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Society's April Program: Karen Basso Describes "A Paramedic's Life"

By Carol O'Connell

Did you ever call 911 for an emergency? Did you wake up from a crisis and find someone taking your blood pressure and helping you to breathe? Did you ever wonder... Who are these people? Your questions will be answered at the **Historical Society's April 27, 2017, 7:00 pm Program.**

IMPORTANT: This program will be held at Miamisburg's new Library, located at the NW corner of Linden Ave. and Sixth Street. It is an easy access building with plenty of lighted parking directly across the street.

Karen Basso, a former Firefighter-Paramedic is our guest speaker and will share "A Paramedic's Life." Alongside her twenty-five plus year fire career, she also worked as a Registered Nurse in Intensive Care and Emergency Departments of area hospitals. She is an adjunct faculty member for Sinclair Community College where she teaches Fire Science and Allied Health Programs.

You won't want to miss this program!

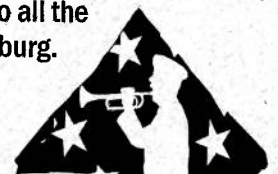
We sometimes take for granted that when help is needed, qualified medical personnel will respond to a 911 call. This program will give us a behind the scenes look and allow us to see all that goes into making this valuable and lifesaving service available.

"Silver Taps" Memorial Program Planned for May 25

Be sure to attend this moving ceremony that is presented each year at Market Square to honor our deceased veterans. It is the kick-off to all the Memorial Day Weekend Events that take place in Miamisburg.

Make it a tradition in your family... You'll be glad you did!

Details on all the Memorial Day Weekend Events on Page 2.



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2017 Memorial Day Weekend Schedule

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service to the United States of America. Please make an effort to take part in some of the many opportunities that are offered in Miamisburg on Memorial Day Weekend, to remember and honor those in service to our country and all who have passed on. It's the least that we can do!

We are very fortunate here in Miamisburg to have meaningful Memorial Day Weekend events provided to our citizens by the Miamisburg Historical Society and American Legion Post 165.

Following is the 2017 schedule:

Thursday, May 25 at 7:00pm

"Silver Taps" Memorial Ceremony and Program

Market Square Building, 4 N. Main St., Miamisburg.

Military displays are open this evening and on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1:00 to 4:00pm.

Saturday, May 27

"Rocky's 5K Run/Walk for Freedom"

Registration at Library Park at 8:00 am or www.speedy-feet.com.

\$25.00 entry fee. T-shirts provided.

Race begins at 9:00am.

"The Victory Dinner and Dance"

Dinner at ? pm (TBA), Dance at 7:00 pm, Tickets are \$12.00 per person
American Legion Post 165, 35 N. Main Street, Miamisburg.

Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day

Cemetery and Bridge Memorial Services

Our Lady of Good Hope Cemetery 8:45 am

Hill Grove Cemetery 9:15 am

Highland Cemetery 9:40 am

Linden Avenue Bridge 10:30 am

Memorial Day Parade, 11:00 am

Route: Begins at Linden Avenue Bridge, east on Linden Avenue, to north on First St., to east on Central Avenue (Veteran's Way) to Library Park.

Library Park Service - Following the Parade

Picnic In The Park - Following the Service. FREE HOT DOGS AND ICE CREAM!

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you
well.

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Rolla Broerman
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We're sending our get well wishes out to ALL Society members who may be dealing with health related issues at this time.

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Production Group Working On Bicentennial Birthday Program

By John Warrington, Media Production Group Chair

The Media Production group has been working on a program to present for the 200th birthday party of the founding of Miamisburg, to be celebrated at the Baum Opera House on February 20, 2018. A thirty minute video is being drafted to show "Things That Influenced the Growth of Miamisburg: Looking Backward Going Into the Future".

Bobbie Sweny and Carol O'Connell have been hard at work developing a script to highlight a chronology of the growth of Miamisburg from the days of tobacco farming, manufacturing, the 1913 flood, the Miami-Erie Canal, the 1968 Sesquicentennial and more. We have also received valuable suggestions on content from residents Karl Zimmerman and Chuck Underwood at recent meetings. John Warrington will be acquiring the appropriate visual graphics to correspond with the final script to bring all of the elements into an entertaining and informative presentation. Our goal is to have this program completed by the end of the summer so we can turn our attention to other projects necessary to get ready for the Bicentennial in 2018.

Coins on Display at Market Square

Stop in at the Historical Society sometime soon to see the wonderful display of coins that are on loan from the Suttman Collection. Thanks to Larry Suttman and Gary Petticrew for setting up this intriguing display, which will be available for a limited time.

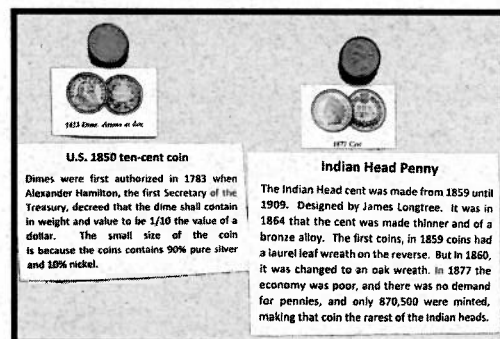
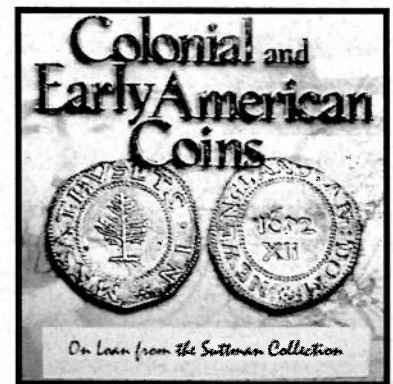


The Stuff of Pirate Treasure

Did you ever wonder what pirate treasure looked like? Gold bars, diamonds and sapphires, oh yes. But what pirates wanted most was something they could spend anywhere, and that me hearty, was gold and silver coins!

Displays at Market Square are always changing, so drop by every now and then to see what historic treasures appear in our cases. And if you have that 'artsy' knack of arranging items in an appealing manner for visitors, we'd just love to have your help on an ongoing basis in setting up displays.

The Market Square Building is open for visitors Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1:00 to 4:00pm.



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Heritage Village News

By Judy Wuerstl, Heritage Village Coordinator

Beginning this season, the Heritage Village will be opening on the first Sunday in June rather than May. We will once again kick off the opening day with an old fashioned Ice Cream Social. The Ice Cream Trolley will be back. And Star City Brewing will return with their cream soda which can be transformed into "butter beer" for a delicious non-alcoholic drink. We are pleased that "Village Park" will again be entertaining with a wonderful assortment of live music. They are an outstanding musical group, so please show your appreciation by adding to their tip jar. The event will take place from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Do plan on coming!

I would like to add that we will be having our annual Cleaning Day at the Village on Wednesday, April 19. We could certainly use some help in getting our buildings spic and span for the upcoming season. Please bring a bucket and rag and we will provide the cleaning products.

Come to the old fashioned ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, June 4, 2017 · 2:00-5:00pm

OPENING DAY At Heritage Village

Corner of Old Main & Lock Street, Miamisburg

FEATURING

The Ice Cream Trolley

Star City Brewing's
"butter beer" and cream soda

Music by The Vintage Park Band

Admission is free.

Vendors will charge for ice cream and soda.

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Sending Our Sympathy to the Cluxton Family

We're sad to say that long-time Society member, Shirley Cluxton, passed away on March 26. Shirley was a 1949 graduate of Miamisburg High School and a life long resident. She was a well known, loved and active member of the community, as was her late husband, Ray.

A celebration of her life was held at the Gebhart-Schmidt-Parramore Funeral Home on April 1, with a gathering afterward at the Miller-Chamberlin Auditorium at Market Square. This venue was very appropriate as Shirley worked at the Mary Ann Shop owned by her mother, which was located on the first floor of the Market Square Building.

Our sincere condolences to her son, Society President, Eric Cluxton and to all her sons, their families and her many friends.

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Bicentennial Bobbleheads Now On Sale!

By Gary Petticrew, Curator

You can get your 2018 Bicentennial Mayor Richard Church bobblehead now at the Market Square Building in downtown Miamisburg – you can't miss it! Sale of the Mayor Church bobblehead (a Lee Hieronymus inspiration) is a fundraiser to support the many yearlong activities in 2018 to celebrate Miamisburg's 200 years of history. In addition to the Market Square Building you can pick up one or more bobbleheads at the Parks and Recreation Department in the Civic Center at First and Central, and at the Miamisburg Senior Adult Center on Central Avenue.

And speaking of the Bicentennial, there is lots to do next year, so if you want to get in on the planning and be a part of the festivities, contact Corey Chick, Parks and Recreation Secretary, at (937) 866-4532. The Bicentennial Planning Committee holds monthly meetings in the Civic Center and citizens are encouraged to attend and learn about areas in which they can take part – a great opportunity for everyone to make a positive impact on our community and create something truly memorable. Your Miamisburg Historical Society is a key player in carrying out our hometown Bicentennial Celebration next year. Join us and help make this a once in a lifetime event.

The theme for the Bicentennial will be "Our Star Is Still Shining," a reference to the City's long-time nickname as "The Star City". While plans are still coming together, several events are already confirmed during the central celebration slated for the week of June 16-23, 2018. An opening parade is set for Saturday, June 16, which coincides with Miamisburg High School Alumni weekend. The Bicentennial Committee and Alumni Association are working together to create combined events and encourage out of town alumni to plan a summer vacation celebrating the city and school.

The opening weekend will also feature "Drums on the Miami" at our Great Adena Mound, an event to celebrate the nearly 3000 years of Early Woodland history of Miamisburg before it became Miamisburg. The week will culminate with a grand performance by the Dayton Philharmonic and a fireworks display over the Great Miami River. The 40-piece philharmonic concert band will be directed by Miamisburg resident Patrick Reynolds and feature the talent of members of the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra.

Bicentennial Planning Meeting Schedule

Upcoming Bicentennial planning meetings are:

April 25 and May 23 (Tuesdays) at 7:00 pm

Council Chambers at the Civic Center

(Meeting are held each month on the fourth Tuesday.)

All are WELCOME and encouraged to attend!



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New Miamisburg Branch Library Opened On February 21

We have a brand new library to brag about in Miamisburg. If you haven't been there yet, make a point to visit soon. The address is 545 E. Linden Avenue. It sits at the former location of the old high school building at the NW corner of Sixth Street and Linden Avenue, with plenty of parking across the street.

Open hours are: Mon, Tues. and Thurs. 9:30 am - 8:30 pm
Wed. Fri. and Sat. 9:30 am - 6:00 pm

You'll find lots of new attractions including:

- Mobile Audio Video equipment and editing software
- Laptop and Macintosh systems lending (in library only)
- Numerous public computers and industrial grade wifi
- AWE computer tablets for early literacy development
- Constellation-themed Children's Area with STAR Theater
- TeenEDGE with dedicated teen gaming system

Oh yes, and if you're wondering, the new tech-savvy library still has actual BOOKS and movie DVDs available to check out!



Opening day at the new library.



The Miamisburg High School Alumni Memorial, including the name engraved pavers originally constructed on that corner, has been relocated to a nice spot on Sixth Street near the entrance of the new library.

While you're down that way, also notice the great job of landscaping done in the parking area across the street. This was the former site of Anna K. Wantz Middle School, or to us oldsters, the Intermediate Building. The old school bell still remains and the cornerstone and doorframe from the Wantz Building are incorporated into the landscape.

Miamisburg High School Alumni Memorial with name engraved pavers near entrance of library.

The old school bell from the Wantz Building.



Door frame from Wantz Building surrounds the flag pole in parking area.



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The name "Ohio River" was derived from the Iroquois word, "O-Y-O," meaning "great river". The state was named after the river.

Ohio is nicknamed the Buckeye State because of the buckeye trees commonly found in the Ohio River Valley. The buckeye seed looks like the eye of a deer (buck) and hence the name.



The first speeding ticket for an automobile driver was given by a policeman in Dayton, Ohio in 1904, to Harry Myers for going 12 miles per hour on West Third Street.

Ohio is nicknamed the "Mother of Modern Presidents," as the state was the birthplace of eight American presidents: Wm. Henry Harrison, Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, William H. Taft and Warren G. Harding. (Garfield and McKinley were assassinated.)

In the entire state of Ohio in 1895, there were only two cars on the road, and the drivers of these two cars crashed into each other.

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