

# Milford Township News

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### Important Dates

- *March 23: Darrtown Bicentennial Fundraiser—Community Center*
- *April 13: Milford Twp Fire Assoc Spaghetti Dinner—Comm Center*
- *May 4: Somerville Fire Dept Chicken Dinner*
- *June 1: Somerville Homecoming*
- *August, Fire Department Open House (Collinsville)*

## About this Newsletter Brad Mills, Trustee

As I was editing this newsletter, I noticed that there are a lot of great events planned in Milford Township this Spring. Beginning with the Darrtown Bicentennial Committee’s fundraiser on March 23, a fundraiser for the Milford Twp Fire Association on April 13, and then the Somerville Fire Association on May 4. If you have never been to events from these community groups, then please mark your calendars! They aren’t just fundraisers, as they include great food, good conversation with neighbors, raffles (where many families come away winners), and even card playing and bingo! I look forward to the night out with my family, knowing that we will have a fun time and the money spent goes right to volunteer fire departments and an excellent Bicentennial planned for July 2014.

As always, this mailing owes a debt of gratitude to Henry Sester and his company, Ket-Moy Printing ([www.ket-moy.com](http://www.ket-moy.com)). Henry continues to put 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; B & M Landscaping, Brubaker Grain, Rich Excavating, and Ket-Moy Printing.** We thank them for their support and hope that you will consider using all of our Township’s wonderful local businesses.

Inside, you will find articles from and about the Fire Department, Road Department, Brubaker Grain, the Darrtown Bicentennial Committee, Somerville, the Collinsville Cemetery, and the Collinsville Post Office. If you would like to contribute or add an important event, then please call Brad Mills at 907-6793 or email [bradmills21@yahoo.com](mailto:bradmills21@yahoo.com). In addition to this newsletter, you can find past newsletters, or other important Township information at [www.milfordtownship.net](http://www.milfordtownship.net).

## Fire Department Milford Township Fire Association

Milford Township Fire Association  
10<sup>th</sup>. Annual Spaghetti Dinner

On April 13<sup>th</sup>. we will host our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner at the Milford Township Community Center in Collinsville. The community center is located at 5113 Huston Road in Collinsville. Dinner will be served from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. There will be raffles, split the pot drawings, door prizes, T-shirts and reflective house number signs will be available. Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$8 at the door for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. You can purchase tickets in advance at Dunkleberger’s Lawn & Garden in Collinsville, from any fireman, or by calling 726-4311 and leaving a message.

All profits from the dinner go to purchase materials for the Fire Department. Some of the things purchased this past year are: Educational materials for fire safety for students at Bogan Elementary School, safety vests for fire fighters to wear on accident calls, pagers, and extraction tools to use at accident calls.

The dinner started 10 years ago as a small event and has now grown into a community happening. People come to eat, visit with friends and support their fire department. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for this year’s dinner.

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We have had several deadly accidents in Milford Township in 2012. Some were directly related to the use of cell phones while driving. Please put the phone away and get to your destination safely.

We will be hosting another open house in August of this year, and it will be at the community center in Collinsville. Watch for more info this summer.

Please make sure your driveways are accessible to fire trucks. There are several driveways with overhanging limbs which would make it impossible to access with our trucks, thus greatly hampering our ability to respond to an emergency.

We are still collecting aluminum cans, barrels are in front of each fire house.

Address signs are available by calling 726-4311 and leaving a message. These signs make it much easier to locate your address in case of an emergency.

Jim Meador Assistant Chief and Shawn Gallagher Captain

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## Brubaker Grain is Growing! Brian and Gretchen Nelson, Brubaker COO

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Brubaker Grain has been a family owned corporation since 1975. Located at 4850 Hamilton-Eaton Rd. in Hamilton, the Collinsville Branch opened in 1987 to serve Milford Township and the surrounding areas. Recently they have added more than 1.2 million bushels of storage capacity to better serve the needs of their customers and reduce the waiting time for loading and unloading grain. According to Gene Brubaker, Vice President, "The need for more storage has been evident, and we are thankful that we can offer this service to our community." Brubaker Grain not only stores beans, corn, and wheat, but manufactures and sells many different types of animal feeds and fertilizer. "We also offer different types of agricultural related items, pet supplies and lawn and garden products," states Gene. Brubaker Grain was founded on customer service and satisfaction, and looks forward to maintaining this belief. Gene and his qualified staff, Chad, Krista, Levi, Lindsay, Jake and Clark look forward to assisting you, and helping you become one of the many satisfied customers. If you have questions or special orders please contact us at 513-726-4931 or check out our website at [www.brubakergrain.com](http://www.brubakergrain.com).



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## What Happened to the Fence at Collinsville Cemetery? Russell McMillian

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A section of the iron fence at Collinsville Cemetery fell last summer on one of the township employees. Fortunately, it did not hurt him, but due to the heaviness of the section, the Township could have had a large Workman's Comp lawsuit. Even worse, the fence could have really injured a resident visiting the cemetery, a small child, or an elderly person.

This fence is well over 100 years old and the method of tightening the fence is an adjustable piece of metal at the bottom of the fence, next to the ground. These metal pieces are rusted beyond use. We have put in some steel posts and iron rods over the years, to help tighten the fencing. While this works for a while, when the ground is very wet and winds are strong, the fence loosens, again posing a safety risk. There is just too much liability for the Township to leave the fence in place, in its current condition.

We have gotten two different estimates to have it repaired. One estimate was over \$7,000 and the other was over \$11,000. Unfortunately, due to the economy and the available funds in the cemetery account, there is no money for this big of an expense. The fence is safe in storage, and we will continue to pursue options to have it repaired.

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# Darrtown Bicentennial Dinner & Fundraiser—March 23 Fred Lindley

F-U-N is the first part of “Fundraiser” and plenty of fun is planned for the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Darrtown Bicentennial Dinner and Fundraiser at the Milford Township Community Center. Friends, food, and fellowship will be featured on the fourth Saturday of March 2013.

The Community Center doors will be open from 5-8 PM, for Charlie Kennel’s famous pork barbeque sandwiches or fried chicken, with lots of “fixins” and tasty desserts from area churches.

Multiple raffles are scheduled throughout the evening; with an Apple i-Pad “Mini” and a Kindle “Fire” topping the list of more than 40 products and services from area merchants and/or Bicentennial supporters.

The Coke-otto Boys will provide live music and a short round of “Darrtown Trivia” will be offered each hour.


Tables for playing cards will be available.

The playing of “Pitch” is especially encouraged, as a Bicentennial Pitch Tournament is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2014.

Pitch playing enthusiasts are advised to watch for tournament details in local newspapers and to visit the Darrtown Pitch Tournament website at [www.pitchcardtournament.com](http://www.pitchcardtournament.com)

Inaugural sales of commemorative decks of playing cards, with the Darrtown Bicentennial logo, will begin at this event. Manufactured by the United States Playing Card Company of Erlanger, Kentucky, these top quality decks of playing cards serve as lasting mementoes of the Darrtown Bicentennial and make excellent gifts.

Deal yourself a winning hand and shuffle over to the Community Center on March 23!



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## Road Department Dan Burkholder, Superintendent

Spring HAS to be around the corner! This winter has brought a bag of mixed tricks to Milford Township, but this area has been fortunate compared to other sections of the U.S. The Milford Township road crew has been called out several times so far this winter, but we haven't had to use an extreme amount of rock salt and sand.

The new section of walking track behind the Community Center has been completed and is getting much use from township residents. The original gravel section of walking track will get reconditioned this spring. Hopefully it will be blacktopped soon.

A little more than half of the new playground equipment has been installed at the Community Center. We will complete this project when Mother Nature provides some sunshine and drier weather.

Black topping is planned for North Street and Darrtown Road, from SR 177 to the Hanover Twp line. This usually happens late summer to early fall. As weather improves the maintenance crew will be out making road repairs throughout the Twp.

The Milford Township Maintenance Dept has been replacing most of the traffic warning signs in Milford Twp, with new high visibility signs. “Stop” and “Stop Ahead” signs have been our priority. If you see any signs that you feel we may have missed, please call the maintenance department at 513-523-2842.

Finally, Paul Gillespie applied for, and won, an \$80,000 grant to pave the roads on the west side of Darrtown! This grant was won through the Butler County Community Development Block Grant program. Hopefully, the paving will occur in 2013.

Warm and sunny wishes to all! -Dan Burkholder, Milford Twp Road Superintendent



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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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## Keep Milford Twp Beautiful

Milford Township is a beautiful place to live. In order to preserve property values, it is important that we all work together to keep our Twp attractive.

In addition to proper structural property maintenance, it is important to keep grass mowed, and noxious weeds and litter eliminated. Noxious weeds, debris, junk vehicles and related matters are prohibited by the Ohio Revised Code and violations will be directed to the Butler County Building and Zoning Offices at 887-3205. Butler County handles Milford Township zoning enforcement.

# Milford Township News!

## Collinsville Post Office

According to the USPS, the Collinsville Post Office does not receive enough volume nor make enough in sales to keep it open 8 hours a day during the week. Therefore, residents have to consider other options. Most discussed options are to keep the post office open for 2 hours a day during the week for stamp sales, etc, but PO boxes would have to be placed outside (USPS allows at least eight hours to pick up mail), or closing the post office and placing the PO boxes at another location.

The new location could be on Twp property at the Community Center or old Firehouse on Depot Rd. At the writing of this newsletter, nothing has been finalized.

No matter the outcome, did you know that **Dunkelberger Lawn and Garden** now sells stamps and flat rate boxes? They also ship flat rate boxes, have a drop box, and mail is picked up when their mail arrives from Hamilton. Hours are convenient, and you can even use these services when the post office is closed!

## Somerville News

The Somerville Fire Association will hold their annual chicken dinner fundraiser on Saturday, May 4, from 4-7pm. The dinner is held at the Somerville Firehouse, located at 260 E. Church St (SR 744) in Somerville.

This is a dinner you won't want to miss! The food is great, Bingo starts at 7pm, and there are many raffle prizes, including a 42" plasma TV!

#### Somerville Homecoming

- June 1, 2013 on Main St in Somerville
- Event opens @ 12:00pm
- Car show sign in @ 12:00, car show starts @ 2:00pm
- Booths, food, entertainment & raffles all day
- Thunder Bay Country-Rock Band will be closing the event from 7:30 till 9:30 bring your lawn chairs and enjoy an evening of music.
- Come on out to see old friends and make some new ones.