

Morrow e-News

The Official News Source of the Village of Morrow

December 2, 2015

Village of Morrow News

9th Annual Community Christmas Dinner – December 12

In cooperation with area businesses, volunteers and area elected officials, we are organizing the 9th Annual Community Christmas Dinner to be held December 12, 2015. This event will be held from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm at The Gathering Place Rental Hall (formerly home to Morrow VFW Post 8202), 315 Second Street, Morrow, Ohio 45152. Our plan for this event is to feed 800+ community members, some of whom may not otherwise receive a “real” holiday meal.

Unfortunately, we do not have all of the resources necessary to host an event of this magnitude without the involvement of the community. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting donations from area businesses to help in this community project.

Regardless of whether it is a monetary donation, a gift card, or donation of time in the serving line, it will be greatly appreciated. Remember, your donation may be tax deductible! Please make checks payable to “Morrow Community Christmas Dinner,” Tax Identification Number 201221601112. Checks can be mailed to: Morrow Community Christmas Dinner · c/o Merilene Skaggs · 5180 Radford Drive · Morrow, Ohio 45152

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Merilene at 513.899.3480.

Orders being taken for Third Round of Pavers for the Morrow Veterans Memorial

Orders for the third of engraved 4” x 8” brick pavers are currently being accepted. As soon as enough paver orders are received, another order will be processed. 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 · Post Office Box 115 · Morrow, Ohio 45152

Morrow Veterans Memorial Park
Paver Order Form

Product: _____ Qty: _____
Paver Number: _____ City: Morrow, OH
Name: _____ Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Comments: _____
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If you have any questions concerning the Morrow Veterans Memorial Park, please call Bob Blankenship at (513) 678-4410.

Fort Ancient Restored Machinery Club (F.A.R.M. Club) Helps Little Miami Food Pantry

Each year on the weekend before Father's Day, the Fort Ancient Restored Machinery Club (F.A.R.M. Club) holds The Great Warren County Tractor Ride, also known as the Tractor Trek. The Tractor Trek is a charity tractor ride organized in 2010 by the F.A.R.M. Club. The purpose of the Tractor Trek is to raise funds for the various needs of Warren County. Past beneficiaries have included the Warren County Abuse Shelter and a youth program call Jump Start. The 2015 Tractor Trek beneficiary was the Little Miami Food Pantry. Thank you to the members of the Fort Ancient Restored Machinery Club and their various donors. For more information, please visit www.FARMClub.org.

Salem Township News

Salem/Morrow Fire Department Cadet Program

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

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

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

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

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

Anyone interested in becoming a cadet contact:

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

Join the TEAM! Make a change for the better!

Program Advisors

Lieutenant Richard Oeder, FF/EMT

Mike Belanger, FF/EMT

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 then help. This program is for residents that have chronic medical problems, elderly folks that live alone, persons with disabilities that would make it hard for them to let us in, and that live in our protection area. If you are not sure if you qualify, contact Chief 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.

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.

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. 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?

Morrow Area Historical Society News

History in Your Own Backyard Video Project

As you may have heard, we're partnering with History in Your Own Backyard to create a series of videos that capture the images and history of sites around Morrow. Our research is turning up little-known and fascinating information about the area and we're excited to share it with you! Once the videos are complete they will be available to all on History in Your Own Backyard's website and You Tube channel. You can go to those sites now to watch videos they've done of other communities in the area. We're within \$500 of our fundraising goal for this project so we still need your help. Please send your donation to the address below so we can share our fascinating local history with the community.

Morrow Area Historical Society

Post Office Box 189

Morrow, Ohio 45152

Thank you for your support!

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.

Become a Morrow Area Historical Society Member

Please consider being a member and volunteering. Our membership brochure is below or you can call 513.899.2821. We want Morrow area history to be alive!



South Lebanon Historical Society News

2015 Membership Drive

The Southlebanonhistoricalsociety.com is in the middle of our membership drive for 2015, and if you haven't yet joined or renewed, it's not too late to do so! Did you know: As a non-profit, all-volunteer organization, we rely on community support to continue our work. We have few sources of revenue--donations, memberships, Kroger Community Rewards, --but our primary sources of recurring revenue are Donations and Memberships.

Can we count on you? Joining or renewing your membership for the 2015 season is only \$15 for an individual, \$25 for a family, and easy! <http://www.southlebanonhistoricalsociety.com/2015-membership-link> You can do it all online via credit card or PayPal. Or, if you prefer, South Lebanon LCNB just tell them you want to make a deposit to the South Lebanon Historical Society and ask for a receipt for your taxes download the form and mail it in.

We are proud of how far we stretch donor dollars. We have small office, no paid staff, and meet or exceed all best-practice financial standards for nonprofits.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please click here to share them.

Sincerely,

Maryan Harrison, President

South Lebanon Historical Society, Inc. · www.southlebanonhistoricalsociety.com

South Lebanon Historical Society Monthly Meeting – December 15

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 located at 89 Section Street, South Lebanon, Ohio 45065. We occasionally have our meetings at historic homes throughout South Lebanon. All meetings are open to the public. Bring an appetizer to share along with articles, photos, ideas, etc. For more information, please visit the South Lebanon Historical Society's website at <http://www.southlebanonhistoricalsociety.com/>. Mark your Calendar for December 15th and plan to attend the South Lebanon Historical Societies Monthly meeting at 6:30 pm at 89 Section Street.

Warren County Historical Society News

Warren County Historical Society & Museum

Celebrating 75 Years of Service!

There is so much to see and do at the Warren County Historical Society. Whether you are 10 years old or 50 or 75, you will find something entertaining and educational here! From new exhibits in our three-story Warren

County History Center museum to special events, to holiday tours of Glendower Historic Mansion...we are always offering something to explore and enjoy. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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: (EXCEPT DECEMBER) WCHS Members: \$20 per lecture, Non-Members: \$22, paid registration required in advance--by the Saturday prior to the event. December Special Price: \$25 for Members and \$27 for Non-Members. Reserve online, by phone at 513-932-1817, or by mailing a check to the above address.

"A Christmas Carol" - Live Performances

When: **December 9, 2015, 11:30 AM (Lunch & Learn); Friday, December 11, 8:00 PM; Saturday, December 12, 3:00 PM**

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

Details: Experience Dickens' classic tale performed as a live 1930s style radio program, complete with live Foley sound effects and classic radio jingles. Cast included performers from the community as well as WCHS' John Zimkus.

Cost: December 11 & 12: Adults \$20, Children \$10. [Lunch & Learn \(click here for L & L tickets\)](#): \$27 members, \$25 non-members. Paid reservation required in advance for all performances. Order online or by calling 513-932-1817.

Gingerbread House Display at the Warren County History Center

When: **December 1-30, Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 am to 4 pm, Saturdays 10 am to 5 pm.**

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

Details: See the imaginative, whimsical, and heart-warming creations from our [Gingerbread House Contest](#) on display on the museum's central "Village Green," the heart of the museum where one can browse "shops" of downtown Lebanon c1880. On December 1, the first place winners will be moved to Glendower Historic Mansion's "Christmas at Glendower" (see below), but the rest of the entries will remain on display at the History Center through December 30

Cost: Nov 27 - 29 only--admission is FREE for the Gingerbread House Display; All other days (Tues-Sat regular admission is charged (\$7 Adults, \$6 Seniors, \$4 Students 5-18) and includes all museum exhibits.

Winning Gingerbread Houses on Display at Glendower Historic Mansion

When: **December 1-27, Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays, 1 pm-5pm.**

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

Details: See the gingerbread houses that took first place in the each category of our [Gingerbread House Contest](#). The wonderful creations will add their charm to "[Christmas at Glendower](#)," a yearly tradition when the historic mansion is professionally decorated and open for guided tours.

Cost: Includes mansion tour - \$8 Adults, \$7 Seniors, \$5 Students 5-18 (cash only, please).

Christmas at Glendower 2015

When: **December 4-December 27, 2015: Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

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

Details: Bring the whole family to enjoy a guided tour of this beautiful historic Greek-Revival mansion, which will be professionally decorated for the holidays. The theme this year is "Christmas Traditions." In addition, see the 1st place winners from our Gingerbread House Contest on display throughout the house.
Cost: Adults \$8, Seniors 65+ \$7, Students 5-18 \$5. Sorry, Cash Only

Zachariah Johnson 1898 Storyteller

When: **December 5, 2015, at 11:30 am, 2:30 pm, 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm**

Where: The Village Green at the Warren County History Center, 105 S. Broadway, Lebanon, OH.

Details: Stop by before or after the famous Horse Carriage Parade and experience the famous Lebanon citizen Zachariah Johnson, 1898 Storyteller, who will delight children and adults of all ages with Christmas stories of days gone by.

Cost: FREE!! Donations received during this event will benefit the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Warren County.

A Preference for Lace Wedding Gown & Lace Exhibit

When: **May 1, 2015 - December 23, 2015**

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

Details: The Warren County Historical Society has been collecting all manner of textiles throughout its 75 year history including quilts, needlework samplers, woven coverlets and hundreds of pieces of 19th and 20th century clothing from families all over Warren County. This exhibit showcases wedding dresses with beautiful lace details from the 1800s through 1980. Additionally, this exhibit includes displays of different types of lace that were available to past seamstresses. Featured are examples of bobbin lace, cutwork and needle lace, including both handmade and machine-made.

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

Lebanon Antique Show 2016

When: **January 16 & 17, 2016, Saturday 10 am to 5 pm, Sunday 11 am to 4 pm**

Where: Warren County Fairgrounds, 665 N. Broadway, Lebanon, OH 45036

Details: Antique dealers from far and wide offer high-quality American and Continental furnishings & decorative arts, textiles, jewelry, primitives, folk art, and fine art from the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. Delicious food available on site. Free parking!

Cost: \$8, good both days--proceeds benefit the Warren County Historical Society's mission to preserve and present the heritage of Warren County, Ohio.

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

2016 Old Post Office Flea Markets

When: **Friday 10-4, Saturday 10-5 on January 29 & 30, April 29 & 30, July 29 & 30, and September 23 & 24**

Where: Lebanon Conference & Banquet Center (Old Post Office), 121 S. Broadway, Lebanon, OH 45036

Details: Multiple vendors offer antiques, collectibles, books, decorative accessories, toys, and household goods at great prices!

Cost: Admission-FREE! Vendor Booth Space Rental: \$50. View or print a copy of the 2015 [Vendor Guidelines by clicking here.](#)

This event is a fundraiser for the Warren County Historical Society. For More Information, to donate goods, or to participate as a vendor, contact Warren County Historical Society 513-932-1817 wchs@wchsmuseum.org.

2016 Lebanon Quilt & Fabric Arts Show

The 34th annual Lebanon Quilt & Fabric Arts Show & Sale

Date: **March 4, 5 & 6, 2016**

Time: **Fri & Sat 10-5, Sun 11-4**

Where: The Warren County Fairgrounds, Under the Grandstand, 665 North Broadway, Lebanon, OH 45036
Details: Vendors from around the country will offer quilts, quilting & craft supplies, patterns, fabrics, vintage textiles, & more!

Special Exhibit: TBD

Admission: \$5 (Admission proceeds benefit the Warren County Historical Society's mission to preserve and present the history of Warren County, Ohio)

For More Information Warren County Historical Society 513-932-1817 wchs@wchsmuseum.org

American Treasures Productions americantreasurespro@gmail.com

For More Information, contact the Warren County Historical Society 513-932-1817 wchs@wchsmuseum.org

2016 Summer Gatherings at Glendower Historic Mansion

[Glendower Historic Mansion](#) offers a series of summer programs for children and adults featuring historic music, crafts, fashions and food. Parts of the programs are free to the public; others have a small admission charge. All of the programs are family friendly and designed to educate as well as entertain. Parking is free. The mansion is located at 105 Cincinnati Avenue, Lebanon, OH 45036.

June 25 & 26, 2016: "Reclaiming our Skills of Old" Stroll the lawns of Glendower and interact with crafts people at work (free). For an admission fee, tour the interior of Glendower and visit with more traditional crafts people. Saturday Noon to 5:00 PM, Sunday Noon to 4:00 PM.

August 20, 2016: "Tea at Glendower" - Join us for a traditional afternoon tea, tour Glendower's gardens and the mansion interior. Hours are Saturday, Noon to 5:00 PM. Details to follow.

September 24 & 25: Civil War Encampment - Ohio Valley Civil War Association returns for this annual event with canons, close order drill and Cavalry officers. All events on the lawn on free. Tour the mansion for an admission fee.

Admission for Interior Mansion Tours (Except on August 20) Cash Only, Please

\$7 for adults

\$6 for seniors age 65+

\$5 for students ages 5-18 years old

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

Lantern Light Cemetery Tour at Lebanon Cemetery

When: **September 9, 2016, 6:30 pm.**

Where: Lebanon Cemetery, West Silver Street, Lebanon, Ohio, meet at the front entrance.

Details: A Historical walking tour of the Lebanon Cemetery in Lebanon, Ohio. By lantern light, 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 and Vicky Van Harlingen, WCHS Director.

Cost: Paid reservation required. Space is limited! \$20 adults, \$10 Children. Reserve below or by calling 513-932-1817.

Old Lebanon Ghost Walk & Pub Crawl

When: **Saturday, October 1, 2016, 6:00 PM**

Mark your calendar and stay tuned for details! Call 513-932-1817 with any questions!

Morrow Area Church News

Celebrate Recovery at Fellowship of Praise – Each Thursday at 7:00 pm

Celebrate Recovery meets each Thursday at 7pm at Fellowship of Praise. Do you need a safe place to seek help for an addiction? Do you have a loved one you're concerned about? Join us. We offer unconditional love, support, and prayer. Come join us for Celebrate Recovery at Fellowship of Praise this Thursday at 7:00 pm. Fellowship of Praise is located at 8625 U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Clarksville, Ohio 45113. For more information, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/celebraterecoveryfop>.

“Meals for Morrow” Riversway Ministry, Feeding the Morrow Community – Dec. 12 & 26

Riversway Ministry recently began serving “Meals for Morrow.” Meals are served at the Old Train Depot on Main Street in Morrow, where people may eat at tables provided. Meals are provided at no cost to those in need every other Saturday from **12:00 pm – 1:30 pm**. Future meal dates are: **December 12 and 26**. 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 513.932.9678 or meloniemetz@embarqmail.com.

Church News and Event Information Needed!

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

Morrow Area Business News

Valley Vineyards 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.

“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 guests include:

Thursday, December 3: Steve Kilburn

Thursday, December 10: Dave Sams Band

Thursday, December 17: Lyn Payne Holland

Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve- Closed @ 5

Thursday, December 31: New Year’s Eve Cookout from 5-8:30

Big Tree Plantation - Where Christmas Memories Become Traditions

Listed by Cincinnati Magazine as a top 10 Christmas tradition for families.

Providing the Cincinnati area with great trees for over 25 years.

New for Christmas 2015

Due to popular demand...WE ARE OPENING A WEEK EARLY!

We will open our Christmas Tree Fields, our Pre-Cut Barn and our Gift Barn

New this year for the little ones...a three car train ride. Great fun and perfect for pictures.

Normal hours begin Friday 11/27 through Sunday 12/20 and late season hours from 12/21 through 12/23.

Winter Wonderland is back again this season. Your child can make a craft, visit animals, decorate a cookie and visit Santa. Winter Wonderland is open from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm on seven dates:

12/5, 12/6, 12/12 and 12/13

If You Have Not Visited Santa At Big Tree Plantation You Have Not Visited Santa!

Look for Hannah's Nut House

Open the first two weekends after Thanksgiving.

Between the Tree Barn and the Gift Barn sits last year's Big Addition.

Affectionately named Hannah's Nut House, you can pay for your Christmas Tree without going into the gift barn.

While you are in the Nut House you can purchase Roasted Almonds, Funnel Cakes, Nachos, Pretzels, Pop, Water and Cappuccino.

The Nut House is the perfect stop for those less interested in our Gift Barn and more interested in feeding Goats and Ducks.

Every year more and more customers come to our farm just to visit our Gift Barn!

Decorated Wreaths, Greenery, Beautiful Decorations, Gifts, Great Food and a KIDS SHOP just for little ones are just some of the reasons our Gift Barn is so popular.

Our courteous staff are ready to help personalize a special ornament or find just the right bow for your wreath.

Come see our painted tree and visit our life size Nativity.

Please check the Events and Specials page at www.bigtreeplantation.com for coupons as well as tree varieties, sizes and prices. Your well behaved dogs are always welcome when on a leash. For a complete listing of hours and events visit us at www.bigtreeplantation.com.

Every year we try to improve the experience of our customers. We listen to what you tell us you want and need to make your visit more enjoyable. We hope the Memories you create with your family at our farm during Christmas become your Traditions.

Last year we discovered a new way of managing our tree loading process. This process along with our new Nut House greatly reduced wait times and improved our accuracy to a success rate greater than 99.99%. As great as that is and as crazy as it might sound we have tweaked that system in pursuit of the year we accomplish a 100% success rate.

Pursuing better service and higher quality is just one small way we attempt to honor Jesus all year. After all...He is the reason we celebrate this time of year. We pray that for a couple of hours while you visit our farm that the "craziness" of this world will subside and you enjoy peace and laughter with your family.

Thank you for supporting our business and celebrating Christmas.

You & Me Dance Studio Holiday Open House - December 11

You & Me Dance Studio will be hosting a HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE on **Friday, December 11, 2015, from 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm!** Bring a guest or a dish to share! In addition to the group class lesson and dancing, attendees can participate in a \$5 gift exchange and everyone will be entered to win some amazing door prizes! It is guaranteed to be a fun holiday event! Contact the studio for more information! 513-970-0020.

You & Me Dance Studio is a non-profit organization focused on social ballroom and Latin dance instruction for people of all ages (adults and children). Group classes are held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings. Private lessons are available by appointment. New students and walk-ins are welcome! Specialized wedding dance programs and youth dance lessons are available! To find out more information about the new local dance studio, visit their website or "like" them on Facebook!

You & Me Dance Studio · 357 East Pike Street · Morrow, Ohio 45152

(513) 970-0020 · www.youandme.dance · www.facebook.com/youandmedancestudio

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!](#)

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.

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? You may wish to consider are the Morrow Masonic Lodge No. 265, which offers the perfect setting for your special event. For more information, please contact Paul at 513.850.5788.

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.

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 - Doctor and Dentist Offices
 - Walk-In Medical Centers
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- Great References Available
- Lifetime Warranties on Our Workmanship

Call Steve Emmons today for your free estimate at 513.472.9074.

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

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

Viox Excavating 6-Month Reminder

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

Diverting Your Septic System Instructions

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

Additional Reminders

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

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

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

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

Thanks,

The Viox Excavating Team

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Marks Xpress Trucking & Hauling, LLC

Marks Xpress Trucking & Hauling, LLC is a Woman Owned Small Business provider of Transportation and Logistics Solutions. We are a family owned and operated company that makes a commitment to treat customers like family. Our company is staffed by a group of dedicated transportation and logistics specialists that strive to solve our customers' needs. Our drivers and dispatchers operate by our company motto of "Safety. On time. Every Time." We look forward to serving your future needs! Flatbed hotshots 33' and 35' trailers, 10,000 lbs. capacity. For more information, please contact Marks Xpress Trucking & Hauling, LLC, 3381 Cornstalk Road, Waynesville, Ohio 45068, at 937.974.6327 or cwarego@aol.com for all your hauling needs.

J & D Services

If you find yourself in need of an honest, trustworthy and reliable tree maintenance firm, please contact J & D Services at 614.804.2378 or jdtree123@gmail.com. Headquartered in Waynesville, J & D Services covers all of southwest Ohio. J & D Services will beat any reasonable estimate by 5%! Call today for your free estimate. J & D Services "A Cut Above the Rest."

Hawk Associates Insurance

Hawk Associates Insurance provides personal, commercial, and industrial lines of insurance to meet all of your insurance needs. Hawk Associates is a company focused on your security and peace of mind while dedicated to building and prospering the local community.

Hawk Associates Insurance would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss your insurance needs. Hawk Associates is a young independent insurance agency offering Erie Insurance's fine business and commercial products that are competitively priced and top-rated.

In 2015, Hawk Associates established the Little Miami Scholarship Fund, which is financed with 10% of Hawk Associates' annual company profits and benefit drives and is managed by The Hawk Foundation. The Hawk Foundation presented their first scholarship this year and hopes to grow the Foundation into an organization that presents multiple scholarships annually. Your business is a pillar of the local community, which is why they are asking you to join in their efforts.

Please contact Hawk Associates Insurance with any questions about your insurance needs at 513.258.2596 or hawkassociates@outlook.com. Request an insurance quote for your chance to win \$1,000 cash. Hawk Associates Insurance is located at 426 West Pike Street, Suite B, Morrow, Ohio 45152. Hawk Associates Insurance can also be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HawkInsurance.

Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce News

Little Miami Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Christmas Dinner – December 8

There is a lot to celebrate this holiday season for many in the area – a good year for your business or organization, and annual event that went off tremendously, personal milestones that were reached. We will not have a regularly scheduled chamber meeting tomorrow, but, hope you will join us next Tuesday instead.

The Little Miami Area Chamber would like you and your guests to join us as we celebrate this Christmas season at Valley Vineyards. Here's your opportunity to enjoy a nice evening with friends, family, colleagues and others from the Little Miami and surrounding area at one of the area's best attractions – Valley Vineyards. If it's been a while since you were there it's time to come back, sample the new wines and beers, grab your steak or salmon and head to the grills!

Yes, we like this place and what a great location for chamber meetings!

We will have entertainment and prizes too. It's not too late, if you or your organization would like to donate an item or gift certificate to award please contact us at info@littlemiamiareachamber.com.

Please join us next Tuesday, December 8th, 2015
From 6-9 PM at

Valley Vineyards
2276 East US 22&3
Morrow, Ohio 45152

Hors d'oeuvres from 6-7 PM with dinner at 7PM

Please call Peoples First Savings Bank at 513-899-2040 or to info@littlemiamiareachamber.com to RSVP and tell us whether you want steak or salmon for dinner.

Cost per person this year is only \$25.00

There will be no chamber meeting tomorrow, Thursday, December 3rd.

Salem Township Public Library News

Adult Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, January 5, 6:30-8:00 pm

Join a lively discussion group of book lovers and get in on the fun! Adults are welcome to sign up to attend monthly book discussions, which take place the first Tuesday evening of each month from 6:30-8:00 pm. The group discusses a different book each month, which can be picked up at the library. Interested participants can stop in to pick up the next book.

January 5: *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline

February 2: *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin

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You can use your device to download and enjoy thousands of free eBooks, Audiobooks, Magazines, 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.

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

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Little Miami Local School District News

Stay up-to-date on LMHS news

The staff at Little Miami High School is making it easier than ever to stay informed on events and activities. Check out [Principal Cathy Trevathan's blog](#), the [Guidance Counselor's blog](#) and follow LMHS on Twitter (@LittleMiamiHS).

Warren County Career Center News

Veterans Day A Time to Appreciate Our Freedom

Over 250 veterans attended the Warren County Career Center's annual Veteran's Day Breakfast on Nov. 11. The breakfast was prepared and served by WCCC Culinary Arts students, a video was produced by Digital Design students, posters were on display that were created by Graphic Arts students, and Criminal Justice students and the WCCC Student Ambassadors greeted veterans and assisted with access, seating and any other needs. Read more [HERE](#). See photos of the event [HERE](#).

Upcoming Open House Dec. 10, Mark Your Calendar!

The annual WCCC Open House will be held **Thursday, Dec. 10, 4:30-7 p.m.** The community is welcome, and sophomores and their parents are encouraged to attend to explore high school options. Adult Education will also be featured that evening at the Main Campus in Lebanon, and also at the BIT Academy in Kings Mills and the Greentree Health Science Academy in Middletown. More information [HERE](#). See our video commercial at right!

John Sullivan Named WCCC Coordinator of the Year

Congratulations to John Sullivan, Heavy Equipment/Electrical Power Line Mechanic coordinator, on being selected as the WCCC Adult Education Coordinator/Instructor of the Year. John was one of several nominees for this award which was established by our Board of Education in 2014 in collaboration with the Area Progress Council of Warren County as a way to acknowledge our adult education staff. The selection committee was comprised of representatives from area Chambers of Commerce and county officials. John was recognized at the Area Progress Council's annual meeting in October. Read more [HERE](#).

Louise Hayes Recognized at National ACTE Conference

Adult Education Student Services Coordinator Louise Hayes was recognized recently with the Association for Career and Technical Education Region 1 Career Guidance Award for 2015 at the ACTE national conference. She is shown here with Chet Wichowski, ACTE Region 1 Awards Chairman, and Dave Keaton, Region 1 Vice President. ACTE's Region 1 encompasses 14 states in the northeastern U. S.

WCCC Facilities Committee Begins Work

The WCCC Facilities Committee, comprised of community business leaders in the fields of finance, construction and education, has begun its work of meeting to learn more about WCCC facility needs. Pictured at right, WCCC alumnus Kyle Hurtt tours the facility and stands in his former lab, Electricity, as a part of the committee work. Kyle works in the electrical/HVAC field and teaches for the local electrician's union apprenticeship program. Read more [HERE](#).

Valued Business Partners for First Quarter Thanked

WCCC recognizes Valued Business Partners each month, in appreciation of the partnership between education and industry to promote student success. September's VBP is LPK, nominated by the Kings High School WCCC Digital Media Arts satellite. October's VBP is Fecon, nominated by the Welding program, and November's VBP is Dayton Sports Medicine, nominated by the Criminal Justice program. The Valued Business Partners were thanked at a luncheon in their honor, in which WCCC Culinary students plan, prepare, and serve the meal. At right, Fecon staff tour the Welding lab after the luncheon. Read more [HERE](#).

Spotlight on Success: 2015 Valedictorian on Track To Her Future as RN

Callie Blackmore chose to attend the Warren County Career Center in her junior and senior years of high school to get a jump start on a career in nursing. Six months later, Callie is earning A's and B's in her freshman nursing courses at Wright State University, attending on a full ride four-year scholarship she earned as the 2015 WCCC Valedictorian.

"I chose the Health Science program at the Career Center, and it allowed me to get most of my college prerequisites out of the way in high school," she said. "Taking courses such as Anatomy and Medical Terminology in high school put me a step ahead, and earning my State Tested Nursing Assistant certification at the Career Center has definitely helped me because it was needed for my college program and counted for college credit. Read more [HERE](#).

Upcoming Events This Fall, Mark Your Calendar!

- **Open House Thursday, Dec. 10, 4:30-7 p.m.** Community welcome, sophomores and their parents encouraged to attend.

Little Miami Athletic Boosters Club News

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.

Warren County Convention & Visitors Bureau News

[Get the inside scoop!](#)

What's all the buzz about Warren County? Learn more about popular attractions and uncover some of Southwest Ohio's best kept secrets on *Stories from the Playground*, the official blog of Ohio's Largest Playground. Don't miss this month's post on five of our must-stop shops!

[\[Read up! \]](#)

[Small shops – BIG FUN!](#)

Small Business Saturday is November 28! Join us as we celebrate the unique, locally owned stores that make Warren County's shopping scene second-to-none! Stock up for your holiday haul along the festively decorated streets of Historic Downtown Lebanon. Dig up that perfect treasure or trinket in the antique capital of the Midwest--the Village of Waynesville. Treat that special someone to a homemade sweet from one of our local candy shops. No matter what's on your list, you're sure to find big time fun in the small town shops of Ohio's Largest Playground!

[\[Plan your shopping spree today! \]](#)

[The Live it Like a Local Sweepstakes](#)

You could fill your bags—and your belly—for FREE at a few of our local favorites! Enter below for your shot at winning our Live it Like a Local Sweepstakes! One lucky winner will receive:

- (1) One-night stay at the Kirkwood Inn
- (1) \$50 gift card to Wildflower Café & Coffeehouse
- (1) \$25 gift card to Main Street Sweets
- (1) \$25 gift card to Cobblestone Village Café

[\[Enter today! \]](#)

Friends of the Little Miami State Park News

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.

Trail Closings & Alerts: Peters Cartridge Factory Soil Remediation

The Little Miami Trail remains **closed intermittently on weekdays** near Grandin Road (mile marker 35.0 - 35.5) through November 20. Work activities related to the Peters Cartridge Factory site soil remediation project necessitate closures on certain days, depending on weather, between 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The trail will be open on weekends. Do not attempt to enter the area when the gates are closed. The trail parking lot at Grandin Rd. is also currently closed, but may reopen soon. Please call the 24/7 hotline for Peters trail closures for ongoing daily updated information: 513-552-7030.

What Can YOU Do in an Hour?

- Plant 5 trees
- Refinish a table with a friend
- Pick up litter
- Write an article
- Stain a kiosk
- Clean brush from a bridge
- Take a dozen photos
- Clean 5 signs
- Clear a culvert pipe

If even a quarter of the thousands who enjoy our trail would give back just one hour to help maintain it, that would be enough. As FLMSP board member Paul always says, "ANY help is GOOD help." Please send an email with your contact information and how you would like to give your ONE HOUR to volunteer@flmsp.org.

Ongoing Volunteer Needs

- Help with regular maintenance on a trail section near you
- Tow the FLMSP blower to clear the trail of leaves and debris
- Publicize FLMSP at community events; we'll provide materials
- Help manage trail counters and their data files
- Write for our newsletter
- Provide photos of trail users (especially families) for our website

To respond to these needs or learn about other needs, please visit our [Volunteer webpage](#).

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

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.

Enjoy a Healthy Lunch at the Earl J. Maag Center

Are you tired of always eating alone? Is cooking becoming too much work? Are you looking for somewhere else to eat? Would you like to meet new friends and enjoy stimulating conversation? Are you finding it hard to make ends meet? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, then you may not be living as healthy as you can. Recent studies have shown that seniors who are live alone are at high risk for malnourishment and for dehydration.

"Five days a week, fresh, nutritious meals are cooked in the WCCS 741 Center kitchen. Lunch is a special time of day and we try to make it even more so. Sometimes the WCCS lunch is that person's only full meal of the day. You can find a healthy, delicious meal at the Earl J. Maag Center, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152," says Mary Catherine Faller, MS, RD, LD, Manager of WCCS' Nutrition Services. Lunch with two menu options is served at 12:00 pm (noon) every Monday-Friday. Find the daily menus online at www.wccsi.org.

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

Business News

Self-employed? Get Ready for Open Enrollment for 2016 – December 15 Deadline

It's time to get covered. Open Enrollment for 2016 coverage starts on November 1 and runs through January 31. HealthCare.gov is working for millions of Americans and it's ready to help even more get covered. The deadline is December 15 to sign up for coverage that starts on January 1, 2016. If you want to start the New Year with coverage, you must sign up by December 15. For people who enroll after December 15, coverage will begin on February 1. Financial assistance is available. Most people who enroll in health coverage through HealthCare.gov qualify for financial help to make their monthly premiums more affordable. Over 7 out of 10 people can find a health insurance plan for as little as \$50 or less per month. Visit HealthCare.gov to learn more. Marketplace call center representatives are also available to help all day, every day at 1-800-318-2596. TTY users should call 1-855-889-4325. For free in-person help in your community, visit: Localhelp.healthcare.gov. Source: SBA.gov

Incumbent Training for Advanced Manufacturing Now Available

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

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

Flexible Training

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

maximum flexibility, each skill is taught in a separate module, and can be taken individually or in combination with other training. For specific details of each module, and to participate, please [e-mail](#) Matt Schnipke.

Partnering Organizations

This effort would not be possible without collaboration from multiple sources including the Warren County Small Business Development Alliance, the Warren County Chamber Alliance, and the Warren County Port Authority. With the help of these participating organizations, WIIN hopes to deliver a quality training opportunity at a reduced cost to employers.

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

Women's Business Center of Ohio December Training Calendar

What the Healthcare Law Means for your Small Business - Thursday, December 10th, 2:30PM-3:00PM

SBA, the Department of Health Human and Services, and Small Business Majority have teamed up for a free webinar series where small employers can learn the basics of the Affordable Care Act and what it means for their organization and employees. Topics covered include the Small Business Health Care Tax Credit, the new Health Insurance Marketplace, and Employer Shared Responsibility and new employer reporting requirements. This webinar is free and open to all.

What You Need to Know to get Your Business Funded - Thursday, December 17th, 4:00PM-6:00PM

In partnership with Dames Bond LLC, you are invited to attend the Thrive Series with presenter Ellen Harvey, Director of The Women's Business Center of Ohio. Maybe you finally have a polished business plan or you've finally officially open for business. Whether you are looking to obtain start-up capital or looking to expand your business, funding is absolutely crucial. During this session, you will walk away with knowledge on what loan officers look for when reviewing your loan application for funding, the strength of your credit analysis and business plan, and alternative funding opportunities for unbanked businesses. This class is free and open to all.

WBC Holiday Bazaar - Saturday, December 19th, 10:00AM-3:00PM

Get your last minute holiday gifts in supporting the WBC! Bring a New hat, scarf, or pair of warm gloves for a child 3-12 and receive a 10% discount on a single item from a vendor of your choice. Donated items will go to support the children and families of St. Stephen's Community House. See the attached [flyer](#) for details.

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

News You Can Use

Medicare Open Enrollment Ends on December 7

Open Enrollment is the one time of year when ALL people with Medicare can see what new benefits options Medicare has to offer. It is also the time when a Medicare beneficiary can make changes to their coverage for the following year. It's always a good idea to explore your options, even if your health needs haven't changed. Use the [Plan Finder tool on Medicare.gov](#) to get started. And don't forget, Medicare Open Enrollment ends on December 7th!

Source: USA.gov

Additional Inflation Adjusted Tax Limits

A couple of months ago ([TTW # 322](#)) we took a look at some of the inflation adjusted limits you will see when filing your 2016 taxes. The IRS recently issued the following announcement:

The IRS has announced additional annual inflation adjustments for more than 50 tax provisions for 2016, including the tax rate schedules and other tax changes.

[Revenue Procedure 2015-53](#) provides details about these annual adjustments, including:

For tax year 2016 participants who have self-only coverage in a Medical Savings Account, the plan must have an annual deductible that is not less than \$2,250, up from \$2,200 for tax year 2015, but not more than \$3,350, up from \$3,300 for tax year 2015.

For self-only coverage the maximum out-of-pocket expense amount remains at \$4,450. For tax year 2016 participants with family coverage, the floor for the annual deductible remains at \$4,450; the deductible cannot be more than \$6,700, up \$50 from the limit for tax year 2015. For family coverage, the out-of-pocket expense limit remains at \$8,150.

Among other new limits:

- The AGI amount used by joint filers to determine the reduction in the Lifetime Learning Credit is \$111,000, up from \$110,000 for tax year 2015.
- The foreign earned income exclusion is \$101,300, up from \$100,800.
- Estates of decedents who die during 2016 have a basic exclusion amount of \$5.45 million, up from a total of \$5.43 million for estates of decedents who died in 2015.

We'll keep you posted on other changes as they occur.

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

Source: Bradstreet & Co. CPA's Tax Tip of the Week | December 2, 2015 | No. 331

Diabetes - Your Questions Answered

The [#YesSalud](#) campaign has aimed to educate and empower people with or affected by diabetes.

This Thursday, join certified diabetes educators and nutritionist experts for a live broadcast who will answer questions and share information related to common myths and lifestyle misconceptions.

You can participate by:

1. Sending us your questions directly and anonymously via [this questionnaire](#). We will try to answer all questions and share a recap of the answers we were unable to cover.
2. Tuning into the [live broadcast](#) on December 3rd at 4 PM ET.
3. Checking out all of [the resources](#) we're sharing this month on this topic.

For other health-related topics, visit us at USA.gov.

Source: USA.gov

Domestic Violence: Get Help | Get Involved

[Domestic violence](#) does affect people of all backgrounds and ages. If you are a victim of domestic violence, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-787-3224. If you're interested in raising awareness, there are several [ways to get involved](#).

Source: USA.gov

Start Talking to Your Kids about Drugs!

"Start Talking!" Ohio's drug prevention initiative. Research show children are up to 50% less likely to use drugs when their parents or other trusted adults talk with them about drug use. Help get the conversation started in two easy steps:

1. Share these "10 Tips for Talking to Kids about Drugs"
 - a. Talk frequently
 - b. Show interest
 - c. Be careful what you say
 - d. Be careful how you say it
 - e. Know the facts about drugs, alcohol, and tobacco
 - f. Be respectful and genuine
 - g. They talk, you listen
 - h. Scare tactics don't work
 - i. Control your emotions
 - j. Take advantage of teachable moments
2. Sign up for free, bi-weekly emails to help raise drug-free kids at StartTalking.Ohio.gov/Programming/Know.

Source: Governor Kasich's Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives

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

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Humane Association of Warren County Animal Shelter & Adoption Center

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Friends of the Little Miami State Park is in Need of Volunteers!

We need one or more people to:

- Help with trail maintenance on their favorite stretch of trail.
- Tow the FLMSP Blower to clear various trail sections of leaves & debris.
- Monitor our message service and refer issues to the appropriate resources
- Write grant applications
- Meet & Greet trail users to expand our TrailMail distribution & membership
- Provide accounting help to our non-profit group
- Provide civil engineering assistance - especially with stormwater drainage issues
- Operate chainsaws and help clean up trees & limbs following storms
- Help manage the trail counters and their data files.
- Help repair board fences

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: Municipal Forestry Intern Program (SMA Intern) – Summer 2016

The Society of Municipal Arborists (SMA), in conjunction with the USDA Forest Service (USDA-FS) Urban and Community

Forestry (U&CF) Program, the Alliance for Community Trees, the Arbor Day Foundation, the Society of American

Foresters, and the Utility Arborist Association, is launching the sixth year of a Municipal Forestry Intern Program (SMA Intern). Positions are available nationwide for the Summer 2016 Internship Program.

Purpose of the Internship

To provide hands-on experience alongside practicing professionals who will serve as mentors in the municipal, utility, and non-profit sectors over the internship period, helping student to identify and develop the skills needed to be successful professionals in urban forestry positions in these employment sectors.

Who is Eligible?

Undergraduate and Graduate students interested in a career in Urban Forestry and Natural Resources, who want a broad-based internship experience.

Each student will be provided:

- Housing stipend (\$1,200)
- Registration and \$300 travel scholarship to attend the Fall 2016 Annual SMA Conference
- An hourly wage of \$12 for 10 weeks (40 hours/week)
- The opportunity to enhance professional networks with past SMA Interns and industry professionals.

Deadline to Apply:

5:00 pm (EST) Thursday, March 1, 2016

Scan & Send Application via email to:

Aldridge.nicole@gmail.com Subject: SMA Internship

To Download Application and For More Information:

www.urban-forestry.com

- Help plant new trees

To volunteer or to learn more, contact [Don Mills](#) and tell us what area of the trail you'd like to work on.

Calendar of Events

Now – **“A Preference for Lace” Exhibit at Warren County History Museum**

December 23: Warren County History Center, 105 South Broadway, Lebanon, Ohio 45036

For more information, please call 513.932.1817 or visit www.wchsmuseum.org

December 2: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**

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

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

December 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 3: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm **"It's Just Wine, Beer & Music" at Valley Vineyards**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html> or call 513.899.2485

December 4-6: 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 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 9: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231

December 10: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm **"It's Just Wine, Beer & Music" at Valley Vineyards**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html> or call 513.899.2485

December 11-13: 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 16: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231

December 17: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm **"It's Just Wine, Beer & Music" at Valley Vineyards**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html> or call 513.899.2485

December 18-20: 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 23: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**
Earl J. Maag Retirement Community, 124 Pamela Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please call the Earl J. Maag Retirement Community at 513.582.7231

December 24: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm **"It's Just Wine, Beer & Music" at Valley Vineyards**
Valley Vineyards, 2276 East U. S. Route 22 & State Route 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152
For more information, please visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html> or call 513.899.2485

December 25: **Merry Christmas!** – Village of Morrow Offices Closed

December 26-27: 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 30: 1:00 pm **Wednesday Afternoon Bingo at Earl J. Maag Center**

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

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

December 31: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm **“It’s Just Wine, Beer & Music” at Valley Vineyards**

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

For more information, please visit <http://www.valleyvineyards.com/events.html> or call 513.899.2485

January 1: **New Year’s Day** – 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 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 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/>

CHANGE IN COURT DATES DUES TO HOLIDAYS:

December Court Date: 5:00 pm Thursday, December 10, 2015

January Court Dates: 5:00 pm Wednesday, January 6 & 20, 2016

Morrow Neighborhood Watch

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

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

Morrow Parks & Recreation Board

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

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

Morrow Tree Board

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

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

Morrow Planning Commission

Meets 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 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 pm, 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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