant changes, as well as spotlighting specific tax planning ideas.

If there are any special tax topics you would like us to cover, just send us an email or give us a call.

Again, thank you for making this one of the most rewarding tax seasons yet.

As always, give us a call if you have any questions.

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 | April 15, 2014 | No. 298

What Do You Really Know About Your Financial Advisor? Find out.

Join our Google Hangout on 4/23 at 12:30 pm. Do you currently use a financial advisor or have you transitioned to a new one recently? Before you turn over your hard earned cash, make sure you know all you can find out about your advisor's professional past. To find out how to do a background check on your financial advisor, join [Marietta Jelks, the Editor in Chief of the Consumer Action Handbook](#), and a special guest from the CFTC SmartCheckSM campaign during [this Google hangout](#) on April 23rd at 12:30 pm. You can email questions to Marietta at askmarietta@gsa.gov or tweet them using the hashtag [#AskMarietta](#) and they might be answered during our live event.

Source: USA.gov

Applying for VA Claims Just Got Easier

Tell Vets and Survivors to File

Filing for veterans' benefits, and appealing decisions on claims, can be time-consuming and confusing. But with the recent roll-out of new, streamlined claims processes, [applying for veterans benefits](#) now promises to be faster, easier and more accurate. The changes involve:

- new requirements to use standardized forms for filing for benefits
- a new form for appealing decisions
- a new "intent to file" a claim process for those who need more time to gather information while preserving an effective date for benefits

If you're a veteran or you know a vet, or a survivor who has put off applying for benefits because it was too difficult, encourage them to visit explore.va.gov and check out the new ways to [file for claims](#).

Source: USA.gov

Leave Wildlife in the Wild

Wildlife officials discourage handling young animals

The spring season has arrived, and so too has the season for Ohioans to enjoy spotting young wildlife. Each year, Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) officials offer this simple advice, enjoy wildlife from a distance and leave young animals in the wild.

Many adult wild animals will leave their young offspring alone while they forage for food, or to divert the attention of potential predators away from the more vulnerable young. When young animals are discovered with no adults in sight, the adult is often nearby waiting for people to leave the area before they retrieve their young.

Most wild animals are raised by only one adult or are not tended to during the daylight hours. In the case of white-tailed deer, a doe will hide her young from predators by leaving it alone in a secluded spot, such as a grassy meadow or a flower bed. A hidden fawn has virtually no scent and when left alone is difficult for predators to find. The doe will tend to the fawn or fawns several times each night.

It is important to leave animals in the wild. If people disturb a nest, they should replace the young animals and the nest material as close to the original location as possible. It is a myth that wildlife parents will not tend to young because of human scent.

State and federal laws protect and regulate wildlife and endangered species in Ohio. Only licensed wildlife rehabilitators, working under special permits issued by the ODNR Division of Wildlife, may possess and care for native wild animals. These laws are in place for the benefit of humans as well as wild animals.

To further protect young and vulnerable wild animals, keep pets under control so they do not raid nests and injure wild animals. Keep pets inoculated against parasites and diseases.

Check for nests before cutting down trees or clearing brush. It is best to cut trees and clear brush in the autumn when nesting season is over.

Educate children to respect wildlife and their habitat, observing wildlife from a distance.

Contact your local wildlife official before taking action. Call 1-800-WILDLIFE or visit wildohio.com to be connected with the proper individuals.

ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at ohiodnr.gov.

Source: ODNR

Is Your Child Too Busy?

There are many benefits to having your children involved in organized activities and sports. Involvement in activities can foster social skills, teach self-discipline, and offer opportunities for exercise. However, too many activities can lead to stress. Parents and kids can end up feeling overwhelmed and burnt out. [This article](#) offers tips to help manage schedules and will help you recognize the signs that your child may be too busy.

Source: KIDS.gov

Car Shopping: Do Your Homework to Get a Good Deal

Learn About Financing, Negotiating and Other “Rules of the Game”

Cars are one of the most expensive and important things we buy. They’re also one of the most difficult. Getting a good price on a car typically requires negotiating, a skill not called for in our everyday purchases. And returns are rarely accepted on new or used cars. Additionally, car ads may be misleading, the dealer’s sales tactics can be high-pressure, and the financing options are subject to fine print. For all these reasons, it’s important to educate yourself before you head out to an auto dealership. Read these articles on [buying and owning a car](#) to get started:

- [Are Car Ads Taking You for a Ride?](#)
- [Understanding Vehicle Financing](#)
- [Buying a New Car](#)
- [Buying a Used Car](#)

Source: USA.gov

Earth Day, Every Day for Tweens and Teens

[Earth Day](#) is in two weeks. Here are some sites to get tweens and teens thinking and acting on changes they can make to help the environment.

Infographics

- [Think Green Before You Shop](#)
- [The Secret Life of a Smartphone](#)

Sites for Teens

- [Create a New Climate for Action](#)
- [Teens for Planet Earth](#)

More Ways to Get Older Kids Involved

- [Make a Difference in Your School](#) (PDF, 1.7 MB, [download Adobe Reader](#))
- [Community Service for Students](#)
- [Make a Difference Campaign for Middle School Students](#)

Source: KIDS.gov

Win a Trip to DC! Enter the Healthy Lunchtime Challenge

Do Your Kids Like to Cook?

Imagine that one of their recipes becomes part of a cookbook! Tell your kids about this challenge (ages 8-12) and help them create an original recipe that is healthy, affordable, and delicious. A recipe from each of the fifty states, U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia will be chosen. The winning chefs and a parent or guardian will be flown to Washington D.C. to attend the Kids’ “[State Dinner](#)” hosted by Mrs. Obama at the White House. For more details about the contest, visit the [Healthy Lunchtime Challenge website](#) where you can [submit your recipe online](#) by April 30.

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 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 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: 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: Village of Morrow Seeking Public Works Maintenance Workers I & II

The Village of Morrow is accepting applications for the full-time positions (two positions available) of Maintenance Worker I & II in our Public Works Department.

Maintenance Worker I: Must be able to work primarily outdoors, reading water meters, cutting grass, plowing snow, repairing streets, catch basins, and other duties as assigned.

Maintenance Worker II: Same as Maintenance Worker I, plus requires an Ohio EPA Class I Water Operator's certification. Maintenance Worker II will also serve the Operator of the Village of Morrow Water Plant.

Competitive hourly wage and benefits. Requirements: must be a high school graduate or equivalent; must possess a valid Ohio driver's license and have a clean driving record; must pass a thorough background check, drug test and medical screening.

Application Process: Village of Morrow employment application is 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 immediately.

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: Bonnybrook Farms Seeking Part-Time and Seasonal Help

Bonnybrook Farms is looking for friendly, outgoing people with big smiles and big personalities!

- Year round part-time opportunities for stall cleaners.
- Seasonal (June – August) part-time opportunities for ground keepers. Summer weekend events:
 - [Fall Farm Days](#) – Saturdays and Sundays, Noon to 6:00 pm, October 3 – 31, 2015
 - [Lantern Light Nights](#) - Saturday nights, 7:30 to 10:30 pm, October 3 – 31, 2015

Sound like fun? As a Bonnybrook employee you interact directly with people who are coming for fun, family friendly activities. They have driven an hour or more, and are planning to spend the day with us. All they need is a little help. It's our job to make sure they get started exploring quickly, find the services they need throughout the day, and have fun throughout their visit. We are the party coordinators for their day-long party. All we have to do is take care of them. Sound like something you'd like to try? These positions and many more available: Food Service, Cashiers, Petting Barn Attendants, Pony Corral, Corn Maze, Pumpkin Patch, Game Attendants, Kettle Corn Cooks, Wagon Ride Actors, Fishing Pond, Clean-up and more.

For more information, please visit <http://bonnybrookfarms.com/employment/>, email Diane@BonnybrookFarms.com or ContactUs@BonnybrookFarms.com call 937.289.2500.

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: 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.

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.

Calendar of Events

- 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 bltfpettet@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 7: 6:00 pm **Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Spring Dinner**
Bel-Wood Country Club, 5873 Ludlum Road, Morrow, Ohio 45152
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 – August 29: 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm **Bonnybrook Farms' Chuck Wagon Dinner Rides**
Bonnybrook Farms, 3779 State Route 132, Clarksville, Ohio 45113
For more information, please Contact Bonnie or Diane at www.BonnybrookFarms.com/contactus or call 937.289.2500
- 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 20: **Bonnybrook Farms' Summer Fun on the Farm Festival**
Bonnybrook Farms, 3779 State Route 132, Clarksville, Ohio 45113
For more information, please Contact Bonnie or Diane at www.BonnybrookFarms.com/contactus or call 937.289.2500
- June 20: 10:00 am **Bonnybrook Farms' Summer Fun on the Farm 5K Trail Run/Walk**
Bonnybrook Farms, 3779 State Route 132, Clarksville, Ohio 45113
To register, please visit <https://runsignup.com/race/oh/clarksville/summerfunonthefarm5K>
For more information, please call 937.289.2500 or ContactUs@BonnybrookFarms.com
- 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 4: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm **Third Annual Morrow Police Department National Night Out**
Morrow Police Department, 150 East Pike Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call 513.899.2821
- 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 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 16: 7:00 am **Little Miami Half Marathon & 10K – August 16**
Main Street, Historic Downtown Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information and to register, please visit <http://ohiorunning.com/LittleMiamiHalf/>
- 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 3-31: 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm **Bonnybrook Farms' Fall Farm Days**

Saturdays & Sundays, October 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25 & 31

Bonnybrook Farms, 3779 State Route 132, Clarksville, Ohio 45113

For more information, please Contact Bonnie or Diane at www.BonnybrookFarms.com/contactus or call 937.289.2500

October 3-31: 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm **Bonnybrook Farms' Lantern Light Wagon Ride & Corn Maze**

Saturdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31

Bonnybrook Farms, 3779 State Route 132, Clarksville, Ohio 45113

For more information, please Contact Bonnie or Diane at www.BonnybrookFarms.com/contactus or call 937.289.2500

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: 10:00 am **Bonnybrook Farms' Great Pumpkin 5K Pumpkin Trail Run/Walk**
Bonnybrook Farms, 3779 State Route 132, Clarksville, Ohio 45113
Get all the details and register at www.TheGreatPumpkinRun.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 3:00 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/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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