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You're invited to Clarksburg's Celebration of Ross County's Bicentennial

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 • 1:00 PM



CLARKSBURG - EARLY 1900'S


A BRIEF HISTORY OF CLARKSBURG
The Village of Clarksburg was laid out in 1817 by William Clark, an 1812 War Veteran, who is buried in the field south of the Village on the west side of SR 207. The burial site is marked by a plaque on a rock by the side of the road. It consisted of 72 lots. George Smith built the first business, a General Store and James Timmons opened a tavern in 1806.
The Village started incorporation action June 5, 1871 and was officially incorporated in 1872. The Village of Clarksburg is located in Northwestern Ross County fifteen miles from Chillicothe, Circleville, Washington OH and Greenfield. In 1860 the Village had dirt roads and no sidewalks. The road reached Clarksburg about twice a week and was brought by Joe Johnson from Chillicothe by way of Yellowford on horse back in the winter and buggy in the summer.
The population of Clarksburg has been around 500 people for over 100 years.
In an account of the year 1939 it is reported that electricity for the Village is supplied by the Ohio Midland Light and Power Co. and telephone service by the Chillicothe Telephone Co. There are 1 1/2 miles of paved streets and 1/2 mile more will be added.
The Volunteer Fire Department was started about 1947 when a Ford truck and chassis were purchased and John Pool transferred it into a Fire Truck. Numerous improvements have been made to the Fire Department including a fire station which was built. The Emergency Squad was started in 1980.

CLARKSBURG FIELD DAY SCHEDULE
Saturday, August 1, 1998


Children games	11:00 - 12:00
Lunch begins at 11:00	
Flag Raising	12:00 - 12:00
The Cruise-In registration	12:00 - 2:00
Cruise-In Awards presented at 6:00 with the Adena Band	
Adena High School Band	12:00 - 1:00
The Ross Co. Bicentennial Birthday Celebration	1:00 - 1:30
The Garden Tractor Pull starts at 1:30	
Grant & Sally Ministries	1:30 - 3:00
Adelphi Band	3:00 - 4:00
Greased Pole	3:00 - 3:00
Steady Steamer Cloggers	4:00 - 5:00
Fish and Chicken Dinners: Serving starts at 4:00	
The Garrison Family (Gospel)	5:00 - 6:00
The Great Seal of Ohio Band	6:00 - 7:00
Gosstown Automobilers	7:00 - 9:30

Horseshoe Pitching All Day
Fifteen minute presentations will be held in the Historical tent about various Clarksburg History. All Afternoon
World War II veterans are invited to a get together in the Historical Tent to reminisce about the War years at 7:00 PM

CLARKSBURG COMMUNITY BAND





IN FRONT OF TOWN HALL 1909
Patriotism has always been a part of Deerfield Township. Most of the men between the ages of 18 and 45 served in the war of 1812, leaving only the younger boys and older men of the Deerfield Township to run the farms and community. During the War of 1812, the Ohio Militia marched through what would become Clarksburg on the Urbana Pike, now SR 207, on their way to Urbana. In the Civil War the 27th regiment organized by John Burris, had 80 men from the Deerfield area. Others from the area were in the 13th Ohio, which fought at Gettysburg. A few men served in the Spanish-American war. There were several veterans who served in WWI. Glenn D. Ater was awarded the Silver Star.
World War II was about 220 men from the area in action. A sign was built and painted with the names of the veterans serving in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam - one of the few to serve in three wars. Capt. Joe Ater, a pilot, along with Dr. Byron Simons, Flight Surgeon, in the 1950's "bused" Clarksburg in a KC 97 Tanker. Capt Robert Dawson also did the honor of "Bussing" Clarksburg in the 1940's in a P-40 Warhawk, but since they were local boys, no one seemed to mind. Lt. Col. Pryor B. Timmons, Jr. served in Vietnam and Desert Storm and was the first USF pilot to fly into Iran in the 1980, after the Hostage Crisis.
Clarksburg's Community Band was founded in 1909, continued until 1940. Performing at Clarksburg Field Day and other Village Activities. They also marched in parades in various places.




CLARKSBURG TOWN HALL - 1906

CLARKSBURG SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT
Willis Cleary was known for his ability to play the piano "by ear", and along with many other events, he played for the minstrel show given by the Young Married Women's Club. After presenting the show in Clarksburg, the Club was asked to "take the show on the road" to neighboring communities. The "Garrison's", a gospel singing group lived in Clarksburg in the 1970's and 1980's and will be returning for Field Day to sing.
The Clarksburg area had several athletes involved in school sports, having participated on 7 State Championship teams and two State Runners Up. The most well-known athlete from Clarksburg is Olympian Cindy Nabe-Hauserman. Cindy played basketball for OSU and Tennessee. Participating in the 1980 and 1984 Olympics she played professional basketball in Italy and Japan. The newest sports figure to gain recognition for his talent is Justin Reisinger, who signed with the New York Yankee's and left for training camp a week after graduating from Adena in 1998.
Movies were a part of Clarksburg life for many years. The first movies shown in 1910 were silent movies, with Mary McGee providing the music, until 1926, when the movies were shown in the Town Hall by projectionist Willis Cleary, until around 1950. In the 50's during the summer movies were shown outside on a screen fixed on the Town Hall and the people would sit in chairs or on the ground to watch the movies.





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