

The Auglaize County Historical Society Newsletter

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Letter from our President to our Members:

It is a beautiful, warm summer day as I put together this letter to you. The Board has been letting no grass grow under their feet as the planning and work continues.

The Mooney site is undergoing new landscaping so you will want to stop by and check this out. Thanks to trustee, Todd Spieles for his work with county landscapers.

Village Green submitted the plan that the Board liked the best. Dale Altstaetter and Jim McCullough helped transplant a large number of bulbs to both Shinbone and the Gary Cabin from the Mooney Museum. Next spring we should see a lot more colorful blooms around these two sites.

Thanks to Jim Heinrich for taking on the mowing of the yard. The yard at the Mooney site is not in the best condition and we have voted to make parking for approximately six cars east of the garage.

Todd will be taking down a pine tree and we will be stoning that area for the present time. Volunteers working the site will be able to park by the garage and leave the street in front of the house free for visitor parking.

Jim and Dale have reworked the gatehouse at the fairgrounds by lining the inside which will allow us to hang and display tools etc. during fair week. They have also been hanging storm windows at the Wapakoneta site and remaking some at the Shinbone site. These two work very hard maintaining our sites, as you see them about pass on your thanks to them.

We have the porch to paint at the Mooney home and some inside ceilings need some touch up, but just like your homes it seems to never end. They require constant maintenance work.

Please remember to attend the Summer Moon Festival in Wapakoneta on July 17th and 18th.

The Wapakoneta Museum will be open on Saturday and Sunday from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. both days. We have some great new exhibits for you to see and the Oscar will be back. You'll find more information on this as you read through your newsletter.

The Mooney Museum will be open during the St. Marys Summerfest, August 14th & 15th, from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. both days. Be sure and see our new landscaping and displays there.

Fair Week is August 2nd through 7th with different events every day at the Gary Log Cabin. All of the Societies within the county have worked very hard to put together the daily happenings occurring at the cabin. Elsewhere in this newsletter you can read about the events.

We hope you will take this time to visit with your children/grandchildren and let Auglaize County History come alive.

Sincere "Thanks" to Bill Huber, Ruth Eshleman, Betty Bulp, Katy Gilbert for an outstanding job of putting together the Veteran's Memorial Dedication event at the St. Marys Theatre on May 29th.

Thanks to Kal Schanz and Tim Townsend for the use of the theatre and working with TSC for the satellite hook up. Without them the event would not have been possible. Kal sings under the stage name of Calvin Wayne, and sang a beautiful song entitled "In America."

Kal was talking about the event with a friend of his, singer/songwriter Monty Holmes who decided he wanted to come to be a part of the event and brought the house down with his version of the "Boys of 44."

Our thanks to Katy Gilbert and Glenna Meckstroth for coming and having their books on veterans available so those attending could purchase them.

Philip Merritt treated all to his tremendous collection of military artifacts which was set up in the lobby. It was a great event, a long time in coming, to a special group of military people who give their heart and soul to preserve this country and our freedom. Thank your veterans every time you see them!

As you can see it is through the efforts of many people sharing their talents that we are able to do the programs, remodeling etc. that forms the working of the Auglaize County Historical Society. It is the sharing, caring, preserving qualities of the American people that has made and continues to make this the greatest country in the world, Ohio the greatest State and Auglaize County the greatest county. Have a great summer, enjoy history!

Sincerely,

Karen Dietz, President

Board Members of the Auglaize County Historical Society

Karen Dietz, President; George Nearing, V.P.; Jim Heinrich, Treasurer; Julie McCullough, Secretary. Trustees: Ruth Eshleman, Betty Bulp, Katy Gilbert, Todd Spieles, Dale Altstaetter, Irene Kepler, Bill Huber and Jim McCullough.



Visit these exhibits at the Wapakoneta Museum

- July 17th and 18th, the Wapakoneta Local History Museum will be again hosting the Dudley Nichols Oscar. The Oscar will be at the Museum for just two days. Dudley

Nichols won this Oscar for his adaptation of the film, "The Informer" and is just as well remembered for "Stagecoach" which launched John Wayne's acting career. Dudley was nominated for three more films: "The Long Voyage Home" in 1940, "Air Force" in 1943, "The Tin Star" in 1957.

Dudley's home was located on the corner from the Museum; stop by and see the Bicentennial marker put up last July 20th, 2003.

- On exhibit, during the Summer Moon Festival, at the Wapakoneta Museum will be Don L. Steinke's collection of Wapakoneta Irons, Indian Head Skillets and a Honey Extractor made by the Standard Churn Company in Wapakoneta.

He also will have on exhibit his restored Model T Truck. Don is celebrating 40 years of working with bees. He is offering tours of his honey extracting operations at 10518 Ashburn Rd. in Clay Township beginning July 20th through August 31st. You can schedule a tour by calling [phone number] or talk with him at the Wapakoneta Museum exhibit.

- Vernon Myers will be exhibiting a toy pedal car in the Wapakoneta Museum during the festival. The car was made 99 years ago in Toledo, Ohio. It originally was purchased by a family in Wapakoneta and passed down through the family until just recently purchased by Vernie. You will remember that Vernie is our local historian on Turner Toys, having written the "Collector's Handbook of Turner Toys" in 2002.

We encourage you to visit the Wapakoneta Museum for these special exhibits. We thank the Nichols family, Don and Vernie for so graciously sharing with us and the community.



Renew or Join The Auglaize County Historical Society

- Adult Member \$15.00
- Family Member \$25.00
- Student Member \$5.00
- 62 or older Sr. Adult Member \$12.00
- 62 or older Sr. Family Member \$20.00
- Life Member \$250.00

Make check payable to: **Auglaize County Historical Society**
Mail to: **Anna Mae Saum, 131 Bayshore Court, St. Marys, Ohio 45885**

"We are Saving History Now for Future Generations."



**Visit The Gary Log House at the
Auglaize County Fair August 2 to 7**

Daily events during Fair Week 2004

- **Monday -- Aug. 2nd:** New Knoxville Society. Introducing blacksmithing and the major role it played in early Auglaize County life, with Scott Murray demonstrating his blacksmithing equipment throughout the day and early evening, as well as the rest of the week near the log smoke house.
- **Tuesday -- Aug. 3rd:** Criddersville Society. Early American Music and musical

instruments with Paula Schumm, Bob Dicus and others. Demonstrations and displays
- Come enjoy the sounds!

- **Wednesday -- Aug. 4th:** New Bremen Society. Displays and information on Lock 1.
- **Thursday -- Aug. 5th:** Auglaize County Society. Indian Storyteller, Katie Searfoss; Quill worker, Deborah Foster; display of Indian Artifacts, Pelts, etc.
- **Friday -- Aug. 6th:** Minster Society. Boeke Book information and displays.
- **Saturday -- Aug. 7th:** Uniopolis Society. To be announced.

Set up during the whole week of the fair will be Gary Bradford with his display of pulleys and farm-related tools, in a self contained trailer that will be located by the Gary Log House.



Program Schedule for 2004

September 2nd, 7 P.M. at Midwest Electric. Eric Honneffer, Document Conservator at the Center for Archival Collections, Bowling Green State University. We encourage you to locate your old documents, pictures, and bring them with you. Look forward to an interesting and educational evening.

November 4th come spend an evening with music and readings about Civil War soldier Charles Kruse. Given by Dr. Todd Spieles in the candle light setting of Shinbone Church.



Adult Charter Members 1963-64

40 years ago in 1963 a group of citizens met in the McBroom School Cafeteria in St. Marys, Ohio with the determination to organize the Auglaize County Historical Society. They started a membership drive to raise funds. The following is a list of the charter members and students that was found in the papers donated from the Geiger Estate. The names and addresses were written by K.C. Geiger, the first secretary of the Society.

We recognized these people in this newsletter, many are now deceased but it was only through their efforts that the Historical Society was started 40 years ago.

Notice: Life members are listed in Bold Type.

Adams, Charles & Rhea	St. Marys, Ohio
Anderson, Ben	St. Marys, Ohio
Anspaugh, Joh	Wapakoneta, Ohio
Armstrong, Miss Ethel	St. Marys, Ohio
Arnold, Chuck	St. Marys, Ohio
Axe, Patrick	St. Marys, Ohio
Baker, Helen	St. Marys, Ohio
Bettelini, Mrs. Carrie	St. Marys, Ohio
Bittegar, Mrs. Edrie	St. Marys, Ohio
Blair, Herb M.	St. Marys, Ohio
Boltz, Miss Lillian	St. Marys, Ohio
Botkin, Harold & Patsy	St. Marys, Ohio
Brewer, Miss Lois	St. Marys, Ohio
Brorein, Bernard	St. Marys, Ohio
Bubp, Mrs. Henry	St. Marys, Ohio
Buchanon, Steve & Mary	St. Marys, Ohio

Burgess, Mrs. Sherman	St. Marys, Ohio
Carmean, Mrs. Francis	St. Marys, Ohio
Cattarin, Joseph & Sarabel	St. Marys, Ohio
Caywood, Mrs. Carl	St. Marys, Ohio
Compton, Vernabel	St. Marys, Ohio
Comus, Louis	St. Marys, Ohio
Conner, Miss Katherine	St. Marys, Ohio
Cook, Harold K.	St. Marys, Ohio
Cook, Mrs. R.	St. Marys, Ohio
Cummings, Gordon	Wapakoneta, Ohio
Dennings, Frank	St. Marys, Ohio
Dennis, Berniece	New Knoxville, Ohio
Duncan, Naomi	St. Marys, Ohio
Ellis, Sam & Eleanor	St. Marys, Ohio
Engel, Don	St. Marys, Ohio
Engel, Mrs. Lois	St. Marys, Ohio
Essman, H.J.	St. Marys, Ohio
Etter, Gordon	St. Marys, Ohio
Eversman, Adrian & Kay	St. Marys, Ohio
Eversman, Mrs. Ed	New Bremen, Ohio
Eversman, Roger	New Knoxville, Ohio
Fett, Jennie	Wapakoneta, Ohio
Finrock, William	St. Marys, Ohio
Finke, Clifford	St. Marys, Ohio
Fisher, Darrel	St. Marys, Ohio
Fleagle, Noreen	St. Marys, Ohio
Frey, Miss Mildred	St. Marys, Ohio
Geiger, Miss Edith	St. Marys, Ohio
Geiger, Miss Gertrude	St. Marys, Ohio
Geiger, Miss Marguerite	St. Marys, Ohio
Geiger, Kathryn (K.C.)	St. Marys, Ohio
Gidding, Dr. & Mrs.	St. Marys, Ohio
Glass, William	St. Marys, Ohio
Glass, Roger	St. Marys, Ohio
Glass, Mrs. Alvin	St. Marys, Ohio
Goodyear Service Store	St. Marys, Ohio
Grauer, Miss Clara	St. Marys, Ohio
Grewe, Mrs. Fred A.	New Knoxville, Ohio
Grunden, Miss Ailene	St. Marys, Ohio
Goodsmith, Miss Sue	Sandusky, Ohio
Gunderman, Jack	Cincinnati, Ohio
Haberkamp, Gust	New Knoxville, Ohio
Hager, Miss Alice	St. Marys, Ohio
Hall, Robert	St. Marys, Ohio
Hanning, Ray & Flora	St. Marys, Ohio
Harris, Mrs. Cliff	New Bremen, Ohio
Hartman, Mrs. Mary	St. Marys, Ohio
Hays, Mrs. Helen	St. Marys, Ohio
Helmstetter, Fred A.	St. Marys, Ohio

Henschen, Elmer	New Knoxville, Ohio
Hierholzer, Mrs. Tom	St. Marys, Ohio
Hoagland, V.C.	St. Marys, Ohio
Hoagland, R.S.	Madison, Wisconsin
Hobler, Mrs. Richard	St. Marys, Ohio
Holtkamp, Caroline	New Knoxville, Ohio
Horton, Walter C.	St. Marys, Ohio
Huber, Miss Esther	St. Marys, Ohio
Hunter, Robert	St. Marys, Ohio
Huwer, Charles & Dorothy	St. Marys, Ohio
Jordan, Mrs. Robert	St. Marys, Ohio
Jurossic, Betty Jo	St. Marys, Ohio
Katterheinrich, N.F.	New Knoxville, Ohio
Keller, John H.	Lima, Ohio
Kellermeyer, Larry	St. Marys, Ohio
Kolpin, Miss Marie	St. Marys, Ohio
Kishler, W.J.	St. Marys, Ohio
Kohler, Mrs. Albert	St. Marys, Ohio
Kuck, Fred	New Knoxville, Ohio
Kuck, Mrs. Erma	New Bremen, Ohio
Kuffner, John	St. Marys, Ohio
Ingledue, Robert J.	Wapakoneta, Ohio
Landis, Mrs. Mary V.	St. Marys, Ohio
Lawler, Doris	St. Marys, Ohio
Lawler, Ned	St. Marys, Ohio
Leader Printing Company	St. Marys, Ohio
Lear, William	New Bremen, Ohio
Long, C. Richard	St. Marys, Ohio
Long, Mrs. Charles	Wapakoneta, Ohio
Lowe, Mrs. George	St. Marys, Ohio
Mackebach, Dr. Charles & Mrs.	St. Marys, Ohio
Mackebach, Paul & Mrs.	St. Marys, Ohio
Martindale, Mrs. Linda	St. Marys, Ohio
Marx, Emil F.	St. Marys, Ohio
Menges, Pauline	Wapakoneta, Ohio
McCraw, Flora	New Bremen, Ohio
Miley, Miss Melva	St. Marys, Ohio
Miley, Miss Sadie	St. Marys, Ohio
Miller, John H.	St. Marys, Ohio
Miller, Mrs. Levi	St. Marys, Ohio
Miller, Tom N.	St. Marys, Ohio
Millisor, Mrs. Louetta	St. Marys, Ohio
Montague, Eldon	St. Marys, Ohio
Moots, Terry & Dixie	St. Marys, Ohio
McClintock, Virgil	Wapakoneta, Ohio
McClintock, Mary	Wapakoneta, Ohio
McQuillin, John	Wapakoneta, Ohio
Neargarder, Clarence B.	St. Marys, Ohio
Neargarder, George	St. Marys, Ohio
Neely, Dick	St. Marys, Ohio
Newell, Mrs. Anna	Santa Cruz, New Mexico

New Knoxville Phone Company	New Knoxville, Ohio
Noble, Edward	St. Marys, Ohio
Noble, John	Columbus, Ohio
Noble, Willard D.	St. Marys, Ohio
Parker, Robert	St. Marys, Ohio
Patterson, Miss Lola	New Bremen, Ohio
Peffley, Mrs. Charles	St. Marys, Ohio
Place, Mrs. George	St. Marys, Ohio
Post, Miss Alice	Metamora, Ohio
Protsman, John	St. Marys, Ohio
Ransey, Miss Verda	St. Marys, Ohio
Rouhier, Jack & Jo	St. Marys, Ohio
Schaaf, David & Gayle	St. Marys, Ohio
Schallenberg, Mrs. Clyde	St. Marys, Ohio
Schamp, Kenneth	St. Marys, Ohio
Schierholt, William	St. Marys, Ohio
Schmidt, Mrs. Raymond	St. Marys, Ohio
Schroeder, Mrs. Harry F.	New Bremen, Ohio
Schrolucke, Kenneth & Emma Jean	St. Marys, Ohio
Scott, James & Lois	St. Marys, Ohio
Sheaks, Robert	St. Marys, Ohio
Springer, Lois	Wapakoneta, Ohio
Sittler, Louis	St. Marys, Ohio
Stahlman, Mardana	St. Marys, Ohio
Steve, Emil H.	St. Marys, Ohio
Stoker, Mrs. Mireille	St. Marys, Ohio
Stork, Emma	New Knoxville, Ohio
Sullivan, Edward	St. Marys, Ohio
Sullivan, James	St. Marys, Ohio
Sullivan, Orlando & Ruby	St. Marys, Ohio
Sutton, Joe	New Bremen, Ohio
Sweigart, Janelle	St. Marys, Ohio
Thatcher, Carl	St. Marys, Ohio
Thieman, William G.	New Knoxville, Ohio
Thieman, Mrs. Araminta	New Knoxville, Ohio
Thiessen, Prof. Edgar	Plymouth, Wisconsin
This, Eugene	New Bremen, Ohio
Trahan, Ronald & Judith Ann	St. Marys, Ohio
Tschantz, Julia	St. Marys, Ohio
Utrecht, William & Pearl	St. Marys, Ohio
Vornholt, Mrs. Mary E.	New Knoxville, Ohio
Warner, Mrs. Jean	St. Marys, Ohio
Weadock, Ellen	St. Marys, Ohio
Wellman, Dr. Henry G.	New York, New York
Whetstone, Maurice & Jacqueline	St. Marys, Ohio
Wilges, Robert & Dorothy	St. Marys, Ohio
Wisener, Fred	St. Marys, Ohio

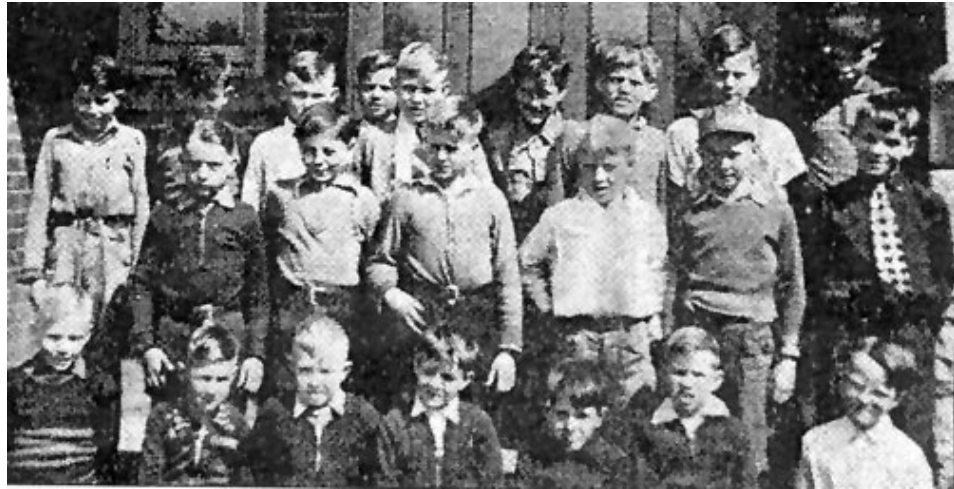


Student Charter Members 1963-64
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Apple, Richard	St. Marys, Ohio
Armstrong, Alan	St. Marys, Ohio
Axe, Michael	St. Marys, Ohio
Axe, Steven	St. Marys, Ohio
Botkin, Chris & Mike	St. Marys, Ohio
Bruns, Dan	St. Marys, Ohio
Burden, Bruce	St. Marys, Ohio
Burden, Robert	St. Marys, Ohio
Casad, Tom	St. Marys, Ohio
Dill, Ralph	St. Marys, Ohio
Dennis, David	New Knoxville, Ohio
Dammeyer, Karen	St. Marys, Ohio
Dammeyer, Christine	St. Marys, Ohio
Dennings, Marcia	St. Marys, Ohio
Durkee, Larry	St. Marys, Ohio
Fleagle, Lynn	St. Marys, Ohio
Glass, Randi	St. Marys, Ohio
Hinkle, Paul Douglas	St. Marys, Ohio
Huwer, Craig & Julia	St. Marys, Ohio
Hale, Billy	St. Marys, Ohio
Hartleib, Diana	St. Marys, Ohio
Howell, Robin	St. Marys, Ohio
Kuck, Dave	New Bremen, Ohio
Lawler, Ned Jr.	St. Marys, Ohio
Lowe, Dave	St. Marys, Ohio
Mackenbach, Mary, Joan & John	St. Marys, Ohio
Mackenbach, Jim & Steve	St. Marys, Ohio
Makley, Mary	St. Marys, Ohio
Maze, Lisa	New Bremen, Ohio
McIntosh, Judy	St. Marys, Ohio
McElroy, Kathleen	St. Marys, Ohio
Noble, Kraig & Susan	St. Marys, Ohio
Protsman, Wesley	St. Marys, Ohio
Powell, Mark	St. Marys, Ohio
Rinehart, John	Chicago, Illinois
Rodeheffer, Cindy & Clay	New Knoxville, Ohio
Schaaf, David & Larry	St. Marys, Ohio
Schipper, Kathy	St. Marys, Ohio
Schmidt, Dale	St. Marys, Ohio
Schumann, Randall	St. Marys, Ohio
Schwabero, David, Jane & Mark	New Knoxville, Ohio
Scott, George	St. Marys, Ohio
Stienecker, Carol	St. Marys, Ohio
Struna, Skip	Lima, Ohio
Springer, John	St. Marys, Ohio
Stienecker, Sandra	St. Marys, Ohio
Thompson, Gary	St. Marys, Ohio
Warner, Mary Jane	St. Marys, Ohio
Wendt, Becky	St. Marys, Ohio
Wilges, Gary	St. Marys, Ohio
Wollman, Kay & John	New Knoxville, Ohio



The Fourth Grade Classmates of Neil Armstrong



Neil Armstrong, first row on the left, was in the 4th grade at the East School in St. Marys, Ohio, in this 1938 photo. His family moved to St. Marys when he was in second grade. His teacher, Mrs. Dorothy Adams, thought he was too advanced for the 2nd grade and he was moved to the 3rd grade at the half year. He finished that year and 4th and 5th grades in East School.

The boys in the above photo L-R: **1st Row:** Neil Armstrong, Billy Mann, Lawrence Bockrath, Rolla Werts, ?, Wilferd Dicke and Jack Irish. **2nd row:** James Worthington, ?, Jack Schnelle, Paul Woods, Tom Burger and Jim Needles. **3rd Row:** Robert Daughtery, Cecil Thwaits, Bill McPheron, Don Schallenberger, Bill Steinecker, Dallas Hammond, Willard Dunlap, George Chiles and Herman Alspach.



The girls in Neil's class were: **1st Row:** Patricia Steen, Ruby Howell, Laura Lee Young, June Whited and Betty Cramer. **2nd Row:** Onnalee Longsworth, Phyllis Coffman, Natalie Miller, Jean Smith, Delores McCollum and Anna Burd. **3rd Row:** Pearl Sawmiller, Bertha Price, Marjorie Van Dyke, Lucille Cipmore, Betty Byrne and Patty Otto. Their fourth grade teacher was Miss Laura Oelrich.

The above data is from Hal Miller's collection - Sept. 5, 1969, The Evening Leader newspaper.



Neil Armstrong -- Roundtable Discussion About the Boy, The Man, The Astronaut, The Influencer

Vern Doenges, Alma Kuffner, Dick Schwer and John Zvez will lead off our round table discussion of Neil Armstrong.

We encourage you to come and bring your stories about Neil.

Where were you when he stepped on the moon?

WHEN: July 15 at 7 p.m. at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Wapakoneta (near Library) use side door.



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