



Newsletter

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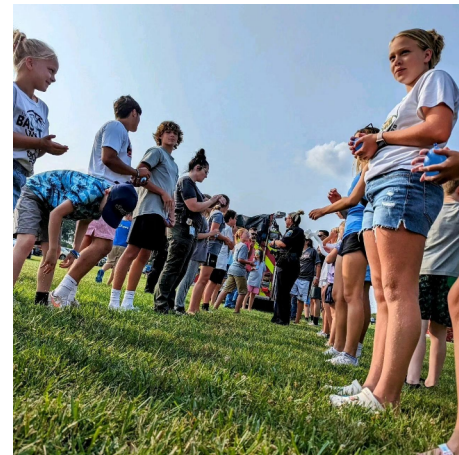
SUMMERTIME BLUES?

Summertime blues? Not in Hamilton Township! We're too busy with the hustle and bustle of all the summer activities our area has to offer our community. From the Freedom Parade and Movie in the Park to the upcoming National Night Out, Cardboard Boat Regatta, Old Machinery Days, and school-led Food Truck Rally and Bandfest; there's something for everyone! We're also lucky to have great neighbors that offer market days and Friday night spectaculars at the MAC. There is STILL SO MUCH FUN AHEAD!



Some may say

they have the summertime construction blues, but we have to say, we're so proud of the way our community has handled the construction challenges thrown our way this year. Well....2023, 2024 and some sprinkling into 2025 may be a more accurate statement. We've all certainly had our frustrating moments; however, there is a light at the end of the tunnel as projects are progressing.



With road construction projects on-track, we're sure you've also noticed some of the development projects underway. Kroger's grand opening will be here before we know it and new amenities that will keep us in our Hamilton Township community won't be far behind.



HAMILTON
TOWNSHIP
**ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

Township Center is going vertical!



Progress is being made on the new Myers Y. Cooper Company 20,000 square foot Township Center. This new shopping center, located just South of Shooter's on SR 48 will provide services, supplies, and restaurants to the thriving Hamilton Township neighborhood.

Township Center's newest addition!



Cincinnati School of Music provides music lessons to students of all ages and skill levels.



Construction is underway on the new Chase Bank at SR 48 and Towne Center Boulevard.

TEE 18 GOLF

15 US-22

MAINEVILLE, OH 45039

CREEKSIDE CIGAR CO.

1381 US-22

MAINEVILLE, OH 45039

COST SAVER

5394 OH-48

MAINEVILLE, OH 45039

Come in **WE'RE
OPEN**

[Click here to learn more about Economic Development, including major projects and available commercial properties.](#)



HAMILTON TOWNSHIP
MAINEVILLE
FREEDOM PARADE

Our community lined the streets of downtown Maineville and flocked to Testerman Park to take in the sights of our 4th Annual Freedom Parade & Festival! We were honored to have Purple Heart Recipient Ron Potter serve as our 2024 Grand Marshal, the same year we announced The Village of Maineville became A Purple Heart Village. Our parade participants put on a great show for our community! Click [HERE](#) to see all of the photos captured by Smith Photography!



Special Thanks



Hamilton Township

Trustee Darryl Cordrey

Trustee Joe Rozzi

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Administrator Jeff Wright

Police Chief Hughes & Assistant Chief Short, Fire Chief Jewett & Assistant Chief Berkebile

Public Works Director Don Pelfrey

HT Police Department

HT Fire Rescue

HT Public Works

HT Administration Team

Village of Maineville

Mayor Bob Beebe

Vice Mayor Doug Drook

Village Council Members:

Patricia Tomsic

Linda Humphries

Katie Hughes

Allison Billups

Scott Williams

Fiscal Officer Mary Beth Campbell

Street Department

Parade Lineup

Grand Marshal Ron Potter

The Exchange Club of Northern Cincinnati

Warren County Veterans' Services

Civil Air Patrol, Lt Col Jerome P. Ashman Squadron

Maineville Lighthouse Church

Hamilton Township Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

Sold by Tool Girl/Janelle Sprandel -Comey and Shepherd Realtors

Victory Pints

Chief Deputy Barry Riley, WCSO

Hill's Martial Arts

BF Realty

The Kembel & Morris Families

Girl Scout Troop 4413

Tufts Schildmeyer Family Funeral Home & Cremation Center

EVO Fit

MaineTowne

American Heritage Girls Troop OH 3124

Bingham Family Jesus Wagon

Carolina Townhomes

State Representative, Adam Mathews

Girl Scouts of Western Ohio

Jeep Life

Kroger Maineville

Yard Love Little Miami

Do Good Mission

Mosquito Joe of Cincinnati

Warren County GOP

NCRS Corvette Restoration Society

Schill Grounds Management

Laura Marie Davis for Ohio State Representative

Little Miami Youth Football 7U Green & Gold

Church Venture

Ohio Chapter E-2, Eastside Road Riders

Southern Warren County Chamber of Commerce

The Lawson Family

Barrett's Towing & Recovery

Please support those that support our community!



Volunteers

A HUGE shout out to all of our community volunteers who helped make this event possible. EXTRA SPECIAL THANKS to Civil Air Patrol & HTCPCAAA for their EXTRA efforts!



HAMILTON
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COMMUNITY SERVICE

We are grateful for the support from organizations that give back to our Hamilton Township community!

Little Miami Youth Lacrosse

Thank You



Boy Scout Troop 21



Want to volunteer with us? We have community service opportunities available throughout the year for people of all ages!

volunteer





NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

AUGUST 6TH - 6PM TO 9PM

OEDER'S LAKE

1369 E US HWY 22 AND 3

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, OHIO

FREE:

POLICE/ FIRE DEMOS

BOUNCE HOUSES

BALLOON ANIMALS

PETTING ZOO

KONA ICE

FIREWORKS

DJ

Hamilton Township & The Village of Maineville have created a wonderful partnership and will be hosting some community events jointly to benefit all of our residents together!

August 6



National Night Out

8.6 | 6:00 pm- Dusk | Oeder's Lake

Join the HTPD, HTFR, and Loveland PD for this annual event that brings our community and law enforcement together for a fun filled night! Giveaways, bounce houses, petting zoo, balloon animals, food trucks, police & fire demonstrations, and fireworks!



August 17



Little Miami Cardboard Boat Regatta

Presented by the Southern Warren County Chamber of Commerce

Little Miami Area Chamber Cardboard Boat Regatta

8.17 | 11am-2:30 pm | Oeder's Lake

This annual event brings creativity and ingenuity together for a day full of racing to see who can stay afloat. Awards for People's Choice, Most Creative, and "The Titanic." Don't miss the event ending Crash & Sink Derby! Food trucks, music, and lots of laughter! Brought to you by the Southern Warren County Chamber of Commerce.

Late September



Sunflower Field

Late September | Daily | Mounts Park

This field of blooms provides tranquility, nature at work, and endless photo opportunities. Be sure to stop by to take in the sights of these magnificent flowers and learn more about the benefits they provide to our environment.



Station 76 Open House

10.12 | 11:00 am-1:00 pm | Station 76

Hamilton Township Fire Rescue opens its doors to give you an up-close look at all that we have to offer our residents. Check out the services we offer and take a sneak peek at our living quarters, common areas and bays to see what a day in the life is like. Demonstrations, meet the Chiefs, FREE lunch, FREE Kona Ice and more!

OCTOBER 19TH | TRUNK OR TREAT & PET MASQUERADE

OCTOBER 31ST | TRICK OR TREAT, 6PM-8PM

DECEMBER 7TH | JOINT TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION

DECEMBER 14TH | WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



GHOST TOWNS & HAMLETS

of Northern Hamilton Township

You may have read about Mounts Station being the first settlement in the Virginia Military District in Warren County in a previous newsletter issue. This was the first settlement of the northern part of the township followed by Hopkinsville and Zoar in the early 1800's.

Mounts Station

In 1795, Revolutionary War Veteran, William Mounts, his wife and 6 children, along with the families of Thomas Forshee, Thomas Leonard, and Thomas Watson settled on 900 acres of land located between Zoar Road and Stubbs Mills Road (West and East) and the Little Miami River and Hwy 22 and 3 (North and South).

They erected their cabins in a circle around a spring as a protection against the Indians, since the signing of the Treaty of Greenville opened up the area for settlement just one month prior. William and Catherine Mounts had 2 more children after settling here. Rebecca was born in 1797 and Watson in 1799. William, who was of French descent and a distant cousin of Lafayette, died in 1807 at the age of 47 when Watson was just 8 years old. When Watson's mother died just a few years later, a guardian was appointed for him.

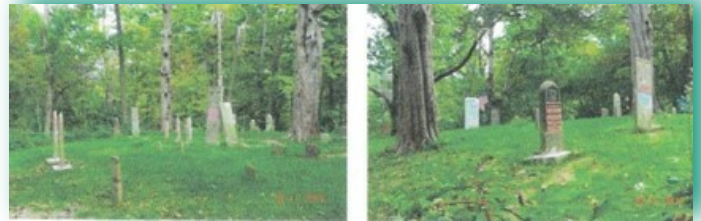
After Watson was married in 1820, he began farming on the 900 acres with his older brothers, Providence and Joseph. In 1850 Providence was one of the most successful farmers in the township with 7 horses, 9 milch* cows, 40 sheep, 27 swine, and crops of 200 bushels of wheat, 200 bushels of oats, and 2,500 bushels of corn. The only person with a greater corn crop was his brother Joseph, with 3,300 bushels. Before his farming days, Providence served in the War of 1812. He entered at the age of 18 as a Private and

**Milch - see Fun Facts*

attained the rank of Colonel.

The next generation of Mounts' (Providence, Joseph, and Watson's sons) farmed the same 900 acres later. One exception was Watson's son, James. He went to live with Watson's sister, Rebecca and her husband, Matthew Leonare on an adjoining farm at the age of two after Rebecca and Matthew's two infant sons had died. They raised James like he was their own son and sent him to Lebanon Academy and Ohio Wesleyan. After teaching for a year at Zoar school, James went onto medical school, started a practice in Morrow, served as a surgeon during the Civil War, and became Vice President of the Ohio Medical Society.

If you drive down Stubbs Mills Road you can see a marker at the original site of Mounts Station and if you visit Mounts Park you'll be standing on some of the 900 acres purchased by William Mounts. On another part of the original 900 acres is Mounts Cemetery, located on a wooded hillside off of US 22-3, just west of



Stubbs Mills Road that dates back to 1807. After it was neglected for many years, it was beautifully restored in 2016 by David Ehling; a descendant of William Mounts. Buried here are William Mounts, wife Catherine, oldest

son Joseph and his wife Elizabeth, along with other members of the Mounts family. Further West on US 22-3 you can see Joseph and Elizabeth's beautiful home, built in 1830, still standing majestically. While Mounts Station never developed into a town, the Mounts family remained an important part of the township for many years and both Mounts Park and Mounts Road are named in their honor.

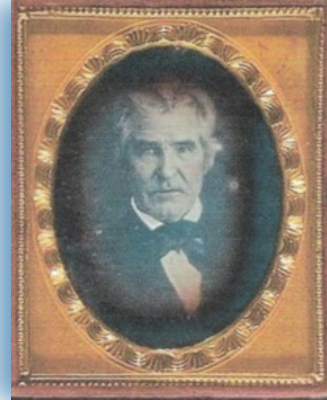


Hopkinsville

Hopkinsville was the first village in Hamilton Township as well as the first village in Warren County that was in the Virginia Military District. It dates back to 1806 after James Hopkins moved to Warren County from Kentucky in 1804 with sons, John (18), and James (14), and settled on land just south of where the village was located. They were joined in 1811 by William Hopkins and wife, Martha from Virginia who settled on the land where the town was located.

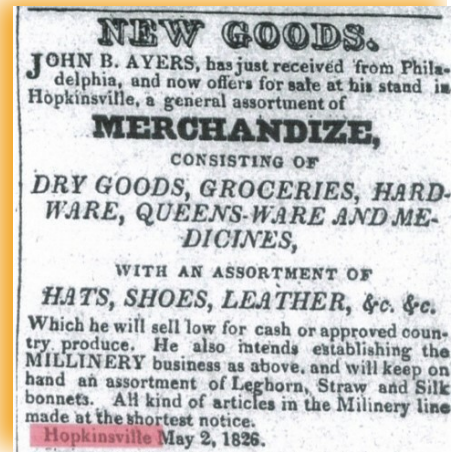
Due to the importance of the old Montgomery & Hopkinsville Pike (US 22-3) that went by the Hopkins tavern and the road crossing it (SR 48) leading to Lebanon, the village quickly grew and soon became the legal place for holding township elections and headquarters for general musters and all public gatherings. The citizens of Hopkinsville took

influential leaders in Warren County as he served as Justice of the Peace, Sheriff, State Representative, County Commissioner, and State Senator. Locally he was a merchant with a general store, a notary, surveyor, and postmaster. In 1839 he turned his store over to his son, Houston who then partnered with brother, William in running it for many years.



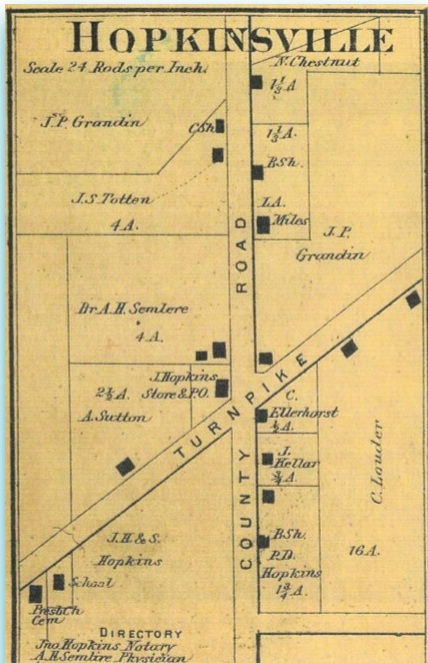
At one time the town had two blacksmith shops, a cooper shop, a shoe store, a tailor, a hardware store,

three taverns, a doctor, a post office, two general stores, a school, a church and a graveyard. In the 1820's John Ayers general store had an amazing diversity of products that could be



purchased with either cash or farm produce. Later Matthias Rapp, Boss Erwin and James Haney were merchants there.

Hopkinsville was Hamilton Township's first post office. It was established on February 25, 1825 and James Hopkins was the first postmaster. It later closed in 1903. Around 1812 a school was established and the first school house was built of logs. It was later replaced with one just south of the original location. The school closed around 1940 and was sold for \$1,160. Hopkinsville United Presbyterian Church was located next to the school. It was organized as a branch of the Sycamore Associate Reformed Church which Jeremiah Morrow helped start in Symmes Township. Rev. David McDill, its first preacher also preached at the Hopkinsville Church as early as 1820. Rev. Robert Campbell served as pastor from 1845-1866, followed by Rev. James Elliot from 1870-1880. A sabbath school was held there for many years.



celebrating Independence Day seriously as a meeting was held in June of 1833 for the purpose of making arrangements for the town's 4th of July celebration. A committee consisting of Governor Jeremiah Morrow, Col. John Hopkins, Dr. John Cottle, Col. Providence Mounts, and Thomas Dicky, Esq was appointed to make those arrangements.

John and William Hopkins both served in the War of 1812. William served just one month but John served three years. John had trained under his father in a volunteer company before the war, so he was chosen at age 27 to head up a special battalion of mounted rangers. He attained the rank of Colonel and carried that title for the rest of his life. After leaving the military, John became one of the

Regimental Elections.
THE Commissioned officers of the 4th Regiment in the 2d Brigade and 1st Division of Ohio Militia will assemble at the village of Hopkinsville at 10 o'clock A. M. on Saturday the first day of March next, and proceed to elect a Colonel for said Regiment.
J. K. WILDS, Brig. Gen.
Feb. 4, 1834.

NOTICE.
WHEREAS, HENRY INGERSOLL, an indentured apprentice regularly bound to the subscriber, to learn the business of Cabinet making; after having acquired a considerable knowledge of his trade, left me before his term of service had expired. I hereby warn all persons from trusting the said Henry, on my account, or in any way harboring or employing him--for if they do, I shall hold all such accountable to me.
FREDERICK V. SNYDER.
Hopkinsville, Warren County, Oct. 8.

CONCERT.
A concert of vocal music will take place at the meeting house in Hopkinsville, on the first Saturday in May next,
April 18, 1834.

Hopkinsville, cont.



The church building is still standing today next to the Hopkinsville cemetery. This is the township's oldest, still active cemetery. It began as the United Presbyterian Church cemetery in 1806. There are several Mounts buried here as well as 49

Hopkins including its first settler, James Hopkins (1813), his son James, the first postmaster, and his son, Dr. John Hopkins (1848). Col. Providence Mounts, son of early settler William Mounts is buried here as well as members of the Stryker and Swigert families (who lived on nearby farms), and families from Foster such as the Maag and Vogel families.

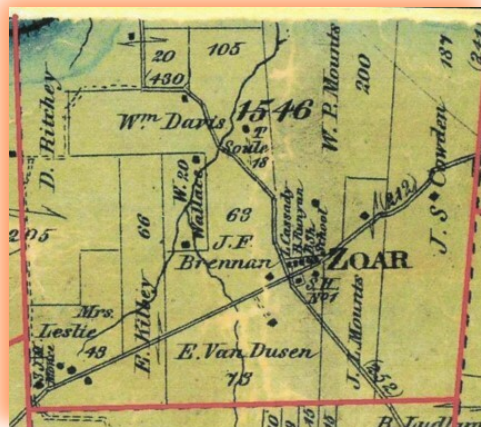


With the building of the railroad, the population shifted and Hopkinsville (also known as Hoptown) began to slowly

disappear. By 1880 the town had peaked and the business area was down to one general store, one blacksmith shop, and a shoe shop. While the original Hopkinsville is gone, the location is being revived with a host of new businesses to serve the needs of the new housing developments surrounding it. Hopkins Road provides us a daily reminder of the family that started the town.

Zoar

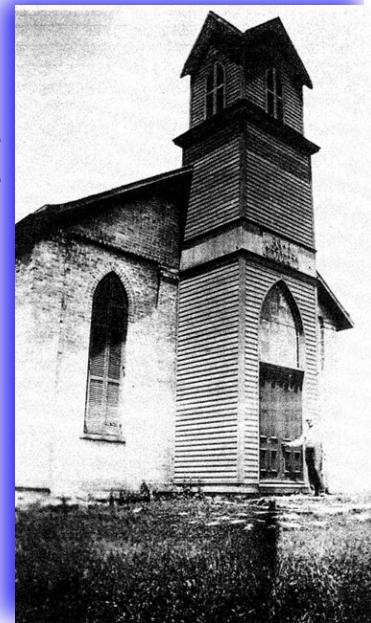
One mile northeast of Hopkinsville where US 22-3 crosses Zoar Road, there once stood a tiny village named Zoar. Started by a group of German settlers in the early 1800's, it was named after the biblical village of Zoar described in the book of Genesis. Zoar was spared by God as a place of refuge for Lot and his daughters



when Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed. By the 1840's Zoar showed promise of being a major manufacturing center as there were two blacksmith shops, a wheelwright shop owned by Matthew McNeely, and two wagon making shops working 8-10 hands in 1844. Francis Dugan, one of the proprietors of the wagon making shop, enjoyed a large southern trade of plows and wagons. He also manufactured wagons for the Mexican War.

Around 1818 a rude stone school building was erected at Zoar. It was the first building for school purposes in the northern part of the township. In 1849 the original stone school was replaced by a brick building east of the Zoar church and then replaced again in 1870. The early teachers at Zoar were Joseph Patton, Benjamin Ludlum and Joseph Keever. Those who had Joseph Keever as a teacher long remembered him as he left an impression on their minds

and rear ends when they incurred his displeasure. Dr. J.L. Mounts taught there for a year at a later date. The village also had a church that was the pioneer Methodist Church in the township. Known as Zoar Methodist Episcopal Church, the Mounts and Ludlums were active and influential members there. Initially, members met in private houses and on occasion, the Methodists and Presbyterians came together for services at Mounts Station. The first church, built in 1824, was made of logs and after



considerable growth, the church was replaced in 1837. In the winter of 1843-1844, a remarkable revival occurred in this church with more than 200 people being converted under Rev. Smith and Rev. Fife. This period marked the time of the church's prosperity at Zoar.

Zoar, cont.

Zoar also had its own cemetery located on the east side of Zoar Road, north of a creek called Plum Run. 17 members of the Ludlum family and 10 members of the Ford family (*who had nearby farms*) are buried here.

With the closing of some of the industries, the population of Zoar began to diminish and by 1880 the population was only 23. While the village of Zoar in Hamilton Township is gone, Zoar Road still exists as a reminder of this village.



What is a bit unusual is that there was another village named Zoar in Ohio. It was started as a commune in 1817, also by German settlers, in Tuscarawas County, not far from Canton. By 1898 the village voted to disband the communal society and the property was divided amongst the remaining residents. That village still exists today, but mostly as a historic site with a dozen historical buildings and 170 residents.

Hamilton Township was once part of the Virginia Military District set aside for those who had fought for the state of Virginia in the Revolutionary War. Before a parcel could be claimed, it had to be surveyed; thus the fee for surveyors was fixed by a Virginia statute. For surveying 1,000 acres, the fee was 10 pounds in Virginia currency or 320 pounds of tobacco. Sometimes a portion of the land was used as payment to the surveyor. When William Whitacre's grandfather traded his small farm in Virginia for a tract of 4,000 acres from the mouth of Todd's Fork to close to Butlerville, 1,100 acres was cut off on the east side as payment to the surveyor.

In June of 1805 the Warren County Commissioners laid a property tax on settlers. It was 30¢ for each horse owned, 11¢ for each cow owned, and 50¢ for each \$100 in value of a house or lot. That year there were 1,767 horses, 2,154 cattle and the value of all the houses in the county was \$19,801. Thus, the total amount of money received by the county was \$845.50.

*Milch isn't a typo! It's an old English word that dates back to the late 13th century as "giving milk, having milk." Since the 18th century it's applied only to domestic animals and chiefly to cows. It's also the German word for milk.

Those who served in the War of 1812 received very little pay because the government didn't have a steady source of income; there was no such thing as income taxes yet. A Private's pay was \$5/month and a bit more for an Officer. Years later the government passed the Bounty Land Act of 1850 which awarded veterans 40 acres for one month of service, 80 acres for four months of service; and 160 acres for nine months or more of service. A pension of \$8/month was awarded to those who were disabled and to heirs of those who died. Col. John Hopkins had served three years so at age 64 he received 160 acres of bounty land in Illinois. He applied for a pension at age 84 and received \$8/month until he died at the age of 89.

**DID YOU MISS OUR ISSUE
ABOUT THE GHOST
TOWNS OF SOUTHERN
HAMILTON TOWNSHIP?
CLICK HERE TO GET
CAUGHT UP!**

NEXT ISSUE: *The History of Maineville*

Historic Tales of the Township is researched and written by Dr. Karen Dinsmore. Special thanks to Dan Kindel and Jacob Stickel for their assistance with this article.



HAMILTON
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STAY UP
TO DATE



www.Hamilton-Township.org

*Board of Trustee Meetings

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6pm

*Department Updates

*Economic Development Updates

*Upcoming Events



HAMILTON
TOWNSHIP



Ellen's Garden

Glazed Lemon Zucchini Bread

We shared a zucchini bread recipe last summer, but this one kicks it up a notch with a refreshing burst of citrus!



Ingredients

- 2 Cups Cake Flour
 - 2 tsp. Baking Powder
 - 1/2 tsp. salt
 - 2 Eggs
 - 1 Cup White Sugar
 - 1/2 Cup Canola Oil
 - 1/2 Cup Buttermilk
 - 2 Tbsp. Lemon Juice
 - 1 Lemon, Zested
 - 1 Cup Grated Zucchini
- For the Glaze
- 1 Cup Powdered Sugar
 - 2 Tbsp. Lemon Juice
 - 1 Tbsp. Milk

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F and grease a 9x5 inch loaf pan
2. Mix flour, baking powder and salt together in a medium bowl and set aside.
3. In a large bowl, beat eggs. Add sugar and oil until well-blended.
4. Add buttermilk, lemon juice, and lemon zest; blend until well combined.
5. Fold in grated zucchini until mixed well.
6. Add flour mixture and blend together until well combined.
7. Pour batter into the prepared pan.
8. Bake until a toothpick inserted into center comes out clean, 40 to 45 minutes.
9. While the loaf is still warm, combine powdered sugar, lemon juice, and milk in a bowl for the glaze.
10. Spoon the glaze over the bread and let it set before cutting and serving.



Ellen Horman is our Assistant Fiscal Officer and has worked for the Township for 17 years. She handles ALL of the the day-to-day financial operations and oversees all Township budgets. She has led the Township through 9 perfect audits! Ellen enjoys gardening, baking, biking on the trail, and spending time with family and friends; especially her two grandsons.

Warren County Foundation - Our Community Resource for Charitable Giving

The Warren County Foundation (WCF) helps impact Hamilton Township by delivering its mission to enhance the quality of life in Warren County through charitable giving.

WCF Impact in Hamilton Township

"Camp Joy is extremely grateful for the long-term relationship and support received through the Warren County Foundation (WCF). WCF has supported Joy's mission of serving underserved children from Warren County through outdoor based programming in the form of various grants. Through these impactful gifts, many young people in Warren County have been given the gift of Joy, which is truly immeasurable."

- Stephanie Vorhees, Philanthropy Director, Camp Joy



Camp Joy impacts underserved youth in our community through camp and outdoor education programming with support from the Warren County Foundation.



**Be part of charitable giving in
Hamilton Township with WCF
through: Legacy planning,
Scholarship funds, Donor advised
funds**

**www.WarrenCountyFoundation.org
513-934-1001 - Tom Seddon, CEO**



Community Partner

Get to
know



Our Mission

Our mission is to promote wise stewardship of our natural resources through cooperative partnerships, educational programs, and technical assistance in land and water management.

Resident Services

- Drainage, Erosion & Pond Assistance
- Soil & Water Testing
- Stormwater Basin Inspections
- Maps & Historic Aerial Images
- Warren County Water Striders
- Backyard Conservation

Backyard Conservation

- Ohio Native Plants
- Pollinator Pathways
- Rain Gardens
- Rain Barrels
- Composting



More
information



www.warrenswcd.com

Upcoming Events

- 7.24 - Intro to Kayaking
- 7.26 - Water Striders Kayak Float
- 8.13 - August Stream Encounter
- 8.17 - 2024 Ag Tour
- 8.21 - 80th Annual Meeting