

Reily Township Historical Society

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Newsletter—Winter 2026

Nearly 90 people gathered at the Hammond House Museum for the fourth annual Christmas tree lighting, sponsored by the Reily Township Good Neighbors and the Reily Township Historical Society. We were honored to celebrate the Mullen family, who have been dedicated farmers in our community for four generations. Neighbors enjoyed hot cocoa and cookies, and the children had a chance to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. It was a wonderful way to begin the holiday season together.

Tim and Amy Mullen (Right)

(Far Right) L to R Amber (Mullen) Lang and her husband Andy; Carolyn Mullen; and Emily (Mullen) Niccum and her husband Tony and Tim's grandchildren.



The Reily Township Historical Society and the Oxford Caroline Scott Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution organized this year's Wreaths Across America ceremony, bringing together volunteers and veterans to place wreaths on the graves of those who served. Wreaths were placed at Walker, Reily and St. Charles cemeteries despite cold, snowy weather.

Among the many dedicated volunteers were members of the Reily Livestock 4-H Club, two of whom are pictured placing a wreath on the grave of Pvt. Andrew Stevens of the 35th Ohio Infantry, who was killed in Sumner County, Tennessee, during the Civil War. Learning the history of our service members and honoring their sacrifices by placing wreaths on their graves helps keep their memory alive. National Wreaths Across America Day will be held next year on Saturday, December 19, 2026.



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Membership Director
Erin Miller-Beckelhymer

The Reily Township Historical Society would like to remind members that 2026 membership dues are now being accepted. If you have any questions regarding membership or dues, please reach out to me directly, or you can reach out to any board members. Erin Miller-Beckelhymer millererine@hotmail.com.

Your support helps us preserve treasured memories for future generations to view. We thank our members and donors for supporting our work. A renewal of your membership into 2026 will give you access to the records with assistance from the board. You'll receive our newsletters with news, updates, special events, "RTHS Speaker Series," public meeting dates and open house dates. You can research community topics and access ancestral records and images. The museum is free to explore and questions are always welcome. If you have items you wish to donate to the museum, please contact the board at reilyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or 513-317-1485.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE - Winter 2026

PUBLIC MEETINGS are the first Tuesday of each month
(unless otherwise stated) at the

**Reily Township Community Center
6093 Reily Millville Rd., Oxford, Ohio 45056**

The organization business meeting starts at 7:00 PM and is followed
by the pre-scheduled speaker or displays.



6207 Main Street (Reily)
Oxford, Ohio 45056

**MUSEUM OPEN ON THE
FOLLOWING
DATES FROM
1:00 PM TO 3:00PM**

Sunday, JANUARY 4, 2026

Sunday, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Sunday, MARCH 1, 2026

Open by appointment by calling
513-317-1485

*Schedule updates will be posted on
Facebook.*



Tuesday, January 6, 2026

“Myaamionki - The Place of the Miamis”

Andrew Sawyer will be discussing the history of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, their relationship with Miami University and their historic homelands, and the sovereign Miami Tribe today.

Andrew Sawyer is the Education Outreach Specialist with the Myaamia Center at Miami University where he works with faculty, departments, and offices across campus to promote and share the work being done at the Myaamia Center. Prior to this he served as the Site Manager/Anthropologist at SunWatch Indian Village/Archaeological Park in Dayton, Ohio and as an Adjunct Instructor in Anthropology at the University of Dayton and Sinclair Community College. Before that he worked in Cultural Resource Management in the western US. He has degrees in Anthropology from Miami University and the University of Denver and is a past President, Trustee, and Chair of the Native American Concerns Committee for the Ohio Archaeological Council.

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

“The Miami - U.S. Wars, 1785-1814”

Cam Shriver will discuss the importance of this region to American history immediately following the American Revolution. Why was the area that became Butler County so filled with violence in the 1780s and early 1790s? What were the stakes for the fighters involved?

Cam Shriver is a Senior Research Associate at the Myaamia Center at Miami University. He earned his PhD in history from Ohio State. He studies the history of the Ohio valley, colonialism, and Myaamia experiences of the last four centuries. Most recently, he published a book detailing a history of education in the Miami Tribe. He is currently researching Myaamia landownership and the financial impacts of Indian removal.

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Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

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Mail to:

**Reily Township Historical Society
Attention: Roger Koch, Treasurer
189 Sample Rd.
Oxford, Ohio 45056**

Membership Categories:

Annual (Individual) \$20

Annual (Family) \$25

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