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The Cridersville Courier

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 form 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



Your Community Newsletter





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



\$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



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 Leaacv 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. Presale 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.

Now

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!

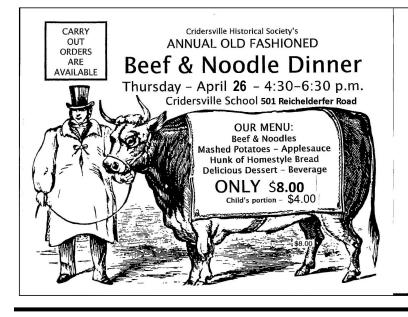
Saturday April 21st at 9am Meet at Legacy Park

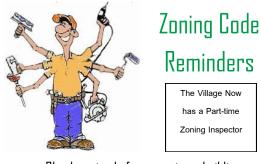
Bring gloves and dress for the weather We will be working at several sites planting, weeding, raking & picking up trash.



Call 419-645-5259 for more info

has a Part-time





- 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 Page 3

THE CRIDERSVILLE COURIER

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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 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