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*Your Community
Newsletter*

100th Anniversary of 1918 Fire

Fire Rages on East Main Street

It was a day like any other day in the village on May 2, 1918. It was business as usual. Farmers were in town, traveling salesmen were waiting at the train depot and children were playing. It was a pleasant spring day but it was a little windy. Gusts were reaching upwards of 40 miles per hour. It was around 3:00 p.m. when a young store clerk was burning trash behind the Stepleton General Store when the wind blew a piece of burning trash into the barn of a neighboring house. It only took a few moments and the barn was engulfed in flames. The fire quickly spread from building to building on East Main Street. As the fire bell rang the village hand pumper was brought from the Town Hall. The fire was fought by women, children and older men as most of the young men were away serving in World War I or at work in Lima. Help came from Wapakoneta and Lima to fight the fire but soon ran into trouble while trying to pump water from the cistern. By 4:00 p.m. the fire had spread to both sides of the street. By 6:00 p.m. the fire had subsided but there was a fear of the fire rekindling after night fall. The fire destroyed more than 30 buildings in the village. The fire was a true test of Cridersville's stamina and perseverance. The citizens of our village remained undaunted and soon made plans to rebuild. There is much more to the story of the big fire of 1918 and the Cridersville Historical Society invites to attend a special 100th anniversary presentation about this historic event in our community.

Cridersville Historical Society Special Presentation

The Big Fire of 1918 - 100 Years Ago

Discover the story of Cridersville's greatest disaster at its very location

May 2nd - 7:00 p.m. - Cridersville Fire Department

Speaker: Greg Myers, President Cridersville Historical Society

Village Officials

Rick Walls

Mayor

Eric West

Council President

Frank Oen

Joe Bailey

Stacey Cook

Paul Lynch

Dorance Thompson

Council Members

Candace Stevely

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Fire Chief

Angela Elliot

Village Solicitor



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Village Hall

110 W. Main Street

Clerk 419-645-4883

Mayor 419-645-4212

Administrator 419-645-5001

Hours:

Monday-Thursday

10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Friday

10:00 a.m.—Noon

Council Meetings

2nd Monday of each month

7:30 p.m. at Village Hall



**Saturday
March 24**
7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

\$7 Adults

\$4 Kids 10 to 4

Kids 3 & Under Free

at Steve Myers Service

Support Cridersville

Boy Scout Troop #162

Tax Help Day

Get Assistance with Filing
Your Village Income Taxes



Representatives from the St. Marys Tax Department will be available to answer any questions you may have filing your municipal income taxes.

Saturday April 7th

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. ~ Village Hall ~ 110 West Main St.

Community

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny is making his annual stop in Cridersville and is inviting you to join him. The morning will start at 10:30 a.m. with the kids getting a picture with him. Then it's time to hunt the eggs! There are 3 age groups for youngsters from 1 year up to 10 years old. There will be prizes and a light lunch.

The Easter Egg Hunt is a joint project of the Cridersville Lions Club and the Cridersville United Methodist Church.



**Saturday
March 31st**

10:30 a.m.

Cridersville
U.M. Church

105 Shawnee Road



Family Style

Hawaiian Luau

Preschool - 4th grade

Children & their families

Sunday May 6th

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Cridersville UMC
105 Shawnee Road

Food - Games - Prizes



Night of Worship

with

Pastor Todd & House of Joy

Sunday May 20th

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Cridersville United Methodist Church
105 Shawnee Road

**Public is Invited to Attend
Hosted by Church Youth Group**



The Circus is Coming to Cridersville

Tuesday May 15th

2 Big Shows - 5:00 pm & 7:30 pm

Legacy Park - East Main Street

The Cridersville Historical Society is proud to bring you the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus for 2 big shows full of fun and excitement. The 90-minute show will have a variety of acts featuring animals, acrobats, comedy and balancing. Your family will find a favorite for everyone! The event is a fundraiser with a portion of ticket sales going to the Legacy Park project. Pre-sale tickets are \$10 adult and \$7 child. You can purchase them at Hempy Water, The Village Hall, the Library and any Historical Society member. Tickets will go on sale at the end of April and we raise the most funds with pre-sale tickets. The circus also offers a free tour at 9:30 am on show day. You will get to watch the tent raising, see and learn about the animals and the daily routine of a the circus. You can find more about the circus online at www.cmcircus.com.



The Village of Cridersville
Employment
Opportunity

Summer Seasonal Help

May - September - Starting Pay at Minimum Wage
Part-Time Employee - 32 hrs a week
General Maintenance & Grounds Work : \$9 hr.
Applications at Village Hall - 419-645-4883

Community Garden Club Spring Spruce Up

We Need Your Help!

Saturday April 21st at 9am
Meet at Legacy Park

Bring gloves and dress for the weather
We will be working at several sites planting,
weeding, raking & picking up trash.



Call 419-645-5259 for more info

CARRY
OUT
ORDERS
ARE
AVAILABLE

Cridersville Historical Society's
ANNUAL OLD FASHIONED

Beef & Noodle Dinner

Thursday - April 26 - 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Cridersville School 501 Reichelderfer Road



OUR MENU:
Beef & Noodles
Mashed Potatoes - Applesauce
Hunk of Homestyle Bread
Delicious Dessert - Beverage

ONLY \$8.00
Child's portion - \$4.00



Zoning Code Reminders

The Village Now
has a Part-time
Zoning Inspector

- Check zoning before starting a building project
- Temporary swimming pools require a permit
- Keep grass clippings off street when mowing
- Review Recreational & Vehicle Parking Regulations

Full Zoning Code Available on
Village Web Site Under Government Tab

THE CRIDERSVILLE COURIER

Village of Cridersville
110 W. Main Street
Cridersville, Ohio 45806

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Community Events

- April 21st** - Community Garden Club Work Day - 9am - Legacy Park
- April 26th** - Historical Society Beef & Noodle Dinner - 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm - at School
- May 2nd** - The Big Fire of 1918 presentation - 7 pm - at Cridersville Fire Department
- May 12th** - Community Garage Sale Day - 9 am - various locations around the village
- May 15th** - Culpepper & Merriweather Circus - 5 pm & 7:30 pm shows - Legacy Park
- May 19th** - Community Clean Up Day - 8 am to 12 pm - Tower Park
- July 9th** - Local Archaeology: Finding Parts of the Past - Historical Society - 7 pm - Otterbein
- July 13th & 14th** - Cridersville Fireman's Jamboree - Car Show - Live Entertainment - Grand Prize Drawing
- September 8th** - Lions Club Blood Draw - 7 am to 9 am - School Cafeteria - 12 Hour Fast Required
- September 8th** - Garden Club Mum & Scarecrow Sale - 9 am to 1 pm - Village Hall Lawn
- September 10th** - Made in Cridersville: Things you Would Not Expect - Historical Society - 7 pm - Otterbein
- September 20th** - Historical Society Ham & Bean Supper - 4 pm to 7 pm - Bowsher Log Cabin East Main Street
- October 22nd** - Fall Festival & Halloween Parade - 5:30 pm - Fire Department / **October 25th** - Trick-or-Treat
- November 3rd** - Historical Society Quarter Auction - Doors Open at 6 pm Auction at 7 pm - Fire Department
- November 5th** - World War II and Cridersville's Fredrick Delong - Historical Society - 7 pm - Otterbein
- November 24th** - Breakfast with Santa - Lions Club - 10:00 am - Cridersville United Methodist Church
- December 3rd** - Annual Christmas Tree Lighting - Historical Society - 6 pm - Bowsher Log Cabin
- December 8th** - Christmas on Main Street - 9 am to 1 pm - Pick up PASSPORT at Fire Department