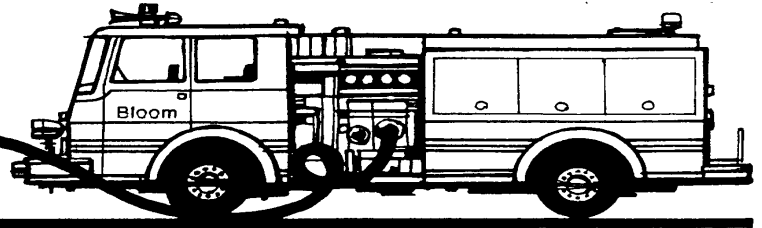


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68th ANNUAL BLOOM TOWNSHIP FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL DAY FISH FRY

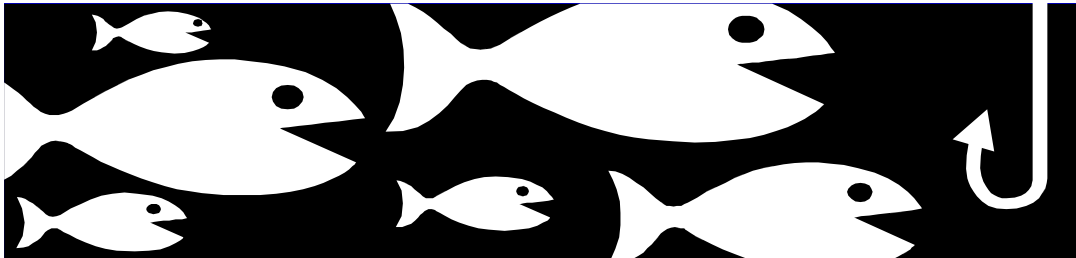
Schedule of events: Monday, May 29, 2006

9:00 am Parade Line up at American Legion on Smith Rd.

10:00 am Parade starts in Lithopolis

11:00 am- 4pm Cruise-In Lithopolis

11:00am- 6pm (or when the fish is gone) Fish fry at the firehouse in Lithopolis.

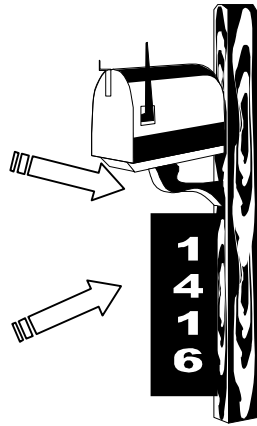


This year there will be a free shuttle service available. The shuttle will leave and return to the parking lots at Pope John XXIII Catholic Church, Tri- County Medical Center and Roller Field.

There will also be dedicated handicap parking behind (the old) Log Cottage at the Southwest corner of Columbus St. and Walnut St.

See page 2 for information on the Stone City 5k race!

**DOES YOUR
MAILBOX HAVE A
GREEN HOUSE
NUMBER SIGN
THAT IS VISIBLE
AT NIGHT TO A
FAST MOVING
EMERGENCY
VEHICLE?**



PLEASE, WE NEED YOUR HELP

At night it is very difficult to locate residences that do not have any numbers on their mailbox. Each house should have a reflective green 9-1-1 address sign. These signs improve our emergency response time because we can find your house quicker, day or night. The signs and numbers are available at the Fire Station in Lithopolis for only \$8.00. Stop by and pick one up today. Help us reach our goal of a green sign for every house in Bloom Township.

This Memorial Day let's remember those who serve today and those who served in the past- Thank you



Check out our Website

Please visit us at www.bloomtpw.org and click the fire department link.



**The Stone City 5K Memorial Day
Fun Run/Walk**

Presented by The Wagnall's Memorial
The third annual race will be held on Saturday, May 27, 2006. Race day registration will begin at 7:30 AM and continue through 8:45 AM. Pre-registered participants will pick up packets during this time as well.
Brochures can be picked up at The Wagnalls Memorial in Lithopolis - 150 East Columbus Street. Call for additional information - 614.837.4765 Ext. 104. In order to receive the pre-registration discount, mail entry form by 5/16 or register online by 5/20.
Register online at
<http://www.premierraces.com/Races/StoneCity06.html>

Entry Fees:
Before May 20 \$20
On race day \$25
(\$15 per person for groups of 10 or more)

The run/walk takes you through the wonderful Village of Lithopolis on a partial out & back course that encompasses some flat and some hilly areas. This is a great course!!

THE WAGNALLS MEMORIAL is a library, community center, and museum with many kinds of programs and activities. In addition, scholarships are offered to area youth.

It is our purpose to enrich community life by maintaining a vital cultural center where resources, learning and talents are shared. Your participation in this event will help support all that is being done at Wagnalls. (All information obtained from The Wagnall's Memorial or www.premierraces.com)

COME AND SUPPORT THE PARTICIPANTS AS THEY RUN THE COURSE!





NOAA Weather Radios vs Tornado Sirens

It is early spring and already the Midwest has been devastated by severe thunderstorms and tornadoes.

We can recall last year when storms late in the season leveled parts of Indiana and surrounding states destroying property and injuring and killing dozens. Some of the blame and controversy for deaths and injuries was blamed on outdoor warning devices or “tornado sirens”.

In Bloom Township, there is one siren and that is in the village of Lithopolis. There have been questions to why there are not more and the answer is somewhat simple. The cost of placing the outdoor warning systems are quite high for what they actually accomplish. The systems are designed to warn those individuals who are outside. The obvious advantage to living within a half mile of a tornado siren is that you may hear it from inside your home. But, to adequately cover the whole township for all residents to hear the warning would take several sirens. Also, sirens give no other information after it has activated. If you are in an area that has lost power and you have no battery backed up radio, you are left wondering what to expect.

The good news is there is a safer and more reliable warning device.

The NOAA weather radio. This receiver, according to the National Weather Service,

allows “forecasts and statements to automatically and instantaneously go straight from the NWS forecaster to the NOAA Weather Radio 2000 and out onto the airways saving 5 to 10 minutes or more”.

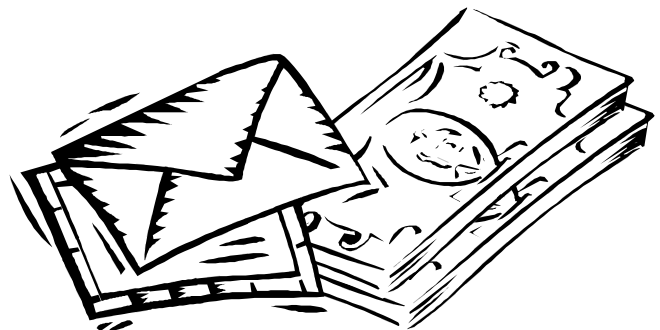
These radios cost much less than \$100 for a residential unit. The unit is compact, but when well maintained by the homeowner allows security and reliability in the face of emergencies. The radio will also give you vital information as to what type of emergency is being forecast, when to expect the action and where safe havens might be.

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency suggests each homeowner have a NOAA weather radio. The radios may be purchased with several options at local department or electronics stores.

For more information, please visit the Fairfield County EMA website at <http://www.co.fairfield.oh.us/emergency%20mang/> Click the Weather Radio link or stop by the firehouse in Lithopolis.

Send in your tickets!

Once again the Bloom Township Fire department will be holding a 50/50 drawing at the fish fry. Enclosed you will find an insert with 6 tickets. Just fill out the tickets and send them back to the address on the envelope with the appropriate donation. On the day of the fish fry we may draw YOUR NAME for fun prizes.



This Memorial Day....

It is important that daily as we enjoy our freedoms, we remember and pray for those who have fought and those that are still fighting. We must never forget those who have paid the ultimate price, those who are willing to and those who have yet to come home. God Bless You All.

