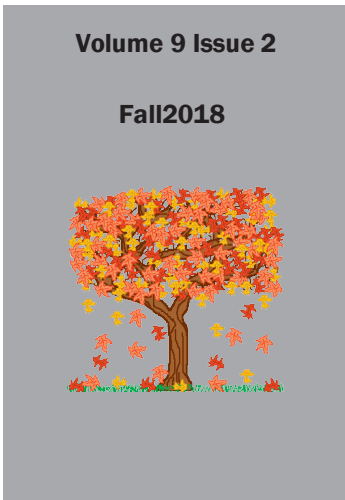


Milford Township News



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Important Dates

- Sept 7/8: Darrrtown Fall Festival
- Oct 14: 175th Anniversary at Somerville Community Church, 2pm. All welcome!
- March 11: Collinsville Livestock Protection Assoc Dinner
- April 6: Milford Twp Fire Assoc Spaghetti Dinner!

About this Newsletter Brad Mills, Trustee

With the end of summer, there are some great events to begin adding to your calendar. Please find time to attend the **Darrrtown Fall Festival on September 7 and 8, the Somerville Community Church 175th Anniversary on Oct 14 (2pm)**, and looking ahead, there is the **Milford Twp Fire Association Spaghetti Dinner on April 6th!**

This mailing owes a ton to Henry Sester and his company, Ket-Moy Printing (www.ketmoy.com). Henry puts the Township first, as he publishes this newsletter at a large discount. **We are also grateful to be supported (see ads inside) by some great local businesses; Realtor Tammy Thome and Butterfield Farm Market.**

If you would like to see past newsletters, contribute or add an important event, then please call Brad Mills at 907-6793, email bradmills21@gmail.com, or visit www.milfordtownship.net.

Fire Report Milford Township Fire Association

The department has placed three 2018 GMC Brush trucks in service this spring, replacing three trucks that were all over 20 years old. The oldest was a 1983 Toyota pickup. The new trucks have a larger capacity for water (200 gallons each!), and will serve the township for many years.

Save April 6th, 2019 for the annual fire department Spaghetti Dinner. It has turned into not only a dinner, but a community social event, with people meeting old friends and making new ones.

We will be running two raffles this year to raise money for the department. The first is a three gun raffle! The guns are a Henry Fireman's Tribute Edition, Kel Tec KSG 12 Gauge, and a MIL Sport AR-15 with Hunter Optic. The first ticket drawn will get the first choice of the three guns. Second, you will get choice of the remaining two, and third will get the remaining gun. The second raffle is for your choice of a Stihl Leaf Blower, a Chainsaw, or a Weed Eater. Second place receives \$100, and third place receives \$50. Tickets can be purchased from any Milford Township Fireman or at Dunkelberger's Lawn & Garden in Collinsville. All proceeds from the raffles go to purchase educational supplies and equipment for the department.

We will be set up at the Bogan School carnival September 15. The Fire truck, along with free giveaways, will be there! We hope to see everyone there!

This fall, remember to have your chimneys checked and put new batteries in your Smoke and CO Detectors. Each year we respond to chimney fires that may be avoided with preventative maintenance.

We are still collecting aluminum cans. There are white barrels at each of our three fire stations. We would like to thank all that are helping, and encourage those who are not, to consider starting. This helps your fire department and the environment.

We are always looking for people to join the Fire Department. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, rotating between the three stations. If you are interested or wondering what it would take to join, contact any fireman or just stop by one of the meetings.

What Happens When I Do Not Want to Mow My Ditch Anymore?

Tiling Ditches, Teresa Barnes, P.E.

Many roads within the rural areas of Butler County were designed and constructed to account for roadway drainage within an open ditch or swale along the roadside. These ditches or swales can vary greatly in size from a small depression to a ditch that is several feet in depth. Some of the ditches or swales can be easily mowed with a lawn mower – others cannot be so easily maintained. While the county or township will perform maintenance on these swales or ditches when drainage issues occur, when typical yard maintenance becomes an issue, many property owners consider placing a pipe or tile within the swale or ditch. Should a property owner desire to “pipe the frontage” of their property, there are a few things to consider:



1. A right-of-way permit is REQUIRED to be obtained from the Butler County Engineers Office (BCEO). BCEO will inspect the area and provide detailed information on what size pipe must be used and what additional work (if any) needs to be completed.
2. The work is then completed by the property owner or contractor and a final inspection is performed by BCEO.
3. Once the frontage is piped, the maintenance of the area falls to the private property owner.

As previously stated – should drainage issues occur with an open ditch or swale, the county or township are responsible for maintenance of the area within the right-of-way of the road. Once a private property owner has chosen to “pipe the frontage” – then, should there be issues with the drainage of the area, the pipe have issues, or any work need to be completed, the responsibility for that maintenance now belongs to the private property owner to complete the work. Again, a right-of-way permit will be required for any work performed within the right-of-way of the road.

Should you have any questions; please feel free to contact me either by telephone at 513-785-4142 or by email at barnest@bceo.org

Butler County Auditor, David Brown, Deputy Auditor

Auditor Reynolds Pushing for Fuel Quality Testing

Butler County Auditor Roger Reynolds believes it's well past time that fuel quality testing be implemented in Ohio, as it has been in 47 other states. Even though the state Legislature allowed the Department of Agriculture to establish a uniform, statewide testing program in 2007, it was never funded nor staffed and consequently never happened.

Auditor Reynolds is seeking legislation that would allow county auditors in the state to test motor fuel for water, sediment and octane level. No state money would be needed.

In an effort to help demonstrate the need for this testing, Reynolds is asking citizens who believe they have received bad fuel to complete and email the Motor Vehicle Fuel Quality Complaint Form on the Auditor's web site (www.butlercountyauditor.org) or call the office at (513) 785-4130.

The complaints received will be documented and sent to Butler County legislators. This is an important consumer protection issue. The more examples we can share with our elected officials in Columbus the more likely it will be for effective legislation to pass.

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Darrtown Fall Festival, Fred Lindley

The Darrtown Fall Festival, which annually occurs on the second weekend in September, has a new format. This year, the festival runs from **4 to 11 PM, Friday, September 7** and from **9 AM to 11 PM, Saturday, September 8**.

Musical entertainment will be provided by a **half-dozen bands**. Nationally recognized **Ryan Broshear** will return to his Butler County roots to perform Saturday night. Local favorite **90 Proof Twang** will make its first appearance in Darrtown, on Friday night. Other local groups include **Four Mile Creek, Moonshine Ridge, Cross My Fingers, and the Worley Boys**.

Appetizing food and thirst-quenching drinks will be available! Selections range from the Darrtown Lutheran Church **German beer garden, Flub's ice cream, and Kettle Nation's kettle corn**.

Car enthusiasts will enjoy the **classic car cruise-in** that is slated for Friday afternoon and evening. Tractor lovers will have plenty to see at the huge **antique tractor show** that is scheduled for all day Saturday.

A unique and exciting **"Rat Game"** will make its first appearance at the festival. This is a low-stakes game of chance that is fun for all ages.

Craft and antique fans will have much to see and buy from the wares displayed by **dozens of vendors** on Friday night and throughout Saturday.

Saturday activities begin in the village square at 9 AM, with the **"Tombstone Trail"** walk – to and from the cemetery. At 10 AM, the annual **parade through the village** kicks off. Other Saturday activities include the women's **"skillet toss,"** the men's **"tractor tire flip," Kids' Zone, and corn hole tournament**. A **Darrtown Memories exhibit**, featuring Darrtown history, on display Saturday from noon to 5.



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The Darrtown Memorial Association Sandy Ward Jolivette

Sunday, May 27, 2018, **The Darrtown Memorial Assoc** proudly observed our **120th Annual Service** at the Darrtown Cemetery!

Our program was enthusiastically received and we want to publicly thank those that helped make this 120th event memorable. **The Methodist Men's Choir (Blaine Beckemeier, Jim Leyrer, Tom Agee, Chris Jordan, Chris Trumbull and Roger Drake)** shared their Acapella voices with song, singing God Bless America and Amazing Grace. **Reverend Chris Trumbull**, The Darrtown United Methodist Church, graciously provided our Invocation and Benediction. Our Flag Ceremony was presented by the **Butler County Sheriff's Honor Guard (DC/CO Paul Weddle, DS/CO Anthony Roberts, DS Brittney Meek, DS Mitch Wells, and DS Evan DePew)**. The **Milford Mini Farmers 4-H Club and Supervisors Toni and Jeff Schwab** presented a *"Memorial Day Tribute to the Past and Future"*. We were fortunate to have as our speaker, **Allan Winkler, Professor Emeritus, Miami History Department** who spoke on *"Twentieth Century American Wars"*. The service ended with all joining in the singing of "Taps".

We would also like to acknowledge **Darrtown's United Methodist Church** and **St. Matthew Lutheran Church** for their contribution of homemade cookies. **Ethan Evans** who donated a new sound system to DMA, the **Milford Township Fire Department, Shawn Gallagher** and **Jim Meador, Randy Couch, RAC Graphics** for our signs and **Bethart Printing** who prints our programs.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite anyone interested in joining **The Darrtown Memorial Association** to attend our next meeting **Monday, September 17, 2018 at the Darrtown United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m.** to help us plan our upcoming **121st Annual Service**. We are always looking for enthusiast individuals to join and help in the planning of our annual service. Members of **The Darrtown Memorial Association: Mark Habel-Chair, Sandy Ward Jolivette-Secretary, Mollie Hansel-Treasurer, Sharon Blalock, Rebecca Evans, Donna Gallagher, Paul Gillespie, Myra Krauth, and Carolyn Russell**.

This year's program was dedicated to **Marna Evans**, who celebrated her 92nd birthday on May 15, 2018. **Marna** has been an avid supporter contributing much time and effort on behalf of Veterans and this Memorial Day event. She retired from the Darrtown Memorial Association committee on her 90th birthday. We want to thank **Marna** for her countless years of dedication and faithful service for continuing this long time tradition and her contributions to this community. **Thank You Marna!**

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Meeting Times

The Township Trustees meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are held in the Township Maintenance Bldg.

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Russell McMillian Tribute

Your Township Trustee, Russ McMillian, passed away on February 16. I cannot do justice to his positive impact on Milford Township in this newsletter, but I will try. Russ was born on May 19, 1945, graduated from Talawanda with the class of 1963, and married Ginny on August 28, 1965. He is survived by Ginny, and his three children, Karen, Tim, and Becky. Russ was a Trustee for 38 years. In addition, he was a farmer, letter carrier, and bus driver for Talawanda Schools.

Many, many, residents were positively impacted by Russ. In my personal experience, he was the favorite bus driver of my children, and probably yours! He had a great sense of humor and definitely put others before himself. He was a great Trustee, and his wisdom and experience will be sorely missed; however, he will still be at our meetings, as his influence will continue on.



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