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# The Darby Dispatch

Darby Township Trustees

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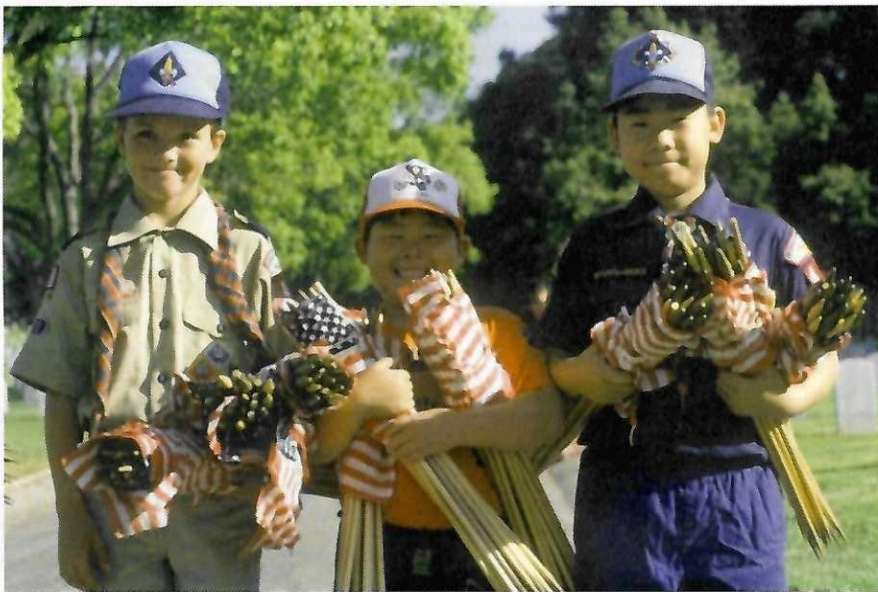
## Memorial Day Commemoration

The Darby Township Trustees extend an open invitation to the residents of Darby Township along with friends and family to gather to commemorate and celebrate the men and women of the United States military who sacrificed their lives defending freedom and liberty for each of us. Please join us May 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at the Unionville Center Veterans Memorial for a ceremony, patriotic music, and remembrance of those fallen. We are pleased to have Dale Bartow as the Ceremony Speaker. Dale currently serves as the Executive Director of the Union County Veterans Services Commission. Darby Township resident and recording artist Kevin Mabry will share his gift of music in the ceremony. All are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. In case of rain, the ceremony will be moved to the United Methodist Church.

“Whether we observe the occasion through public ceremony or through private prayer, Memorial Day leaves few hearts unmoved. Each of the patriots whom we remember on this day was first a beloved son or daughter, a brother or sister, or a spouse, friend, and neighbor.”

President George H.  
W. Bush





## 5 Interesting Memorial Day Facts

Following the Civil War, General John A Logan called for a national "Decoration Day" to honor those who died during the war. After World War I, the name of the day of commemoration was changed to "Memorial Day" to honor those lives lost in all of America's wars.



Approximately 620,000 Americans were killed in the Civil War, more than any other war in the history of the United States.

As prescribed by the U. S. Department of Veterans' Affairs, on Memorial Day the American flag should be flown at half-staff from sunrise until noon, then raised briskly to the top of the staff until sunset.



For many years, Memorial Day was celebrated on May 30<sup>th</sup> regardless of the day of the week. In 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Holiday Act in which Memorial Day was officially to be observed on the last Monday in May.

Some people observe Memorial Day by wearing a red poppy to remember those fallen in war. This tradition was started by a World War I brigade surgeon who was moved by the sight of the red flowers that were growing on a WWI battlefield.



# Township Transitions

At the December 2021 meeting of the Trustees, Doug Alderman announced his retirement and ended his 22 years of service as Darby Township Trustee. Doug served as Chairman of the Trustees for many of those years! Among his many areas of service, Doug was the LUC representative, served on the 33 Corridor Task Force, and acted as a Pleasant Valley Joint Fire District Board Trustee. Doug was a key contributor to notable accomplishments by the Trustees including the creation of the Darby Township Comprehensive Plan, writing the Township newsletter, and the funding for the Township Public Safety Officer and the Fairbanks School Resource Officer. The Township truly thanks Doug for his decades of service to our community.

In response to Doug's retirement, the remaining Trustees at the January 2022 Trustees' Meeting appointed David Huston to the open Trustee seat. David and his wife Nancy and their family have enjoyed living in Darby Township since 2001.



Doug Alderman



David Huston

# Township Road Work



Darby Township will contract with the Union County Engineer this Summer to perform biennial maintenance and repair to Darby Township roads. The list below includes only selected roads that are the responsibility of the Township (most roads in the Township are actually maintained by the County).

- Ketch Rd – chip/seal Darby Twp. Half
- Fladt Rd – chip/seal portion southwest of SR 736
- Hidden Farm Rd – chip/seal all
- Trail End Rd – chip/seal all
- O'Harra Rd – chip/seal all
- Herchanhahn Rd – chip/seal all
- Debolt Rd – chip/seal from SR 161 to county line
- Sam Reed Rd – chip/seal from SR 38 to Union Twp line
- Davin Court – chip/seal all

## Darby Township Trustees and Officers

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