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Summer has begun and the rain has ceased.....please offer your help in keeping the plants watered and the flower beds in good condition. Contact the Furlongs at 548-6556 to set a time when you can help.

Plan to visit the historical society this summer to see the War of 1812 exhibits. There is also information on the history of: *Why the War Started, Forts, Battles, and the Star-Spangled Banner.*

AWTHS will be the location for the first of the Coffee House Series performances presented by the Darke County Center of the Arts. It will be great having visitors from outside our community introduced to our Historical Society. Plan to attend Sept. 20th for a lively evening featuring piano keys and balalaika strings. Purchase tickets from DCCA to hear this delightful Russian Duo.

We're presently investigating the possibility of converting a collection of early newspapers from microfilm to DVD for easier access. This will be very costly.

Thanks to all who brought their memberships up-to-date. If you have questions about your membership status contact Carolyn Furlong at 548-6556.

Your involvement in making our fundraisers successful is greatly appreciated. These monies are going towards replenishing our savings following the purchase and installation of air conditioning. Please sign up to help with three summer events: Farmers Market, Rummage Sale and Fair Gate.

The late long time member Tom Hanes contributed much to AWTHS, through the articles he wrote for the newsletters and his involvement with the Lydia E. Schaurer Memorial Trust Fund. The Historical Society will be forever indebted to his dedication.

September 13, 2012 7:00 p.m. Membership Meeting and Program

Speaker Bill Gunder: Arcanum's Founding Family

Bill Gunder is a direct descendant of the founder of Arcanum, William Gunder. His research into William and Nancy Rice Gunder's life took him no further then Arcanum and Lewisburg but researching the 12 Gunder children took Bill and his late wife Carolyn to many parts of the United States. This research resulted in the publication of the book "*The Secret Town - The Story of the Founding of Arcanum, Ohio.*" Bill has written several other books about the history of Arcanum.

Bill acts as the Historical Society's Historian, along with continuously transcribing voluminous notes compiled by the late Anita Short on the history of downtown merchants and life in Arcanum.

Bill is an accomplished musician, playing with bands and orchestras throughout the year, he mentors Arcanum band students, and is very involved with the Salem Church of God music library as well.

The accomplishments of the Gunder descendants in music, education and the military are part of the Gunder family history as well as the communities where they made their homes.

This program is the first of our fall programs offering hints and guidelines on researching your own family history.

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Farewell

It is with sadness that we note the passing of members Edgar Brown, Dick Graeff, Tom Hanes and Mike Newbauer. They each contributed much to our community and will be greatly missed.

Committee Reports

Acquisitions - Carolyn Furlong 548-6556 and Carolyn Troutwine 692-8939

A new item now on display is a toy crane, circa 1930, made by Lester Meyers. The crane is on loan to us from Tom and Liz Stephens. Lester was the local blacksmith for many years in Arcanum. He lived in the large stone house on George Street across the street from the Historical Society, his blacksmith shop was adjacent the house. Lester fashioned the crane from articles he recycled from his shop, such as roller skate wheels, battery box, etc. The toy can be seen in the main room. Visit the historical house Saturday mornings until noon this summer.

Acquisitions List

10279	(2) books - Children's linen storybook and Game Books and Little Folk's Object Book	
10280	1977 Franklin Monroe Graduating Class	Annette Stewart
10281	A variety of advertising pens and pencils - Arcanum Federal, Smith Store magnet, and paper clip book, "The Craft Sampler"	
10282	Photo of Arcanum School -1876 - copied from "The Echo" 1924	
10283	Writing book for a school student - The Economy Method of Writing	Marilyn Graeff
10284	(6) Track and Field Score Sheets 1960-1967	Sharon Karns
10285	Arcanum Varsity Track Stats book - 1970-1971	Sharon Karns
10286	Membership card - Richard Patterson Mason, Greenville Lodge No. 143	Carolyn Furlong
10287	Copy from 1924 Arcanum Year Book	Liz Stephens
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10290	Mill's Family photos - Wm Forrest Mills & Mary Adeline Skidmore Mills Grandparents of Terry Mills	Terry Mills
10291	Photos 1945 Delisle School, Pictures of the 1999 Sesquicentennial Celebration (2) wooden nickels	Alan & Judy Fourman
10292	1945 Surrender of the Ryakyus Okinawa, Japan - Booklet document	Alan Fourman
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10294	2001 photo of Fall Sports Parade - Boosters (Arcanum OH Celebration)	Keith Furlong
10295	70 th birthday celebration of Gene Rench balloon ride	Carolyn Furlong
10296	Corn Hole Games at AWTHS during Old Fashioned Days 2010 Chair and building repair by Jim Hill	Keith Furlong
10297	2001 Arcanum Elementary School Open House on the Green (2) photos Photo of Arcanum Butler School water heater before sale	Carolyn Furlong
10298	1969 Class A Final Stats (Arcanum vs Bridgeport by Neal Fasick)	Jim Troutwine
10299	Arcanum's Sesquicentennial Celebration Newspaper - Daily Advocate	Delores E. Bruner

Ways and Means Results

Old Fashioned Days Sale - Thank you everyone! **Our Garden and Goodies Sale** was very successful with a profit of over \$1,000. Your donations, purchases, help and support were appreciated. A special thanks to Jeff and Susan Puterbaugh for loaning us their tent and setting it up. To Tom Staley, Tom Jones, Dave Flora, and Lynn Trump-- thank you for the wood, wood working skills, and having just what we needed to complete our projects.

Trash Bash - Two teams of four members picked up trash along the county road April 22nd as part of Trash Bash. AWTHS was paid \$80 for helping with this county wide event.

Ways and Means Up Coming Events

Farmers Market - Saturday Mornings Annabelle Wallace - 836-7736 Contact Annabelle if you can donate baked items or to work at the booth on a Saturday morning.

Rummage Sale Richard and Sharon Troutwine - 692-5128
July 25 through 28th at AWTHS. We need lots of items to sell, so please clean out your closets, garages & attics, and ask your friends for donations. If a neighbor is having a garage sale ask for their unsold items. Donations can be dropped off on the front or back porch or call for a pick-up at 692-5128. Please no adult clothing except hats, scarves, purses or jewelry. Computers and TV consoles are also not desired.

Our schedule is:

Mon.	July 23 & Tues. July 24	9:00 - ?	Set Up and Pricing
Wed.	July 25	1:00- 6:00	Sale Begins
Thurs.	July 26 & Fri. July 27	8:00 - 4:00	Sale continues
Sat.	July 28	9:00 - 12:00	Sale continues until noon
			12:00 - 1:00 cleanup

In the event we have lots of unsold items we may set up tables for the St. Rt. 127 World's Longest Yard Sale---we'll wait and see. Your help and donations will be appreciated.

Fair Gate August - Carolyn Furlong 548-6556 Contact Carolyn to sign up to help at the Darke County Fair to man Gate 3.

Air conditioning Up Date Keith Furlong- 548-6556

On May 3, 2012 the Board approved the installation of air conditioning to the first floor of the building for a cost of \$5,265.68. Davis Refrigeration Inc. installed a 5 ton Bryant high-efficiency condensing unit and a high-efficiency cooling unit which is capable cooling the floor and up to 40 occupants. The installation included changes to the current existing supply air plenum, control wiring, condensate draining, insulated refrigeration lines and electrical disconnect.

SOUTHERN DARKE COUNTY HISTORY - Annette Stewart 692-6462

Family Histories The Carolyn Fourman Fisher family history is now on file as well as the four volume family history of the Bryon Brown family donated by Linda Riley. See Reference Materials List on our website for a complete listing of family names on file.

Binders, Clippings, Photos The 25 binders recently compiled from old newspaper clippings and photos are available to view Saturdays during open hours, 9:00 to noon, and during our meetings. For easy research and reading, the binders are grouped according to subjects as outlined in the April newsletter. The collections expands information found in the Arcanum Chronicles and Arcanum Businesses books published by Bill Gunder and the late Anita Short.

Fred and Carolyn Troutwine spent many hours "clipping" 1913 Arcanum Times newspapers. They had a few good laughs as they clipped social news about the small "burgs" around, advertisements for businesses, and court news. Many thanks for their dedication to this project for our enjoyment.

Group Tour The Darke County Genealogy Club toured the historical society on April 14 and visited our reference library. A talk on the history of the building and our historical society was given by Annette Stewart. Bill Gunder spoke about the history of Arcanum, the founder, and different businesses in town.

Hosts and Hostesses After the tour, those interested in serving as host and hostess for AWTHS Open House met to discuss responsibilities. A binder has been prepared which features our articles and policies from the web site about researching along with history of the building, AWTHS, and history of Arcanum to be used for reference. Those wishing to assist researchers and learn about our materials are encouraged to view our web site at www.arcanumhistoricalsociety.org and check under the **Southern Darke County History tab**. Check out the reference library during Open House this summer or schedule an appointment at [692-6462](tel:692-6462). How many of you are familiar with our web site and the reference materials we have acquired?

The **War of 1812** exhibit features **Jacob Michael, Daniel Sharp and Patrick Shields**

Jacob Michael served under four different officers from August 1812 through 1814. His pay check was \$8 a month for a total of \$48 for 6 months of service. Jacob's pension record and his wife's widow pension are on display, these copies were obtained from the National Archives. Jacob is Annette Stewart's ancestor.

Daniel Sharp and Patrick Shields are ancestors of Brenda Arnett. As part of her display, Brenda has many items compiled in a book for review. Daniel Sharp was married to Elizabeth Albright. He served in Captain Benjamin Powell's Co. from Campbell County, Tenn. This unit served as road builders and wagon guards at Camp Mandeville (near Mobile).

Patrick Shields married Mary Fogle (1) and Salina Boyd (2). Patrick served as a private in Captain Samuel Ashton's Co. with the Ohio Militia, 3rd Regiment (Cotgreave's). After the war he lived with General Harrison, and at one time was an express-rider for the General. More info at AWTHS on display and in our library.

WWII Exhibit On display are items belonging to Richard Patterson, father of Carolyn Patterson Furlong. Found among old newspapers given to AWTHS was the County Draft Record which list all the men from Darke County. This is an excellent source of information for those researching WWII troops from our county.

If you have WWII items you would like to display or if you would like to make a display about your ancestor who served in the War of 1812, please contact Annette Stewart or Carolyn Furlong. Items can be displayed for one Saturday or left on display for the summer. Let us know if your items need to be in locked cases. Also, if we are aware of your collections we would like to put information about the collection in the newspapers.

Schools We have received quite a few nice donations which help with the research of local schools. If you have an old school house on your property we would like to know when the school was built and when classes were last held in the school. We are looking for deeds, photos (old or present), souvenir programs- any items or information that would help create a time line. We are trying to establish a history of the school systems as well as the mergers. Presently we only have a brief history of Franklin Monroe Schools.

We need early class photos from both Franklin and Monroe Schools as well as class photos from Arcanum leading up to 1920 and also from the 1930's & 1940's. Please call me with any information at 692-6462.

Southeastern School Franklin Monroe and Arcanum consolidated to form Southeastern School. In 1951 a parcel of land was considered for a new joint high school. This didn't happen - the communities went back to having two separate school systems.

PROPOSED SITE FOR SOUTHEASTERN SCHOOL - by Annette Stewart

In looking through my grandmother's Bible (Inez Michael Brumbaugh) I came across an article dated November 3, 1951 which appeared in the Journal Herald Newspaper. In talking to my mother about it (Betty Brumbaugh Sease) she said "Oh yes. The people came out to the farm from Dayton to interview my dad".

The article was titled **School Site Promised If Bond Issue Passes**. Delbert Brumbaugh (my grandpa) told the paper that if the bond issue passes he will sell his 30 acre tract of land to them for the erection of the new high school building. The site is located today beside Arcon Builders on Alt. St. Rt. 49 East which borders Gordon-Landis Road on the west, Rt. 49 on the north and Pitsburg-Laura Rd. on the East. Today Rt. 49 runs through the tract of land but at the time it was one field and included land which is now north of Rt. 49 right at the corner of Rt. 49 and Gordon-Landis Road. Dale and Betty Sease own this land today and is farmed by Rex Stewart. The schoolhouse bond was on the November 6th ballot.

This article clears up some rumors spread by those against the school stating it would be located in an undesirable site. Charges were made that landlords had threatened tenants with eviction notices if they voted for the schoolhouse. These reports were made public by Virgil Royer, chairman of a citizens committee and by Dr. P. G. Lenhart, President of the Southeastern School board, who called this practice "fear psychology".

It was noted that an Arcanum school official said if the bond was defeated it could mean the end of the vocational agricultural shop program, and, for needed space they might need to partition the gym into classrooms.

Schools continues

Of the \$880,000 cost, \$770,000 would be for the new high school; \$100,000 for remodeling existing buildings in the district, and \$10,000 would go for the site and improvements.

So, this newspaper article was quite an interesting find. It pays to go through old newspapers articles, letters and journals. **If anyone has pictures or any materials with the “Southeastern” school name**, please copy them for AWTHS, or we would be happy to have the originals in our collection.

The original newspaper article is at AWTHS in the “Old School Houses” binder.

***** Needed items for acquisitions and genealogy staff :** acid free sheet protectors (8½ X 11) or legal size for photos and newspaper clippings: folder index tabs; a-z or any type with tabs used for labeling and categorizing.

Old Fashioned Days Parade

The Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society took a page from history for the theme of this year’s float.

As part of the 1912 Booster Day Celebration Parade, the businessmen constructed a gigantic “Hammer”, 16 ft. long and 5 ft. high. The “Hammer” was symbolic of the bad feelings among the merchants and was later burned to end those disagreements. The float, pulled by four black horses, was draped in black, giving a deathlike appearances.

Now, 100 years later, Richard Rinehart pulled our version of the “Hammer” with his restored 1948 Ford 8N tractor.

1912 Booster Day was planned as a homecoming celebrating the completion of the paving of the streets in the business area and to encourage good will between business owners.

Newspapers reported 8,000 people attended the day long activities. Among the attractions were a lady trapeze performer, balloonist, Dare Devil, bands, a ball game and lots of contest for many to compete in, and of course dinner.

Read more about Parades and Celebrations in the book **Arcanum Chronicles** available for purchase through AWTHS. The Chronicles are available to read at AWTHS and in the resource section at the Arcanum Public Library.

2012 Parade Float - Richard Reinhart with his 1948 Ford 8N tractor and a version of the “1912 Hammer”

Education

Bringing History to the Future by Kathy Dohner, Arcanum Third Grade Teacher

During the month of May, Arcanum's Third Grade students were busy learning the history of Arcanum. As part of their classroom study, they each created and illustrated an ABC book about the town of Arcanum. These turned out to be beautiful keepsakes for the students. Here are a few excerpts:

B is for brick streets. Old Fashioned Days are held there every year.

F is for founded. The town was founded in 1849. It is now 163 years old!

U is for unique name. It is the only place in the world named Arcanum. Its name means "a secret place."

X is for extraordinary. Arcanum is an extraordinary place to live.

All four classes were also treated to a tour by Fred Troutwine. As he donned his hat (literally) to be their historical tour guide, the children were glad to get to see many of the things we had been talking about in our classrooms. They were amazed at the number of buildings that had changed locations over the years. They really enjoyed getting to see where the railroad went through town and where the original Gunder cabin had been. Of great importance to them was seeing where the Dreamland Theater had been; the thought of a movie theater in Arcanum was very exciting to them. Many children in my class told me that the tour was even better than recess they were missing--quite a compliment, I assure you. And several even said that it was even more fun than the recent field trip to Ohio Caverns! Wow!

The students were also invited to visit the historical building. Keith and Carolyn Furlong did an exceptional job of showing the children historical objects and letting them know what life was like years ago. They were intrigued by the chamber pot and more than a little grossed out that the children would have the chore of emptying it. One of the boys innocently asked, "Is it empty now?" This comment created quite a bit of laughter.

As part of Ohio's and the nation's new Common Core Standards, third graders will be studying and learning more about our community next year. We are so fortunate to have a community with an interesting history and with wonderful people who are preserving it. The third grade teachers want to thank the Historical Society for maintaining the history of this great community and passing it on to future generations.

AWTHS Education Chairpersons Cheryl Gray 692- 8905 and Carolyn Troutwine 692-8939

Arcanum third grade students and all third grade students across the state study their community as a requirement in their Social Studies class as directed by the Ohio Elementary School Course of Study.

The children are curious as to what Arcanum looked like in the "olden days" and want to know about the people "back then" as they try to understand how Arcanum evolved into the town it is today. What we're able to tell them from available resources, are the people were hard working, innovative, compassionate, and very social.

The late Anita Short's donated collection of *The Arcanum Times* (1899-1967), has recorded the history of Arcanum and surrounding areas with court and social news, deaths, weddings, businesses, advertising, and, daily newsworthy events. These are documented stories we share with students. The research and writings by the late Anita Short and Bill Gunder, as well as the newsworthy articles in *The Arcanum Times*, provide documentation of what life *really* was "back then". We are able to back up generalizations with specific stories and events as we speak with the children. Only then will they be able to take these bits of information, connect them like a puzzle, to develop a deep and lasting respect for those responsible for the foundation of our unique town. Hopefully, we can be instrumental in sharing what we know with this generation and, through example, they will value the importance of passing the legacy on.

We appreciate all our community leaders, of past and present, for making Arcanum the community one of the best to be found anywhere.

If you ever wish to contribute in any way to the study of our community by the students, please contact us.

Editor's note: The historical society's mission is to collect, preserve, and foster an appreciation for our past and promote an interest and knowledge of past historical events for citizens of all ages.... through the eyes of our children, we seem to be accomplishing this. Thanks to all who donate items which tell our story.

******Wanted for Arcanum Third Grade Classrooms and for resale in AWTHS gift shop.**

1999 Arcanum Sesquicentennial books - (Black Book) *Arcanum ...a secret place* and (Grey Book) *Arcanum...a secret place--The Sequel*. These books are no longer in print. If you have extra copies or see the books at garage sales please let us know. There have been requests to purchase these books and also the teachers requested copies so each class room will have a set.

It Happened 100 Years Ago

The Fourth Arcanum Chautauqua is to be held July 21-28, with two all day sessions on the two Sundays and an all day session on Farmers Day, also two morning sessions. Lectures by Dr. Frederick S. Cook, the Arctic Explorer, Dr. Frank Dixon, Thomas Brooks Fletcher, and Prof. J. P. Gilbert. Entertainers are to be Ralph Bingham and Charles Taggart, the Strollers Quartet, The Musical Favorites and The Jesse Pugh co. (Arcanum Times 06/06/1912)

The week long event was held each summer from 1909 until 1932 in Ivester Park. It was reported as many as 1000 people attended in 1912. At that time the traction line ran down North Main Street, making it convenient for those coming from other communities (Gordon, Ithaca, Greenville, Jaysville). The D&U Railroad would add special cars and/or a special train if necessary for those wanting to attend the event in that manner. Read more about *Arcanum Chautauqua* in the book "Arcanum Chronicles".

Arcanum Trivia

"About 1950 Chief of Police Eddie Troxel drove his own Studebaker with a large **Arcanum Police** taped on the side. Pranksters decided to have a little fun and diligently eliminated the "PO" on Police when Eddie's back was turned. Everyone got a laugh out of it: even a very frustrated town Chief of Police." (From the book Arcanum Chronicles Volume 2, page 14) Do you know who the pranksters were?

**2012 Membership Form
Clip and Mail to AWTHS, P.O. Box 4, Arcanum, OH 45304**

Name _____ Phone _____ New ___ Renewal ___
 Email _____
 Address _____
 City, State & Zip code _____
 Annual Membership Fees
 ___ \$50.00 Sponsorship ___ \$15.00 Single ___ \$25.00 Family
 ___ \$150.00 Corporate ___ \$1000.00 Lifetime
 Your tax deductible additional contributions are also greatly appreciated \$ _____
 Your participation is needed for AWTHS to exist and for continuous growth. Please check the area where you can serve.
 ___ Acquisitions ___ Newsletter ___ Membership ___ Programs ___ Ways & Means
 ___ Historic Sites ___ Education ___ Nominating ___ Flower Garden Care ___ Yard Care
 ___ Genealogy ___ Publicity ___ Design/Displays ___ Publications
 ___ Adopt A Highway ___ Typing Research Papers

Remember - Arcanum books make nice gifts for family and friends

Publications Barbara Deis 678-7832 Bill Gunder 692-8000

Learn the history of Arcanum through books written by our local historians. See more details about the books at our website.

<i>The Secret Town - The Story of the Founding of Arcanum, Ohio</i>	\$20
<i>Arcanum, Ohio Business History 1852-1968</i>	\$25
<i>Arcanum Chronicles</i>	\$20
<i>Arcanum Chronicles Vol. 2</i>	\$18

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Calendar of Events

July 10, 2012	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
July 25, 26, 27, 28, 2012	Rummage Sale	
August 14, 2012	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
August 17 thru 25, 2012	Darke County Fair Gate	
September 7 & 21, 2012	Euchre Card Party	1:00-3:30
September 11, 2012	Board Meeting	
September 13, 2012	Membership Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Program - Bill Gunder	
September 20, 2012	Darke County Center of the Arts at AWTHS	7:00 p.m.
	Russian Duo	

On Going Projects

Euchre Card Parties September through May - Dave & Beth Flora 692-8413
Hall Rental - Carolyn Furlong - 548-6556 Aluminum Cans Recycling - Keith Furlong - 548-6556
Donation of Appreciated Stock(s) - Contact Richard Troutwine, 692-5128 or Todd Durham, 2nd National Bank, 548-2206
For Sale - Historic Arcanum Note Cards - Arcanum Historical Books - Barbara Deis 678-7832 and Bill Gunder 692-8000
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