

History at a Glance

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Educational and Planning Events

Dot the Society's Fall Calendar: Volunteers Welcome

Planning Meeting for Civil War Commemoration in September

The Historical Society will host a kickoff meeting to plan the county's commemoration of the Civil War Sesquicentennial (2011-2015) on Monday, September 13, at 3 p.m. in the St. Marys Community Library, 140 South Chestnut Street, St. Marys. All interested persons are invited to attend this one-hour meeting, designed to initiate the planning for this important milestone. Local organizations and service clubs are also invited to send representatives. If you are unable to attend, but wish to help with the anniversary, please contact the office, 419/738-9328.

The Historical Society is also seeking individuals who wish to assist with the Bicentennial of the War of 1812. If you are interested in participating, please contact the office.

October 1 is the deadline for applications to the Ohio Historical Society's Ohio Historical Markers program. Let us know—right away!—if you have an idea for another marker site in Auglaize County. We are looking for locations connected with an event of local, regional, or national interest. To view all of Ohio's 1300+ OHS markers, please visit remarkableohio.org.

The Historical Society's Traveling Exhibits will begin touring local schools again in September. Our continued thanks to the Midwest Electric Community Connection Fund for supporting this important local history project.

Administrator's News

If you're hosting a family reunion, please consider including a trip to the Historical Society on the agenda. We have recently welcomed several family groups to the Wapakoneta Museum, and would be pleased to host others at the Mooney Museum as well. Just call the office and schedule an appointment.

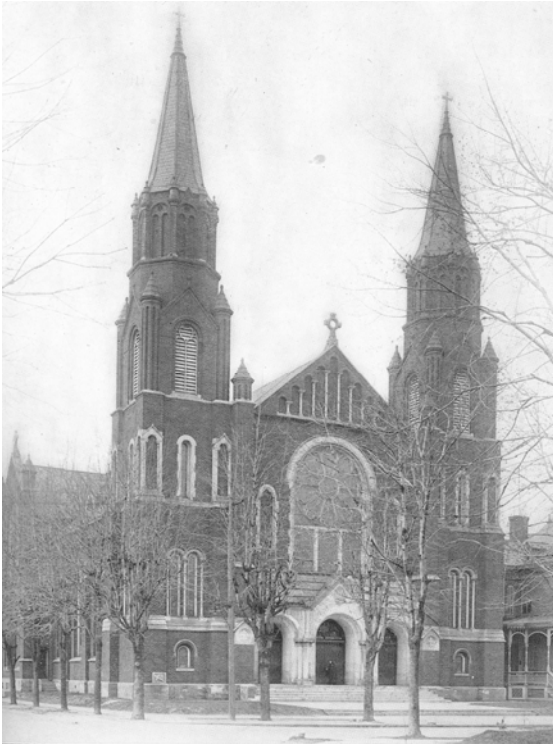
We are still looking for volunteers to assist with the popular and longstanding Century Farms, Homes, and Businesses program. We need representatives from all areas of the county. Please contact Program Chair Chad Doll, 738-6180, to help.

I've been honored with an invitation to speak at the Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums' Annual Meeting on October 1-2 in Columbus. I'll be speaking about hosting successful commemorative events. In short, Autumn is shaping up to be a busy time for the Historical Society and many local partners. Hope we see you along the way!—Rachel Barber

Check out the inserts to this newsletter about the Second Annual Heirloom Bulb Sale and the Fall trip to Athens County! And here's what one of our partner organizations is planning for the coming months:

**Congratulations to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Clay Township,
for 150 years of service to God and humanity.**

**Please let the Historical Society know when your church or organization
will be celebrating a special milestone.
We would be happy to note the event.**



St. Joseph Catholic Church will present an exhibit about the history of St. Joseph School at the Auglaize County Public Library, Perry Street, Wapakoneta (opposite the Auglaize County Courthouse) in the month of October. Watch your local newspaper for more details about the exhibit. St. Joseph School was founded in 1853 and closed at the end of the most recent school year.

St. Joseph is also seeking photographs and artifacts that will commemorate the school's history as well as that of the 1911 church building. St. Joseph Church and its partner parish, Immaculate Conception, Botkins, will each celebrate a building anniversary in 2011—a century for St. Joseph and a half century for Immaculate Conception. If you have any photographs or artifacts from St. Joseph that you are willing to lend, please contact the Historical Society office, and we will forward your information.

Historical Society trustee Chad Doll (front row, second from left) was among the dozen+ local celebrities who played vintage baseball as the Lunar Rovers. The local team took on the visiting Ohio Historical Society Ohio Village Muffins on July 18 at the Armstrong Air & Space Museum. Although the Rovers were notable both for their enthusiasm and civility, they lost 6-0 on a very hot day. Thanks, Chad, for representing ACHS so gallantly!



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The Breweries of the Miami & Erie Canal

The Auglaize County Historical Society, in conjunction with the Miami-Erie Canal Corridor Association, will host "The Breweries of the Miami & Erie Canal," on Thursday, September 23, at 7 p.m. in the new Lockkeeper's House, on the Miami-Erie Canal in New Bremen (southwest of the intersection of SR 274 and Ohio 66).

A pleasure cruise on the Miami-Erie Canal at Minster (courtesy of the Minster Historical Society).

Jim Kent, of Kent Surveying, Wapakoneta, has extensively studied the history of the breweries along the Miami & Erie Canal and will make a

powerpoint presentation about these landmarks.

The event is free and open to the public.

