

The Auglaize County Historical Society Newsletter

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Letter from our President to our Members:

What a busy summer it has been and can you believe it is late August already?

Our July program relating stories and memories of time spent with Neil Armstrong was a great success. We gathered around tables and shared with others joining in with questions and thoughts. Our thanks to Alma Kuffner, Vern Doenges, Dick Schwer, Glen Miller and John Zvez for heading up our discussion and to all who attended for a great evening. Also to St. Paul's Church for allowing us the use of their hall for the meeting. St. Paul's was Neil's home church.

The Wapakoneta Museum was privileged to host displays and collections from Don Steinke and Vernon Myers during Wapakoneta's recent Summer Moon Festival. Our sincere thanks to Don and Vernie for sharing their collections. If any of you have collections that you would be willing to display please contact one of the trustees or officers. New displays keep the Museums interesting to the public.

the ACHS Tustees have been busy as always. they have added a parking area back by the garage at the Mooney Museum. Dirt that was dug out to make 3 to 4 parking spaces were filtered around the house and yard to fill in low areas. The new landscaping is in and looking very nice.

They also put a stepping stone walk-way at the Gary Log Cabin and painted the interior of the gate house. Thanks to Cotners Hardware for donating the paint used for repainting the gate house.

Fair Week was an interesting and busy time. Our thanks to the Antique Express II, a display of farm related tools, pulleys, salesmen samples, etc., for spending the week of fair, set up by the Gary Log Cabin. Paul, Gary and Barb Bradford, along with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shroyer, set the display up at antique, farm related shows all over the country, however this was their first time at the Fair.

Our thanks to the New Knoxville Historical Society and Myron Fledderjohn, Cridersville Historical Society and Ned Myers, New Bremen Historical Society and Larry Dicke, Minster Historical Society and Rich Stein, and the Uniopolis Historical Society and Dick Lowry for all their help in setting up and hosting their day at the Gary Log Cabin during Fair Week.

Scott Murray, retired but still busy with all sorts of hobbies, set up his blacksmithing equipment by the log smokehouse and spent his days, along with his grandsons, explaining the tools and the trade to all who came by. Many of the young people tried their hand at hammering out the metal. It was an interesting display and enjoyed by all.

Katy Searfoss and Deborah Foster donated their Thursday to tell stories and demonstrate to visitors. Deborah works with porcupine quills, making jewelry and small medicine bags. Katy is an Indian storyteller and kept many children and adults entertained and educated with her stories. Our sincere thanks to them for sharing their skills in keeping history alive.

Thanks to Katy Gilbert for being at the Cabin each evening of Fair Week to sign her recent book, "A Military Memoir of World War II," many stories of our own Auglaize County Veterans. If you haven't yet purchased one, you should use the order blank in this newsletter [see "ACHS Store" link at bottom of page] or pick one up at either museum.

Make sure that you mark your calendars and tell your friends about the upcoming ACHS program with Eric Honneffer who is the Document Conservator, at the Center for Archival Collections, at Bowling Green State University. All of us have papers, certificates, photographs etc. that we wonder about how they should rightly be preserved. Here is your chance to gain first hand knowledge on if, and how those papers, photos, etc., should be preserved. Be at Midwest Electric at 7 P.M. on September 2nd.

Enjoy the colors of late summer, visit a museum and I'll see you again at the upcoming meeting.

Karen Dietz, President



NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Effective September 2, 2004, Midwest Electric will no longer have a community meeting room available for evening meetings.

Their building was ideally located for the Auglaize County Historical Society, being located between our museums and had parking, snow removal, clean restrooms use of a kitchen, tables, chairs and speaker system all at no cost to the society.

Auglaize County Historical Society appreciates Midwest Electric for permitting us to meet in their building for over ten years.

Hopefully we will be able to locate a meeting place in Wapakoneta and St. Marys and alternate our membership meetings. **If you know of a place call KAREN DIETZ [phone number].**



Scenes From The Auglaize County Fair



Furs and Indian artifacts were displayed and discussed as visitors toured the Gary Log Cabin, open for Fair Week.



Deborah Foster, of Wapakoneta, is threading an Inkle loom, used to make waist and leg ties. She makes jewelry and small medicine bags using porcupine quills, which she was explaining on Thursday of Fair Week at the Gary Log Cabin too.

Katy Searfoss, an Indian Storyteller, from Celina area and formerly of rural Waynesfield, talks with a group of spell bound children gathered in front of the Gary Log Cabin during the recent Auglaize County Fair.



Scott Murray, of rural Wapakoneta, set up his blacksmithing equipment by the log smokehouse during the recent Auglaize County Fair. He was a great hit with the youth as he explained the tools, how to work them and then gave them an opportunity to try their hand at it.



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



NEW IN ST. MARYS



Photo of homes located on North Chestnut Street in St. Marys on October 11, 2003. The three bedroom at 119 Chestnut Street and 125-127 a duplex were razed for the new Telephone Service Company office.



This new TSC building with their home office in Wapakoneta had their building completed in August 2004. They now offer Telephone and Cable service in the City of St. Marys.

Photos by George Neargarder



A Day in the life of Eric Honneffer Document Conservator at Bowling Green State University's Center For Archival Collections

He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in history from Ashland College and masters of Arts degree in history from BGSU. Eric has lectured and conducted workshops on the care and handling of historic documents for libraries, historical societies and organizations.



The Largest Scanner Bed In The State.

Preparing materials for scanning

CAC conservator Eric Honneffer prepares several items to be scanned in a single pass. Every document treated in the Preservation Laboratory is measured and its condition noted as part of its permanent treatment record. In the case of maps, these dimensions are also important for printing a copy of the same size as the original map.

Large Format Scanner

A better view of the scanner, the Cruise CS 155 SL. It is the only one of its type in the state of Ohio. The scanning bed measures approximately 3 x 4 feet. A gentle vacuum pulls paper items flat to the bed, so they will scan evenly (especially helpful with documents which have been rolled). This scanner is also capable of scanning objects up to three inches in thickness.

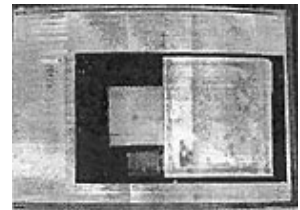


Preparing to Preview

The scanner settings are controlled by computer. Here, Center for Applied Technology student Laura Danford assists Eric in making the final adjustments on the type and size of scan. The format of the original is taken into consideration. The scanner can work with half-tones, black and white or color photographs, or line art documents, as well as three-dimensional objects. A scan from an earlier project appears on the screen in this view.

Preview Scan

At right is a closer view of the preview scan for this project. After preview pass, the scanner's program allows users to make finer adjustments in the size of the scan, the level of resolution (how fine the detail will be), and to do color corrections, as desired. Several items can be scanned at one time, taking advantage of the size of the scanner bed. Once the scan is complete, individual files for each object can be created as needed by cropping the original scanned image.



Nominations for officers for the year 2005 will be taken at ACHS September Meeting.

The nomination committee presents the following: **For Trustees:** Katy Gilbert, Dale Altstaetter and Jim McCullough; **For President:** Karen Dietz; **For Vice President:** George Neargarder; **For Treasurer:** Jim Heinrich; **For Secretary:** Julie McCullough. Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

The members selected will be voted on at our next meeting on November 4th.



Next Membership Meeting at Shinbone Church

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



Military Memoirs of WWII Book by Katy Gilbert

Katy Gilbert's book contains stories about Auglaize county Veterans of World War II. this book retails for only \$10.00 plus \$0.75 tax at any of the County Historical Societies.

The book can also be purchased at Bookmarks News, Celina; Coffee Company & Books, New Bremen; in the libraries in New Knoxville or Minster; Village Pharmacy United Drugs and Library in Cridersville; Evening Leader or Readmore's Hallmark, St. Marys; and The Bookmark, Auglaize Antique Mall, Readmore's Hallmark and the Ivy Haus in Wapakoneta.

It can be mailed anywhere in the United States for an additional \$5.00 for one book and any additional books, add \$2.00. Make checks payable to Auglaize County Historical Society and mail order to Auglaize County Historical Society, 223 South Main Street, St. Marys, Ohio 45885.



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."

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