

Village View

OUR HOME, OUR COMMUNITY, OUR STORY



Bridge along our beautiful Magnolia Trail



Get hooked on our FISH FRY

- Thursday, March 5th
- Friday, March 6th
- Thursday, March 26th
- Friday, March 27th



We are frying FRESH from 11am to 7pm.

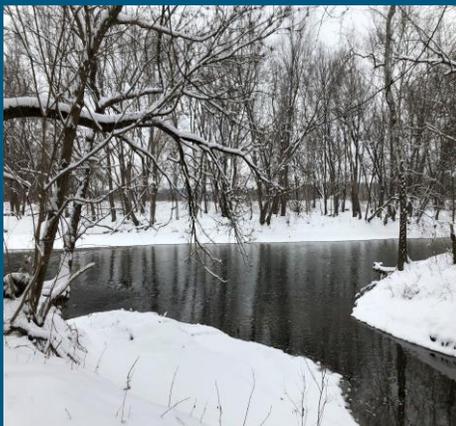
Lockbourne Historical Hall
206 Vause St. Lockbourne, 43137

MAGNOLIA TRAIL WINTER HIKE

Saturday, February 21st @11:00am
Locke Meadow Park - 154 Commerce St

Beginner Friendly
Winter Scavenger Hunt
Fun for Whole Family
Crafts and games for kids

Gathered Grounds Coffeehouse - Food Truck



Village Council Bulletin

Pending Legislation

No current activities

Committee Activities

- **Planning Commission** - reviewed standards for sidewalks throughout town; revise comprehensive plans; and reviewed and revised zoning code
- **Public Works** - distributed the 5-year capital improvements plan and will begin prioritizing the project list and setting a timeline for completion

Committee Activities Continued

- **Rediscover Lockbourne-** discussed installing a blessing box at Lockbourne United Methodist Church. Also, discussed ordering Lockbourne Air Force Base and Rickenbacker Air Force Base shirts to sell at the Columbus Air Show and other events.



IMPORTANT REMINDER



In a level 2 or 3 level snow emergency, ALL VEHICLES must be removed from the road, or face towing

Why It's Important to Move Your Vehicle Off the Street for Snow Plowing

Clear Streets = Better Plowing

When cars are parked along the roadside, plow drivers are forced to maneuver around them. This leaves behind strips of unplowed snow and ice, which can quickly become hazardous for drivers and pedestrians. **Removing vehicles from the street ensures plows can clear curb-to-curb, improving road conditions for the entire community.**



LOCKBOURNE / RICKENBACKER AFB MEMORIAL WALL ENGRAVED BRICK CAMPAIGN

LEAVE A LEGACY THAT WILL STAND THE TEST OF TIME

Join us in honoring the legacy of our heroes by purchasing an engraved brick for the Lockbourne/Rickenbacker Memorial Wall. Your contribution will help preserve the memory of those who served and support the maintenance of this important landmark.

WHY PURCHASE AN ENGRAVED BRICK?

- **Honor a Loved One:** Commemorate a family member, friend, or loved one who served.
- **Leave a Legacy:** Your brick will be a permanent part of the memorial.
- **Support the Community:** Proceeds will go towards the upkeep and enhancement of the memorial.

ORDER DETAILS

- Brick Size: 8"x8"
- Engraving: Up to 6 lines per brick, 20 characters per line (including spaces and punctuation)
- Pricing: \$250 per brick

HOW IT WORKS

- Fill out the order form with your desired engraving and email to Mayor Christie Ward or send to address below.
- Submit your payment online [Memorial Wall Brick](#) or mail a check to Village of Lockbourne, 85 Commerce St, Lockbourne, OH 43137.
- For more information, contact Mayor Christie Ward at mayor@lockbourneohio.us or (614) 491-3161 x 4



P.O. Box 73
Lockbourne, Ohio 43137
rdlockbourne@gmail.com
www.lockbourneohio.us



Make a donation to the Memorial Wall, click on the link

or

scan the QR code below.

<https://square.link/u/IGzGWh80>



MEMORIAL WALL ENGRAVED BRICK ORDER FORM

Order a brick for a veteran, family member, friend, or yourself to be displayed at Lockbourne's Veterans Park.

MAXIMUM 20 characters per line (including spaces and punctuation):

Line 1. _____

Line 2. _____

Line 3. _____

Line 4. _____

Line 5. _____

Line 6. _____

- 1. Name
- 2. Branch of Service (optional)
- 3. Dates (optional)

Please check all that apply:

- The above person served at Lockbourne Air Force Base, Rickenbacker Air Force Base or Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base. Please include years of service _____
- The above person served in the military.
- The above person is the donor.

PURCHASER INFORMATION

Purchaser _____ Phone # (____) ____ - _____

Email Address _____

Number of Bricks ____ @ \$250.00 = \$ _____ (check or credit card)

Form of Payment: Check Online Payment

Make Check Payable to: *Rediscover Lockbourne*

Online Payment: [Memorial Wall Brick](#)



PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO MAYOR CHRISTIE WARD @ 85 Commerce St, Lockbourne, OH 43137 or mayor@lockbourneohio.us

Coming Soon: New Blessing Box to be installed at Lockbourne United Methodist Church

Lockbourne United Methodist Church and members of the Iron Brothers LEMC are preparing to install a **new community Blessing Box**—a simple, year-round way for neighbors to support neighbors. Once installed, the box will be open 24/7 and stocked with **non-perishable** food items for anyone in need.

What the Blessing Box Will Offer:

- Free, accessible non-perishable food items for community members in need
- A convenient, judgment-free resource available any time of day
- A place for residents to both *give* and *receive* support

How the Community Can Participate:

- **“Take what you need, leave what you can.”**
- Donate items such as canned goods, pasta, cereal, and other shelf-stable foods
- Visit anytime to add items directly once the box is installed

Why This Matters:

- Helps ensure no resident goes without essential items during difficult times
- Strengthens community connections and promotes kindness
- Supports the church’s ongoing efforts to serve Lockbourne

More details—including installation date—will be shared in an upcoming newsletter.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO BOB BRITT AND JACOB COX FROM THE IRON BROTHERS LEMC FOR CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING THE NEW BLESSING BOX FOR OUR COMMUNITY!!!



Welcome to Our New Village Website!

We’re excited to announce the launch of the Village of Lockbourne’s newly updated website — a simpler, cleaner, and more user-friendly way to stay connected with your community. The new site makes it easier than ever to find council information, upcoming events, village services, and important announcements.

Visit www.lockbourneohio.us to explore the improved layout, helpful resources, and new features designed to keep residents informed and engaged.

Stay tuned — more updates and tools will continue to roll out as we grow!



Eagle Scout Project Spotlight: Lily Furgerson

Who is Lily?

- Lily Furgerson, age 15, is an aspiring Eagle Scout from Troop 734 in Hilliard, Ohio.
- She is working toward her Eagle rank by completing a community-focused Eagle Scout Project.

About the Project

- Lily will be creating a **pollinator garden** at the main entrance of Locke meadow Park (the former site of the Veterans Memorial).
- The garden will feature **native plants** that support bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and other pollinators.
- Plant selections are designed to bloom **nearly year-round**, offering continual habitat and food sources.
- The project also includes installing **bat houses** within the park to expand wildlife support.
- This garden will create opportunities for **community education** about pollinators and their ecological importance.

How You Can Support

- Community members are encouraged to support Lily's project—**any amount helps bring the garden to life**.
- A project **GoFundMe** will be available at upcoming Village of Lockbourne events and linked in future newsletters.

A Message of Gratitude

- Lily extends a warm **thank-you** for the enthusiasm and support she has already received from the community.
- For project-related or business inquiries, contact: Elizabeth.furgerson@hilliardschools.org



A Message to All Dog Owners

We need to address an ongoing and unacceptable issue in our community: **dog waste being left on sidewalks, trails, and public spaces**. This is not only inconsiderate—it is a health and safety concern for everyone who uses our parks and walkways.

If you own a dog, **it is your responsibility to pick up after it every single time**. Leaving dog feces behind creates unsanitary conditions, pollutes our environment, and shows a lack of respect for your neighbors. Bags are inexpensive, easy to carry, and readily available. There is no excuse for leaving a mess for someone else to step in or clean up.

We expect all residents to do their part.

Please pick up after your dog. Our community deserves better.



Why Cleaning Up After Your Dog Matters

Keeping our village parks, trails, and streets clean is a simple way every pet owner can help maintain a safe and welcoming community. Picking up dog waste may seem like a small act, but it has a big impact on public health, the environment, and the enjoyment of our shared spaces.

Key Reasons to Scoop the Poop:

- **Protects Local Waterways**
Dog waste left on the ground washes into storm drains during rain or snowmelt, carrying bacteria and parasites into our streams and rivers.
- **Keeps Parks and Trails Enjoyable**
Clean public spaces ensure that families, walkers, runners, and fellow pet owners can enjoy the outdoors without unpleasant surprises.
- **Reduces the Spread of Disease**
Pet waste can contain harmful organisms that threaten humans, wildlife, and even other pets.
- **Shows Respect for Neighbors**
Picking up after your dog demonstrates courtesy and pride in your community.
- **Supports Village Maintenance Crews**
Proper disposal helps keep workspaces clean and reduces the time crews spend on preventable cleanups.

A little responsibility goes a long way.

connecting with
community



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Corina Feen	3 rd
Jenna Merrick	13 th
Polly McKnight	19 th
Mary Petty	20 th
Karen Carter	27 th
Lucy Trout	27 th
Jerica French	28 th
Melissa Armstrong	29 th



Jerry & Vivian Austin 13th

If you would like your birthday or anniversary in the newsletter, please [email us](mailto:admin.assistant@lockbourneohio.us) at admin.assistant@lockbourneohio.us

Awards and Recognition

Thank you

Elder Snow and Bruce Wilkerson for volunteering your dedication in cleaning Locke Meadow Park and other projects you do for the Village.



Thank you

Sister Geilman for volunteering your hard work organizing documents and researching the history of the Village.



Lockbourne Magnolia Trail Winter Hike

Gathered Grounds Coffeehouse Games and Prizes



Explore winter's beauty on our magical Magnolia Trail. Our annual winter hike is serene and quiet, displaying all the beauty of the season. Enjoy hot chocolate, coffee and snacks while spending time exercising and breathing in the fresh, crisp air. Search for birds, animal tracks and different varieties of trees with our Winter Scavenger Hunt activity sheet. Spend time with your community, friends and family on a short, beginner friendly hike.

See you there!

February 21st @ 11am

Sponsored by

Park and Rec Committee

admin.assistant@lockbourneohio.us

<https://www.facebook.com/Lockbourne/>

Locke Meadow Park

154 Commerce St.

Lockbourne, 43137

(614)491-3161 x3



**Gathered Grounds
Coffeehouse**

Kraft's Kreations

Food Truck &
Pastries



**Sat. February 21st
11am**

news

CHILI COOKOFF

COME OUT AND JOIN US
FOR SOME HOMEMADE
CHILI, BRING YOUR BEST
POT IN AND PUT IT
AGAINST SOME OF THE
BEST BOWLS AROUND

50/50

SILENT
AUCTIONS
RAFFLE
BASKETS

\$10 COVER

KIDS 10 & UNDER FREE - HOTDOGS FOR THE KIDS

ALL YOU CAN EAT

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28TH @ 6 PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

4217 E MAIN ST
COLUMBUS, OH

CONTACT

REAPER @ 614-403-6640 OR

CHIEF @ 614-495-7764 OR

IRONBROTHERSLEM92@GMAIL.COM

WITH ANY QUESTIONS



Ash Wednesday
service on February
18th at 7:00 P.M.

It is open to anyone.



Bethel Lutheran Church

Box Lunch

Saturday, February 14, 2026

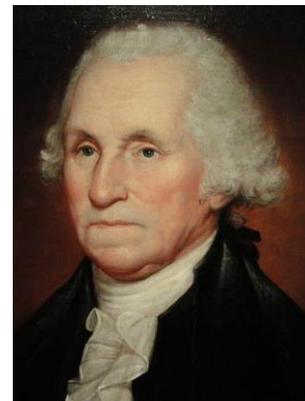
Menu

Pizza sub, Doritos, Veggies, and a
Chocolate Chip Cookie.

It will be curbside pickup between
11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



The Village Administrative
Office will be closed on
February 16, 2026, to
observe President's Day.





Back By Popular Demand
Rediscover Lockbourne

FISHERY

March 5th & 6th, 2026
11:00am-7:00pm

Dinners (includes 2 sides & drink)

FISH SANDWICH	\$13.00
OR	
PULLED PORK SANDWICH	

SIDES:	DRINKS:
MACARONI AND CHEESE	WATER
BAKED BEANS	SODA POP
POTATO SALAD	COFFEE
COLESLAW	
FRENCH FRIES	

CASH OR CARD ACCEPTED

À la carte

FISH OR PULLED PORK SANDWICH	\$8.00
SIDE DISHES	\$3.00
DRINKS	\$1.00
HOMEMADE DESSERTS	\$2.00
2 HUSHPUPIES	\$1.00

Eat In, Carryout or Curb Service

For information or call ahead orders 614-483-8719 Lockbourne Historical Hall 206 Vause St. Lockbourne, Ohio 43137

MARCH MADNESS

- Thursday, March 5th
- Friday, March 6th
- Thursday, March 26th
- Friday, March 27th




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As America turns 250 years old this year, Ohio is celebrating our State’s impact in our Nation’s story. Each month will have a specific theme - all counties are encouraged to participate.

February theme - Ohio’s Works: Innovation & Industry

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Did you know?

- Ermal Fraze created the pull-tab (on cans) that reshaped packaging and convenience - Dayton
- Becky Schroeder invented the Glo-Sheet to study in the dark-inspiring low-lite safety tool - Toledo
- Garrett Morgan brought order to busy streets with traffic signal - Cleveland
- Innovators transformed rubber into dependable tires - Akron
- Fredrick McKinley Jones kept refining mobile refrigeration until food and medicine could travel safely year-round - Cincinnati

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America 250 February Activities in Ohio



Explore the trades, tools and technologies that fueled Ohio’s growth.

Ohio works, innovation and industry, part of the First Capital Lecture Series

Date: February 14, 2026
 Time: 2:00 p.m.
 Location: Ross County Heritage Center
 45 West Fifth Street
 Chillicothe, Ohio 45601



Phoenix Theatres Great Northern Mall
 “Close Encounters of the Third Kind”
 70mm

Date: February 16, 2026
 Time: 6:00 pm
 Location: Great Northern Mall
 4350 Great Northern Mall
 North Olmsted, OH 44070



Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District

Provides interactive program to students and youth organizations.

Franklin Soil and Water’s Environmental Education Team provides interactive programs to students and youth organizations across Franklin County. Our goal is to share educational opportunities that connect youth to the local environment and instill a strong sense of environmental stewardship, specifically the conservation, protection and improvement of soil and water resources. All programs are correlated to Ohio’s Science Learning Standards and include models, simulations, interactive activities and/or literature connections. Education programs are made possible with support from Franklin County Commissioners, City of Columbus, participating Municipalities, Villages and Townships.

Visit Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District website:
[Education - Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District](#)



Hamilton Township Fire Department



During the January snowstorm, snow accumulation around fire hydrants posed a significant challenge for first responders.

Chief Rosenberger and Assistant Chief Ferrell were out in the community removing snow from around fire hydrants.

They appreciate everyone who has helped keep hydrants visible and accessible. When it matters most, every second counts.





2025-2026 District Calendar

AUGUST 2025						
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AUGUST
 11 Teacher/Staff In-Service
 14 **First Day For students**

SEPTEMBER
 1 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
 12 Interim Notification
 29 NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Meeting Day

SEPTEMBER 2025						
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OCTOBER
 16 Report Card Notification

NOVEMBER
 10 NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Meeting Day
 14 Interim Notification
 26 NO SCHOOL - P/T Conference (Comp)*
 27 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
 28 NO SCHOOL - P/T Conference (Comp)*

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DECEMBER
 19 **Two-Hour Student Early Dismissal**
 22-31 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

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JANUARY
 1-2 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
 8 Report Card Notification
 19 NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day

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FEBRUARY
 6 Interim Notification
 13 NO SCHOOL
 16 NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day
 27 NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Meeting Day

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LEGEND	
	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Meeting Day
	NO SCHOOL - P/T Comp Days
	NO SCHOOL
	End/Start of Quarter

*Parent-Teacher Conferences vary per building

MARCH
 19 Report Card Notification
 30-31 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

APRIL
 1-3 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
 17 Interim Notification

MAY
 21 **Last Day Students - 2HR Student Early Dismissal**
 22 Last Day For Teachers
 27 Report Card Notification

GRADING PERIODS		
	Days	
1st Quarter	Aug. 14 - Oct. 10	40 44
2nd Quarter	Oct. 13 - Dec. 19	46 49
3rd Quarter	Jan. 5 - Mar. 13	46 47
4th Quarter	Mar. 16 - May 21	44 45
Students Total		176
Teachers Total		185

Board Approved 12/9/2024

EVERY RANGER EVERY REASON EVERY DAY

Hamilton Township Resource Fair



The Village Staff attended the Hamilton Township Resource Fair held on February 4, 2025.

Cathy D. Nelson Memorial Scholarship

Hamilton Township High School

About Cathy Nelson

Cathy Nelson, a retired Columbus City School teacher, was an ardent supporter of education and spent her life in service before passing away in the Fall of 2022. She strived to make those around her better through mentorship. Those who knew her were influenced by her integrity, honesty and willingness to help others.

Cathy had a passion for history. She was the founder of the Friends of Freedom Society, a historical research organization whose focus is the underground railroad. In recent years, Cathy concentrated on the history of the Ohio & Erie Canal. She unified communities along the canal route, from Baltimore to Portsmouth, to establish the "Ohio & Erie Canal Southern Descent" and the Heritage Trail.

Cathy was also working with Rediscover Lockbourne on a Memorial Wall to observe the historic timeline of Lockbourne / Rickenbacker Air Force Base and the Tuskegee Airmen's role while serving at the Base.

The Cathy D. Nelson Memorial Scholarship will honor Cathy's legacy and encourage students to explore history and to make a positive impact on the communities where they live.

Description

The **Cathy D. Nelson Memorial Scholarship** is an annual scholarship sponsored by Rediscover Lockbourne. The \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to two seniors from Hamilton Township High School.

If the Scholarship Fund receives additional financial support and the Fund exceeds \$1,000, the Rediscover Lockbourne Board will re-evaluate the number of students and amounts for that particular year.

Criteria

- The applicant must be a graduating high school senior from Hamilton Twp High School
- The applicant must be seeking an upper-level education as a full-time student in the U.S. and planning to enter their first year of post-secondary education in the Summer/Fall of their graduating year
- The applicant must have at least a 3.0 cumulative high school GPA
 - The applicant must submit a certified high school transcript
- The applicant must submit three (3) letters of recommendation
 - One reference should focus on your academic ability
 - One reference should focus on your community service
 - One reference should focus on your leadership ability
- The completed application must be submitted to Rediscover Lockbourne by 12:00 noon on Friday, March 27, 2026
- The applicant may submit typed, double-spaced additional pages for the essays

Process

- Complete application and essay by March 27, 2026
- Rediscover Lockbourne Board to review applications and choose April 7, 2026
- Recipient of the Cathy D. Nelson Scholarship announced at Hamilton High School Scholarship Awards Ceremony

Application Deadline

Application is due on Friday, March 27, 2026, by 12:00 pm (noon)

Contact Christie Ward, Mayor by email for an application: mayor@lockbourneohio.us
Or by phone at (614) 491-3161 x4

Memory Lane



In Memoriam

Archie Mills

June 12, 1932 ~ January 12, 2026



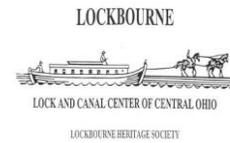
Archie Mills, born on June 12, 1932, passed away on January 12, 2026, at the age of 93. He will be remembered for his loving spirit and dedication to his family, having been a faithful husband for 71 years.

Archie worked at Owens Illinois Glass throughout his career. He was known for his hard work ethic and for never meeting a stranger. Archie also proudly served in the Korean War with the U.S. Army for two years.

He loved singing and took great joy in leading the singing at church. Gardening was another of his passions, and he was particularly proud of growing the best corn. His warmth and kindness will be missed by all who knew him.

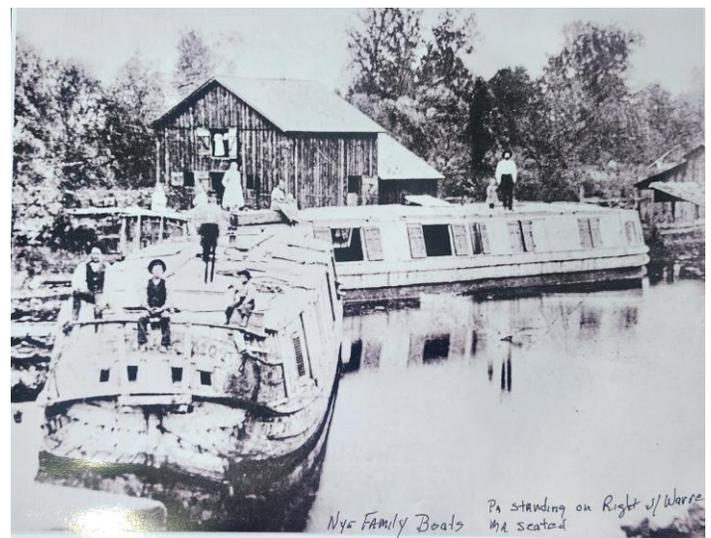
Archie is survived by his beloved wife, Arminta, and their children: Robert (Beverly) Mills, Raymond Mills, and Ronald Mills. He had honorary children, Jason and Angela White, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, as well as nieces and nephews who will cherish his memory.

Archie was preceded in death by his parents, Lonnie and Norma Mills, along with four brothers and five sisters.



Nye Family Boats

Pearl Robert Nye was born on February 5, 1872, on his family boat "Reform" docked in Chillicothe, Ohio. He worked on the Ohio Erie Canal his whole life. He had two boats for his family, the Marfield Mills and Lamont. He had eighteen children and dedicated himself to sharing canal stories and tradition. He was famous for writing canal songs. One of his most famous was "This Old Canal." He retired to a house built on an abandoned lock in Roscoe Village.



Nye Family Boats
Pa standing on Right w/ Warr
Ma seated