

## Sharing The Secret

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President's Remarks – Jenny Quigney 937-459-8090

The lazy hazy days of summer are upon us and I for one am very thankful. We can all use a couple of months to unwind a little. However, the house will still be opened on the first and second Saturdays of each month. The second Saturday in June, July and August will be our Coffee and Conversations. Please check out the rest of the newsletter for details.

In the last couple of months we have completed the Trash Bash which netted us \$150.00 to add to the checking account. We had five young people help with mulching and window washing for the Serve Arcanum project that the high school does each year. This is a great program and we really appreciate the help. We also participated in the Old Fashioned Days parade. I would like to thank all the past presidents that were able to help with and ride on our float. Our May membership was well attended and Gary Naylor had a lot of memorabilia to show us. He provided an excellent program and I know that I learned a lot about the postal service.

At this time we have \$10,853.36 in our checking account. We can expect to add to this amount with the profits from the fair gate in August. If you have not helped with the fair gate I would encourage you to contact Carolyn Furlong and she will schedule a time for you.

In closing, I would like to thank all committee members and the board for all their help. I hope that you all have a fantastic summer and we will meet again in the fall.

### **2017 Summer Series \* Coffee And Conversation \* 10:00 a.m.**

**July 8** *Cheerleaders from squads of different years of Southern Darke County Schools will lead sports fans down memory lane just as they led teams onto basketball courts and football fields. We welcome cheerleaders from any squad to share their experiences and memories. No special invitation needed. Wear your school colors, bring memorabilia to share and stories to tell.*

**August 12** **Pittsburg** *One hundred years ago the villages of southern Darke County were connected by a network of train tracks and county roads making it easy for family and friends to visit and shop. As AWTHS continues focusing on area villages, Pittsburg will be the subject of discussion during the August 12 session. Dr. Jesse Heise, Ester Heise Hoover and Gregg and Parry Spencer will start the conversation. They will want to hear your stories too which help tell Pittsburg's history. If you have photos and artifacts please feel free to share them.*

### **September 10 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. One Room Central School Program and Tour**

Center School, located at 6891 Grubbs-Rex Road, Arcanum will be open Sunday, September 10 from 2-4pm. The school is located on the Jackson farm, east of Arcanum-Ithaca Road.

Class starts at 2pm sharp with a history of the school and students telling their class experiences. Read more about the tour on page 3.

### **September 14 7:00 p.m. \* Arcanum High School Agriculture Program \*Instructor Brian Pohlman**

*The past school year of 2016-2017 agriculture education returned to Arcanum Schools after a long hiatus. Brian Pohlman will share with us students' accomplishments the first year and tell of program goals for the future. Agriculture Education and Future Farmers of America made a comeback, with the district partnering with the Miami Valley Career Technology Center. Starting in middle school students attended classes in agriculture education and high school student were given several class options. Many of the students did well in State competitions. This is a welcomed scholastic program to our farming community school.*

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**Acquisition List** - Carolyn Furlong 548-6556

17006	Seman Family History, Photo of Oakview School	Donated by: JoAnn Welbaum
17008	Photo of Bill Corbin Family, mementos and christening dress	Corbin Family
17009	Picture watercolor print	Colleen Norris Schenck
17010	Arcanum Cheerleading sweater and pennant 1967, Printed Materials, Sketches of Arcanum Buildings (by Colleen Norris Schenck)	Connie Norris
17011	Framed picture, Beechwood Golf course 1990 Photos post tornado of Beechwood.	MayBel Strawser
17012	Picture Shirley?? canning, Ladies undergarments- early century	?
17013	Lions Club photo, Savings and Loan photo, Crouse Men's store hanger	?
17014	Arcanum Alumni Association Book 1911-1927	L. Newbauer, T. Fourman
17015	Binder of old School houses program - 2016	Annette Stewart
17017	Franklin Twp. and school photos, Homer Royer Family book	Marilyn Graeff
17018	Pictures of Ithaca store and post office	Carolyn Miller Laird
17019	Scrapbook of news clipping, history of Fascik families and related photos	Dale Williams
17021	Basketball Tournament - Greenville H. S. gym	?
17030	2002 Arcette	?
17031	Ithaca binders of Thomas Store, autograph book on loan to AWTHS	Jim Hamilton
17032	News clippings	Brenda Arnett
17033	Cup and Saucer, Ithaca E.U.B., which survived fire that burned church to the ground	Glen eley
17034	Smith Store sign, 2 Lucky Strike match books	JoAnne Hill
17035	Washington, D.C. folding Fan, 1934-1935 phone book, ads from Smith Store, 1924 Store display book, Marj Heyduck articles	JoAnne Hill
17036	Butler School manual, Farm Service Center yard stick	Lois Eilerman
17037	Old wooden ledger	?
17038	Basket of child's shoes, light fixture	?
17039	3 books	?
17040	Many articles related to Arcanum school, photos, Ads	Carl Wade

Along with each I.D. card is a brief description of articles donated or loaned and attached is a photo. A number is assigned, if possible the number is attached to each item. Any corrections or questions about this list, please call Carolyn Furlong 548-6556

Some items are donated with -  
out a name of the donor

**Membership Report** Sharon Troutwine 692-6556

It is with sadness that we report the passing of AWTHS member Gary Kingrey.

Thank you for your 2017 membership renewals. If you have not as yet renewed, please do so! Renewals may be dropped off at Roth & Company, mail to AWTHS, P.O. Box 4, or given to any Board Member. We are glad to welcome our newest members Jodena Miksell, Charles & April Raby.

**Farmers Market**

Farmers Market 2017 has begun and will run until "Fair Time". Please stop and support our vendors. Remember there is no registration fee or a set commitment of dates or times to sell. Please spread the word- maybe you or your neighbor will have some extra garden veggies to sell! See you on Saturdays 9:00 to noon.

**Christmas Bazaar 2017 Nov. 24 and 25**

This year is a year of change for our AWTHS Christmas Bazaar. No one is able or willing to spend two months in organizing and crafting our sale items so- our plans will be greatly simplified.

We will begin our Bazaar preparations on Nov. 9th immediately following our regularly scheduled meeting and program. That night we will again form a "Human Chain" and move all of the unopened boxes of donations downstairs. We are asking for your help in opening the boxes; then sorting, cleaning, fluffing, and repairing donated items and finally pricing them. We will be working everyday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. until the Bazaar on Nov. 24th .

Shh! Don't tell - but our Christmas Bazaar is really going to be an upscale Christmas Rummage Sale. We will again have Mrs. Santa's Bake Shoppe, Beck's Boutique, Door prizes, and our 50-50 Raffle.

Look for more details in the October newsletter, but for now mark Nov. 9 thru Nov. 24 as our Bazaar set-up dates on your calendar.

**SOUTHERN DARKE COUNTY HISTORY** ANNETTE STEWART 417-3746**Special Event \* September 10 \* 2-4 p.m.  
OLD CENTER SCHOOLHOUSE TOUR**

Center School, located at 6891 Grubbs-Rex Road, Arcanum will be open Sunday, September 10 from 2-4pm. The school is located on the Jackson farm, east of Arcanum-Ithaca Road.

Class starts at 2pm sharp with a historical history of the school and past students telling their class experiences. Afterwards, the school house will be open as well as refreshments and displays. If you know someone who attended here please ask them to join us and share their story or bring photos.

If you have not yet taken the self-guided driving tour of other old schools in the area, this would be a good opportunity. Download your brochure, pick one up at AWTHS or at Center School the day of the event. Join us on Facebook to keep updated on the tour event.

Mr. Jackson has been working on the school house for several years getting it ready for the tour. Let's have a good crowd from AWTHS to support his efforts. Please invite guests to join us for this unique opportunity to go back in history.

This event has also been advertised on the Ohio Find It Here web site: <http://www.ohio.org/events/old-school-house-tour> and calendar.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE TOUR**

We need several people to help with the tour that day: provide and serve refreshments, traffic parking and control, and manning the display to answer questions. Please see Annette Stewart if you can help. We could use about 6-8 doz. cookies or brownies and some type of beverage.

**LEARN PROJECTOR/LAP TOP/POWER POINT**

Saturday July 1 Wallace Alderman will conduct an in-service on the projector set up that is used at AWTHS programs and events. We need several people trained to set up the equipment and run it. If you're interested in attending please come and learn. If you have any questions please see Annette Stewart or If you can't make this date at 9:30 a.m. here at AWTHS but are willing to learn please also notify Annette and those attending can train you at another time.

We could still use help with videoing and scanning photos that come in as acquisitions. We need general help with the library as well as organizing digital files, researching or writing.

**REGARDING DONATIONS OF REFERENCE MATERIALS**

Contact Annette Stewart at [937-417-3746](tel:937-417-3746) to arrange donation of any Reference Materials to the AWTHS Genealogy Library. Please check our reference list to avoid duplicates. Regarding photos: We prefer 8 X 10 or smaller size to fit into binders. If larger items please call first.

Please do not drop off articles at the house and leave them on the porch or in the door. All items to be donated need to have a completed acquisition card . They can not be left at the house without identification .

We are receiving multiple copies of the Arcanum yearbooks for 1950-60's. We presently have these in our library. Instead we could use 1990-present. Please check the reference list before making a donation at [www.arcanumhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.arcanumhistoricalsociety.org), click on Reference Material List The extra yearbooks can be purchased for \$5.00.

Donations are accepted which meet the following criteria: 1.) relating to Southern Darke County; 2.) if we have room for the item 3.) if we don't already have the item. Please check with Carolyn Furlong, Fred & Carolyn Troutwine or Annette Stewart regarding the item you wish to donate.

**History of Arcanum Books for Purchase**

<i>The Secret Town - The Story of the Founding of Arcanum, Ohio and William Gunder Family</i>	\$20
<i>Arcanum, Ohio Business History (1852-1968)</i>	\$25
<i>Arcanum Chronicles Includes - Opera House, Sports, Parades &amp; Celebrations, Brig. Gen. Ed Sigerfoos, Grassville Quartette, Christmas, Chautauqua, Fast Horses, District 7 Ithaca School</i>	\$20
<i>Arcanum Chronicles Volume 2 - History of Fire Department and Arcanum Public Library</i>	\$18

Purchase books at AWTHS during open hours, website, or contact board members

**Darke Count Fair - Gate #3 Friday August 18th - August 26th** Keith Furlong 548-6556

AWTHS will again work gate #3. The fair board pays AWTHS to work the gate. The updated schedule below is based on last year's list of volunteers and times they worked. Please look over the schedule then verify with Keith that you can work. Our responsibilities are to sell tickets and check passes. I do need volunteers for Friday Aug. 18, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. There are three shifts: 7 a.m. to 12 noon, 12 noon - 5 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**Listed below is last year's schedule** (with updated calendar) that will be in place for 2017. Again we will work in 3 shifts.

**Several things I need to know.**

1. **Will you be able to participate this year?**
2. **Please let me know if you trade times with someone else.**
3. **Verify your phone number**
4. **Call me to verify your status and with any questions you may have.**
5. **If you didn't help in the past but would like to help this year or if you can't help this year but want to volunteer next year, please contact me. Thanks for your willingness to participate.**
6. **Recruit friends and relatives to help us.**

**2017 Darke county Fair Gate #3 Friday August 18th thru Saturday 26th Schedule**

	<b>7 am-12noon</b>	<b>12 noon - 5pm</b>	<b>5pm - 10-pm</b>
Fri. 18	Connie Norris 692-8085 Deo Miltenberger* 678-0185	Jean Aukerman 692-9922 Karen & Mike Young	<b>Need Volunteers</b>
Sat. 19	Deo Miltenberger* 678-0185 Tom Staley 693-8634 Bill Metzger 692-5904	Wallace & Trump 620-2800 548-6116	C Furlong & Jeff & Kelly Baron 548-6556 765-964-5310
Sun.20	Denise & Jason Trimbale 416-7178	Jim & Barb Deis 662-0119 Sally Sharritts 692-5245	Linda Newbauer 996-8264 Dick & Sharon Troutwine 692-5128
Mon. 21	Carol Hightower 692-8895 Allen Fourman* 692-8635 Dave Hamlin & Ardis Trigg	Marilyn Graeff 692-8140 J. Aukerman 692-9922 Susie Weisenberger 692-5597	Dick & Sharon & Linda Newbauer 692-5128 996-8264
Tue. 22	Jim & Barb Deis* 662-0119 Annette & Rex Stewart 417-3746	J. Delk 692-5569 & Jenny Quigney J. Colville 417-3344 459-8090	Jerry & Bev Kramer 692-5764 Bev Rench 623-0468 Deo & Pam Furlong
Wed. 23	Jeff Puterbaugh 692-5302 Jenny Quigney* 459-8090	Dave Reed 692-8373 Wendell & Jeannie Miller 692-8425	Terry & Judy Mills 692-5582
Thur. 24	Fred Troutwine* 692-8939 M & L Schweiterman 417-9816	Sue Stammen 692-0164 Jean Aukerman 692-9922	Cary & Teresa Wogomon 692-5877
Fri. 25	Gene & Nelda Morris 884-5425 Fred Troutwine* 692-5128	Dustin Meyers & Fred Troutwine 692-8939	Dick & Sharon Troutwine 692-5128 Cheryl Gray 692-8905
Sat. 26	C & K Furlong* 548-6556 Carolyn Trump 548-6116 * will pick up box at Grand Stand	Larry and Annabelle Wallace 620-2800 on call: Carolyn Furlong 548-6556 Cell 417-2966	Beth and Dave Flora 692-8413

**2017 Membership Form**

Name _____	New _____	Renewal _____
Phone Number _____	Receive Newsletter by Email? Add email address _____	
Address _____		
City, State and Zip Code _____		
Annual Fees	___\$15 Single	___\$25 Family ___\$50 Sponsorship ___\$150 Corporate ___\$1000 Lifetime
Your additional tax deductible contributions are also greatly appreciated \$ _____		

**5th Annual Serve Arcanum Event - A Positive Student Outreach**  
**Connecting School and Community**

We are so fortunate to have administrators in the Arcanum-Butler School System who care about their students enough to guide them in the direction of developing positive attitudes of compassion for others with programs implementing and promoting service. They have been active with impressing the idea of students giving back to the community with helpful work tasks in an annual event called, "Serve Arcanum". It's a way for school and community to connect by working together with mutual respect and cooperation for all.

"Serve Arcanum" is a well-organized event with citizens and organizations filling out applications requesting assistance with specific jobs. It is an amazing sight to wake up that morning and find Arcanum High School youth scattered throughout the community busy at work with true "Trojan Pride". Programs such as these are what make Arcanum and our school so special.

Our organization, Arcanum Wayne Tail Historical Society, was so please to participate in "Serve Arcanum" this year. Our student team working at the Historical House and Veterans Memorial Park, did a great job of weeding, mulching, planting flowers, and washing windows. Also, as part of the Adopt-A-Highway program, several students picked up trash on St. Rt. 49. This is the 5th year of this valuable program and we are hopeful the program will continue.

A huge "Thank You" to the Administrators, Adult Supervisors and Students.

**Education - Third Graders Visit AWTHS**

As part of the State of Ohio curriculum and standards for third grade students in Social Studies, Arcanum students study their local community. AWTHS has been a key to this study over the past 11 years, proving a bridge between community and school.

Each year the historical society host the Arcanum Elementary third grade classes. Each class is shown examples of what daily life was like back at the turn of the century. Carolyn Furlong and Jenny Quigney conducted house tours, talked about clothing, cooking and kitchen items, entertainment, transportation and how different our town and schools were long ago. Fred Troutwine conducted a tour through town pointing out historical landmarks and structures.

Besides helping to meet Ohio's scholastic mandates, AWTHS hopes to create a memorable experience while instilling a lasting interest in the historic community they live in.

**2017 Old Fashioned Days Parade Float**

Presidents, past and current, represented AWTHS this year on the Old Fashioned Days parade float.

Richard Rinehart pulled the float with his restored 1965 GMC Stepside pickup truck. We want to give Richard a big thank you for all the years he volunteered to pull our float with either the pickup truck or his restored 1948 Ford 8N tractor. Whether he was driving the truck or the tractor, he got more attention than our float. Thank you Richard.

**AWTHS DESIGNATES HISTORIC SITES**

**Center School, circa. 1884 and Arcanum School, circa 1876 have been added to the list of historic sites.**

**Center School** - Located on the Thomas Jackson farm at 6891 Grubbs-Rex Road, east of Arcanum-Ithaca road, Center School was built in 1884. Records show that a school stood near these grounds as early as 1839.

The one room school will be the site of an open house and program Sept. 10th.

**"Old" Arcanum School** - Located at 110 East South Street the two storied school was constructed in 1876. Housing all grades through high school, after 48 years student enrollment outgrew this space. A new school was built in 1924 at 310 N. Main Street on land purchased from Mattie Ivester.

**Other Designated Historic Sites**

Homestead site of William Gunder, Arcanum's founder, 105 North Street - currently private residence

Flat Iron Building, 111 W. George Street - currently The Rose Post

California Hotel, 207 N. Main Street - currently a private residence

Deitrick Saloon and Hotel, 123 W. George St.- currently AWTHS

John Smith Co. General Store, 105, 107, 109 W. George - currently Ole Arcana Restaurant and Smith Merchants

George Ivester Home, 101 North St. - currently Arcanum Public Library

Founder's Gravesite - William and Nancy Rice Gunder, Ithaca Cemetery, St. Rt. 503

Delisle School, corner of Delisle- Fourman and Myers-Tillman Roads

Walking Self-Guided Tour maps of these sites are available at AWTHS. More can be learned of these historic sites and other prominent businesses and residences in the binder marked "Businesses & Historic Sites" located in the Reference Room.

**AWTHS Visitors Hours 9 a.m. - Noon Reference Room 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
September thru May open the 1st Saturday of each month  
June, July and August open 1st and 2nd Saturday mornings of each month  
Other times by appointment. Contact 937-417-3746**

July 7 & 21, 2017	Euchre Card Party	1:00 p.m.
July 8, 2017	Coffee & Conversation Session	10:00 a.m.
	Cheerleaders * Memories and Experiences	
August 4, 2017	Euchre Card Party	1:00 p.m.
August 12, 2017	Coffee & Conversation Session	10:00 a.m.
	Featuring Village of Pittsburg	
August 18-26, 2017	Darke County Fair * Gate 3	7:00 a.-10:00 p.
September 1 & 15, 2017	Euchre Card Party	1:00 p.m.
September 5, 2017	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
September 10, 2017	Central School Open House, Program and Tour	2:00-4:00 p.
September 14, 2017	Program- Arcanum Schools Agriculture Program	7:00 p.m.
	Presenter: Brian Pohlman	

**Just a Reminder**

Attended Coffee and Conversation July 8 and August 12.

Bring your friend for a friendly game of Euchre, 1st and 3rd Fridays of the Month. Everyone is welcome.

Help the research and reference librarian with non technical task and technical task.

September it's back to school - attend Central School open house and later learn about Arcanum's Vo-Ag program.

Leave aluminum cans on AWTHS porch for recycling.